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COMMERCE BODY ELECTS OFFICERS FOR YEAR 1934

Nelson C. Hyde Chosen President, Rev. J. F. Stimson Vice President, by Directors

HEARS U. S. NO. 1 REPORT

Nelson C. Hyde, publisher of The Pilot and the Sandhills Daily News, was elected president of the Southern Pines Chamber of Commerce at the first meeting of the new board of directors held Tuesday noon at Jack's Grill. The Rev. J. Fred Stimson was elected vice president, D. D. Shields Cameron secretary and Dr. L. M. McBrayer national counselor. Final reports of the work done during 1933 were read and approved, and the annual banquet committee made its final report.

New directors present at the meeting were George W. Case and W. H. McNeill. The third new director, H. J. Betterley, was not present. Directors were chosen at the annual meeting held in conjunction with the banquet last Friday night.

C. R. Lano of Sanford, representative of the U. S. Highway No. 1 Association, was present at the meeting and reported on a recent trip north in the interest of tourist travel over this highway. Mr. Lano placed some 10,000 route cards for the No. 1 highway on this trip. He went as far as New York city by one route and through Harrisburg, Pa., to Rochester, N. Y., by another. Mr. Lano reported an 80 percent increase in travel over the highway since the distribution of these cards. He now proposes a trip to Florida with new maps showing feeder routes from points in Florida to U. S. No. 1 to carry the Florida traffic back north via this route.

New officers of the Chamber of Commerce will be inducted into office at the next meeting of directors to be held Tuesday, February 27th. Mr. Hyde succeeds Dr. George G. Herr as president, Mr. Stimson, Hiram Westbrook as vice president and Dr. McBrayer, M. G. Nichols as national counselor. Shields Cameron was re-elected to his post.

Mrs. George M. Howard Dies at Her Home Here

Wife of President of United Corporation of New York Ill Several Years

The funeral of Mrs. Elizabeth McMillan Howard, wife of George H. Howard, president of the United Corporation of New York, who died at her winter home here last Friday night was held at 10 o'clock Tuesday morning in the Chapel of St. Thomas' Church in New York City.

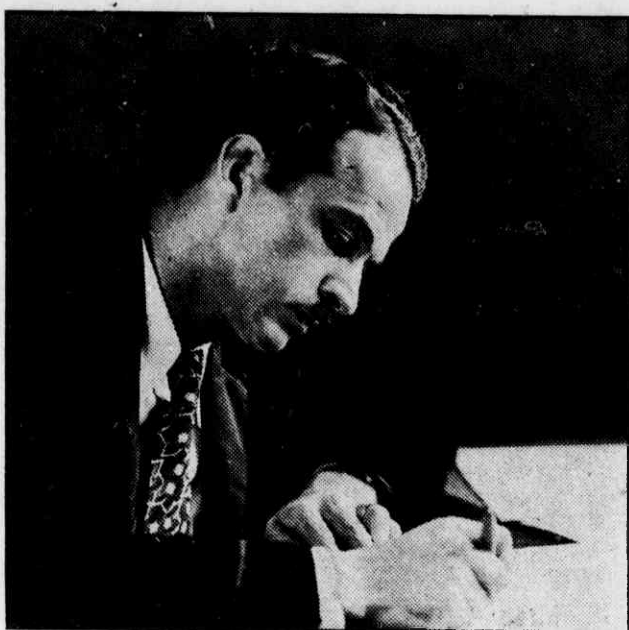
Mr. and Mrs. Howard had spent the past three winters in the John Nichols house on the Country Club estates here. Mrs. Howard had been in ill health for several years but had improved in the climate of the Sandhills until a short time ago.

Mrs. Howard was born in New York, a daughter of the late Samuel and Elizabeth Short McMillan, and was a graduate of Smith College. She was a member of the River Club and the Smith College Club. Surviving, besides Mr. Howard, are a son, George H. Howard, Jr., a daughter, Miss Elizabeth C. Howard; a brother, Samuel McMillan, of Chappaqua, N. Y., and four sisters, Mrs. William Crawford, of 580 Park Avenue; Mrs. Francis X. Dixon, of 215 East Sixty-first Street; Miss Marie J. McMillan, of Southern Pines, and Mrs. Howard J. Martin, of 340 East Fifty-seventh street.

NO WORD FROM SPENCE

No word has come from U. L. Spence, former representative in the State Assembly from this county, as to his intentions with regard to the State Legislature or the Superior Court judgeship vacancy this spring. Pressure is being brought to bear on Mr. Spence to announce his candidacy for one or the other of these posts.

Symphony Group Here Tuesday



LAMAR STRINGFIELD

Hospital Auxiliary to Present N. C. Orchestra Ensemble at the Pinehurst Country Club

Next Tuesday evening the Pinehurst Chapter of the Moore County Hospital Auxiliary will present at the Pinehurst Country Club, a concert by the Symphony Ensemble of the North Carolina Symphony Society. The program, which will last about fifty-five minutes, will be followed by an informal social hour.

It is expected that there will be a very large response to the announcements that have gone out through the mails to residents of Pinehurst, Southern Pines, Aberdeen, Carthage, and other Moore county towns, which will make the concert an outstanding musical and social event of this season.

Though many residents of the Sandhills took an active part in the organization of the North Carolina Symphony Society there are probably many who are not aware that it is the only institution of its kind in America. It is the only symphony organization that draws on the entire musical resources of a state in recruiting its orchestras. Why this is done and why the society's orchestras have attained such a high degree of excellence was explained by the business manager, Edgar Ewing, who lives in Southern Pines.

"For the past ten years," said Mr. Ewing, "many of the high schools of North Carolina have included in their curricula the teaching of instrumental music. The result has been that

Benefit Bridge Parties Aid Pinebluff Library

Forty-One New Books Ordered With Proceeds of Successful Entertainments

The directors of the Pinebluff Library Association are very much encouraged by the support which is being given the library this season by townspeople and visitors. Two benefit card parties have recently been given which were most generously supported by friends from neighboring towns as well as those from Pinebluff.

The first party was held in the Library building with Mrs. Walter McNeille as hostess. At five o'clock the card players were joined by others in for tea, making a very pleasant social hour. The second party was held on Thursday of last week at the home of Mrs. John Warren Achorn, with Mrs. Harold Paget as joint hostess. The hospitable atmosphere of the home added greatly to the enjoyment of the afternoon.

The proceeds from these two afternoons have enabled the library directors to send out an order for forty-one new books, which will be placed upon the shelves at an early date.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

Several churches of Southern Pines are uniting in a meeting at the Church of Wide Fellowship this morning, Friday at 10 o'clock. Mrs. William E. McLeod of the Episcopal church will preside, the women of the

3 WELL KNOWN PEOPLE CLAIMED BY DEATH HERE

Glenn Ford McKinney, Passes On 65th Birthday.—Miss Zue Wheeler Dies

KELLY EVERETT WAS 93

Glenn Ford McKinney of Titusville, Pa., a winter resident of Southern Pines for a number of years, died at the home of his father, John L. McKinney, on Weymouth Heights at 3 o'clock yesterday morning. He had been ill but a short time. He was 65 years of age, and died on his birthday.

Mr. McKinney, a native of Titusville, came here a number of years ago and became interested in a large tract of land in the vicinity of Hoffman. This he has been developing into a shooting preserve, and the overseeing of the work has made him a frequent visitor in Southern Pines where his father spends many months each winter. John L. McKinney was associated with John D. Rockefeller in the founding of the Standard Oil Company.

Funeral services were held at the McKinney home at 5 o'clock yesterday afternoon, the Rev. J. Fred Stimson officiating. The body will be taken north today for burial at Titusville. Mr. McKinney's son, John, was with him here at the time of his death.

Miss Zue Wheeler, secretary to D. D. Shields Cameron of Southern Pines, died after a brief illness at 4 o'clock yesterday morning at the Moore County Hospital where she was taken on Wednesday. In her ten years residence here Miss Wheeler endeared to herself a large number of friends who were shocked yesterday at the news of her death.

Miss Wheeler came here from her home in Closter, N. J., where she was born in 1877, and has been residing with Mrs. J. W. Wenger in the Closter Cottage. She has been associated with Mr. Cameron in his real estate office and as secretary of the Chamber of Commerce for some years, and was also a public stenographer with many clients in Southern Pines. A sister, Mrs. M. Wheeler, of Utica, N. Y., survives. Funeral arrangements had not been made when The Pilot went to press.

Kelly Everett, one of the oldest settlers in the Sandhills, died at his home at Chandler's Pond at 11 o'clock Wednesday morning at the age of 93. Mr. Everett has seen the section grow from scrub oak into the present thriving community, living meanwhile a busy life as a farmer and endeavoring unto himself a wide circle of friends.

Two sons survive, their mother having passed on some years ago. The funeral services were held at 11 o'clock yesterday morning at Culdee Church, with the Rev. R. G. Mathewson of Jackson Springs officiating. He was laid to final rest in the Culdee churchyard.

BETTER BUSINESS REPORTED BY INNS AND MERCHANTS

Brisk Upturn Locally in Sales in Shops and in Hotel Reservations

BETTER THAN YEAR AGO

The Sandhills business barometer looked better this week than at any time since the start of the New Deal. Merchants reported a noticeable upturn in business, the hotels a big jump in registrations and reservations for the near future, the Seaboard a sizeable traffic increase.

D. G. Stutz, Seaboard agent in Southern Pines, said yesterday that the trains from the north were running much heavier than at any time since the pre-Christmas rush. The Carolina and other hotels at Pinehurst and the Highland Pines Inn and other Southern Pines hostilities reported a brisk upturn in clientele.

Claude Hayes of the Sandhills Bookshop said the demand for his wares this week had been the heaviest this season. "People who were wont to come in and browse, leaving with only a newspaper, are starting to buy books again," he said, "and the folks who asked for five cent valentines last February are getting up in the twenty-five cent class again. There is also evidence of more people in town through the demand for northern and state papers. We have had to increase our orders for papers steadily of late," Mr. Hayes stated.

Charles S. Patch of the Tog Shop told The Pilot that business in his store and that of the Patch Department Store was "well up" this week. The Pinehurst Department Store and the various women's wear and specialty shops in Pinehurst also reported a real upturn in sales.

"Business is not only better than it has been so far this year but considerably better than last year," one merchant said yesterday. And we do not usually feel the real seasonal demand before the end of February. Things look good and as if the New Deal was working down here as well as up north."

Shrine Club Elects Officers, Plan Ball

John J. Fitzgerald President and Donald Ross Chairman of Dance Committee

Officers were elected and plans made for the annual Shrine Ball at a meeting of the Sandhill Shrine Club last Wednesday evening at the Mid-Pines Club. The following officers were chosen:

John J. Fitzgerald, president; D. G. Stutz, first vice president; H. B. Emery, J. C. Leigh, C. M. Gunn, J. B. Thomas and A. M. Cameron, second vice presidents, and as directors, Donald J. Ross, W. J. McNab, Thomas Craig and John Fiddner. Plans were made for the Annual Shrine Ball which will be given at the Pinehurst Country Club on Friday, March 16th. The proceeds of these dances for the past six years has made it possible for the treatment and cure of 359 cases through the expenditure of more than \$5,000.00.

The committee on arrangements for the ball is Donald J. Ross, chairman; John J. Fitzgerald, vice chairman; Eric Nelson, secretary; Charles W. Picquet, floor director; G. A. Charles, secretary-treasurer and Clarence Lyman.

PEACH MARKETING CODE ADOPTED AT WEST END

A southern peach marketing agreement, already submitted in Georgia and South Carolina, was endorsed in principle last Thursday by 75 North Carolina peach growers at a meeting in West End, the center of the state's peach production area.

The agreement was read to the growers by W. C. Bemley, of the Georgia Peach Exchange who attended a meeting of South Carolina growers at Spartanburg the day before.

The 75 growers present today represented about 60 per cent of North Carolina peach production, or about 1,250 carloads.

Tried To Help Dad

Five-Year Old Colored Boy is Fatally Burned at Home Near Cameron

Jumping out of bed to help his Daddy build a fire last Friday morning, five-year old William Harrington, colored, son of Toy Harrington of the Cameron section, swept his nightgown too near the flames. Screaming he rushed to his mother who with bare hands attempted to extinguish the fire enveloping her boy. It was too late. Little William died a few hours later at the Moore County Hospital.

Toy has been unable to work for some weeks owing to injury in an automobile accident. Now his wife, whose hands were severely burned, cannot work. And the baby is gone.

MANY SANDHILLS HORSES ENTERED IN EVENTS AT CAMDEN

Hunter Trials and Steeplechase Races Next Week Attest Local Interest

EVENTS HERE MARCH 12

The Sandhills will be well represented in the hunter trials and horse racing events at Camden, S. C., next Wednesday and Thursday, February 21st and 22d. The hunter trials are to be held on Wednesday afternoon and the races, which include both steeplechase and flat events, the following day.

Among those taking horses from here are Mrs. Verner Z. Reed, Jr., of Pinehurst, whose race horse, stable this winter at the Laing Stables in Southern Pines and trained under the watchful eye of Noel Laing, well known steeplechase rider, will probably be ridden by Mr. Laing. Young Laing is also racing some of Mrs. T. H. Somerville's horses at Camden, possibly the famous Trouble Maker, winner two years ago of the Maryland Hunt Cup and a contestant in last spring's Grand National at Aintree, England. B. A. Tompkins of New York is also racing a horse on the flat at Camden.

Ernest I. White, whose horses are at The Paddock this winter, is showing a hunt team of three, and will also enter some of his mounts in the class for lightweight hunters. Mr. White's Double Time won the lightweight class at Camden the last two years, and his Allure was second in this event last winter. William M. Evarts of New York, who is spending some time at The Paddock, is also taking a horse to Camden to show in the class for middleweights.

Among those from here who will ride in the Camden events next Wednesday and Thursday are Mr. White, Noel Laing, Almet Jenks, Miss Patricia Hyde, John Viosopolis, Miss Margaret Kiely, Mr. Evarts and Nelson C. Hyde. A large number from this section plan to witness the trials and races.

The committee in charge of the hunter trials to be held in Southern Pines on Monday, March 12th has been busy this past week laying out a suitable course for the events, and a definite announcement of time, place and classes is expected to be made in next week's paper.

The committee in charge of the Pinehurst Horse Show met last Friday and arranged the classes for this annual event. The Premium List will be announced within the next few days by Secretary Charles W. Picquet.

BUILDING & LOAN ASS'N. ANNUAL MEETING FRIDAY

The annual stockholders meeting of the Southern Pines Building & Loan Association will be held at the Southern Pines Club on Friday night, February 23rd at 8:00 p. m. All stockholders are urged to be present at this meeting as officers for the ensuing year will be elected. R. L. Chandler, secretary, announces.

ROADER CONCEPT CIVIC PROBLEMS GOVERNOR'S PLEA

Asks Civic Organizations to Think in Terms of State and Nation

ADDRESSES BANQUET HERE

Governor J. C. B. Ehringhaus was given a warm reception by more than 200 residents and winter guests of Southern Pines on the occasion of the annual banquet of the Southern Pines Chamber of Commerce at the Highland Pines Inn last Friday night. The Governor came here from Raleigh to make the principal address at the gathering, and his plea to civic organizations to think in terms of state and nation and not from purely local angles was enthusiastically received by his audience.

The Governor gave his idea of the functions, the ideals and the actual motives of the Chamber of Commerce of tomorrow. "Think not only of the way things affect your own community, but how they affect the whole state," he said in introducing his review of the recovery staged by the State of North Carolina during the past year. Speaking of the crisis which faced the state a year ago when revenues were reducing at the rate of \$250,000 a month, 40 counties and 106 cities were in default, the educational system threatened, the treasury facing a \$14,000,000 default, he told of the program which had been successfully carried out to bring order out of chaos.

"Our first problem was to restore the State's credit, the second to save our educational system, the third to save our homes which were being rapidly foreclosed.

In a defense of the sales tax, "much discussed and cursed," as he expressed it, he outlined the steps in the restoration of credit.

"The bankers are now glad to take North Carolina paper," he said. "All bonds of the state are now quoted at par or above. We are being asked for more paper because of the splendid condition of our finances. And because, unlike some states, what we promise, we pay, and pay in cash."

Or the educational problem, the Governor quoted an editorial from a Washington paper which stated that throughout the country one million school children had found the doors of their schools closed against them during the depression. "Thank God," he said, "not one of these children lived in North Carolina." He complimented Southern Pines on its vote of a supplementary school tax for the support of education here, though he regretted the conditions which had made supplementary taxes necessary.

Mr. Ehringhaus quoted figures to show the saving to taxpayers of Moore county under the 3 per cent sales tax as against the former ad valorem tax. Moore county's ad valorem tax for support of schools was \$158,455. Based on the estimates for the year from receipts to date, this county's share of the sales tax will be \$44,430, a saving under the new system of \$114,025. Subtract from this, he said, the additional tax you have imposed upon yourselves to supplement the State's allotment for schools here, and the net saving is still \$102,969.

The pennies which we have been so strenuously objecting to adding on our purchases have helped preserve the State's credit, its schools, its homes, its farms, the Governor said, to say nothing of the net saving to Moore county taxpayers of more than \$100,000.

In introducing his remarks Governor Ehringhaus paid high compliment to the culture of Southern Pines, to the "fine spirit of fellowship" always evident here, of the cosmopolitanism of its citizenry, and he spoke in high praise of the High School Glee Club which performed last night and which had previously entertained him in the "halls of the Legislature at Raleigh where I am used to hearing only sounds of discord."

The banquet was one of the best in a long line of brilliant annual gatherings of the Chamber of Commerce. James Boyd, in his capacity (Please turn to page 4)