

## CHRISTMAS TREES

Will Be Provided For 400 Children  
By Contributions of the Colony

They always have been. It is one of the old and established pleasures of the colony. The pickaninies in the schools about look forward throughout the whole year to the celebrations in Taylorville, Eastwood, Jackson Hamlet, and Smoke, which are provided by the fords heaped high with gifts for everyone, and the simple decorations and candy boxes which have come to convey to them the whole spirit and understanding of Christmas.

This happy work is done by the Rev. T. A. Cheatham—the neighbors come in and make up the myriad packages with the name of the child on every one. They have it down to a system now—the packing of the candy boxes. A Ford system. The boxes run down the famous chain, and the goodies are put in seriatim by experts.

But the colony contributes the expense of the simple purchases. This year as always. All of us. They may be left at the Hotel office or handed to Rev. T. A. Cheatham.

## FIRST NAVIGATORS OF AIR

## Capt. Ault Finds Pinehurst Experiments of Capital Importance

Last week the local press reported with enthusiasm the invasion and the capture of Pinehurst and the Sandhills by a flying squadron from Langley Field, and their adventures at the Gun Club, and their wind swept caesthenics for the diversion of the debutantes.

But in truth the report was about as complete as that of the Indian sage who first sighted Columbus, or the Esquimeau runner who gave the first graphic account of the coming of Stephanson. The discovery and adventure and the deeper meaning to the scientific and civilized world appeared not at all.

For in very fact the coming of this flight of planes had a keen interest to the entire world concerned with the future of the art of flying, and the practical commercial use of the biplane. Hitherto, even in the most delicate situations of the Great War, an aeroplane has found its way and proceeded on its course just as an automobile does—by following natural objects, roads, streams, cities mountains.

This process has its obvious disadvantages when one is five miles above land, in a pitch black night, or traversing a thousand miles of desert or a limitless forest or the great plains—and particularly when great flights start across seas.

So the problem had to be tackled of navigating a plane as ships are navigated—by mathematics, sextant and compass.

It was for the purpose of trying this out that the five machines we saw started from Langley Field to Columbia, S. C. And consequently, they were in charge of the greatest navigator alive.

This was Captain J. P. Ault, of the Carnegie Institute. He is the one great

master pilot, the man who recharted the navigable waters of the world with a non-magnetic ship, for the first time locating the shores with true relation to the magnetic North. His problem was to sail the skies without reference to the earth, making his destination by reading the heavens, and using his compass, in full flight. He did it. He got there, and he came back. This marks the beginning of an essential part of the great flights that are destined to be the commonplaces of the next decade.

## "SECOND TO NONE"

Is Motto of Cavalry Cadet Platoon  
Organizing at Pinehurst School

Captain R. A. Duckworth-Ford, Headmaster of Pinehurst School, plans to organize a small cavalry cadet platoon, to begin training next term. The preliminary strength of the platoon will be small: three officer-instructors, one cadet lieutenant, one cadet sergeant, one cadet corporal, and ten cadet privates; but as the school grows a fully equipped, thoroughly trained troop will gradually be developed.

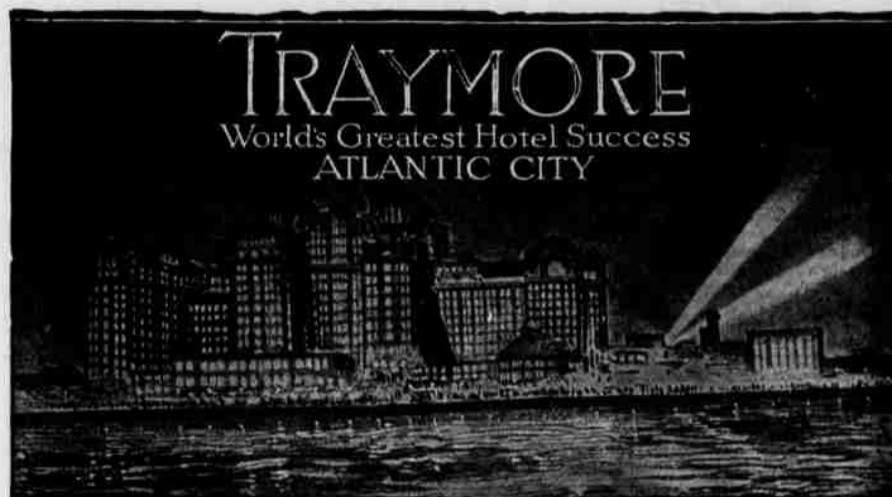
To begin with the uniform will be of the olive drab U. S. army pattern, with special school collar and cap badges and insignia of rank. The collar badges will be a monogram P. S. in bronze. The cap badge will be a Pine Tree, with below the school motto: "Nulli Secundus," (Second to None). The school colors are black and green. They will be worn on forage-cap and campaign hat.

The military instruction will be under the supervision of Captain Ford—who has had some twenty years military service as a commissioned officer. He has participated in campaigns in South Africa, Nigeria, Philippines, and the German Cameroons for which he was awarded campaign medals. He served as Captain, Royal Fusiliers, for nearly three years of the late World-war. Captain Ford will be assisted by Captain G. M. Hodge, U. S. R., Adjutant. Mr. R. Clinton Platt, Assistant Headmaster, will fulfill the duties of Quartermaster—with the local rank of Captain and Quartermaster.

Hayden Preston will be the first Cadet Lieutenant, and James Tufts the first Cadet Sergeant. Day scholars will be permitted to join the platoon, but only boarders will be eligible for promotion to non-commissioned and commissioned rank.

In addition to the unquestionable value of the military training, a cadet corps will be conducive to the development of leadership and initiative, a high state of discipline, esprit de corps, and smartness and poise in carriage and address. And when the corps reaches its full growth, and becomes a fully equipped efficiently trained troop, it will be a national asset. Universities, colleges, and high grade public schools are the obvious nurseries for the commissioned personnel of a national army. While the League of Nations will make war difficult, there can be no surety that it will make it impossible, and "Defence, not Defiance," will be a very good working motto.

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## Ballad of the Little Horn

(Kindness of her trainer and Boswell)  
And now came the Little Horn out of the West,

Of yearlings and darlings she's none of the best,

To retire in her dotage to Pinehurst she came;

She looked like a camel, was sick, sore and lame.

But the sand underfoot was so soft to her feet

That she neighed in the sunshine and grew very fleet.

Growing every day younger, she wended her way

And entered the sweepstakes on Dump-lin Day.

And when she embarked they called her a goat,

And a farmer remarked they were riding his shoat.

But when she got off the bookies turned pale;

She stopped not for ditch and she stopped not for rail;

She hurdled the club house, she hurdled the track,

And then she turned round and jumped all the wayback.

And Wise, the great trainer, stood up in amaze,

And turning to Hill, of the horses, he says:

"By what art of the devil did this come to pass?"

Says Hill in reply: "It's the climate, you ass.

You could winter a bull frog, a mule or a sheep,

A yak, or the lambkins of Little Bo Peep

In this sunshine of Pinehurst, this piney-wood clime,

And they'd all soon be beating the Roamer's best time."

## The High Cost of Hunting

We have heard divers facetious tales of what a bob-white costs a banker. But none that ever rivalled this tale of the actual market price of the fruits of the chase as quoted in Paris recently, according to a dispatch received from Paris.

"High prices for game followed the recent opening of the hunting season in France. In place of the usual large crowds, only a few elderly sportsmen left Paris on hunting trips.

"Cartridges for such uses cost six times as much as they used to, and there are heavy taxes to pay. Consequently, the first lots of game offered at Paris were sky-high.

"A consignment of ten partridges was sold for \$30. A brace of rabbits cost \$10.50, while pheasants brought \$4 apiece.

After the war Europe will continue to look to America for help; there will be no crops raised overnight.

Food helped win the war. The next duty and opportunity of food is to save starving nations in Europe.