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AT THE END OF THE ROAD

"Adsum," answered the boys in the grammar school at the roll call. "I am here." Year by year as the days rolled on one name after another dropped out. "Adsum," answered the boys. But it was an answer to different names as the days had gone on into that indefiniteness of eternity which is yesterday.

What is the difference how long ago it has been since Malcom McNeill first said "I am here," as he opened the sacred book for the first time as the pastor of the Presbyterian flock in Vass. Time is only a flexible yard stick. Years are the drops of water that flow ceaselessly over the dam. More will follow. The fresh crop of boys will say "I am here," as the days come and go. For that is life, and that is the story of man, and all creation.

"Whether at Naishapur or Babylon, Whether the cup with sweet or bitter run, The wine of life keeps oozing drop by drop, The leaves of life keep falling one by one."

Who is the great man among you? Listen to the answer. When the Recording Angel, with his pages blotted with tears and marked with corrections and interlineations offers his evidences at the final tribunal the cleanest sheet there in that motley mass of credits and accusations will be set down with the name of the country preacher as the subject of the dread inquisition. The man whose existence has been devoted to his fellow men, to their grave questions, their sorrows, their hopes, their duties, sacrificing his own allotment of the vanities, his own proper right to accumulate money, to shine among the accomplished, to stand out among those favored by luxury, prominence.

The Good Samaritan left no name to be carved on a monument. But he is one of the few whose monument would be superfluous. The country preacher is the one great man. He knows he has no hope of reward, but he serves as willingly, for his service is not for reward. But one other creature is in his class, the mother, who asks nothing but the opportunity to think and work for others. Those two are the curiously conspicuous and outstanding emphases of human goodness.

Mr. McNeill ends his pastorate at Vass. Fate makes new boundaries for his field of action. Ties are broken. Contacts are ended. It is the night.

THE BUILDING PROGRAM FOR 1925

Last week The Pilot presented two pictures of important buildings that are about to be commenced in the Sandhills, the new bank building at Southern Pines, and the new hotel at Pinebluff. Two other important jobs of building have already been commenced—the enlargement of the Holly Inn at Pinehurst and the new block that Mr. Taylor has started on the Market square, adjoining the Market square buildings. These two pieces of new work will be of the same magnitude as the two noted last week, for while the work on the hotel at Pinehurst will not involve so much money perhaps as the Pinebluff hotel, it is a step toward further expansion of the Holly Inn that will make it one of the commodious hotels of the state, and capable of caring for a much greater number of visitors. The new business block at Pinehurst is in its own class, be-

ing a companion to the building by which it will stand, and of that same type of architecture.

These four building jobs are undertaken to provide for increased facilities for handling the business of the Sandhills neighborhood. Pinehurst and Pinebluff get the greater hotel room. Southern Pines gets a much enlarged banking house. Pinehurst gets an enlarged post-office location, and several more store rooms, with modern apartments in the upper part of the block. All of these are essential, and they unite to foretell the course of progress, which is of a most substantial kind. In these four pieces of work will go a quarter of a million dollars, and possibly more. But it is enough to guarantee that the builders are interested in the future of the Sandhill country, and willing to back their opinions by the investment of a decidedly substantial amount of money.

Anybody who has imagined that the tomorrow of this section is to be marked by any slump in development is a bad guesser. The day of development is only beginning, for all the influences that have existed from the beginning have only so far served to arouse the interest of the people to do something, and so many more people are interested this year than ever before that the building projects are as near a continuing certainty as anything can be. The four projects are mentioned not as the scope of the work that is to be done this summer, but merely as the beginning of what the season is starting with. These will be followed as the summer advances, by other things, big and little, and the air is full of right pretentious talk that gives signs of materializing into something of magnitude before fall comes around. Building will be active this year, and the fall will open with the ability to care for a still bigger business than ever, and in a better manner.

RE-ARRANGING SCHOOL DISTRICTS

A petition is in circulation asking the board of education to re-arrange the school districts in the Southern Pines area, so that more of the children who are convenient to the schools there may go there instead of to the schools of the adjoining townships. The location of Southern Pines is peculiar. The high school there is but a few hundred feet from the Sandhills township line, and as the new Aberdeen high school is in Sandhills township, as well as the only other school in the northeast end of the township, children must either go to Aberdeen from the vicinity of Southern Pines, or arrange to get into the Southern Pines schools. This has not been satisfactory, and the proposal is to draw a line fairly between the school houses so that the children may go to the school most convenient, and while the thing is in motion to make a division line between Southern Pines and Vass, Southern Pines and Pinehurst, and Aberdeen and Pinehurst.

That is a decidedly logical movement, and while the board is at the re-arrangement it would be a good plan to go into the subject of a community district for the whole county, making the county the unit of school operation and management, and the districts underlying factors in the broader project. It looks as if this step is to come sooner or later, and the sooner it comes the better will the children of Moore county be served.

When the state began to function as a unit in road building we commenced to get real roads. When the county took up road building as a county unit we began to build roads in the county, and the present roads are beyond any expectation of roads as we were working under township or local road districts. We never could have reached a good roads system in the county under the old system, and we will not be likely to secure good schools in the county except in favored spots, acting under the local unit plan. We have money enough in the

county to give every child a chance. It can be done in systematic way if we have a county-wide systematic system. It can't be done in any other way. The school board can with profit consider both these schemes when the subject is brought up by the petition for the new arrangement of the district around Southern Pines.

THE SANDHILLS FAIR FOR 1925

It is coming time for the people of the Sandhills country to be thinking of the Sandhills fair for the coming season. Because the fair is held at the fair grounds at Pinehurst, and because Pinehurst backs up the institution to the limit is no excuse to leave to Pinehurst the whole job. The fair is of so much importance to this section that the people are not fair to themselves if they do not give the fair every possible help, for after all is said about the fair its benefits are to the whole people.

The most striking recent application of the usefulness of the fair on Moore county affairs is seen in the poultry and egg movement in the Vass neighborhood in the last six months. The first sign was in the market for eggs, and the second in the outlet for poultry. It was found that eggs and poultry products have undergone a revolution in the community in the past few years, and when the farmers really found they had a positive outlet for their stuff the products came forward, and that was significant, the quality was materially improved over that of not so very long ago. Now the Sandhills fair has stressed poultry on the benches and the influence can not be overlooked. Right now the poultry show at the fair needs still more encouragement, for farmers are much more interested in chickens than they have ever been. The fair will show them good varieties and good types, and more high class chickens will be raised in the county.

Chickens constitute one thing. Many others need to be studied intensively at the fair. When chickens had no market the poultry show was a novelty. Now that the farmers are called on for all the chickens and eggs they can supply at all times of the year the poultry show next fall will be an education. People will study chickens from the productive view point. They will look at other things in the same way. It is time to take a new view of the meaning of the fair, and to approach it as an exhibition of the samples of what can be made and what can be marketed in the county. Pinehurst and Harry Lewis are calling for good hogs in the winter. Pinehurst shows what is a good type of hog, the type that Pinehurst and Lewis will pay good money for. Pinehurst shows the vegetable and fruit exhibits that can be made in the county. It is no use to make the old scrub stuff, no matter what, and farmers who make better stuff do wisely in showing that stuff at the fair. Those who make inferior stuff do equally well to study the fair in the fall, when the exhibits of the superior things are in. Such things show what can be done, and what can be sold.

Then the amusements and the entertainments have their decided value, for they are clean and wholesome. The Sandhills fair is fortunate in having Pinehurst to back it, but it will be far more fortunate if the people will go the limit in regarding the fair as a big study in production and marketing as well as an entertainment for the community, and will back the management in every way possible, for popular interest is absolutely essential to the success of anything, fairs included.

LAKEVIEW SCOUT NEWS

The scout news was wrote too late for the press last week.

All of the boys took active part in the Walter Hines Page Council, Field Review, which was held on the Fair round at Pinehurst, April 18. The events in which the boys took part

in were: knot tying, tent pitching, water boiling, and wall scaling. It was a grand sight to see over a hundred scouts in action at one time. Goldston was the winning troop and it received the silver loving cup. We congratulate Goldston on having such a fine troop.

Most of the boys have got their uniform. They look "dressed up" in them. Some of the scouts are doing good turns by killing dangerous snakes.

We see some of the scouts carrying nice spring flowers to the girls. Winfred and Clyde Causey were in Aberdeen Saturday.

Swimming and boating is great sport with the boys these days.

Tom Zachary, star pitcher for The Washington Club of the American League was an Alamance County Club boy. He was a member of the first club organized in the County and he is coming back to the reunion of club boys and girls now being planned by the home and farm agent.

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Tarheel dairymen are finding that it pays to test their cows. One Guilford County dairyman told county agent J. I. Wagoner that he could afford to build a new barn now that he knew what his cows were doing.

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Frank Byrd College to sp his people.
Dr. M. L. Miss Ernestine Vass Wednesday to Pinehurst to the State Med Mrs. G. W. Wednesday, J. B. Howell during her ab Mrs. Billy Wilson) and c tives in Ham Mrs. A. G. Wilbur, spent Mr. Frank was a business Messrs. R. Beasley, of A the last of th Mrs. Georg A. M. Camer Byrd went afternoon.
Mrs. S. H Jack and Cla week from a Smithfield. home by Mrs son's Mills.
The Woma regular mee o'clock Friday Dr. and M Raleigh, stop with Dr. an Tuesday mor route to Pine ing of the M Edward Gr Concord rece Mrs. D. Mo Mack and Ma turned from Raeford.
Mr. Paul fortune of l week.
Dr. R. G. ing the meet lina Medical week. On T panied by M Mr. C. L. T and Mr. and were visitors Messrs. S. Tyson made boro, Wednes Mr. and Southern Pir new cement Chandler, ne Ellis delivers Dr. J. F. spent Monday Mrs. A. M. C way to Pine Mrs. S. R. of last wee Smith went returned wit Mr. and M children and to Sanford, Mr. W. J. snake in the field in front ago. The s more than si Mrs. W. H Griffin were Saturday.
Little Miss on, is the g Paul W. Joy Miss Alli school facult the week-en Hawn and M Fayetteville, Fayetteville.
Mrs. W. B Lauchlin an were visitors day afterno Mr. H. A Monday to s Rebecca Bl Central Car Mr. and r relatives in Messrs. J Thomas cam the week-en Mrs. Thoma went to Ma Thomas, wh Callege.
Mr. and M the Sunday the Method Sunday mor cellent prog Mrs. N. A visited Mrs. Mrs. Ann visiting Mrs Miss Mar returned ho dasy with h