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GRAPE EXHIBIT AT VASS SEPT. 14

Baggage Car Fitted Up With Exhibits of Grapes From McBee Vineyard.

The growing of grapes is one of the oldest agricultural enterprises in the world. The fruit of the vine has been profitably marketed for thousands of years. Grapes play a very large part in America's agriculture today. Last year 77,858 cars of grapes were consumed in the United States with California shipping 63,549 cars or approximate 85 per cent. The six Southeastern states of the United States produced less than 5-10ths of one per cent of America's grape crop.

The fact that California has been so eminently successful in grape growing, coupled with the fact that there was no large grape growing territory in the Southeast, caused the Development Department of the Seaboard Air Line Railway to look into this situation with the view of determining whether grapes of high quality could be successfully produced on a large commercial scale in the South. A close study of the grape situation has been made and the Carolina sandhills, between Columbia, S. C., and Sanford, N. C., more nearly meets the requirements as the logical place in which a grape industry can be successfully estab-

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TWO-WAY ROAD LOOKS PROBABLE

Kiwanis Club Reports That Commission Looks Kindly on Midland Scheme.

Talbot Johnson, of a committee to work for a double road by the State from Southern Pines to Pinehurst on the Midland road, reported Wednesday that in a conference with Mr. Cox, commissioner for this district, he had much encouragement to look for the State making the road a two-way road as it is. Mr. Cox was not positive about it as he said the engineers must first make their recommendation but he was favorably impressed with the inquiry he has given the proposition, and says he will help the matter along if it is possible. He also said that a road would be built north from Carthage in all probability to reach the territory up in the Mebane region as soon as the State can get to that work.

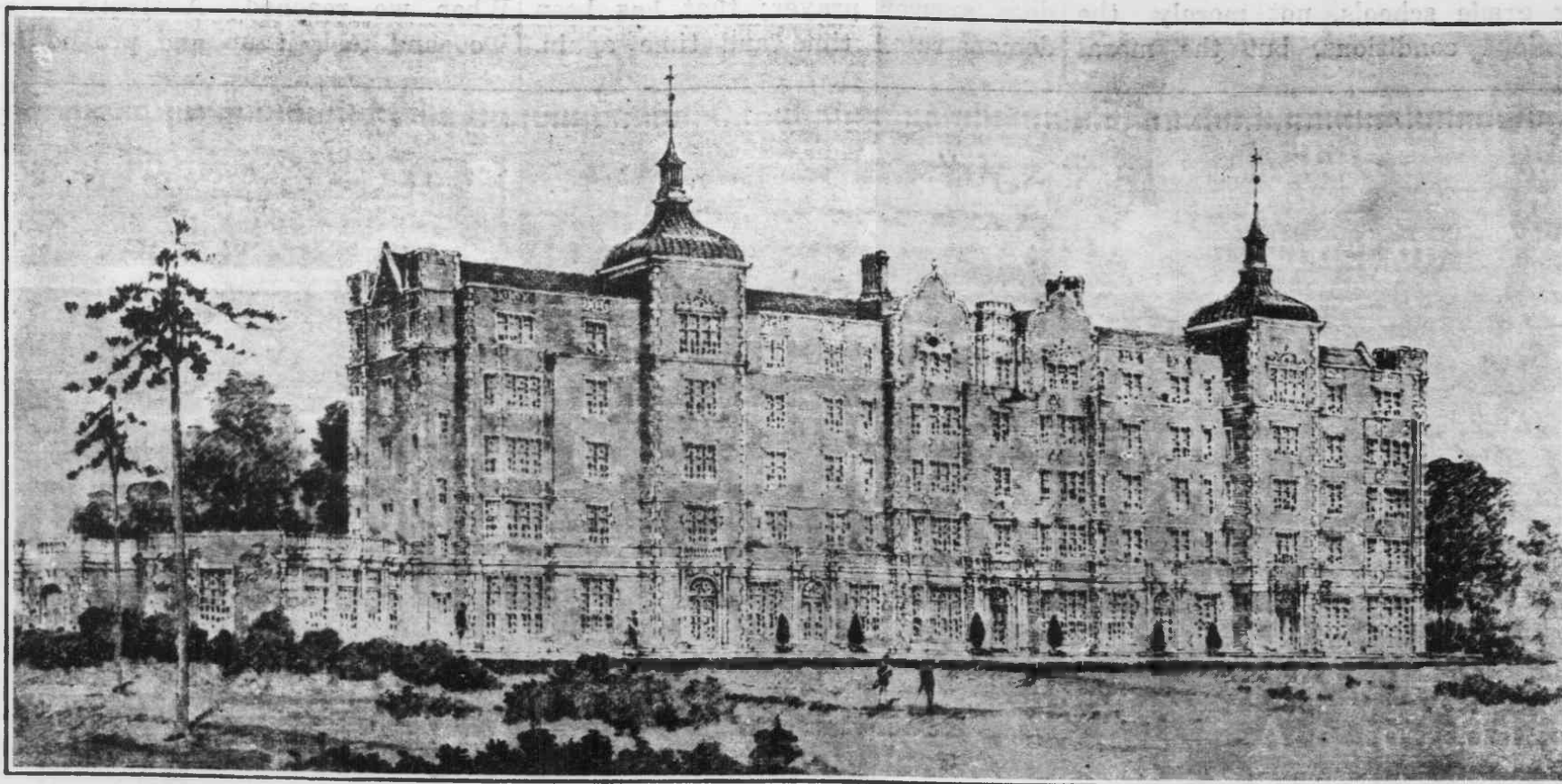
It is not believed the Midland road will be taken up this fall as Mr. Cox says it would interfere too much with the winter traffic between the towns, but he anticipates that in the spring it will be one of the first jobs undertaken.

At the meeting which was held at the Tyson House at Carthage, where an unusually good dinner was provided, Miss Mead Seawell had brought in a basket of the finest apples seen in Moore county in an age, and distributed them among the members. They were grown on her father's place close by the town.

Another interesting display was a collection of rayon and other goods from the Hemp silk mills and a group of furniture made by Frank Blue from wood supplied by Colin Spencer. The furniture included cedar pieces, antiques in cedar, gum and other woods, and attracted much attention. Mr. Blue is producing a large amount of this furniture and finds a keen demand for it.

The committee having in charge the better farming work in the county reported that prizes would be awarded after the crops are made and final weights and quality examined by the proper agents.

The club expects to have the Raeford club as guests week after next, and has the audacity to propose a game of base ball on that occasion.



Pine Needles Inn at Knollwood.

TOBACCO OUTLOOK N. C. BAPTISTS FINE AS CREAM LAUNCH CAMPAIGN

Prices Good and Aberdeen Markets are Very Confident.

Aberdeen is preparing for the biggest tobacco sale that has ever been experienced in this part of the State. William W. Maurer, of the Saunders Warehouse, who has been looking the field over for his company, says he looks for between four and five million pounds of leaf on the floors this season before the markets close for the year, and he does not think this estimate is out of reason. His personal contact with farmers has been large in the last few weeks, and he says the crop is bigger than it ever was before, which will help much to increase the quantity, while the quality of the product is such that it will weigh out a great deal more than on ordinary occasions. More acres of tobacco have been planted in the territory tributary to Aberdeen, and one result of this is that the men who have planted the tobacco are familiar with the higher rating that seems to be allotted to Sandhills tobacco, and it looks as if tobacco will drift this way this fall in the hope that it can come under the Sandhills classification rather than go to other markets and lose its standing.

The weather has been right all the way through, and the harvesting time has been especially favored. Mr. Maurer is of the opinion that this season's market is going to be so active that Aberdeen will be established for the future as one of the permanent and growing markets, and that from this fall's sales the name of the Sandhills tobacco will

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First Meeting Held at Sanford Baptist Church and Well Attended.

The Centennial Campaign Committee of the Sandy Creek Association held their first meeting last night in the Sanford Baptist Church at Sanford in order to make plans for their work. D. B. Teague, the chairman of the committee, called the meeting and presided. Others present were: Mrs. June Gunter, Sanford; Mrs. G. B. Emmerson, Bear Creek; Miss Lucile Loving, Cameron; Mrs. R. G. Farrell, Aberdeen; Mrs. P. H. St. Clair, Sanford; Jas. L. Griffin, Pittsboro; M. J. Jordan, Gulf; A. S. Ballard, Aberdeen; T. T. Lanier, Jonesboro; D. E. Murchison, Gulf; Rev. G. C. Phillips, Bear Creek; Rev. O. A. Keller, Jonesboro; Messrs. Chas. C. Cheek, W. A. Crabtree, S. J. Husketh, J. A. Overton, Chas. P. Rogers, and Chas. H. Riddle, of Sanford. Some others were unavoidably detained.

The Centennial Campaign is a movement among the Baptists of North Carolina to celebrate the class of one hundred years of organized work in this State by raising a fund of \$1,500,000 to strengthen their seven colleges and schools. The State convention was organized in 1830 and the plan is to raise this educational fund this fall in subscriptions which shall be paid in full by 1930, in order to observe the Centennial in that year with the schools greatly strengthened.

Hon. O. Max Gardner is chairman of the movement throughout the State and he has appointed Mr. Teague to be chairman in this As-

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ARCHITECTURE OF PINE NEEDLES

Building Now in Shape That the Style can Be Fully Understood.

The new Pine Needles Inn is now so nearly finished outside that its architecture is wholly manifest, and the excellence of the style is appreciated by all who see it. The old English Tudor is the style followed, and the Inn is the first building of size in this part of the South to follow the Tudor style. When Aymar Embury introduced into the Sandhills the modified English architecture which he called the Sandhills type he set a fashion here that has been of much advantage in fitting the peculiarities of the Sandy hills and their pine cover with a house design that combines with local conditions. When the architects of the Pine Needles decided on the Tudor style for the fine big building on the hill top in the Knollwood region they had the opportunity to present the advantage of the bigger knobs of the Sandhills for a showy structure and they met the occasion.

The Tudor style is fitted for large buildings. Oxford colleges and many of the English public buildings introduce more or less of the features that identify the Tudor, and the results are excellent. One glimpse of the new hotel tells why the old folks of long ago liked to build after this pattern. It affords a strength and solidity, along with sufficient decoration to give the air of beauty and of a safe shelter no matter what may come along.

Strangers visiting the Sandhills will go away remembering the building and without any of that dislike

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PINEHURST IN BOSTON CONTEST

Archers Make Creditable Record in National Tournament.

On August 16th four automobiles and 14 archers assembled at Pinehurst and made the trip to Boston overland for the period of the National Archers' tournament and in spite of inclement weather and a much colder climate than they were accustomed to they made a creditable showing. Mrs. Rounseville, of Pinehurst, took fourth place in the ladies' event with a total score of 1,672 points. This is a creditable showing considering the inclement weather and would have won all but two of the National tournaments during the last ten years. Mrs. Rounseville also won first place in the flight shoot with a shot of 251 yards and 24 inches, less than four yards short of the world's record for women.

A remarkable score was made by Scott Robertson, of Greensboro, with a total score of 2,118 points with which he captured fifth place among the men. This is the highest score that was ever made by a new comer at the National tournament with the exception of last year, when Stanley Spencer, the National champion, came from California to win the title. Robertson had been shooting only three months and is just getting into his stride, while Spencer's score was made after more than a year of intensive training. Everyone look to Robertson to give Spencer and in particular, Dr. Paul W. Crouch, the present champion, a stiff battle next year. Among the trophies that Robertson won were the Duff arrow, the 40-yard range medal and a prize given by the famous archery authority, Dr. Robert P. Elmer.

Mrs. Garland Alderman, of High Point, with less than a month's practice surprised her friends by winning the Nield Improvement trophy in appreciation of her excellent shooting. Miss Mary Alice Patterson and Miss Frances Bowles, both of Pinehurst, also made creditable scores.

Stephen A. Douglas captured third place in the juniors, after a hotly contested struggle with Bob Hubbard, of High Point fourth, and Dan Lewis, of Pinehurst, sixth. Many of the juniors, all under sixteen years of age, made better scores than a number of the men participating in the men's division.

The Carolina Archers were proud of the consistent shooting of Stephen A. Douglas and as he is only 13 and has two more years to participate with the juniors, there is every reason to hope that he will set up a new record next year and the year afterward.

Other members of the Carolina Archers who participated among the men were James Gooslin, of Greensboro, who was 14th with a score of 1,718 points; Phillip Rounseville, of Pinehurst, with a score of 1,690 points, and Harold Rohm, of Pinehurst, 23rd, with a score of 1,548 points.

Out of 58 men at the tournament none of the Carolinians were below 23rd place, which is an unusual record.

A State archery tournament is planned for some time this fall and all interested are requested to correspond with Phillip Rounseville, of Pinehurst, the secretary of the Carolina Archers, for full details of the shoot.

Forty cars of snap beans were shipped this spring by farmers in the St. Pauls and Fairmont truckers associations. County Agent O. Dukes states that these same folks are growing 69 acres of tomatoes to sell to Southern markets in late summer.

Some people waste a lot of energy climbing mountains before they are even in sight.



A Beautiful Tobacco Field in the Sandhills.