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MOORE COUNTY'S FIFTH WHEEL

In Regards to Charitable Associations, Moore County Carries a "Spare."

Someone is quoted as having said that certain philanthropic work in this locality is a "fifth wheel." Applied to the Moore County Health and Welfare Association, this is to me an inspiring comment.

What automobile is equipped for the commonest emergency of its travel if it does not carry a fifth wheel or spare tire?

The glorious fact is, the Health and Welfare Association is Moore county's fifth wheel.

The county has a splendid jack in the Kiwanis Club; a fine emergency supply of gasoline in the Shrine Club; a beautiful set of working tools in its branches of Red Cross; Anti-tuberculosis Association, Parent-Teacher Association, and others, in its women's exchange, its vocational as well as public schools, its church and other societies. But for the past three years it has also had that willing and very necessary adjunct—its spare tire or "fifth wheel."

When Moore County might otherwise find itself running ruinously on one or another of its rims, in rolls the Health and Welfare Association, and the car of state is helped to run safely and normally.

The public appreciates this safety—(cold figures attest this fact;—the public is showing its confidence by helping keep the fifth wheel (or spare tire) in perfect condition and of ever-increasing size, strength and durability.

The Health and Welfare is Moore County's own Association. Every person resident, either permanently or temporarily, in the county, is invited to become a member and attend meetings. The annual membership fee ranges (so far) from the fixed minimum of 25 cents to \$2,500, and may be varied from year to year at the member's personal option, though the minimum remains 25 cents. No one can afford not to belong, and each membership fee is accredited to the quota of each member's own town in Moore County.

We believe in each town actually sharing the work and earning the thrill of doing its bit. Here is a sample of how one small group of people put their quota literally "over the top." West End's quota last year was \$75.00, and here is the report of West End for 1926-27:

Table with 2 columns: Item and Cost. Includes West End school, hot cocoa served, First grade, Miss Monroe, teacher, Time, 78 days, children served, 26, cost, \$14.80, etc.

Table with 2 columns: Item and Total Cost. Includes Total cost \$37.45, Christmas Seal Sale, 1926, 4.50, Red Cross roll call, 1926, 16.00, Paid on quota in 1926, 25.00.

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Two-Way Road To Be Paved.

Frank Page, commissioner of highways, was in the Sandhills this week and while here stated that the two-way road between Southern Pines and Pinehurst would be a sixty foot road, and that work would be started in early Spring. Mr. Page did not state whether it would be a two-way road or not, but did intimate that the scenery between the roads would be taken care of later.



NEILL McKEITHAN SMITH

Neill McKeithan Smith, a local young man of growing prominence who is doing a big work and getting (Please turn to page 5)

MEETING MEN TEACHERS' CLUB

The Meeting Was Held one Evening Last Week in Carthage.

One evening last week the Men Teachers' Club of Moore County met at the Carthage High School for their regular monthly banquet. Almost all of the large county schools were well represented with one or more delegates. Great things were planned for the future of the organization, and the club is expecting to start work on some of its new objectives immediately. For example, a committee of five principals and teachers were appointed to formulate a code of rulings to regulate the standards of eligibility in the basketball season just opening. It was also agreed to hold a basketball tournament late in the season, just before the State-wide tournament, held annually in Raleigh. It was felt that a great deal of enthusiasm could be aroused in the various county schools, and the much benefit to all concerned would be derived therefrom. To prove their interest in this tournament, six of the larger schools in the county have already made known their intention of entering it, although the schedules will not be arranged until the new year.

A. B. Cameron pointed out to the membership that he had long been in need of just such an organization as this, in his official capacity of county school superintendent. His territory is large and the county schools are not, as yet, very well consolidated. Consequently, he feels that these pleasant club meetings, held once a month, offer a very good solution to his problem. Since he can not get around to the schools as often as he would wish, he can talk over individual, as well as county school

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ALEXANDER F. PEELE

Alexander F. Peele was born in Surry county June 28, 1840, and peacefully fell asleep in Jesus on November 19, 1927, at the home of his son, S. E. Peele, on Vass Route 1, having reached the grand old age of 87 years, four months and 22 days. He was a gallant soldier of the Civil War, and followed the matchless Lee through the bloody strife in the lost cause. He was for more than 50 years a member of Missionary Baptist church and died triumphantly in the faith once delivered to the saints. His wife, who was Dicey H. Marsh, preceded him to the land of Spirits several years ago. He leaves the following children to mourn a devoted father: Samuel E. Peele, of Vass, Route 1; Jessie E. and W. M. Peele and Mrs. Cora Canter, all of Surry county.

His body was carried back to his old home and laid away in Mt. Zion Baptist church cemetery to await the resurrection day.

When hoary hair shall their temples adorn; Like lambs they shall still in my bosom be born.

JOHNSON BUSY AT DROWNING CREEK

Building Roads and Houses and Developing Big Property.

The Eldridge Johnson farm at Drowning Creek is making swift progress with its development plans. It goes into the winter with two large brick houses for the managers of the farm and forestry work, four new brick tenements for the hands, and more projected, one of the biggest stable units in the county, of substantial brick and tile, a new drilled deep well, with a water supply big enough to care for all the needs for many a day to come, a ram supplementary supply that pumps into the tanks, which are connected with the tanks at the well, a fine new clay road, and another one building, and a large acreage of ground set with young pine trees to help make the forest that is the ambition of Mr. Johnson.

The plantation includes about 600 acres of tillable land, from which nearly a hundred bales of cotton were picked this fall. Next season cotton will be a staple crop, along with tobacco, and it is intended to make the farm feature one of prominence. But the bulk of the land, about 3,000 acres, will be handled as a modern forest, under intelligent practices, and it is the desire to gain three definite results. The first is to give the pine trees the best possible opportunity to make a forest that will be as near a model as the excellent climate and land there on Drowning Creek can make, and as it is about the best exhibit of young long leaf pine in central North Carolina, which means perhaps on the continent, Mr. Johnson is justified in looking for results in this direction.

Along with making a fine pine forest and awaking an enthusiasm concerning pine culture, Mr. Johnson is giving much care to the encouragement of wild life, which is abundant now in the forests of the neighborhood. Deer are right abundant, turkey are multiplying, while the smaller animals are plentiful. They are protected, and in a short time that region will be alive with the old time native creatures. To help along with the increase of animal life in the forest Mr. Johnson is planting all manner of things to feed his wild stock, peas, barley, beggar weed, and anything that will grow in the woods or around the margins of his clearings.

The stables are models of their kind. Stalls for 24 horses are provided, each animal being given a box of his own, with water at the door, and modern methods for feeding and caring for all stock. One of the biggest hay barns in the county will house the bale day made on the farm, and feed bins and other contrivances will look after the comfort of the work stock and riding animals. Improved machinery at the barn and for farm operations is on hand.

At the house occupied by Will Cook, who is head of the forestry department, is a large brick building to house and care for the dogs, of which a number will be on hand all the time. There also will be a stable for a few horses. All the new buildings are of brick and tile, and all the old buildings have been torn away, and the farm has been practically cleared of stumps and any interfer-

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Commissioner of Agriculture William A. Graham, of Raleigh, who was made president of the National Association of Commissioners of Agriculture, at its annual meeting in Chicago.

PINE NEEDLES MAKING HEADWAY

Easily Ready for the January Opening and in Attractive Shape.

The aspect at the Pine Needles Inn is changing every day, and each change presents a more interesting picture. A force of men is busy completing the grading in the entire area surrounding the big building, and as fast as the grades are finished planting goes forward. Instead of an irregular surface as was the case before building was started, the whole area has been brought to a common level and with the many trees that were saved and the grass and shrubbery that is already planted, the surroundings of the building have reached the point where the

Inside the house the work has progressed so far that it is no longer a conjecture as to what it will all look like. The rooms are pretty well completed, the outside is clear and the design of the house shows fully now from foundation to roof. It improves with every succeeding step, and one common opinion of its attractiveness is heard from all sides. With the opening of the roads all over Knollwood Heights the building is now visible from many directions, and especially is the picture a fine one from the road up to Southern Pines and

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REV. WADE C. SMITH COMING.

Of especial interest to Sunday School workers of the county will be the announcement of the coming of the Rev. Wade C. Smith, who will be present at the meeting of the Sandhill Township Sunday School Association which will convene at Aberdeen on Sunday, December 11. Three services will be held, one at 11 o'clock in the morning, one at 3 in the afternoon, and one at 7:30 in the evening, and it is earnestly hoped that the church may be filled at each service with representatives from every Sunday School in the county. The officers feel that they are unusually fortunate in securing the services of this widely-known worker, and hope that that his coming may prove a blessing to Moore County Sunday Schools and churches.

F. M. DWIGHT, President, Moore County S. S. Association.

BIG SQUARE DANCE IN CELEBRATION OF NEW FORD

Graham-Poole Motor Co., of Vass, will give a dance Friday evening, December 2, in their showroom, beginning at eight o'clock, to celebrate the arrival of the new Ford car. It is to be a "square dance," that being Mr. Ford's favorite. Everybody is invited.

HE BELIEVES IN BUYING AT HOME

Correspondent Argues That Folks Should Keep Money Locally.

To the Pilot: With all due respect to the Cameron correspondent's views expressed in The Pilot regarding trading away from home this subscriber wishes to dissent.

Those who read The Pilot see each week where Miss so and so, and Mrs. so and so went to Sanford, Vass, Raleigh, Durham, Greensboro last week shopping, those living in Raleigh go to Richmond, Philadelphia, Baltimore, and those living there go to New York, and from there they go to Paris. Things at home are not good enough, nor are the stores fine enough. I went into a Vass store last week, stood there and looked at the goods and the clerk and customers. The goods were as nice as in Sanford and in Raleigh, probably not as many of them, nor so attractively displayed, but cheaper and just as good, for it costs less to do business there. Still a man told me while there that it took two trucks to bring from the depot to the post office the other day goods that came from mail order houses. The Postmaster at Cameron says that frequently he sends off \$500 worth of money orders each day, and other towns in proportion, while the home merchants need the trade and could sell the goods just as cheap or cheaper. Of course you may say that it is your money and you can spend it where you desire to, but there are many things we have a right to do but we have a higher right to do otherwise, too. Did you ever think who it is that keeps up the roads and the schools that your children attend? I know one merchant that pays at least \$1,500 tax and a big part of this is for school. He has no children now in school, is an old man, been here for 40 years and paid taxes after taxes to keep the schools going, and to help erect new buildings that are as comfortable as the city schools and more so than many of the homes. The children are transported to and from the schools free of costs to them. The good roads also are here and other public improvements. Of course it may be said we pay taxes too. So you do, but not in such amounts as the men who in many cases are merchants. There is also another thing you may not have thought about. When this tobacco and cotton money gives out you go to "Cousin Murd" and want to get some meal, chopps, shoes and flour till berry time, some fertilizer to put under it all and some things to wear, but when you get the money you send it to Sears-Roebuck and Montgomery-Ward and the National and let the home merchant root, pig, or die the best he can. Is it fair? It is a case of killing the goose that laid the golden egg.

Between chain stores and the mail order houses business of a local nature is being shot all to pieces. Still when you want a package of soda, a quarter sack flour or a spool of thread the merchant must have these and sell at six for a quarter or you will go to the next store or filling station to get it.

A leading wholesale merchant told me less than a year ago that he knew of but one merchant of his acquaintance that was making any money, and many of them are simply holding on by the skin of their teeth, and would quit if they could get out or get into something else that would make them a living. It is a matter of fact that 85 per cent of the merchants fail eventually, and it is not all due to poor management but mostly to bad accounts. I am a poor specimen of a business man I know, but the best wages I ever got for clerking was \$15 a month and it turned out to be big wages for I

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