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## FUNERAL OF MASON BORST

Was Very Prominent Business  
Man of Wilmington,  
N. C.

All that was mortal of Mason C. Borst, prominent business man of Wilmington, whose tragic death from an airplane at Wilmington, was chronicled in the leading State papers this week, was brought Saturday night to Cameron, the home of his birth, childhood, and early manhood and interred by the side of his father who passed away some four months ago. As a child, Mason was sweet and modest. As a young man he was courteous, manly, and loveable. A devoted son and brother, and since the recent death of his father, seemed to double his exertions in kindness, care and tender love in comforting and providing for his mother and sisters. Each week end he came up from Wilmington to be with his home folks. His courteous manner and winning ways made him a favorite of all who knew him. Never before have I seen so many men weeping. Young men, strong men, men in the prime of life. His friends from Wilmington (and they were many) Rocky Mount and other towns, and his boyhood friends in Cameron. A long line of colored people, from age to youth, came to the home and asked permission to view the body—which was readily granted. Mason Borst was a World War veteran, Naval aviator. His war service certificate, U. S. Navy, certifies that he performed honorable, active service in the U. S. Navy from Sept. 29, 1917, to March 10, 1919, on board the following ships and stations: U. S. Navy Aeronautic Station: R. S. at Philadelphia; U. S. N. Air Station, Queenstown, Ireland; U. S. N. Air Station, Lough Foyle, Ireland; Pelham Bay Park. He received an honorable discharge at expiration of enrollment and was recommended for enrollment 30th of April, 1921, at Hampton Roads, Va.

He joined the Cameron Presbyterian church when a youth and later moved his membership to the First Presbyterian church at Wilmington.

The funeral services were conducted by Rev. M. D. McNeill from Cameron Presbyterian church. The hymns used were "No Night There," "Some Time We'll Understand," "Asleep In Jesus," "Abide With Me." Dr. M. L. Matthews, of Sanford, sang a solo, "That Beautiful Home on High." Leon Andrews, undertaker from Wilmington, had charge of the handsome casket that was covered with the U. S. Flag. Members of the employes of the M. C. Borst Company acted as pall bearers. The Young Ladies' Auxiliary Circle No. 2, of Cameron, took charge of the floral offerings. The largest and handsomest display of floral offerings ever seen in Cameron. There were over 50 magnificent designs at the church altar and others carried to the grave and others to come.

Friends and relatives who were present, bringing floral offerings, came from Wilmington, Rocky Mount, Clarkton, Bladenboro, Raleigh, Hamlet, Charlotte, Atlanta, Wilson, Vass, Sanford, Carthage, Raeford, Rockingham, Pinehurst and Cameron. An offering from the American Legion Post No. 10 and Auxiliary, Mr. and Mrs. Laurence Sprunt, W. H., J. D., Alec and Walter Sprunt. The Wilmington Star, Scottish Rites, Shriners, motor companies from Wilmington, Wilson, Raleigh and Charlotte. Mr. and Mrs. Murchison, of the Borst family, Mr. and Mrs. Wyatt Cavin, Mr. and Mrs. Fletcher Daughtrige, Miss Nannie Daughtrige, of Rocky Mount. A friend of Mason Borst from Wilmington, who was at the funeral Sunday, told of hearing Mason speak of the wonderful sermon he heard preached by Rev. M. D. McNeill Sunday morning a week from last Sunday; that Mason mentioned it several times during the

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## GLENNA COLLETT IN ACTION AGAIN

Continues to Sell Knollwood  
Heights Building Lo-  
cations

Things around Pine Needles seem to go with a whirl this week. Glenna Collett, who brought the new golf course, with Virginia Van Wie's help, to the attention of the world, continues to attract attention by her enthusiasm over the new course and the delightful surroundings of the Inn as a place for winter homes for the lovers of the game. This week she has added to the owners of buildings sites there Senator Wallace R. Pierson, of Cromwell, Connecticut, a golfer who has been at the Carolina and at Pine Needles for a month or more and who appreciates the advantages he finds in the Sandhills. Senator Pierson is believed to have the biggest greenhouse in the world with 25 acres of roses under glass. He cuts over ten million roses a year. He says he has never been as much pleased with any place as with the Sandhills and especially in the neighborhood of that fine Pine Needles development, and the wonderful new golf layout that Donald Ross has made, and which Miss Collett has demonstrated to be one of the great factors in permitting a player to develop the highest skill possible in playing the game. Miss Collett says she is going to undertake to add to the community around Pine Needles as many good golfers as she can, and she wants to make there the best group of congenial golf players that is possible.

The purchase of lot No. 456 by Senator Pierson was hardly announced until it was followed by the purchase of lot No. 443 by Andrew I. Creamer and Mrs. Lillian W. Creamer, of the Highland Pines Inn. Nothing could give more emphasis to the significance of Knollwood than this purchase, for the Creamers are familiar with hotel prospects in this section, with good golf course, with general possibilities of the Sandhills, and they have been winners in every venture they have undertaken in the neighborhood. The seal of such folks is the highest approval that could be asked. Mr. Creamer knows from his own experience that the Pine Needles Inn is a winner, and that a home location on that neighborhood is worth having.

## DEATH OF WORTHY COLORED CITIZEN.

The following tribute of respect is paid to Ben Leslie, colored, by Messrs. Creamer and Turner, owners of Highland Pines Hotel, at Southern Pines: "The passing of Benjamin J. Leslie, colored, occurred at 9 o'clock Sunday night at his home. He had been ill of pneumonia for a week.

Ben Leslie was born in Moore county October 30, 1869, which made him 58 years old. His first work down here, which gave him a wide acquaintance with the people, was in the nature of hotel work and he became an expert in the line of butler and porter work along with other occupations leading up to the time he began to raise his family which consisted of 14 children. He purchased and settled on a farm, raising his large family along the lines of education and religion. He was considered a most prosperous farmer. In addition to operating his extensive farm, he took on other duties, principally the entire work and care of the grounds of the Highland Pines Inn. His handiwork then extended to the village of Southern Pines. Whatever Ben Leslie did it was known to be in that fine character which thought and physical exertion could produce.

Ben Leslie will long be remembered as one of the leading spirits of the colored people in the South. Not only will he be remembered by his own race, but by the great number of white people who knew him and learned about his fine character and work. He was devoted to his family and home and his friendship was like hoops of steel.



Mr. H. A. Gunter, of Aberdeen, one of Moore County's prominent citizens, who with Mrs. Gunter and children are spending a month in Florida, visiting his brother, Messrs. John A. and Alonzo Gunter. Mr. Gunter is also accompanied by his father and sister-in-law, Mrs. Floyd Gunter, of Richmond, Va.

## Longleaf Pine Given Added Protection In the Sandhills.

The stately and distinctive longleaf pine of the Sandhills of Moore County has been given an added protection to prevent its destruction by fire.

When the landowners of this section formed themselves into an Association in October to provide means for protecting these beautiful forests, additional assistance was vouchsafed.

From the dome of the Carolina Hotel at Pinehurst, over 200,000 acres of fields and forests, are unfolded like a giant picture and over this the careful eye of a lookout scans from morning to night to detect the tell-tale whisp of smoke—the forerunner of destruction.

To Cameron, Vass, Southern Pines, Aberdeen, Pinebluff, West End, Jackson Springs, Carthage and other points, the network of a telephone system spreads to carry the message of fire.

Over 100 men, public spirited and with a thought for the preservation of forests of this section, have pledged their assistance and stand ready for duty when the occasion demands. They know the Sandhills of Moore County and how to handle fire.

With the number of winter visitors to this area at its height, the menace of forest fires increases accordingly and necessary vigilance is necessary to keep the fire problem in command.

The agencies of the State and Federal Governments are continually assisting to eliminate the forest fire danger and the uses of the forest gradually becoming more careful with fire, is helping to again bring back the longleaf pine to its rightful place in the Sandhills of Moore County.

## PAGE JUDGE LINDSEY!

A distinguished member of the French embassy was a guest at the silver wedding celebration of an eminent bishop.

Leaning over to his neighbor, the Frenchman asked, sotto voice: "Tell me, moncher wat ess thees vilvaire wedding which we celebrate? I do not understand."

"Oh, replied his neighbor (the bishop's nephew), "don't you know? Why, my uncle, the bishop, and my aunt have lived together for 25 years without having separated, and without having any quarrels in that time."

"Ah!" exclaimed the diplomat, heartily, a light breaking upon him. "And, now, he marry her? Bravo! Bravo!"

Never salt meat before cooking it, for it will harden the tissues. Season when it is on the platter and ready for use.

## KNOLLWOOD SEES MORE EXPANSION

Extensive Improvements of the  
Southern Pines Side of  
the Creek

Everybody realizes that the big effort this winter in the way of material development of the Sandhills is centering along the line of Midlands road, and that the tremendous impetus given by the Pine Needles Inn is the basis of the expansion. But it has not been generally known that the municipal lines of Southern Pines have in the recent past been extended to take in the territory down to the McLeod's creek crossing, and up the Yadkin road from the creek half way to Manly station.

Lately the Knollwood corporation has put a force of men on the ground from the creek up toward Southern Pines and Manly to clear out underbrush and expose the topography of the country, with the result that a magnificent bit of ridge land has been uncovered. From the Davis log house on top of the hill a succession of hills and coves extend all the way to the creek, with such devious winding in the highway that a pronounced impression has been made on everybody who drives that way. A considerable number of building sites have been sold from time to time on the west side of the highway, the latest sales being some locations in the tract owned by Jerry Healy, sold not long ago by Shields Cameron. But on the east side of the highway little has changed hands from the Davis log house to the creek. The corporation has not yet announced any plans for this section of the Knollwood property, but the interest that is manifested over on the Pine Needles side, and the attractiveness of the ground that is showing up under the work that is being done is pretty good indication that it will not be long until somebody will be wanting one of the luring hill tops, and once started the movement will not be slow to catch the eye of buyers.

From the day that Manning and Deaton planned the main road from Pinehurst to Southern Pines, with the Southern Pines terminal at the Highland Pines Inn there has been no doubt of the final following of the plan. The reconstruction of the road by the Highway commission this summer is the first step in the present movement forward, and the definite work by the Knollwood folks is the next. Then comes the positive plan for village construction which will shape itself in due season, and from then on the connection of Pinehurst and Southern Pines along the route of the entire road will take care of itself.

The arrivals at the Pine Needles Inn are fully up to expectation, the passengers at the Southern Pines station bound that way each morning showing a marked scene of activity. The inn has also shown itself a popular place for dinner and visiting parties from the other villages. Much talk is current among people on all hands as to the importance of the new development at Pine Needles and a high appreciation of the future of the vicinity marks much of the discussion. Men are beginning to inquire into the advisability of building sites at Knollwood in the model community neighborhood of which the Olmstead huse is the beginning, and all doubt as to the outcome of that venture is a thing of the past.

Over across the highway at Knollwood things are moving. Mason & Gardner have sold to Major Nettleton and Mrs. Nettleton another site adjoining the one on which their house is built, giving to them a frontage of nearly 200 feet on the fairway below their house. Mr. Burke has also secured a second lot there with similar frontage on the fairway. These homes have the fairway outlook and the

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## CHANGES AT BLUE FERTILIZER MILL

E. H. Pringle Comes Up From  
Charleston Factory to  
Lend a Hand

The Blue Fertilizer factory, which has made a name in this section as the factory that makes the crops that make the records in Sandhill farming operation, some time ago passed under the management of the Merchants Fertilizer Company, of Charleston, S. C., one of the big concerns of the South, with factories at Charleston, Charlotte, Pensacola, Dunn, and other places, and the prospects for the factory at Aberdeen are extremely good. E. H. Pringle, of Charleston, vice president of the big organization, has come up to Aberdeen from Charleston, and will give a considerable portion of his time to the factory there, as his company wants to lend a hand in developing the Sandhills types of agriculture along the lines that their experience in manufacturing special types of fertilizer has shown to be logical.

Mr. Pringle's factories have an enjoyable standing in the fertilizer world. In the recent bulletin from Clemson College, the agricultural college of South Carolina, are records of hundreds of analysis of fertilizers from all the concerns that offer goods to the South Carolina farmers. While some of the big companies have been picked up on some of their mixtures which have fallen below the figures on the tag on the sack, in all the long list of tests shown in the Clemson bulletin the Merchants company is not once shown in the black type that tells of a failure to put in the sack the goods claimed on the tag. This is an unusual record, but Mr. Pringle says that is the way his company undertakes to help the farmer make his crops. His fertilizers deliver what the farmer buys and pays for. His folks make a large proportion of the fertilizer sold in South Carolina, and although in Charleston are 16 factories and in Savannah about 10, the Merchants company sells more than half the large supply of fertilizer used by the vast trucking interests in Charleston and Beaufort truck sections.

A feature of the output of Mr. Pringle's company is special mixtures for the different crops. Especial attention is given to peach mixtures, as well as to tobacco and cotton. Farmers who want their own particular combination or particular percentages of ingredients can have whatever they find suits their crop and soil best. Mr. Pringle says he hopes to be able to double the output of the Aberdeen factory before long, and that in addition to the output of the local factory the Charlotte and Charleston factories can be drawn on for supplies of any kind at any time such a step is necessary.

The Aberdeen mill is now a link in one of the biggest group of fertilizer mills in the South, and Mr. Pringle, who knows fertilizer from beginning to end, says it is to be an important source of the supply of this section. He is right enthusiastic over the three strong agricultural possibilities of the Sandhills, peaches, tobacco and cotton, and also of the trucking prospect that is in sight, and his folks want to have a hand in the bigger development of what he looks on as a great field for farm expansion and the production of a high type of staple products.

## "SPIRIT OF ST. LOUIS."

An electric street car now bears the honored name "Spirit of St. Louis." It operates every day in Grand Rapids, Mich., where cars are named after various citizens and events and it was christened out of the shops in June to be dedicated in the midst of huch hubbub of aviation flavor.

Did all you folks hear about the sea sick passenger who put glue in his soup to keep it down?