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MOORE COUNTY'S
NEW CHURCHESNo Lack of Religions Consideration
In County Building
Operations

In these days of building activity over the country some talk has been heard regretting that churches are not keeping up with other types of building, but in Moore county that sort of expression seems groundless. One of the finest new structures recently put up is the \$100,000 village chapel at Pinehurst, while the Catholics not long before set the example with one of the most attractive church buildings in the neighborhood. Up near Cameron the Disciples have built a nice new church on the state highway. Carthage Baptists are about to begin work on a new building that will be creditable in all respects. At Southern Pines the Congregationalists are figuring on an addition to their church, which has been so well filled by the work of Dr. Searle in the recent past that more room has become a necessity. Then the steady growth of both summer and winter population is making a decisive demand on all the churches for greater seating capacity.

Possibly the most pronounced advantages are those by the Episcopal congregation which the last of this week will consider plans submitted by their architects, Benton & Benton, for a new parish house on their new location, where the complete plans contemplate a parish house, rectory and new church in one entire unit. The site is on Massachusetts avenue, on the rise towards the Highland Pines Inn, where a well-designed group of buildings will be highly impressive. C. L. Hayes, in talking of the proposed construction, said that the work will be a fine creation using Moore county building stone, and planned to fit in with that type of architecture that is now developing in this section, and which is giving an individual distinction to Sandhills construction.

Moore county stone meets the approval of builders for the more pretentious style of buildings, and it is said to be particularly fitted for ecclesiastical construction, as well as to harmonize with the surroundings of the Sandhills village landscape.

Fourteen silos were built by farmers in Buncombe County in the fall of 1925.

KIWANIS REPORT
ON LAW SYSTEMNot Enough Positive Attention
to the Details of
of Law

The meeting of the Kiwanis club Wednesday was given largely to the report of a committee to inquire into the gossip that has been going about in the county concerning various phases of law enforcement. The report presented said:

"The committee appointed by the president to investigate certain reports concerning the operations of the law enforcement officers of the county, holding minor offices, together with the system under which they work, beg leave to report that they have found the investigation no small task, this being caused by the fact, that in many instances, the records appear to be incomplete. It appears that under the law, the Justices of the Peace are required to make detailed reports to the Clerk of Court, before each term of the Superior Court (Criminal) and to pay over the fines collected by them to the County Auditor. We find that in some instances, no reports have been filed with the Clerk of Court, for several terms of court, and that some of the Justices turn their money over to the County Treasurer, some over to the County Auditor and some of them turn the money over to the Clerk of Court.

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Little Stories About The Natives

By MISS CONNIE CURRIE

Mose McDonald's Commencement Shoes

Commencement time! Is there ever a time so dear to the hearts of girls and boys as commencement time? Even in this advanced age of moving pictures, chautauquas and fairs, there is a certain thrill about "school breakings" that girls and boys get from nothing else in life. There they are literally speaking the center of the stage—there the Tom, Dick and Harrys, who were so disreputable looking yesterday, step manfully out into the center of the stage and speak wisdom written by the sages of old. There the most insignificant child in school becomes a person of importance. Each boy is a future president—each girl a future president's wife. So it is today—what must it have been many years ago when the only things the children had to go to for amusement were 'spelling matches' and 'school breakings'!

Some years ago, the story runs, Mose McDonald was a boy just so wild about school breakings and spelling matches as his son "M. C." is now about the Sandhill fair. An "exhibition" as it was called, was a thing to be prepared for and talked over for weeks beforehand. And they were some preparation, too! 'Twas then, possibly, the mothers made the boys their new suits that were to last a year. 'Twas then the boys took the leather they had tanned to the neighborhood shoemaker and had the shoes made that were to last them for the season. For you are to understand that the "McDonald Store," that was to furnish so many commencement shoes, was a thing of the future. Pos-

sibly the nearest place farmers could have gone to buy shoes would have been to Fayetteville. At any rate, instead of getting store shoes, young McDonald took his leather to a neighbor to have a pair made and he had dreams of getting a very stylish pair of shoes. Indeed—he saw himself as he hoped others would see him—a handsome, young "Mister" McDonald, a walking around attracting a lot of attention and demanding the admiration of all in his new suit and his new shoes.

The neighborhood shoe-maker was very rushed and young Moses did not get his shoes until the night before the big day. They were wonderful looking shoes, but when he tried them on he found to his despair that the shoe-maker had made a mistake and made one of them on a number six last and the other on a number five. The tragedy of it was that Moses foot was decidedly a number six foot and absolutely refused to go into a number five shoe without a great deal of protest. But as Moses had decided to go to that commencement some time beforehand, there was nothing else to do but put that foot in, protest and all and in it went. He was a determined young guy even then.

Of course his mother made various suggestions as to how he might wear his old shoes or even go barefooted, but the boy scorned them all. He'd had visions of himself at that "school breakin'" for quite a spell and those visions included neither a barefooted Moses nor yet one that was in an old pair of shoes. For the first time

that Cinderella story didn't seem quite so foolish. He could have dispensed with a toe or a heel himself without grieving so much. And his mother being a wise woman, said no more. So Moses went to commencement, shoes and all—clothed, but scarcely in his right mind.

They drove to the school grounds in a wagon and by keeping his foot propped up high it didn't hurt so bad, but that was one day he wore a pained expression on his usually pleasant face. He was of the "grin and bear it" type, but his grin was rather sickly. He kept hoping that when the exercises began he might forget his foot but no such luck. All day long he hobbled from place to place or sat under the arbor with his foot propped up. When he should have been getting inspiration from "Mark Anthony's speech, or "Lincoln's Gettysburg Address," he could think of nothing more elevating than heels and toes. Even the dinner was tasteless. Anyone that is subject to corns will understand that.

At last the day was over and they started home. Once in the wagon he eased off his shoe but the pain for a while was worse than ever, tears would come. Right then he developed a great sympathy for all Chinese women.

Thus was spoiled for Mose McDonald a "commencement day" But after all he remembered that day when he forgot the others.

P. S.—I didn't hear whether those shoes were ever worn out or not.

ANOTHER LINK IN
CAROLINA CHAINPicquet Takes Over Theatre At
Hamlet, Formerly Known As
Hamlet Opera House

Charles W. Picquet, the man who "brought the show business to this country with him," recently closed a deal whereby he becomes the manager of the Hamlet Opera House, to be known henceforth as "Carolina Theatre, Hamlet, N. C."

He immediately put a force of workmen on the job remodeling the place, which when finished will have all the refinements belonging to a metropolitan theatre of the first class.

His plan calls for a ladies' reception room, with maid in attendance, gentlemen's smoking room, public telephone service, sanitary drinking fountains, and many other appointments not often found in theatres outside the largest cities. Employees in every capacity will be selected for previous known efficiency and courtesy.

Any town fortunate enough to interest a showman of Mr. Picquet's calibre is to be congratulated. In addition to many other important posts, he is President of the Motion Picture Theatre Owners of North Carolina, having been re-elected unopposed at their Annual Meeting held a short time ago.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to thank our friends and neighbors for their many gifts and kindness shown us in the illness and death of our husband and father, W. H. Chestnut. May the Lord's richest blessings rest on them all.

THE FAMILY.

Thirty-five scrub bulls have been replaced and 21 pure bred animals brought into Jackson County during the past summer.

Page Trust Company
Assisting Land Owners

Last spring the Page Trust company undertook to increase the tobacco crop more particularly in quality than in quantity, by the employment of Archie Tapps, who was engaged to help the farmers in the selection of their seed, in preparing the plant beds, the ground for setting, and in caring for the crops all the way to the finished leaf on the warehouse floors. The results were so good that the crop is an excellent one and the price promised to be above the average.

That led the banking company to plan a further scheme, which is to interest landowners in offering to possible renters suitable land for increased acreage in tobacco. The growing demand for cigarettes has made a good market this fall with a prospect that more Sandhill leaf can be absorbed, and with the success that has come to the tobacco men who have come to Moore county from other sections the Page folks believe more new men can be brought here to utilize the unused acres. The company is willing to lend its influence to this thing, and it invites landowners to inform it of what they will do in providing land if the company secures farmers.

Its argument is that idle land returns nothing to its owners, but that cultivated land produces a crop worth possibly \$150 or more to the acre will help toward a high degree of prosperity for the whole neighborhood. At least the Page influence is willing to try to put this project across if the land is to be had.

As the project is outlined there are no strings to it, no schemes to sell

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BASKET PICNIC AT
CAMERON HILLForest Wardens and Members of
Board of Conservation and
Development Participate

The annual basket picnic by the Cameron Hill Community in Harnett county has long been an event looked forward to by all the people of a wide area in and around Johnsonville township. This year the festive occasion will be held at the Cameron Hill church on Saturday, September 18. There will be singing and speaking and at 12:30 P. M. a basket lunch. "Nuf said." Everybody knows the best cooks in Eastern Carolina are in the sand hills of Harnett County.

This year District 3 of the State Forest Service is giving a picnic jointly with the Cameron Hill Community in celebration of the completion of the Cameron Hill fire lookout tower which the cooperation of the land owners of the region made possible. At 2:00 P. M. there will be speaking at the tower. Members of the N. C. Department of Conservation and Development and many forest wardens and their families will be present. Everybody welcome. Get a fine view from the tower and renew old friendships. Cameron Hill is near Pineview in Harnett County.

SEABOARD AFTER STONE

Officials of the Seaboard Railroad have been at Carthage and with Colin Spencer looking into the character of Moore county building stone, and they took away with them a number of samples which they will test out as material for flag walks at stations and elsewhere. They have taken some building stone, half a dozen different types, which they will submit to the men who handle the building and designing of structures. They were much pleased with what they found.

AIRING WATER
AT NEW PLANTSouthern Pines Has Expanded
System to Further Purify
Supply

It is said that North Carolina is making more progress in raising the standard of water and milk supplies than any other state of the Union. The State Health Department is encouraging the towns, big and little, to establish better types of water plants and dairy equipment, and rapidly the new work is taking hold. The aim is to get rid of typhoid fever, tuberculosis and other diseases that are communicated by contaminated water, milk or other food commodities.

Southern Pines is one of the most active small towns of the state in this work. Recently a fine new water plant was installed, and this week it has added the initiative of L. L. Hedgepeth, the superintendent, a system for serating the water after it has been cleared by filtering and coagulation of all suspended foreign material. The plant was built originally by White, of Durham, and is a model, but Hedgepeth decided to install the aeration system to get rid of occasional gassy odors that are found at times in any water that comes from running streams that flow through forest areas and picks up falling leaves and organic material. He installed a pump that forces all the water through a group of whirling nozzles that will deliver 600 gallons a minute, and that water is sprayed in fine mist in the air, and all traces of gases removed.

State officials have been down to look over the operation of the system and it is likely it will be recommended to other water supply stations. It is believed this puts Southern Pines in advance of almost any other small community in the country in the perfection of its water purification system. Mr. Hedgepeth is a product of State College's Chemical Engineering department, as is his assistant Cyrus O. Butler, and State is making special effort to provide trained men to carry on the work the State Health Board is outlining for the higher standard of health in North Carolina. From the coast to the mountains calls are coming to state for more men to go out to the towns that are establishing water plants of this modern type.

VASS LAKEVIEW
SCHOOL OPENINGProspects Very Bright For Banner
Year. Wonderful Co-Operative
Spirit In Evidence

On Monday, September 6, the Vass-Lakeview public school opened its doors for its regular eight month's session. Already the students, about 300 strong, have assumed their various tasks with a remarkably good spirit in spite of the fact that a number of changes have been instilled in the organization of the high school department. The changes are due to the new plan arranged by Dr. John Henry Highsmith for all the high schools in the state. According to this plan, fewer and fewer subjects are allowed in the school curriculum. Formerly four years of foreign language and four years of mathematics have been required for high school graduation but now only two years of foreign language and only three years of mathematics are permitted.

There are several advantages in this new system. More time is afforded the pupils for study in school and for the use of the school library; less energy will be used in changing from one subject to another and therefore more fresh energy will be available to every pupil in the preparation of the few subjects studied and greater thoroughness in the work of pupils and teachers may be expected.

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