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WHAT OF THE DOGWOOD FESTIVAL?

What is being done about the Dogwood Festival which has been widely advertised to be held in Southern Pines in April?

Some months ago a committee was appointed by the Chamber of Commerce to formulate plans for this event, an event which should become an annual feature of the Springtime season here. As far as The Pilot knows, the committee has done little or nothing in the way of plans for the event. It will be unfortunate if, after the Seaboard Air Line Railway has cooperated to the extent of featuring the event, and the town of Southern Pines has listed the festival among seasonal attractions in its advertising material, the Chamber of Commerce committee falls down on its job of making it an outstanding affair. Only by thoughtful planning and sincere effort can the festival be successfully launched and carried through, and The Pilot hopes to hear of action in the near future.

BUILDING AND LOAN OUTLOOK

The Aberdeen Building and Loan Association is about to open a new series of stock and loans, and in connection with the new series will sponsor an essay contest for the Aberdeen High School, in which prizes aggregating \$25.00 will be given away for the five best essays written by pupils, on the value of Building and Loan associations. The first prize will be \$10.00, the second \$5.00 and then four prizes of \$2.50 each.

This contest is under the direction of the Keesler Memorial Committee which is carrying on a contest throughout the schools of the state wherein high schools in counties having building and loan associations may compete. County winners go to a state contest, the final winners receiving prizes up to as high as \$125. Two purposes are in mind in these contests, the one to encourage the students in presenting a live subject in forceful manner and the other is to stimulate building and loan association extension.

This section of Moore county has three associations in Aberdeen, Pinehurst and Southern Pines, and they all show in their last reports that they are not only thriving, but that they are affording help to a large number of industrious and thrifty families in acquiring their own homes, and at the same time affording a safe place for the savings of small investors with a reasonable return of interest for the money invested. It is usually considered that the man who rents a house pays about a third of his income for rent. But this does not include moving costs from time to time, renewal of furniture and fixtures every time he moves, wear and tear on his furniture every time it is carted about, and all the other costs of adjusting furniture and equipment to the new surroundings. The man who pays his rent to himself is the winner of that amount of money, and also the possessor of the savings that come from not having to move and renew his furniture and equipment from time to time. The many other advantages of living in a house you own are well known. It is a home, while a rented house is a temporary location, in which the occupant has only a brief interest and no incentive to improve it or to make it more val-

uable as an investment, as is the case where the house is his own.

Never in the world was there a better time for folks to get closer acquainted with the Building and Loan associations, for both the question of a permanent home owned by the occupant and the decision of what shall be the field of the small investor are perplexing the whole nation. The man or woman with a little extra money, especially the young folks who are trying to learn how to save and invest, has the best prospect in the world with the associations, while those who are looking to the ownership of a home that is their own have the same chance now and more than ever a stimulus to save and acquire in this way. Aberdeen, Southern Pines and Pinehurst are all showing excellent results through the loan associations. They are worth close study by every individual in their communities, and the secretaries of the associations will gladly give any information desired.

TIME TO PLAN FOR GARDENS

The main thing the whole human race is struggling for is the supplies for a living. First comes eatables, for unless we eat we send for the funeral man. The other things can be considered when the table is cared for.

The farm is the principal source of food supplies. But the garden is a great auxiliary. The family that maintains a good garden has settled a big item of the cost of living. In fact a good garden in a community where some of its product can be sold disposes of more than the cost of the table. It helps to pay the bills for other things. In the older days each family maintained a garden, and it was hard to bring famine to the house that had a food supply in the lot back of the house. Gardens have fallen into what Cleveland called innocuous desuetude because they take work. We have cultivated a view of work that is not favorable to exertion in that line. We are teaching the children that they must not work until they are eighteen years old. We are not encouraging that interest in the garden on the part of either young or old that would help to keep the wolf from the door, so what we should get out of the garden we have set aside for what we can buy from the green grocery.

Every household should have its garden, and every community should have a public spirit that would encourage making in that garden the profitable and satisfying yields that some of the gardens around Southern Pines can show, and which prove the possibilities of a garden and the value. It is absurd that the vast amounts of garden stuff used in this section are so largely freighted in from points as remote as the Pacific coast, Florida, Louisiana and elsewhere where people have to work to make their products and to see it pays freight and merchant's profits besides, before it can get to the table here.

All that we realize. We do not all realize the wisdom of making a garden for every home. We do not realize that we have no more need of filling our tables with things from outside of the county than we have of sending to South America for a load of wood for the fireplace. That we do not have more and better gardens for every home and family is a bit of shiftless indifference that is not excusable either on the part of the individual or the community. It would not be a bad idea if every man who applies for work on the public funds jobs should be required to put in certain time on a garden as a qualification that he is helping himself as well as being helped by public taxation. And right now plans should be made for gardens on a bigger scale than ever, for bellies will be just as hungry this year of grace as ever in the past.

OUR HYSTERIA OF NEW LAWS

We are beginning now to talk about members of a new legislature to make some more new laws. In all the 48 states of the Union legislatures will be chosen to make some more new laws. Congress is in session making more laws. After the legislatures adjourned at their last sessions they had finished up all the law-making that seemed necessary,

but since they returned home it is found that all the states need another big book of new laws, so the thing has to be done all over again. We are hogs for laws in this country, and the discouraging thing is that after nearly a century and a half of state and national existence, and constant making of new laws in all that time we have not yet started on the great job of lawmaking, for it seems to be essential now to make more new laws each year than was the case in previous years.

The books of new laws that will come from each state and from Congress at the sessions that are immediately ahead will probably be bigger books of laws than the books that have session by session piled up new laws in the past, and when the coming sessions have been completed and all their new laws are made we will get ready for the next session to make some more new laws. We can look forward a thousand years and see the constant necessity of new laws, for we seem to be so constituted that it takes more time and more laws each succeeding year than sufficed the year before.

An interesting thing about our laws is that we never make the kind that seem to suit. We fire the men who make the laws one session and engage a new set of lawmakers, practically always picking the recruits from sources that have had no experience in the work, and we fire them when they get through. A theory exists that after a man has been in the legislature once or twice he has been there long enough and it is time for a change. Each new man who gets to the State capital has some new ideas about new laws, and many are offered that are never accepted to be made into laws. We are never short of material for new laws, but as all proposed new laws are opposed by a certain proportion of the members much trash and refuse is thrown aside before the new laws are made and that is all waste.

And when we get all the laws made we find that many of them are not what we want so a process of repeal is necessary each year. It is a great industry law making is.

IMPROVING THE SURROUNDINGS.

Struthers Burt, Dr. McBrayer and Frank Buchan stand out rather prominently in the state convention at Greensboro where the improvement of rural and village roads was under discussion, but no more so than the work they are backing justifies. The enthusiasm that has been reached in this section is not a new or spontaneous climax. It is the result of long and strenuous work, but it has gained the stage that looks like an enthusiastic climax because of the interest the sponsors have shown from the start.

The striking change that has marked this part of the state since the improvement of the land along the roads has been under way is so plain that those of us who live in the Sandhills need no argument regarding the value of the work. One of the best features of what has been done is that it perpetuates itself. The trees planted go on growing into bigger and more handsome roadside embellishment, and are in themselves one of the most powerful arguments as to their value. If all of the roads leading to Moore county could be made as attractive as Moore county roads are becoming, a journey through North Carolina would be worth the time and cost if for no more than to travel such interesting scenery.

The three men who are mentioned by the papers as representing Moore county in their activities are not letting the movement sleep. But they can do much better work and more of it in proportion to the help and backing they get from the community and also from the whole state, for the movement has now reached a momentum as a state movement and is no longer local. In their work they are an aggravated type of aggressive energy and enthusiasm, a thing that is essential in all public works of general welfare, and they are a benefaction to the state in their enthusiasm, for they are a trio that don't let go. But they do thrive under encouragement. Probably nothing will be of more substantial

benefit to this section as well as the whole state, than a little energetic encouragement of Struthers Burt, Frank Buchan and Dr. McBrayer in their effort to make North Carolina highways the most delightful in the United States.

WHAT TO DO WITH MONEY?

People who have some money, much or little, are still looking about for safe investment of it, and with much more scrutiny of everything than for a long time. Stocks and bonds, which have been the main outlet for investment funds, and which have afforded the opportunity for the building up of the great industries that characterize this country, are at the present time in some question. The grave threats of government competition in many things and the burdens laid on all enterprise by government restrictions, by increasing taxes and by codes and limitations of various sorts, are not conducive to confidence in industrial establishments as investment outlets.

Farm mortgages which once were regarded as dependable are also in the doubtful class. The promiscuous and almost limitless issues of bonds on all sorts of land property have given the real estate bond or loan a black eye, which will for a long time incline investors to scan very critically anything of that sort offered as an investment. Public utility stocks and bonds are condemned by the government threats of competition on the broadest scale. Railroads are in hot water because of all manner of hard knots tied in their ears.

This question was put up to a big New York banker visiting in Sandhills the other day, and his answer as to what a man with some money could buy with some hope of safety and return was, "Pick carefully a piece of land and buy it at the right price." That answer has been given by different persons whose opinion has been asked, yet always with the caution to pick the property and do not pay too much for it. The drawbacks that present themselves are that land must necessarily be a long-time investment, it may not be dependent on for annual income, and it faces a steady drain in taxes. But for a long pull, for reasonable safety if wisely selected, and for a final profit the opinion appears to be favorable to such an investment.

Probably the days of high fliers in real estate speculation are gone for a long time. Possibly we may have another wave of high-hitting, but that is not the kind of investment the banker referred to. His idea was rather to watch for what looks like a reasonable price on a desirable piece of ground. That sentiment seems to be felt in many directions, and it is given as the opinion of many keen observers that we are to see a buying move of some importance in this section in the immediate

GRAINS OF SAND

During December' courts of the State convicted 131 persons for operating motor vehicles while under the influence of liquor.

North Carolina voted dry in November!

Make McGoover says it keeps him so busy running out to see the airplanes flying over his house that he does not get time for much else, and he believes if these things were stopped from going by here so much people would get more time to do things and may be that would lessen the call on the government for so much help.

The fellow who predicted a long hard winter has to pack a lot of rough weather in the next five weeks or take the count as a prophet.

The fire at the McDaniels residence near the Country Club Saturday was the first of any account in Southern Pines in seven months.

Bilge Koozer suggests to The Pilot that we ought to try a fire along some of the new fire lanes to see if they will do any good before we spend too much money making too many of them.

One thing about the spring mail order catalogues is that they have begun to make pictures of women with real faces instead of with black spots for a mouth and two black smears for eyebrows. It really looks as if better times are in sight.

After reading in the Congressional Record some of the debates over liquor it leads the ordinary fellow to suspect that the moonshine booze is not half as bad as the more pretentious stuff they sell under the law.

One of the latest recruits to the Southern Pines colony of writers, Mrs. Wallace Irwin, who writes under the name of Laetitia McDonald, has a new novel out, published by Farrar & Rinehart. It is titled "Silver Platter" and Hayes' Bookshop has copies.

The University of North Carolina Glee Club is giving a concert in Sanford tonight at 7:30 in the High School Auditorium. Many from the Sandhills plan to hear this reputedly excellent group of singers.

Root rot and other diseases will reduce peach production seventy-five per cent within the next five years.

future, not of high priced stuff, but here and there of what will be regarded as bargain offerings, which now seem to be about the bottom of the price level. Inquiries are noted here and there for such property, which is one of the best indications as to the near future of this neighborhood. Nothing inspires more confidence and stimulus than for lands to get into the hands of people who can hold and use them, for there is the real basis of business and industrial prosperity, and confidence in that quarter awakens confidence in all directions.

thinks E. H. Garrison, Jr., county farm agent.

His prediction was made in response to the question, "will the government undertake to get the growers 'parity' prices for their 1934 crop?"

"With trees dying out by the thousands," Mr. Garrison replied, "the natural law of supply and demand will operate to give the growers better prices. Those fortunate few who make anything like a crop are on the way to earn some real money."

The magazine Vogue recently "wrote up" the pottery business of Mrs. Augustine Healy and Mrs. Edgar Ewing, whose shop, "Marjean," occupies that attractive old cottage near the Fownes home on Midland Road.

MANY ON HONOR ROLL OF ABERDEEN SCHOOLS

The Honor Roll of Aberdeen Schools for the third and fourth months is as follows:

First Grade—Richard Batchelor, Betsy Jean Bobbitt, Bill Ellis, Ruben Green, Sarah McLeod, Gene Morgan, Mable Norton, Myrtle Alice Shamburger and Mary Elise Smith.

Second Grade—Mary Katherine Ball, Betty Barber, Anna Capps, Charles Cummings, Ruth Lawhon, Hazel Melvin, Margaret McNeill, Elizabeth Page and Clifton Wilson.

Third Grade—Tom Blackburn, Alexandra McLeod, Robert Monroe, Max Wicker, Lawrence Wicker, Ada Marie Combs, Rebecca Deaton, Ethel Gene Howie and Runell Marshall.

Fourth Grade—Olivia Benton, Betty Lou Deaton, Carina Greene, Mary Spencer Harrington, Kelsie Norris, Mary Page, Catherine Rowe, Ann Warner, Harriet Weaver and Jessie Windham.

Fifth Grade—William Hendren, Lawrence Johnson, Richard Page, Ray Stutts, Belk Troutman, Patricia Berge, Emma Jane Melvin, Frances Hearn, Louise Leach Martin, Charlotte Miller, Hartha MacLeod and Kathryn Page.

Sixth Grade, Helen Batchelor, Jeanne Batchelor, Mary Margaret Burney, Evelyn Mc Masters, Kathleen Rhyne, Hope Weaver, Henry Ador, Courtney Huntley, Robert Page and Bill Smith.

Seventh Grade—Clayton Brassington, Jean Folley, John D. McLeod, Catherine Charles, Bettie Cliff, Bettie Hannon, Mae Marks, Margaret McLeod, Mildred Page, Marshal Page, Odell Shaner and Roberta Zimmerman.

Eighth Grade—Louise Crain.
Ninth Grade—None.
Tenth Grade—Marcella Folley, Frances Jean Freeman and Gladys Fulk.
Eleventh Grade—None.

BOY WHO SHOT WILSON, BALLPLAYER, GETS 90 DAYS

Clarence King, colored boy of Vass, who was charged with shooting David Wilson, popular ball player of Moore county, was given 90 days on the roads by Judge Sink in Superior Court Tuesday. The shooting was supposed to have been accidental.

It Pays to Advertise in The Pilot.

Special Introductory Offer

Look what 39c will buy Saturday and Sunday

<p>Chocolate Covered PEPPERMENTS</p> <p>Fine Peppermint Creams in rich, Salisbury Chocolate. (The whole world loves Appropriate for ;:tao Salisbury's Peppermints.) Appropriate for every occasion. Pound 60c.</p>	<p>KREAMETS</p> <p>Such Creams! You will love them. They just melt away. The blend of this delicious Cream is amazingly fascinating to the taste, with Salisbury's Fine Coating. Simply irresistible. Give the family this treat. Pound 60c.</p>	<p>Milk Chocolate Covered NUTS</p> <p>Whole nut meats, in delicious Salisbury Milk Chocolate. No creams. Nothing else. This is the choice of many enthusiastic candy lovers. This package contributes, in a large measure, toward the popularity of Salisbury's Home Candies.</p>
<p>Milk Chocolate Covered PEANUT BRITTLE</p> <p>Tiny, hand picked Peanuts, toasted to a turn, in table butter . . . then dipped in Salisbury's Milk Chocolate. Gee! They taste so good to eat, and, really, each Peanut seems enthusiastic and proud to graduate into Salisbury's Peanut Brittle. Pound 60c.</p>	<p>CUT CARMELS</p> <p>Buttery Chocolate with selected Georgia Pecans. What more need be said to one who is fond of really good Caramels? Twelve ounces 60c.</p>	<p>COCONUT FONDAY</p> <p>The finest, shredded, white Coconut, from the far-away Philippines, caught in its prison of Salisbury's rich chocolate, makes a combination, many think, excelling all other pieces. Pound 60c.</p>

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