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**WHY WE
NEED SCHOOLS**

Moore county is making fair progress in the public schools, but some loose ends still need tightening up. We should have eight months for every child in the county. The reason for a longer school term is that children must look in the future to a better equipment for the broadening tasks that are ahead of them. The primitive of the old days has gone. Machinery has taken the place of human energy in industry, and in the days ahead life is more of a brains effort than a manual job. The child that can do nothing per se cannot do is hampered. The more a child is able to read and think the is able to accomplish. Going to school is, in a plain sense, opening the road for children to read and understand books and printed information. Books are the accumulated knowledge of mankind through all ages. The child that can read can learn anything its brain capacity permits. The child that can read and understand what it reads can find out almost anything that the world has so far discovered. That is what education is. The child that goes to school knows unlimited things that the child denied the school privilege does not know. The one is equipped with knowledge. The other is shut out.

This is a world of facts, and those facts are dug out by human observation and study. Two ways are before all of us who want to know things. One is to dig them out slowly ourselves. The other is to go to books where the digging of the whole period of human existence is recorded on the printed page. Education in school is the process of making the child familiar with the things others have dug out instead of going over the slow task of making the investigations itself. An educated man may profit by the work of a million investigators. An uneducated man depends on his own very limited field of experience. That's the difference, and it is a crime to deny the child the power to read and know what the experience of others than himself has been. An educated nation is the greatest power in the world.

**GOVERNOR
MAX GARDNER**

The logical attitude taken by Max Gardner on the various things that come before him, and in the public matters in which he evinces an interest, warrant the expectation that he is going to be one of the efficient men who have held the responsible position of general manager of North Carolina. Mr. Gardner was chosen to his present job in an exciting period, but his acquaintance with the people established a confidence in his ability, and he came through a campaign of excitement with a vote that showed him to be solid with his constituents. He goes about his work like a capable and efficient manager who has the job of his operation in full view of his eyes, and if he plays any politics it is done in such complete accord with the public welfare that it is beyond objection or criticism.

Max Gardner appears to go on the assumption that to do the right thing is the right thing to do. If that be politics more power to the man who pursues that course. Yet it may be the best type of politics, in which case more credit to the man. For the purpose of a governor is to so manage the affairs of the state that it shall be in fact as in name a commonwealth, including all the people, and if in managing his state he carries on in such a way as to meet the approval of the people it will be fitting if they remember him later on and find something else for him to do when his work in Raleigh is finished.

Not that The Pilot believes Max Gardner is playing to the galleries. He is too big a man for that. He is diplomatic in trying to bring about the ends he has in mind. He keeps in mind the opinions of his adversaries and undertakes to deal fairly and kindly with them. He is no fire-eater, but a cool-headed advocate of things that look logical to him and helpful to the state. He has been long enough in command to show he understands his responsibilities and knows the rules of his craft. Probably that is the best kind of politics, the kind that gets beneficial results and establishes with the beneficiaries the knowledge that the man who accomplishes is worth while. Four years is a somewhat long period, and we will hear the thunder several times before his day in Raleigh is up, but if Max Gardner goes on as he is going, which seems likely, he will make a record that will be known and enduring.

**THE RECORD OF
J. D. McLEAN**

The statement by the University News Letter last week, taken from the reports of the State Auditor, showing that J. D. McLean had collected the taxes of Moore county for a trifle above one per cent, or to be explicit, 1.12 per cent, ought to give the taxpayers of the county something to think about. Inured as we are to five per cent to allow the eight percent Mr. Spence's recent letter and in Pilot he makes the statement, that under the old general law the collection of the taxes for the year of which Mr. McLean's per centage is figured would have cost about \$11,638, and he shows that the saving would pay the sheriff's fees for collections beside the collector's fees and still have a couple of thousand dollars.

The fact is that Mr. McLean has done two things that are of value to the tax payer. He has lowered the cost of collection by several thousand dollars and he has collected the taxes down to a hardly reducible minimum. He got the money and at the lowest cost. His low rate is exceeded by only seven counties in the state, and the number of delinquents is among the smallest among the counties of the state.

The Pilot calls attention to this matter because in some circles criticism is heard of Mr. McLean. Possibly McLean is no more perfect in some things than the rest of us, but in collecting taxes he seems to be an emphatic success. He gets the money. That's what we have a tax collector for, that and nothing else. That is the thing for the people to remember. It is possible other men might do as well, but that is a possibility and not a certainty. The one think of importance is that he delivers the goods at the lowest figure reached by almost any other collector in the state, and that nothing is to be said against him in his work. That being the case it is right apparent that the commissioners made a good selection when he was appointed, and that they will do a good job in continuing him as long as he does this kind of work, for the object in paying any tax collector a salary is to get the work done which is assigned him, and not to provide somebody a job. This is his record. Collected all but 4.28 per cent of the taxes levied without forced sale, and collected the taxes for 1.12 per cent. That is a record that another man will have to keep before him all the time, for that is a record the people will not allow to be forgotten.

**TIME TO PLAN
SPRING PLANTING**

The agreeable progress the Sandhills have made in the last few years in planting roadsides, lawns and other places is a revelation to most folks, for the sandy belt of North Carolina was until recently accepted as a barren territory with no possibilities of improvement. The recent experience shows emphatically the contrary. Many a time some stranger has come into the neighborhood and insisted that "you can't make grass grow here in the thin sand." Now, while it is true that here is not a verdant pasturage region it is a fact that grass sufficient for all needs. The grass spots here and there about all the villages is sufficient evidence, and the transformation that grass has wrought is one of the interesting exhibits that greet the eye any-

where in this part of the state. It is a piece of grass. So many are it is needless to cite any particular encountered now everywhere that a mere reference to the general fact is enough. The lesson from the story should be to encourage the planting of much stuff of all sort, beginning right now, for the winter has advanced so far that as rapidly as planting can be carried out the genial days will be taking care of everything that goes into the ground. Shrubbery in large masses can be set with the expectation of its growth, and bulbs and spring flowers should go into the ground in quantity if they are not there already. Trees may be put out any time, and the sooner the better. Evergreens, hollies, dogwoods, the shrubs of all types, native and imported, are due now in the ground, and it is nearing the time when beds should be prepared for the less hardy flowers.

The startling improvement that has been made along the railroad in Southern Pines and on some of the streets there, as well as the extended mass of foliage and blossom in Pinehurst, ought to be sufficient stimulus to everybody to get more things planted. The Kiwanis club, the Southern Pines Chamber of Commerce and the Aberdeen Commercial club are extending their planting schemes, but they can be imitated or encouraged by others to the great benefit of the whole region. Wonderful progress has been made up to the present, but nothing like what is ahead and practically in sight. A season of planting is as certain as spring, and it will be a great thing if the move could be made unanimous.

GRAINS OF SAND

The man who asked the Chamber of Commerce to inquire into the prices of some things in Southern Pines will be watched by several people who have a curiosity about the answer.

Some of the folks who dug their wells deeper after the dry season a couple of years ago are growing now about too much rain, which they say is not needed.

After all that has been said in the legislature about the Australian ballot it is hard to see why they persist in it as a secret ballot. If anything about it has not yet been told.

John Bloxham says when he starts out to go North or anywhere else he knows where he is going to stop every night. So do most of the rest of us, but nine cases out of ten we don't get there. That's the difference.

If Washington really wanted to serve this country he would have made his birthday a moveable day like Easter, so it could come on Sunday every year and let the postoffice close on that day when it closes anyway.

The only real scientific system of taxes seems to be the one that will provide some way that the other fellow shall do the paying.

Although the first arbutus blossoms came in a week ago more first ones will continue to come for the next three or four weeks.

You are allowed to hunt turkeys, quail and rabbits yet. You are also allowed to kill rabbits. You don't have to hunt them.

They are telling the peach growers now to practice diversified farming. Trying to diversify farming is what made peach growers of them.

Dorsey Stutts says the Seaboard is still hauling more freight up and down the road and more people. Folks who complain that the trains make too much noise as they go through Southern Pines are reminded that the road comes up a grade each way to the summit of New Hampshire avenue, and that anybody would howl if they had to continually be increasing the burden to be pulled over that hill. A locomotive is not very different from any other white folks.

The way the horses are increasing in the Sandhills it would be a joke if the automobiles will some day have to keep off the riding roads and leave the horses to the enjoyment of their privileges. The flying machine and the riding horse may have their day pretty soon.

G. Washington may have been the father of this country, but H. Hoover is the parent the crowd are looking to at the present minute.

SIGNS
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**NEW HOMES
AND WHAT BUILT THEM**

Last week The Pilot had four pages of pictures of fine new buildings at Knollwood. They showed the wonderful progress the Knollwood Section is making.

But one thing that helps to make all those buildings look so attractive is that practically everyone of them was built wholly or in part with material supplied by

THE PINEHURST LUMBER YARDS

Pinehurst, N. C.

In the list are the Ross house, the Van Keuren, the Pushee, the Johnson, the Wood, the Vail, the Fownes, the Keating, the Way, the Ogden, practically all the material in our line in the Pine Needles, etc.

At the same time other fine homes are coming to the Pinehurst Lumber Yard for supplies, as the McKinney, the Henne, the Kraffart, and houses in Southern Pines, the Ashley Heights school, the Pinehurst school, the Pinehurst Hospital, the Reed, Buckminster, Given, Batson, Chapin, Harris, and other houses in Pinehurst.

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FRANK HARRINGTON, MANAGER
The Southern Pines Hotel, Southern Pines, N. C.
The Sea View Inn Biddeford Pool, Maine

Announcement

Announcement is made of the sale of the business of the Hardware and Electric Co. to Huske Hardware House of Fayetteville, N. C. All accounts up to the close of business Feb. 9, are payable to Hardware and Electric Co.

This concern has enjoyed the patronage and confidence of this community and its guests for thirty years and takes this opportunity to thank the public for its patronage and good will.

The management is particularly pleased that in selling its business it has been able to sell to a concern well adapted to taking care of its former patrons and is very glad that the purchaser intends to increase the lines handled.

In thanking its former patrons it desires to invite them to continue their patronage at the store.

HARDWARE and ELECTRIC COMPANY
By N. L. GIBBON