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## TYSON AND JONES BROADENING OUT

Will Make Furniture one of  
The Features of the  
Factory

(Bion H. Butler)

The other day I dropped in at Carthage to see George Humber operate the recorder's court and the commissioners tackle the July job, and the road folks go through their routine. But every body was so busy they had small time for a hillbilly from the Sandhills and I went down to Tyson and Jones' to see what is going on at that old place. It is going on all right. A lot of ingenious machinery has been put into the big shop, and more is being placed, and it looks as if one of these days the buggy factory will be more of a furniture factory than a buggy shop.

Already a considerable line of furniture has been established, and the signs are that more will follow. The first things are porch chairs and swings, kitchen tables, library tables, and things of that sort, and what struck me was that they are arranging their schedule to use the wood that grows in Moore county so they can buy their raw material from Moore county farmers, and incidentally save freight on lumber that might be hauled from some where else.

Mr. Green, the superintendent, says the shop is finding excellent oak in the neighborhood, and by working it on modern machinery built for furniture making, the Moore county oak shows up mighty alluring. Then the Tyson and Jones style of making things honestly and putting it together so it will stand and so it will look right, turns out a desirable line of stuff. While I was nosing around the factory I ran across as fine a maple table as a chap of my modest tastes would care to own. Moore county has a lot of fine wood for furniture uses, and if the crop that is steadily growing can find an outlet at the furniture factory the farmer has pretty fair prospect for the days ahead of him, for oak trees are growing every day, as well as some other kinds.

The factory is turning out some buggies, a considerable number of truck bodies, is painting automobiles and doing it like Tyson and Jones always did everything, and in addition upholstering cars has been taken up as another side line. Tyson and Jones knew for years how to do a good upholstering job. They have not forgotten. And another thing that interested me was that the employes of the factory have increased until about fifty are now busy, and more are coming in every day. Two new men had signed on while I was hanging around the place. The outlook is that before many weeks the number of hands will be well up toward a hundred, and that means a lot of prosperity for Carthage. With 75 to 100 hands working in the factory, and a lumber mill over the country to the farmers who provide the lumber for the operations, the Tyson and Jones factory under its new management is becoming so largely an exclusively Moore county affair that it is one of the best industries in this part of the country.

## POPULAR ATTRAC- TIONS ARE COMING

"The Little French Girl" and  
"Lost - A Wife"—They're  
Both Good

Anne Douglas Sedwick's novel, "The Little French Girl," the present sensation in the world of literature, comes to the Carolina Theatres on Friday and Saturday.

It would be hard to find a more appealing or vitally interesting story than Anne Douglas Sedwick's novel, "The Little French Girl," produced by

Herbert Brenon, the Director of "Peter Pan."

Featured in the leading roles are Alice Joyce, Mary Brian, (as the "Little French Girl") Esther Ralston and Neil Hamilton. In the title role of the picture, Mary Brian, as Alix Vervier, finds that her mother's reputation sort of puts a kink in her chances for a suitable marriage in France, so she invades a fashionable English home, where it is the mother's hope she will land herself a good provider.

Here she falls in love with the younger brother of her mother's latest favorite, only to learn that he cares for another and that the other girl has only eyes for the older brother. So, you see, the love interest in the production travels in a circle—and it never does let up for a single moment.

On Monday and Tuesday nights you will see that "something different" in motion pictures you've been looking for.

"Lost - A Wife" is an adaptation of the Broadway Stage success, "Banco." The Sandhill's favorite artist, Adolphe Menjou, is in the leading role and his leading lady is a new "find" from Norway, Greta Nisson.

The story is one of Tony Hamilton, a young American traveling in France, Hamilton (Menjou) known as "Bet-a-thousand" Tony, is happy only when he has a wager on his hands, and if there's nothing else to bet about he'll bet with friends on whether it is going to rain or something equally as foolish.

Anyway, he meets Charlotte Randolph, being dragged unwillingly across the continent by her mother in search of a title. Hamilton first sees her name on the hotel register, and after losing a thousand dollars when he bets that her "face is awful,"—this before he sees her—he becomes deeply interested in the girl and it isn't a half an hour before he is betting friends she never marries the Duke her mother has picked out for her and even goes so far as to wager that he will marry her himself that very night. His friends take the bet, thinking he is crazy. Ensuing scenes, however, prove otherwise.

## TYPHOID FEVER AND ITS COST

Prevention is Worth More Than  
a Thousand Pounds of  
Cure

(R. G. Rosser)

To estimate the cost of a case of Typhoid fever in dollars and cents can be calculated by figuring it out. It requires on an average of about four weeks in bed, three more weeks of disability, and six months following of weakness in which the patient is unable to do his usual work of making a living. This estimate applies to the ordinary case that recovers, but leaves out the fatal cases. The earning capacity of people varies, but what ever it may be, an ordinary case of typhoid fever will cost him about 8 months of his time from his work. Not only is his own time lost but 4 weeks of competent nursing is required in every case. The family is placed in a state of mental demoralization to the extent that the members are almost out of earning capacity. These suggestions as to cost vary under different circumstances, and apply to the cost of time and other vocational disturbances, outside the cash outlay for medicines, nurses, doctors, special foods, etc. Counting the time, it might be said it costs a years work with the necessary cash outlay, assuming that the patient gets well. Now we have no guarantee that he will. Typhoid is a treacherous disease, about one out of every 10 goes to the undertaker. This is another heavy expense of money plus the loss of a life. It should be remembered that typhoid has no respect of person nor the money he has, Mark Hanner died from an attack of typhoid fever.

Typhoid fever is an expensive, filthy, almost a degrading disease, and adds nothing to its victims and  
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## THE TOWN OF VASS AND ITS COMMUNITY

A Story of Its Early Life and  
Development — Yesterday  
and Today

(Bessie Smith)

PART VI.

The town of Vass was incorporated in 1907, and Alex Gunther was the first mayor. Others who have served in this capacity are A. Cameron, J. A. Keith, W. D. Matthews, and at present Alton M. Cameron holds the office.

Vass was unusually fortunate in the matter of electric lights. An electric plant was established at Lakeview and the line extended to Vass some fifteen years ago, thus making it possible for the people here to enjoy this convenience when the people in most villages of like sizes were still using oil lamps. The town is now served by The Carolina Light and Power Company.

Last week we spoke of the progress in roads, schools, churches and things of that kind. This week, let's take a trip through the business part of the Vass of Today. We will start at Dr. Leslie's store, the first big store of Winder. His daughter, Miss Florence Leslie, now runs a shop in the same building, carrying a line of millinery, dress goods and notions.

Walking down the broad cement sidewalk that leads toward the old planing mill site, we come to a block of brick buildings. The first one is just receiving the finishing touches. It belongs to C. J. Temple. Next, is the new post office building, erected by A. Cameron. This postoffice is the pride of every citizen of the town, for it is a modern building with up-to-date equipment, where the public is capably served by Mrs. Bertie L. Matthews, postmaster, assisted by Miss Helen Parker. Two mail routes, one serving the country to the west including the Sandhill Farm Life School territory, and the other the Lobelia section, go out from this office and the carriers are D. A. Smith and A. K. McMillan. The second floor of the postoffice building is known as The Roseland Theatre. It has a stage and seating capacity of more than three hundred. Here, the people come together for entertainments of various kinds. The next is known as the Edwards building. It was built by G. S. Edwards and his son, A. G. Edwards. The first floor is occupied by the Vass Mercantile Company. In this building they carry an attractive line of dry goods, millinery and ready-to-wear.

The second floor is divided into rooms for offices and a larger hall which is the home of the Woman's Club of Vass. In the basement, A. G. Edwards runs an electric shoe shop, which has all the equipment necessary for putting out first class work. Next, are two buildings owned by R. P. Beasley, of Apex. The first floor of one is occupied by the Wiggins Drug Co., an up-to-date drug store that is widely patronized. The first floor of the second is the Vass Mercantile feed and hardware store. The second stories are arranged for living apartments, equipped with water and lights. These are rented nicely furnished, and are becoming popular for camping parties who wish to enjoy the attractions at Lakeview, two miles distant. In the basement are located a cafe, a market, a barber shop and pressing club. All of these buildings have been erected within the last five years.

Next we come to the Bank of Vass, which was organized in 1911. J. A. Keith is president; H. C. Cameron, of Olivia, vice-president; D. A. McLauchlin, cashier; S. R. Smith, assistant cashier, and Jesse Gardner, book-keeper. Then we come to the first brick building erected in the town. It is the original Vass Mercantile store, built about eighteen years ago, and was for several years spoken of as "the brick store." "Where did you get your umbrella?" "Oh, I bought it at the brick store," would have been no out-of-the-ordinary conversation. The first floor and part of

the second house the groceries of the Vass Mercantile Co. On the second floor are the offices of the Vass Cotton Mill and A. Cameron.

Just here we come to a cross street, but we will continue down the line by the railroad. To our right is a large building with the name "Hotel Vass" on three sides in prominent letters. This is a modern hotel of forty rooms, owned by A. Cameron and at present under the management of E. C. Byrd, and is filling a long felt need in the town. On the opposite side of the railroad is the old planing mill plant, used only for a storage place now. And now, we come to the Seaboard station where H. A. Borst and A. G. Edwards have become permanent fixtures. We might add that the people whom they serve are glad to have it so. The depot has recently been enlarged to take care of the ever increasing amount of freight. Across the railroad is a large tobacco warehouse, the local market of the Tobacco Growers' Co-operative Association. The next place is a pigeon farm. Here are hundreds of White King pigeons, owned by the North State Squab Co., a company of local men. F. M. Dwight is the present manager. From this point we can see the flour mill plant, owned by P. L. Gardner, the Standard Oil Distributing Station, and the plant of the Vass Cotton Mill Co. The mill village is ideally located where each of the neat little cottages has its plot of land for a garden.

Returning to the cross street of which we spoke, we will go a short distance out the street that leads toward the Leslie home. The large brick building to the right is owned by J. W. Beasley, the Ford sales and service man, who is doing a flourishing business. The smaller brick building to the left is the home of The Pilot Printing Co., where all kinds of commercial printing are done, and from which goes out each week "The Pilot," a paper devoted to the upbuilding of the Sandhill section. The up-to-date looking garage that you see facing the highway is the property of W. H. Keeith. In addition to his garage work, he manufactures tobacco flues.

We will return now to our starting point and take a look at things on the opposite side of the railroad. Please notice that we cross on an overhead bridge, which is much safer and more convenient than the old grade crossing. The old platform which served as the first station in Winder stood near this bridge. On the right, in front of the old home of E. D. Byrd, is another brick block. The first and second buildings are the property of J. A. Keith, and are occupied by The Little River Store Company, which carries a line of groceries, dry goods, hardware, furniture, caskets, etc. The large building  
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## JOINT ENCAMPMENT FOR LEE AND MOORE

Boys' and Girls' Encampment at  
Farm Life School From  
August 3rd to 5th.

The annual Boys' and Girls' Club Encampment will be held at the Sandhill Farm Life School from Monday August the third, through Thursday, August the fifth.

This year, the club members from Lee County will also take part in the encampment. Classes will be run during the three days, for the boys and girls, according to the usual schedule. Although Moore County has no Home Demonstration Agent nor County Agent at present, instructors will be secured from the State Extension Department, and the Club Members will be well looked after.

Since there is no active Club work in Moore County, at present, it will be necessary for all boys and girls interested in the camp, to get in touch with Mr. Hutcheson, at Farm Life. Any boy or girl in Moore County above the age of ten years, may attend this camp. Each member attending, will be expected to bring along a small amount of money, and provisions for the three days. Bed clothing must also be brought.

Any boy or girl who wishes to attend this Encampment must sit down and write a card to Mr. R. G. Hutcheson, Route 1, Vass, N. C., at once. Remember that we cannot make preparation for you, unless we know that you are coming. Let's see who will be the first to write in.

## DISCOVER CURE OF TUBERCULOSIS

N. C. Sanatorium Places Expert  
Diagnostic Facilities Within  
Reach of All

Early diagnosis and sanatorium treatment mean the cure of 89 out of every 100 cases of tuberculosis, figures at the North Carolina Sanatorium for the past eleven years show. Found in its early stages and the proper treatment given, more people recover from tuberculosis than from any of the other major diseases.

The first symptoms of the disease are obscure and hard for even a doctor to rightly diagnose. Often the symptoms of tuberculosis are taken by both doctor and patient to be some other disease. A cough is thought by the majority of people to be always the first symptoms of tuberculosis. It is not. Frequently a cough does not  
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## Taxes Collected for Last Month

Sheriff Fry Reports Over \$312,000  
to July First

Report on the Public Taxes for the Month June 1925.

Subjects	Last Report	This Month	To Date
Ad Valorem and Polls.....	\$348,547.70		\$348,547.70
Sheriff's Discoveries & Unlisted.....	12,119.65	1,767.63	13,887.28
Schedule B, Nos. ....	858.63		858.63
TOTAL TAXES - - -	\$361,525.98	\$1,767.63	\$363,293.61
Reliefs or Abatements.....	1,842.55	1.00	1,843.55
Collected (Down).....	\$293,424.16	\$18,788.85	\$312,213.01
TOTAL - - -	\$295,266.71	\$18,789.85	\$314,056.56
Balance, Receipt on Hand.....	66,259.27		49,237.05
CASH Collected (as above) -	\$293,424.16	\$18,788.85	\$312,213.01
Deposited County Treasurer -	279,250.00	20,500.00	299,750.00
Commissions Retained - -	7,586.84	1,315.00	8,901.84
Balance, Cash on Hand - -	\$ 6,587.32		\$ 3,561.17

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.