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KNOLLWOOD SEES WHIRLWIND SALES

Twenty-Seven Locations In Two Days Go Into Powerful Hands

Never in the history of the Sandhills has such a buying whirlwind been known as during Friday and Saturday of last week at Knollwood Heights. And incidentally Glenna Collett graduated from a great golf player to a great negotiator of real estate deals, for she has interested in Knollwood some of the foremost financiers of the country, and disposed of more sites in brief time than any other record shows, values and importance of buyers considered.

The first big transaction was the purchase by Edward J. Barber, of New York, head of the Barber Steamship interests, of lots Nos. 518, 520, 522, 523, 524, 525, 526 and 527, in the block where the Olmstead house is located. This was followed by locations 437 and 439 to Mr. Grossett, of the publishing company of Grossett & Dunlap, whose name appears on looks in every household in this country. Then came Dr. McLaughlin, of Bridgeport, Conn., who gets No. 449, adjoining Dr. Herr. Dr. McLaughlin is one of the most eminent practitioners in the country, specializing in diseases of the head and face, antrium, sinus, and similar delicate lines.

These transactions naturally set the woods on fire as soon as announced, but the next day Miss Collett showed Nos. 253, 254, 255, 256, 257 and 258 to Michael J. Meehan, the sensational Wall Street broker, and he instructed his secretary to draw a check at once, and then just to satisfy his desire to have a sufficient area in Knollwood territory for his family he said to include 529, 530, 531, 533 and 535 in the name of his daughter, "the sweetest little girl in the world," for they would be of value to her when she grew big enough to want them. As one lot remained in the block from which he selected the first bunch he asked if he could buy it, and later an arrangement was made with Dr. McKee, for the purchase of No. 259, at a nice profit to the doctor, and thus Mr. Meehan becomes the owner of the solid block of seven lots. This block is opposite the Olmstead house, and across the Indian Trail from Mr. Barber's selection. Everything on the Indian Trail on both sides is now sold from the Pee Dee Road to the Pine Needles line.

But this did not finish the rush. Clinton S. Dow, another Wall Street man, a friend of Mr. Meehan, concluded he was interested in Knollwood Heights, and after looking at the site Mr. Meehan had bought for his daughter, Mr. Dow made a check for 537, 538 and 539 adjoining. This cleans up the east side of Arbutus road from the Pee Dee road to the Fairway drive, and leaves only eight lots in the four blocks from Swoope drive to Azalea road, with options given at this writing on four of them. To conclude the day's activity Mr. Watson, who owns No. 412, asked for a deed for No. 411 adjoining. By this time the red marks on the map were multiplying, and when counted up Saturday night they showed that 67 of the lots had been sold since the movement commenced, in addition to half a dozen that had been secured by Richard Tufts and Pinehurst prior to the beginning of the sale. This with

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CARD PARTY FRIDAY AT LAKESIDE INN

Friday evening, April 13, the Community club, of Lakeview will give a card party in the dining room of the Lakeside Inn. Refreshments will be served. Everyone is cordially invited to attend. If you want a special table reserved for your private party, see Miss Helene Dougherty, or Miss Loula Eastwood at Lakeview. Admission 50c each; for the benefit of the Health and Welfare Association.

Dewberry Shippers Ask More Facilities

The Carolina Dewberry Association and the Moore County Dewberry Association, which ship fruit from Cameron and Vass on the Seaboard, have filed a petition asking for express refrigeration service with the Interstate Commerce Commission in connection with the investigation now under way. The complaint, filed by Atlanta attorneys for the associations, recites that shipments of berries have increased substantially.

FAVORS FARM LIFE SCHOOL

Johnson In Letter To Commissioners, Praises Farm Life School

The Pilot is in receipt of the following letter with a request that it be printed.

"March 29, 1928.

"To the Honorable Board of County Commissioners, Carthage, N. C.

Dear Sirs:—

While I am quite sure you three gentlemen are better acquainted with what your duty is than any outsider could possibly be; and in writing this letter I especially disclaim any intention to intrude unsought advice, but there can be no possible objection for the humblest citizen to make known his wishes in the nature of a petition. The matter I have in mind is the question of whether the Farm Life School shall live or die. I verily believe there are more thinking people in Moore County who regard Farm Life School as the very noblest and most useful institution in Moore County than there are who give first love to other institutions.

I am informed that you are to be asked to permit a three (3c) cents levy on the property of Moore County for the purpose of raising a fund to put Farm Life School back on its feet from its unfortunate loss by fire.

I know you hear much of the true complaint that taxes in Moore County are already oppressive, and this is literally true; but acknowledging that fact to be true, what would be our plight if this worthy institution were wiped out of existence?

The farm people in Moore County are by all odds the best people in the county; they constitute the largest class in number, and this one institution was tardily conceded to their just and persistent demand. Now if it is to be taken from them, their fondest hope, that is that their children may attain that useful knowledge which they themselves have labored so long to assure to them, will literally break the hearts of this large, useful and indispensable class of people.

Besides what is the little pittance required for this purpose? Three (3) cents on \$100 worth of property! Thirty (30) cents on each \$1,000 of personal property and three (3) dollars on each \$10,000 worth of property! Good gracious alive, is there a man in Moore County worth \$10,000 who would begrudge \$3 for this great institution? Most certainly not.

And if one should be found so mean as to say that rather than pay \$3 he would see Farm Life School go to the dickens, I would be ready to join the Ku Klux Klan, and drum the contemptible scoundrel out of the fair county of Moore. I have spoken.

Very sincerely,
J. McN. JOHNSON."

DOCTORS WANTED.

An urgent need of physicians is said to exist in dozens of rural communities in Maine, where the situation has become so serious that a law was enacted in 1925 authorizing towns to subsidize doctors with public funds where necessary.

THE TREES OF MOORE COUNTY

BY J. McN. JOHNSON.

Chapter No. 2
"What does she plant who plants a tree?"

He plants in sap and leaf and wood,
In love of home and loyalty,
And far-cast thought of civic good

His blessing on the neighborhood."
No longer ago than January of last year an esteemed citizen of Moore County petitioned the Board of County Commissioners for the privilege to plant, at his own expense, four young whiteoak trees in the Courthouse Square at Carthage. Of course, the Commissioners granted the patriotic request, and promptly issued their order accordingly; and the young oaks were planted, two on the east side of our Temple of Justice, and two on the west side.

Far be it from me to discount the civic importance of this gentlemen's life work; for it is quite likely that he shall fill some of the highest offices within the gift of our great Nation. But it is reasonable for a seer to look a hundred years into the future, and visualize something like this:

Two friends of curious and reflective minds a century hence are working through the vast cemetery at Cross Hill: They pause at an ancient monument, and one of the friends says:

"This is the man that planted the great white oak trees in the Courthouse Square. You will find in the Minutes of the County Commissioners written a hundred years ago, in Book 6 at page 608, where he petitioned the then Board of County Commissioners to be allowed to plant those very trees; and their order following allowing the petition."

The other friend reads the name on the monument, and says: "He planted better than he knew."

And mind you, this conversation is carried on with bated breath, uncovered heads, and with profound respect:

"A heritage that seems to me,
Well worth a life to hold in fee."

I have heard of a farmer who had a large, fine oak tree in his barnyard that was seriously in the way

of his driving in and out. One day a neighbor asked him: "Why don't you cut it down and get it out of the way?" The farmer looked at his neighbor in astonishment, and said: "Cut it down? I would sooner fall down on my knees and worship it!"

But while the foregoing instances are representative of the sentiment I am attempting to instill into the minds of the youth of Moore County, we do sometimes find a man whose love for trees is based entirely upon their commercial value. I have read of a thrifty Scottish landowner who, when he lay a dying, called his only son to his bedside, like Jacob of old, and advised him thus: "Jock, when ye ha' nothing else to do, you be sticking in a tree; for the tree will aye be growing while ye are sleeping."

But I promised in my last week's letter that I should, in this chapter, have something to say about tree names. In botany, the name of a tree or plant, is given in English, or its common name in the language the botanist is writing, that is the common name by which most people call it in everyday conversation. This common name is followed by two Latin words, — the surname and "christian" name, constituting the scientific name used by botanists (in writing the name, but not in speaking, except in very formal speech). These Latin words are usually written in italics. And this Latin name is usually followed by an abbreviation of the name of the botanist who first added that certain tree or plant to the science of botany. When you see something like this:

"Poplar (or Tulip tree), *Liriodendron Tulipifera, Linn.*," you know the name refers to our common poplar tree, whose botanical name is *Liriodendron Tulipifera*; and that this tree was first added to the sum of botanical science by Linnaeus, the distinguished Swedish botanist, who lived during the greater part of the 18th century, and who stands head and shoulders above all other botanists in this world, past and present.

I am well aware of the prejudice

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MOORE COUNTY FARM NOTES

Farm Agent Garrison Warns Farmers Against Red Spider

Those of you who had trouble with red spiders last year will well remember what a pest they were and hard to handle after they had made a start. This year it will pay you to begin this fight early and try to prevent them from making a start. In practically every case I was called to investigate last year I found the source from which they had come. In most cases it proved to be the well known poke weed, or some times called poke berry bushes. The presence of the pest is first revealed by the appearance on the upper surface of the leaf of a blood red spot. As leaves become more infected they redden or turn rusty yellow over the entire surface, become folded, then turn brown and finally dry up and fall off. The bottom leaves are usually attacked first, but infestation spreads upward until often only the bare stalk remains. Such plants usually die.

In severe cases the dropping of the leaves is sufficient to prevent the development of lint. The loss of foliage is always accompanied by the shedding of bolls which may mean a total loss of the crop.

Feeding is done by means of sharp,

Kiwanis Still After Offensive Road Signs

At the Kiwanis meeting at Lovejoy's Log house Wednesday the question of road signs came up again, and Claude Hayes was appointed chairman of a committee consisting chiefly of himself, to see that property owners are requested to refuse permission to post advertising on their lands near the public roads. The opinion of the members seemed to be that the principal agent in removing signs will be public objection, although Murdoch Johnson noted the fact that Providence with the aid of a lively wind lowers a lot of them every once in a while.

Roy Pushee announced that the dance had turned over more than \$800 for the fund which it had undertaken to secure for the Boy Scouts, and he was given a vote of appreciation for what he had done, and Paul Dana was given another for his work in the matter.

slender lance-like mouth parts which are thrust into the leaf, usually on the under surface. It is impossible then to destroy these insects by applications of poison to the leaves. Some result may be obtained by the use of dusting sulphur which is applied and comes directly in contact with their bodies.

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ABERDEEN GETS BIG ICING PLANT

Half Million-Dollar Establishment Practically Assured At Once

On Wednesday a representative of the Fruit Growers' Express visited Edwin McKeithen, of Aberdeen, to ask the owner of a tract of land about half a mile below the village, and when Mr. McKeithen said the land was his, Mr. Nash, the stranger, asked if he would sell it. He would, and in the shortest possible time the deal was concluded, and the stranger said he was buying the property to build an icing plant and cold storage outfit that would cost about \$350,000, and on which men would begin work this week.

The land lies on the Seaboard, just below the town limits of Aberdeen, embraces about four acres, and will be the site of one of the most modern things of its kind on the road. In addition the Seaboard and the Norfolk Southern will build an elaborate system of yards on the west side of the track, for the plant, which will occupy the east side, the yard construction involving probably another \$100,000.

The occasion is the fruit crop of the territory that centers about Aberdeen. Ice will be made at the new plant for icing cars, and for other uses, and the big yard system will be for the purpose of allowing cars to come there for icing, and for storage tracks for such cars as are in transit or exchange, and for all sorts of traffic that such a plant makes necessary. It is expected that over 2,000 cars of fruit will originate in the Aberdeen

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Huggins-Ray

Miss Rebecca Ray, of Cameron, was married to Leonard Victor Huggins, of Chapel Hill, last Friday at noon in the Cameron Presbyterian church. Rev. M. D. McNeill officiated, using the simple ring ceremony.

The bride wore a tan flat crepe dress with harmonizing hat and accessories. She carried pink roses and lilies of the valley.

Mrs. Huggins was originally from Carthage, having moved to Cameron five years ago. She attended school at the North Carolina College for Women, in Greensboro, and for the past year has taught school in the Corinth-Holder high school at Wendell. She is the daughter of the late D. S. Ray, of Aberdeen and Carthage, and Mrs. Ray.

Mr. Huggins is the son of Mr. and Mrs. M. C. Huggins, of Hendersonville. He is a graduate of the University of North Carolina with the class of 1925. For the past two years he has been a student in the University Law School. During his undergraduate days he was widely known as cheer leader, inter-collegiate debater, and a member of the Glee Club and the Carolina Playmakers. He is a member of the Chi Tau fraternity.

Mr. and Mrs. Huggins left immediately after the ceremony for Washington, D. C., where they will spend their honeymoon. They will make their home in Chapel Hill temporarily where Mr. Huggins is connected with the Stetson "D" Tailoring Company, of Baltimore, in their Chapel Hill store.

PINEHURST-SOUTHERN PINES ROAD TO BE LET MAY FIRST.

The construction of the new road from Pinehurst to Southern Pines will be included in the contracts to be awarded by the State Highway Commission May 1. The type of road will be gravel and tar, with a gravel top, and will be a satisfactory and durable highway. The extraordinary activity in development along the Midland road makes the new construction of more than ordinary interest at the present time, and its awarding will be heard with satisfaction.