

**QUAINT LETTER FROM LONG AGO**

**Moore County Writer Tells The News of The Neighborhood**

One of the most interesting thing that has recently come to The Pilot is the letter given below, written by Hugh McDonald, who three-quarters of a century ago lived in the region a couple of miles beyond Pinehurst. Mr. McDonald was widely connected with the people of the whole community, and a large number of the older folks now living are of his kin. The families he speaks of are still prominent and active in the county.

New Gilead, N. C., Sept 1st, 1856.

Aged Uncle:-

After a very long delay I avail to give you a short account of the present condition of your old acquaintances in this Section—Myself and family enjoy common health, and competence, two of my Daughters have been married some time, the oldest and youngest, also two of my sons married last spring Allan to a Mary Anne Montgomery, Daniel to Lucinda youngest daughter of Malcom McCrummen by his second marriage, all agreeable matches, and a prospect of doing well—(our crops,) about mid-summer our prospect was the best generally, that ever was seen in this country, but a short spell of dry weather and intense heat, and Chinch bug, blasted our prospect much, and with some persons seriously. Myself and some others will gather tolerable well, my son Randal few weeks past was down at his brother in law, in S. C. he says crops are seriously injured, the farther south the worse the injury, the army worm is seen in our Sandhills this fall, for the first time. I am nearly half done getting fodder, myself and one and at times two hands, spent three days, last week at my mill, thrashing for some neighbors who were slow in bringing in their grain, and not all come yet, this hinders us in getting our fodder, as early as it ought to be gotten. The following persons are yet living, with whom you are aporiated viz. John Paterson (Grandady) in good health living at the old place, one son by his second marriage John McLeod, Esq, right pert, living some place, one son by his second marriage, and another in the loom, his son Neill (doctor) died by intemperance, much beliked and lamented by all that knew him. Malcom McCrummon quite lively, his two sons by his second marriage are married, and his youngest daughter to my son, as mentioned above, Daniel McNeill (now a widower) in good health and very rich, makes great crops, has several slaves, lives at the head of Rockfish Creek, made 170 bushels rye this summer, sells hundreds of corn and bacon yearly. Brother Angus McDonald, yet able to chop in his plantation, also a widower, his only son married and living with him, my neighbor Alexander McDonald a widower, will yet tickle the girls when they let him. Your old neighbor Malcom Black, his youngest son single and living with him, Black enjoys good health. John McKeathen quite pert married again but no spree, Neill Peterson a widower no family or spree your nephew Norman McDonald died some time past his daughter married a Ferguson, her cousin the rest of that family are well—My brother in law John W. Black bought his fathers place, at sixteen hundred dollars and has been engaged in rebuilding the mill for more than twelve months at a vast cost. Sawmill flour mill and grist mill. Conjecture says he must bend if not break, his son Arch has a profitable school at Carthage, also a turpentine still and store in company with others, should all prove profitable, he may get through safe. Arch Black was run by the Democrats of our county for Senator but they did not all prove true to him, as he was beaten by a no nothing candidate while the Democratic candidate for Governor beat the no nothing, a long and broad gap.

If your sister Betsy was now living she might be proud of her grand children all of them having conducted themselves becomingly every where they stay or travel, also my son A. R. McDonald is a popular lawyer, as far as he is known, A. R. Black is among the best scholars in the state M. J. Blue is a respectable young man and County Surveyor. Effy and children tho yet young are very promising, the rest of her descendants tho they fill not elevated stations, yet discharge their duty in their respective stations, as faithfully and honorably as those

mentioned above. Daniel Ray is yet living and lively as a boy. Mary Cameron his sister is yet living, Cameron is dead, after a long spell of painful sickness. Dan Graham's wife or widow is yet living and sets up every day, she is over a hundred years old. I hope to get an answer from you or some one of your family. We all your relation here fear that you are not living. I remain your Nephew,

Hugh McDonald.

To M. McSween

**TO CELEBRATE REOPENING AFTER CIVIL WAR**

**Sixty College Presidents To Attend Event on Monday October 12**

The University of North Carolina, the oldest state university in America, is laying final plans for celebrating the fiftieth anniversary of its reopening following the Civil War. The date is next Monday, October 12. Alumni who cannot return to Chapel Hill are being urged to hold local celebrations in their respective communities.

The University remained open all during the Civil War despite the fact that virtually all of its students entered the army. But the days of reconstruction brought distrust of public officials, lack of financial support by the legislature, and finally, in 1871, the institution was forced to close its doors, this action being taken only after numerous attempts by friends to keep it going. So great has been the progress made by the institution since then that it is deemed fitting and proper to celebrate the semi-centennial of that reopening.

The celebration will bring to Chapel Hill more than 100 delegates from other institutions of higher learning. Among them will be 60 presidents of leading colleges and universities.

The program will be in three parts. There will be exercises in Memorial Hall in the morning when P. P. Claxton, former United States Commissioner of Education, will deliver the principal address and delegates will deliver their greetings. The educational institutions of the South will be represented by President Chandler of the College of William and Mary; the educational institutions of the State by President Few of Duke University; the National Association of State Universities by President Thompson of Ohio State University; the Association of American Universities by President Ferrand of Cornell University; the matriculates of 1875 by Julian M. Baker, of Tarboro.

Governor McLean will respond to these greetings in an address that will discuss the relation of the University and the State. Jeff Fordham, of Greensboro, will respond for the student body, of which he is president. The benediction by Dr. Charles E. Maddry will conclude the morning part of the program.

Then will follow a buffet luncheon at the Carolina Inn, at which the guests will include the delegates, alumni, trustees, state officials and others.

The afternoon program will be given over to the dedication of Venable Hall, the University's new \$400,000 chemistry building, said to be the best equipped in the South. Presiding will be Dr. James M. Bell, head of the Department of Chemistry, who personally supervised the construction of Venable Hall.

There will be addresses by Dr. Charles H. Herty, president of the Association of Chemical Manufacturers; Dr. E. F. Smith, former provost of the University of Pennsylvania; and Dr. B. B. Beltwood, head of the Department of Chemistry at Yale University.

The night program will be a banquet with Judge Francis Winston presiding. Here will be brief addresses by former Presidents Winston, Alder man and Venable, and others, among them President Stacy.

**COMMISSIONERS PROCEEDINGS**

The Commissioners of Moore county met in regular session October 5th, 1925. All members of board present. Minutes of last meeting read and approved.

On motion A. J. Lawhon is hereby relieved of valuation of \$400.00 on account of barn being burned for 1925.

On motion the contract for repairs to the building of the county home and the preparation of the care of tubercular patients of the county was allotted to Thos. S. Burgess, of Southern Pines at a total cost of \$1,765.00.

On motion W. C. Donaldson of Mineral township was appointed Rural Policeman for Moore county until further notice.

On motion the allowance of Alex Campbell, who is now out of the county, be and the same is hereby discontinued the allowance being \$5.00 per month.

On motion Harriet Merchison allowance is hereby increased from \$3.00 to \$5.00 per month.

On motion Winnie Hill's allowance is hereby increased from \$3.00 to \$5.00 per month.

On motion Lillie Dixon is hereby allowed \$10.00 per month, October, November, and December.

On motion the report of the clerk of court was turned over to the auditor, with instruction to publish.

The auditor's bond for \$10,000 having been approved by the board and filed with the clerk of the board.

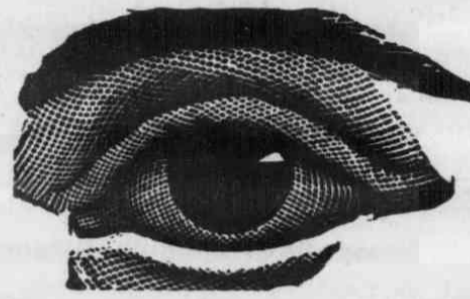
**LOOK BEFORE YOU CROSS**

Drivers of automobiles should be doubly cautious in crossing railroad tracks where the highway parallels the railroad.

No railroad crossing should be crossed without looking in both directions and it is particularly necessary to safety that this be done when crossing where railroad and highway parallel each other.

Carelessness on the part of the driver at such crossings is attended by great danger.

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**Womens Cotton Crepe Nightgowns \$1.00**

Imagine well made night gowns at such a price, unusual quality of cotton crepe is used, flowered and plain, square and round neck line. All very specially priced for Saturday—\$1.00 each.

Startex toweling warranted part linen, 5 yards, .....	\$1.00	Good quality percales, 5 yards .....	\$1.00
Blue and white, red and white glass toweling, 3 yards, .....	\$1.00	Childrens socks, good quality, 6 pairs, .....	\$1.00
Plain Jane fast color, suitings solid colors, 2½ yards, .....	\$1.00	Boys three quarter socks, 3 pair .....	\$1.00
Kimono crepe, orchid, rose, copen, honey dew, regular 75c, 2 yards....	\$1.00	Childrens long hose, 10 pair .....	\$1.00
Dress crepes and ratines, close, our price, 4 yards, .....	\$1.00	Ladies hose, 9 pair .....	\$1.00
		Mens socks, 12 pair .....	\$1.00
		Boys wash suits, each, .....	\$1.00
		Bed room slippers, pair, .....	75c—\$1.00
		Children bed room slippers, 2 pair, ....	\$1.00

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