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Masons to Lay Cornerstone of New Courthouse August 1.

HENSON RAISES APPLES IN MOORE

Misses Fruit but Once in Twenty-one Years, And Good Fruit at That.

Out between Mt. Carmel church and Garner's store, on a cross road not very accessible, lives a farmer who is doing something to show the county what might be accomplished with apples. The farmer is J. D. Henson, formerly a Randolph county man, but for years a resident in Moore. When he first came down and settled in Moore county Mr. Henson planted an orchard, grafting trees himself, and from the time they came into bearing he has had apples with but one break in twenty-one years. This summer his trees have been full, and he has sent some to market. But as he lives some distance from the railroad in either direction, and does not give his trees the attention market trees should have he has not been much interested in the proposition of providing apples for shipment.

Mr. Henson has an attractive farm home, a forest of pine trees surrounding it on all sides, his house set among his apple trees, and about him are gathered an interesting family of two girls and a boy, along with a motherly wife who is no doubt a factor in making the home that they have. One son, Joseph D. Henson, gave his life in the war with Germany.

Mr. Henson raises several hundred bushels of apples each year, but he gives the trees little care, and while some of the fruit is of fine big size and appearance some of it is crowded too much on the trees, and does not present the appearance that it would if handled differently. He says, "We have all the apples we can possibly use, and you notice that many of them waste on the ground. As long as we have all we can take care of there is no particular incentive to devote much attention to fertilizing or spraying or thinning. To tell the truth we are not bothered by insect pests, and it is not necessary to spray for that purpose. I have not found enough wormy or defaced apples since I planted the orchard to make spraying at all necessary."

In a couple of bushels of apples brought away from the orchard not a worm or other insect enemy was found, and the apples were well formed, some of them of large size, and all of them of good flavor and character.

"I have some trouble with the blight," Mr. Henson continued. "You notice, some of the trees show it to an extent that requires more or less trimming out, while others seem to be affected very little. But the rochard as you see it shows so little evidence of blight that you can realize that we easily handle it if it should not get worse in the county than it is in my orchard."

On most of the trees no blight was visible, although on one or two it was showing in rather severe form. But with attention Mr. Henson thinks many desirable varieties of apples could be raised without trouble. "Some varieties seem to be troubled more than others," he ventured. "I see no reason why the same care given peaches in the sandy section would not make the best kind of apples here in the heavier ground."

On the Henson farm is no scarcity of good apples, some of them as good as anything that comes into the State from Oregon or any place. The famliy has all the apples that can be used, and quantities will be canned for winter use, some to sell, and a lot will be dried. By himself, Mr. Henson cannot very well create a market and undertake to get his fruit on sale. But his orchard is pretty good indication that if apple-growing is undertaken on the same scale that peach growing has reached in the county it has a chance to amount to something worth while. He thinks that if his orchard should be fertilized to make the fruit all the more uniform in size, thinned and otherwise cared for the product

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COMMITTEE IN CHARGE ARRANGES PRELIMINARY PROGRAM FOR EVENT

Many Masonic Notables Will Be Present For The Occasion. Big Parade by County Officials, Grand Lodge, and the Moore County Masons. Fort Bragg Military Band Will Probably Furnish the Music. Will Be Gala Day For Moore County.

JUDGE ADAMS TO MAKE ADDRESS. SPECIAL POEM BY J. McN. JOHNSON

The Masonic Grand Lodge of North Carolina will be here Tuesday, August 1st, to lay the cornerstone of the new Moore County Court House with all the array and splendor attached to the ceremony. In as much as this is the first event of this kind that has ever taken place in Moore county a record breaking crowd is expected in Carthage on that day. It will be a gala day for Moore County. The committee, appointed by the County Commissioners to make plans for the laying of the cornerstone, has been busy the past few weeks outlining a program for the event. The Masonic Grand Lodge some time ago accepted the invitation of the Commissioners to perform the ceremony according to the Masonic ritual and Grand Master James H. Webb has assured the committee that he will be here for the occasion. Other prominent officers of the Grand Lodge will accompany Mr. Webb and assist in the ceremony, but just who they will be is not definitely known at this writing. Several prominent Moore county Masons will be appointed by Grand Master Webb to assist the Grand Lodge.

The committee has outlined the following prelimniary program for the day:

10:30 a. m. The Grand Lodge will be opened by the Grand Master in the Carthage Masonic Lodge. All Masons are invited to attend.

11:30. Procession will form joined by county officers and others and march to the place where the cornerstone will be layed.

The assembly will be called to order by the Grand Master followed by the invocation of the Grand Chaplain.

Poem by J. McN. Johnson, of Aberdeen.

Address by Judge W. J. Adams.

Ceremony of laying the cornerstone, after which the Masons will march back to the lodge.

Other features will probably be added to the program which will be announced later.

The line of march will be from the corner of the News office up Main street to the court house square. Efforts are being made to get the Fort Bragg Military brass band of twenty-five pieces and a telegram from Congressman Hammer virtually assures the committee that this band can be had for the event. This band will be remembered as the one which so delighted the crowd that celebrated the 4th of July in Carthage last year and it alone would be a big drawing card.

The ceremony attached to the laying of the cornerstone will be exceedingly interesting and inspiring and those who can come to Carthage on that day will find it well worth their while to do so. This ceremony will, from the standpoint of history, mark the beginning in the construction of a court house of which Moore County will be jhstly prond. Few buildings in the State of its kind will surpass it in appearance and appointment.

All in all it will be a great day and one that will be long remembered. Set aside Tuesday, August 1st, as a holiday and come to Carthage for this big event.

Further announcement of the program for the day will appear in the next issue of the News.

PLANS TO STOP BOOZE IN MOORE

Movement Taking Shape Having For its Purpose to End Lawlessness.

Last week the News told that a plan had been outlined to get after lawlessness and whiskey, especially in Moore county. Since then some of the suggestions have been crystalizing and this week a number of citizens have offered for publication a pledge of which a copy follows:

"We, the undersigned American Citizens, realizing the fact that the use of, and the illegal traffic in, intoxicating liquor tends to, and is creating a deep and wide-spread disregard for the laws of our Country to such an extent that it is threatening the foundation of our civilization, do hereby pledge ourselves: First, that we will abstain from the use of contraband liquor; Second, that we will give our active support and influence to officers and courts of our county in up-holding and executing the laws of our State and Nation.

"Please enter and publish our names as members of the Moore County Law and Order Confederation."

(Here follows places for names and addresses.)

With it comes a letter containing signatures as shown below, and also the statement that any number of names could be had at once to the letter or the pledge if a little time had been taken, but the desire was to get the matter before the people and to have the pledge printed in the News where it could be seen and signed by a great number of men and women from all sections of the county in order that a wide manifestation of public opinion and backing should be given quickly. Here is the letter:

"We, the undersigned citizens of Moore County, hereby agree to stand as sponsors for the coupon advertisement you are asked to run in the Moore County News, and to actively enlist in a campaign for the suppression of the liquor traffic and give moral support to the legally constituted officers and the courts in the apprehension and punishment of all violators of law.

"Robert N. Page, Southern Pines.
"(Rev.) R. G. Matheson, Jack. Spr.
"McI. Kennedy, Eagle Springs.
"J. R. Page, Aberdeen.
"N. J. Carter, Eagle Springs.
"E. W. Bost, Eagle Springs.
"F. H. McIntyre, Eagle Springs.
"W. T. Lewis, Eagle Springs.
"(Rev.) W. L. Wilson, Hemp.
"J. R. McQueen, Lakeview.
"M. C. McDonald, West End.
"Fuller Monroe, Eagle Springs."

As the project was outlined to the News the men behind this movement are in earnest in their endeavor to clean up Moore county, and they say that if there is a reasonable response to the movement a general mass meeting of the people will be called some time next month to devise some definite plans to put a stop to the constant violations of the law that are troubling the peace and comfort of the county.

The men who are backing this proposition say they are going to make a determined effort to put the proposed confederation on a substantial footing, in the wide-open, and that they expect the overwhelming support of the most influential men and women in all sections of the county.

EX-SOLDIERS, ATTENTION!

Ex-soldiers of world war must file claim for disability (or claim for death) incurred in service, or traceable to service origin before Aug. 9th. The Veteran's Bureau will not accept any claim after this date.

Take this warning. See your American Legion commander, Red Cross representative, have your claim properly made out and sent in before August the 9th.

I will be glad to assist any ex-soldier in making out his claim.

Frank Blue, Commander,
Post No. 12, Carthage.

LEGION TO HOLD BLOSSOM EVENT

Sandhill Post Laying Plans for Big Event in Spring When the Peach Trees Bloom.

SIMILAR TO THE MARDI GRAS

The American Legion is planning the inauguration of a custom which bids fair to become one of the great institutions of the Sandhills. In the Spring of 1923, during the height of the peach blossom season, they will hold a Blossom Carnival at Pinehurst. Committees are now being selected to take charge of this work and the idea is to develop a permanent organization similiar to the Los Anglees "Rose Parade", the New Orleans "Mardi Gras", and other internationally famous festivals. While nothing definite has been decided as to details, the following has been suggested. Elect a King, Queen and Court; hold a Court scene, with parade, etc., probably at the Pinehurst Fair Grounds, altho the Legion is desirous of having the benefit of an Orchard back-ground for this. Serve a barbecue and engage several prominent speakers for the occasion. In the evneing give a blossom ball at the Pinehurst Country Club, over which the King, Queen and Court would preside.

This matter has been discussed with many prominent business men in this section and all are of the opinion that it will accomplish a great deal in the way of attracting outsiders as well as creating great interest among the immediate neighbors in the further development of this fruit belt.

The beauty of the Peach Orchards in the Spring is not exceeded by that of the Cherry Trees of Japan in blossom time, and the American Legion, ever awake to the wonderful possibilities afforded by this section, should have the hearty co-operation of everone in the Sandhills in their effort to establish this celebration as an annual event, as the good which would result from it cannot be overestimated.

J. T. C.

VICTIM OF WRECK DIES SUNDAY A. M.

Melvin Estridge, of Bennett, Passes Away Without Regaining Consciousness.

MISS KIVETT IS IMPROVING

Melvin Estridge of Bennett who was seriously injureed in an automobile accident near Carthage Sunday July 9th died at the Carolina Central Hospital at Sanford last Sunday morning at 8:00 o'clock.

In the accident Ethridge's skull was crushed at the base, rendering him unconscious. He was given first aid at Carthage and immediately sent to the hospital at Sanford, where he was operated on. From his injury complications set in and without regaining consciousness he died just one week after the accident. His parents were with him most of the week and at the time of his death.

The condition of Miss Viola Kivett who was also seriously injured in the accident, suffering from three skull fractures and cuts on the head, is reported as much improved. Her condition is still serious, however, but physicians in attendance at the hospital state that her chances for recovery are good.

LECTURE IN ABERDEEN

Jefferson C. Grinnolds, City Planner and landscape engineer of Baltimore, Md., will give an illustrated lecture on Town Zoning, Town Planning and Landscape Gardening to the citizens of Aberdeen and vicinity Friday evening, July 21st at 8:15 o'clock. Citizens of other parts of the county interested in this subject, are cordially invited to attend. Mr. Grinnalds comes under the auspices of the Aberdeen Community Club.

Moore County Law and Order Confederation Pledge

Sign, get your friends to sign with you, cut out and mail to The Moore County News Office, and thereby help a great and worthy cause.

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Name:	Postoffice:

MERCHANTS AGREE ON HALF HOLIDAY

Will Close Stores Thursday Afternoons at 1 O'clock During July and August.

PLANS FOR RECREATION MADE

The merchants and business men of Carthage have entered into an agreement to close their places of business every Thursday afternoon at one o'clock for a half holiday during the months of July and August. Some of the neighboring towns have already made such a move and the business men of Carthage, realizing the necessity of getting out into the open more during the hot summer months from their long hours of confinement, have agreed to do likewise. Some sort of concerted recreation may be planned for each half holiday so that everyone will have something definite to look forward to on that day. The agreement follows:

Carhage, July 18, 1922.

We, the undersigned merchants of Carthage, agree to close our stores at 1:00 o'clock every Thursday, beginning with Thursday, July 20, and ending with Thursday, August 31. We also state that we will endeavor to carry out this agreement in good faith by closing our doors promply at 1:00 o'clock and not opening any more during the afternoon or evening on the above stated day unless absolutely necessary.

(Signed) Wallace Bros., Graves Co., W. P. Benner, D. B. Swaringen, A. H. Hurwitz, Wainer & Ginsburg, J. V. Williamson, Page Trust Co., Parks Store Co., Alo Furniture Co., J. M. Morgan, Moore Hdw. Co., B. F. Whitlock, Walter Williamson, Phillips, Maxwell & Barrett, Black & Shields, O. B. Flinchum, G. H. Muse, D. A. Morgan, Kivett's Market, W. A. Seawell, N. Hurwitz & Son.

KLINE DESK CO. IS STATE JOBBER

Will be Exclusive Agent for the Theodore Kundtz Co. School Equipment in No. Carolina.

WILL PUT MAN ON ROAD SOON

The Kline Desk Company made a move last week that will put them to the front as complete school outfitters.

Norman Kline, owner of the company made a trip to Cleveland, Ohio, where he made an agreement whereby the Kline Desk Company will be the sole State jobbers of school desks and equipment of the Theodore Kundtz Company, manufacturers of a complete list of high class school equipment. This line together with the products of the Kline Desk Company, will give a range of equipment that will meet every school demand.

The Kline Desk Company is a young enterprise, but it has been very successful. Since they began op operating in January over two thousand desks have been manufactured and sold, together with a number of teachers' desks and general equipment. Only recently they received an order from Manteo, a town on the seacoast, and another from Boon, a mountain town, which shows that their products are already widely known in the State.

Mr. Kline states that since his company is now state jobber for the Kundtz Company he is in a position to meet the needs of both rural and city schools and that he will soon have a representative on the road to introduce and establish his line.

J. A. Hamilton, formerly of Raleigh, but now of Southern Pines, has entered the firm of Page, Newcomb & Wilder as manager of the life insurance department. Mr. Hamilton has taken up his permanent residence in the Sandhills and will make a valuable addition to the community.