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NEW THEATRE BUILDING FOR PINEHURST

As we all know the moving pictures shown at Pinehurst are the best that are produced, and most of all they are new and the local management gets them just as soon as they are released by the film companies. As a result, the demand for seats far exceeds the capacity of the present theatre and plans for a new building have been perfected. The new building is to be terra cotta walls with brick veneer and a green tile roof, somewhat similar to the new bank building and is to occupy the site where the printing office now stands. The plans provide for something like 500 seats down stairs with 150 seats in the balcony; four shops on the ground floor opening on the street, and in addition to the picture screen will have an adequate stage where concerts and amateur theatricals may be held. Mr. Aymar Embury, who has drawn the plans for most all the building in Pinehurst, and who is the architect for the new theatre, is very enthusiastic about the building and proposes to make it a modern institution of its kind. Mr. Charles W. Picquet has the plans in his possession and will be pleased to show them to anyone who desires to see them.

A WAVE OF DEVELOPMENT

Several things noted this week point to the advances that are taking place in the Vass neighborhood as well as in the rest of the county. These several things are found in all directions, and embrace pretty near everything that goes to make up the community life. Building in the village is active for the spring, and not only in the village but in the country surrounding new structures are seen on every road. The arrival of a bunch of Holstein calves from Wisconsin to add to the herds of several different farms is significant. The creation of a golf course in Vass would have sounded pretentious to the people of this vicinity even half a dozen years ago, but the golf idea has appeared, and with tennis on one side of the hotel, and golf on the other the Hotel Vass will be able to offer its patrons the same recreation that more ambitious places boast.

And that calls up more talk. When the hotel was built the doubters could not see what a hotel like that was wanted in this town for. Now they begin to understand that it was wanted for several reasons, the primary one being to care for the travel that needs accomodation, and the secondary purposes being many. One of these purposes has found itself in the knowledge of the community that is extended from the hotel. At least two guests of the house have probably anchored permanently in the neighborhood in the past few weeks. Stopping here because the hotel was available they looked over the surrounding country, and found a place they liked and to which they tied up.

ANNOUNCEMENT

The Pilot announces to its readers that it has closed a contract with J. MacNeill Johnson of Aberdeen, Moore County's best known literary character, to write a serial story suitable for all red-blooded American boys.

The story will appear in short weekly installments of, say, a column each, thus accomodating itself to the minds of the younger readers; and will continue from week to week for six or eight months—possibly a year.

Our idea is to make readers of the boys and when this is done, the men will be readers by the mere process of growing out of boyhood into manhood. This story will be copyrighted by the Vass Pilot; but all publications are welcome to use it upon giving proper credit.

Those who have read Mr. Johnson's travel letters will have an idea of his style and form of thought. Subscribe now and get the issue containing the initial installment of this splendid story, thrilling and delightful to all boys with clean minds and healthy bodies.

All these things count, and they all tell of what the future has in store. They all point to a satisfactory expansion of the opportunities and the development of the resources of the neighborhood. Vass has been coming in a style that is gratifying, but it is putting more energy into the general forward movement this year than was expected, for a new life has been outlined, and the community is broadening out to take in a relationship with the general county aspiration toward big things.

AN AWAKENING

The new school house started it. When this was opened in November Mr. Cameron, the superintendent of instruction, spoke most eloquently and called upon the community to improve the school grounds and make them a credit to the school house and to the county. Every one was enthusiastic and Bob Snow promised an ice-cream-and-cake treat to every one who would come to work the following Saturday. Lots of boys and girls came and most of the trash was moved away and all the ice cream and cake eaten.

Then Thanksgiving came, and Christmas, and the weather was rough and cold and most of us were pruning and there was some "flu" and so we slipped into low and finally the gas gave out and the machine stopped running and then—something happened.

Miss Emily Walker appeared—the band did not play; there were no drums beating; but she just came.

Now there may be some people in Moore who don't know Miss Walker yet, but I venture to say that they will pretty soon. I doubt if any more active, attractive, diplomatic and common sensed person has ever come to Moore, not even excepting the diplomats, statesmen and politician who have visited Pinehurst, and the peach kings. At first she just went around and saw people, got to know them, got their ideas, found out what they

liked and what they didn't like, and why they did or why they didn't, and who they liked and who they didn't. Then, having got all these details into her head, she started ahead.

First she called a meeting of the women, then she called a meeting of the girls, then a meeting of the men, and finally a general community meeting of everybody, where were gathered more than two hundred of our neighbors. It looked like election day when the Fords and automobiles arrived that evening.

Clubs were organized, committees formed, a new supply of gas taken aboard, and something moved. We got after the school house grounds and although it was the week of the big rains, they did not dampen the spirits of the enthusiasm of the workers. On the wettest day of all came Mrs. Matherly, the landscape architect from Raleigh, who assisted by the women and men made a plan for beautifying the school grounds, which is now being carried out.

We have a general community club, a womens' club, a girls' club, and we are soon to have Boy Scouts, besides the state movies every two weeks. Also we have had a general clean-up, and after a while those who motor through Eagle Springs on the state road, instead of dashing through as they do now to the danger to life and limb of the Eagle Springers, will slow down their motors in order to admire our improvements.

We hope and pray that our enthusiasm may be infectious and incurable.

MRS. LEONARD TUFTS.

NOTICE

The Pilot expects to receive, in a few days, a supply of Soil Survey Maps of Moore county. Anyone wanting one of these maps should file their request in the next few days.

It's pretty hard to convince a bootlegger that honest tea is the best policy.

AIR FLIGHTS GROWING POPULAR

A new feature of Pinehurst entertainment that is growing very fast in popularity is the air service provided at the flying field by Mr. L. E. Shealy, of Charlotte, and during the week past a number of visitors have enjoyed the thrills of this delightful sport. Mr. Shealy has on hand one of the latest types of passenger-carrying planes. It has a seating capacity for two passengers besides the pilot and is equipped with all modern appliances for safety and comfort. In addition to short pleasure flights from the field, Mr. Shealy will take passengers on cross-country trips to any place they want to go, and will give lessons on the art of flying to anyone who desires. He says that no "stunts" will be indulged in unless requested by the passenger and that no passenger need feel uneasy from this source. Those interested in this sport will find him at the flying field near the dairy.

CALVES FROM WISCONSIN

Last week W. T. Pulliam, of Lakeview received from Wisconsin a shipment of ten Holstein calves which he had ordered for his own farm and for some of his neighbors in this section. Walter Graham and A. Cameron, at Vass each are represented in the shipment. Mr. Pulliam is a tobacco farmer at Lakeview, but he is one of the kind that believes in livestock along with other things on the farm, and he wants good cattle at that. So he sent for these high-bred Holstein calves and means to build up a good herd. The calves all came in fine condition. He has good pastures which he keeps in good shape with clover, alfalfa, etc., and he proposes to make livestock a feature of his farm work.

Incidentally A. D. McLaughlin, who lives out the Lobelia road is another cattle man who is heading in the direction of more livestock and less dependence on other crops. He has all along been a fancier of cattle, and he raises a good many, and buys a good many calves that promise well, and keeps them until they are big enough to sell to those who want good cows. He has sold a considerable number of cows through this section. He raises sheep and hogs as well, and is one farmer who always knows that he has a money crop somewhere in the pasture when he needs to realize.

IMPROVING THE MILL

Important improvements have been made at the cotton mill lately. The wiring system has been completely overhauled, and now it is in such shape that much less power will drive the machinery and light the plant. A big saving in power costs is brought about, and the mill made more efficient in its operation. As the demand for yarns picks up a better output can be produced and at a less cost than under the old system.