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EXPERT OPINION ASTOKNOLLWOOD

Purchase By Men of Judgment
Good Indication of Values
of Place

Bion H. Butler
The thing that I am charged with that pleases me most is optimism. I am a believer. I never did think hell fire is the most important factor in existence. Two days after I saw the Sandhills for the first time I made a check for some acreage. I have never yet seen the time that I have thought it was a mistake.

So much for a beginning. I have used a lot of paper telling of my views of the Sandhills. I have never yet had to recall any of my opinions. And they get more comprehensive every day, for as we broaden we have more to sustain the optimism that the Sandhills justify. It is always pleasing to see men come to this section and be favorably impressed. It means two things. It confirms my optimism, and it recruits some more folks to help make the Sandhills the most pleasant place in the world to live.

It is more pleasing when a successful business man joins in and becomes a part of the movement, a man like Edward J. Barber, or Michael Meehan, or Clinton Dow, or Herbert Jackson, or Mr. Sylvester of the National City Bank of New York. It is flattering to feel that men of that type confirm your judgment by theirs.

Mr. Barber is a man to study in this connection. He comes to the community to look over his father's investments, and after carefully investigating the situation he buys more land. He returns to New York, where he is an extremely busy man. Last week he was down again and he added to his Knollwood investment by the purchase of four more lots. He had recently bought seven. There is but one connection. Mr. Barber sees in this section a decided prospect for the future, otherwise he would not put money in, and especially more money.

His father's estate owned a lot of Sandhills land. But he wanted more, and he secured it. He sees in investments and home making opportunities a definite and reasonably certain value. He backs his judgment with money and bases his judgment on his wide business experience. Right there is one of the most hopeful conditions that confront this section of

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HOLMES TALKS OF FORESTRY

Tells Kiwanis Folks What State
Is Doing For This
Industry

Dr. J. S. Holmes was the speaker at the Kiwanis dinner at Southern Pines Wednesday, and he told some interesting things about the progress of forestry in Moore County. He commended the work Carl Buchan is doing at the Eldridge Johnson place on Drowning Creek, where hundreds of thousands of young trees have been put out, and showed how other big men can profit by following the example. A survey has been made of the forest prospects of Moore County, which is one of the few in the State that have received this attention, and Dr. Holmes says North Carolina is one of two states in the Union to attract the detailed interest of the Federal government to its forests. He spoke of the desire to establish facilities for using the waste of the forest lands, and to create industrial establishments on the forest resources, and also the relation of taxation to forestry practices and the growth of trees. The State is now working on a taxation schedule that

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Mary McGirt, Jonesboro High School, who will represent Lee County in the district finals of the National and International Oratorical Contest in Carthage at 8 o'clock Friday April 20.

HOSPITAL SURE IN PINEHURST

Subscriptions Not All In Yet,
but Enough to Determine
a Success

There is no doubt of the hospital at Pinehurst, as enough money has been subscribed to warrant the beginning of the project. More will be called for to bring the amount up to the final total required, but enough is in sight to warrant the commencement of the undertaking. A circular from Pinehurst has been received explaining the situation and calling for a large meeting to further pursue the object. It reads:

Pinehurst, N. C.
April 16, 1928.

The committee in charge of the Sandhills Hospital takes pleasure in announcing that sufficient funds are definitely in sight to warrant the official organization of a corporation to take over the work of proceeding with actual plans for the construction and equipment of an A-1 hospital, to be located on a site just outside of Pinehurst on the Carthage hard surface road.

In order to effect this organization and enable the hospital plans to be carried forward as soon as possible, a meeting of all subscribers and others interested in the hospital will be held at the Pinehurst Country Club on the evening of Tuesday, April 24th, at eight o'clock. It is hoped to have a large attendance from the whole county. Your presence and any suggestions that you may have to offer will be greatly appreciated.

Yours very sincerely,
(Signed) Leonard Tufts, John D. Chapman, Eldridge R. Johnson, Henry A. Page, Jr., Jackson H. Boyd, Simon B. Chapin, General Committee.

CARD OF THANKS.

We wish to thank our many friends for the kindness shown us during the sickness and death of our dear husband and father.
Mrs. A. J. Keitle and Children.

WHY ONE BOY LEFT THE FARM

I left my dad, his farm, his plow,
Because my calf became his cow;
I left my dad—'twas wrong of course,
Because my colt became his horse.
I left my dad to sow and reap
Because my lamb became his sheep;
I dropped my hoe and stuck my fork
Because my pig became his pork,
The garden truck I made to grow
Was his to sell and mine to hoe.

WHY ANOTHER ONE DIDN'T

With dad and me it's half and half—
The cow I own was once his calf;
No town for mine, I will not bolt,
Because my horse was once his colt;
I'm going to stick right where I am
Because my sheep was once his lamb;
I'll stay with dad—he gets my vote,
Because my hog was once his shote;
It's "fifty-fifty" with dad and me—
A profit-sharing company.

THE TREES OF MOORE COUNTY

BY J. McN. JOHNSON.

Chapter III
APPLES: Let us put a good taste in our mouths to begin with; for the Apple is pre-eminently the choicest fruit in the world. It sounds almost irreverent to say the Apple is a man-made fruit; but it is true that if we are to give the Botanical Name of this Tree, we must hark back to the wild Crab-Apple Tree to find it: Malus Coronaria.

Probably the science of horticulture has done nothing that has proven a greater blessing to mankind since Cain became a tiller of the soil, than to evolve our present luscious apples from the common Wild Crab Apple still to be found in its wild state in our woods and hedges in Moore County, and still used by our Nursery Men to good advantage as grafting stock.

It would be like carrying coals to Newcastle for me to presume to describe our apple trees—for they are in your very door-yards; but it will not be out of place for me to relate that there are four native kinds of these Crab Apples in North America, and about 20 others in Europe and Asia, but there is only one kind that I know of in Moore County.

It was found that by crossing these native Crabs, the hybrid resulting would often be found decidedly superior to either of its parents. When this fact was established, then experimenting began in earnest, and continued through the centuries until we now have Albemarle Pippin, Grimes Golden, The Limber Twig, The Spitzbergen, The Baldwin, The Winesap, The Hause Apple (this Hause Apple was originated by an old Dutch Farmer named Hause in New York State—it is generally called "Horse Apple")—and a hundred other varieties. But it is only fair

to say that while this is the result of man's ingenuity, yet the laws of inheritance are God's laws, and all that man has done was to discover these laws.

But in one respect, man has utterly failed to make an improvement on the Wild Crab Apple—that is to say; in its fragrance; for while the Apple Blossoms of all kinds have a delightful aroma, yet it is not to be compared with the delightful spicy fragrance of the Wild Crab Apple.

However this evolution of the Apple Tree has taken a long, long time, for Ridpath, the Historian, tells us of excellent apples in ancient Media five hundred years before the Christian Era.

Now throw away the core, and let us pass on to another Moore County Tree.

Alders: We will find nothing to eat in the Alder. Indeed the only Alder we have in Moore County: Alnus Maritima, hardly deserves to be called a Tree. But it has many near relatives all over the world that are important trees, and its first cousin, our Hornbeam, or Ironwood, is a Moore County Tree, and will next hereafter appear in this letter.

The Alder bushes on the brook banks and in the marshes of Moore County are only a bush. It is called Sea Side Alder—a misnomer, for it does not grow in salt or brackish water. It has the distinction of bearing its flower, golden catkins, and ripening its fruit, at the same time; and that rather late in the summer or early autumn; while the fruit of the Alder is nothing but a little dead burr with a few small seeds in it. It holds on to its fruit during the

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TO WASHINGTON WITHOUT COST

Pilot Offers Free Trip to National Capital for a Little Work

As will be seen by the announcement elsewhere The Pilot offers to anybody who cares to do a little work for a free trip to Washington, which involves not a cent of outlay, and which is open to all comers who would like to see the most interesting city in the world. The chance is open to those who will help to secure more subscribers for The Pilot, and collect the renewals from those already subscribers. And should not enough subscriptions new or old be secured to reach the number called for to win the trip, cash payments will be given instead to those who do not get the full number.

The work necessary to secure the trip is merely to procure renewals or new subscribers to the value of \$160. You are out nothing in the work, for The Pilot pays the cost of the Washington trip, and all you have to do is to secure a certain number of subscriptions. The journey will be through Greensboro, by the Shenandoah Valley, the most interesting section of country in the Eastern United States, through the historical territory made famous by all the big wars the United States has engaged in, through a wonderful farming country, and several days in Washington, the home of the gov-

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MUSIC RECITAL FRIDAY NIGHT, APRIL 20—8:15

The public is cordially invited to the music recital, given by pupils of Miss Marie Newton, Friday night, April 20 at 8:15 o'clock

PLANTING LONG STAPLE COTTON

Farmers Improving Character of Line, with Prospect of More Money

A. D. Ennett, of the Cotton Growers' Association, during a visit to Vass, said the association has on a campaign to induce farmers to plant seed of the varieties that will give a longer lint, and he thinks the signs point to double the amount of longer staple this year over any year in the history of cotton planting, counting a minimum of inch length. The association is in position to get a top price for staple of these better lengths in its direct contact with the mills. Last season North Carolina produced only one-fourth of the better lengths used in the State, but he looks for three-fourths of the product this season to be of the longer staple varieties. Such an event would bring many thousands of dollars of extra money

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GARDNER GETS LAKEVIEW FOR THE SUMMER SEASON

Lloyd Gardner announces that he has leased Lakeview for the summer season and will operate it as an attractive resort, much on the plans of last year, and he will undertake to keep it on a high, clean plane that will interest everybody. All the facilities of bathing, boating, amusements, etc., that the location affords will be at the pleasure of the visitors, and Mr. Gardner anticipates a good crowd, of the right kind of people, and a summer amusement enterprise that will be attractive to the folks who can come at any time during the warm weather and find the rest and pleasures they are looking for.



Margaret Phillips, Sandhill Farm Life School, who will represent Moore County in the National and International Oratorical Contest at Carthage Friday, April 20 at 8:00 p. m.

RENTING HOUSES FOR NEXT SEASON

Buying Lots and Preparing to
Build New Homes at
Pinehurst

Everybody has become aware of the fact that this has been an exceptionally good winter in the Sandhills. But Charlie Mason, of Mason & Gardner, of Pinehurst, says his firm is renting houses already for next winter. The folks who have been at Pinehurst during the winter seem to have become still more enthusiastic over the Sandhills, and instead of waiting until fall to tie up their reservations for the coming winter they are closing their contracts before they leave for the North. Mason & Gardner have had a good winter, their sales running up into big figures, and

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DEATH OF A. J. KEITH

The Body Was Laid To Rest In
The Cameron Cemetery,
Monday, April 16.

All that was mortal of Andrew Jackson Keith, who died at his home near Cameron early Sunday morning, was tenderly laid to rest in the family plot at the Cameron cemetery, Monday, April 16. The funeral services were conducted from the Presbyterian church by Rev. M. D. McNeill, pastor of the deceased, assisted by Rev. D. McD. Monroe, of Vass.

A large crowd of relatives and friends assembled to pay their last tribute of respect to Mr. Keith, a man liked by all who knew him; an upright, honest Christian gentleman, and Confederate soldier.

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COMMISSIONERS APPOINT LIST TAKERS FOR 1928

The following have been appointed by the Board of County Commissioners to list property for taxation for the year 1928:

Carthage Township, N. A. McKeithen; Bensalem, B. Deaton; Sheffield, Miss Virginia Carter; Ritter, Miss Alice Ritter; Deep River, W. M. Fields; Greenwood, Miss Mamie Arnold; McNeill, Mrs. D. J. Blue; Sandhill, Levi Packard; Mineral Springs, Mrs. Victoria C. McKenzie.

These list-takers will begin the work of listing property on May 8 and continue same through June 9. Please see the list-taker of the township in which you live and return to him all real and personal property you own on the first day of May. Failure to list your property will result in your being double taxed.

MAIDA JENKINS,
Tax Supervisor.