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McPHERSON HAS LOT OF BIG JOBS

High-Priced Construction in One Immediate Neighborhood.

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One of the significant indications of the progress of the Sandhills as a place to live is found in the Weymouth community at Southern Pines where John McPherson has on his hands probably not less than \$50,000 worth of work this summer, to say nothing of other construction going forward in the same neighborhood.

Across the fence on the other side of the water tanks McPherson is remodeling Struthers Burt's house, the Cedar-Pines. This will be practically rebuilt, at a cost of about \$10,000. This fine old home has been one of the attractions of Southern Pines for over a quarter of a century, and Mr. Burt is about to bring it up to the most modern condition possible.

Jack Boyd is adding another extension to his house in the same neighborhood, a trick Jack has about once a year, but he always does things with judgment, and he is getting a place that keeps up with the fine surroundings. Roy Pushee, who bought the Halliwell property near the Highland Pines Inn, will enlarge the log cabin on the lot, and make of it a big and attractive log house which will appeal to some one next winter, and add to the multiplying homes on the hill.

But these are not all the forward movements on Weymouth Heights. The Rose house will be completed by winter, and Louis Lachine will have by that time finished what will probably be the most expensive of all his buildings on the hill. Mr. Moore, below the Inn, will have another large and interesting house, Mrs. Wiley has finished her new house in the same vicinity, the Inn will build another cottage close by, W. F. Allen is building next to Olmstead's, and here and there in all directions others are at work.

When January one comes around again it is a safe guess that Weymouth will see from \$125,000 to \$150,000 worth of buildings that were not there at the close of last year. All of these new projects or expansion jobs are the work of people of means who have been impelled to make homes in the Sandhills because of the natural attractions of the region, and in the surrounding country it is the same. Pinehurst is building the same type of buildings, and several of them, with more in the immediate future. Knollwood and Pine Needles are moving forward. Eldredge Johnson at Drowning Creek is setting an example that will be contagious, and James Barber has started something over above the Midland road that will not stop at the one house.

This is one of the best building years the Sandhills has ever seen, and one of the features is that it is a year of better type of building. The Pine Needles is the first real steel construction job in this part of the State. The five stories of steel frame now stand outlined against the sky, visible from the neighboring hills and roads for a long distance. The new Satterfield hotel on top of the hill at Pinehurst can be seen from almost every hill top within many miles. Where wood was formerly the main stay of building in the Sandhills brick and stone and steel and concrete are coming into the prominent place. The amount of

CHESTER BELL



Mr. Bell was appointed Wednesday as Auditor of State's Prison by Governor McLean, acting upon the recommendation of the prison board. Mr. Bell has been auditor for Moore County for the past three years, and is an active Legionnaire, and was also very active in Moore County politics.

The happiest land is one in which the people aren't sore enough to justify the existence of "great leaders."

Social position is relative. It depends on living in a town where people are less important than yourself.

JR. O. U. A. M. ENTERTAINS

State Councilor C. W. Snider Made the Principle Address of the Evening.

On Thursday evening, June 23, the Vass-Lakeview Council No. 119, Jr. O. U. A. M. had the honor of entertaining at its hall here delegates who had assembled for the district meeting. This, the 17th district, consists of the counties of Lee, Montgomery and Moore, and includes 13 active councils, a large per cent of which were represented.

The meeting was presided over by District Deputy Alonzo Blue, of Carthage. Of special interest were the reports given by delegates from the various councils. The principal address of the evening was by State Councilor C. W. Snider, who spoke on fraternal work and told of the Orphan's Home at Lexington which was recently dedicated.

Rev. McD. Monroe, O. D. Causey and F. M. Dwight were representatives at dedication of Orphans' home at Lexington from this order.

After adjournment, the visiting delegates were guests of the local council at a delicious dinner at the Lakeside Inn.

The Vass-Lakeview Council No. 119, was organized on the 13th day of October, 1925, and since that time its growth has been steady, the membership now numbering 55.

DR. ALEX P. KELLY COMING HOME.

The following was sent to The Pilot a few days ago:

San Francisco, Calif.: "Have recently arrived from Hawaii, so please discontinue The Pilot to Schofield Barracks, Territory of Hawaii.

"Will see you some time during July, as I am attempting a trans-Continental trip from here by motor, leaving in early part of July.

"Alex."

the summer's building is not only of importance this year, but the substantial character of it is equally vital. The Sandhill section will do this year probably a million and a quarter dollars' worth of new building, which will be more substantial than any similar amount of work ever done in this part of the State.

CONCERT A SUCCESS AT LAKESIDE INN.

Last Saturday evening Misses Louis Cook, Mary Todd and Mrs. Max Bryant, members of the faculty from the Southern Conservatory of Music of Durham, gave a delightful concert at the Lakeside Inn dining room, Lakeview.

The dining room was sufficiently filled with guests for dinner and the concert which met with the approval of all, those who participated and those who willingly listened. The manager of the Conservatory spoke in behalf of the faculty members, telling his audience that they would be glad to come down anytime, that all they needed was an invitation, which of course they will receive if remains for those who heard them to say.

The Misses Cooke and Todd, contra- soloist and pianist, respectively, and Mrs. Max Bryant, violinist, each received lovely baskets of pink roses as they most charmingly rendered their respective numbers. The last number was a combination of all three musicians, and was an especially beautiful selection.

All in all it was a well arranged and well managed program and many are anxiously awaiting another affair of that nature.

DEATH OF DANIEL BRITT.

Daniel Bethune Britt was born on May 16, 1845, and died June 9, 1927 at the age of 82 years.

His wife preceded him to the grave eight years.

Mr. Britt leaves to mourn his loss one brother, Angus Britt, nine children, four girls and five boys, as follows: Messrs. Henry, Daniel, Jr., and Norman Britt; Mrs. Isham Wallace, Mrs. Malcolm Morgan, Mrs. E. H. Burns, and Mrs. Neill Brown, all of Eagle Springs; John and Rosa Britt, of Fort Pierce, Fla. Three of his children preceded him to the grave some few years ago. Two daughters, Miss Nancy Britt and Mrs. D. P. McInnis, one son, James Britt. He was survived by 26 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

The funeral services were conducted by Rev. R. J. Matheson, assisted by Rev. Mr. Henderlite in Bensalem church Friday, June 10, at 3 o'clock. He is gone but not forgotten.

FINAL WARNING!

Charlotte, N. C. June 23, 1927.

To Post Officials, Everywhere, North Carolina.

Most of you know by this time that the FINAL date for reinstatement or conversion of War Risk Insurance is Midnight of July second. Stop. For your information in order that every possible case may be handled the offices of the U. S. Veterans' Bureau in Charlotte, located on the third floor of the Johnston Building, will remain open every night next week until 10 o'clock and until 12 o'clock on the night of July second. Stop. Contact every ex-service man possible and have them get their application for reinstatement or conversion into the Bureau. Applications post-marked prior to midnight July second will be accepted. Stop. Get busy.

ROBIN S. KIRBY, Service Officer Department of North Carolina American Legion.

CARD OF THANKS.

We wish to express our deep appreciation to our friends and neighbors for the kindness and sympathy shown us during the sickness and death of our dear husband and father.

Mrs. J. R. Thomas and Children.

You have learned everything essential about the youth if you know whether he calls himself a college student or a college man.

That statesman with the studious expression is the great dictator, to whom the king is explaining the theory of divine right.

JOHN R. JONES, JR.



Mr. John R. Jones, Jr., a former Moore County boy, who recently resigned as cashier of the Page Trust Company at Sanford, left last Tuesday night for New York, where he goes to accept a position with the New York National Bank of Commerce. For a year or so much of Mr. Jones' time will be spent in traveling in the Southern States in the interest of this big banking house. The best wishes of a host of friends throughout this section go with Mr. Jones in his new field of work. They expect to see him make a success. Mr. Jones is a nephew of Mr. Sandy Jones, of Glendon.

KIWANIS HEARS ELISE SCHOOL

Serious Situation Confronts That Moore County Institution.

The Kiwanis Club, which is the clearing house for all tribulation, heard the case of the Elise School at its Wednesday meeting at Southern Pines. Dr. R. A. McLeod, of the school, and A. B. Cameron, of the County Educational Board, presented the case, which was also discussed to some extent by Bob Page and others, with the result that a serious situation at the famous school was disclosed. It seems that the State has condemned the school building at Hemp, and while the Presbyterian school there can continue to operate, the trouble is that the school is the recognized high school of that section, and as such is a factor in the county educational system. With the State refusing to extend its sanction and financial help Hemp will be without a high school there and the denominational school will lose a considerable portion of its income.

The building is old, and the State says to serve as a high school for the county it must be replaced at once with a new structure. To build a county high school alone will require about \$30,000, which is more than that section feels disposed to put into a high school just now, and as State and denomination do not work jointly in school building enterprises if a new denominational building is put up it must be by the church alone.

The speakers laid stress on the work the school is doing up in the Hemp section, and its possible growth into a junior college, but as Mr. Page said, the difficulties of getting State and denomination together are of such a type that the solution is not easy. The Presbytery will hold a meeting in a couple of weeks when the matter will be discussed, and it is believed that the presbytery will provide a portion of the fund necessary to rebuild the school house if the rest can be forthcoming from private or county sources, and then the school can be carried on as now, by the county paying a certain sum for the tuition of its students. The sentiment of the Club was wholly with the movement to continue the school in that section, and the optimists feel right confident that some schemes will be arranged. Otherwise the county will have to take care of

DEATH OF J. R. THOMAS

Funeral Services Held at Methodist Church; Burial at Johnson's Grove.

Friends and relatives of Mr. J. R. Thomas, of Vass, were shocked at the sudden death of Mr. Thomas on Thursday morning of last week. His health had been bad for two years or more, however, for the last few months he apparently was better, and accepted employment with the Pinehurst Lumber Yards where his long experience in supervising mill work greatly aided the corporation in securing machinery and equipment suitable for carrying on the business.

Mr. Thomas had been for several years a citizen of Vass and was superintendent of the lumber plant here until the scarcity of lumber caused the plant to close down. He then accepted a position with the Baker-Thompson Lumber Company, of Raleigh, where he worked until ill health forced him to give up his employment a year ago.

Mr. Thomas was not only efficient in his chosen vocation, but he added greatly to the progress of the community by supporting every worthy enterprise in the community. He was a staunch supporter of the school of which he was a member of the board for several years. The church found in him a valuable member. For several years he taught a class in Sunday school, and always co-operated in securing good music for all religious gatherings.

Mr. Thomas was born near Broadway July 3, 1874, the son of Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Thomas. He was married in 1897 to Miss Florence Bynum, of Vass. There were born to this union seven children, J. Hampton, James Elvey, Clara (now Mrs. Carl Cashion), Gordon, Mildred, Rebecca, and J. R. Thomas, Jr., all of which survive him except Rebecca. He leaves his wife, his mother, and the following brothers and sisters: J. L. Thomas, of Cary, Melvin Thomas, Mrs. Abner Thomas and Miss Annie Thomas, of near Cameron.

STORY OF MOUNTAIN FOLK SHOWN AT THE CAROLINA.

One of the most remarkable pictures ever made is the production entitled "Stark Love," which was to have been shown at the Carolina Theatre last Tuesday but which, because of an accident to the motor transport, enroute to Southern Pines arrived too late, necessitating the substitution of "The Last Outlaw," which was to have been shown this Saturday. For the information of the Carolina patrons, "Stark Love" is now in the theatre office, having arrived some time between midnight and 8 a. m. Wednesday, and it will remain here until shown on the screen Saturday night at Southern Pines.

"Stark Love" is a story of the life of the natives of the heart of the North Carolina mountains who are today living the same primitive life of the forefathers of one hundred years ago.

The cast is made up entirely of these natives and a remarkable cast it is. The two principal characters gave such a splendid portrayal of their characters that the Paramount Pictures Corporation is now endeavoring to find them to offer them a long term contract but, up to this writing, they have been unable to locate them in the vastness of the mountain wilderness.

It would take too much space to describe this wonderful picture and even then a discretion would be entirely inadequate. It is a picture that must be seen to be appreciated and is one that is decidedly worth while, one that will have a decided appeal to the folk who seldom go to the screen offerings.

a high school for the Hemp neighborhood.