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B. & L. ASS'N BACKS MUCH BUILDING

Does Its Work in Quiet Way but Responsible for Much Sandhill Development.

The Pilot, Vass, N. C.

Dear Sirs: Know the interest The Pilot takes in giving publicity to the large, as well as to the lesser affairs of the Sandhills, your attention is called to a concern amongst us, that, while it perhaps will not admit membership with the otherwise small businesses, it is a small institution, the accomplishments of which, should entitle it to be classed with the large.

It has gone about in a quiet way and without much ado, lending aid to the development of the Sandhills and Pinehurst. Aside from that, there are perhaps among its membership, those, who, have during its existence formed the habit of thrift. Let it be noted also that what this organization has done is not the result of the efforts of any single individual, but is the result of the cooperation of all of its membership. What worth while was ever accomplished without practical co-operation?

The Pinehurst Building and Loan Association, the first of its kind to be formed in this section of the Sandhills, was incorporated in December 1920, and it began business in January 1921. It is said that "Accomplishment is the badge of success and usefulness." An attempt will be made to display the banner.

During its six and one-half years of existence, 61 of its 150 members have received direct financial aid in acquiring or building a home and at an outlay on the part of the Association of \$145,000. From accumulated savings, it has loaned back to its members \$36,000, or a total of \$181,000. There has passed through its hands during that period upwards of \$200,000. This seems almost unbelievable when we stop and realize that the greater portion of this amount is the accumulation of small weekly payments and comes not from the outside, or to use the more commonplace expression, it is not "outside capital," but it came from the Sandhills.

Mention of this organization is not prompted altogether by reason of its past accomplishments or its hopes for the future, but it may be of some interest to know that during this week the Association is to mature or pay off its first series of stock, consisting of 530 shares, having a par value of \$53,000. In this process some of its members become home owners without encumbrance. Many of us have, no doubt, experienced that feeling of relief that comes when the words "fully paid and satisfied" are written across the face of a mortgage. Others will have and perhaps their first, savings account.

There is not better time than the present to again remind the young as well as the older readers of your columns, the advantages and opportunities offered by Building and Loan Associations for a safe, convenient and systematic method of saving. An investment with an association earns a greater interest return than is offered by the average institution handling savings account. Furthermore, money intrusted with an association is so handled by it that the greatest good comes to the community it serves, as well as the county, state and nation. It offers to those seeking to become home owners, terms for borrowing and repaying money, extended by no other institution. A Building and Loan Association is not a profit-making business; not so intended. It is what the name implies. It is the pooling of the savings and efforts of its individual members, with but two ends in view. First to enable its members, who so desire, to become home owners, and second, to foster the

TO CURB WANTON PINE DESTROYERS

Kiwanians Will Try to Stop Breaking Down of So Much of the Shrubbery.

The Kiwanis Club at its meet in Aberdeen Wednesday discussed the matter of wanton destruction of shrubbery along the highways of the county, especially the pine trees which have suffered persistently during the summer. Folks come from all directions into the Sandhills at this season, and when they pass on they like to carry away little pines. Some cars being loaded until it looks as if they were in the freight business.

Talk about signs was pronounced, on both sides, and also about arrests of the violation of the law against moranding and destroying the shrubbery and it was finally decided to ask the sheriff to see that the law against breaking the pines shall be more vigorously enforced.

Excuse was offered for those folks who do not mean to be extreme in taking some of the little trees, but the sentiment of the Club was that it is time to try the law on those who go too seriously into breaking down young trees along the roads.

The matter of a new bridge on the highway over the railroad at Southern Pines and the crossing at Aberdeen was taken up, with the hope that some relief will be afforded.

The dinner given by the women was for the benefit of Elise school.

habit of thrift.

To give some idea as to the enormity of the Building and Loan business it is necessary to quote some statistics. It is regretted that the 1926 report figures are not available, but the 1925 figures will suffice to show the part that this business has taken in the building up of this great nation of ours. The first Building and Loan Association was formed in this country in January 1831. Up to January 1, 1926, there was credited to the efforts of this institution the building of more than 3,000,000 homes. It is a physical impossibility to figure in dollars and cents what this has added to our government in national wealth and satisfied citizens. It is reasonable to assume that a great many of the now home owners would be renters, tenants, wards of the government or people, or otherwise, had it not been for the efforts of Building and Loan Association. Investments in Building and Loan Associations as of January 1, 1926, were well in excess of \$6,000,000,000; and in North Carolina as of that date the assets of her Building and Loan Associations were \$79,000,000. During the year 1925 more than 75,000 homes were built in North Carolina with the aid extended by its associations at a cost of \$18,000,000.

In discussing any matter of business it seems the most natural thing to do and that is turn to the question of taxation and its relation to the business under discussion. Taxation was more in the past and still is adverse to the Building and Loan business. No other business has a more justified claim for relief from all taxation, whether ad valorem, income or privilege. The only tax that should be imposed upon these organizations is an amount sufficient for maintaining strict government supervision of their operation.

Do the figures quoted not justify the confidence and support of us all?

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J. W. WOLFF TO PREACH AT TAYLOR MEMORIAL CHURCH

J. W. Wolff, of Asheboro, brother of our "Sandhill Booster," J. A. P. Wolff, will speak Sunday at 2:45 p. m., July 24, at Taylor Memorial church, at the intersection of Roseland, West End and Hoffman roads. Everybody cordially invited.

DROWNING CREEK BIG PLAYGROUND

Clear, Running Water, Pleasant Woods, and Broad Acreage.

BION H. BUTLER.

A few days ago reference was made to the development Eldridge Johnson is making on the big tract of land he bought not long ago from Carl Buchan. Further drifting around in that Drowning Creek section discloses the fact that for several miles down the creek are many opportunities for the same kind of out-of-door projects, for the valley of the stream is a broad slightly rolling territory, forested with the new growth of pine trees, mixed with more or less of hardwood, reached by good roads from all directions, and only a few miles from Pinehurst and Southern Pines.

Immediately adjoining the Johnson tract are the holdings of Dr. McLeod and of Sheriff Blue, embracing some 3,000 acres, and these are almost wholly in woods, with the prospect they will continue that way, for both these men realize that a pine-covered area is more likely now to appeal to the folks who will inhabit this section in the future than any other type of land. With all the talk of reclaiming land for farming uses it is probable that all the land needed for farming has been put under the plow to serve for a number of years, and no better crop can be made for a time to come than the growing pines that not only bring a profitable crop, but make a highly attractive country while they grow.

Another interesting development farther down Drowning Creek is the Buchan farm, commenced by John Buchan, one of the substantial pioneers of Moore county industries. He had a couple of thousand acres of timber land there on the creek, and when he cut the trees he put several hundred acres into a fine big farm. But the estate has in woods much more than in farm, and will for a long time be growing pine trees and improving the rural conditions as well as carrying on the farm. And on down toward Wagram are other big acreages, Henry Blue a couple of thousand acres, the Currie heirs another thousand, John McKay a couple of thousand or more, Johnson and Johnson some three thousand, James Barber a holding that he is improving and will make a pleasant place to drop in on, and a lot of others.

The three thousand acres owned by Jim and Talbot Johnson is one of the noted places on the creek. It has about 3,000 acres, but the owners are bringing it into shape to have it pay its way and also to provide one of the most interesting country places in this section. A farm is mighty near a model, with its fine crops, its hogs, sheep, its attractive buildings, and its lodge and pool for bathing, fishing, its cottages for week end outings, and its full range of modern conveniences. It was at this cabin, the mossy retreat, that Gloria Swanson a couple of years ago made her sensational moving picture show that put the Sandhills on the screen in one of the lively bits of action that Gloria is famous for.

The Johnson Mossy farm is as interesting in its history as in its present or its prospective future. Here before the poor lived Malcolm Blue, and his army of 300 slaves, a master so well liked by his bondsmen that when the war emancipated them they refused to leave him. They said the farm was their home, that they had no wish to go elsewhere, no desire to leave the man they had lived with all their lives, and practically all of them finished out their careers on the familiar ground, and ultimately came to sleep in the cemetery on the place, where scores of the dead are either slaves

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MOORE COUNTY FARM NOTES

Farmers' Convention to Be Held At State College on July 26, 27, and 28.

This year the Farmers' Convention will be held in Raleigh at the State College on July 26, 27 and 28. The teachers of this State Convention: Dean I. O. Schaub, director of extension; J. W. Gray, assistant director; C. F. McCrary, and B. Troy Ferguson, district agents, are making every effort to make this the best convention that has yet been held. An interesting program has been arranged by these men and any farmer will find it time well spent. Rooms will be provided free of charge and meals may be had at the college for 25 cents each. Any farmer who has not had a vacation this year and is thinking of taking one would make no mistake to make this trip. By getting several together the trip can be made very cheaply.

Red Spider Doing Some Damage.

Red spiders are beginning to do some damage in the county now. Damage of this kind is usually in spots and looks like places where lightning has struck. If the leaves are looked at closely you will find small webs on the underside of the leaf. These are not always visible then to the naked eye.

Cotton red spider can be controlled by putting on one or two applications of regular dusting sulphur, which can be had from most of the insecticide companies.

The sulphur should be dusted on the same way that calcium arsenate is dusted on the plants for boll weevil. Use at the rate of 8 to 10 lbs. per acre, taking care to put the material on during the heat of the day when the air is very calm. During the heat of the day the gas comes off quickly and a quicker kill is obtained.

Before applying the sulphur, it may be wise to examine the fields to see if this pest is still doing damage, as often after a good rain the pest disappears, but some times they persist for a long time. Polk weed, violets and other weeds should be kept down around the cotton fields as red spiders spread from these plants.

Annual Club Encampment August 2, 3 and 4.

The annual club encampment for boys and girls will be held this year at the Sand Hill Farm School. This will be a joint club encampment of boys and girls from Lee, Montgomery and Moore counties.

We are hoping that every boy and girl who is doing club work will make an effort to attend the camp this year.

Good instructors have been promised us and we hope to make the course of instruction worth while in addition to having lots of fun.

Let's make this the best club encampment that has yet been held.

E. H. GARRISON, JR. County Agent.

SANDHILL SIXTEEN GOES NORTH TO SING.

The Sandhill Sixteen went to New York and Philadelphia this week where they sing for several radio broadcast events, and on Thursday were scheduled to sing in Camden, N. J., for the Victor Talking Machine records. They will sing for a number of performances on the radio, rendering the Southern songs, for which they are famous. About a dozen of the members are in the group.

Many a true word is spoken by mistake.

A compliment always passes for more than its face value.

Before giving advice a wise man prepares to dodge the consequences.

S. A. L. GIVES NEW SERVICE

Through Sleeper Service From Wilmington to Rutherfordton.

For the first time in the history of the Seaboard Air Line they are operating through sleeping cars and dining cars to Rutherfordton. On this train, which leaves Hamlet at 6:45 A. M. daily, they operate a through sleeper from Portsmouth to Charlotte, a through sleeper from Wilmington to Rutherfordton, and through sleeping cars from Florida points to Rutherfordton. In addition to this, they have their own dining car service through from Hamlet to Rutherfordton. The schedule of this train is:

Lv. Hamlet 6:45 A. M. Ar. Charlotte 10:00 A. M. Ar. Lincolnton 11:15 A. M. Ar. Shelby 11:50 A. M. Ar. Rutherfordton 1:00 P. M.

From which point they operate parlor motor buses to Lake Lure, Chimney Rock and Bat Cave. These buses are operated on one of North Carolina's most scenic highways, Route 20. These buses connect at Rutherfordton with the Seaboard, make a round trip to the mountains, coming back connecting with the out-going train.

The Seaboard is spending a lot of money advertising their new sleeping car lines and also this new bus line that they have established.

A trip to the Chimney Rock Mountains over the Seaboard Air Line and Motor Transportation Company's buses from Rutherfordton is indeed a wonderful trip. The mountains of Western North Carolina afford as wonderful scenic view as any where in the United States and to get a view of these mountains is made possible by the establishment of this new motor bus service.

Lake Lure Dam was built less than a year ago and is of reinforced concrete structure and is 107 feet high. Lake Lure itself covers 1,500 acres of mountain country. Chimney Rock Mountains, Inc., own in addition to its Lake, 7,000 acres of land. The Lake itself is beautiful and millions and millions of fish have been imported and put in this lake. In the next two or three years a fisherman will find wonderful sport in this mountain lake.

This service that the Seaboard has inaugurated not only affords the tourist an opportunity to visit the mountain section of North Carolina but also gives to such places as Mt. Holly, Lincolnton, Cherryville, Shelby and Rutherfordton sleeping car service and connections to the Eastern section of the United States, as well as to all Florida points. When this service becomes thoroughly advertised, there is no doubt but that the people will take advantage of the opportunity and visit a most wonderful section of the State of North Carolina, Chimney Rock Mountains.

RETURNS FROM A MOST SUCCESSFUL FISHING TRIP.

Neal Usher, local insurance agent, returned this week from a fishing trip at Wrightsville Beach, together with several other insurance agents of this district. Mr. Usher states that they caught several hundred on this trip, and just before leaving Wilmington he was made the recipient of a liar's license for fishermen, by the grand seal of Ananias, prince of liars.

CARD OF THANKS.

We wish to express our appreciation to our friends and relatives for the kindness and sympathy shown us following the sudden death of our dear wife, daughter and sister. J. L. Coleman, High Point, N. C. Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Barber and Family, Carthage, N. C.