

MAY HURT TREES
Horticulture specialists say that heavy cutting back of trees removes limbs on which the leaves grow, destroys the natural shape of the tree, makes the tree more compact (when they're usually already too compact), and may cause the tree to decay and disease to set in unless the wound is kept covered with special tree paint.

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Mrs. Keating, of Pinehurst, Dies

Mrs. Francis Talfourd Keating, 83, of Pinehurst, died Saturday at St. Joseph of the Pines Hospital. Private funeral service and burial were to be held at a later date at Swan Point cemetery, Providence, R. I.

Mrs. Keating was the former Clara Louise Burt, of Cleveland, Ohio, and a graduate in 1893 of Western Reserve College in Ohio, where she was one of the first women to be elected to Phi Beta Kappa. She was first married to Guy Metcalfe of Providence, and with her husband and daughter began spending the winters at Pinehurst.

After her husband's death in 1911, Mrs. Keating became a permanent resident and active community worker, pioneering in several local service activities. She was an active member of the Pinehurst Health and Welfare association, the Moore County Red Cross chapter and Moore County Tuberculosis association.

She was married in 1919 to Francis T. Keating of Pinehurst, who died in 1952. She was a gifted and imaginative writer, the author of numerous short stories and poems. A collection of her poems was published some years ago by the Ellerbe School Press. Surviving are one daughter, Mrs. Charles F. Eaton, Jr., of Wellesley Hills and South Duxbury, Mass.; four grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

COMMISSIONERS MEET FIRST MONDAY

High and Low Lights of the County As Picked Up Monday In Carthage

The Board of Commissioners of Moore County met Monday for their customary monthly meeting. All members were present as was Mrs. Bessie Griffith, registrar of deeds and secretary of the board. Following are a few items discussed during the day's reports of achievements, hopes and plans for county affairs.

Robbins Rest Home Opened: As reported by Mrs. W. B. Coie, superintendent of Moore County's Department of Public Welfare.

The home, formerly operated by Mrs. Connie Howard and closed since circumstances prevented her continuation of the project, has been reopened by Mrs. John Smith, formerly of Goldston. Mrs. Smith, who ran a similar establishment in Chatham County, moved in with her two daughters, her husband, and a helper, a short time ago and the doors of the Robbins Home were reopened, as one of seven boarding homes in Moore County, on Saturday.

The family will live in the cottage, close by, while the four acres comprising the rented property will be farmed. Mr. Smith hopes to have a garden and to supply garden produce to the elderly cases under his wife's care. The home holds seven, at the present time, of which one patient is from Chatham County and the other five moved back in from the Pinehurst Convalescent Home where they had been temporarily established. Boarding home charges range from \$25 to \$100 a month, varying as to the home itself and the care required, it was stated.

The soundcriber in the Welfare Office, used for eight years by five members of the staff, has worn out. It will take \$295 to replace it. Discussion of how funds could be shifted about to end up in the almost depleted equipment fund resulted in general bafflement: Situation stymied; need remains.

The superintendent's request for a clothes closet, where donations from the Junior Women's Club in Southern Pines and the public, could be kept for distribution to needy welfare cases, brought the promise of, "believe we can work something out there. There must be room in the present space," (now rented by the county for the Health Department's monthly clinic).

Farm Homes Work In Hand
Miss Flora McDonald, Home Demonstration leader in the farm extension service, made 27 club visits this past month, besides various council and state meetings, she told the commissioners. She has a list of 392 non-club members she wants to visit during February. Or start to visit.

Mrs. Rosetta Guye reported much constructive activity among Negro home demonstration clubs. Highlight of the past month was the visit of 10 club members Mrs. Guye conducted to the Singer Sewing Machine Company's two-day school in Rock-

ingham. Mrs. Guye believes the women gained knowledge which will be especially valuable in their leadership of 4-H girl groups.

Home beautification and garden and shrubbery planting is being emphasized this month. Mrs. Guye said. She is attempting to secure the services of a state specialist to visit the clubs and give instruction in rooting bushes from cuttings, as a money-saver; she finds the cost of buying shrubbery prevents many from planting around their homes.

(Ed. query: is there no one in county farm agent's office who can do this?)

No Negro On Farm Staff Yet

The oft-repeated wish of Moore County Negro farmers for a Negro on the staff of the Extension Service remains to be fulfilled. Commissioners' explanation: when the state had an available man, the county did not make the necessary appropriation; now the county would give the money but no man is available. The county's appropriated \$2,000 for this purpose, to be matched by state funds, sits waiting. Unheard-of state of things.

Farm Agent F. E. Allen and 4-H Club Organizer Tommy Hall reported their departments going full blast:

In January, 5,000 chicks distributed; Co-op had 23,000 hens laying; artificial cattle breeding picking up; five farmers going to build "pig parlors," ("You put a hog in one of these concrete pig parlors, he'll gain 200 lbs. in eight weeks" . . . Chorus: "No! Two hundred pounds—eight weeks!" . . . "That's right . . . and no bedding or mess." "No bedding? None at all?" "No sir." . . . "Poor pig." . . . "Maybe in cold weather they'd give him bedding.")

Roads, Roads, Roads.

Mud, Mud, Mud

Mr. John Wilcox of McClendon's Creek, and his son spoke on the condition of their road, located between Glendon and Putnam, around Cool Springs Church. "Nobody's been able to travel it for nigh onto six weeks . . . school bus, mailman, can't get through. . . bookmobile tried it and got stuck, had to get the tractor and pull her out twice. We got in here this morning because it was deep froze up; can't tell if we'll get back tonight; bottom may have dropped right out. Only a blacktop job will really fix it."

Com. "The road people say there isn't a big enough traffic count on that road to justify blacktopping it."

Son Wilcox: "How can there be a traffic count when nobody can get through the road?"

No conclusion. Commissioners will request action on the part of Messrs. Hough and Cole, Moore

County roads engineers.

Since the county home went to the dogs, the pound established there has been costing the county about \$5,500 a year. This is \$1,300 more than was allotted this agency in the 1955-'56 budget.

Dog taxes cover this and then some. In 1955 they came to \$3,600, last year they brought in \$8,107. The pound vaccinated 9 dogs last month, picked up 16, destroyed 43, sold 1, (for \$2.00). Dog warden W. H. Barbour reported several lost dogs found and returned to owners upon payment of board while kept at the pound. The rule says: dogs must be kept a minimum of 10 days before destruction.

The fields of the county farm are leased to Thomas and Alec Fry, it was stated.

Taxes: Collections down 12% below last January, as reported by Mrs. Estelle Wicker of the county tax bureau. She said the listing time had been extended to Feb. 15.

Complications over a shifting about of funds from the Vass-Lakeview school-building budget, ("they aren't ready to use it yet") to the High Falls building program, ("they've already put in the heating plant and started on the four new classrooms and here come the bills!") was smoothly resolved: the request came in a letter from the Board of Education. "They know all about it and the best way to handle it; everybody agrees," Chairman Gordon Cameron assures Commissioner Jimmy Pleasants, agitating about his "territory."

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