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**VETS URGED TO
CONVERT POLICIES****The Necessary Formalities Must
Be Carried Out Before
July 2nd.**To American Legion Posts,
Department of North Carolina:

I am sure all legionnaires and veterans in your community will be interested to learn of the opinion of one of the largest old line legal reserve insurance companies in the country as to the value of Government Insurance, in connection with which your attention is invited to the attached copy of an advertisement of that company which has been appearing in various magazines and newspapers throughout the country, during the months of May and June, 1927.

They might also be interested to learn of the opinion of Government Insurance as expressed by the Association of Life Insurance Presidents, a copy of a resolution of that organization being also enclosed.

In other words, those who are really well informed on Government Insurance, all agree, that it is the very best life insurance protection that can be obtained, and it is earnestly hoped that between now and July 2, 1927, (the final date), every ex-service person, in your community, will at least be afforded an opportunity, through publicity of your own Post, to make application for reinstatement and conversion.

Remember: There is no armistice with death; reinstate your Government Insurance NOW.

J. S. PITTMAN,
Regional Manager.

Reproduction of an advertisement of the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company of New York, appearing in various magazines and newspapers, May and June, 1927:

C O M P A N E E—'t e n-shun!

When Uncle Sam mustered his greatest Army and Navy to fight overseas, he arranged to supply every one in Service with life insurance at LESS THAN ITS COST to the government—a lower rate than could be offered by any life insurance company in America. The Government had no taxes to pay and made no charge for overhead expenses.

More than \$39,000,000,000 of insurance was taken by 4,500,000 service men and women. After the war, holders were invited to convert them into policies on a level premium, legal reserve basis such as is employed by America's large life insurance companies.

But, UNFORTUNATELY, many policies were allowed to lapse. And now the officials at Washington, GRATEFULLY remembering the way the Government was supported in time of need, offer veterans a FINAL CHANCE to restore PROTECTION TO THEIR FAMILIES with life insurance at rates BELOW ACTUAL COST. All service men and women who lapsed their term policies may have their insurance reinstated by the payment of one month's back premium when accompanied by a certificate of good health which any physician may give. Or they may now take out smaller policies at the same special rates. But—THE NECESSARY FORMALITIES MUST BE CARRIED OUT BEFORE July 2, 1927.

One of the common misconceptions in the public mind regarding life insurance is that lapsed policies are a source of profit to insurance companies and therefore are desired by

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**THE EUREKA DISTRICT
ELECTION IS CARRIED.**

The election to enlarge the Eureka school district was carried this week by the advocates of the plan. This means the enlargement of the district, and the material strengthening of the school.

**EARLY DAYS IN
THE SANDHILLS****The Beginning of Pinehurst, Which
Is Now One Of The Outstanding
Winter Resorts Of The South**

By HON. ROBERT N. PAGE.

Blue's Crossing with its turpentine still, saw mill and a store, the property of Mr. N. A. McKeithen who had bought out Mr. Malcolm Blue, who was the first resident of the locality, began to attract new business, became a municipality, with a drug store and a hotel, felt itself worthy of a better name. Largely because of its native Scotch population the name of Aberdeen was selected and the name of the post office changed. Its early population was largely Blue, McKeithen, Page, and then J. McN. Johnson, druggist, not lawyer, came upon the scene, he too, was a Moore County Scotchman and seems ever since to have been perfectly at home. About 1888 the first iron rails were laid on the Page logging road, running west toward Pinehurst, superceding the log tram road. At first and for some time its sole freight consisted of logs for the mill located on the creek, and cars of lumber from the portable saw mills that had been placed up in the present locality of Pinehurst. For some time it was not a common carrier. As the timber was cut, gradually it was extended west until in the early nineties West



End was reached, so named because of a considerable time it was the western terminus of the road. It was then duly chartered by the State and became a common carrier, known as the Aberdeen and West End Railroad. The long leaf pine belt extended for miles in the same direction, and besides a vast territory without transportation facilities. Gradually it was extended and every day brought train loads of lumber and turpentine to the Seaboard at Aberdeen; in the middle nineties it had reached the town of Asheboro in Randolph County, 56 miles away and become the Aberdeen and Asheboro. At Asheboro connection was made with the Southern Railroad. This was so operated, with branches connecting Troy, the county seat of Montgomery County, and Mt. Gilead in the southern end of that county, this branch going out from Biscoe. Another went south from Candor to the village of Ellerbe Springs in Richmond County, until 1911, when it was sold to the Norfolk Southern, who now own and operate it in connection with their Raleigh-Charlotte line. In the late nineties, Mr. John Blue constructed what is now the Aberdeen and Rockfish railroad, from Aberdeen, east to Raeford and later on to Fayetteville. All this brought shops and small manufacturing, or repair enterprises to Aberdeen, while the new and increased population made possible schools and churches.

Railroad building became epidemic in the section. The Tarbell Lumber Company constructed, at first a tram from their mills in Aberdeen, southwest by Roseland and across Drowning Creek into Richmond County, their terminus being Craigrownie, near what is now the Derby orchard, the tram was superseded soon by iron rails and a locomotive. This road was chartered by the State, and its ambition was to build to Troy, the county seat of Montgomery. It served its day as a lumber road, and when the lumbering was finished was torn up and scrapped. About the same time a railroad builder, a Mr. Brown, started out to build a railroad from Southern Pines to Fayetteville, instead of a private enterprise, he sold stock to various and sundry, mostly maiden ladies and widows having a bank account. He actually graded the road bed out some distance from Southern Pines, evidences of his work still can be seen on the road leading out from the Highland Pines Inn to Mr. Grover's, the present road using the old road bed of the Brown grade. After a few months the road building ceased, Mr. Brown took his departure and the trusting ladies took their loss and soon the Southern Pines and Fayetteville Air Line was a memory. In justice to Mr. Brown be it said, the general understanding of those who knew most about it was he left no richer than he came. It was merely an ill conceived dream.

With the growth of the lumber manufacturing came a diminution of the volume of Naval stores, each year saw the cutting of vast areas of timber; millions upon millions of feet of the finest pine timber the South had converted, during the eighties and early nineties, into lumber and distributed over a wide area. Wholesale people from all the Eastern markets constantly had their representatives in the territory, and a train load of lumber a day from the one station of Aberdeen became the rule.

The prices, quality considered were ridiculously low, so low that few

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**A TREAT FOR
MUSIC LOVERS****Faculty Members of Conserva-
tory of Music to Appear
In Dinner Concert.**

The management at Lakeview announces the appearance of members of the faculty from the Southern Conservatory of Music at Durham in a dinner concert program Saturday evening, June 25, from 6:30 to 10 o'clock in the Lakeside Inn dining room at Lakeview. Announcements are being sent out this week to all music lovers in the Sandhills.

The program promises to be a rare treat and as yet all the numbers have not been decided upon definitely, however, enough is given here to afford a good idea of what it will be like. There will be instrumental selections by Mrs. Max W. Bryant, violinist, with Miss Mary Todd, pianist and accompanist. Vocal selections by Miss Louise Cook, contralto soloist, with violin obligato by Mrs. Bryant. Max W. Bryant will also appear alone.

The musicians mentioned above are noted and popular in the Conservatory and over the State as well.

Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Turner are arranging the dinner service and will be glad to reserve, upon request, places for dinner and at what ever time person or persons would like to be served. Dinner per plate, \$1.

Conveniences are being planned to care for those who will be in the park to come upon the veranda and enjoy the concert.

It is the intention of the Conservatory to put on a program each or every two weeks, should this first event prove successful. It all depends on this first program and the thing to do is come to the concert Saturday evening and in that way start a movement in this territory that will mean more and better music for the people.

**PROMINENT VASS MAN DIES
EARLY THURSDAY MORNING**

This entire section was saddened this morning by the news of the passing of J. R. (Bob) Thomas. Mr. Thomas had been in bad health for several months, but in the past few weeks he had shown much improvement, and his death came as a shock to this community.

Up to the time we go to press funeral arrangements have not been completed.

Mr. Thomas is survived by his wife and six children. Particulars of his death will be given next week.

**MOORE COUNTY
FARM NOTES****Urges Farmers to Grow More
Corn on Fewer
Acres.**

Moore County Growing More Corn. Moore County needs to grow more corn but we need to grow this corn on fewer acres.

There are three things that farmers can do to increase their corn yield. First, carefully select and prepare the soil, second, plant good seed, and third, fertilize properly. We are conducting several demonstrations this season, stressing better fertilization, better preparation of land and better cultural methods. The purpose of these demonstrations is to show the importance of heavy fertilization in increasing yields per acre and thus reducing the per bushel cost.

An abundance of corn on every farm is essential, for the maintenance of the necessary livestock required in a well balanced farm pro-

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**ABERDEEN STARTS
NEW WAREHOUSE****The Prospective Crop Makes
More Floor Space Press-
ing Necessity.**

Aberdeen is starting a new tobacco warehouse which is to be ready for the crop that is now shaping, and which promises to be the biggest ever raised in the Aberdeen belt. The warehouse is financed by local capital, with G. C. Seymour at its head. The building will be 60x250 feet in size, located on the east side of the two railroads, and easy of access from all roads.

For some time the growth of the tobacco crop has been encroaching on the warehouse facilities of Aberdeen, until it was determined that more room must be had, and when Mr. Saunders, who runs the present house suggested that the citizens build another one to help care for the business the proposition was promptly taken up in earnest.

The crop this year is bigger in acreage than was ever planted before, while the condition is better also, and the expectation is that possibly the amount to be marketed will run up to four million pounds. This cannot be handled with the old facilities, and as the Aberdeen folks have concluded to take care of the tobacco industry but one way was left for them to proceed. So the new building was begun, and it is moving along swiftly. The building has already been leased for five years to J. H. Warren, of Burlington, who is described by Mr. Saunders as being a hustler, who will get business, and as every body knows that Saunders is a real tobacco man there is no doubt that sharp competition between the two houses will bring the business.

The cigarette men want Sandhills tobacco it seems, for it is said to make a particularly good mater-

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**DEVELOPMENT ON
DROWNING CREEK****Eldredge Johnson Beginning a
Big Scheme of Forestry
and Rural Work.**

BION H. BUTLER.

One of the most important projects undertaken in Moore County is now underway in that section of country between Drowning Creek and Horse's Creek, south of the clay road from Pine Bluff to Markham's bridge, on the farm which Carl Buchan during the winter sold to Eldredge Johnson, of Philadelphia. Mr. Johnson has planned to make the 1,600 acre tract an agreeable place to live whenever he wants to go there, and in planning he was laid out his schemes on a broad basis, and one that will have an influence in the entire Sandhills community.

While the place has about 500 or 600 acres of land in farming condition, that area will continue to be farmed but farming will not be the main purpose of the property, nor will it be expanded as a farm. On the contrary the farm will be a rather secondary affair, and will be continued to help make the place attractive as well as to produce a crop. J. B. O'Quinn has been engaged as farm manager, and he will have probably 15 to 20 tenant farmers, who will undertake to make of the farm as good a farm as is possible. The land is good and Carl Buchan raised excellent crops there until he sold the place to Mr. Johnson. Mr. Buchan continues with the property, now as general manager. Knowing the place he will lend all his influence toward making it a good farm.

But beyond that the main purpose of the property will be to develop a retreat where Mr. Johnson and his friends can find pleasure in staying for a longer or shorter period, and there is where the interest in this proposition will be apparent. The land lies well on the north side of Drowning Creek, and much of it is covered with growing young pines and other forest trees. It is adjoined by similar land and similar forests, owned by men able to follow Mr. Johnson's example in developing the forests, which will be one of the first things attempted. W. F. Cook, for a long time with the J. Van Lindsey orchard, has been appointed game and forestry overseer, and Mr. Cook will be charged with the task of improving the condition of the forests and of increasing the native game animals on the big acreage.

Mr. Cook will begin by planting trees wherever there is room for them, and chiefly the kinds will be such as are native in the Sandhills, for fortunately here are found such a variety of desirable trees that it is needless to look elsewhere for much to supplement native stock. The pine tree will be the chief tree for the higher grounds where the pines flourish, and in the wet lands the poplar will be given all encouragement, for the poplar tree is a valuable timber source. Oaks, hardwoods that will thrive, maples, and everything that has a value will be stimulated. Especially will black walnut be depended on, for here is a tree that grows well in the sand, and which comes along fast, and makes a lumber that always brings high prices. Then it can be looked to for a crop of nuts with great regularity. The forestry plans will be worked out as fast as possible and the work pushed along.

With the development of tree growth Mr. Cook will pay much attention to the multiplication of wild life on the place, and in this it is expected that owners of property adjoining will help. Deer, turkeys, quail and other game animals are fairly plentiful now on the ten or twelve thousand acres of land in the neighborhood. It will be the intention to increase the numbers by protecting the wild life by a scheme of shelter that is borrowed from Penn-

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