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UNUSUAL NUMBER OF APPLICATIONS

Prospects Bright For A Banner Year At The Sandhill Farm-Life School

In an interview with a representative of The Pilot, R. G. Hutcheson, Superintendent of the Sandhill Farm Life school, brought out many interesting things as to the progress that had been made, and the esteem in which the institution was held. Regarding the outlook for the coming season Mr. Hutcheson said:

"With just a month before the opening of the session of 1926-27, the prospects for the new school year seem brighter and more encouraging, for the Sandhill Farm Life school, than they have been for a number of years. In spite of the general cry of hard times, and financial stress, more applications and inquiries are being received, than usual, and a greater interest in the school, is being manifested throughout the whole section.

"Sandhill Farm Life school has always been esteemed by those who know it best, but with the recent inauguration of the Commercial Department and the Department of Teacher Training, the usefulness of the school to the county and section, has been greatly enhanced. It is now possible for high school graduates to remain in Moore County and prepare themselves for useful and profitable careers. This opportunity is especially appreciated by the boys and girls of limited means.

In a few years, every high school in the county will point its graduates to the Moore County Training school for Teachers. Graduates from Vass, Carthage, Jackson Springs, Farm Life, Elise, High Falls, Eagle Springs, Biscoe, and Ellerbe, have already completed the training course, and are teaching in Moore and adjacent counties. Twenty-two graduates have been turned out in the two years that the department has been functioning in Moore County. Of the eleven graduates of last year, eight have already secured positions for the coming year, and the others will very probably secure positions this week. We point with pardonable pride to the success of our first class, and the fact that they made good in teaching during the past year.

"The management of the Farm Life school is particularly anxious for the public to understand the work it is undertaking. We are emphasizing the fact, that if a high school graduate can complete his or her education in a college or university, this is certainly the proper course to pursue. However, many of our fine boys and girls do not follow this course, for the simple reason that they have not the means. For such young people, our new departments were created.

"Our Moore County Teacher Training Department is one of the 13 departments in the state. Moore

Mountain School Needing Assistance

Crossmore School, Inc. is in urgent need of help. The school has opened with a list of 92 boarders. They have beds and cots for 47. Beds with straw ticks cost \$13.25 each. They have more boarders than beds, more buyers than clothes. Address Parcel Post to Crossmore, N. C. Freight to Ashford, N. C.

COMMISSIONERS REDUCE TAX RATE

Make Appreciable Reduction In County-Wide Rate; Other Counties Going Higher

In special session Monday, August 9, the Board of County Commissioners lowered the county tax rate from \$1.18 to \$1.10. This welcome reduction of 8 c in the rate is further evidence that the County fathers are availing themselves of every opportunity to give Moore County efficient service and an administration conducted as economically as conditions will permit. Very refreshing news in view of the fact that other Counties in the State are finding it necessary to increase their County-wide rates.

county should be proud of this honor. The department is controlled by the State Department of Education, and the Supervisor of Teacher Training is chosen and employed by the state. Miss Meta Liles, the Moore County Supervisor, is rated as one of the strongest Teacher Trainers in the state, and she certainly made her influences felt in the county, during the past year. We have been particularly fortunate in securing her services for the coming year. There are three classes of applicants who are eligible to entrance in the Training Department. Namely, 1 graduates of standard high schools; 2, graduates of non-standard high schools; 3, teachers holding elementary Certificates.

"Applicants in groups one and three will receive Elementary A certificates upon completion of the course. Applicants in group two, will receive Elementary B Certificates. It should be of interest to those considering this course, that credit for the year's work is given at Boone, Greenville, and Cullowhee. There is no charge for this course, other than board and tuition.

"Now, just a few words in regard to the Commercial Department—have you ever stopped to consider the large number of young people who take stenographic, typewriting and book-keeping courses? A large number seem to prefer this business training. The majority of them are compelled to go to some city, pay board at the city

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GUNTER REUNION



T. K. Gunter, of Vass, at whose home the Gunter Reunion was held.

On the 31st of July, the children and grand-children of John A. Gunter, met at the home of T. K. Gunter. His children are Nina Bryan, Durham; T. Kenzie Gunter, Vass; Hardin Gunter, Aberdeenn; John H. Gunter, Tampa, Fla.; Edward Floyd Gunter, Richmond Va.; Alonzo H. Gunter, West Palm Beach, Fla.

The management of the occasion was turned over to Mrs. Johanna Johnson, of Aberdeen. All present had a most enjoyable time, talking over childhood days and recalling incidents of the days that are gone. At 6:00 o'clock supper was announced and all filed into the dining room and took seats around a table laden with an abundance of good things to eat.

Mr. Hardin Gunter, in returning thanks for the blessings which had been bestowed upon the gathering, spoke very feelingly and expressed the hope that those present would be spared to meet in other reunions. The remainder of the evening was devoted to music, singing, dancing, plays, and a general good time.

Mrs. T. K. Gunter was given much praise for the bounteous repast, which praise was shared with Mrs. Hardin Gunter who ably assisted.

Those present at the reunion were Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Gunter and little girl, Aline, West Palm Beach, Fla.; J. H. Gunter, Tampa, Fla.; Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Gunter and children, Hardin, Jr., and Lanie Ruth, Aberdeen; Mr. and Mrs. T. K. Gunter and children, Bessie, Mildred, T. K. Jr., and Margaret, Vass; Mrs. J. J. Bryan and children, Grace and Pauline, Durham; Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Gunter and baby, Gwendolyn, Richmond, Va.; Mrs. A. B. Johnson, Aberdeen; and the honored guest, John A. Gunter.

John A. Gunter is justly proud of his family. All have developed into good, substantial citizens, made splendid progress in their chosen lines of endeavor. The boys are members of the Masonic Order. All play an important part in the Church, the five boys being Presbyterians and the girl an active worker in the Methodist church. Affectionately known in the Vass community as "Grand-Pap," John A. Gunter has arrived at an honorable old age, privileged to look back upon a youth that was well spent, and to gather around him occasionally a group of children who command the respect of all who know them. He experiences a joy that beggars description. May his tribe increase!

There is an impending shortage of workstock in North Carolina and the Nation, find livestock workers. Farmers can grow a good work animal on the farm at a cost of not over \$100.

The mosaic disease of tobacco is causing heavy damage in some fields in Eastern Carolina, report many leading tobacco growers.

The average farm family earned \$648 for labor and management on the farm during the past year. This is an increase of \$24 over the previous year.

Tom Tarheel says he is going to grow all the hay this winter that he needs for next year.

Seaboard Would Remove Two Trains

The Seaboard Air Line Railway company recently petitioned the Corporation Commission for permission to discontinue trains Nos. 41 and 44, each known as "Shoo-fly." No. 41, going South, reaches Vass a 11:00 a. m., and No. 44, going North, at 2:10 p. m. The hearing has been set for sometime in the near future.

BERRY GROWERS TO HOLD MEETING

All Interested In Adoption Of Proper Marketing System Urged To Attend

At 4:00 p. m. Saturday, August 14, 1926, in the Lodge Room over Gunter's Store, there will be held a meeting of Dewberry Growers of the Vass and Cameron communities, at which an effort will be made to arrive at some plan of marketing that will be more satisfactory to all interested than methods employed in the past.

There will be present at this meeting a gentleman who is well versed in the business of marketing perishables, and it is hoped that all who possibly can will be on hand to receive the benefit of his counsel and advice.

It is unnecessary to state that some change is necessary if the industry is to endure, and it is well within the range of probabilities that this meeting will be the first step toward the goal desired.

ABERDEEN

Miss Flora May McKeithen has returned from Myrtle Meach where she has been attending a house party of young people from Albemarle.

Mrs. J. T. Johnson has been in Charlotte with her son, Lawrence.

Arch McRae is visiting his brother, Rev. W. V. McRae.

Jack Johnson, who has been in camp, is at home again.

Miss Ruth Pender, of Tarboro, is visiting Miss Martha Page.

Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Thomason, of Kanapolis, spent Sunday and Monday with Mr. and Mrs. J. K. Melvin. They will return to Aberdeen Thursday and Mrs. Melvin will accompany them to Kanapolis for a visit.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Thompson, of Greensboro, spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Johnson. Mr. and Mrs. Thompson lived here some years ago and have many friends in Aberdeen.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Page, Jr., who have been spending some time with Mrs. Frank Page, have gone to Little River, S. C., to chaperone a house party, of Carthage young people.

Mrs. L. C. McLendon, of Atlanta, is visiting her daughter, Mrs. H. E. Bowman.

Misses Carolyn and Ada Reeves

PINEHURST TO HAVE REVIVAL

Tent Meeting To Begin On Thursday Of Next Week; Brotherhood Takes Part

Rev. W. M. MacLeod, pastor of the Pinehurst Presbyterian church, has completed arrangements whereby Joe H. Carter is to hold a tent meeting at Pinehurst, beginning Thursday night, August 19, and closing Friday night, August 27.

Mr. Carter, who is special evangelist of the Synod's Committee, is one of the originators of the Christian Chautauqua, in which work he was highly successful. Early this year, the Synod provided him with a tent, which will shelter about 600 people, and this will be pitched on the lot near the Community House. The tent will be electrically lighted and provide a comfortable meeting place, regardless of weather conditions.

The location selected is one around which adequate parking space is available, which is a feature to be considered in these days of good roads.

Rev. MacLeod has enlisted the services of the Brotherhood in this undertaking, and when that great class, consisting of approximately 100 members, gets behind a movement, all working in unison, the movement moves.

The song service, preceding each meeting will begin promptly at 7:45. This will be in charge of Mr. Williams, who is going to find abundant material from which to organize a splendid choir.

It is fervently hoped that folks in the Sandhills will take this opportunity to gather together at these services, and lend these good people every encouragement. May the harvest be commensurate to the prayers and preparation of those most interested.

Oglesby are visiting their uncle, Judge Oglesby, in Concord.

Harry Burgess, of High Point, spent Thursday at the home of his sister, Mrs. Clyde Bass.

Miss Allene MacKay has returned to Bennettsville, S. C., after a week's visit to Aberdeen.

Mrs. Hanah Tatum has been visiting her neice, Mrs. J. K. Melvin. Last Sunday Mr. and Mrs. Melvin took her back to Fayetteville, where she lives in the Confederate Home for Women.

Harold Bass is visiting his uncle, Harvey Burgess, in High Point for a month.

Commissioner Frank Page spent Saturday and Sunday at home.

Mrs. Fred Page and Caroline Page, of Asheboro, spent Thursday in Aberdeen.

Extensive repairs are being made in the house occupied by Mrs. Maggie Blue.

Misses Christine Allred and Mary McKeithen, have returned from Mon-

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GIRLS' BASKET BALL TEAM OF FARM-LIFE SCHOOL



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