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EXAMINATIONS FOR DRY FORCES

Campaign to Recruit Eligibles For Positions in Bureau of Prohibition.

Pinehurst, April 14.—The United States Civil Service Commission today launched its country-wide campaign to recruit eligibles for the 2,500 positions in the Bureau of Prohibition which were classified under the civil service law by the Act of March 3, 1927.

- 1 chief of field division, at \$6,000 a year.
5 prohibition zone supervisors, at \$5,200 a year.
24 prohibition administrators, at \$4,000 to \$6,000 a year.
24 assistant prohibition administrators (enforcement work), at \$3,300 to \$5,200 a year.
24 assistant prohibition administrators (permissive work), at \$3,300 to \$5,200 a year.
50 deputy prohibition administrators, at \$3,000 to \$4,600 a year.
2 field office inspectors, at \$3,800 to \$3,900 a year.
4 associate field office inspectors, at \$3,000 to \$3,600 a year.
18 senior prohibition investigators, at \$3,800 a year.
109 prohibition investigators, at \$3,000 a year.
53 junior prohibition investigators, at \$2,400 a year.
228 prohibition agents, at \$2,400 a year.
1,250 junior prohibition agents, at \$1,860 a year.

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REV. McNEILL TO PREACH AT YATES-THAGGARD

Rev. M. D. McNeill, of Cameron, will preach on the second Sunday in May at 3 o'clock, p. m., at the Yates-Thaggard Baptist church.

TWO NEW HOTELS NOW IN PROGRESS

One of Them at Knollwood, and the Other at Pinehurst.

The new hotel at Pine Needles has been let to the Good Construction Company at Charlotte, who will start at once to put up the building. The foundations are almost ready, and by the time the construction company has made its preparations the job will be ready for them to go ahead with their work.

The Davis and Davis Company is already at work on the new house for Mr. Satterfield, out the Aberdeen road a short distance from Pinehurst, and will have it ready for opening with the next season.

An interesting feature about both of these new hotels is that each one is planned so that it can be enlarged easily at any time to accommodate three times the original population and the plans now in use are the plans for the completed structure in each case.

At the Pine Needles the golf courses are being pushed forward rapidly, and it will not be very long until they begin to show green with the grass which will come rapidly with the fertilizing and care that is given them.

STATEMENT FROM LEADING FARMER OF MOORE COUNTY.

Dear Sir: Mr. W. E. Kelley, prosperous farmer, of near Carthage, said upon resigning the new contract on April 7, that "the reason I first signed was because I believed in organization and corporation as the only hope for we people who farm. "Farming now is and has been an uphill business and if it had not had been for the influence that co-operative marketing has had on the market cotton would have sold for much less than it is now bringing. I hope that our farmers of North Carolina will sign in sufficient numbers to enable the Association to handle one quarter of a million bales in this State. And with this new popular contract I believe we are going to do it."

TAX PAYMENTS MOVING FREELY

Bigger Deposits Than Ever Before at This Season of The Year.

J. D. McLean, tax collector, says the money from taxes is coming in freely this year and the amounts turned over to the treasurer are greater than ever before at this season. The totals collected by the close of March reached not quite so much as in March of last year, but the deposits with the treasurer were greater. The deposits at the end of March in 1925 were \$217,000, last year \$267,500, and this year \$274,350. In 1925 at the end of March the amount left to collect was \$125,598.90. In 1926 this sum was \$82,191.85, while this year it is \$81,821.42. The total of taxes this year will be slightly less than last year, as the reliefs and abatements are greater, and the discoveries are less. The ad valorem and polls are also less this year than last year by over ten thousand dollars, as will be noticed.

Table with 2 columns: Category and Amount. Includes 1924 Taxes Collected by the Sheriff Up to March, 1925, Ad Valorem and Polls, Sheriff's discoveries, Schedule B, Nos, Total, Reliefs or Abatements, Collected, Total, Bal., Receipts on hand, Cash col. (as above), Deposited Co Treas.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to thank our friends for their many kindnesses and sympathy in our recent bereavement JOHN LANCASTER, MR. and MRS. J. S. LANCASTER, and FAMILY, DR. P. E. GRIFFIN.

TWO FINE NEW HOUSES IN THE RESORT SECTION.

Mrs. R. H. Rose, of Binghampton, New York, has let to the Reinke Construction Company, of Fayetteville, the contract for her new house on Weymouth Heights. This will be one of the big new houses of that section for this spring. The cost will run up toward \$30,000 by the time it is completed with all the adjuncts, and it will make one of the leading home locations on the hill. The site is near Dr. Cady's, not far from the Inn.

Over at Knollwood, Mrs. Burke will have a new house to be built by John McPherson, of Southern Pines. The location is next to Major Nettleton's house, on the hill overlooking the golf courses, and is one of the most desirable in the Mid-Pines vicinity. Mrs. Burke will have an expensive building, with the modern equipments, and on that picturesque spot will add greatly to the progressive note of Knollwood village.

PINEHURST FINE ALFALFA FIELDS

Sight That Moore County Farmers Should See and Study.

(Bion H. Butler.)

Within the next few days a harvest will take place at Pinehurst which ought to be of the highest interest to farmers and stock men of the Sandhills section as well as of the more substantial soils of this part of the State. The crop will be taken from the alfalfa fields, and at present the fields are among the most interesting farm exhibits in this neighborhood. The progress of the alfalfa is such that it is constantly followed by the American Limestone Company, of Knoxville, Tennessee, a concern that sells lime all over the states of its territory, and which is doing a lot to improve the condition of the farmers.

L. M. Wilcox, of the Denver Field and Farm, who has for years been closely identified with alfalfa growing, says alfalfa is the greatest forage plant the world has ever known, and in his book on irrigation farming he devotes a chapter to alfalfa because its great value as a farm crop brings in the work of irrigation in his part of the Union, and permits a digression on the worth of this plant to the farmer. He says its term of existence in the ground has not yet been established, but it will last the average age of man, and he mentions a root of an alfalfa plant that he knew of in New Mexico that was 32 feet long. An ancient Mexican told him that an alfalfa field in the family had been cropped regularly every year as far as he could learn for two hundred years and was still yielding an enormous crop. It came into Mexico with the early Spanish conquerors, and spread all over the mountain country and California, and is probably the greatest hay plant in the world, and also the greatest soil renovator. Mr. Wilcox says alfalfa is today putting more money into the pockets of the farmers than any other forage plant. He also says that contrary to the opinion prevalent in some circles alfalfa will grow successfully on a wide variety of soils, and that other conditions than soils are to blame for difficulties that arise with this crop. Old, loamy soil, rather light in texture, and with porous under-soil is the best, and that is what the fields at Pinehurst have.

The success of the Pinehurst fields show what alfalfa will do, and they are not alone in this county. On the Blue farm on the Carthage road is a fine example of alfalfa. John Wilcox has another in the Horseshoe, and here and there are others that serve to show what alfalfa will do for the farmer who will properly care for his crop. But Pinehurst is the most convenient example in this neighborhood, and every farmer who can would profit by making a pilgrimage to the Pinehurst alfalfa fields while the crop is still uncut.

If we can establish alfalfa as a factor in the farm crops of Moore county and with it increase our stock and poultry production as alfalfa would enable us to do the agricultural interests of the county would encounter a revolution, and it is worth trying.

HONOR STUDENT AGAIN THIS YEAR

Mr. A. E. Cameron, son of Mr. and Mrs. Alex Cameron, of Manley, is a first honor student again this year at the University of North Carolina. Mr. Cameron was initiated into the Order of Grail last week. The Order of the Grail is a student honorary organization at the University, the chief aim of which is to promote wholesome social intercourse between fraternity men and non-fraternity men at the University.

HERBERT JACKSON GETS QUICK ACTION.

The short cut road through the Pine Needles property to the Carthage road from Southern Pines was not long delayed. At the meeting of the highway commission on the first Monday in April the matter was proposed, and within a week cars were driving over the new road. The county portion of the project is grubbed, graded and clayed, and from now on traffic from Southern Pines to Carthage will use the new route, as the Pine Needles portion was all finished except a few yards of clay before the county started. The loop cuts off almost a mile between the two towns, and the improvement of the road the other side of the Chandler hill will make a big difference in the drive.

LAKEVIEW AFTER SUPPLY OF WATER

Drilling Big Well to the Lower Levels in The Rocks.

For some time Lakeview has been troubled by shortage in their water supply, and although considerable discussion has followed the lowering of the water level in the wells in the last year or so nothing has come to a head until John R. McQueen not long ago arranged with Dowdy and Butler to bring their big machine down and start a six inch hole to the rocks.

The machine was moved in this week, and in a few days it is expected that a supply will be found. The hole will not be stopped in the sand strata, as Mr. McQueen figures that it is just as well when it is here to drill to the bottom of any possible source of supply, and to make that supply as definite as possible by going into a hard rock bottom.

The drillers have just finished a deep well at the county home, going 250 feet deep, and they opened a big supply of water that looks like enough to care for a moderate sized town. Their discoveries over there were interesting. After passing below the level of the water in the wells at about 25 or 30 feet the drill continued on down through dry sand and clay another hundred feet before encountering enough moisture to dampen the tools. Then when rock was approached water began to develop in modest quantities, but it was at 250 feet that enough was found to satisfy the county authorities that it was wise to stop. The indications there are that he ground near the surface has practically been exhausted of its water surplus by the three or four years of dry weather, except in such places as springs converge in the hollows and gather what water accumulates in such places from the less frequent rains.

Mr. Dowdy says he is watching the progress of the hole at Lakeview with much interest, as it will tell what is under ground in this section with the water level in the ground dropping as it has been. These folks can drill a hole ten inches in diameter, and a thousand feet deep if desired, and it is possible they may do some work in Vass before the machine is moved. Their machine is the biggest ever brought into this neighborhood.

STATE FAVORABLE TO TAKING MIRLAND ROAD.

The committee sent up to Raleigh by the Kiwanis Club to urge the State to take the Midland road from the county was favorably received, and without any considerable discussion was informed that the State would take the project under consideration, with the assurance by Mr. Cox and Mr. Page that there is no apparent opposition to the State taking the road, and the impression was left on the minds of the committee that the road will be accepted by the State.

YOUNGER FOLKS NOT SO FIERCE

Old Folks Make Them What They Are, Speaker Thinks.

At the meeting of the Kiwanis Club in the Civic building in Southern Pines Wednesday, Rev. W. W. Williams, of Carthage, told the members that he is not so much concerned about the young folks of today as some folks are, for the natural tendency of boys and girls now is not different from what it has been through ages. However, conditions are somewhat different in this swifter age, and boys and girls may be influenced by conditions if older folks do not lend a hand in leading the young folk in the right lines. The speaker led up to the work the Boy Scouts are doing, and found in that organization an influence over the younger people to provide for them an interest rather than letting them alone to find their amusements and their associations and practices where the surroundings and the practices are not so wholesome.

Mr. Williams urged the Kiwanis to stand by the Scouts movement, and to do any other wholesome thing to keep the young folks in line with the serious purposes of life and of interest in things of existence, and was heard with much appreciation by the audience.

A box of oranges sent from Florida by Dr. McKee, a friend of many of the members was sent to the county home at the suggestion of Sam Dickardson, who said he believed Doc would be pleased at that method of showing appreciation of the remembrance and that the folks at the home would be mighty glad to receive cheer of that sort, and Sam was backed by the crowd and the oranges went on their errand of good will.

The date for the organization to attend church in Pinehurst at Dr.

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MUSICAL EVENT FRIDAY NIGHT

Stainer's Cantata of the "Crucifixion" at Southern Pines.

One of the big musical events of the year will be given at the new Episcopal church in Southern Pines Friday night, Good Friday, when the Sandhills Sixteen, with an equal number of women singers will present the cantata of the "Crucifixion," by Sir John Stainer, one of the most interesting things of its kind in the musical world. The title of the work tells its story, but its great popularity among the churches at this season of the religious year gives it special weight. Sir John Stainer was one of the great producers of church music, and was prominent in his line of production as well as in his mastery of the organ, which won for him his raise to the nobility.

Mr. Giles, who will conduct the singing, has had much experience with this particular composition in New York and elsewhere, and with the help of the Sandhills Sixteen, who have made their reputation here, and an equal number of female voices from the best talent in the various towns of the county the result will be eminently satisfactory.

The program is scheduled for eight o'clock, with the doors to open at seven-thirty, but the house will be full, so no one need think to be late. No admission is charged, but an offering will be taken to pay for the books of the cantata which the singers had to procure to sing from, and the surplus will go to the work of the church. The solo and choir work in this cantata is especially impressive, and gives the local singer an excellent chance to exhibit their work under Mr. Giles, who has had them in training for a couple of years.