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LANDMARK PASSES AS OLD CHANDLER FACTORY BURNS

Fallen Ruin Was Start of Light-
ing System in Southern
Pines

SOLD OUT TO McQUEEN

Marked by a smudge of smoke and the tang of burning pine a smouldering fire is slowly devouring the last remains of the old Chandler crate factory, a fallen ruin for a decade. Located on the southeast corner of the present Wisconsin avenue and Bennett street in Southern Pines, though erected in 1895 when Wisconsin avenue was a part of the Pinehurst road proudly bearing the famous interurban trolley, the factory started by I. F. Chandler to supply the local demand for peach crates, grape baskets and similar containers soon gained county-wide fame.

But as the demand for crates, even though the Van Lindley orchard consumption was enormous, was entirely seasonal Mr. Chandler began using his steam power for the production of electric current.

In December (1897, under contract with the town of Southern Pines he placed twelve 32-candle power lamps in Bennett and Page streets and Railroad avenue (now West Broad street), but this being about the limit of production the building power magnate purchased the old Black Mill Pond on the Carthage-Southern Pines road and following the erection of a power plant and new dam above the roadway extended his holdings to the McCaskill pond a mile below, and then to Thagards pond extending his lines to Carthage, Aberdeen and Southern Pines.

Dam Washed Away

Heavy rains washed away Chandler pond dam 22 feet above normal flood, quickly followed by the McCaskill and Thagard dams, the floodwaters and wirekage covering the Seaboard tracks at Little River just above Lakeview and holding up the trains until Monday. Despite the loss, \$4,000, a heavy one for that time, Mr. Chandler rebuilt the dams of Chandler's and Thagard's ponds and in 1914 contracted with Southern Pines to furnish day current and power sufficient to run the town water works. From these comparatively small beginnings the Chandler plant grew, absorbing Blue's pond at Pinebluff and still others on Little River below Lakeview and on Deep River at Carthage until 1920 when Chandler sold out to John McQueen. Eventually their holdings became part of the powerful Carolina Power and Light Company.

Despite various explosions and incipient fires the slowly disintegrating ruin of Southern Pines' first factory remained as a landmark for many years following the cessation of its former usefulness.

SOLICITOR DON PHILLIPS
HURT IN AUTO ACCIDENT

Solicitor Don Phillips of this district suffered severe injuries in an automobile accident last Saturday night about 11 miles from Statesville. He was knocked unconscious when the car in which he was riding with former Sheriff J. S. Braswell of Rockingham collided with a car, driven by a negro, which emerged from a side road.

Mr. and Mrs. Braswell and Solicitor Phillips were on their way to Blowing Rock for the week-end. Mr. and Mrs. Braswell were bruised and shocked but Mr. Phillips was thrown from the car and carried unconscious to the Long Hospital in Statesville. A fracture was feared, but it developed only into a slight concussion. He suffered some cuts and bruises but is able to be about again.

MISS MALONZO A BRIDE
IN NORTHERN WEDDING

Cards have been received from George Everett Gordon announcing the marriage of his grand-daughter, Lillian Gordon Malonzo, to Carl Stahleker, Jr., in Newton, Mass., on Saturday, June 27th. The bride spent last season in Southern Pines, being prominent in the younger social set.

Miss Margaret Silver Bride of Jack Coursey in Southern Pines

Popular Members of Sandhills
Society Married Monday by
the Rev. Mr. Stimson

Miss Margaret Silver, popular daughter of Mrs. Elizabeth Silver of Southern Pines, and Jack Barrow Coursey, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Coursey, formerly of Southern Pines and now residing in Asheville, were united in marriage at the home of the bride on Bennett street at eight o'clock last Monday morning, June 29th. The young bride and groom are both well known and popular members of the Sandhills society. The Rev. J. Fred Stimson of the First Baptist Church, Southern Pines, performed the ceremony. Only members of the two families and a few intimate friends were present.

The house was attractively decorated and fragrant with flowers. In the corner of the large living room a beautiful altar was made of long leaf pines banked with masses of large yellow and white daisies. English ivy gracefully entwined itself through the white arches of the altar and tall, lighted candles added dignity to the effect.

Preceding the ceremony, Liszt's Liebestraum and Schubert's Serenade were played, after which Miss Dorothy Richardson sang with fine expression "At Dawning," and "I Love You, Truly." Then the old familiar strains of the Lohengrin Bridal March announced the coming of the happy pair.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her mother, was radiant in a dainty gown of exquisitely figured crepe and carried a bouquet of roses and lilies of the valley.

The maid of honor, Miss Lenora Riggan, was attractively gowned in figured crepe of softest pastel shades, and also carried a bouquet of roses.

The bride's mother wore a gown of black lace with pearls. Little Joan Silver was the small flower girl in a dainty pink frock, and was accompanied by Master Cephas Patch. Grier Stutz was best man and the groom's brother, Billy Coursey, one of the ushers.

Wedding Breakfast

A wedding breakfast at Jack's Grill followed the ceremony. Two tables were daintily spread in the Orange Room upstairs, with covers for twenty people. Fascinating place cards and small boxes of the wedding cake were placed on each table. In the center of the bride's table were two miniature figures dressed as bride and groom under a canopy of tulle and orange blossoms, which was a gift of Mrs. Dorsey Stutz. At this table were seated Mr. and Mrs. Jack Coursey, the Misses Leonora Riggan, Emilie and Dorothy Richardson and Eileen Loomis; Messrs. Grier Stutz, Warren Olmstead, Richard Sugg and Billy Coursey. At the other table were the Rev. J. Fred Stimson, Mrs. Elizabeth Silver, Mr. and Mrs. Wil-

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4-H Club Members To Picnic at Lakeview

Big Affair Planned for July 7 to
Take Place at Annual
Summer Camp

Of interest to 4-H Club members of Moore and Lee counties is the announcement that a big 4-H Club picnic has been planned for them, to be held at Lakeview on July 7. This picnic will be held instead of a four days camp this year, owing to the fact that it was not possible to get the camp at White Lake and the cost at other places was found to be prohibitive.

A regular old-time all-day picnic with dinner on the grounds, lemonade to quench the thirst, and a delightful program of group games, singing, stunts, and swimming awaits the fortunate club members, and best of all, they are invited to bring their parents along to help enjoy the fun. The program will start at 10:00 A. M.

Mrs. W. L. Ryals, and E. H. Garrison of Moore county and E. O. McMahon of Lee county, home and farm demonstration agents, have charge of arrangements.

Under Fire, and Over

Cameron Man Fired Upon
with Shot While Car
Is On Fire

C. D. Wright of Route 2, Cameron, had a close shave from serious injury by two kinds of fire last Saturday night. While returning home from attending an outdoor meeting conducted by the "Holiness People" he was fired upon with a shot gun, some of the shot hitting the mark, and at the same time his car caught fire and was partially burned.

Wright managed to make his way to the home of Henry and Angus Gilchrist and Dr. H. O. Averitt was called to remove the shot. He is reported as resting comfortably at his home and will soon be out unless complications set in. The name of his assailant, if known, has not been revealed.

MT. ZION SCHOOL WINS KIWANIS CUP FOR ATTENDANCE

Showed Greatest Percentage
Gain of All County Schools
for Past Year

Mt. Zion School was this week awarded the annual Kiwanis Cup, emblematic of the best increase in average attendance of its pupils during the school year. Mt. Zion has made a notable gain in its attendance figures. The percentage of enrolled pupils in attendance in 1927-28 was 59; in 1928-29 it failed to gain, but in 1929-30 the figure jumped to 79 per cent. During the school year ended recently, 94 per cent of the enrolled student body attended regularly.

In announcing the award at the Kiwanis meeting Wednesday, President Richard Tufts said that Southern Pines was second, and Ingram Branch and Aberdeen tied for third. Southern Pines jumped from 79 last year to 93 per cent this year, Aberdeen from 85 per cent to 94 per cent, and Ingram Branch from 79 to 94 per cent. Aberdeen led the charter district schools in percentage of attendance, though not in percentage of gain, and as usual, Cedar Hill school led all county schools in attendance figures, 96 per cent.

The county average was 79 per cent, the same as last year but a gain of five per cent over 1928-29.

Frank Taylor, chairman of the School Attendance committee of the Kiwanis Club, reported at Wednesday's meeting that his committee had made personal visits to 24 of the 29 schools in the county this year, studying reasons for irregular attendance, much of which was found due to lack of clothing, illness and lack of interest. He reported that in a number of cases, funds had been sent to teachers in the schools to provide aid for needy children and their families, the money coming from funds raised by the Sandhill Brotherhood, Kiwanis relief and other sources.

McKEITHEN TO WIELD
KIWANIS CLUB GAVEL

President Richard Tufts of the Kiwanis Club of Aberdeen told the members at their weekly meeting that owing to the fact Pinehurst, Incorporated had taken over the management of the Berkshire Hunt and Country Club at Lenox, Mass., for the summer season, he would be unable to preside at Kiwanis meetings during July and August, his presence being required at Lenox. Dan I. McKeithen, vice-president, will wield the gavel during the summer.

Stores in Aberdeen as well as in Southern Pines will be closed on Monday, July 6th instead of tomorrow, July 4th, in celebration of Independence Day. Aberdeen stores accustomed to close Wednesday afternoons during the summer will, however, remain open next Wednesday afternoon.

ASSESSORS STRIVE FOR EQUALIZATION OF COUNTY VALUES

Many Reductions Offset by Discovery of Property Not Previously Listed for Taxes

LOWER RATE EXPECTED

By Bion H. Butler

I was talking the other day with Nick Gibbon when he brought up an old memory of twenty years ago. J. B. Frix had asked for suggestions as to the best way to make Moore county grow, and offered three prizes for the best brief articles on the subject. Mr. Gibbon submitted one in which he took the ground that taxation that puts to much penalty on development is one of the hindrances, and that a logical tax system would do much to bring about the aim Mr. Frix desired. He won second prize. We could not recall who won first prize, nor its proposition. But he had at that time the perception in his head that the land tax as it operates was antiquated and unsatisfactory, as it offers no stimulus to any progress, encourages dodging of taxes by juggling of values, results in unequal valuations, evasion of listing of taxation and a lot of other things. Folks refuse to give all data in many cases, much property is missed entirely, and to get a proportion of property not voluntarily listed costs more to hunt it up and value it than it is worth.

That prize-winning story for Mr. Frix set Mr. Gibbon to thinking about taxation, and when it came his turn to act as a committee that fixes values for township property in McNeills he remembered some of the things he had dug up twenty years ago, and he set about studying the tax lists that came to him from previous years. One thing that struck him as he proceeded with the work of hearing property owners and fix-

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Phony Peach Disease Not Prevalent Here

Only Four Trees Found Infected
After Inspection of
Nearly a Million

The inspection of commercial peach orchards in the Sandhills looking for evidences of the phony disease is nearing completion, according to Dr. R. W. Leiby of the Department of Agriculture who spent Wednesday in Aberdeen and vicinity. Nearly one million trees have been individually examined by eight inspectors comprising two crews by the Federal Bureau of Plant Industry in cooperation with J. A. Harris of the State Agricultural Department.

"The interesting fact about this work," says Dr. Leiby, "is that only four infected trees have thus far been discovered and these have been cut down. More than a quarter million trees were found infected in Georgia and destroyed last year. Our Sandhill section appears to be free of this disease at least," he said. The inspection will continue to include the commercial peach section of other parts of the state.

Dr. Leiby regards the local situation as splendid. He paid high tribute while here to the work of Messrs. Culpepper and Ethridge, who have been in charge of the crews making the inspections. Dr. Leiby was accompanied here by Prof. R. W. Harned, in charge of cotton insect investigation work being done by entomologists, particularly on the cotton boll weevil. Dr. E. C. Bishop, in charge of investigation work on insects regarding the health of man and animals was also in the party.

While here Dr. Leiby stated that when recently in Asheville for a forestry meeting he endeavored to prevail upon T. J. Burleigh of the Government Biological Survey there to come here and look over the local estates being developed for shooting preserves. Mr. Burleigh has been making a study of wild life and the changes effected by forest fires and Dr. Leiby believes he has made some findings which would prove of value to those endeavoring to raise quail in this section.

Effect of New School Law in Moore County Outlined by Thomas

First Cotton Blooms

Tenants of Dr. A. H. McLeod
Produce Early Evidence of
Coming Crop

The first cotton blooms to make their appearance at The Pilot office were brought in this week by Dr. A. H. McLeod of Aberdeen. Dr. McLeod reports that they were raised by tenants of his, James McCoy and Edwin Sampson. If the cotton looks as good as the blooms when it opens, James and Edwin will merit congratulations.

UNDERWOOD TO CONTINUE ROAD WORK IN SECTION

County Superintendent of High-
ways Becomes Assistant to
District Engineer

Fred S. Underwood of Carthage, county superintendent of Highways until last Wednesday when the State took over all county roads, has been named assistant to J. V. Koonce, engineer in charge of State road maintenance in District No. 4 of Division B, with headquarters at Sanford. Sanford has been designated headquarters for the 4th district, divisional headquarters being at Fayetteville. The 4th district comprises the counties of Moore, Lee, Harnett and Cumberland.

Mr. Underwood, who has been connected with the county highway system for several years, has already started on his new duties, having turned over the county system of roads to the State on Wednesday. He has proven an efficient highway engineer while in the county service and his new appointment won instant approval throughout the county.

Division B has been subdivided into five districts, as follows: District 1, with headquarters at Goldsboro, includes Johnston and Wayne counties; District 2, with headquarters at Burgaw, includes Duplin, Onslow, Pender, New Hanover and Brunswick counties; District 3, with headquarters at Clinton, comprises Sampson, Bladen and Columbus counties; District 4, headquarters, Sanford, comprises Moore, Lee, Harnett and Cumberland; District 5, headquarters, Lumberton, includes Hoke, Scotland and Robeson counties.

Division B, of the five major divisions set up by the new State Highway Commission, of which E. B. Jeffress of Greensboro is chairman, will be in charge of R. E. Snowden as division engineer, with R. Markham as assistant. Koonce is district engineer in charge of maintenance.

JAMES D. MATTHEWS
WEDS AT SUMTER, S. C.

James Daniel Matthews, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Matthews of Aberdeen and a graduate of Aberdeen High School, was married on Tuesday, June 23d at Sumter, S. C., the bride being Miss Harriett Virginia Durant. She is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Eugene DuRant of Sumter. Announcements of the wedding were received by relatives and friends here this week. The young couple will reside at Conway, where Mr. Matthews is employed.

SOUTHERN PINES GOLFERS
FINALLY BEAT PINEHURST

Southern Pines golfers took revenge upon their Pinehurst brothers at golf Wednesday afternoon for a long string of defeats of the past, winning an inter-city match 13 to 8. The winning team was made up of the following: Sheppard, Jordan, Woodward, Frank Page, Clark, Dr. Daniels, Montgomery, Dr. Medlin, Giles, Gordon Keith, Dr. Bush and V. B. Johnson.

Only Trouble He Foresees is in
Providing Transportation
For Pupils

TO ABOLISH TWO SCHOOLS

Others May Be Consolidated with
Central Schools.—Southern Pines,
Aberdeen and Pinehurst Lose Superintendents Under New Law.

"The new school law, with the exception of the increase in teaching load and the ten per cent reduction in salaries of teachers, in my opinion, is the best piece of school legislation ever enacted by a North Carolina General Assembly," says H. Lee Thomas, Moore County Superintendent of Public Instruction. "The law carries with it an annual appropriation of \$16,500,000.00 for the current expense of the six months term, and \$1,500,000.00 to aid weak districts to maintain the two months extended term according to State standards. This is the largest amount of public money to be appropriated for public elementary and high school education in any state of like population and resources in the history of the United States. Hearty praise is due the members of the General Assembly of 1931 for their careful study and application of modern business principles to the State's educational problem. A large share of the honor thus accruing to the body as a whole must go to our own worthy representatives from Moore, U. L. Spence and M. M. Johnson, who so ably represented the people, not only in the solution of our public school problems, but in the wise direction of much other important legislation.

"The Revenue act of 1931 provides \$18,000,000.00 for public school purposes, \$4,500,000.00 of which is to come from ad valorem taxes, and \$13,500,000.00 from other sources. The County Commissioners will levy, collect and turn over to the State Treasurer for the public school current expense fund for the six months term an amount equivalent to the gross yield of a 15c rate on the 1930 valuation. If the 1931 valuation in Moore county should be decreased ten per cent below the 1930 figure and the usual ten per cent added for uncollectable taxes and cost of collection, it would become necessary to levy 18c on the one hundred to produce the amount of money that Moore county will be due the state for this purpose. The levy of 48c for current expense in 1930 less 18c in prospect for 1931 will show a probable reduction of 28c in the local county tax rate for current expense this year.

"This is all fine, but there are other

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Kiwanis Convention to Open Pinehurst Season

Over 400 Members from Carolinas
District Expected at October
Meetings

From 400 to 450 Kiwanians and wives will open the 1931-32 season in Pinehurst on October 21st, the occasion being the annual convention of Carolinas district. The local club entertained the clubs of the Carolinas district in 1925, and again invited them to Pinehurst at the last convention held in Raleigh last October. Because they had such a good time here six years ago, they voted to come back.

Talbot Johnson is chairman of the convention committee and told the members some of the plans for the convention at their Wednesday meeting held at the Community Church in Pinehurst. He announced that the chairmen of the various committees, on reception, golf, entertainments, banquet, etc., would be appointed next week, these chairmen in turn to name their own committees.

The Carolina Hotel at Pinehurst will open early especially to take care of the Kiwanis members and guests for this convention being the first for the Sandhills this fall. "The convention lasts three days, 22d and 23d.