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MEETING NEAR EAST RELIEF

Held in Durham—Many State Figures Were Present.

Preparations for the State campaign of the Near East College Association in North Carolina were made Thursday, February 16, at an enthusiastic meeting of the volunteer workers and other leaders interested in this cause, says Miss Loula Eastwood, who attended the meeting in Durham, sessions being held at the Washington Duke Hotel. Miss Eastwood is chairman for Moore County. Well known leaders in State affairs, including Dr. W. P. Few, president of Duke University; Dr. Harry W. Chase, president of the University of North Carolina; Josephus Daniels, Raleigh publisher and secretary of the Navy under the Wilson administration, and others have given their support to this cause.

A purposeful morning session was followed by a luncheon at the hotel, with strong endorsements being volunteered by those interested in the Near East College Association cause. Governor A. W. McLean, although unable to attend, sent his strong personal endorsement to Lt. Governor J. Elmer Long, State chairman, declaring that he knew of few more worthy enterprises.

An interesting prospectus of the situation and problems was presented by Albert W. Staub, American director of the association, and Captain Claude W. Hopper, Southern director, each telling of the progress being made and the obstacles to be overcome. Numbers of State chairmen were present, the attendance for the conference being about seventy.

A strong plea for the support of the Near East College cause was

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IS WAR NEARING ITS FINAL DAYS?

Dr. Archibald Currie Thinks Conditions Indicate Much Better Prospects.

The Kiwanis club on Wednesday at the Congregational church in Southern Pines carried out a programme that made a feature of George Washington and of our government affairs. Dr. Currie did not talk very long about Washington, but he did talk about the American republic which arose on Washington's successes. And then he turned his attention to the progress of men in recent years. He spoke of leadership, beginning with the day when the men of the church were leaders, and he showed how they lost their leadership because they dealt too much in doctrine and not enough with civic affairs. They were followed by lawyers who were powerful leaders for a time, but they surrendered to the teachers. The lawyers were too narrowly held to the right of men, and not enough to the broader phases of life. They gave way in turn to the teacher who undertook to broaden the understanding and the relations of men in various ways, but they were moved to one side by business men, who are now in control.

Wars have been a heritage of mankind from the beginning. Four classes of wars have been prominent—religious, dynastic, political and economic. Religious wars are practically ended. Dynastic wars are also of the past, as people are no longer concerned to fight over the claim of kings to thrones. Political wars are drawing to their close, and the one thing that still threatens is economic war, the wars that represent business. Tariffs, boundaries, international claims of one sort or another are the dangers now, and they are as unreasonable as ever. War is now

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LIVELY ACTION AT KNOLLWOOD

The Turners and A. B. Yoemans Join the Colony of Lot Owners.

BION H. BUTLER. The enthusiastic action in the Knollwood Heights lot development is a surprise in the oldest inhabitant, for never before has such a comprehensive movement been known in Central North Carolina. Since the sale of building sites was announced a few weeks ago the transfers in the neighborhood of Pine Needles Inn have passed a hundred thousand dollars in values, and it looks now as though the interest is just now waking up. The type of buyers is one of the most significant features of the movement, for men and women of the best character are becoming owners of Knollwood Heights building locations.

But there is nothing about it that might not have been expected. On the day when this paper announced that the Pine Needles was a positive project the future of that section was decided, and it needed but a single thought to realize that there a new community had begun which must grow to be one of the most outstanding members of the Sandhills resorts. The Pine Needles was planned with all of the experience that goes with years of successful hotel and resort operation, and with the facilities convenient that all the years of the past have afforded architects and builders. The whole thing started with a clean slate, right out in the untrammelled forest, with nothing to remodel, or inject or in anyway interfere with a wholly new creation from wholly new plans on unsettled ridges among the pines. Every new idea could be added to every acquired item of accumulated knowledge, and the result is the fine new Inn. Around that new hotel the same liberty for making homes and village was permitted by all the conditions. So the Knollwood Heights proposition was all ready through its own influences and when the roads were plotted and the building sites indicated and the water lines laid down and the sewers in place and the roadways graded and surfaced and some landscape work accomplished, buyers were ready to select their building places.

Since John Bloxham bought the first block more than thirty pieces of property have passed into the hands of new owners there in the vicinity of the Inn, and each week has noted additional sales, following with definite precision one after the other. Buy-

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ANNIVERSARY WEEK AT THE CAROLINA THEATRES.

The week of February 26, is the anniversary week of the opening of both the Pinehurst and Southern Pines theatres and this week will be celebrated this year with the greatest film attractions that have ever been shown in either theatre in one week.

On Monday and Tuesday, February 27 and 28, the world's premiere of the aviation picture, "The Legion of the Condemned," will take place. This is a great story of the famous French Escadrille during the World War which is interpreted by an all star cast.

On Wednesday and Thursday, February 29 and March 1, none other than the great and only Charlie Chaplin in his newest and greatest comedy, "The Circus," will be presented. "The Circus" is now running in New York where it is unanimously acclaimed his best comedy of all time.

On Friday and Saturday, March 2 and 3, the famous "It" girl of the screen, Clara Bow, will be seen in "Red Hair," written by Elinor Glyn, and, by the way, her hair will be red in this picture.

Anniversary Weew will be a week long to be remembered this year and reserved seats had better be engaged well ahead of each performance.



D. A. McLaughlin, chairman of the Bankers of Group 7, which will hold a meeting in Sanford Saturday.

BANKERS COMING TO SANDHILLS

Meet Saturday in Sanford, and Make Trip to Moore County in Afternoon.

On Saturday the bankers of Group 7, composed of eight counties of which Moore is one, and of which D. A. McLaughlin, of the Bank of Vass, is chairman, will hold a meeting in Sanford, closing with a banquet in the evening, which will be attended by a large number of state bankers and a visiting delegation of twenty or more from other states. State bankers from other sections will be with the bankers from Group 7, of the counties in this section, and the event will be one of importance in financial affairs.

After the morning meeting and a dinner many of the visitors will be brought down into Moore county to see Pinehurst, Southern Pines and the other centers of industry and entertainment, probably taking the Carthage road one way and the Vass road the other so that as wide a glimpse as possible may be had of the region. They will be back to Sanford in time for the banquet at seven in the evening.

MEETING HEALTH WELFARE ASS'N

Much Important Business Was Transacted at This Meeting.

In spite of threatening skies, the February meeting of the Moore County Health and Welfare Association and the Moore County Chapter of the American Red Cross, which was held at the Community Club House in Pinehurst on the afternoon of the fourteenth was very well attended, over 50 members being present, with Mrs. F. T. Keating presiding.

After the reading of the minutes of the last meeting by Dr. Presbrey, Miss Eifort gave her report of the month's work, which has been largely concentrated on bettering the attendance at County schools. It has been found that many of the absences have been due to lack of proper clothing, for which reason all contributions of any clothing which can possibly be made over for the children will be most welcome. In regard to hot lunches, Miss Eifort stated that a school in Bensalem and also the Dover school, as well as a colored one, have instituted them.

In opening her report, Miss Merryman further elaborated in regard to the hot lunch question. Some of the teachers have found that the burden of supplying the materials for these lunches has been falling on a small proportion of the children, so that the few have been supplying the many, and it is usually the few who stand least in need of the nourish-

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PUSHING OUT ON MIDLANDS ROAD

Working Itself Through Weymouth and Toward Fort Bragg Section.

When Manning and Deaton nine years ago projected the Midlands road from Pinehurst to Southern Pines the original draft laid down a line much the same as the State engineers have followed until near the top of the hill coming into Southern Pines. But there a route was considered which would go under the railroad near the filling station at the curve, and continue through the pine woods of the Boyd estate around to the Highland Pines Inn, with another branch crossing through the Weymouth slope by D. C. Lemons, and both the roads going into the road that now goes past the Grover vineyard into what was then Knollwood territory, but now belongs to James and Jack Boyd.

Much of the scheme has materialized far faster than was anticipated, for Mid Pines and the Pine Needles have arisen since that time, and Weymouth Heights has come forward with a delightful home development. Also out beyond Weymouth men of means have been securing lands, and the acreage from Ridge street in Southern Pines clear out to the Fort Bragg boundary is in strong hands, the Boyd interests being the bigger holders, but all leaning to the one general idea of making that part of the community a rural reserve which is to afford ground for the hunts, for homes on tracts that are big enough to afford ample ground for those who care to maintain the country atmosphere and to have plenty of ground around the houses and buildings for the comfort of the isolation that room in a good country neighborhood affords.

The Weymouth home scheme on lots of an acre or so is progressing out over the ridge, and out the extension of Connecticut avenue past the fine houses that have been built out that way, and also along the extension of Massachusetts avenue, until the Merrill house is nearly half a mile beyond the Highland Pines Inn, which when the road was planned was in the fringe of the woods on top of the hill and away from everything. Now Weymouth Heights drops over the east side of the ridge, and the lights of the village are seen at night from far down in Fort Bragg and as far away as Montrose and the Johnson mountain.

The Boyd estate which owns Weymouth, has opened roads, put down water lines, cleaned off building sites, and made it possible to make attractive homes beyond the summit, and it does not appear that much time will elapse until building will get under way on rural homes out toward the camp line on property that of late has been going into the ownership of men of means. The signs are that two or three years more will see the Weymouth development spread pretty well down toward the Duncan Shaw home and the Watch Hill orchard, but beyond that the indications are that the land will be preserved as a vast forest park given over for the immediate future for hunting and driving and rural pleasures. Hugh MacNair Kahler, who owns a tract near the Fort boundary, figures on a country home there some day, and Howard Fisher is also looking over his land out that way and thinking what a fine place to put in some of the winter months. Other building plans are talked in a desultory way, but all indicate the future of the neighborhood. Each season sees new owners in possession of Weymouth building sites and new houses following the purchase. Building is indicated down the Grover road and down the Maples road.

I have no idea how the Midland road will be connected with the Weymouth extension now that the road

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CHANDLER WINS HANDSOME CUP

Carolina Power Company Recognizes Southern Pines Office.

Ralph Chandler, head of the Southern Pines office of the Carolina Light and Power Company, is walking on his high-heeled shoes this month. His department won a silver cup in a contest carried on during the year 1927 by the various stations of the company in North and South Carolina. Twenty-seven different offices competed in an efficiency program that extended over the year and the Southern Pines division won by a margin of five points, having a record of 87.07 of a possible 100. Cheraw was second in the rating, and Sumter third and Maxton fourth. The Southern Pines area embraces all the territory including Raeford, Southern Pines, Cameron, Carthage, West End, and lines irregularly drawn from these points to each other, with the towns in the territory.

This award is based on following: Appearance of sales room. Appearance of store room and substations.

Collections of both light, power and merchandise accounts.

Minimum loss of uncollectable light, power and merchandise accounts, which are charged off as uncollectable.

Gross merchandise sales (a quota for each office is set at beginning of year.)

Net profits on merchandise sales. Turnover of merchandise stocks, per annum.

Turnover of material stocks during year.

Promptness in forwarding all regular reports.

Promptness in furnishing special information and miscellaneous information.

AUCTION SALE OF DIMICK LANDS

Property Between Aberdeen and Southern Pines Offered Tuesday.

An interesting sale of land at auction will be held on Tuesday, February 28, when the old Dimick farm, between Southern Pines and Aberdeen, will be offered at auction for its new owner, G. C. Seymour, of Aberdeen. L. L. Johnson and the American Realty and Auction Company will conduct the sale. The offering will start at 10:30.

This sale is of more than ordinary interest, for it involves several things concerning the status of land in this section. The Dimick farm has been one of the principal landmarks of the neighborhood for years, and a good farm at that. It has passed from hand to hand under varying conditions, but finally it comes into the possession of G. C. Seymour, of Aberdeen, a man of financial strength and of high standing, and he has decided to offer it for sale at auction for a variety of reasons. One is to dispose of the property, which has been plotted into building sites, and turn some attention of the growing communities to this mid-section between the two towns, and another is to awaken the possibilities that exist along this highway and in the fine area in which the tract is located.

The farm includes 118 acres, lying in excellent form for homes or other uses. It has been cut into several hundred lots, streets laid out, and it is expected that before long arrangements will be made for a water line from Southern Pines, and electric light service as building takes place so that all the conveniences will be afforded.

The titles to the property have been cleared up, and everything offered will be backed by Mr. Seymour's

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