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LITTLE RIVER STORE COMPANY

Concern Was Formerly The McKeithen Company—Duncan McCrimmon Is Manager

The Little River Store Company is the new name of the reorganized concern formerly the McKeithen Company. The stockholders in the new company are J. A. Keith, A. D. McLauchlin, W. H. McNeill, of the old company, who have associated with them J. R. McQueen and Duncan McCrimmon. The latter will have the management. The Little River Company will carry on a general department store at Vass, occupying the buildings formerly used and at Southern Pines a seed and feed store will be opened in the block opposite the station near Thrower's Pharmacy. The organization of the company will have the following officers: W. H. McNeill president, J. A. Keith vice-president, and Duncan McCrimmon secretary and treasurer.

It is the intention of the new company to broaden out to reach a much bigger trade than has ever come to Vass. Here is a good commercial center, the new officers argue, and they intend to carry a stock of goods that will invite the attention of all the folks who can reach Vass by automobile from the various neighborhoods, and to buy in quantities big enough to be able to sell at an attractive price. Vass is a much cheaper place to conduct business than anywhere else in the county or the vicinity, for rents are low, taxes are lower, costs are lower and all the overhead expenses will be less than in the bigger places, while being on the main line of the Seaboard railroad gives all the advantages of freight handling.

Mr. McNeill said concerning the expectations of the company, "There is a continually growing business within a reasonable distance of Vass, and we propose to prepare to meet the demands of the people for any reasonable thing to be expected in a much more pretentious store. Vass has for some time had a reputation of being a good place to buy merchandise of all sorts, and we simply mean to make it as much better as the business we can build will permit. We have all confidence in the outcome, for the Sandhills country is a good and growing region, and we are figuring on meeting its needs in a modern fashion."

VARSITY FOOTBALL FOR SANDHILL FAIR

Joyful news for all lovers of the Great Game! After three years of negotiation, the Secretary of the Sandhill Fair is delighted to be able to announce that we will have a real varsity game at the Fair.

One of the policies of the Sandhill Fair is the encouragement of all clean outdoor sports in this section, and to this end, football games, basketball games, track meets, etc., have been staged. On account of many difficulties, however, it has been impossible to arrange for a varsity football game until this year.

It is with much pleasure, therefore, that we are able to announce that the annual varsity game between State College and Davidson College, which has heretofore been staged at Charlotte and Raleigh alternately, has been transferred to the Sandhill Fair, and will take place Friday, October 31st, at 3:00 p. m.

This makes another event of State wide interest added to the already wonderful program at the Sandhill Fair. An event that will undoubtedly bring thousands of football enthusiasts, among whom will be many who have not yet attended the Fair.

Negotiations for this game have been attended with many difficulties, some of which have seemed unsurmountable, for it is no easy matter to break into a regularly scheduled varsity game.

It goes without saying also that this game was not secured without a considerable addition to the expenses of the Fair, for, college football games must be supported, and until the time comes when an endowment will take care of athletic sports, the colleges must depend upon the gate receipts to meet the necessary expenses.

To meet the added expenditure the Sandhill Fair will depend upon the sale of reserved seats and bleacher seats at the game. Arrangements are being made so that these seats may be secured in advance, announcements of which will be made later.

In the meantime the Sandhills have something else big to talk about in connection with the Fair, and we feel sure that they will start to boost as soon as they read this article.

36 YEARS AGO

Jas. McKeithan, (col), of Winder, aged 25, has been totally blind nearly all his life, but is a marvel to even those who are well acquainted with him. He can hold his own with the best in running turpentine stills, travels on foot all about this section doing errands and carrying bundles, rarely hitting anything in his course.—Jonesboro Leader, summer of 1888.

PROMINENT MAN OF LAKEVIEW DEAD

Alvis J. Oldham Dies in C. C. Hospital at Sanford, Sunday.

Into the dim walls of a hospital room on August 31, at 3 o'clock crept the death angel and caused the body and soul of Alvis J. Oldham to rest—rest and rest for ever. Long weeks and months of suffering had taken its toll leaving only a charred body, weary with life and its worries. Yet all through it he stood face forward and resolute, fighting, fighting for the freedom of health and strength that was destined by the Divine powers to be his no more. How sweet it must be to be safely guided into that haven of rest, where there is no suffering, no sorrow and no pain.

Mr. Oldham was everybody's friend, in time of sickness especially. No matter what the task, he did it and with a cheerful face always beaming with thought of helping some one to win. He was never in the place where he could find no joke, no kind word to say—just to make others laugh and be happy. A young man, practically, was he, being only 40 years old last February. In his early years he was a member of the Methodist church, and later when he came to Moore county he became a member of the Lakeview Union church. Surviving him are three brothers, one sister, his mother, a dear, devoted wife and a world of friends. We miss him, and mourn the absence of him who was taken by one who cares and provides for all of us, and will be sure to do that for those who were so near to him, and are now so far.

Funeral services were held at the Lakeview cemetery, by Rev. M. D. McNeill at 3 o'clock, Monday afternoon.

D. P. KELLY CELEBRATES HIS 69th BIRTHDAY

(By Mrs. J. McK. Harrington)

Rev. M. D. McNeill, Mr. M. D. McLean, Miss Crissie McLean, Mrs. G. M. McDermott and the correspondent were invited guests at a birthday dinner at the home of Mr. and Mrs. D. P. Kelly, on Vass route one, Friday, August 29th, the occasion being a reunion of the children and grand children, with immediate relatives, neighbors, and friends from far and near, who came to celebrate with Mr. D. P. Kelly, his 69th birthday. All the children, six daughters, and two sons, with their husbands and wives and all their children, were present: (I give the names of the children of Mr. and Mrs. Kelly,) Murd Blake Kelly, Niagara, four children; Mrs. John W. Carrington (May) and two daughters, Winder, Ga. Mrs. J. L. Pope (Bert) and four children, of Raeford. Mrs. J. Thad Ellis (Kate) and three children, of Newport News, Va. John Malcolm Kelly (Mallie) wife and two children, of Vass, route one. Mrs. D. A. Graham (Bessie Lee) and two daughters, of Ruffin, S. C. Mrs. A. V. Autrey (Christine) and one son, of Varina, S. C. Mrs. J. W. Williams (Flora) and one daughter, of Ruffin, S. C. All children living and all present. All grand children living, and all present. Near relatives and immediate family: Mr. and Mrs. H. A. McCallum and three children, of Eureka. Mr. and Mrs. G. M. McDermott and three children, of Cameron. M. A. R. Kelly, and four children, with their grandmother, Mrs. Mary Blue, of Eureka. Mrs. Johnie Kelly and one daughter, of Southern Pines. Mrs. Ray Chisholm and Miss Annie J. Kelly, of Manley. Mr. and Mrs. Norman Stuart, of Johns Station. The Wicker children from So. Pines, whose mother was Mrs. Chrissie Blake Wicker, a sister of Mrs. D. P. Kelly. There were upwards of two hundred people assembled. We have only space for the heads or families who were present: Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Ben Morgan and children, of Niagara, Mrs. Jim Garner, of Vass. Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Lemons, Mrs. J. D. Wilson, Mrs. Nannie McCaskill, Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Parker, Mrs. Carrie Weatherly, Mr. and Mrs. Alec Cameron, Mrs. Mollie Graham and daughters, Eva and Kate, Mr. and Mrs. M. Autrey and family, Mrs. C. J. Vick and family, Mr. and Mrs. J. R. McQueen, Mr. D. M. McLeod, Miss Crissie McLean, Mrs. Kate McLeod, Mrs. John A. Blue, Mr. and Mrs. S. H. Oliver, Mr. T. D. McLean and daughter, Vanessa.

Rev. and Mrs. Davies, Mr. and Mrs. Sandy Kelly, Mr. Staley, John Blue, Mr. and Mrs. M. McL. Kelly, Rev. and Mrs. Rook. Mr. and Mrs. Dave Monroe, Mrs. Nettie McRae and daughter, Jeanette, Mr. and Mrs. Crissman and family.

Miss Irene Stevens, of Toscoa, Ga., who is visiting at her home with Mr. and Mrs. Kelly.

A table fifty feet in length was spread in the shady grove of oaks, and dinner prepared by "Ladies Bountiful." Meats of all kinds, varieties of breads, sandwiches, delicious cakes, pies salads, pickles, and something unusual in this section at a picnic dinner—individual dishes of Brunswick stew, all along either side of the table. Pitchers of lemonade, replenished from the full tubs. Two snowy birthday cakes with the figures "69" graced either end of the table.

A blessing followed by a prayer divine, was asked by Rev. M. D. McNeill, then some beautiful and appropriate remarks by Rev. Davies of Niagara, in which he said the family made a beautiful picture, encircling the head of the table, a lovely reunion, that he hoped would be the same in Heaven, with the circle unbroken.

Among the presents was a handsome clock presented to Mr. Kelly by his children, that Rev. Davies presented to Mr. Kelly with remarks on "marking time" of the past, present and future.

Another beautiful and impressive picture was when seven of the grand children were christened by Rev. M. D. McNeill, and whose previous re-

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GREAT HORSE ACT AT THE SANDHILL FAIR

The outstanding animal attraction of all time is Belmont's Horses which are coming to the Sandhill Fair, October 28, 29, 30 and 31. This is unquestionably the greatest horse act that has ever been presented in the history of the circus and for the first time it is presented at a Park exactly as exhibited at the world's greatest playhouse, the New York Hippodrome where the act shattered all crowd drawing records.

Belmont's Stallions, eighteen beautiful animals, offer an equine spectacle that is unique and the intricate drill in which the animals all bearing different numbers are maneouvered in various and continuously changing positions in line and then through their own intelligence and without the direction or cue of a trainer find their regular place in line.

Belmont's Stallions, the sensational attraction at the Sandhill Fair during the week of October 28th, proved to be one of the greatest attractions that has ever appeared at the New York Hippodrome, breaking all box records as a crowd drawing attraction. The act is presented in two separate and distinct parts, the first being a military equine spectacle and drill in which the animals, after being thoroughly and continuously changed in position, find their original places.

The second presentation by Belmont's is one in which six beautiful sorrels offer a little "horse play," which is called "The Morning Before the Derby." In this act the animals are shown with their heads extending from scenery representing stalls, leaving their individual stalls, going through a difficult routine of maneouvers and returning to their original stalls without human direction. This will unquestionably prove to be one of the season's park sensations.

SAM RICHARDSON

S. B. Richardson is the way the Mayor of Southern Pines signs his name, but the folks call him Sam because it is handier. A couple of weeks ago a Greensboro critic began writing letters to the Mayor protesting against the audacity of Southern Pines in arresting strangers who were making a race track of May street, and threatening to boycott Southern Pines if the law continued to be enforced. Sam Richardson did not call off the police, but he did write to the Greensboro man arguing that it was not nice to have the children killed and the streets all mussed up with wreckage merely to encourage reckless strangers to pull off speed stunts in Southern Pines and the Greensboro man wrote some critical stuff, and then the Mayor told the police to go ahead and pay no attention to those who threatened to go somewhere else to do their driving if they couldn't violate law and decency in Southern Pines. And the people told the Mayor they were with him, and he pointed to a fresh wreck on May street, and remarked that his town would be for law and safety.

Sam Richardson has been a mighty good mayor in Southern Pines, and has had a lot to do in bringing the place to the prominent standing it holds. He is not easy to scare, and says he wants to make it clear that his town has some more substantial purposes in life than simply to see a big string of cars chase through the streets. He says he wants to be fair with everybody, the residents of the village as well as with strangers, but his idea of the laws is that they were made for a purpose and that the purpose is a good one, and he expects to uphold the laws because they are wholesome.

How well the Mayor rates with his peop'e is shown in that he has been elected several times to his present job, and the last time he had all the votes cast but seven or eight. Sam was born in Maine... He came to North Carolina about twenty years ago. THE PILOT never thinks it is good taste to ask these northern folks why they came south.

Incidentally the Greensboro man has stirred Southern Pines to a point where the folks will insist that the law is enforced, and to that extent the complaining has been of a lot of good. The Greensboro man deserves a vote of thanks.