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**HAWES TO BUILD
ON MIDLAND ROAD****Fort Bragg Officer to Make
Home Near Pinehurst
Village.**

Among the significant announcements coming out this week is that Col. George P. Hawes, Jr., formerly connected with Fort Bragg, is to build on the Midland road near Pinehurst, the site being nearly opposite the home of Gould Shaw. Col. Hawes will have some horses and dogs, and plans an estate of a number of acres, somewhat similar to Mr. Shaw's. He gets out far enough so that he can secure ample acreage for the development of a country home where his dogs and horses will have plenty of space, and where he can build such a place as room will permit, yet in close touch with all the conveniences that a location on the Midland road affords.

This emphasizes the sentiment that is growing in the Sandhills which is that course of development is to include homes with sufficient acreage to found attractive estate, for in this territory where land is so abundant the old Hoosier school master's theory of getting a plenty of land while you are getting it still holds good. It is argued that town lots are for towns and compact places, but that the country road has land enough along its meanders to warrant the man who builds a home to buy enough so that he can turn around without stepping on his neighbor's cat and children.

The Pilot has heard much comment on this tendency to secure acreage holdings including those that involve many acres, and those that are content with two or three or five or ten or twenty or whatever appeals to the man who buys, and fits his ideas of a piece of ground to correspond with the kind of home he proposes to make. From Eldridge Johnson's big tract down on Drowning Creek, and James Barber's holdings around Pinehurst and Pine Needles down to the modest homestead of two or three acres it is all along the same idea. Real estate men are looking for an increase in the number of purchases of acreage lots as the days go by. They say that gradually people who are interested in making homes are entertaining the idea of going farther out from the postoffice and the ment upon his success in handling, are to be made into pleasant places to live.

**The Cotton Crop Is
Decidely Short in Lint**

The picking of cotton is going forward rapidly, and the result is that the job is going to be finished at an early date, for the arrival of the weevil in large numbers about the time the top crop was setting has resulted in the utter destruction of the top crop, and the one picking will clean up the big end of the harvest. The yield is estimated variously, but probably not much above two-thirds of what it amounted to last year. Prices range around 20 cents or a little better, which to some extent offsets the yield.

**Baptists Buy Lot For
Southern Pines Church**

The Baptists of Southern Pines have found their church growing too small for the congregations that attend services, and it has been decided to have a larger building, so a lot has been bought on Ashe Street and New York Avenue, and it has been paid for, so Sam Richardson says. Church projects are now under consideration, but no definite scheme has yet been adopted. The intention is to undertake to put up a new building as soon as it appears possible, and the hope is that the time is not far distant.

**LLOYD GARDNER
WARNS OF FIRE****Kiwanis Also Talks About Traf-
fic on the High-
ways.**

Kiwanis dinner at Aberdeen Wednesday was largely a discussion of the results of carelessness, and the tremendous costs that follow the neglect of the simple rules of prudence in dealing with automobiles and fires. Lloyd Gardner talked briefly on the subject of fires, as this is fire-prevention week, and he informed the club that in North Carolina nearly seven million dollars in property is lost yearly by fires, and nearly three hundred lives. In the nation the fire loss is half a billion, and the loss of lives by fire 20,000. Mr. Gardner comforted the club by the information that 80 per cent of the fires comes from carelessness, that this enormous loss is preventable by simply paying attention to a few ordinary precautions as to fires, and that the big end of the destruction is an absolute and useless waste. He urged cleaning up of the premises, care with the use of matches, and especially with cigarettes, which pile up a big share of the damage costs, and to beware of fire traps that abound everywhere.

The effort to get action on the still greater destruction of life on the highways brought out more discussion, and this subject will be presented at the district convention of Kiwanis clubs at Durham in a few days. Figures for the first seven months of this year show that in the United States we killed 418 more people than in the same time last year, which indicates progress in our bloodletting, and the expectation is that we will run the total to 25,000 deaths by the close of the year. Philip Rounseville presented some figures showing that in this country we kill one person for every thousand cars running, while in Europe they make the insignificant record of only one killing for every 2,700 cars, or little over a third as many as we kill.

It was a bloody record Wednesday. Twenty thousand deaths by fires, and 25,000 by automobiles, a total of 45,000, or about as many as we lost in the World War in about the same length of time. We killed by these two agencies in the United States in a year more than all the people in any city in the State except Charlotte or Winston-Salem.

**Must Have More
Money For Twins.**

My call for help for the twins that are in Rex Hospital at Raleigh, resulted in donations from the Epworth League of the Methodist church in Carthage, Woman's Bible Class at Aberdeen, two mothers of twins in Pilot Mountain and a reader of one of the county papers living in Johnson City, N. Y., and one individual contribution.

This is entirely inadequate and we hope more contributions will be forthcoming promptly as the need is urgent.

LUCILE M. EIFORT,
Supt. Welfare Moore County.**Tobacco Prices
Improving**

On the Aberdeen tobacco market Wednesday the prices averaged for the day 21 1-4 cents, which was held down by some inferior leaf. But the tendency is to bring out a better type, and that is getting a good figure. The sales up to date are about double the number of pounds sold by this time last year, and a better tone is felt on the warehouse floors.

**CEMENT MARKERS
ON YADKIN ROAD****Ancient Thoroughfare To Have
Monuments to Indicate
Its Location.**

One day James Wicker, of Pinehurst, and Leonard Tufts were talking of the historical articles R. N. Page wrote for *The Pilot* not long ago and Mr. Wicker observed that the younger men in the community took too little interest in the things of the earlier days. He laid emphasis on the old roads, and in the talk came the proposition that if Jim Johnson, the Aberdeen historian of the earlier era would write some inscriptions for monuments along the road Mr. Wicker would cast the monuments in concrete. Mr. Tufts conferred with Mr. Johnson, who is always ready to lend a hand in public affairs, and the result is that five large concrete tablets about five feet square are ready to be set at points along the Yadkin road. The first one will be put at the point where the old road crosses the State highway, the second will be at McDeed's Creek crossing of the Yadkin, the third at a point near John Allen McDonald's house out toward Pinehurst, the fourth where the Yadkin road crosses the new road from Pinehurst to Carthage, and the fifth near John Horner's house where Route 70 almost corresponds with the old Yadkin road.

The inscription on the monuments reads:

THE YADKIN ROAD.

Said to be a buffalo trail connecting the Upper Yadkin River pastures with those of the lower Cape Fear. Used in Colonial days by Emigrants passing westward; through the revolution by Cornwallis and during the Civil war by Sherman's troops. The Yadkin road is one of the ancient routes of travel, and the reference to the buffalo trail is said to tell the origin of the road. When the buffalo roamed this section and moved backward and forward from the sea to the foothills a persistent path was followed and as it was right well located the Indians followed the buffalo trail. White men followed the buffalo and the Indian, and today the old Yadkin road comes close to being the Main street of the Sandhills, for from McDeed's Creek to the McDonald house, where the third marker will be placed the present Midland Road closely follows the old road. From McDeed's Creek the County road to Manley is almost on the line of the old road all the way. At the McDonald home the Midland Road turns to the left to reach Pinehurst, but Route 70 strikes the old road again farther up toward Greensboro and the two run close together for some distance.

Originally the Yadkin road ran from Fayetteville to Mocksville, as far as can be discovered. Later the Morganton road was built, about a century or more ago, and the curious feature is that the two roads run almost parallel to each other for many miles. They both come out from Fayetteville, and each one passes close by Southern Pines and Pinehurst, and they both carried vast amounts of travel in their day. Near the battlefield at the Blue farm in Hoke county, the two roads unite, but a short distance farther east Long Street carries the Yadkin road over into the Carthage road, and the traveler could go to Fayetteville by that route, thus making from all of the territory of Moore County two practically parallel roads past Pinehurst, Manley and Southern Pines to Fayetteville. It is curious to note that the Yadkin road, has almost no stream crossings from Aberdeen to its northern terminal. When Flora Macdonald traveled this section from the Cape Fear settlement to her home in the Ellerbe neighborhood the Yadkin Road was her route.

**LOCAL MAN WINS
IN NEW JERSEY****T. A. Cole, of Moore County,
"Marketing Master" In
North.**

T. A. Cole, an ex-service man and farmer of Moore County, has met with much success as "marketing master" in Hammonton, N. J. After working with the division of markets, State Department of Agriculture during three shipping seasons out of this State, Mr. Cole was recommended to A. E. Mercker, formerly in charge of inspectional work here but now chief of the bureau of markets in Trenton, N. J., for the work which he has been supervising at Hammonton this year.

The Atlantic County Board of Agriculture expresses their appreciation for the service of Mr. Cole and comment upon his success in handling, through their market, over \$400,000 worth of berries in a manner satisfactory to the farmers, buyers and the residents of Hammonton.

Mr. Cole will be expected back in North Carolina during the inspectional season. He is a State College man.

**SHIELDS DRUG CO.
SELL PART INT.****Former Moore Co. Boys Buy In-
terest in Old Established
Drug Business.**

One of the most interesting business transactions closed in Moore County recently is the buying of a two-thirds interest in the Shields Drug Co. at Carthage by Robert Cagle, of Rockingham, and "Dolf" Blue, of Carthage. These are Moore County boys and it is with decided interest that the people of this section hear of this purchase and wish the new part-owners every success.

Robert Cagle, who is a son of H. C. Cagle, was raised near Carthage and for the last few years has been a frequent visitor there—although his home is now in Rockingham where he is a member of the firm of Young-Cagle Drug Co.—Wholesale Drug-gists.

Mr. Blue has for a time been employed by the Shields Drug Co., making his home in Carthage where he is well-known and liked among his many friends there, and through-out the surrounding sections.

In one week, farmers of Nash county bought 545 pounds of crimson clover seed, 900 pounds of hairy vetch, 100 bushels of Abruzzi rye and 70 bushels of barley to be planted for winter crops.

**1,328 BALES OF COTTON
GINNED THIS YEAR.**

There were 1,328 bales of cotton ginned in Moore County from the crop of 1927 prior to October 1, 1927, as compared with 1,340 bales ginned to October 1, 1926.

W. McC. BLUE,
Special Agent for Moore County.

old settlers raised much tobacco and they moved it to Fayetteville by rolling the hogsheads along the road. As the Yadkin Road kept to the hills and away from the streams the hogsheads had nothing to interrupt them. The Morganton Road, built later, was built almost straight, but it went up and down hill, and crossed many streams at fords. It was not a good tobacco road. Incidentally, the Norfolk Southern Railroad from Aberdeen, which takes the hills like the Yadkin road, has almost no stream crossings from Aberdeen to its northern terminal.

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**PLUTARCH GIVES
FOOD FOR THOUGHT****Greatest Red Cross Roll Call In
Many Years Expected
This November.**

"No man has ever wetted clay and left it, as if there would be bricks by chance and fortune."

Plutarch speaking nearly 2,000 years before the first Roll Call could not have voiced a more fitting sentiment if he had been addressing a Red Cross meeting.

The organization should have this November its greatest Roll Call in many years with not less than five million members enrolled. In the Mississippi valley its accomplishments "shall never be dimmed, however brilliant may be Red Cross operations in the years to come." Its relief work in the Florida hurricane is still fresh in the people's minds. The service it has performed following other disasters during the last year, has demonstrated to the American people as never before that their Red Cross must be kept ever ready to meet such emergencies. Its other peace-time activities have gained tremendous prestige and appreciation which will bring increased support.

Even so, remember that there can be no "bricks by chance and fortune." The clay is wetted but there is work to do if these humanitarian impulses of the nation are to be collected and molded into countless services.

The importance of adequate publicity needs no advocacy here. A Roll Call cannot be successful without it. This pamphlet suggests merely a few things which can be done by the chapter to remind the community of its obligation to support the nation's official relief agency. Adapting the material and suggestions herein to suit local conditions, the chapter is urged to make the best possible use of them and to devise many other ways and methods for presenting this message to its constituents.

Mrs. J. H. Suttentfeld, of Pinebluff, is the Moore County Chapter Chairman, and she hopes to put over the biggest Roll Call, and secure the largest number of members ever yet enrolled.

G. W. TUFTS,
President.

The Cary Poultry Growers' Association in Wake county is selling its eggs at a profit of about 15 cents a dozen to the producer.

Farmers of Moore County are ordering lime for alfalfa and clovers, and small grains. Orders for five cars of lime were recently placed by co-operative action.

**FARM LIFE SCHOOL
BOYS ARE BEEKEEPERS.**

The boys in the Agriculture Department of Farm Life School are learning how to keep bees in modern hives. Last spring the boys and others, aided by the agriculture teacher, bought co-operatively \$300 worth of bee supplies at a saving of \$60. The supplies consisted of modern movable 10 frame hives and supers, wax foundation for combs, smokers, hive tools and other necessary equipment for handling bees. Another co-operative order will be given this spring for more supplies. Bees from old log or boxgums are transferred in early spring to modern movable frame hives. This is an inexpensive way of securing the bees. Later the boys buy from a reliable queen breeder an Italian queen and introduce her into the modern hive after removing the old queen. Within a few months they have a hive full of yellow bees.

These boys do not expect to become commercial beekeepers. They intend to supply home needs first, then sell enough to buy other supplies as needed.