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BETTER LAW ABIDANCE, SAYS POLICE CHIEF

Fewer Arrests for Drunkenness and Not Many for Speeding

MODERN LIQUOR FEARED

It is pretty evident to observers in the Sandhills region that John Barleycorn is doing less business in this section than in the past. Anyone who is on the streets any time can see this for himself, but along with his own judgment comes that of Chief of Police J. C. Kelly, of Southern Pines, who says that arrests for drunkenness or for having liquor are dwindling almost to the vanishing point. When he came to the Southern Pines police force it was a common occurrence to be called out to some of the country east of town to pull a still or pick up a blind tiger, but of late he has had but little indication of home-made liquor, and not so much of the imported stuff.

The chief, in talking about West Southern Pines, said that at the present time he can go over there without notice to any sort of a social gathering and rarely see a "drunk". In the older days "drunks" were plentiful there as they were in Southern Pines. Now they are few, and a fair proportion of those he encounters in town are persons who are passing through, or who have come in from other sections. The liquor that comes to Southern Pines now is much less in amount, and hails largely from South Carolina or from the mountain section.

Driving Improving
Neither does the chief find as much reckless or fast driving on the streets. While many drive up to the speed limit, whatever that is, they drive with more care, and are more disposed to be amenable to the law. The drivers use more caution in keeping on their own side of the road, and in rounding turns and in making street crossings. He used to encounter much difficulty at the school house corner but of late he has had little complaint to make of driving in that neighborhood. Take it all around he says conditions on the roads are decidedly better, and that the annoyance of whisky in his jurisdiction is materially reduced.

This experience is borne out by the testimony of Dave Knight, who has had probably longer experience in dealing with lawlessness in the Sandhills than any man who has had police authority in this part of the state. Chief Knight says whisky has

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RECORD PRICE PAID FOR FILLING STATION SITE.

This week Thomas Proctor bought a part of the lot alongside the Thomas Stables on the Midland Road east of Pinehurst. For 75 feet frontage he paid \$2,500 on which he will build a filling station, repair and supply shop. Mr. Proctor is a recognized efficiency man when it comes to looking after cars, and will have an establishment suited to the neighborhood.

The striking feature about this sale is that it sets a new price for Midland property. It is not so long ago that these tracts were plotted 200 feet front and 1,000 feet deep from the road. The original price was \$1,500, while sales during the summer further out toward Knollwood are noted at \$2,500 for the full 200 feet front. This sale at \$2,500 for 75 feet front marks an advance in values that shows what the growing development along the road is doing. Knowing ones predict that much of the Midland Road will see marked changes between this and the coming summer.

APPEAL FOR TOYS

Toys which the children of Southern Pines families have discarded are being requested for distribution to less fortunate children of the community through the good offices of the County Health and Welfare association. It is requested that they be left at the office of S. B. Richardson. Other communities are also asked to aid, getting in touch with Miss Eifort if they have articles which may aid in filling Christmas stockings for the poor.

BION BUTLER'S CUB REPORTER WITH WALES IN AFRICA

Percy of Pittsburgh Times Now Sir Percival Philips, of London Mail, Close Friend of Heir to British Throne

A few years ago we won't say how many except that we do know he's been down here over thirty years, Bion H. Butler, Sage of the Sandhills and dean of its Fourth Estate, had a desk in the editorial department of the Pittsburgh (Pa.) Times. At another desk nearby sat a rising young reporter, freshly embarked upon his chosen field of journalism. He started in at the bottom, the most of us, calling up the undertakers for death notices and the hospitals for accident cases.

How far that young fellow thought at that time he might climb in his profession no one knows. But his story is worth while. We wish we knew more of it to record.

If you have been reading the stories of the visit of the Prince of Wales in Africa, as vividly told in the Charlotte Observer of late, you may or may not have noted that they are written and despatched to a chain of American newspapers by one Sir Percival Philips.

Tries Luck in London
Sir Percival Philips, just Percy then, bade farewell to Bion Butler,

Tireless Reporter Has Trouble With Kirkover Interview.

Noted Sportsman, "Once Newspaper Man Himself," Says He's Poor Copy.

HE KNOWS HIS SANDHILLS.

Unfortunately, some one told Harry Kirkover that we wanted an interview from him so when we finally cornered him in the Carolina late Monday afternoon he had thoroughly made up his mind to tell us nothing about himself. However, by piecing together details dropped here and there in the conversation, we have managed to get an idea of the man which, although very imperfect, makes us eager to know more of him. First of all, Mr. Kirkover is a sportsman. His main interest is horses and dogs. He keeps about 30 bird dogs at the Pinehurst kennels and hunts at Camden a large part of the winter. From other sources we learn that he used to be a fine tennis player, once champion of Western New York State.

Hobbies lend common ground for a wide acquaintance among all sorts of people. People themselves, we imagine, are another of Mr. Kirkover's specialties. He has the happy faculty of making friends wherever he goes, because he can talk with almost any one upon that person's own particular subject. Of particular interest to people of this neighborhood is his knowledge of the Carolinas. He first came through here over 30 years ago, shooting specimens in the interest of natural science. At that time there were no hotels, no golf courses, no velvet-smooth roads, only great tracts of pine forests and sand. A few minutes talk will show that he knows the country thoroughly from Blue's bridge, famous battle-field, to the place not so far away, but little known, where 12 British officers are buried. He has many odd acquaintances here, people who look upon the Sandhills as a means of existence rather than as a place in which to play golf. There is the one-eyed fellow in the Lumbec swamp who has been hunting turkey so long that he has come to look like one himself, and an old farmer whose family have been living in the same house for several generations. The place is approached by a driveway of cedars and hollies which is only one of the many out-of-the-way beauty spots of this section.

Through Mr. Kirkover the Carolinas take on a romantic haze of historical events and odd personalities. "I could tell you stories all night," he said, "but you don't want to hear about me. I'm not good copy." So our interview ended with a few words of advice on newspaper reporting, for that also has been one of his pursuits.

Verner Z. Reed, of Pinehurst, who suffered injuries to his arm in polo recently, is rapidly improving but will be unable to participate in next week's tournament.

his friend, counsel and adviser, one day in the Pittsburgh Times office and said he was going over to London and try to get a job. Percy hooked on with the London Mail. His assignments grew more and more important as he more and more impressed his editors with his ability, and he soon found himself one of the Mail's foreign correspondents. Percy was sent hither and yon on special details, and played an important part in the Mail's coverage of the World War. So important, in fact, that one day Percy, the cub reporter of the Pittsburgh Times, found himself Sir Percival Philips, knighted by the King.

Today Dean Butler's young pal is one of the foremost correspondents in London, and at the request of the Prince of Wales, was sent on the present trip through Africa with his Royal Highness. The Prince counts Sir Percival as a tried and true friend, and in the event of Edward's ascension to the throne of England, there is little likelihood but that the former American reporter will become a man of considerable importance in the affairs of Great Britain.

Col. Hawes Named to Supervise Work on New Hospital

Retired Army Officer Appointed Inspecting Engineer of the New Building.

RUNS TERHUNE KENNELS.

Col. George Hawes, Jr., of Pinehurst, has been appointed inspecting engineer of the new county hospital job now under way. Col. Hawes recently went on the retired list of the army, having been in service at Fort Bragg prior to coming to Pinehurst to build a home on the Midland road, where he busies himself with such engineering work as his army training and his inclination leads him to take up. He is an active member of the riding circles, keeping horses trained under his own hands. He is also the owner of the Pinehurst Colie kennels, where are kept and bred the famous Sunnysbank Collies, that stock that has its origin in Albert Payson Terhune's Sunnysbank kennels in New Jersey. The dogs at Col. Hawes' kennels are from Terhune's establishment, and are famed the country over as the heroes of some of the most interesting dog stories ever printed in the magazines. Col. Hawes is also the engineer in charge of the work at the Verner Reed development.

FOX AND DRAG HUNTING STARTS AT SO. PINES

The hunting season officially opens in Southern Pines on Saturday of this week, when the Moore County Hounds, James and Jackson Boyd, joint masters, will lead the field over a drag line laid through the open country east of town. Hunting with this pack is by invitation only. The card for the season calls for drags on Wednesday and Saturday afternoons and a fox hunt every Monday morning.

GOLF BALL IN FLIGHT LOCATES LOST CASE CONTAINING \$175

What do you know! writes H. B. Emery, of Pinehurst. The steward of the Pinehurst Country Club in walking to No. 1 tee on No. 1 course yesterday hit with a golf club what he thought was an empty cigarette case but when the figure showed on the bottom of the package when it overturned he, even as you or I, picked up the article and found it to be a roll containing \$175. That is not so strange perhaps but the strangest part was that the steward should have called up a man whose identification card was enclosed in the bills and returned the money to him, and it is still stranger, not as you and I, that the man who did lose the money did not know of his loss until the steward told him. Can you imagine such a thing?

FOUR TEAMS TO COMPETE IN POLO TOURNAMENT

Winston-Salem, Two Fort Bragg Teams and Sandhills in Battle.

OPENING GAME DEC. 11TH.

The Fall Polo tournament, first of the seasons series of serious encounters on Pinehurst fields, gets under way next Tuesday, December 11, with almost daily games through the 18th Fort Bragg is sending two teams, the Reds and the Whites, and Winston-Salem is sending its crack four, which, with the Sandhills Polo Club team completes the entries. Sandhills meets the Fort Bragg Whites in the opening game.

The Fort Bragg teams are sending 36 ponies here Sunday, and Winston-Salem's string of 18 ponies are expected the latter part of this week.

The line up for the four teams with their positions and handicaps, follow:

Sandhills Polo Club.	
No. 1 J. A. Tufts	.....1
No. 2 Harry Maxwell	.....0
No. 3 H. W. Slocock	.....3
No. 4 James Raymond	.....0

Fort Bragg Whites	
No. 1 Lt. Jacoby	.....3
No. 2 Warrant Officer Odle	.....2
No. 3 Capt. Kielsmeyer	.....1
No. 4 Major Paine	.....0

Fort Bragg Reds.	
No. 1 Capt. O'Keefe	.....0
No. 2 Lt. Wakefield	.....0
No. 3 Lt. Elliot	.....1
No. 4 Lt. Stober	.....0

Winston-Salem Polo Club.	
No. 1 R. M. Hanes	.....1
No. 2 Thurmond Natham	.....2
No. 3 J. Hanes	.....1
No. 4 E. A. Darr	.....0

SAMUEL W. ADAMS, 15, DIES IN SOUTHERN PINES

Samuel W. Adams, Son of A. L. Adams of Southern Pines died Tuesday evening at 8:30 P. M. at his home there. The boy was fifteen years of age and was born in Concord, New Hampshire.

Death was due to septic poisoning and pneumonia. He had been ill for the past three weeks, and last week was reported to be slightly improved, but a relapse Sunday was followed by death.

The deceased was a member of the Baptist Church, of the Christian Endeavor Society and the Boy Scouts of Southern Pines.

He was a student in the Fire Department and the Alpha Lodge 182 I. O. O. F.

Sixty cars made up the funeral procession to Mount Hope cemetery where the interment took place. Taps were sounded at the grave by Mr. Moore. The boy is survived by his father and two younger sisters, Eleanor and Alberta. The sympathy of the entire community is extended to the boy's family in their bereavement.

HARRY KIRKOVER'S ENTRY WINS IN FIELD TRIALS

For the third successive year Kirk's Frolic, owned and handled by Harry D. Kirkover of Buffalo, N. Y., won the all age members' stakes of the Continental Field Trial club, in which 20 dogs competed Monday and Tuesday over the grounds of the club at Pinehurst.

Hawke's Lady Momoney, owned and handled by Udo M. Fleischmann, of Fairfield, Conn., won second prize.

Third prize went to Doone's Fred, owned by Mrs. Harry Cutting, of New York, and handled by Udo M. Fleischmann.

The Continental Club's Derby, for dogs whelped since January 1, 1927, was completed Tuesday, the winner being Rumson Farms Marex, owned and handled by Raymond Hoagland, Jr., Red Bank, N. J.

Caesar's Ben Boaz, owned and handled by Dr. A. Schuyler Clark, of New York, took second prize, and Rumson Farms Queen, owned and handled by Raymond Hoagland, won third prize.

The weather for the two days of the trials was excellent and large attendances of spectators on horses and in automobiles followed the dogs across the hunting preserve of the club. The trials were very successful in every way.

RE-ELECTED CHAIRMAN OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS



DAN C. McLAUGHLIN

Struthers Burt Tells Kiwanis of Beauties of Yellowstone Park

Government is Conserving Wild Life Easily Accessible to Touring Public.

BEAR, BUFFALO PLENTIFUL

Struthers Burt interested the Kiwanis Club at Wednesday's dinner at the Pinehurst Country Club. He talked about Yellowstone Park, and as his ranch in Wyoming is but 40 miles from the park he is familiar with his theme. Moreover he knows how to tell his story, and with a large number of photographs that he passed around among the members he raised the enthusiasm of the bunch until if they knew where to get gas and oil enough and winter was not so close Burt would have started that outfit West before the end of the week.

Mr. Burt suggested a trip to the parks of Wyoming and Utah, and picked Salt Lake City as the end of a proposed automobile trip from the East. At Salt Lake he figures a rail journey to the Yellowstone Park, as it is not far, can be made in a night, leaving the car at Salt Lake for a resumption of the journey to the Utah parks a little later. His story was a running narrative of the amazing scenery of Yellowstone Park, the geysers, the mountains, the accommodation for travelers, from the high class hotel with a comparatively low class rate to the automobile camps, all of them under government jurisdiction.

He told of the growing abundance of wild life, of bears that are so tame they come out on the road and hold up travelers in hope of something to eat, of the herds of buffalo that are increasing until the government is giving away animals to parks; and others who will take the creatures and care for them. He remarked that deer were so plentiful that it was possible to count dozens and hundreds at a time in a day's journey. He said everything thrived out there except Democrats.

The educational value of the National parks appealed to Mr. Burt. They are saving the story of the creation for the coming generation, and a few days spent out there will give a broader conception of what the earth is than many months of reading from books. He told of Guffalo stampedes, of many antics of grizzlies and more modest bears, and of one day being within 100 feet of seven bears that had come to visit his camp. Then he took the expedition down to Utah and to the marvelous canyons of the Colorado and its tributaries, where the gulches are so deep that at the bottom, looking up, stars are visible in the day time. On the rim of the Grand canyon at one section are probably 24,000 deer, and much of the country is wholly inaccessible to men except as an airplane flies over it. Mr. Burt's story was one of the most fascinating that has been told to the Kiwanis Club, and as the introducer said, to get this amount of information from one of Mr. Burt's books would cost about two dollars, but there at the club he gave it all verbally just because he had been inveigled into talking to the assembled club. He was highly appreciated.

The Sandhills Sports Daily is now appearing each morning except Sunday to replace "What to Do and See Daily in Pinehurst," published last year.

McLAUGHLIN IS CHAIRMAN FOR ANOTHER YEAR

Board of County Commissioners Effects Organization at Monday Meeting

HINT AT INNOVATIONS

At a meeting of the Board of County Commissioners at the Court house Monday an organization of the board was effected, with D. A. McLaughlin as chairman. Not much further definite action was taken in the way of establishing the county government for the coming administration, except that all of the present employes of the departments were notified that the administrative period ends with the end of the present calendar year, and that it is possible changes in the forces will be made. Two or three resignations on the road commission have been tendered, and this means some changes in that organization, and some discussion of other groups took place but without any action, as the Board of Commissioners desires to get the expression of public sentiment on the operation of county affairs for the future before taking any positive steps.

Under the new budget system, and with the authority of the new state laws governing county administration it is assumed that the new board, which is the old board with the exception that Mr. Mattheson has succeeded Mr. Shaw, will be able to bring county administration to a more definite basis, and that personal responsibility will rest on the individual members of the board, and more on the plain letter of the law. More definite restrictions and more positive requirements are laid down now than under the old laws and practices, and it is the intention of the commissioners to turn over a new leaf and to get the county on a still more definite business basis.

Innovation in Air

Much speculation has been indulged in by those about the court house and throughout the county, as a feeling seems to exist that some innovations are ahead. But the commissioners declined to talk any further than to say that at the next meeting which comes on the seventh of January a plan of operation for the new year would be outlined, and decisions as to all matters would then be handled. The substantial vote by which all the new board was elected gives ground for those who say the people are solidly behind the new board, and the opinion is uttered here and there that the business character of the board will warrant them to go as far as the law directs in making Moore county as nearly a model of county government as can be done.

The Recorder's court remains the same. The Clerk of Court and the Register's office have indicated no changes. Charlie McDonald has not been very noisy about what his policies will be. However much is expected of him as an officer. Whether new deputies and rural police will be reappointed is unknown although the present officers have been appraised that their term of office expires with the retirement of their old superiors in office. This may be official notification of the end of the term, or it may mean that the end is final. The commissioners decline to talk.

YALE GLEE CLUE COMES TO PINEHURST CHRISTMAS EVE

It goes without saying that the concert of the Yale Glee Club at the Pinehurst Theatre, on Christmas Eve, December 24th., will be the musical event of the season.

Their appearance this year will be of unusual interest inasmuch as they have toured through Europe with marked success since their last visit to Pinehurst two years ago, and are coming with the same organization. The Yale Glee Club seems always to have the happy faculty of combining the popular with the more ambitious musical selections which makes a well rounded out program for all.

A crowded house is sure to greet the Yale boys, and an early selection of seats will be the better part of wisdom.

Seats will go on sale at the Carolina Hotel and Carolina Pharmacy Monday morning at prices within reach of all.