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AN AGED VETERAN PASSES AWAY

[Contributed]

On March 24th, Noah Deaton, aged 83, son of William and Flora Bethune Deaton, departed this life. For the past few years his health declined, due to an accident and age. He was ill only a few days when the end came.

At the age of twelve, he professed faith and joined Dover Baptist church. He later moved his membership to Carthage Baptist church. He led an upright and useful life.

At the beginning of the Civil War, 1861, he joined the first company of volunteers to leave Moore county under Captain W. P. Martin; later of Captain James D. McIver's company under Cols. Vance, Burgwin and Lane. He was in the 26th Regiment, Co. H., and served the four years—three on the battle field and one in prison at Point Lookout, Va.; was slightly wounded and captured in battle at Briston Station, Va.

At the close of the war he returned to this county where he has lived since, a successful farmer. Soon after he returned he was married to Miss Sarah Jane McDonald, who preceded him twelve years ago. To this union were born twelve children—six sons, Francis, Charles, Walter, John, William, and James, all of this county and one daughter Mrs. H. B. Wadsworth of D'Lo, Miss.; ten grandchildren and two aged sisters survive.

The funeral services were conducted by his pastor, Rev. J. E. Ayscue, Sunday P. M., the interment being in Union cemetery. The large crowd who attended showed to some extent the love and esteem in which he was held.

GUARD YOUR AUTO

The Chicago crime commission has been making an investigation of the theft of automobiles. It finds that the majority of cars are stolen between the hours of 7:30 p. m. and midnight, with the crest of pilfering developing around 10 o'clock each night. By far the greatest number of machines are taken, not for their value, but to be used in various forms of law-breaking. The findings of the commission also show that auto owners do not take the same degree of care of property in this form that they do in others. A man or woman with a \$1,500 or \$2,000 investment in something besides an auto usually gives it closer attention than they do a machine that costs that much. And yet no other property can disappear as quickly. The auto is here one minute, but in the hands of a clever thief it is 60 miles away in a couple of hours. And once gone, once repainted and changed around, it is hard to recover. Therefore, guard your auto carefully, for the auto thief is just as apt to turn up in Vass as he is anywhere else.

PINEHURST COMMUNITY CLUB

After awakening Eagle Springs, as reported in the press last week, Miss Emily Walker came to Pinehurst. For awakening and readjusting communities, Miss Walker has a complete stock of everything required, ranging from earthquakes to pulmotors, and the result of her work thus far would indicate that she doesn't Put with a Driver.

Just what she used on Pinehurst we cannot say, but this we know: the place is not unlike a disturbed ant-hill. Everybody is hustling around to complete the tasks assigned and all are engaged in the highest work in which the human family is privileged to participate—doing something for others.

In the short space of one week, the Pinehurst Community Club was organized and is now a going concern; officers have been elected, committees appointed, constitution and by-laws drafted, and many plans for community betterment are well under way. Officers were elected as follows: President, G. McG. Cameron; Vice-President, A. P. Thompson; Secretary-Treasurer, Mrs. I. C. Sledge. The following were appointed as Chairmen of Standing Committees: Program, I. C. Sledge; Publicity, O. H. Stuttts; Lookout, Roswell E. Wicker; Recreational, John W. Latting. As the work grows other committees will be appointed as needed.

This work originated in the formation of a council composed of representatives from all sections of the county. In response to a call from this council for a Community Worker, Miss Walker is now in the county directing the organization of Community Clubs, etc.

Her work at Pinehurst has been a revelation. In her own good way she has visited the people in their homes, workshops, or offices. The school was visited daily, teachers were consulted, boys and girls taught games, and a School Council organized consisting of three boys and three girls to work with the teachers in improving the general conduct of the school, and be responsible in a way for the conduct of the pupils both in school and out. One afternoon she called a meeting of the women of the community. That night the men were called together. The next night all met at the Community House, and the Pinehurst Community Club sprang from that meeting.

It reminded us of a remark made by Bob Seeds several years ago when addressing a large Chautauqua audience in the West. In referring to community betterment, he stated that if the people of that community didn't stop getting together the first thing they knew they would be "making Christians out of church members." The County Council has made appointments for Miss Walker and the good which will result cannot be over estimated.

EUREKA COMMUNITY CLUB MEETING

The Eureka Community Club will hold its regular monthly meeting at the Farm Life School Auditorium, Friday evening, April 7, at 7:30. The subject of the evening will be "Community Spirit." This has been planned as a get-together time and it is earnestly hoped by the president that all members of the club and others who are interested in the betterment of our community will be present. We are very fortunate in securing Mr. J. R. McQueen as the principal speaker of the evening and he will have a word of inspiration for every one who comes. The following program will be rendered:

- 1—Song—America.
- 2—Scripture reading and prayer—Mr. Martin Blue.
- 3—Quartette, "Carry Me Back to Old Virginia"—Dwight Troutman, Currie Howe, Theron Rice and Carl Short.
- 4—My Duty to my Community—Mrs. Zeb Blue.
- 5—Address by Mr. McQueen.
- 6—Chorus by Farm Life Girls Glee Club.
- 7—Pulling Together—Mr. Marvin Davis.
- 8—Song, "Onward Christian Soldiers."

At the conclusion of this program a round-table discussion will be held on the subject, "What Can I Do to Improve My Community?" It is hoped that everyone will enter into this discussion and we may put into practice your suggestions. If we are to make Eureka one of the best communities in Moore county every member should make an extra effort to be present at this meeting.

Neither time nor space will permit giving the details of plans already formulated for the betterment of the Pinehurst community. Suffice it to say that a new day has dawned. Our lives are cast in the midst of a veritable noon-day splendor. Physically speaking, opportunity is tagging us every hour of the twenty-four. Treasures are unearthed and the onrush of civilization is such that every day she finds herself next door to the wilderness. Economically speaking, we are a nation of problem solvers, and we leap from the solution of one into the complexity of the next—therein lies our glory.

Let's arm ourselves with courage, plan for big and wholesome things! In agriculture and industry, united effort has accomplished wonders for the Sandhill section. Watch this community spirit grow!

Our prayer is that this community spirit will continue to spread and, in mounting the ladder of achievement may no community in the county have the misfortune to meet another one coming down.

O. D. STUTTS, Chairman,
Publicity Committee.

INCREASED PREMIUMS FOR STATE FAIR

At a meeting Friday of the Executive Committee of the North Carolina Agricultural Society, held at the office of the Secretary in Raleigh, the budget for the 1922 State Fair was submitted and unanimously adopted.

The new budget provides for an increase in premiums amounting to fifty per cent over those of 1921. This increase will be distributed throughout the departments, thus making it possible to secure the very best exhibits in the state.

The race purses will be \$500 each, with six monies, the usual practice being to divide the money among the first four winners. The more general distribution of the winnings will insure larger entries and better racing.

FOREWORD

This new departure in literature—the Foreword—is a sort of warning to the public not to expect too much. It takes the place of the old Apology, or Preface. Sometimes those who are too emphatic in expressing the Foreword, like uncle John's Archie in preparing his Christmas gun, use up all their powder in priming, so that the promised explosion develops into a fizzle.

The only Foreword I have is to mention the fact that my story opens with the year that saw James Buchanan elected President of the United States; and, in a scattering way covers the four years of that hectic period when the warp and woof of fratricidal war were knitting themselves into those barbed devils' tails, which held fast to utter exhaustion.

Louis XV of France is credited with often repeating what he called the State Doom. "After me the Deluge!" If Mr. Buchanan did not recite this State Doom, it was because he was too indolent to look into the face of the Nemesis that was then persistently knocking at the door of our Republic. He refused to see any danger in the ominous scowl of the statesmen north and south.

Louis XV was an European plutocrat, and James Buchanan was a Pennsylvania Democrat—both too indolent and self-indulgent to perceive that they were on the eve of an eruption that would shake the world to its foundations.

But, gentle reader, do not imagine you will hear a single word about Louis XV or more than a dozen words of Mr. Buchanan in the simple boyish stories that make up this serial, the first of which will appear next week.

J. McN. JOHNSON.

RED CROSS TO MEET

The Moore County Chapter of American Red Cross will hold a public meeting at Elise high school, Hemp, Sunday, April 2, at 3 p. m. Capt. Cowgill, Commander of Sandhill Post of American Legion will speak.

JANIE M. MacLEOD, Secretary.