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YEAR'S PRODUCT OF GRAVEL SOLD

Concern Running Eight to Ten Cars a Day, Busy Until Spring on One Order.

The gravel plant near Carthage last week closed a deal with R. G. Lassiter for the output of the plant for the ensuing year up to a maximum of 150 cars a month. The Lassiter concern is one of the biggest contractors in the South, and uses a vast amount of gravel on the road construction it is engaged in in North Carolina. This big sale insures the steady running of the plant at capacity, and employment for over a score of men at the plant, as well as business for the railroad. Some two thousand dollars a month is now coming to the hands at work at the plant, which helps materially to affect business conditions in Carthage.

At the present time about eight to ten cars a day are sent out, which means that much work has been required on the railroad. New ties have been substituted for old ones, and more are going down as fast as they can be secured and laid in place. Machinery on the road has been overhauled, and made more efficient. The facilities for moving the freight are improving day by day. The traffic out of the Randolph and Cumberland is becoming a substantial item on the Seaboard, and it has the advantage of being regular every day.

This regular business at the mines gives to the plant an additional value to Carthage and the community, for it makes the employment of the hands a certainly week after week. Mr. Bible said the other day that it is not likely that any enlargements will be made right away, as the present plant is a well-balanced one to handle and operate, and with the establishment running nicely and steadily it is thought better to carry it on at its highest tension and do all the business possible rather than to break in with any enlargements and perhaps interfere with the economic working of the concern while the big contract is in hand. The prospect is that while road building is in such active progress throughout the state the demand for gravel will keep the works on the present full time basis, and all signs indicate that road building is to be an industry in the state for many years yet.

BUIE'S CREEK COMMENCEMENT

Buie's Creek, N. C., April 29. Moore County News:

I have been appointed by the faculty on the publicity committee to inform the alumni in our county of the unusually attractive commencement program this year, as there are a large number of former students and friends of our school in Moore County, this announcement should be of interest to your readers:

W. J. Camern, editor of the Dearborn Independent, Dearborn, Mich., will deliver the literary address on Thursday, May 18th. Dr. Paul Bagby of Wake Forest College will preach the baccalaureate sermon on Sunday, May 14th, and Dr. Alston Ellis of Raleigh will deliver the alumni address Thursday afternoon, May 18th. Holt McNeill.

REV. WILSON REMAINS AT HEMP

Hemp, N. C., April 28.

I wish to make a correction of the minutes of Fayetteville Presbytery, which met at Red Springs. It was stated that I was leaving Elise and Bensalem churches to supply the Bluff group.

The proposition came from the Bluff group through their representatives at Presbytery, and was the first intimation I had of their action. This action was reported by the Home Mission Committee to the Presbytery, and I had taken no action in the matter.

In March, I tendered my resignation to the Elise church, but as the Elise congregation voted unanimously to beg me to reconsider my resignation, I was considering the matter when the Presbytery met, and knew nothing of the action of the Bluff group, and nothing had been done to alter my relation to Bensalem, of which church I am pastor. I have re-considered my resignation of Elise church, and have decided to remain as pastor of Elise.

SUPERIOR COURT CLERKS AS JUVENILE COURT JUDGES

(By Mrs. Clarence A. Johnson, Com.)

Clerks of the Court come up for election this fall for the first time since North Carolina, in 1919, passed a state wide juvenile court law, establishing a juvenile court in every county in the state with the clerk of the court as judge. Under the supervision of the judge of the juvenile court and the superintendent of public welfare come dependent, neglected, delinquent children up to sixteen years of age whose needs should be given the most careful and intelligent consideration if the welfare of the child is to be conserved.

During the past eleven months when a more or less adequate system of record keeping has been established for juvenile courts and superintendents of public welfare by the State Board of Charities and Public Welfare, fifty-five counties report having handled 4,643 children. Of them 2,625 have an actual court record, 2,018 being cases that were settled out of court. Those cases which came before the court were disposed of as follows: 482 were dismissed, 1,241 returned home on probation, 450 placed in temporary homes, 355 sent to institutions, 38 adopted, 59 disposed of otherwise. The fifty-five counties making this report do not include some of the largest counties having whole-time superintendents of public welfare. So it is a conservative estimate to say that at least 8,000 children have been handled by all the juvenile courts in this state in the past year.

A number of the clerks of the court are doing excellent work as judges of the juvenile court. Interesting stories could be told of the unselfish service they have given; for instance, of a judge who made two trips twenty miles or more over mountains in one of the western counties to investigate a case and render what aid he could to a woman and four dependent children into whose lives a tragedy had come; of another who carried home a half-naked baby wrapped in a borrowed sweater which had been unexpectedly thrust in his arms, and which the judge and his wife kept in their home for several days until a good foster home was found. Several clerks of the court have gone to other states to study work of newly established juvenile courts in order to do their own work better. Approval of such service as this should be expressed by the voter in the June primaries and candidates for the office of Clerk of Court be considered not only on their qualifications to do the clerical work of the county, but on their personality, character and ability to handle children.

FROST DANGER PASSED

The peach and dewberry crops are at last past the danger of frost, and the signs are all for the record crop of peaches, and a good crop of dewberries. Last week some slight frosts were felt in the low grounds and some harm was done to gardens and early stuff, but nothing of consequence. Tobacco planting has been held back a little by the cold, but it has lots of time yet to come on. The outlook continues good for all crops.

BANKERS AT PINEHURST

It is estimated that almost six hundred persons were among the visitors at Pinehurst through the influence of the convention of bankers of the state held there last week. This is one of the biggest gatherings of North Carolina people ever held in Moore county, and is probably the most representative of influential North Carolina business men ever in the county in one body. The Sandhills bade a good impression on the Pinehurst gathering and the newspapers are full of the story of the meeting as told by the reporters and by the bankers on their return to their homes.

Bensalem, Pinehurst and Spies, declining the proposition made me by the Bluff group.

W. L. Wilson.

PEACH MEN ARRANGE SALE OF CROP

A committee of the peach growers association has been in almost continuous session for the last two months. In that time they have personally interviewed the principal merchants and commission men that have hitherto handled the fruit, made two trips to New York and one to Georgia and to Florida, and have the specific recommendations and active assistance of:

The Bureau of Markets, Washington; The Georgia Fruit Exchange; The Florida Citrus Exchange; The Standard Growers Exchange; Gentile Bros.; Robert T. Cochran, Steinhardt and Kelly, Frost and McNab, Samuel A. Townsend, F. C. Spadero, Curtis and Co., The Puritan Fruit Co., and all the rest of our commission men.

As a result, the Association is now ready to handle this year's crop as it should be handled.

We have engaged an expert fruit salesman, E. M. Zorn, with large experience as a buyer in the jobbing trade and as sales agent. He is to take charge of our selling department and has engaged several assistants to show the fruit to the buyers in the field. He is as present in the North interviewing our agents and principal buyers.

We have engaged agents and brokers in 200 markets east of the Mississippi river, including Canada and Cuba to sell our fruit and send us wire orders, to inspect our cars and report on market conditions. We pay them \$20 a car for all sales they make.

We have engaged a first class man to stay at Potomac Yards and inspect and divert our cars there, and sell to the Canadian buyers concentrated at that point.

We have arranged for a high class railroad man to handle our transportation and rate problems in our office.

We have hired the best inspector in Georgia to take charge of our inspection service.

We are preparing to spend \$5,000 in advertising our brand, to bring in the buyers. This includes personal letters to every house that has ever bought our fruit, a circular to every buyer in Georgia when the fruit moves, as well as those on the list being obtained by Mr. Zorn.

We already have the personal assurance of the largest buyers in the country that they will be here and be glad to buy. There is no question whatever that we can control the widest possible market. That we can get the last penny for the fruit, provided we hold it all together and do not compete with each other, and know just where every car is going. We can set our price in reason, if it is all in our hands.

This plan has the unanimous approval of the directors.

Every single director and grower approached to date has signed the contract placing his fruit in the hands of the association to sell without reservation. We ask you to do the same. This is the only possible way to sell peaches. We are your servants. The salesman is your own salesman. The agents are your agents.

The committee will, of course, consult the growers all the time, and do its utmost to satisfy everybody. We ask that you place your crop with all the rest so we can control the market and the distribution absolutely.

Fred C. Page, Secretary.

NEW JERSEY MEN IN PEACH SCHEME

Will Plant Seventy-five Acres This Year and Increase That Acreage Next Year.

SIGNIFICANT TRANSACTIONS AT PINEHURST AND VICINITY.

E. G. Fitzgerald has bought the Magnolia at Pinehurst within the last few days.

A corporation has been formed to build a large new garage with modern equipment on Dundee road near the greenhouses.

A significant move has been noted in the Taylorville section. Last week a contract was let for the new school house for colored children, Mr. Kline getting the job. Pinehurst, Inc., presented the school six acres of land for a site. Within the week an auction sale of lots was held in the vicinity of the school house and about eighty lots were sold.

Aymar Embury was in Pinehurst recently and the plans for the new commercial center were discussed rather extensively. Mr. Embury is working out the design for the complete project, and he has a general plan that promises to be one of the interesting features of Pinehurst community architecture.

BOUGHT A BLOCK OF LOTS

Sam Richardson last week sold a block of seven lots in Southern Pines to Harriet and Mary J. Condit. The location is near the Baptist church, the lots being deeded by S. B. Richardson and A. S. Newcomb. The buyers already hold property in that section.

TO HARD SURFACE THE ROAD FROM SANFORD

The State Highway Department announces the contract for between five and six miles of hard surface road on the State highway leading out from Sanford toward Carthage. That will bring the road pretty well out toward the Moore county line and will give the new road a decided importance in this section of the state. It will turn a lot of traffic from Sanford through Carthage both for the west and the south, and make the state road a busy thoroughfare. Work will be carried on during the summer.

COUNTY MAPS RECEIVED

The News has received the soil maps of Moore county, sent by Congressman W. C. Hammer, for free distribution. This map is probably the most serviceable one of the county now extant. It shows the towns, railroads, streams, roads and houses. But it was intended mainly for a soil map, which it is.

These maps can be had without cost by calling at the News office.

There is also at this office about a bushel of garden seeds, in packages, sent by the government, which can be had for the asking.

COUNTY AGENT ON FURLOUGH

I wish to express my deep appreciation to my friends for the many kindnesses shown me during my recent illness, and it is with deepest regret that I am forced to take a leave of absence for several weeks on account of my health. I hope to return to the county just as soon as possible and continue the work.

M. W. Wall.

high regard in which Rev. Caligan is held, and the Pinehurst church expects the crowd from Culdee to be on hand in June, for when Rev. Caligan comes to Culdee in September we expect to be right there waiting for him.

Th following excerpt from one of Rev. Caligan's letters expresses the keen anticipation with which all are looking forward to his visits; in writing to a friend, he states: "I am looking forward to the meetings with a great deal of pleasure, and I trust we may have the presence and blessing of Him whose bounty never fails, and whose grace is sufficient."

NEW BOOK BY SO. PINES WOMAN

Katharine Newlin Burt Writes Clever Story, Which is Just From the Press.

One of the clever bits of fiction that will have a wide circulation this summer is a novel by a Southern Pines writer, Katharine Newlin Burt, whose story, "Q," is just issued by Houghton, Mifflin Company. Mrs. Burt has a familiarity with the West and with the East, and she succeeds in bringing a rather lively Western man to the East to mingle with acquaintances he has made while the Easterners were traveling in the wild and woolly belt. The writer has her characters right well in hand, and she makes an interesting volume.

She creates a right faithful reflection of the western character, appreciating the influence of the free existence of that section of the country in forming the habits and sharpening the observation and analytical powers of the people out there, and she has no small knack of measuring the folks of the more sedate and established East. In consequence she carries sufficient naturalness and philosophy through the story to make it worth while, and she gets her effects without very much of the extravagant distortion of morality that marks too much of modern fiction.

Mrs. Burt's book is one of the best that have come out this year. It will meet the approval of those who care for a bit of romance with a pretty fair type of rough diamond in it, a pretty fair type of a girl, and enough regard

for the family that you can leave it on the table where the younger members can get hold of it, without having to save your conscience as you do with a large percentage of the fiction of this day of the hilarious Vanity Fair atmosphere. The book is on sale at Hayes' store in Southern Pines, where a window is full of a pile of the issue.

Mrs. Burt lives in the Tiers house in Southern Pines, a short distance from the Highland Pines Inn. Across the street lives Hugh Kahler, who last year brought out the cook, "Babel." Mrs. Burt's husband is also a writer, and down the street three or four hundred feet Donald Herring, another writer is completing one of the fine new homes of the last winter's crop of buildings. The Burts are not so long in Southern Pines as the others, but Mrs. Burt puts out her new book while a Moore county resident, and that makes it a Moore county book and her a Moore county author. The price indicated on the book is two dollars. Apparently that sum sent to Hayes will bring a copy. In addition to the merits of the book that are its merits of its own worth it has to recommend it to Moore county people and Moore county visitors that other virtue that it is a local product. That, as Abraham Lincoln said of the rat hole in the corner of his office, is always worth looking into.

REV. J. A. CALIGAN TO HOLD MEETING AT PINEHURST

The Pinehurst Presbyterian Church recently extended an invitation to Rev. J. A. Caligan, of McColl, S. C., to hold a meeting at Pinehurst during the month of June. Rev. Caligan has accepted and conferred with Rev. W. L. Wilson and J. Bruce Cameron at the recent meeting of the Fayetteville Presbytery at Red Springs, at which time definite plans for the meeting were formulated.

Rev. Caligan will come to Pinehurst on Saturday, June 10th, and start his meeting on the Sunday following, continuing through Sunday, June 17th.

The many friends of Rev. Caligan in Moore and adjacent counties will hail this news with delight, and the Pinehurst church is making prepara-

tions to care for the large crowds that will gather to hear him.

Until about one year ago, Rev. Caligan was pastor of a group of churches in Harnett and Lee counties. He accepted a call from McColl, S. C., where he is at present located. He needs no introduction to the people of this community, having spent several years in Moore county. His fame as an evangelist is known throughout the Carolinas, and the Pinehurst church is to be congratulated upon securing him for their meeting.

While conferring with Rev. Caligan, the officers of the Pinehurst church learned that he was booked to hold a revival at Culdee church in September. Quite a coincidence, that two communities in the same county should be seeking the services of the same evangelist. It shows something of the

Another new orchard project is about to start in McNeills township, with New Jersey capital prominent in the big new job. The location is north of Knollwood and west of Niagara on the 175-acre tract known as the Kiker place. It joins the Knollwood property east of the old experiment farm, and is about a mile from Niagara to the Westward.

The company will be known as the Southland company, an incorporation under the state laws, with H. Y. Coffee, W. K. Harrison and Joseph Struthers, of Hackensack, N. J., D. C. Nickerson, F. G. Sanborn, Miss Lillian Roberts and J. N. Powell, of Southern Pines, the chief stockholders. The New Jersey men have been coming to Southern Pines two or three years and have grown interested in the prospects in the Sandhills, and when they found the chance to get the tract of land the company has bought it was decided to organize the peach corporation and start to plant an orchard on an elaborate scale.

Hands will be put to work at once and it is the intention to have 100 acres ready for planting next winter, and to continue the clearing so that next summer as much more land will be ready for the next season's planting, and in that way to bring in the entire 175 acres as fast as possible. The location is one of the best in the county, being on the ridge that divides Mill Creek from McDeeds creek, and it is close to the railroad and to the Capital highway and the road from Southern Pines to Carthage. It is one of the first big projects to be located northeast of the Knollwood property, and in this respect it is a pioneer operation.

From Pinehurst to Lakeview that big ridge sweeps through a region of several miles, Mill creek cutting one valley into the summit, but leaving ridge land on both sides, and offering one of the best extended peach areas in the Sandhills. The News has been calling attention to this area, and the peach men have realized that it was but a matter of brief time until the development would begin to string out along that ridge. Now the tide turns that way, and with men interested who will be valuable as coming from the outside.

AGRICULTURAL BOARD MEETS

A few members of the newly appointed Agricultural Board met in the parlor of the Tyson Hotel last Monday and discussed some of the matters that will be taken up by this board during the coming season, this was not a called meeting for that reason a quorum was not present and officers were not elected. W. G. Carter acted as chairman of the meeting.

Mr. Colin G. Spencer, president of the Carthage Board of Trade, met with the Board and offered the co-operation of the Carthage association. It is hoped that these two organizations will pull together in further development of Moore county and it is assured fact that several enterprises will be undertaken and that the greatest good will be accomplished.

The establishment of a co-operative Tobacco Market at Carthage is an assured fact and the organization of a co-operative creamery and cheese factory will be taken into consideration by the Agricultural Board and Agricultural committee of the Chamber of Commerce. With the rapid development of the upper part of Moore county into a live-stock section will insure the success of a creamery at Carthage. Many other details were discussed and will appear at a later date.

M. W. Wall, Sec'y.

CARTHAGE MARKET

Hens 12-20, young chickens 27 1-2 to 30, eggs 25, butter 35, pork 18, beef 10, potatoes 1.50 bu., peas \$2.00 flour, 8.40-8.80 bbl., cotton 16-16 1-2.

EARLY CHERRIES

Mrs. R. S. Shields has reported some cherries ripe last week, and she and her family enjoyed cherry pie Sunday.

Legion Square Dance, Warehouse, Friday Night, May 5th, Last of Season