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EUROPEAN GRAPES IN THE SANDHILLS.

In accord with its persistent effort to forward development in the Sandhills country the Seaboard Air Line Railroad is undertaking to call attention to the success attending a vineyard in the upper part of South Carolina, which is producing the European type of grapes. The cultivation of these varieties in the United States is confined almost wholly to California, as the grape is subject to many diseases, and native vines stand the grief better than the imported kinds. The United States produces a big grape crop, the American vines in most of the country, and European types in California, and the grape is a big factor in the food supply of the nation, and in the farm product.

If the European grape can be grown in the Carolinas it will be a great accession to farm production, for it is a better keeper and shipper than the native grapes, and by many people it is regarded as a superior quality of fruit. That difficulties will be encountered is wholly to be expected, just as difficulties faced the growers of Niagara and Delaware grapes which were famous in Moore county Sandhills before peaches and dewberries became prominent. The old Niagara Fruit Company was one of the outstanding industries in this section 30 years ago, and many vineyards were planted from which a large shipment of grapes went out each year. But disease made the culture of grapes almost an impossibility, and practically everything except the scuppernon type has been abandoned. Yet an excellent quality of Delawares and Niagaras were grown, and the market paid a good price.

Moreover, the European grapes were also tried out in this vicinity. Eugene Leavit about 30 years ago had charge of the Moore County Nurseries at Manley where Dr. Von Herf had been carrying on development work, and Mr. Leavit was successful in harvesting European grapes. The Pilot does not recall the magnitude of the success, nor the reason why the work was discontinued, but enough was done to show that European grapes can be grown here.

The chief trouble with the European vine is the Phylloxera, which for a time threatened to destroy the whole grape industry in Europe. But by grafting the vines on stocks that had been secured in the United States the pest found a vine that was immune, and while the disease is a persistent annoyance to vineyard men Europe has learned to deal with it much as in the county we have found out how to handle the San Jose scale, the insect pests and diseases that constantly affect crops, and other things that bother the farm.

It is not necessary for many people to take up grape growing, but it would be a wise move for the European types of grapes to be further tried out in the Sandhills of Moore County, for the grape is of such fine quality, and it is in such demand in market, and diseases are so much more fully controlled now that the chances are good enough to see what can be done with it.

FIGURING ON THE FORESTS.

Colin Spencer has sold to a Connecticut forester a tract of land near Carthage which will be made the foundation of a forestry development in the

county which Mr. Spencer thinks will be the beginning of a much greater utilization of the wood lands of Moore. The buyer is a man of broad experience in this line, and is interested in the possibilities of forestry development on an economic basis which is worth the attention of everybody interested in community affairs.

We have passed the day of lumber sawed from the log in the old wasteful way, as Mr. Page has shown in his stories, but that does not say that lumber is not to be a great industry in the United States in the future. New ways of using forest products are coming in, and the one that gives as great promise as anything is pulp in the various forms in which it is now used. Paper pulp is still going into buildings in great quantities, but it is now made from much that has been wasted, and in the form of wall boards, building paper, shingles, finishing and other things. Also great quantities of lumber go into box boards, packing cases, and even the textile trades are finding in rayon an active competitor, for artificial silk is made now in large amounts from lumber. We may not only expect to see the lumber industry grow into greater importance but other big industries are destined to be built on it, for wood pulp is cheap, it can be made from trees that grow quickly and in profusion, and that need not be big as saw mill stuff in order to be marketable. The new forestry is a resource of tremendous proportions, and no one is held bold enough to predict what it may mean for the North Carolina Sandhills.

MR. PAGE'S SANDHILL HISTORY.

The reminiscent articles R. N. Page is running in *The Pilot* are of more than ordinary value, for aside from their historical phase they afford for the student of Sandhill development a marvelous exposition of the possibilities of this section of the country. Mr. Page presents the primitive picture that he encountered when he came to Moore county with his father, and it was primitive from the beginning. But from that crude start has arisen the present attractive life in the Sandhills, and with a prophetic vision that no man can cipher out for the immediate future.

Frank Page, John Blue, John Buchan, John Patrick, A. M. Clarke, Dr. Swett, Dr. Saddle-son, P. R. Stebbins, J. Van Lindley, and others, saw in the Sandhills around Southern Pines and Aberdeen sufficient field for action, and they tackled a job that mighty few of us today would have the nerve and hopefulness to take hold of. But they created an atmosphere and a state of progress that today gives us a big leverage for what can be so much better than the suggestion offered in the Page stories should be as stimulating as new wine.

Since the days of the old-timers a new generation of hustlers has come to the different communities. James Tufts was prominent in the advance guard of the new comers, and he was followed by a large group of influential men in Pinehurst and Southern Pines, and today the situation is wholly different. Money is coming in ample amounts for the development that is in progress, and the world has learned of the Sandhills. The job the old fellows started has been lifted to a plane where it runs on ball bearings, has its existence established, and its momentum largely sufficient to continue its speed and accelerate its gait. We have today a going concern which is expanding swiftly, and if we measure by the requirements that Bob Page saw in the county the day he arrived nothing is too big or too visionary to be tackled with absolute confidence now.

Bob Page shows us what the pioneers started this movement with. We all know what we have now to carry it on with. If we can't take what our precedes-

sors provided for us, and on their foundation build infinitely broader than has been done so far then we are not worthy the forerunners who opened the battle. But it can be done, for much of the progress is now automatic, doing itself. And if the population of the Sandhills will push on the lines a little like the old boys did there is nothing that cannot be hoped and expected in this section in the next ten or fifteen years. What the old fellows did with mule teams and nothing to start with we can duplicate with automobiles, trains, money, developed towns and business, and all that is about us now where-with to work.

Mr. Page has presented a picture of what has been done with nothing to do it with. He has suggested what we can do if we will with everything at our hands to help. He lets us see that our big days are ahead, and that they are big ones. He has done a good job.

OUR CHIEF INDUSTRY.

While Moore County has a number of important industries the chief one is that of caring for the winter visitors who have found in this section a pleasant place to put in the cold weather. That industry has been confined principally to the three townships of Sandhills, McNeills and Mineral Springs, and it has made of them the most aggressive and prosperous part of the county. These three townships carry on a bigger line of business, own the most property, pay the most taxes, and have a generally broader type of community development.

But the whole county profits by the winter business of the Sandhills townships, for in these townships is a market for the products of much of the county, and also of more or less of the State, as is witnessed for instance in the fact that the Pinehurst Warehouses alone will probably distribute in the Sandhills close to \$200,000 worth of furniture from North Carolina factories in the course of the year.

Here is a buying area of North Carolina. Other people come to North Carolina to sell us things, but the people who come to the hotels of the Sandhills come to buy things. We have the chief market of the community at the door, and it buys North Carolina products, including golf, climate, roads, pottery, food, fuel, the services of hundreds of workers, building material, supplies of all sorts, railroad fares, house rents, houses, lands, and a long list of many things.

The things our winter resorts have to sell do not have to be freighted out to the world to find a sale. Buyers come here to get what they want, and we save all the freight charges and costs of distribution and commission on sales. The Sandhills market also includes an active sale of lands and houses, and a busy building operation all the year round, for as more folks realize what is to be had here more come this way to buy. The big advantage about that is that they become residents, and then starts a desire to help make the neighborhood an attractive one in which to live, and the new comers join in paying the taxes, in expanding public improvement, in being desirable neighbors, and in lending an active hand in every proposition that helps to give the joys of life as well as the material features.

Moore county will expand its other industries steadily, but the main occupation in the Sandhill section is to broaden as fast as possible the work of caring for winter visitors, for it is the chief dependence of the county, and an industry that can be developed to much greater magnitude than it has yet attained. It is a great industry and a valuable resource.

CARTHAGE

Rev. C. E. Clark is spending a few days in Wyestville, Va.
Mrs. C. G. Spencer shopped in

Sanford Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Rowe, after spending the winter in Carthage, have moved to Pinehurst.

Misses Elizabeth and Clara Thompson have returned to their home in Elizabeth City, after visiting their aunt, Mrs. O. D. Wallace. They were accompanied by Miss Dorothy Bartlett.

J. I. Sanderford, superintendent of Blue Ridge School for Boys, passed through Carthage Monday.

Mrs. Tom Wicker and Mrs. Carlos McLeod were in Carthage Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Wallace spent Sunday afternoon in Vass.

Mrs. Sam Miller and sons, Harvey Lee and Doyle, spent the week end in Sumter, S. C. They were accompanied by Gilbert Blue

Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Pleasants, of Aberdeen, were in Carthage Monday.

Mrs. R. M. Caldwell spent a few days in Carthage last week with Mrs. N. A. McKeithen.

Mrs. Alex Creech, of Portsmouth, is visiting relatives in Carthage.
M. and Mrs. F. S. Blue spent Monday in Raleigh.

Mrs. Claude Woltz, of Gastonia, is visiting her mother.

Messrs. James Pleasants, Walter and Alton Milver and Mr. and Mrs. Herman Grimm left Friday night for New Jersey.

C. G. Cradle and son, Billy, of Oxford, spent Friday night in Carthage.

O. B. Welch spent the week in town.

Friends of Charlie McLean are glad to know that he is improving after an illness of several days.

Mrs. U. L. Spence was in Sanford Tuesday.

Mrs. Fannie Shaw and Mattie Kate went to Sanford Monday.

Misses Annie, Augusta, Frances and Norman McKeithen spent Wednesday in Raleigh.

Mrs. Victor McKenzie and Miss Annie Bruton visited Mrs. P. H. McDonald Saturday.

George Cable Penn visited last week with his aunt, Miss Nellie Graves, in Chapel Hill.

Mrs. C. T. Grier and Mrs. John Beasley attended a bridge party in Sanford Thursday given by Mrs. Charles Scott and Mrs. Coley Snipes.

White Hill.

The recent rains have made the people in this vicinity so busy that they do not have time for anything but work.

Mrs. Rice, who is visiting relatives in and around Charlotte, writes that they are having heavy rains in that section of the State, too, and that the grass has such a hold on the farms that some are almost past redemption.

Milton Cox made a trip to Raleigh Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. T. McDonald visited Martin and Miss Etta McDonald last Sunday afternoon

Rev. Mr. Egerton met with the White Hill C. E. last Sunday night. Jack Kelly was leader and made a very interesting talk on the topic.

Corrie Jackson, of Wilmington, spent last week end with home folk.

Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Phillips and their four children, Jessie, Josey, Joice and Jewel, visited relatives in Raleigh Sunday.

Worthy Cox went to Apex last Sunday.

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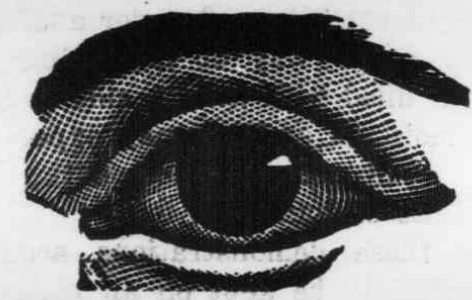
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