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## BIG SUPPLY OF BUILDING STONE

Moore County Has Vast Quantity and Great Variety

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In my wanderings around over Moore county in the last few years I have been making the acquaintance of what has seemed to me for some time to be the basis of a coming great industry, and the source of a material for building that is sadly needed as timber declines in its supply. This is the tremendous supply of stone that is universal in every section of the county. I do not mean merely the brown sand stones, which have been used more or less for a long time, but those other rocks that are more abundant, and which are of much greater variety, and in many ways superior as building material.

Moore county is divided geologically into three sections. One is on the northwest side of a line running from near Carabontion out just above Glendon, past Parkwood, Calvary church, Mt. Carmel, and in to Richmond county not far from the Samarcand Manor school. This section north of the line is in what is known as the Carolina slate belt which means to the geologist that it is a formation largely of volcanic material, and of many kinds of stone. Another line drawn from near White Hill church on the Lee county line past Stone's on the railroad east of Carthage, close by Eastwood, past Beulah church and out to Richmond county near Currie's bridge, sets off to the southeast another section in which the volcanic rocks are abundant. Between the two volcanic sections is the Triassic basin in which are the red and gray sand stones, the two types of stone that have been most used. The three sections are nearly equal in area, but as the two volcanic ones are similar in many ways in their rocks the volcanic stone is more abundant than the sandstones.

These volcanic areas include some stones that are not volcanic, but are metamorphic, and to some extent perhaps sedimentary, but the great varieties of types that are found in the volcanic belts are nearly all useful as building stones. Some of the most easily found and recognized are the rocks that crop out at Thaggards, of which the dam has been built, the handsome schists that show so plainly at the east side of the dam at Chandler's where a fall of nearly ten feet pours over the bluff formed by the outcrop, the rhyolites found near Mt. Carmel church, the diabase found in many dykes in different sections both in the volcanic regions and in the red sand basin, the quartz dykes and cover in many sections of the county, the slates of the Deep river region, the variegated schists of the upper sections of the county, and numerous others everywhere.

These types of stone are abundant. In most cases they can be quarried easily, for nearly all of them are laminated so that they come out of the ground in layers of varying thickness and little shooting would be required to loosen them. They are broken by many joining planes, which breaks them into good sizes for laying in walls, and in the joints they show a variety of coloring. They can be taken out in large or small sizes suitable to put in the walls without much working, the mason's hammer knocking off here and there an end or corner, serving as all the dressing needed. Most of the rocks of the volcanic areas are of great durability, and need little picking over or rejection. Where they are in vast bodies instead of in thin seams. They are suited for solid walls, for window and door trim, for porch posts and pillars, for gate and entry posts, for walks, hall or entry floors, or for other things the architect or builder may choose. The colors run through all the shades, beginning with the almost black of the darker diabases to the nearly white of the pyrophyllites and mica schists. Red green, bluish casts, grey, mottled, speckled, and

nearly every combination of effects can be had. They are hard or soft as is desired, some of the soft rocks being of great durability, and they are all of high crushing resistance.

There is a strong sentiment at Pinehurst favoring the use of some of this stone for new construction, and possibly the coming summer may see it introduced there. The impression is that one or more new houses will give it such a popularity that it may become prominent in building operations in a short time. John McQueen, who is as familiar as any man in the county, says he regards the vast quantity of good building stone as probably the greatest asset we have, and I am thoroughly inclined to believe him. Once this material commences to appear on the building sites of the county it will give the county a much more important and attractive air to strangers and it will acquaint the world with the fact that we can supply unlimited quantities of several of the handsomest stones in existence for building purposes and a trade should be built up in this line. When I say unlimited quantity I mean that exactly as it applies to uses, for the stones are limited only by the boundaries of the county on each of its four sides, and they go down to any depth the quarry man cares to follow them. The only other thing in Moore county except building stone is the thin cover of loose earth in nearly every place, but so many outcrops and exposures exist that the rock is obtainable at so many places now that the cover is of no consequence. Moore county has building stones enough to rebuild New York, Philadelphia, Chicago, Boston and half a dozen others of the big cities of the world, and it is no use to figure any farther for that is as much as will be taken out in my day, and there is nothing better in every way than these stones we have here in abundance.

## ORTHOPAEDIC CLINIC AT SANFORD, MCH. 19

Many Cripples Are Taking Advantage of This Wonderful Opportunity

Many crippled and handicapped residents of this county are availing themselves of the wonderful opportunity provided by the Rotary Orthopaedic Clinic held on the third Friday of each month in the Baptist church at Sanford. The next clinic will be held on Friday, March 19.

During the three clinics that have been held at Sanford, 58 examinations have been made. Dr. Walter Cole, the orthopaedic surgeon, who is conducting the clinic has recommended operations for 14 of these cases. Some of these cripples are undergoing operations at the present time, occupying a free bed furnished by the Kiwanis club of Greensboro.

In addition to those who are having their deformities corrected by operations, many cripples are receiving all of their treatment at the clinic. In the clinic 14 plaster casts and nine corrective shoes have been applied, while corrective exercises have been given to 7 and braces recommended for 5.

That this clinic is meeting a real need in providing orthopaedic treatment for the unfortunate cripples of this section is evidenced by the number reporting to the clinics and the wonderful improvements that are being obtained. Those in close touch with the clinic have expressed themselves as believing this to be the finest humanitarian work that has been undertaken in this section.

It seems that Colonel House always gave a patient hearing to Mr. Wilson's advice during their administration.—Dallas News.

Among the other signs of the approach of the national election is the customary prediction that this time the Republicans may break the solid south.—Boston Transcript.

## OUTLOOK GOOD FOR CROPS THIS YEAR

Government Warns Against Overplanting of Cotton

A government bulletin on crops for this year indicates a good prospect on most things, but warns against too much cotton, and does not think too many peaches should be planted.

Although the farming industry is now in the best general position since 1920, any general expansion in production this year would tend to place farmers in a less favorable economic position than at present.

There is little likelihood of increased domestic and foreign demand for farm products, the situation indicating a possible decrease in demand the latter part of the year.

No reduction in farm wages may be expected, and the cost of farm equipment will probably remain at present levels. Sufficient funds will be available for agricultural credit in most regions at about the same rates as in 1925.

A slightly smaller world crop of wheat is indicated, with world stocks at the beginning of the new crop year not burdensome. Domestic stocks are likely to be smaller. If an acreage of hard spring wheat equal to that of last year is planted and average yields are secured, export and domestic prices may be expected to be more in line with those in other exporting countries than at present.

Corn acreage the same as in 1925 with average yields will be sufficient to meet feeding and commercial requirements as fully as in 1925. If last year's oats acreage is maintained, relatively low prices are likely to continue unless yields are greatly reduced.

The immediate and long time outlook for cattle is favorable. A reasonable constant demand for beef is anticipated. The number of steers is the lowest in many years, but present breeding stocks are apparently large enough to supply as much beef as it will pay cattle producers to raise.

The outlook for the hog industry appears favorable, with prices maintained at high levels. The number of hogs in areas of commercial production is the smallest since 1921, and for the entire country the smallest in many years. The present strong domestic demand for pork products seems likely to continue through most of the year.

Indications are that 1926 will be a good year for the sheep industry, although profits are likely to be less than during the past two years. There may be a gradual slackening in the demand for lambs and wool in late 1926, but further increases in production may be undertaken profitably in some sections as contrasted with alternative enterprises.

A cotton crop as large as that of 1925 would sell for reduced prices. World production has exceeded the rate of world consumption the past two seasons, and stocks have increased. Further material increases in stocks might easily make them burdensome. There is no marked indication that the mill demand will exceed that of the present season.

The dairy industry as a whole is in a relatively strong position, and some slight increase in numbers of young stock during the next two years may be desirable. Should the present trend in foreign production continue upward, however, and consumption in Europe fail to increase, foreign competition in our markets will be an important price factor.

Increasing consumption of cigarettes is maintaining prices for cigarette types of tobacco at a fairly high level which, in the absence of increased production, should continue for the 1926 crop. Chewing, snuff, and dark export types are bringing unremunerative prices, and readjustment in acreage is advisable.

The market for poultry during the first six months of 1926 will probably

be better than during the same period in 1925, but prices for eggs may be lower due to increased production.

A gradual improvement in the apple industry may be expected. New plantings of commercial peach orchards are inadvisable except under the most favorable conditions of production and marketing. New planting of grapes is undesirable.

Sweet-potato growers are cautioned not to overplant, and additional acreage of truck crops should be taken on only after careful study of accessible markets.



E. J. Woodley, of Jackson Springs

E. J. Woodley announced his candidacy for the State Senate last week. Mr. Woodley says he will issue a statement, giving an account of his stewardship in the last Legislature.

Now that it's all over everybody will admit that it was a hard coal strike.—El Dorado (Ark.) News.

Life is that way, too. You're usually advanced to second and third, but getting to first is your own job.—Wilmington Dispatch.

## SHRINE DANCE IS DECIDED SUCCESS

Nearly A Thousand Dollars for the Crippled Children

To The Pilot:

The recent Shrine dance was by far the most successful that we have ever had from every standpoint; the attendance larger, the music better and the financial results excellent. We netted after paying all expenses \$969.00, which will greatly boost our Crippled Children's fund. We now have on deposit over \$1400 in our charity fund and as you understand that we have heretofore limited our charity to little cripples that we have right much capital to invest in this glorious work and for this reason I would like to apprise the people in this and adjoining sections that we have this money and are anxious to get in touch with needy cases.

The cost of treating cases that we handle is usually very small. The hospital does not make any charge for surgical treatment and our expense is therefore just that of getting the child to the hospital, furnishing...

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## CHAPIN OF PINEHURST SELL MYRTLE BEACH

One of the big land sales recently announced is that of Myrtle Beach property of 65,000 acres on the coast in South Carolina by S. B. Chapin of Pinehurst and some associates. This is one of the biggest sales announced in South Carolina, and transfers a valuable property to buyers of Greenville, South Carolina. Mr. Chapin is largely interested in Moore county investments, his orchard near Pinehurst being one of the model plants of the Sandhills. And it is no great stretch of the truth to say that S. B. Chapin is one of the helpful and valuable man of this section whether he sells any land or not, for he is a man of broad character and influence.

## TRIBUTE PAID TO THREE CANDIDATES

Wake Forest Man, Formerly of Moore, Still Interested In Home County

To The Pilot:-

It has been a long time since I left Moore county. And yet, I do not believe any right thinking man ever quite lost his interest in, and his affection, for the old home place, where he final saw the light.

In all these years, now a half century, I have watched with interest, the signs of the county's progress, especially the intellectual and social development of its people.

The highest obligation upon the citizenship of any community, is the building of good homes, and surrounding them with good and wholesome influence. This necessarily means the establishing of Christian churches, and the supporting of schools for the purpose of making the most of the oncoming generation. This being done, a straight, honest, progressive administration of the public interest, is a thing to be greatly desired by every good and patriotic citizen.

I note with real satisfaction, many of the men who offer to serve the people of Moore county in the 1927 legislature.

McDonald and Burns, for the Senate. All right, they both have records for good service, as law makers, so nobody will be disappointed at the result of the primary. As for Stacy Brewer, let his own work praise him "in the gates." The service he has rendered the county and the things he aspires to do for his people in future years, is the best campaign documents he can broadcast.

Let us hope that every county and district in the state may be equally fortunate in the men they send as representatives. Let us hope too, that we should have a short crop of new laws. The state and nation is liberally smothered with senseless and inoperative laws.

If a representative would be decorated for wisdom, and real progressive ideas, let him go to Raleigh with the firm purpose to subtract, instead of add to the laws already enacted. Such service will add to the peace and dignity of the state—success, a heap of it, to the "right arm" of such a lawmaker.

Legislation prompted by sectional interest, is the curse of an honest, unoffending constituency—bue legislation, leads to hard and difficult judicial decision, all of which tend to lessen the efficiency of execution service. So the selecting of a legislative representation is not so unimportant a matter as it would seem to be.

J. C. CADDELL,

Wake Forest, N. C.

(Editor's Note:- In fairness to Mr. Woodley when the writer sent this letter in to be published, Mr. Woodley had not announced himself.)

## LAND SALES ACTIVE IN SOUTHERN PINES

Real estate activity in Southern Pines begins to remind the spectator of the old days when Frank Buchan was selling Edgemore Heights property, for Mr. Buchan is turning many a deal these days. In the past few days he has sold almost twenty lots in that section of Southern Pines that he has opened under the name of Pineddene, and the signs are that that addition to the village will be pretty well closed out before much longer. New houses are springing up in that quarter, and the Sugg farm is coming closer to the edge of the village every day.

Eugene Stevens has been negotiating a number of transactions in Southern Pines, and reports several sales in the past week in the vicinity of the school house, which indicates further building in that vicinity.

Here and there throughout the town an occasional sale is reported which tells the course of the wind in real estate circles.