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ASKS MARKERS TO GUIDE WAY TO NEW AIRPORT

Irving Johnson Points Need of Maps and Landmarks for Aviators

IS AIDING GOVERNMENT

The Sandhill Post of the American Legion at its meeting Tuesday night took action favoring the proposal of Irving Johnson as outlined in the following interview, voting to sponsor the movement to provide 200-foot arrows designating Southern Pines and Pinehurst to airmen. It is planned to locate the markers on Seaboard property in Southern Pines and property of Leonard Tufts in Pinehurst.

"We are getting an airport, and it is beginning to be noticed," said Irving Johnson, the engineer who is making the big surveys and mapping work of this section. "But we have a lot to do before our airport is a commercial utility. It is not on the maps. On our maps, yes, but not on the flying maps, and flying machines do not know where to look for it."

Mr. Johnson explained that because the most of us who live in the Sandhills know that a field has been created on the Mill creek hills, that does not signify that the three big marine planes which came down this way the other afternoon in the dense fog that covered the hills and flats knew where to look for the field in that deep fog. They didn't. They didn't even know where they were, and might as well have been down in the cellar at night. Of course this is an extreme case, but planes that fly over the Sandhills cannot know that Pinehurst is in one location, Southern Pines in another, the flying field out to the north of the water pumping station, and Fort Bragg over to the eastward from all of it.

Wants Big Arrow

Mr. Johnson suggests that at Southern Pines a sign be laid down on the ground in plain sight that can be seen from a couple of thousand feet in the air, and in open enough place that it can be seen from an angle overhead as well as directly above. He proposes a group of letters spelling "So. Pines," or the full name would be better, these letters to be not less than thirty feet from top to bottom, and four feet wide in the lines. They should be laid down with the top pointing to the direct north, and from them should be an arrow several feet long pointing to the landing place at the field, and a figure indicating the distance of the field from the village. This figure should be several feet in dimensions. The whole inscription ought to be laid down on a field in which the letters made of perhaps big pebbles in yellowish shade would be surrounded by a big bed of cinders to create a contrast that the letters might stand out in distinction.

This sign would require a place big enough that it would not be cut off by trees, buildings or any other obstruction, so that a pilot could pick it up in flying somewhat low, or so that he could see it in flying at a distance in the sky. In Southern Pines he mentioned the open space at the side of the cut near Betty's warehouse, but across the track from it, although, as he said, that was merely one point that came to his mind and many other better ones perhaps would be found on examination. The man in the air wants, when he starts to light some information as to where he is and where he can put his feet on the ground, or if he is going through he likes to know where he is and the directions north and south. Pinehurst should also be included in this idea of a marker to indicate the place. This search for a landing has been noted two or three times in the last few days, with much difficulty, and one plane narrowly escaped destruction on an electric light high tension wire last week. Pinehurst has good landing room for emergencies, and also excellent opportunities for big signs to indicate the locality.

To Chart Whole Section
Mr. Johnson is working on plans to provide the Bureau of Aeronautics of the Federal Department of Commerce

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THE GIN HOUSE GANG GETS UPSET 'BOUT MOTOR LICENSES

Boys Say What's the Use o' Following Instructions When They Ain't Nobody to Make You Do Nothin'

A group of wagons were waiting their turn at the gin house on a busy day, conditions under which the Gin House Forum likes to get. When one of the assemblage took occasion to remark that he had received a notice to buy his license tag for his car for 1929. "I done sorn't my money down to Raleigh," said Mr. Jimple, "but I wrote to Rufe Doughton that he got to make other fellows put their new tags on their cars or I be goed-to-thunder if I'll put mine on when it comes. The dang buggers up there at Raleigh make a fuss about us putting new tags on the car, and then when we get a tag and put it on they send out notice that if you don't get your new tag before the second week in January they'll arrest you, and then they send out notice that anybody that aint got no license by the first of February is libel to be pulled, and then they say you got to put on a new license by the first of March, and that if you don't have but one light you'll have hard knots tied in your ears, and then they say you got to get your lights fixed up before corn planting time or you get heck. And dang me if you don't make me tired."

Prindly, "old Moribund Loper aint had but one light on that flivver of his'n all fall, and nobody don't hurt a hair of his head. Who's a goin to do anything? Who is going to do anything anyhow about anything? They said you git your lights adjusted and pay a man 75 cents but I didn't get any adjusted. Dang few of the folks down our way had them yaller tags on their cars about lights. An aint we just as good as anybody down in Raleigh? Who says we got to if they don't do anything to make anybody else do anything? By grab I aint goin to get no more yellow tags and pay 75 cents for lights. Let 'em make some of the rest do something. Then I'll do my share."

"Aw, shucks," piped up Dancy

Pinebluff Hotel to Open Soon Under Its New Manager

Completely Refurnished, Inn About Ready for Influx of Winter Guests

MANY RESERVATIONS

Pinebluff hotel is to occupy a more prominent place in the winter business this season, as Edward Salmon, from Beloit, Wisconsin, a hotel man of prominence, is due to arrive in a day or two, and will at once arrange for his opening date. This will be within a few days. He has a big following in the resort world, and will take the Pinebluff establishment under highly favorable conditions. He starts with the acquaintance the house has already made, and brings to his own popularity. He goes further in his efforts by having the house newly furnished, with a quality of equipment that ranks with the best that has come into this part of the state. The furniture comes from High Point which has reached a standing among furniture manufacturers that takes second place to none. This is evidenced by the big orders High Point has placed in Pinehurst at the Carolina and in Knollwood Village at the Pine Needles within the last year. Now comes the Pinebluff Inn with another complete order to back the Sandhill appreciation of High Point products.

Mr. Salmon has a number of requests for reservations awaiting him, some by mail, some by telegram, and it is expected he will have no difficulty in filling his fine house and keeping it filled. Its location on Rt. 50 gives it a splendid opportunity to attract a big tourist patronage. Hills will help t to secure.

157 LIQUOR PLANTS IN NORTH CAROLINA SEIZED

Three hundred and seven liquor manufacturing plants in Virginia, North Carolina and South Carolina fell into the hands of federal prohibition agents of the 18th district during November, R. Q. Merrick, district administrator, announced.

Seventy-two plants were discovered in Virginia, 157 in North Carolina and 78 in South Carolina. Property valued at more than \$200,000 was seized, Mr. Merrick said, and more than 4,000 gallons of liquor were destroyed.

SUCCEEDS U. L. SPENCE

Dr. Fred M. Hanes, of Winston-Salem has been appointed a member of the board of directors for the North Carolina sanatorium for the treatment of tuberculosis by Governor McLean. He succeeds U. L. Spence, of Carthage, resigned.

Theatre Owners of State to Fight Film Censorship

No. Carolina Association Re-elects Picquet President for 4th Term

"UPLIFT" FILMS SCORED

At the annual convention of the North Carolina Motion Picture Theatre Owners' Association in Charlotte which closed on Tuesday last Charles Picquet of Pinehurst was elected for the fourth time president of the association. His fellow-officers are H. E. Buchan, of Sylva, first vice president, and U. K. Rice, of Winston Salem, second vice president. Mr. Picquet's first duty is to name a committee to represent North Carolina at the general assembly of motion picture theatre owners. One of the most important questions to be taken up at this meeting is that of censorship. A resolution was finally passed at the convention in Charlotte that control in this matter should come from within. In an interview with Mr. Picquet, he defined the policy more closely, saying that theatre owners and producers are best fitted to prevent pictures concerning sex and immorality from reaching the public.

Score Uplift Films

Opposition against so-called "uplift" pictures is the first step. A few small companies filming stories of the type of "The Road to Ruin" and "Why Young Girls Go Wrong" are the worst offenders, in that they present an unnatural and distorted idea of life and its pitfalls. They work through local protective societies to get these pictures into the theatres and then follow up with an extensive advertising campaign consisting of performances for ladies only and glaring posters depicting wild life in the big cities, etc. Although the numbers of these pictures are small and backed only by minor companies, they reflect upon the whole industry and are responsible for a large element of cheapness in the movies.

The owners of theatres in North Carolina have agreed to co-ordinate with the producers in an attempt to put before the public only pictures of a clean, harmless type. Mr. Picquet for years has booked pictures on this policy. He reviews privately every film before accepting it for the Carolina Theatre in Pinehurst. From the many pictures sent him, he takes only the best. He does not set himself up as a guardian of the public morals, but tries only to please his patrons and to delete all offensiveness. The public, not knowing of the existence of "immoral pictures," does not demand them. They prefer the big productions of famous

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BION BUTLER HONORED BY KIWANIS CLUB

Pilot Editor Presented Loving Cup for Unselfish Service in Upbuilding of Sandhills

EULOGIZED BY MR. SPENCE

By BILL SCHROEDER

Bion H. Butler, beloved dean of the Sandhill's host of newspapermen and literati, was laden with the love of his neighbors of Moore county, banded together in the Kiwanis Club, at the gala annual dinner at the Pinehurst Country Club Wednesday night. U. L. Spence, Carthage, Moore county's legislative spokesman, presented a beautiful loving cup to Bion in behalf of the club for the most unselfish and meritorious work in the interest of the Sandhills. The club members and their ladies echoed the heaping praise of the spokesman and rose applauding around the gay banquet tables.

Paul Dana, Pinehurst, retiring president of the club, introduced the simple, little heartfelt ceremony as the climax of the year's communion—and Spence and Bion did a little talking—but the response of the members, their ladies, and prominent invited guests keyed the trophy drama.

Bion, himself, lanky, keen, slooped up from his seat and gangling with the cup, rose, cap characteristically in pocket, always at ease—putting others at ease—amid the glitter of dinner glasses, favors, dinner dress, tuxedos—and unconsciously proved himself the brilliant raconteur he is on a street corner, in a walk in the woods, in a hotel lobby, on his porch, at a directors' meeting. He said just a few words, joshed his gallery, and concluded that he just couldn't say how much he felt over the heap of love, molded into loving cup fashion. Unselfish Service

"The Builders Club Presented to Bion H. Butler by the Kiwanis Club of Aberdeen in recognition of his unselfish services in the upbuilding of the Sandhill Section, 1928." That is the wording on the cup.

"For 40 years Bion Butler has been with us since he left newspaper work in Pittsburgh," Mr. Spence said. "As editor of the Pilot, as a writer far and wide, Mr. Butler has done more probably than any one man in his optimism, his forgetfulness of self, his devotion to the Sandhills.

"That is the upshot of this man's life: simple and at the same time brilliant, unswerving love for the Sandhills and a daily, faithful, unremitting working, a weaving of his pen, and an appreciation of what has been done.

"He has told the world about it as no other man has. He has had the hardest part: the foundation work, the building of public sentiment, the writing of words across the sky that has produced this wonderful section of ours, this close knitting of his folks from all over the world.

"All Love Him"
"We all know him. We all love him. His has been a leadership unobtrusive, skillful, effective. His has been a role which has been a daily, uncomplaining grind. He has won the devotion of all of us. The Kiwanis Club is proud to make this presentation."

And then applause broke that meant applause, that sprung from many hearts and which the grand old man, young in spirit as the youngest, took with characteristic grace.

Indeed, Pete Woodhull, New York City, president of the National Picture Association, speaker of the evening, later told the diners that Spence's presentation and Bion's response were the two outstanding and "best" he had ever heard at a banquet table—and he has heard thousands of them in the nature of his position. "Simplicity and sincerity," are rare gifts, Mr. Woodhull amplified.

KIWANIS LADIES' NIGHT PROVES HAPPY OCCASION WITH GIFTS FOR EVERYONE

The women dominated the meeting of the Kiwanis club at the Pinehurst country club dinner Wednesday night, and they were out in numbers and were certainly appreciated.

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New Road Development In Sandhills Result of Years of Experiment and Effort

Not Long Ago, Before Discovery of Practicability of Sand-Clay Surface, It Took Leonard Tufts Three Days to Drive to Raleigh

HONORED



BION H. BUTLER

Miss Eifort Appeals for Needy Families

Lists Twenty-Two Cases Deserving of Support and Christmas Cheer

The following families will have a cheerless Christmas, says Miss Lucille M. Eifort, Superintendent of the Department of Charities, unless those of us who are more fortunate provide for them:

- No. 1—Mother and eight children.
- No. 2—Four elderly sisters.
- No. 3—Widow and three children.
- No. 4—Widow and four children.
- No. 5—Widow and three children.
- No. 6—Widow and three children.
- No. 7—Widow and two children.
- No. 8—Widow and four children.
- No. 9—Widow and five girls.
- No. 10—Four small girls; mother in state institution.
- No. 11—Two small boys living with grandmother.
- No. 12—Widow and six children, (colored)
- No. 13—Widow and one little girl.
- No. 14—Father, mother and three little girls. Father unable to work.
- No. 15—Mother and two small children, father unable to work.
- No. 16—Mother and three children.
- No. 17—Mother and four children.
- No. 18—Mother and seven children.
- No. 19—Mother and four children.
- No. 20—Five children living with grandmother.
- No. 21—Six patients at the Moore County T. B. Sanatorium.
- No. 22—Two elderly sisters.

Hotel Vass Is Now In New Hands

Bert C. Curtis Succeeds Mr. and Mrs. Seagroves as Manager

Bert C. Curtis, of Aberdeen, Wis., representative in this section of the Craig P. Gilbert Co., of Washington, D. C., industrial engineers, has taken over the management of the Hotel Vass, succeeding Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Seagroves, who have been in charge for the past three months. Mr. and Mrs. Seagroves have returned to the Joyner House.

Mr. Curtis plans to operate a first class inn, catering for winter business in the Sandhills. He has put several innovations into effect for the comfort of his guests, has the hotel "clean as a whistle," and is looking forward to a busy winter season. The Hotel Vass has a large number of resident guests and is daily doing a large business in its restaurant, its table being popular with those acquainted with it.

Aside from his hotel duties, Mr. Curtis has charge of the contact work for the Gilbert company in the outside field.

REP. HAMMER HAS FLU

Congressman W. C. Hammer of this district, who was called to his home in Asheboro last week, is suffering with an attack of the flu, but expects to return to his duties in the House of Representatives as soon as he recovers.

By BION H. BUTLER

The near completion of the new road between Southern Pines and Pinehurst calls to the memory of the old-timers some of the tribulations that have beset road development in this section, and the curious struggles and ambitions which have finally led up to the excellent road system which serves the Sandhills country in all directions.

Twenty-five years ago W. L. Spoon, of the Road Department of the Federal government, was assigned to a study of an experimental idea of building roads of a combination of sand and clay. Mr. Spoon later became the head of a movement to build a road from Washington to Atlanta, and through this section had a wide acquaintance by his connection with the effort to secure that road, which is now Federal Highway No. 1 as well as North Carolina Route 50. Mr. Spoon's studies led up to the construction between Pinehurst and Southern Pines of a bit of sand-clay road, following what is now known as the old road, passing out from Southern Pines near the old Chandler factory and reaching Pinehurst near the fair ground. While this resulted in a crude road, it was so much better than the old sand trails that an enthusiasm was awakened which led to the construction of many miles of sand-clay roads in the neighborhood, and as Leonard Tufts was an earnest advocate of good roads he came to have a leading hand in the plan of a road from Washington to Pinehurst, and many a dollar he put into good roads from the Sandhills and as far as away up in Virginia.

Early Sandhills Roads

John McQueen, I. F. Chandler and A. Cameron were a road board that undertook to secure better roads in Moore county, and as the sandy section was the place easiest to work and most clamorous for roads a road was planned from Aberdeen to Southern Pines and Vass, another to Carthage, and one from Southern Pines to Raeford by way of Pine Bottom, going out of Southern Pines through the Boyd property. This road from Raeford was extended to Fayetteville, and in the course of time it was made the Washington and Atlanta highway, for while it was much longer than the present route it connected at Fayetteville with a road that could be traveled to Raleigh, while it was impossible to get through by way of Sanford, the route followed now. Mr. Spoon was the head of the road's of the territory at that time, and he was through here many times in behalf of the prospect.

Mr. Tufts had tried to route the road by Sanford, but the first time he undertook to negotiate that route led to making Sanford as the first day's run. There he stayed overnight. The second day he got far enough up the road toward Raleigh so that by taking the evening train he reached Raleigh to stay overnight, and coming back on the morning train he was able to drive his car into Raleigh for the third night. Now a good driver covers the distance in two hours, and John McQueen and Howard Butler a few weeks ago left Lakeview in the morning, drove to Richmond for dinner, transacted the business they went to attend to, and came home to Southern Pines that night. The sand-clay road on the Pinehurst-Southern Pines route served as a model for many miles of sand-clay construction, the cost at the time reaching about \$300 a mile. But with the multiplication of good sand-clay roads automobiles began to swarm in the country, and a few years ago under the new highway system the harder roads, on better foundations, began to come to Moore county, and the double road from Pinehurst to Southern Pines is one of the outgrowths of the greater demand for better surfaces.

Surveyed by Deaton

Meanwhile other counties saw the wisdom of the work of road building in Moore and Hoke counties and in