

PINEHURST

The death of Mr. Emery Smith which occurred in the early morning hours of February 23rd, has caused genuine sorrow and regret over the entire Sandhills, as he was one of the most splendid as well as prominent citizens of Moore county, and his loss will be keenly felt over this entire section of the State. Mr. Smith has lived in Moore county all of his life, being born here 53 years ago, and even in the early years of his life developed remarkable mental as well as moral strength, and in his young manhood came to be a leader of men and in affairs of importance. He soon made for himself a place in the development of the Sandhills and had much to do with the shaping of the future in the county in which he lived so splendidly, and although he had the highest respect and confidence of all who knew him, his splendid worth was not fully appreciated until it was known that he received from his maker the "well done," and had answered the final call which comes to all.

His death came as a surprise to all as he was only sick from Monday morning until Saturday morning at 4 o'clock. But all that human love and skill could conceive was done for him by physicians, loved ones and friends, which he literally numbered by his acquaintances, but all in vain. He was not only a splendid business man, being the best posted peach authority in the State, also having other extensive business interests, but he was an ideal citizen, a man who put home and family and civic interest above money, and he and his wife not only had ideal home life but of their 13 children, 12 of those surviving him 3 daughters and 9 sons—splendid young women and men who are growing up to take important places of trust in the business world. He demonstrated through his life the great power of influence for good exerted even in his own family.

Mr. Smith's death seems particularly sad, as he was still a man in the prime of his life. More than 20 years ago at an early age he obeyed the divine command: "Remember now thy Creator in the days of thy youth while the evil days come not nor the years draw nigh when thou shalt say, I have no pleasure in them." He gave his heart to God and joined the Baptist Church at Center, near Camden, where he has been an honored consistent member for many years. There he was buried, and there all that is mortal of him remains. But his brave loyal spirit has answered the summons: "Well done thou good and faithful servant, thou hast been faithful over a few things. I will make thee ruler over many. Enter into the joy of thy reward."

The entire family have the sincere sympathy of both Moore and Montgomery counties in the loss of this splendid Christian citizen.

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The beautiful exhibit of the Cross Nore School, of hand woven and hand made articles as well as dersh, shirt and sport suit materials, being made by Miss Marjorie Brown, is creating quite a good deal of interest at the department store where the management of the dry goods department so kindly gave space for this most important educational work which deserves so much consideration. Not only are these articles very reasonably priced and very beautiful but each dollar cleared from the sales of these goods go to educating mountain boys and girls which is not only a worthy but a most needed cause, going to these future citizens who have not the money or opportunity of themselves to procure an education. This school is situated at Cross Nort, N. C., 60 miles from Asheville, and was built from the money derived from selling old clothes which were the gifts of women from all over the State. Miss Brown remains here through the season and will take pleasure in showing her display of hand made articles.

Polo at Pinehurst for the week-end was State-wide, as the Charlotte and Winston-Salem teams furnished two of the three games played. Friday afternoon the Sandhill Blues and Greens met with two men from Fort Bragg, making out the Green team. It was a hard fought match but the Sandhill Blues won. On Saturday the Charlotte and Winston-Salem teams met for two games, Winston-Salem winning the first and Charlotte the second games.

Rev. George Hanna and family motored over to Gastonia Monday for a visit to relatives.

Friends of Miss Margaret Kelly are sorry to learn of her sickness. Mrs. Dan Hall has recovered from her recent illness.

The Race program Wednesday afternoon will be featured with a matinee special between Mr. H. M. Dingley and Mrs. R. R. Littlefield of Maine.

HYMNS

(By Mrs. J. McK. Harrington)

It is well for one who dwells upon the heights in the realm of intelligence to some times come down on the plains with those of smaller intelligence, for nothing so helps along this old world like a "good mixer." The "Hymns Column" in "Incidentally," in Sunday's News and Observer, has touched the hearts of many because hymns are human, and the outpourings of the souls that are immortal. What memories they bring to us! How many are dear to us from association. There are the hymns that mother loved to sing. I remember the hymns my mother loved, and when she grew aged and could no longer sing, she would repeat them from memory. Now that she has passed over the river she has regained her voice, and sings the songs she loved, in the New Jerusalem. I sometimes think I hear her singing. Then, there are the hymns that tear at our very heart strings—the hymns that are sung over the caskets of those we loved so dearly. We would rather not hear them again. It is like tearing anew a wound that has partly healed. Not far from Lakeview, possibly in the town, it may be, is a place now known as the Stevens place. In the days of the Old South and years after, it was the home of a devout man—a Christian—by name John A. McLeod. He was a widower, and lived with his three daughters, Lydia, Elizabeth and Martha. The Civil War had claimed his only son, and took about everything else he had except his religion. When he conducted Sunday School at Reedy branch school house, I never remembered hearing him give out any hymn to be sung but one. "Why should the children of the King go mourning all their days." As a child I was quite fond of visiting at that home. The girls were so kind and hospitable; so full of life. The house was immaculately kept. I enjoyed being in that clean home. I loved to see the big feather beds, the white woven counterpanes, and embroidered woolen bed spreads, the pillow cases trimmed with tatting, the white fringed table cloth. I loved the clean

yard, so full of old fashioned flowers; the neat trellised grape vines; the walk in the garden, bordered with herbs of many kinds. I loved the fice dog, Trip, and the black cat, Gaddy. One night, I remember, stands out above the rest. My supper of butter milk biscuit, ham gravy, baked sweet potatoes, and rich sweet milk. When the supper dishes were cleared away two of the girls went to the big spin-

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