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ACTUAL NEW DWELLING INCREASE IN ABERDEEN 19 PER CENT IN 16 MONTHS

Up-to-date Cafe to Open—New Dentist Locates—Other Live Local and Personal News

Another new house is going up in Aberdeen. H. W. Doub, manager of the Aberdeen Crate & Box Factory is building a home in Park Place addition. This is the twelfth house in course of construction or under contract in that sub-division, only two years ago a mass of black-jacks and undergrowth. Lakeside Heights, another subdivision, opened up about the same time boasts of seven houses actually erected and three or four more in immediate prospect. Besides this the open gaps in the town everywhere are filling up with houses. The impressive, noticeable thing about a town is the number of houses to a given area, and not the area the town covers. Aberdeen could squeeze into its corporate limits five times the houses it now has. Because of its big area and the fact that its new buildings are scattered all over it, the magnitude of our building boom, the percentage of increase in dwelling houses, loses some of its significance on the casual passer-through, and the people in the towns and country around-about us. To concretely impress them with Aberdeen's growth, we want to say that by a fairly accurate count, the increase in the number of houses in Aberdeen since January 1922, or a little over sixteen months ago is 19 per cent. In arriving at our figures we take the number of dwellings shown on the Aberdeen schedule of Fire Insurance Rates compiled by the North Carolina Rating and Inspection Bureau on January 1922. This shows 128 dwellings as of that date. Since then 24 more have been erected or are now in course of construction. Analyzed, this means that if this building keeps up at this rate, and from all appearances it will, the vacant spots in town will be filled up with houses in another period of five years. The water and sewerage facilities will confine future growth pretty well to the present area. That means that any lot within the present corporate limits is a good investment.

R. G. Farrell, the grocer, is having the store room adjoining his grocery remodeled and cleaned, preparatory to installing therein an up-to-date cafe and lunch counter. Mr. Farrell has been operating a quick lunch stand in the rear of his store for some years, but his facilities here are not adequate enough to handle the increasing restaurant patronage or to give the service that is demanded by some of the trade. His new cafe, however, will fully meet the demand. It is being installed under the direction of a practical restaurateur, who will stay on with Mr. Farrell to manage and operate it. The Pilot wishes to congratulate Mr. Farrell on his decision to give Aberdeen an up-to-date eating place. There is more than an average need for it. Aberdeen, being the cross roads of the most traveled highways in this section, as well as the railroad junction point in the section, has a constant flow of travel through it. It is but natural that this travel expects to find a good eating place here, and the patronage will increase as it gets noised abroad that there is one here. Not only that, but it will do much toward elevating the stranger's impression of the place—and it is said that first impressions are lasting. From that standpoint, this is a piece of town news, and we are therefore featuring it, as it deserves to be. Mr. Farrell will have his financial reward for the venture, the place will give employment to several more persons who will spend their money in town—all from outside dollars that would otherwise have rolled through Aberdeen unstoppered. There will be a good local patronage, too, especially during the peach and tobacco season, but what a tent show is toward carrying money out of

a town, the new restaurant will be toward bringing it in. It's a big step forward.

The Cotton Mill Chapter is not closed. Our hopes have been revived and are sustained by the news that Mr. H. A. Page, Jr. has exercised his option and bought the J. L. Pickler place just outside of Aberdeen, on the state highway. The purchase comprised 50 acres at a consideration of \$11,000. It looks like something will come out of all this if we just bide our time. Naturally, there are all sorts of rumors afloat, some perhaps coming from the proper source. Whatever Mr. Page's plans are with regard to this purchase, either immediate or remote, we would not expect him to divulge them at this time. But there is enough in the situation to encourage even a faint heart. Here's hoping.

Chautauqua will be with us again soon. Aberdeen is on the Swarthmore circuit, in some respects said to be the best Chautauqua organization in the country. Last year they gave us a very good program of lectures and entertainment. Just from scanning their program and announcements, it would seem that this year's engagement will be as good if not better.

Mrs. L. L. Johnson and her sister, Mrs. M. S. Weaver, of Southern Pines, are in Sumter, S. C., called to the bedside of their father there, who is critically ill.

Some weeks ago a young negro broke into the Gulf Refining Company's enclosure, and absconded with its big White delivery truck. The car was without lights but the negro set off in the moonlight toward Rockingham, presumably. Just beyond Pinebluff the truck went partly over an embankment, and passed by getting out to investigate found the negro pinned between the windshield and steering wheel, bleeding profusely, and unconscious. He was brought in to Aberdeen and lodged in jail, but did not recover enough to stand trial. Officer Beck carried him to Carthage where he remained until Monday when he was brought back to Aberdeen for trial. Justice Carpenter bound him over to the next Superior Court and he is now again in Carthage. The negro says his name is Raymond Davis and that he is from Rockingham.

A delegation of 100 or more Alabamian boosters stopped in Aberdeen Tuesday noon on an advertising expedition for their town. They came in Fords and cars of every make. They brought with them a good band and a new Ford that they are going to give away during a "Trade Week," set for next week. We commend their spirit. They have made us think of their town as an enterprising town.

Officers Beck and Knight are on their still hunts again. Sunday night they found a worm and cap belonging to a large still, also a quantity of beer. Tuesday they found the still itself, a 90 gallon copper still, hid away in a swamp a little ways out of Addor.

Tuesday night they followed a trail near Aberdeen. They brought in 2 tin tub stills. No arrests made with either capture.

Little James Lineberry, son of J. A. Lineberry of the Bridges-Boone Clothing Store, underwent an operation in Raleigh last week involving the removal of his right eye. Some years ago he fell on an open pocket knife and injured this eye. He lost the sight of it, but recently it began to grow out of all proportions, and its removal was deemed advisable. Little James did not know what was in store for him until told at the operating table. He submitted to it very calmly, and is now recovering nicely. His mother is with him, and last Sunday his father motored to Raleigh to

visit him, not overlooking to take with him the bob-tailed canine who "dogs" little James' footsteps wherever he goes.

The A. & M. Garage, Addor & McLeod, Proprietors, who now are running a series of interesting full page ads in The Pilot, are planting Hupmobiles in this territory fast. This week they sold a Hupmobile touring car to John A. Wicker, who has charge of the Pinehurst dog kennels. Mrs. Chas. A. Bridges is in Goldsboro, called there by illness in her family.

The ladies of Aberdeen held a food sale in the Ford Garage sales room Saturday afternoon, the proceeds of which are to be used for the benefit of the Page Memorial Library.

Dr. E. M. Medlin, of Morganton, has purchased the dental office equipment of the late Dr. T. A. Campbell, and arrived in Aberdeen Tuesday to open the same. Dr. Medlin comes direct from the State Hospital and the State School for the Deaf in both of which he had charge of the dental work. The doctor graduated from the same school Dr. Campbell did, and he comes well prepared and recommended otherwise. He hails originally from Zebulon. The Pilot wishes Dr. Medlin success, and hopes that he will soon feel at home among us.

F. D. Shamburger recently sold his home on Page Hill to Mr. John Holland, a son-in-law of the Rev. Euclid McWhorter, pastor of the M. E. church. Mr. Shamburger will at once proceed to erect another home for himself on Page Hill.

Autos Furnish Most of R. R. Crossing Victims

Automobiles figured in 81 per cent of the accidents which occurred at crossings of public highways with the tracks of the Southern Railway system during 1922.

Out of 474 crossing accidents, 384 were in connection with automobiles. Sixty-seven occupants of automobiles were killed and 194 injured out of a total of 86 persons killed and 274 injured in such accidents.

There were 64 accidents involving other vehicles and street cars in which four persons were killed and 68 injured, and 26 accidents to pedestrians of whom 15 were killed and 12 injured.

These figures are contained in a statement issued by the Safety Department of the Southern, calling attention to the alarming increase of crossing accidents since the automobile has come into general use, indicating that drivers of motor cars do not use the same precautions at crossings that are taken by drivers of other vehicles and by pedestrians.

We Have With Us This Week

- M. H. Folley, Aberdeen. Pinehurst Electric Shop. Caretr Drug Co., Aberdeen. A. & M. Garage, Aberdeen. Burney Hardware Co., Aberdeen. Aberdeen Electric Shoe Shop. Davis Motor Company, So. Pines. Sandhill Power Company, So. Pines. W. F. Cheers, Sanford. Page, Newcomb & Wilder, Aberdeen, Pinehurst and Carthage. Lakeview Store Co., Lakeview. Bridges-Boone Co., Aberdeen. Edward D. Dunlop, So. Pines. Hartsell's Garage, Cameron. Gunters' Store, Vass. McKeithan & Co., Vass. Vass Mercantile Co. The Bank of Vass, Vass Millinery. McDonald Brothers, Cameron. Kline, the contractor, Carthage. D. Carl Fry, Carthage. Vass Barber Shop. Oldham & Cameron, Vass. Smith's Garage, Vass. Dr. J. C. Mann, Apex. Dr. R. G. Rosser, Vass. Dr. C. D. Dawkins, Cameron. Dr. C. M. Medlin, Aberdeen. M. S. Weaver, Aberdeen. Coca-Cola Bottling Co., Aberdeen. Southern Pines Warehouses. Leslie Farm Dairy. Knollwood, Inc., Pinehurst.

MOORE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION HELD AN INTERESTING SESSION FRIDAY

Consolidation of School Districts Discussed—New School Buildings in Several Districts

It was our privilege to be present at the meeting of the School Boards and Committeemen of the county with the County Board of Education and County Superintendent in Carthage last Friday afternoon. The chairman and members of the board discussed the plans that they are working for the county system. Superintendent Cameron had prepared an outline map of the county showing tentative boundaries of central schools to be built up.

The large number of men and women present showed that the people of Moore county are taking a real interest in the public schools. As we listened to the discussions and explanation of the plans we were impressed with the fact that the county Board of Education and the County Superintendent are working at the biggest job in the county, and they are doing it without bias, without fear or favor, keeping in mind the one big idea of providing the very best possible school facilities for all the children in the county.

The plan, as we understand it, is to establish high schools of standard grade in the different sections of the county so that every boy and girl in the county will be in reach of a high school for home. Of course this will mean that the smaller schools will have to be grouped, and that some of the children will have to be carried by bus. As we understand it, the plan will be to assemble the upper grade pupils in the central schools and where practicable continue the lower grade work in the local school. In working this out the Board and the Superintendent have as their motto: "The best possible service to the children at the lowest possible cost to the tax payers."

That's a pretty good foundation on which to build and we feel that every man and woman in the county ought to give them their support in this big undertaking.

Some years ago under the leadership of Gov. Aycock, public education in North Carolina made rapid advance. A great many school houses were built. Quite a number were built in Moore county and they served their purpose well, but with improved conditions the demands have become greater and greater, and with changed conditions the needs are greater. The equipment that meet the needs fairly well a few years ago is no longer adequate. Our population has increased and there are more children to go to school and with better roads, better houses, and better trained teachers they are going to school better, and a great many of our schools are now crowded beyond capacity and the work cannot be carried on efficiently without larger buildings and better equipment. From all parts of the county we hear from interested parents, the demand that something be done. They want their children to go to high school, but when it comes to sending them off to boarding school that's out of the question. The cost makes it prohibitive.

So the situation is that we have reached the point where our whole system needs to be reorganized and readjusted to meet present day needs.

The county-wide system seems to be the solution of the matter. We have talked with a great number of progressive citizens from different parts of the county and the opinion seems to be almost unanimous that by the adoption of a county-wide system, locating central schools so as to be accessible to all sections of the county, and buying a uniform rate of tax throughout the county will enable us to accomplish the work to be done in the quickest and most economical way. This would make the revenue derived from railroads and other corporations available to all parts of

the county rather than to the communities alone in which they are located.

There will be objections raised by some that such a system will mean longer term schools and that six months is as long as people can send their children to school. Well, they use to say two months a year or four months every two years was all they could spare their children. But the law said four months every year, then five months and then six and in a great many places eight, and as was pointed out by Superintendent Cameron in the meeting last Friday, the sections of the county where the children attend school eight months are the most prosperous sections of the county.

Then, of course there will be objections to sending the children to school on the bus, all manner of evil things are imagined that will happen, but the fact remains that the school bus has been on the job for two terms in this county and hundreds of children have been carried to and from school each day and no accidents have happened yet. But it is a noticeable fact that the children attend school much better and make better headway in their work.

Under the plan of reorganization as explained by Superintendent Cameron, Carthage, Cameron Vass, Eureka, Southern Pines, Pinehurst Aberdeen, Jackson Springs, West End, Eagle Springs, and probably Glendon and High Falls will be retained as points for central schools with points to be worked out in the northwestern part of the county with Hemp or Spies or some point up on the old plank road to be developed as a center for that section of the county with the smaller local schools as feeders.

These things cannot all be worked out at once, and as we understand it, it is the purpose of the Board and the Superintendent to move carefully and with due regard to the common interests and general welfare of the people, keeping ever in mind the welfare of the children whose training is entrusted to their care yet not forgetting the interest of the fellow that must foot the bills.

The Southern section of the county where practically all schools have local tax and longer terms of school have much better school advantages and are far ahead of children of the same age in the parts of the county where the opposite condition prevails.

Southern Pines has a new building which puts that school on a progressive basis. A new building to take care of Sandhill township is now in course of construction and will be modern and up-to-date in all its appointments. Work will soon begin on a modern building at Carthage, Cameron and Vass, all need new buildings and we understand steps are being taken to provide these.

The training of our children is the biggest and most far reaching problem before us. Let's unite and put it over.

WEEKLY SCHEDULE OF HOME DEMONSTRATION AGENT

- Thursday, May 24th, 2:30 p. m. Manly Girls Club—Sewing. Friday, May 25th, 1:30 p. m. Pinehurst Girls Club—Sewing. 3 p. m., Aberdeen Girls Club—Sewing. Monday, May 28th, a. m. Wade Springs Girls Club—Sewing. 2:30 p. m. Cameron Girls Club—Sewing. Tuesday, May 29, 9 a. m. High Falls Girls Club—Sewing. 1:30 p. m. Bible school Girls Club—Sewing. 4 p. m. Glendon Girls Club—Sewing. Wednesday, May 30th, 10:30 to 4 p. m. Joint Meeting of Lakeview and Vass Girls and Womens Clubs at Vass school building—Hat-making and basketry.

NORA BRADFORD,