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A New Church Building Proposed For Southern Pines

The Editor attending service at the Congregational Church last Sunday morning heard the pastor of the Congregational Church, Elmer Willis Serl, call the attention of the congregation to an architect's drawing which he had posted near the vestibule for examination.

The drawing is by Mr. Yeomans and indicates an extensive addition to the church building, reaching eighty feet toward New Hampshire avenue. The drawing conforms to the present architectural design and affords a new auditorium seating six or seven hundred, with two entrances on the north. The present auditorium and chapel will be devoted to parish and Sunday School purposes, if the suggestion of the drawing is adopted.

For some weeks members of the church and parish have been holding informal conferences on Wednesday nights after the mid-week service, considering the advisability of an enlarged building and program for the church work as it seems now to be warranted. The audiences this season have been the largest of the present pastorate. Last Sunday morning all available seats were occupied and many chairs brought over from the Jefferson Inn. A number of persons stood during the service, but many went away since they were unable to secure seats.

The popularity of Southern Pines as a winter resort is bringing a large increase of tourists, and this move by the pastor and people of the Congregational Church, to keep pace with the growth of the town and provide for the needs of those who may wish to worship in that church, will meet the approval and cooperation of all who would have the religious side of this winter resort's life emphasized in due proportion to the recreational and social.

The Road From Southern Pines to Pinehurst

There are two roads from Southern Pines to Pinehurst, one which everyone knows as the old road leading from West Broad street, the other the one recently built through Knollwood. Nearly everybody in going to and from Pinehurst drives over the new road which from a speedway point of view is preferable as the road is in splendid condition—passable in all kinds of weather, but it is too bad that the old road is not used more. From a point of beauty and picturesqueness it far surpasses the new road. Just now the scenery is wonderful—the coloring in the woods embracing all the different shades of green, yellow, brown, red—even the scrub oak is beautiful—making a wonderful background for the white of the dogwood which is gorgeous.

The view to the eye is magnificent, only one drawback—which would not cost very much to remedy. Just outside the corporation line there is a bad spot in the road (not very long) which is bumpety, bumpy, bump. A stranger not knowing the road driving with only moderate speed, could easily be hurled into the ditch or gully at that spot. The road was impassable during the bad weather in the winter—now the road is dry but the holes some a foot or more deep are numerous.

Isn't there somebody who can bring this to the attention of the proper officials and have them put that spot of the road into conditions so there would be pleasure in driving over a road which from a scenic point of view doesn't deserve the neglect it is receiving.

A Constant User

My Wife And I

NEARPOET

My wife and I are plodding on
Through every changing year;
Sometimes the days are touched with grief,
Sometimes they're filled with cheer.
We've walked the banks of sheltered streams
Lulled by their quiet flow;
And stood upon the ocean's brink,
Where great ships come and go.
We've nested on the mountain side,
And tented on the plain,
We've moved among the city's throngs,
Who sell their souls for gain.
We've traveled broad and easy ways,
Bordered with sweetest flowers;
And toiled up steep and rocky heights,
That taxed our utmost powers.
We've had our sunshine and our storms,
But love reck's not the weather.
We've had our tribulations, too,
But bore them all, together.
We've faced the common lot of man,
Yet mid our burdens great,
We've met some friends We'll ne'er forget,
This side the pearly gate.
We've had a part in life's great scenes,—
Marched with its mighty throngs;
Defeat has sometimes been our lot;
At others victor's songs.
The cares of life have ploughed their seams,
And brought their threads of gray;
And sure enough we're growing old,
Disguise it as we may.
We're standing on life's toil-won heights;
We're looking toward the west;
Determined that the days to come,
Shall be of all the best.

H. E. FOSS.

Educational Matters

ANGUS B. CAMERON

The State Examination will be held in Carthage April 12th and 13th. We shall be glad to have notice from all who wish to take all or part of examination in order that a sufficient supply of blanks may be secured. Those who have not had opportunity to take the Reading Circle test in any of the groups may take examination on Group A.

The County Examination for pupils completing the 7th grade will be given on the 28 and 29 of April. Where schools have closed before the date for the examination the teacher may arrange to return and hold the examination at the school house, and, where more convenient, pupils may go to some other school for the examination. Arrangement for this should be made beforehand.

We hope to have with us at the County Teachers' Meeting next Saturday, Dr. Lindemann, of the North Carolina College for Women.

Dr. Lindemann is one of the ablest educators of our state and will have something to say that will be well worth hearing.

We hope that all who have pupils interested in any form of athletics will be present and do their part in working out plans for a county organization.

Under the law as amended by the last Legislature, each county will finance its own school system. The State salary schedule is still effective, but will serve only as a guiding standard. Each county may establish a schedule higher or lower, as it sees fit.

The matter of consolidation is now in the hands of the Board of Education in a larger and more complete way than it has been heretofore. More means are available for building purposes from the State, but our county will need to make generous provision for this purpose from its own resources. We hope that Moore County will make provision for a really progressive program of educational work. A great deal has been done, but a great deal more is yet to be done. The little one-and-two-teacher schools have served a great purpose and done a great work in the past, but the time has come when these must give way to larger, better equipped and more efficient schools. It is neither just nor wise to any longer limit a large per cent of our boys and girls to the meager training they can get in the small, weak schools. It doesn't give them proper equipment for the big game they've got to play in, it doesn't give them an equal start in the race. Every child in our county is entitled to a "square deal." Let's get ready and give it to him.

Pine Grove House

Directly opposite a beautiful Pine Grove on Bennett street, is located the Pine Grove House.

Mrs. E. B. Farmer who is the proprietor of this house purchased this property last October, and has had a successful winter season. The house and grounds are very attractive and the interior has a pleasing, home-like atmosphere that appeals to the discriminating tourist. Mrs. Farmer will keep the Pine Grove House open during the summer.

A New Song

Among the new popular songs that have appeared recently is one entitled "I'll Get Even With You" by Phil Worde. It is not generally known in Southern Pines that Mr. Worde is a member of the Highland Pines Orchestra and is a pianist of no little ability as well as a composer. He has a number of songs and instrumental compositions in print that have attained decided popularity. His latest song has that rhythm and lilt to it that appeals to your musical sense.

Easter Day at Highland Pines Inn

The weather man did his best for Southern Pines on Easter Day and Weymouth Heights looked its best. One cannot picture a more beautiful sight than the view from the Inn during the late afternoon and at sunset when an unusual cloud effect brought a tone color into the picture that was truly wonderful. The joyous Easter spirit was everywhere evident among the throngs of people at the Inn. During the evening the Hotel Orchester gave a musical program that proved very pleasing to the guests.

The members of the orchestra are Grant Biddle who sang "Calvary" in a rich baritone, Warren C. Adams who played an "Ave Maria" on the violin, George Howe who played The Rosary on the Xylophone and Phil Worde who played two chopin Preludes on the piano in a truly artistic manner. In addition to these four solos the orchestra played five appropriate Easter numbers. This musical program made a fitting end to a perfect Easter day.

Ladies' Aid Sale

The annual sale by the Ladies' Aid Society of the Congregational Church will be held at the Chapel, Thursday afternoon, April 7th from 2:30 until 6 o'clock. A line of aprons, fancy articles and food will be offered the public. A special feature will be a table of dainties. Sample and recipes will be sold for ten cents each. This fair is always looked forward to by tourists and local people and they will not be disappointed this year.

What We Want

It is a fine thing in this life, to know what you want. Many failures are due to the fact that the individual could not make up his mind to just exactly what he wanted, and then settle himself down to work for it.

We in Southern Pines are beginning to find out what we want. It will take a little while to get the ideas of everybody well aired upon the subject. Every good idea is welcome, and the columns of this paper are open for anything in that line. All suggestions of any merit will be considered worth listening to.

If a person does not know his own faults he cannot improve, and in the same way, if we cannot see what our town needs and listen to the suggestions of those who see it with impartial eyes, we cannot make a better town.

Just at present we are going through a period of inspection and introspection which can be made of great benefit to us all, if we take it up in the right spirit and act upon it afterward.

The main thing, and the "big idea" for Southern Pines at present, is for all to get together and when the time comes to all pull together. Then we will get wherever we want to be, in not so long a time.

Town Caucus

A notice of the Town Caucus has been issued and appears in another part of the paper.