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A CHANCE FOR VASS

The town commissioners have been figuring on a plan to have a survey and town design made by competent persons that the future of the community may be worked out along some logical line instead of permitting the town to grow up with no system and no definite street and community outline. At the present time there are three or four roads centering about the hotel and the office building. Even now persons talk about building but are in doubt as to how to figure for the proper street location, grade, sidewalk frontage, street width, or anything else that is essential in creating a town that will be fit to look at.

When Aberdeen was built each builder set a structure where he thought it would fit. As a result the main section of Aberdeen looks as if it had been dropped down during the night and left where it fell. Vass does not want to be that way. Fortunately the roads that come into Vass have meandered in a way that gives a chance to base a survey on some satisfactory lines. The roads come in from the directions they should come and they come on grades that are not bad, and across the railroad where good luck has given overhead crossings, so that the survey that is anticipated has a good beginning.

About the town are good grades for building sites. Over about the Methodist church is a fine home site, and so is the street that runs out the Lobelia way. Both roads going toward Carthage pass through interesting hill tops, where fine building sites are to be found, and the road to Cameron is another good section. The street leading down toward the mill houses offers good possibilities. Back from the station and back of the flour mill is another rise that can be made a choice site for homes.

Vass is fortunate in being not far from the river which allows a park and swimming place close to the village. A suitable place should be picked out for a school house with due regard for the future. Business locations should be designated just as for schools and public buildings. All this should be done without regard for the interests of any in-

dividual who may have some land to sell, but wholly for the welfare of the whole community, that as Vass grows it may grow into the most attractive town in this part of the state. If it does grow into such a town all locations will be valuable and desirable, and the town will be sought out by people as a place to live because of its desirability.

If the people will stand by this project it can be carried out, and then those who want to build houses for themselves or to rent or sell can build intelligently knowing something of what sort of a neighborhood they are building and building into, and what they may expect for the future. Vass is at a mighty interesting stage of its expansion just now. We decide here whether we will be a town built according to the designs of men skilled in planning for the future, or go along in the haphazard way that most towns follow, to regret forever that we did not have the foresight to make intelligent plans when the ground was bare and the plans could be made to fit the certain growth of the town and the community.

PLANT TREES

One of the things that makes Pinehurst an attractive place is the abundant shrubbery and the many trees that have been planted all over the town. Southern Pines is planted with trees along all the streets, and although the original forest that made the name appropriate has about disappeared, the new forest that is coming on will make Southern Pines a veritable Southern Pines again. On top of the hill out the Raeford road is the old Blue plantation. It long ago passed into the hands of the Boyd heirs. But before they gained possession of it small pines had begun to cover the ground. Now it is one of the most interesting spots in the state. But if the forest should be removed it would be one of the most desolate.

Pine trees, walnut, pecan, peach, apple, pear, oak, hickory, and shrubbery without limit should be planted on the lot as soon as the house is built, and it is no difference whether the house is in town or in the country. Nature has given us here a wide variety of forest products that can be used for crops or for adornment, and it is a grave mistake if we do not use them. It is not necessary to send away from home for much of the trees and shrubbery. The native forest growth supplies almost everything we need except a few fruit trees, and they are cheap.

Vass has the advantage of a wide range of forest trees that will grow freely if given a chance, and nothing can be added that will make the town or the surrounding country more desirable to live in. In most places in this community the tree will provide itself, but where they have all been cut away both town and individual should see that they are provided abundantly for a new crop.

DEWBERRIES

Col. Frank Mebane said to the News and Observer the other day that forty cent cotton would have bankrupted the South if it had continued. That will apply to almost anything that is made at an abnormal cost. But now that cotton has settled back to a lower price other things have a chance again.

It is costing less to make dewberries, but unfortunately many planters have allowed the vineyards to fall into an unproductive condition. Next year the dewberry crop will cost less to make than this year or last year. We ought to have more dewberries. Every farmer should have a crop not too big to handle but big enough to bring him a little money at the time of harvest.

Dewberries grow to perfection in this soil and climate. Any farm can have an acre or so of them, and that acre can be cared for along with the other farm work. An acre of dewberries will bring more money with less cost than most of the farm crops. It is true that sometimes the price is off, but not oftener than with other crops, and dewberries are not like cotton and tobacco in piling up a surplus. The dewberry crop this year does not go to market facing a big carry-over from last year like cotton does, or tobacco. The crop finds a clean market every season. And if it happens that the market is full today it may be bare tomorrow.

A LITTLE PATIENCE

The highway commission is getting the roads in better shape and soon the main road north and south will be in the hands of the state for future maintenance. That will let the county devote county funds to the county roads, of which the mileage will be lessened when the state has taken several roads to be state roads. The commissioners when they were appointed found on their hands a big job, and they have gone about it well. All we need is to have a little patience and the road sys-

tem of the county will be in better shape than never and it will be kept in that condition. We have passed through the old day of the sand roads, and through the succeeding day of struggle to build sand-clay roads and now are arriving at the day of really good roads. That day has come now and to stay.

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PERSONAL

Mr. and Mrs. W. D. M. in Southern Pines Tuesday.

Mr. George P. Thon business trip to Sanford.

Mr. John McNeill exported ripe watermelons by J.

Mr. C. J. Temple in Carthage Monday.

Mr. D. C. McGill, of Sunday at home.

Mr. G. W. Baker spent end in Carthage.

Mr. E. T. McKeithan was in town Tuesday.

Mr. Elvey Thomas with his people here.

Mr. C. L. Tyson came Raleigh for the week.

Messrs. H. T. and R. Apex, spent Monday in

Rev. G. F. Kirkpatrick passed through V.

Little Miss Aileen Bl ed from an extended vis

Mrs. Churchill, of M visiting her daughter, M ter.

Messrs. Carl Cashio and Kermit Sherrill, were visitors in town

Messrs. Stacy Brew Thompson went to San afternoon.

Miss Mildred Thomas visited their aunt, Mrs. Cameron Route one t

Messrs. W. P. Benn burg and Ben Roberson were in town Tuesday.

Miss Lula Rogers, spent a part of last w Florence Leslie.

Mr. J. R. Thomas Raleigh Monday after week-end here.

Mr. J. W. Smith and visitors at the home of Smith Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. Jim Tyson died Wednesday evening, ab at her home near here.

Mr. W. D. Smith and tha Sanford and Ma spent Friday in Raleigh

Mr. Frank Phillips Myrtle and Grace W Durham, spent the w Miss Bertha Sanford.

Miss Eva Graham Graham, of Cameron R ed at the home of Mr. Sunday.

Misses Annie Hartse Lean and Lillian Hendr ron, were shopping in afternoon.

Messrs. W. Curtis H. Waddell and David Carthage, called at th Saturday.

Mr. W. B. Graham and W. C. Leslie and litt Louise and Marjory, s in Raleigh.

Mrs. L. C. Wallace, has been spending a w parents, Mr. and Mrs. of this place.

Messrs. A. Cameron,