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A TRIBUTE TO J. ALTON McIVER

Moore County Bar Expresses Appreciation of His Courtesy and Efficiency

In appreciation of the untiring efforts of Hon. J. Alton McIver in serving his County and State as Clerk of the Superior Court of Moore County during the past twenty years, the Moore County Bar passed the following resolution at Carthage during the September term, and Judge T. B. Finley ordered that the same be spread on the minutes of the Court.



RESOLUTION
In The Superior Court.
Carthage, N. C.
September term, 1926.
Whereas, the term of office of Mr. J. Alton McIver, Clerk of the Superior Court of Moore County, will expire before the next term of the Court; and whereas, owing to the condition of his health he has declined to be a candidate for re-election after a conspicuous service of twenty years in the office:

Be it resolved by the Moore County Bar:

1. That we express our affectionate regard for Mr. McIver, and our regret that the threatened failure of his health makes it apparently necessary for him to relinquish his active work for the present; and we hope for him that the needed rest will speedily restore his strength and prove that the menace has been in fact unreal:

2. That we declare our deep appreciation of the uniform courtesy shown to each of us by Mr. McIver at all times in our contact with him in the years since he became clerk; and we testify to the efficient manner in which he has kept up the records of his office, and discharged the duties thereof; and we particularly commend him for his close application to the details of his office work and his long hours at his desk affording to all opportunity for the transaction of business with the Court. We doubt if any record in this State has ever approached that of Mr. McIver for actual hours spent in his office.

The foregoing resolution is adopted unanimously and it is ordered that it be spread upon the minutes of the Court. Sept. 25th, 1926.

T. B. FINLEY,
Judge Presiding.

COTTON PRICES

The trend of the cotton market for the past few weeks is just another warning that cotton farmers must keep at work on the job of reducing production costs. To do this, increase acre yields by enriching the land with winter-grown clover crops, reduce the labor cost with better implements and machinery and reduce the cost of supplies by growing a greater share of them at home.

How about those acres to cover crops? Now is the time to begin thinking about them.

OXFORD ORPHANAGE SINGING CLASS AT ABERDEEN SOON

The Oxford Orphanage Singing class will be at Aberdeen in the high school auditorium October 1, 8:00 p. m.

Little Stories About The Natives

By MISS CONNIE CURRIE

When "Gas" McKenzie Went To Carthage

Standing on the Jackson Springs church yard some 45 or 50 years ago, M. L. McKenzie, familiarly known as "Gas," casually mentioned the fact that he was going to drive over to Carthage the next day. The natives looked thoughtful, husbands and wives nodded and beamed at each other,—mothers consulted daughters for the same thought had occurred to each—namely that here was a good opportunity to get the few little things they wanted from Carthage without making the trip.

That afternoon Gas had quite a bit of company, several of the neighbors "dropped in to set a spell," but he discovered before they left that his popularity was due somewhat to his intended trip.

Some brought butter, some brought eggs, others different things that they wanted swapped for commodities that the great town of Carthage boasted of. By night time Gas had promised to bring home more stuff than he could easily haul to say nothing of the little things he was to "see to." His wife was rather peeved at him—she didn't see any room for the chickens and butter and stuff she was going to send, besides she didn't know when he was going to get time to tend to his own business if he tended to all the other businesses right. But he was a good natured guy and he said he'd manage somehow.

He was "up by times" the next morning. When the sun rose he had greased the buggy, fed the horse and was ready to go. 'Twas a busy day—all day long he bargained and talked and long passed the time he should have started home, he was still at it. At least, however, he was through with the exception of one thing.

Among the other visitors he'd had the afternoon before was a couple of young men who had what they said was a very important paper they wanted delivered to a man whom for convenience sake, we will call McNeill. McNeill lived out on the edge of town, so after finishing his other business, Gas obligingly hurried over to Mr. Mac's house. Much to his disgust he found that McNeill was down in the field ploughing, some quarter of a mile away. 'Twas getting late and he was strongly tempted to go on—there was a thing as "riding a free horse to death," he told himself, but he'd been taught that once he'd put his hand to the plow to never turn back, so Sunday clothes and all, he stalked across the ploughed field to deliver that important paper.

McNeill seemed surprised to be getting a paper at all to say nothing of an important one and since he'd left his glasses at the house and couldn't read without them he asked "Gas" to read it to him. Folded up in quite a

legal looking document was this writing:

"Sir, let Gas pass and repass on his good looks and good behavior.

Signed,
THE COMMITTEE"

For just one instant McNeill looked amazed but as it dawned on him that this was the boy, Gas, he sat down on a stump and fairly hee-hawed. All of which did not improve the boy, "Gas's" temper as he stalked back over the ploughed ground fairly boiling with rage. All the way home he told himself that he'd get even if 'twas the last thing he ever did—and that a joke was a joke but there was such a thing as going too far. But the road was long and dusty—the sand from three to four inches deep and as Gas creaked along in his buggy for mile after mile he found his resentment gradually fading away and by the time he reached home he was able to laugh at himself.

Reformers are agreed that what is the matter with our country today, if perchance there is anything the matter, is that we are living so fast we haven't time to think—creaking over 20 miles of sandy road, Gas had time to think and thus was enabled to prove on the next Sunday, as he had done many times before, that he was a good sport.

Sixty Years of Paint Supremacy

The Pinehurst Warehouses, who represent the Sherwin-Williams company in this territory, received a souvenir edition of The Cleveland News, containing a very interesting history of the concern which "covers the earth." The write-up shows employees on the roster who date back to 1872, this being one of few concerns in America with such a record. This business can point to a ser-

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BROADWAY MOVES TO PINEHURST

Picquet Booking Wonderful Attractions for Next Winter. N. C. Boy Heads Company

Amusement lovers fortunate enough to be near Pinehurst during the coming guest season, will have several opportunities to enjoy the highest type of entertainment ever produced anywhere. Formerly, it was necessary to travel to the large Northern cities to see and hear the class of attractions that are coming to the Carolina Theatre at Pinehurst next winter.

The first big musical event takes place on December 13, when the Yale Glee club comes for one performance. We know from experience what this visit means, as they were with us on the first Christmas night after the new Carolina Theatre opened.

The week of January 17 brings the first road show to Pinehurst. Incidentally, it will be the first time that an original New York cast ever visited this part of the country. Madge Kennedy and Sidney Blackmer will head a large company in a play that was one of Broadway's greatest successes this season, "Love-In-A Mist." This delightful play enjoyed a long run at the Gaiety Theatre in New York and was the vehicle that car-

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POULTRY MEETING HELD THIS WEEK

Opportunity Offered To Improve Your Flock and Increase Production

Don't forget the poultry meeting this week.

If you are the least bit interested in poultry, please try to attend at least one of our meetings this week. If you do not know or have forgotten the schedule it will be gladly furnished you that you may be able to attend the meeting nearest you.

Time was, when the farmer with his crop system was carried until fall of the year by his merchant. When his crop was sold a settlement was made. This form of business is fast going out of style and the farmers of necessity must have more than one pay day each year. Better prices are offered all the time to the man who pays cash. To meet this situation a small flock of pure bred poultry well fed and cared for properly offers an excellent means of making extra cash. The farmer, who has eggs and chickens for sale each week gets his cash and usually has some money in the bank in addition. This is the man who can pay cash as he goes and usually gets better prices for the things he has to buy. I was told one day last week that there was little or no market for eggs and chickens. If this is the case, why has it been so? Largely because there is not enough raised to create a market for our products. According to latest government statistics, there is an average of about twelve hens on every farm in this section. With an average egg production it would take us approximately seven years to produce eggs enough to give the city of New York one breakfast. Think this over and lets try a few good chickens as a side line.

If you need help to begin with, every effort will be made to give you

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Sandhill Sixteen To Visit Hamlet

With Mrs. Chas. W. Picquet at the piano, the Sandhill Sixteen will open the new Carolina Theatre at Hamlet next Monday night, October 4. To imagine a more appropriate selection is impossible. It's a Sandhill arrangement from start to finish. The following excerpt from Manager Picquet's salutation, embodied in a souvenir program issued for the above occasion, is an excellent ex-

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KIWANIS TALKS ON ADVERTISING

Propose Another Fund For Vigorous Work For Winter

At the Kiwanis meeting at Jack's Wednesday the club received a letter from John McQueen of the advertising committee of last year saying that the committee recommended another campaign of advertising this year with about \$7,000 of expenditure chiefly in the northern papers. The results of last season's work was so satisfactory and the conditions this year so favorable that the committee thinks the proposition wise. Discussion brought out the fact that subscriptions to the fund last winter provided for further payments of a considerable sum for this coming year, and the sense of the meeting was favorable to the scheme. It was referred to the public affairs committee with instructions to report at the next meeting, so that advertising can be started right away.

Signs along the roads cautioning the destruction of trees and shrubbery received some attention and brought out the information that such signs are about to be put up.

Charlie Picquet announced that the Sandhill Sixteen and some other tal-

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COTTON PRICES DISAPPOINTING

Farmers Are Not Pleased With The Present Low Figures

BION H. BUTLER

When cotton last week went down almost to thirteen cents Moore county farmers, as well as the farmers elsewhere, expressed in positive words their disappointment, and much discussion of the situation and the causes was heard in all quarters. The crop is a fairly good one through this section, as it seems to be over the country generally, and little expectation was felt of the high prices that have prevailed in the past. But the farmer did not believe that thirteen cent cotton was due, and he does not believe it is fair with other things selling as they are.

Different opinions are heard as to the future. Predictions of ten cent cotton have been made, while some folks look for the early distress cotton to go on the market around the present prices to be followed by better figures as soon as this early offering is absorbed. Some good authority says the cotton situation is only an indication of other tribulations that are gathering over the country, and what seems equally good authority says that business conditions are basically sound. The volume of trade is about as high as was ever known, but everybody reports collections discouragingly slow. Some of the opinions advanced are interesting whether or not. One banker said, "I would not be surprised to see cotton go to ten cents, and even then I don't think we would be at the end of the string, for let me tell you something. Right now the cotton farmer is in an uncomfortable plight, but not a bit worse than every other industry. If the cotton men are to take ten cents or thirteen cents, or any other low price the buying power of the farmer is crippled until industries that are loading him up steadily with their wares are going to find themselves without a market.

"What will thirteen cent cotton do to the automobile?" he asked. "The farmer as well as everybody else," he continued, "is loading up with automobiles that are not paid for, and if cotton is not to provide the money to pay for those already bought where will come the money to pay for those not yet sold? Are you aware that in our state we are buying over half a million dollars' worth of gasoline a week, and that we are buying as much more of tires and similar things to go with the gasoline, and that does not take into account the payments on the automobiles that have to be paid every month? At thirteen cents our cotton crop will not begin to pay our automobile bill. Have you ever thought of that, and have you ever thought that the gasoline and the automobile payments have to be met with cash? We are loaded now with all the automobiles thirteen cent cotton can carry, and probably more, but we are steadily buying more. The money that will come to the banks of North Carolina in the next five months for cotton will be pretty much offset by the money that will go from the banks to met drafts for gasoline, cars, and car supplies.

"The farmer is not in good financial position, but if he is not how are the other industries? If the farmer can not buy automobiles what follows? Another industry gets in dutch. And if that happens the steel mills, and the other mills that supply automobile factories get their jolt. And that is what gives me apprehension. If the farmer can't continue to buy, factories are going to miss him. And that means the people who are making things to sell the farmer are going to have an idle period. The trouble is the farmer has been coaxed into a credit position where he is in a tight fix, and low cotton is dangerous, not only to him but to all of us.

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