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**HELPING THE FARMER**

One of the most valuable weekly publications in North Carolina is the News Letter printed at Chapel Hill. Last week's issue had a story on tenant farming, and just now when the whole country is having a spasm over helping the farmer the article fits in with the rest of the movement. But it has one limitation that is almost fatal. It tells about the disadvantages of tenant farming and of the vast mass of landless people, but it does not offer a suggestion as to why, nor a remedy.

The men who are at the head of the News Letter have certain facilities for investigation, and they are men capable of tracing causes to their source and of drawing logical conclusions. With the machinery at their command *The Pilot* proposes that they inquire into the why of the tenant farmer and do the work so thoroughly that when it is done it may be sufficiently illuminating to tell the country why the tenant farmer exists and increases. Surely it is more important to discover the cause of increasing tenancy and thereby a possible remedy than to exhibit these mere statistics of tenantry.

It is probable that the tenant system has features that are not desirable, although likely enough it has some things to its credit. But to be able to judge rationally of its drawbacks and benefits the underlying influences need to be more fully known, and when they are found it is possible they will have pointed out other active factors that need to be studied. Today a lot of quack remedies are offered the farmer, and some of these remedies are in danger of being forced on him regardless of whether they are beneficial or not. The political tendency is to offer a remedy that will benefit politics, not the patient. And that is one reason why unbiased men and trained investigators should study the case with a desire to properly present a diagnosis.

Why are so many tenants on farms, and why are they increasing and why are so many in the South? The questions are worth asking and worth following to the end that they may be answered truthfully and intelligently, and no one is better able to do this than the men who print the News Letter at Chapel Hill. The matter is referred to Mr. Branson with the plea that he start something.

**THE SANDHILLS SIXTEEN**

The entertainment by the Sandhills Sixteen last Friday night in Southern Pines was one of the most interesting things ever staged in this section, and it was more than simply a musical entertainment. It was a demonstration of certain resources that are worth realizing. Here in the community are a lot of folks who can sign, and who can do better than that, for they can give the natural interpretation to the selections they present. This is no attempt to review the singing. It is rather an effort to point out the fact that on our own people we can depend for entertainment of a type that is an unusual and high character, and which ought to be called on more frequently, for nothing comes this way from the outside that is more enjoyable.

It is an old claim that a prophet is not without honor save in his own country, and that is explained by the statement that we are too familiar with our own prophets to accord them

the merits they have. Frank Buchan, Bob Page, and the boys who grew up here lack the element of surprise that a stranger has to help him when he comes, and we first have to comprehend that it is our own familiar neighbors who are doing the good work. No use to mention a long list of names. The appreciation shown Friday night attends to that. But we do need to fix this thing firmly in our minds. We have in the Sandhills a bunch of intelligent, capable entertainers who can probably put on an evening's program that will appeal more heartily to more people than anything that can be brought in from the outside. Possibly more accomplished singers can be secured, and possibly a more profound program might be arranged, but that is not the point. Our own folks have plenty of ability and plenty of adaptability, and they know the kind of goods we want in this neighborhood, and they deliver the material that is appreciated. The Sandhills Sixteen is a better organization than even that is appreciated. The Sandhills Sixteen is a better organization than even the members themselves suspect. It has more ability than they are aware of, but it has what is better yet than ability, and that is the harmony of understanding of the community and the power to fit into what is wanted. The Sandhills Sixteen gives an audience a fuller return for its money than any musical group *The Pilot* has ever known to sing in public in Southern Pines.

**A POSITIVE ASSET**

The attention that is drawn toward the upper end of Moore county deserves more emphasis by more of the people, for the disclosures show that instead of being a liability as has been too often argued the northern townships give promise of being one of the most valuable assets of all of North Carolina. In a way the worth of the upper townships has been known for many years, and in the older days the upper section led in the development of Moore. It was only when the resort industry began to put the Sandhills in the light of public vision that the upper section lost its lead. But that did not lessen the natural wealth of the northern townships.

The power of the Deep river is one of the most useful natural gifts to the people of this section. For years that has made the community of High Falls one of the most thrifty in the county, and the thrift does not depend on the drift of people this way from the North. It is a power within the command of the people, and they use it. With the manufacturing community the farming industries and help, and the prosperity is more widely extended in this way. The mills at Hemp were established to utilize more power from Deep river, but when the Sandhill Power company was absorbed by the Carolina company the power of the Deep river was turned into the general lines of the bigger company, and the mills run now by that power from the general source. But the power is there and much more can be generated on the river.

The interest shown in building stone in the upper townships is one of the wholesome signs. If stone production is to be developed farmers will have work many days during the year when they are not needed on the farms, and much of the revenue from the sale price of stone will go to the people living in the vicinity of the quarries. Also will come to the farmer the sale price of the stone in the ledge. In a square yard of stone are approximately two tons as it is solid in the ledge, and that means nearly ten thousand tons to the acre for every yard in depth, which is equivalent to a thousand dollars if sold at ten cents a ton, or five hundred dollars if sold at ten cents a cubic yard. And it seems there is no limit to the amount of stone in sight. The

only thing is the finding sufficient market. Ten cents a yard is so low as to be of little consequence to the buyer of stone, but it is a big price if the whole acre can be used for the production of stone. What has been sold recently has brought much more than ten cents, but with the vast amount available it is doubtful if high prices can be maintained. And in quantity production they would not need to.

The stone of Moore county is so valuable that every effort should be made to help that section develop this tremendous resource. Pinehurst is wisely leading in the movement, and is so well pleased with what has been done so far that it looks now as if the work already undertaken will bring results.

In addition to the stone it is gradually becoming apparent that the timber industry of the upper part of the county is a continuing one. Several years ago Dr. Street called attention to the successive crops of pine lumber taken from the same tract, and since then as the demand for lumber increases it has become common knowledge that a bunch of pine trees will stand cutting several times in the life of one operator, for the little pines left when the big ones are taken soon become another saw mill crop. Forest lands in up-Moore are growing into money more rapidly and surely than almost any other type of land in the county, and will have a lasting and extended influence on the industries of the county as far in the future as can be seen at the present. This also affords an outlet to the farm labor at times when it is not needed on the farm, and indicates a substantial industry in the timber section as well as in the neighborhoods where stone is to be produced. As timber and stone go together up there, the one thing needed is simply to put the stone on the market.

To widen the market the upper townships need the vigorous help of all the rest of the county, and that help will pay those who extend it, for if by all joining together we can stimulate business and industry in the river townships that section will improve in many ways and become one of the most attractive points for Sandhill visitors and an asset to the south side of the county as a place for strangers to drive and visit. The south side can help the upper townships from selfish motives if from no other, and gain by the help. Moore county profits in all sections every time any section moves forward.

**PINEHURST**

A marriage of interest to a number of people in the Pinehurst community was that of Miss Eudine Meadows and True Cheney, which took place last week at the home of the bride in Georgia. Miss Meadows was a valued member of the faculty of the Pinehurst school. Mr. Cheney has been identified with Pinehurst for a number of years.

They are very comfortably domiciled in the Arlington Cottage at Pinehurst.

Clan Cameron has been increased. Gordon Bevin Cameron, son of Mr. and Mrs. G. McG. Cameron, was born at the home of his parents in Pinehurst last week. Both mother and babe are doing nicely, and hopes are entertained for the proud father's return from walking on air to terra firma in ample time for his first born to receive the benefit of the instruction planned for him.

J. I. O'Brien, of Pinehurst Pharmacy fame, has been spending a few weeks visiting relatives in New England and taking a much needed rest, well earned by his participation in the most strenuous winter season Pinehurst ever experienced.

Members of the Brotherhood, and a number of their friends, enjoyed an outing and fish fry at Thaggard's Tuesday night.

For several years *The Pilot* has enjoyed a very substantial subscription list at Pinehurst. This has been improved by the addition of several names recently. C. W. McKenzie is the youngest member of our family of

readers at Pinehurst, having recently pledged us his support. Any others?

Miss Ruby Craig, of Vass, spent Wednesday in the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Picquet.

Much regret is being experienced at the sudden illness of H. W. Ehardt, of The Electric Shop force. It was suspected that an operation was necessary and he was taken to a hospital in Columbia, S. C.

A host of friends hope for his speedy recovery.

Fifty Berkshire pigs were sent out from the Pinehurst Farm this week, forty to be used in Pig Club work in Montgomery County and ten for the same purpose went to Rockingham. The demand for Berkshires greatly exceeded the supply this year.

Chief among several improvements to be made at Pinehurst this summer is the installation of a 200,000 gallon tank to furnish water for the village. The tank now in use will be converted into a heater for the new sprinkler system at the Carolina. Sixty additional bath-rooms are being put in the Carolina during the repair season.

**POLITICAL ANNOUNCEMENT**

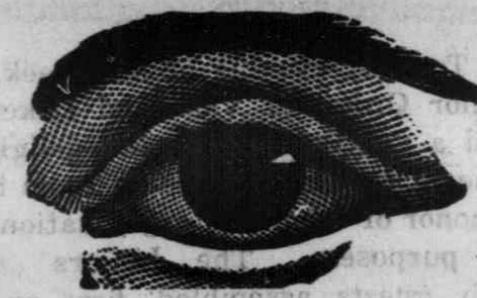
My opponent has requested a second primary for the office of Clerk of Court, to be held on July 3.

I appreciate the splendid vote I received on June 5, and earnestly solicit your support in this second primary.

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