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THE PINEHURST-SOUTHERN PINES ROAD.

Some years ago on the impulse of a bit of information from Warren S. Manning, The Pilot called the Midland Road the Main Street of Middle North Carolina. The name was a prediction, and it was closer fulfillment than The Pilot or Mr. Manning or Francis Deaton, who made the survey, suspected at that time. Manning and Deaton had given the project much thought, and Mr. Deaton's survey laid out a road of two tracks running from the Carolina to the Highland Pines, and on out toward Raeford to connect with the South.

The road speedily developed, and this year is giving it a stimulus that will set it farther forward. In this work the Kiwanis Club has been helping materially, and to such an extent that the State has added the Midland Road to the State Highway mileage. The Pine Needles Inn is laying much stress on the importance of the road, and James Barber's new development over on the head of Mill Creek, is another potent influence. Some of the prophets are talking about a hotel in Mr. Barber's territory, which is altogether logical, for the region between Knollwood and Pinehurst will go forward of its own momentum. That bit of hill country that Mr. Barber owns near the Midland farms, and including a considerable part of the Midland land, is decidedly attractive, and folks will find it out, and from time to time building will be in evidence there. In the quarter between Knollwood and Southern Pines is another extremely interesting climax of hill and valley, and that is in line for settlement before much longer, and each new building will bring more.

All this will be more or less automatic, for the suggestion of one bit of improvement is followed by more. But while settlers will come to the building area the folks of the community have a job that will hasten the desired end, and that is to take up the work of making that Main Street as attractive as possible and at the same time make all the rest of the adjacent territory attractive. Pinehurst started early to become attractive. Southern Pines is coming along that line rapidly. But a positive and definite plan that would reach from one end of the road to the other ought to be laid down, the work of some man able to design landscape and decorative gardening, and that plan should be firmly held to and followed. It should embrace a liberal planting of pine and dogwood trees as the basis of the scheme, and with them a generous setting of a large number of other native trees and plants that can be had in sufficient quantity for the taking. Weymouth Heights shows the enormous value of a combination of pine and dogwood, for on that ridge in the spring is a paradise. It was the aim of Mr. Manning and Mr. Deaton that the original Midland road should come up on Weymouth ridge below the Cedar-Pines, and pass around to the Highland Pines. Nothing could be more impressive, for the picture among the pines and dogwoods in that stretch from the Highland Pines and Olmstead's house to the border of the Boyd property where it swings around Cedar-Pines at its corner on Ohio Avenue is one of the finest things in North Carolina.

What Weymouth Ridge is in that distance the whole road to Pinehurst can be made, and it need not involve a great deal of money. What it does want is a

reasonable amount of enthusiasm, and of that the Kiwanis Club will furnish a fair share, and Pinehurst and the folks over that way will furnish some more. But the rest of the folks, no matter whether they live on the road or not, must join in, for here is the biggest thing of its kind that is in reach of this section of the State.

Men of means are fortifying themselves in the possession of building sites on the belt of country traversed by the Midland Road. They will make there homes which will help to make this section a pleasant place in which to live, and the sooner we get one Main street like this developed to the highest point of beauty the sooner we can tackle some other roads, and always the example set by one good forward movement is infectious. One of our strongest assets in the Sandhills consists in making this a place where good people will like to live. The Sandhills region is regarded with much favor now, and it is so easy to add to that favor that it is worth while to make every reasonable effort.

We can have no summer ambition that will be of more benefit to the community than an active determination to get the Midland Road made into the most creditable highway that can be created, where everything is in favor of one of the most attractive roads in the South.

ECONOMIZE OR AGONIZE.

A writer in The Pilot this week says we must economize or agonize, and his argument is sufficiently forceful to be worth reading. Possibly he may take an extreme view of conditions, but some of the examples he presents are familiar enough to everybody to give his case plenty of cause for taking note of it. It would be of little consequence how many automobiles we run, or how many silk stockings we wear, or how many other costly things we obtain, if we could pay the bills, but when the collection of taxes has to be drastically interfered with by action of the County Board of Commissioners because people can't pay, the question of the needless things we buy forces itself on the attention of observers.

One of the most grotesque features of the situation is brought to light in the issue of automobile licenses for six months just now. The farmer is said to be too poor to pay a full year's license fee, so he is given a license for six months, and to pay for the bother of issuing a license now and another one in January he is charged an extra quarter. That seems a little sum, but as over 400,000 licenses are issued the total amounts to \$100,000 when all those quarters are paid. In other words we are so poor we pay a hundred thousand dollars extra for the sake of putting off paying half our license fee until January. And in addition it is proposed to pay 50 cents for a thing to hold the license card on every car, which makes another 200,000. That was too rash to get past this summer, but it appears to be in soak for us in January. There is three hundred thousand dollars, nearly a third of a million, which in our poverty we are paying for absolute folly.

And in public and private life we are doing just such fool stunts all the time.

Possibly it is all right. The fool and his money are soon parted, and that would be all right, but after they are parted up comes the tale of woe that poverty sounds. North Carolina is not poor, but as an improvident state it ranks with all the rest of them. Most folks like to buy new clothes that have holes in the pockets, for there is nothing so annoying to have in possession as a dollar that will roll if it has a chance to start down hill.

A GOOD TIME TO HANG ON.

The Federal government in its Census Department an-

nounces that in the last year the farms of the United States lost to the towns and cities about 650,000 people. In the South the movement was not quite so great as in the North and West but it was big enough to be pronounced. All over the union people are moving from the farms. It is a movement that is natural enough, and probably sound enough in its course, for with the improvement in farm machinery and methods the needs of the people can be supplied with a smaller number of farm workers, and the surplus hands go to the industrial centers where they can be employed.

This movement of farm folks, especially the younger members of the families, has been apparent for a long time, but it need not be alarming. Always industry adjusts itself in this manner, and folks go from the farms because economic conditions justify the movement. But with population of the country increasing and more mouths to feed the farm is not going to the dogs. The truth is that now is the time to keep a finger on the farm if you have one. It is the time to hang on to any rural property you have, and not the time to be scared by the fear that your holdings are going to the dumps. This is a big and wonderfully prosperous country, and great prosperity is still ahead of us.

North Carolina is one of the foremost farm states of the Union. It is destined to be a much better one, for with the sweeping growth of other industries the number of people who must be fed is increasing every day, and that opens a big market for the farm products, and also a field for the employment of surplus farm labor at such times as that labor is not needed on the farms. It is true that many adjustments must be made from time to time, but no State in the Union is in better position for the future than this one. And no section of the State is in better shape than the Sandhills, for we have one great industry here that is offering the farmer every season a better outlet, and that is the resort industry. The Sandhills have come through their hardest period, which was at the beginning, and from now on the man who holds to anything he has here, and who develops it in the direction it is fitted for, will profit. We have climbed the grade. Never was the opportunity here so good as now.

CARTHAGE

Everyone should hear the Sandhill Sixteen at the Carthage High School auditorium Friday, June 10, 1927. Admission 25 and 50 cents. Auspices Junior Aid M. E. Church.

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Clark, of Raleigh, spent Sunday in Carthage with Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Jackson.

Sam Jackson, of Charlotte, spent Sunday with his brother, Herbert Jackson.

Mrs. W. L. Currie and Miss Mary Currie left Monday for Chapel Hill to attend the graduating exercises.

Mrs. Wilbur Currie returned home Saturday after spending several days in Gastonia with her mother, Mrs. Woltz.

John Currie, of Lynchburg, Va., spent Sunday in town with his mother, Mrs. J. L. Currie.

Miss Gladys Watson is at home for the vacation after completing her course at Greensboro College.

Mrs. R. L. Burns and Sara attended the commencement at Duke University where her son, Edward Burns is a graduate this year.

Miss Lillian Cunningham, of Sanford, is visiting Miss Gladys Watson for a few days.

Mrs. Luther Wallace was hostess Monday evening to Circle No. 3 of the Ladies' Auxiliary of the Presbyterian Church.

Miss Mary Glenn Tyson is at home for the summer vacation after teaching at Hendersonville.

John Wright is at home from Duke University.

Mr. and Mrs. D. S. Ray, from Vass, spent Sunday in Carthage with Mr. Charlie McLean.

Mr. and Mrs. Hubert McLean, of High Point, spent Sunday in Carthage.

Mr. and Mrs. F. S. Blue spent Friday in Sanford.

Mrs. O. B. Welch is spending the summer with her sister, Mrs. Chamberlain, in New York State.

Mrs. Luther Wallace has returned from a visit to Miss Mettie Brown, of Fayetteville.

Mr. and Mrs. Gillam Brown, of Sanford, spent Sunday in Carthage. Misses Kathryn Shields, Eula Blue, Mattie Kate Shaw and Mrs. Carlton Kenneff attended commencement at N. C. C. W.

Charlie and Allie McDonald, of Star, spent Sunday in Carthage.

Mrs. L. P. Tyson has returned home after a week's visit to Fayetteville to her mother.

Mr. and Mrs. H. F. Seawell, Jr., spent Monday in Sanford.

Mrs. F. S. Cole left Wednesday for N. C. C. W., where she will attend summer school.

Mrs. Jennings and Dorothy spent Monday in Sanford.

Frances Montague is visiting her friends in town.

Miss Bess Coffin, of Raleigh, spent the week end in town with Miss Myrtie Muse.

Mrs. S. H. Miller spent Monday afternoon in Sanford.

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Seawell, Jr., are leaving Thursday morning for Verona, N. J., to visit Mrs. Seawell's father, C. M. Bloxham.

Mr. and Mrs. Colin Spencer and family spent Sunday in Asheboro.

N. A. McKeithen, Jr., of Aberdeen, and Miss Effie Leland, of Johnson City, Tenn., spent Sunday in Carthage with Mrs. N. A. McKeithen.

Senator Currie was in Carthage Friday enroute to Durham where he will practice law.

J. R. McQueen, of Lakeview, was in Carthage Saturday on business.

The County Commissioners were in session Monday. Nothing of important mention has leaked out.

The Road Commissioners met in monthly session Monday.

Carolina Theatre at Southern Pines Re-Opens Tuesday Night.

After a two weeks' vacation the Southern Pines Carolina Theatre will re-open for the summer months with two shows a week, Tuesdays and Saturdays, beginning with Tuesday, June 14th, with a real laugh fest. The management believes that every body either wants to laugh or see some real action pictures during the summer period and he has arranged his programs accordingly.

So, Ed Wynn's comedy of a correspondence school detective will be flashed on the screen Tuesday night and present the famous stage comic as a Paramount star for the very first time. Wynn's long career needs no recounting. He has been in vaudeville and musical shows for more years than you have fingers and has yet to appear in a single "flop." With Ed Wynn in "Rubber Heels" will be one of the Sandhills' favorite comedians, Chester Conklin, and it really isn't necessary to say more. However, here is a short synopsis of the comedy these two top notch comedians will offer:

"Rubber Heels" is the amusing role of Amos Wart. Amos secures a position in Tennyson Hawk's (Chester Conklin) detective agency

but doesn't last long as he soon finds things aren't quite right. In reality, Hawks is the leader of a gang of thieves who take jewelry while posing as detectives in order to obtain the rewards offered for the return of such property as they steal!

Later, Amos decides to do a bit of "free-lancing." He contracts to guard a chest of valuable foreign crown jewels at a society function and is getting along remarkably well until Tennyson and his friends get busy. Then—the fun begins and does not let up until Amos finds himself drifting down the St. Lawrence river with Niagara Falls waiting to receive him with open arms!

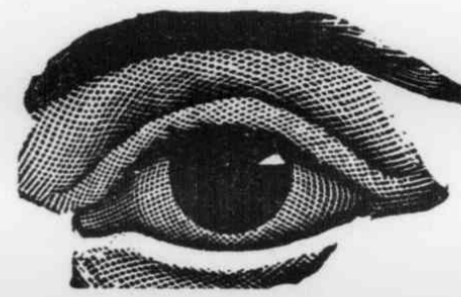
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