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**SANDHILL BROTHERHOOD OF PINEHURST**

**Accomplishes Much Good With Its Power Of Example**

The organization denoted by the above caption is one of the many good things that has come into being since the arrival of Rev. W. M. McLeod in Pinehurst. In visiting around over there the other day, we were reminded of the "Men and Religion Forward" movement that swept the country several years ago. About every other man we met had something to say about the Sunday School Class, and, if our memory serves us correctly, not all of these men have manifested interest in matters of this kind until the last month or two. It has all come about in as quiet a way as one could imagine, and that seems to be Rev. MacLeod's way of operating. He doesn't resort to the sensational, evidently thinking that the Truth is sensational enough.

The Sandhill Brotherhood of Pinehurst is a thoroughly established, going concern. The following are the officers:

E. B. Keith, President; A. P. Maples, Vice-President; H. W. Ehrhardt, Sec'y.-Treas.; Rev. W. M. MacLeod, Teacher; A. C. McDonald, Ass't. Teacher.

They are engaged in the business of getting men together, and in making their plans have not overlooked the social side. In fact right now the class has "chosen up sides," electing Donald Currie captain of the Reds and Ellis Fields captain of the Blues. (Looks like a sort of a "before and after" arrangement). For the next few weeks each will try to outdo the other in the matter of securing additional members for the class, the winners to be picnicked, banqueted, or barbecued, whichever suits their pleasure, by the losers.

While only a few months' old, the class has approximately forty members, and we predict that ere long the membership will be over one hundred. The men are available, even during the Summer months, and the brand of enthusiasm that is now rampant over there cannot be resisted.

Many are of the opinion that this is the most valuable addition that has come to that community in a decade. New hotels, new industries, new estates, and all of those things which speak for progressiveness and development are desirable at all times, but the value of a spirit which this kind of an organization creates cannot be estimated in terms of dollars and cents, for unless the life of a community has a solid foundation on which to rest the other things will

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**ROMANCE OF OLD MOORE COUNTY MAN**

**Archibald McNeill a Discoverer of the Celebrated Yosemite Valley**

(By Mrs. J. McK. Harrington)

Some time ago *The Pilot* asked for sketches for its Historical Department from either written or reliable tradition of those who were prominent in the county administration in civil life. etc. Last week's issue of Moore County History carried among the many men of prominence the name of Archibald McNeill from 1808 to 1815, as Representative to House. This led me to consult an old scrap book of mine in which I found the following clipped from the Raleigh Register:

"A correspondent from Franklin, Macon county to the Raleigh Register gives a long and interesting account of two North Carolinians who were with the first immigrant company that ever penetrated the Yosemite country. This was in 1849, and the two were, Hon. Archibald McNeill who was in command, and Mr. James M. Roan. It was a most daring and perilous journey of great distance, through an

unexplored country and was attended with the greatest suffering. Of some hundred or more who began the journey, scores died on the way. The account is well worth reading, but is far too long for our columns.

"Mr. Roan still lives in Macon county to tell of the hair breadths escapes, and perilous escapes by fire and flood. McNeill, we are told sleeps among the golden sands in his far away grave. The following brief sketch of him before he left his native North Carolina, will be interesting says Mr. C. D. Smith, the author of the account:

"Hon. Archibald McNeill was a citizen of Moore County who entered the house of Commons in 1808, was re-elected in 1809, was elected to the Senate in 1811, was again in the Senate in 1815, was elected to Congress in 1821, and served to 1823, and was again elected to Congress in 1825.

"Major McNeill emigrated to Texas and took part as a brave soldier in the Texas war for independence. After independence had been achieved, and assured, he occupied several positions of honor and trust, of the particulars of which our narrator has no personal knowledge. When he (the narrator) went to Texas a mere strippling, he found McNeill there and their fortunes in adventure were closely identified for some time thereafter as we shall see. Major McNeill and quite a number of equally adventurous spirits, resolved upon crossing the plains to the California gold fields. Their purpose soon gained publicity, and others commenced coming in. Believing there were a sufficient number present, and feeling eager for the journey, by common consent they met early in April 1849, on

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**KIWANIS CLUB IS IN HELPFUL MOOD**

**Starts Movement for Farm Life School and Arouses Enthusiasm**

The Wednesday movement of Kiwanis club held at the Aberdeen school house gave rise to a lot of enthusiasm over the Farm Life school, which may result in some greater development out that way. Frank Buchan had begun the thing a few weeks ago when he talked about some boys and girls over at the school who are making progress with the help of the club, and his remarks set the woods on fire. The results of the money the club is contributing to the school has been so satisfactory that it was voted to continue the appropriation of \$500 this year and to try to make it double that or more, as the call for backing for deserving boys and girls is all the time growing. At the present the club is aiding to some extent not less than twenty boys and girls at the school, but the desire is to help more.

Talbot Johnson in commenting on the work done, remarked that Claude Hayes is maintaining one girl there, and before Hayes could tell Talbot to shut up he had announced that Arthur Newcomb is caring for another one, but by that time the modesty of the members had become so pronounced that Talbot gave no more names. But it is known that several members are helping materially, and that more are invited to help, and nobody cares whether it is Kiwanis members or just plain folks that do the helping.

Kiwanians were told they might go as far as they liked in helping to see boys and girls through the school, and that they might invite their friends to help, and finally it was proposed to start a movement to buy the school and ask Kiwanis clubs all over the state to stand behind it for the benefit of boys and girls who can do pretty well in caring for themselves but not quite enough. As the men who have put their money in the school and are carrying it on at a loss all the time have invested there all they can stand, they will be willing to turn it over to any responsible

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**OUT OF WATER**

Vass has reached a point where it is time to realize that a water supply must be provided. Wells are going dry, and that situation is serious. Whether it will be better no one knows.

R. W. Beadle has proposed to build a water plant. If he does not the town before long will have to. It is no use to dodge the question. If the town builds the plant it is a bond issue. If Beadle builds it he builds it himself. But the thing is not so much bonds or Beadle as water or no water. It is time to think, and think mighty fast.

**PATCH BUILDS AT SOUTHERN PINES**

**Begins Large Addition to His Broad Street Store**

Wednesday morning C. T. Patch, commenced to build an addition to his big store at Southern Pines. The addition will front on New Hampshire avenue, just in the rear of the present location of the Citizens Bank and Trust company's building. It will run back to corner the entire rear of the old Patch building which will be made 30 feet longer by the new addition. The part perfected will be 30x45, a good sized store in itself.

The Patch store has been an institution in Southern Pines for thirty years as it was about that time that Mr. Patch came down from New England to establish himself in business. He had been on the road for several years, and wanted to get some place where he could be at home oftener than once or twice a year, and decided on Southern Pines. He started on a moderate scale, but grew rapidly, and for years has been the foremost dry-goods man in the town. Several times he has had to build to keep up with his business, and now he hopes to settle the case for another year or so.

The Patch store carries about \$35,000 worth of stock which is constantly turning over, and steadily growing larger. With the new room it will be one of the big department stores of middle North Carolina.

For a while Mr. Patch's health suffered, but it has wholly improved and he is now as enthusiastic over the future of business in the Sandhills as anybody, and his new building shows his confidence in the days that are ahead of the community. The building is in the hands of Tom Burgess and will be ready for use in the coming winter.

**AUTO RACES AT THE SANDHILL FAIR**



Bobby Green

Northward from Florida, where he won the State light car championship, comes Bobby Green, hero of many

beach and track racing battles searching for new laurels and purses to add to his Southern winnings.

Bob has already sent an entry for the races which feature the Sandhill Fair at Pinehurst, October 27, 28, 29, and 30.

Because of the rush to Florida last winter, auto racing and other sports enjoyed prosperity unknown before that, with the result that race drivers flocked to the Southern tracks. In spite of the stiffest kind of competition, Green won the light car title of his home state and then started north to battle with foreign stars.

Both beach and track racing are familiar to Bob, who made some of his first runs over the natural courses which abound in his home state. When beach racing waned for the more popular tracks he built up a new job designed for dirt tracks only, and has been hot after new titles with his little machine, which he calls a green special.

Green's entry in the light car division of the local meet indicates a strong field of starters for the Fair Events and one that should furnish plenty of thrills and sensations for the lovers of speed.

**NOTICE TO PUBLIC**

The Howard's Mill bridge will be closed indefinitely for repairs on and after August 17th.

By order of the Highway Commission.

C. J. McDONALD, Supervisor.

**HOLLYWOOD CRAZY SHOOTING CRUZE FILM**

**Most Amazing Comedy-Fantasy of Year Comes to The Carolina Theatres**

Hollywood was recently invited to go crazy.

The rumor went cackling through filmland foyers that a well known director became unbalanced over-night and was turning the town topsyturvy in a mad mental spree.

Staid dressmakers received the bewildering order to sew flowing bridal veils on men's morning dress suits.

A metal caster expostulated frantically when asked to turn out 11,000 nickle plugs of a weird design.

Serious minded carpenters thought it was a slur on their profession when engaged to build structures along monstrous lines and have the painters use only black, white and gray paint.

Freakish demands such as the following were made by the madman of the movies:

- "Get a harness for a rocking chair.
- "Buy cloth mottled like a frogskin.
- "Make a tea cup eighteen inches in diameter and a saucer three feet across.

"I want a telephone three feet high, a golf stick five inches long, a wedding gown with a 130 foot train, and \$10 worth of chewing gum."

Nobody believed his senses. Carpenters, painters, plasterers, mechanics, modists and property men hurried about their tasks in a frenzied whirl. In the space of twenty-four hours quiet Hollywood resembled a carnival of idiots.

And James Cruze, serene amid the chaos he was creating, began making that amazing spectacle "Beggars on Horseback," a screen version of the Kaufman-Connelly stage success which comes to the Carolina Theatres on Friday and Saturday.

Edward Horton and Esther Ralston are featured at the head of a strong cast, which includes, among others, Ethel Wales, Gertrude Short, Frederick Sullivan and Erwin Connelly.

When "Beggars on Horseback" was finished, Hollywood heaved a thunderous, admiring sigh and rubbed its eyes as though awakening from a vivid, entrancing dream.

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**KIMBALL WRITES ON FOREST FIRES**

**Moore County Has Suffered This Year From These Fires**

(By K. E. Kimball)

It sometimes happens that people have an interest at stake in certain matters and do not know it. The question of consolidated schools comes up for decision in a certain community. Perhaps the childless couples cannot see that they have any interest in the matter so they fail to support the proposition and the school goes elsewhere. Presently there are children in these families, and the school is at a distance. It is the same with forest protection. There are those who think, because of their business or place of residence or for some other reason, they have no interest in the growth of new timber crops. The city man says that it is a rural problem and let the farmers settle it. Presently he wakes up to discover that because the value of forest lands have depreciated he is obliged to pay a smart increase in taxes.

Twice in the last six months the writer has been called by telegram to Moore county to investigate forest fires which had become so frequent and severe as to indicate the need of prosecutions for the violations of the state forest fire laws. In his examinations the writer found that forest fires often burned for days at a time unattended or were fought only when they approached some set of buildings or somebody's fence. It is apparent that except for a few persons, no one cared what burned as long as it is not his. Eight or ten day at a time, devouring flames were destroying potential community wealth.

Counties all through the eastern part of North Carolina are complaining that the tax rate is high and that county revenues are hard to raise. Some lay it to the road program, some to the schools and some to the un-business like methods of the county commissioners. Civic improvements cost money and reckless officials can waste money but the big reason why tax rates have risen in this section is not the civic progress of the county, but the depletion of county wealth as represented by the great areas of forest land that have been harvested of their timber and have not been allowed to reproduce the new timber crop which alone can return these lands to their place as productive factors in county's economic life.

Some individuals have done what they could in the way of forest protection. They have not made much impression on the forest destruction in the county at large. They have

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**TOBACCO CO-OPS MAKE FAST START**

**Deliver 3 Million Pounds To Association Warehouses Within 2 Weeks**

(By S. D. Frissell)

The Tobacco Growers Cooperative Association is breaking all past records for early receipts of the South Carolina tobacco crop. Deliveries to the cooperative floors have recently come close to the half million pound mark daily and have already passed a total of three million pounds within less than two weeks since the opening of the association's warehouses.

The clamor of the outsider to come into the cooperative fold has continued to increase and there appears to be little doubt that if the association should open its books at this time its membership could be enlarged by several thousand tobacco farmers. On the other hand a special opportunity was given to all South Carolina tobacco farmers to join the association last month during a campaign for new members and the old members have expressed their wishes to keep

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