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PINEHURST NOVEL BUILDING SCHEME

Home to Be Put Up as Model by Contractors—to Be "Ideal Home"

A novel building project has been set on foot at Pinehurst, which will result in a model house, and a good advertisement for the contractors. The plan is outlined to The Pilot by Richard Tufts as follows in a letter to contractors:

For the purpose of advertising the various building trades active in and around Pinehurst it is proposed that those said trades interested should erect in Pinehurst a house known as the "Ideal Home." Construction on this house is to commence as soon as possible and during the winter season of 1925-26 this home, completely finished and furnished is to be open daily, with caretaker on duty, for inspection of any persons who may care to go through it. A list of the names of all those who take part in the erection and furnishing of the house will be handled to all visitors and each one of these contractors and tradesmen will have an equal opportunity to advertise in the house the material and labor supplied by them. This will be a most valuable advertising feature and an incentive to others to build.

The suggested method of procedure is as follows: Pinehurst, Incorporated will deed to some disinterested party, as Trustee, (such as the Bank of Pinehurst) the lot upon which the house is to be built. A competent architect will be selected to draw up plans for the house and bids will be called for in accordance with the list appended to this letter. Those making the lowest offers on the various divisions of the work will be awarded the contract and the work will be undertaken and completed under this contract completely at the expense of the contractor in question. The total cost of this work as per these contracts with some added commission, (the exact amount can be later decided), will be the sale price of the house, said sale being made subject only to the understanding that the house shall be and remain open to inspection by the public during the winter season of 1925-26. The money thus derived from any sale made shall be divided among the various contractors and tradesmen represented, by the trustee, on a pro rata basis of their investments as evidenced by the contract. Pinehurst, Incorporated,

porated, contracts to sell the lot in question for a price of \$2,500 and in return seeing that it is promptly and properly completed and also to furnish a caretaker, free of charge, during the winter season of 1925-26 and to see that the property is kept and maintained in clean and proper order. They also agree to advertise this property as being open for inspection through the local papers, the hotels, the Pinehurst Outlook, etc., and to create as much interest as possible favorable to those having an interest in the property.

Unless considered otherwise advisable, Pinehurst, Incorporated, shall have authority to make what arrangements and incur what expenses they may consider advisable during the construction of the house, the cost of the same to be borne by them but at the time of final settlement to be considered in the nature of a contract and reimbursement to be made by the trustee from the sale price on a similar basis with the other contracts.

If you would be interested in cooperating in such an undertaking your suggestion and approval would be appreciated. The approximate final cost of the house has been suggested at about \$18,000. There will probably be a living room, dining room, kitchen, butler's pantry, two maids rooms and bath on the first floor with three masters bedrooms and baths on the second floor, and steam heat and laundry in the basement. The proposed location is on the left of the Southern Pines road about opposite the two new houses built there last summer.

The following are the suggested divisions of the work all to be in accordance with the plans and specifications. (Continued on page 8)

PEACH GROWERS TO MEET JUNE 11TH

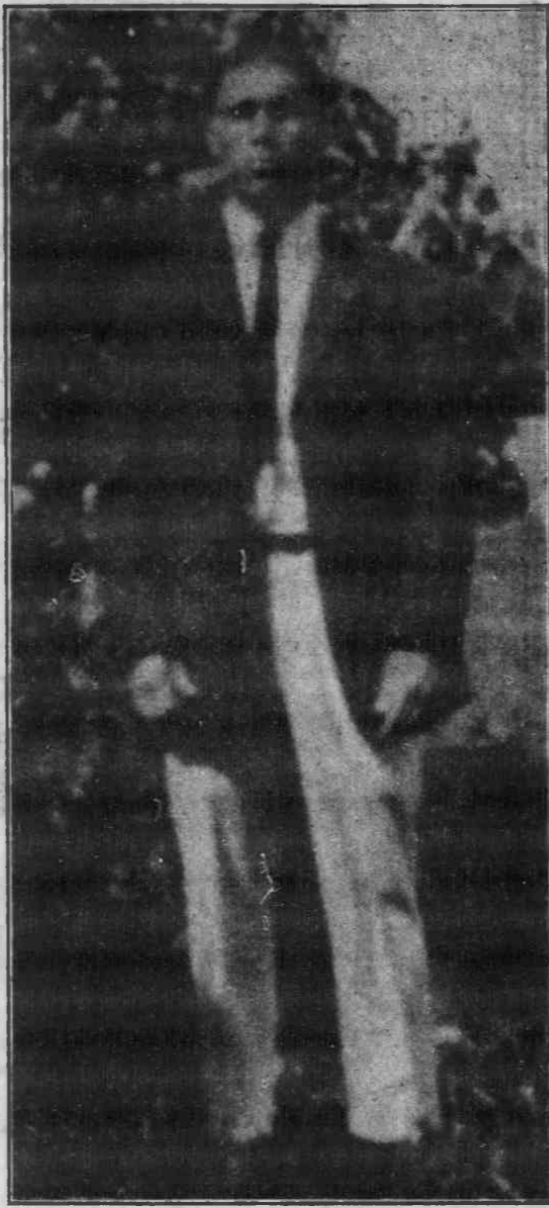
E. C. Blair Will Discuss Subject of Cover Crops for Peach Orchards

A meeting of the peach growers of the Sandhills has been called by Dr. R. W. Leiby to be held next Thursday afternoon, June 11th, at the Community House in Pinehurst, at which time the important subject of cover crops suitable for the peach orchard will be discussed by Mr. E. C. Blair, of the Agronomy Division of the Extension Service of State College. Mr. Blair is a specialist in the subject of (Continued on page 8)

JOHN LAUBSCHER OF VASS DEAD

Loses Life in Mine Disaster—Funeral Services Held Saturday

Again, Death has come for one of our number, this time under such tragic circumstances that the shock has been too great to be described. On Wednesday, May 27, the news came that there had been an explosion in the coal mine at Coal Glen, and that John Laubscher was in the mine. Then followed hours, days of suspense such as had never been known to us before, days in which we waited, eager for the latest word from the scene of the disaster, horrified at the news when it came, news that drove away the faint hope to which we had tenaciously clung, the hope that, somehow, some out of the scores of entombed miners



John Laubscher

might be safe, might escape with their lives, and that the boy from our midst might be one of the number.

On Thursday evening, news came that the body had been located, and Friday morning we heard that it had been recovered the previous night. That morning it was brought from the Sanford undertaking establishment to the home from which it had gone out on Sunday evening before, full of life and hope. The first plans were to hold the funeral on Sunday afternoon in order that a brother might reach here from Kansas City, Mo., but later it was deemed wise to hold it sooner, so on Saturday morning a crowd of heart-broken relatives and sorrowing friends assembled at Johnson's Grove cemetery a mile from town for the last sad rites for this beloved young man. The service was conducted by his pastor, Rev. E. McWhorter, assisted by Rev. D. McD. Monroe, of the Presbyterian church. The pall bearers were three of John's class mates, Robert Leslie, Frederick Taylor and Billie McGill; his Sunday school teacher, C. L. Tyson; Prof. W. D. Matthews and Royce Byrd. "Does Jesus Care," "Beautiful River" and "Nearer My God to Thee" were softly and sweetly sung during the service. The floral offerings were unusually beautiful, and were carried by four classmates of the deceased, Ila Evans, Frances Blue, Agnes Smith and Myrtle Cameron, and a number of other school friends. A beautiful pillow, sent by his class, was lovingly placed at the head of the grave by two of the girls who had gone through the trials and pleasures of high school life with him.

There are many hearts that are torn and bleeding on account of John's death, but our sorrow is not the agonized sorrow that it would be had his life been less noble. Early in life John had chosen the better way, and

his life had been such that he held the love and respect of all with whom he came in contact and especially of those who had lived near him all his life. He was a member of the 1924 class of Vass-Lakeview High School and was very popular with pupils and faculty. He went in for athletics and was a valued member of the teams; one who could be depended on to play a clean straight game. In speaking of the boy, Prof. Matthews, who has been principal of the school every year except one since John became of school age, said that John had never given him any trouble, and that he was the most popular boy who had ever gone out from this school on an athletic team; the most popular with the boys who played on other teams.

He was a member of the Vass Methodist church and was a faithful attendant at Sunday school. A former teacher remarked to the writer that John was a good boy, always so attentive in class.

But it is in the home that he will be most sadly missed, for his was the strong arm upon which the mother and father and younger children depended in large measure, and the Sundays that he spent at home were the brightest spots in their lives. He was a good son, helpful, obedient, generous, and his tenderness and gentleness in ministering to his invalid father were remarkable.

Our hearts were made sad by his going, but isn't it a beautiful thought that he had made good use of the nineteen years intrusted to him and had built a character against which no one can bring aught? How much better and more inspiring is a short life spent in living out the Christian principle of service for others than a life of (Continued on page 8)

HOME COMING AT BETHLEHEM

History of Church With Reminiscences as Told by Rev. W. H. H. Lawhon

On last Sunday at Bethlehem church, four miles west of Carthage, there assembled one of the largest crowds of sons and daughters of the church that had been gathered together in many a day. Rev. W. H. H. Lawhon, probably the oldest living Baptist minister in the State, gave a history of the church, being one of its sons.

The following was the program for the day:

11:30—Sermon by Rev. J. O. Fulbright on subject "What is your life?" 1:00—Dinner on the ground, abundant and delicious.

3:00—History, by W. H. H. Lawhon.

An interesting feature of the after-



Rev. W. H. H. Lawhon

noon service: Mr. Ayscue asked everyone in the audience over eighty years of age to sit in the pulpit with Mr. Lawhon. Mrs. Jane Sullivan, Mrs. Sarah Seawell, and Mr. K. Kennedy responded. Then these four lads and lasses of more than four score years, who have given more than sixty years of their lives to the work of the Master stood while the congregation filed past and shook their hands as a token of their joy and gratitude that they have been spared to us and for the service rendered.

HISTORY OF BETHLEHEM

The following history of the church was given in the afternoon by Rev. W. H. Lawhon:

Bethlehem church was constituted and organized by Noah Richardson, Artemem Shatnack, and Jesse Sewell, a presbytery, in 1834 with 49 members William Phillips being elected clerk, William Barrett and Leonard W. Lawhon, deacons, and Noah Richardson was called as pastor and served until 1867. (Continued on page 2)

PREPARE TO FIGHT TOBACCO INSECTS

Dr. Leiby Advises Farmers to Spray the Young Plants

Tobacco growers should prepare to fight the bud worm, horn worm, and flea-bug, says Dr. R. W. Leiby, of the state's entomological field laboratory at Aberdeen. These insects are again making their appearance on the young plants. Their feeding on the leaves and in the bud of the plant causes the plants to become stunted and the quality of the weed is much reduced when holes are apparent in the matured leaf.

The more up-to-date growers either spray their plants at this time of the year with arsenate of lead and water diluted at the rate of one pound of the poison to 50 gallons of water; or they dust the plants with a mixture of one part of powdered lead arsenate to 4 parts of hydrated lime. Some (Continued on page 8)

Commissioners Postpone Sale of Land for Taxes

At the meeting of the Board of County Commissioners last Monday the board at the request of several tax payers, moved up the date for the sale of land for taxes from July 6th until September 7th. The board said that next year the time would be placed back to May, so all tax payers can remember this. Taxes have not been paid as strong in May as in other months, which can be seen from the statement below.

Report on the Public Taxes for the month of May 1925

Table with 4 columns: Subjects, Last Report, This Month, To Date. Rows include Ad Valorem and Polls, Sheriff's Discoveries & Unlisted, Schedule B, Nos., TOTAL TAXES, Reliefs or Abatements, Collected (Down), TOTAL, Balance, Receipt on Hand, CASH Collected (as above), Deposited County Treasurer, Commissions Retained, Balance, Cash on Hand.

I hereby certify that the above is a true account of the public taxes charged to me and returned by me, and that the return is a full and true record of all unlisted taxes collected.

R. G. FRY, Sheriff.

RED CROSS APPEAL FOR STRICKEN FAMILIES

We are urged by the Governor of North Carolina and the American Red Cross to solicit funds to be used for the relief of the stricken families of the miners who were killed in Coal Glen Mine. The persons whose names appear below are authorized to solicit funds in their towns and forward same at once to Mrs. A. McN. Blair, Southern Pines, Treasurer of Moore County Relief Funds. These funds will be used at once for the relief of those so recently deprived of their loved ones and supports:

Mrs. F. C. Page, Aberdeen; Mrs. A. McN. Blair, Southern Pines; Mrs. W. B. Graham, Vass; Mrs. Loula McI. Muse, Cameron; Miss Lucil Eifort, West End; Mrs. A. A. McDonald, Jackson Springs; Miss Ellen Maurice, Eagle Springs; Miss Callie Battley, Pinehurst; Mrs. Frank Blue, Carthage; Mrs. K. M. Shields, Hemp.

Thanking all who respond to this appeal for relief to these stricken families.

MRS. J. R. PAGE, Chairman. Moore County Chapter of A. R. C.