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### FINE NEW DRUG STORE

The first of next week the Wiggins Drug Store will open for business in the new Beasley building in Vass. The building has been so far completed that business can now begin in one of the best buildings in the county. The Wiggins Drug Store is equipping its room with the modern appliances, and will be another credit to this live community. The manager is D. G. Ridenhour, a druggist of experience. The store will carry a full stock of drugs and druggists sundries, and will operate in addition a soda fountain and prescription department that will give Vass the equal of anything in this section.

### EULOGY ON THE DOG

By U. S. Senator Geo. G. Vest, on September, 1870:

"Gentlemen of the Jury: The best friend a man has in this world may turn against him and become his enemy. His son and daughter that he has reared with loving care may become ungrateful. Those who are nearest and dearest to us, those whom we trust with our happiness and our good name, may become traitors to their faith. The money that a man has he may lose. It flies away from him when he may need it most. Man's reputation may be sacrificed in a moment of ill considered action. The people who are prone to fall on their knees and do us honor when success is with us may be the first to throw the stone of malice when failure settles its cloud upon our heads. The absolutely unselfish friend a man may have in this selfish world, the one that never deserts him, the one that never proves ungrateful or treacherous, is his dog.

"Gentlemen of the Jury: A man's dog stands by him in prosperity and poverty, in health and in sickness. He will sleep on the cold ground, when the wintry winds blow and the snow drives fiercely, if only he may be near his master's side. He will kiss the hand that has no food to offer, he will lick the wounds and sores that come in encounter with the roughness of the world. He guards the sleep of his pauper master as if he were a prince.

"When all other friends desert, he remains. When riches takes wings and reputation falls to pieces he is as constant in his love as the sun in its journey through the heavens. If fortune drives the master forth an outcast into the world, friendless and homeless, the faithful dog asks no higher privilege than that of accompanying him, to guard against danger, to fight against his enemies, and when the last scene of all comes, and death takes his master in its embrace and his body is laid away in the cold ground, no matter if all other friends pursue their way, there by his graveside will the noble dog be found, his head between his paws and his eyes sad, but open in alert

### JACKSON SPRINGS

The farmers in this section are beginning to plant their crops. A large acreage will be planted this year, and a large amount of commercial fertilizer will be used.

The local high school will hold an athletic field day event on Easter Monday. There will be an egg hunt for the little ones and the high school will hold their class meet. Much friendly rivalry is among the high school students, and each class will try to win more points than the other classes. The regulations for the track meet will be the same as at the county field day.

There will also be a baseball game in the afternoon between the local highs and the Ellerbe highs which will be interesting, for the locals will try hard to win over a team that won their first game of the season.

Although there has been no building going on in the village the past few weeks, several houses have been remodeled or had some repair work done and local carpenters have not been idle, for there has been some building going on in the country. There will soon be some new houses and cottages built here, for nearly all the summer cottages have been turned into residences.

The officers for the next year for the Presbyterian Sunday School are Lonnie Blue, superintendent; W. E. Blue, assistant superintendent, and J. P. Clark, secretary and treasurer. This is one of the best Sunday Schools in this section of the state. Usually young men and boys are not very careful about a perfect attendance, but not with this class in the local Presbyterian Sunday School. On last Sunday there were thirty-one present with several visitors in George Ross' Class which speaks well for the young men and their teachers.

The whiskey business has not appeared to be as bad here the past several weeks as it was a few months ago. A still was found Thursday but was idle, and the worm was gone. It is now rumored that some negroes who have been staying around here for several weeks have disappeared. Drowning Creek was again taken advantage of, the still being near the creek on a lake, and could be run at night so as to make people think it was fishermen, but citizens will be more careful to watch their swamps hereafter.

Dr. and Mrs. A. A. McDonald and their son, Carlton, were Charlotte visitors Friday. We are glad to state the latter's eyes have shown some improvement under the treatment of Dr. Garrett, of Rockingham.

Mrs. T. J. Holt, of Spencer, has rented the Shamberger house from W. L. Holliday and will be here with her stepmother and daughter until fall.

Editor D. S. Poole, of Raeford, spent Sunday with relatives here.

watchfulness, faithful and true even to death."

### DID LAND SALE AT ABERDEEN SET A NEW PRICE LEVEL

Since the days of the deflation there has not been much activity in Sandhill land and we have been blustering about in what little buying and selling we have done. There are those of us who predict that Sandhill land has not yet reached its top notch. On the other hand there are those who contend that prices are entirely out of line with present conditions and that a new level must be established in order to again start the ball rolling. There are any number of buyers who are holding back hoping that they will be able to buy cheaper later on. On the other hand there are plenty of owners who hesitate to turn loose now, anticipating a further advance.

If the Blue estate Auction sale can be taken as a criterion, it would seem that those who hold that there must be a re-adjustment in land values before there will again be brisk trading, and that those who hold have a right to be heard, for here was a well advertised sale with a good sprinkling of buyers from this section, and elsewhere, who were able to buy. The property itself was above the ordinary. Aside from other points in its favor it had location. None of it sold at anything near one-half of what it would have brought two years ago. Yet it must be assumed that it brought considerably more by the auction method than it would have done by private sale.

The inference is that the bulk of Sandhill land is held at prohibitive figures. It is undoubtedly true that perhaps after the trading once again starts our old scale will be re-established. There are, of course, portions of Sandhill land to which this does not apply. These are affected purely by local conditions and they have had a big enhancement even in spite of the general deflation.

Money is tight, of course, and there is not much of it available to the prospective land buyer but banks might take a different view of the matter and money again come out of its hiding place if we would more quickly readjust ourselves to the new conditions.

### PRECINCT MEETING

The democratic voters of Vass precinct met in The Pilot office last Saturday and elected the following committee: Stacy Brewer, chairman; W. D. Smith, J. A. Keith, W. B. Graham and W. C. Leslie.

The democratic county convention will be held at Carthage Saturday, the 15th.

### DEATH OF COLORED CHILD

The three year old daughter of Neill Tucker, colored, died Monday and was buried Tuesday at Lillington.

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### BILLY

By Helen Mar D'Auby  
You haven't seen Billy?  
I'm sure you have not,  
When he's off on a canter,  
Or maybe a trot,  
With his pretty young mistress,  
Whose willow grace  
Seems only a part  
Of Billy's best pace,  
As she sits in the saddle,  
The touch of her hand  
On Billy's proud neck,  
Is his word of command;  
And to Billy, her voice  
Is as sun to the shade,  
Or as light to the dark,  
When the world was first made.

If you could but see  
How his lovely face glows,  
And the soft little twitch  
In his velvety nose,  
As he feels her soft pats,  
And the love in her tones,  
Trickles down through the marrow  
Of his muscles and bones,  
You wouldn't take time  
To eat, or to play,  
Or lie in the shade  
Through the heat of the day;  
You'd get up and work  
Till you had the hard pelf,  
To buy a horse like him,  
For your very own self.

But you haven't seen Billy,  
Or you'd surely know  
That to find such another,  
You must travel, you'd go  
Over Araba's plains,  
To the East, and the West,  
Wherever the pastures  
Were greenest and best;  
And then, when at last,  
Your long quest was done,  
On the earth, you would try  
The moon and the sun,  
You'd search through the stars,  
And all spaces on high;  
But, you haven't seen Billy,  
Or you wouldn't try.

### THE EMPTY GUN

Trite as the saying is about the "empty" gun being the most deadly, and as often as the explanation that he "didn't know it was loaded" has been given following a tragedy, the careless handling of firearms still continues. Hardly a day passes in America that some one is not fatally shot by a supposedly empty weapon. The fatal business goes on as though no warning had ever been issued. We once knew of a father who instructed his children never to point a gun of any kind AT ANYBODY. Doubtless the rule seemed rather foolish to the young folks, but he insisted upon its observance. In later years these children acknowledged the value of the rule. It would be advisable, we believe, for Vass parents and teachers to impose a rule and, as far as possible, convince boys and girls that it is much the safest way, except in self-defense, NEVER TO AIM A WEAPON AT ANY PERSON.