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## PREDICTS SIX TO EIGHT YEARS TO RESTORE BUSINESS

System Must Be Worked Out Whereby Masses Can Buy Products of Industry

SAYS DETROIT AUTO MAN

Frank Briscoe, Detroit automobile manufacturer, in addressing the Kiwanis Club at Pinehurst yesterday predicted that it would take from six to eight years to wipe out the deficit caused by the depression.

It was the opinion of Mr. Briscoe that unless some way is discovered for the population to absorb the production of industry it will be necessary for a new economic set-up in the future. The speaker pointed out that profits from industry are added to capital investment which in return means larger production. In going back to 1785, he stated that production had increased sixty-four times during that period of time while the average income of individuals in this country today is only four hundred eighty dollars per year.

He further pointed out that there is a limit to the wants of the rich and that some system will have to be worked out whereby the mass of people as a whole can buy the products of industry. This, he said, is necessary if we are to return to prosperity. Conditions in this country are beginning to improve but it will take years to overcome the effects of the depression.

Secretary Herbert Vail read a clipping from the morning paper announcing the election of Murdoch M. Johnson, former president of the Aberdeen Kiwanis Club and former senator from this district to the North Carolina legislature, as a member of the House of Representatives in the state of South Carolina. The secretary was instructed to send a letter of congratulation.

## Oldest Member of Pinehurst Church Dies

Mrs. Christine MacDonald Passed Her 89th Birthday on December 8th

Mrs. Christine MacDonald, oldest member of the Community Church in Pinehurst, died on January 14th. A charter member of the church and one of its most faithful workers, she passed her 89th birthday on December 8th last.

Mrs. MacDonald is survived by the following children: Archie, Casper N. and Kenneth, sons residing in Pinehurst; Mrs. Sam Ferguson, a daughter, of Southern Pines. One son, Arthur MacDonald, World War veteran who was gassed in France, preceded her to the grave about three years ago.

She was laid to rest in the MacDonald burying ground where her ancestors for four generations have been buried. Mrs. MacDonald was a lifelong resident of Moore county and the love and esteem in which she was held by her family and many friends were demonstrated by the numerous kindnesses shown her in her late illness and the bountiful flowers that covered her grave. The funeral services were conducted by her pastor, the Rev. A. J. McKelway, at her late residence.

## COMMUNITY SINGING SUNDAY NIGHT AT WIDE FELLOWSHIP

At the Community Hour, 7:30 p. m., next Sunday at the Church of Wide Fellowship, the congregation will be led in singing some of the oldest and best known Christian hymns. Each hymn will be introduced with a historical note by the pastor, Dr. C. Rexford Raymond. The oldest hymn, which was written about 220 A. D., perhaps sung first in Greek and later in Latin, is well known to all church men. "— enjoy great music, and will be singing Sunday night. Other hymns from many nations and a great variety of religious communions will be sung, proving that a good hymn book is neither narrowly national nor sectarian. All the great hymn books of the Church are truly interdenominational.

## Murdoch M. Johnson, Former State Senator Here, Elected to South Carolina's Legislature

Piles Up Huge Vote in Four-Cornered Race for Seat From Kershaw County

"In again, out again. Flanagan," might easily be the slogan of Murdoch M. Johnson, formerly of Aberdeen, now of Camden, South Carolina.

On Tuesday of this week Mr. Johnson was elected a member of the South Carolina House of Representatives. Before moving to Aberdeen several years ago to become a member of the law firm of Johnson & Johnson he resided in Camden and served in the General Assembly of our sister state to the south. While a resident of Aberdeen he was elected State Senator from Moore county, serving one term at Raleigh. About three years ago Mr. Johnson returned to Camden, and on Tuesday was again elected to the South Carolina General Assembly from Kershaw county. As far as The Pilot knows, he is the only person who has ever served in the legislative bodies of both the Carolinas.

Mr. Johnson succeeds James R. Belk, who was fatally injured in an automobile wreck last week. He was loath to become a candidate owing to pressure of his legal business in Camden, and made no campaign prior to the special election. Despite this, with three candidates against him, all actively seeking the post, he received more than twice as many votes as the combined vote of his opponents, Fred M. Bryant, wood and coal dealer of Camden; J. M. Martin and Newton Kelly, both of Lugoff, S. C.

While a resident of Aberdeen Mr. Johnson was active in all civic and political affairs in Moore county. He served one term as president of the Kiwanis Club, was for several years president of the Aberdeen Chamber of Commerce, was active in the Good Fellows Club, a charitable organization in Aberdeen, and one of the city's most energetic and enterprising citizens. He made a splendid record at Raleigh during his term in the State Senate.

## Salem College Head To Speak Here Next Month

Dr. Rondthaler To Talk on George Washington at Meeting of D. A. R.

The D. A. R. is planning an interesting meeting in February, featuring an historical address by the president of Salem College, Dr. Howard E. Rondthaler. The subject of the address will have to do with the life and work of George Washington.

Salem College, a Moravian institution located at Winston-Salem, was the third school in the United States for the higher education of women, under the name of the Salem Female Academy. Dr. Rondthaler has been its president since 1909, and ranks high in this state as a scholar and historian. It is planned to have this meeting open to the public.

## MUSICAL MATINEE AT CIVIC CLUB THIS AFTERNOON

A Musical Matinee will be given this afternoon, Friday, at the Civic Club at 3 o'clock. After the program tea will be served. There is no admission charge.

The Civic Club will sponsor an evening of games at the clubhouse on Friday night, February 1st. A charge of 25c for each person is asked to defray expenses.

On Tuesday, February 5th, the D. A. R. and the Civic Club are joint hostesses for the afternoon. Dr. Rondthaler, president of Salem College in Winston-Salem, will be the speaker. Everyone is invited to attend.

## LEGION POST TO DISCUSS BONUS ON MONDAY NIGHT

"The Bonus" will be the subject of talks and discussion at the meeting of Sandhill Post No. 134, American Legion, to be held Monday night at 8 o'clock in the Pinehurst Community Church. The Legionnaires are inviting the public to attend the meeting.

## Back in Harness



MURDOCH M. JOHNSON

## WELFARE AGENCIES IN PINEHURST JOIN HANDS FOR SERVICE

Representatives Meet and Organize to Better Administer Relief in School District

MRS. TUFTS IS CHAIRMAN

On Monday afternoon the Community Welfare agencies of Pinehurst were formed at the home of Mrs. Leonard Tufts. This gathering was composed of a representative from each organization in Pinehurst that in any way administers welfare. Mrs. Tufts was asked to act as general chairman.

Since the Federal relief has turned back to each community all relief families a need was felt for some central organization to handle the situation in Pinehurst school district, including Jackson Hamlet and Vina Vista. Brief plans were made for raising funds in order that the organization may function in a definite way as quickly as possible. Committees and plans are to be announced soon.

The following were present: The Rev. T. A. Cheatham, Village Chapel; the Rev. A. J. McKelway, Community Church; Mrs. T. A. Cheatham, Moore County Tuberculosis Association; Gordon Cameron, County Relief; Mrs. Gordon Cameron, American Red Cross, Pinehurst Branch; Donald Ross, Shriners; J. F. Taylor, American Legion; Mrs. J. P. Williamson, Pinehurst Chapter Moore County Hospital Auxiliary; Miss H. Jane Ewin, Woman's Exchange; Mrs. Lemuel Buckingham and Mrs. Chas. Fields, American Legion Auxiliary; Mrs. Herman Campbell, Parent-Teacher Association; Mrs. R. P. Davidson, Social Service committee of the Hospital Auxiliary.

## MISS JEAN RIVERS, SANFORD, AND M. L. UPCHURCH MARRIED

Of interest is the announcement of the marriage of Miss Jean Rivers of Sanford to M. L. Upchurch on Sunday, January 20, 1935 at the Parsonage of the First Baptist Church of Concord, the Rev. Mr. Summers performing the ring ceremony. Mrs. Upchurch is the daughter of Mrs. Eugenia Rivers of Sanford. Mr. Upchurch came here some time ago from Apex and is connected with Thrower's Pharmacy. He is a graduate of the University of North Carolina.

## TO DISCUSS PLANS ON TUESDAY FOR SPRING BLOSSOM FESTIVAL

Directors of the Southern Pines Chamber of Commerce will meet next Tuesday noon to hear a preliminary report of plans for the second annual Spring Blossom Festival to be held here in April. S. B. Richardson is general chairman of the Festival committee and busily engaged on the program.

## HUNT RACE MEET PLANNED FOR NEW COURSE MARCH 16

Sandhills Steeplechase Association Asks Ratification of Date by National Body

INAUGURATE 1935 SEASON

At a meeting of the Sandhills Steeplechase & Racing Association held in the Village Court Grill in Pinehurst Sunday afternoon the members enthusiastically adopted the plan to hold a hunt race meeting on the new steeplechase course here on Saturday, March 16, provided the National Steeplechase Association ratifies that date at its annual meeting the last of this month.

It was also decided to temporarily discontinue the running race meetings on the Pinehurst track, to start up again on February 12 under the auspices of a new organization, the Pinehurst Racing Association. The Sandhills Steeplechase & Racing Association will devote its entire activity to the promotion of steeplechase meetings, leaving the running race events to the new organization. P. S. P. Randolph, jr., will head the new association and will be aided by William E. Baker.

Work is progressing rapidly on the new race course on the Midland Road, midway between Southern Pines and Pinehurst. It is expected to be in excellent condition for racing by the date of the first meeting in March. The jumps, both timber and brush, will not be put in place until just prior to the meeting, and will then be erected under the supervision of Noel Laing, member of the association's executive committee and one of the leading steeplechase riders in the country. Mr. Laing spent two days in Camden last week and was assured of entries from leading stables there for the March meeting. The meeting here will inaugurate the 1935 hunt racing season, with the Aiken, Camden, and Richmond meets following on successive Saturdays.

Permanent officers of the Sandhills association were elected at Sunday's meeting, as follows: president, Almet Jenks; vice-presidents, Verner Z. Reed, jr., and Henry M. Dingley, jr.; secretary and treasurer, Nelson C. Hyde; racing secretary, P. S. P. Randolph, jr.

Those attending the meeting on Sunday were Leonard Tufts, P. S. P. Randolph, sr., William E. Baker, Almet Jenks, Charles W. Picquet, Noel Laing, John Thomas, Corbett Alexander, P. S. P. Randolph, jr., Frank W. McCluer, Sprigg D. Camden, Nelson C. Hyde, and Dr. William C. Mudgett.

## Pinehurst Racquet Club Formally Opens Tonight

Stockton Heads New Organization to Promote Badminton and Paddle Tennis

The newly organized Pinehurst Racquet Club will have its formal opening in the old Pinehurst Chapel, opposite the Holly Inn, tonight, following a Warner Brothers short film, "Good Badminton," on this evening's movie program at the Carolina Theatre in Pinehurst. Exhibition badminton games will be played. The club also plans to introduce the new paddle tennis game here.

The following officers have been elected: J. Potter Stockton, president; Herbert Vail, vice president; Larry L. Seaman, secretary and treasurer, and Thomas Frydell, professional and manager. Invitations to join the club were sent out last week.

## MISS FRANCES LEE CAVINESS MARRIED TO LEONARD RUSSELL

Announcement was made this week of the marriage on January 29th last year in Bennettsville, S. C., of Miss Frances Lee Caviness, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dwight W. Caviness of Aberdeen, to Leonard Russell, son of Mrs. S. E. Sloan of Aberdeen.

Mrs. Russell was graduated from Aberdeen High School last June and has been a student at Guilford College this year. Russell has been for several years one of the star players of the Aberdeen baseball team.

## Purely Business Proposition Says Chairman Currie About Naming of New Tax Collector

Snowbound Sandhills Residents, Guests at White House Monday, Delayed in Return Home

The Sandhills residents who were guests of Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt at the White House for luncheon on Monday found themselves snowbound in the Capital when they were ready to leave for home on Tuesday. In the party were the Misses Schwarberg and Mrs. P. P. Pelton of Southern Pines and Mrs. J. Talbot Johnson of Aberdeen. They motored to Washington last Saturday. On Tuesday word was received here that their return would be delayed on account of the heavy snow in the District of Columbia and Virginia.

The luncheon was given for members of the Chautauqua, N. Y. Women's Club, of which the local residents are summer members.

## BOYS FORM CLUB TO CARRY ON BOY SCOUT ACTIVITIES

Hear Inspirational Talk by Dr. Spring, Famed Ball Player of 32 Years Ago

OFFICERS ARE ELECTED

Undaunted by disagreeable weather 32 boys met, in response to the directors' invitation at the Boy Scout house last Saturday evening and voted enthusiastically in favor of the proposed boys' club. Initial steps toward organization were immediately taken. J. D. Sitterson being elected president, Ed Newton, first vice-president, Frank Buchan, Jr., second vice-president and James Milliken, secretary-treasurer. The boys agreed to assume full care of the Boy Scout Hall and were in favor of meeting weekly and of proceeding as far as possible in conformity with Boy Scout regulations.

Explaining how important a boy's mental attainments and school record are for the development of real athletic ability and particularly stressed the importance of habits of obedience to parents and teachers and respect for elders in the attainment of athletic success. He made clear the necessity of voluntary subordination by the individual to his team, and pointed out the practical value of the cheerful cooperation, driving home his points with apt illustrations taken from actual play. He went on to explain in detail something of the technique of athletics, especially baseball, and to answer numerous questions until refreshments were produced. The program ended with the serving of ice cream and cake.

## MUCH INTEREST SHOWN IN FESTIVAL BENEFIT DANCE

Judging from the interest manifested in the dance for the benefit of the Spring Blossom Festival fund, the Southern Pines Country Club bids fair to be filled to overflowing on Friday night of this week. The committee reports a big advance sale of tickets, and reports of a number of dinner parties before the dance indicated a gala evening. The dancing is from "9 o'clock till . . ." according to the announcements, which also say the Bostonians will furnish the music. The tickets are \$1.50 per couple.

## MINSTREL AND VAUDEVILLE SHOW HERE NEXT MONTH

Dr. George G. Herr and Frank Buchan, the committee in charge of a Minstrel and Vaudeville Show to be given next month for the benefit of the Spring Blossom Festival Fund, reported this week that they had procured a number of feature stunts and novel acts. They promise to announce some of the program in next week's Pilot.

Huntley, Discarded by Board of Commissioners, Claims 80% of Taxes Collected

NO DECISION BY REYNOLDS

"It was purely a business proposition," said Wilbur H. Currie, chairman of the Board of Commissioners of Moore County, this week in the Pilot's first interview with him since the board's action of three weeks ago in electing L. R. Reynolds, one of its members, as tax collector to succeed W. T. Huntley, who has held the office for the past three years. Mr. Currie emphasized the fact that politics or geographical location did not enter into the matter. The commissioners, he said, were simply trying to get the best man for the place, one who would get out and collect more taxes. He stated that there was nothing whatever against Mr. Huntley's character, nor against his work, so far as it went.

Mr. Huntley, prior to this week, had made no statement for publication, but he has done a bit of investigating in an effort to find out how this county's tax collections rank in comparison with those of adjoining counties, and the result is very favorable. Moore, with a tax levy of more than double that of any county investigated, has collected 80 per cent of its taxes, Mr. Huntley said, while the runner-up has collected 77 per cent and the lowest has accounted for only 75 per cent.

Then, in the matter of "Schedule E" taxes, which include licenses for filling stations, beer joints, slot machines, swimming pools and so forth, Mr. Huntley produced figures to show that he had gone out and collected sums greatly in excess of those of preceding years. In 1929, 22 licenses amounting to \$219 were issued; in 1930, 18 licenses amounting to \$95. Mr. Huntley took over the job in Dec. 1931, and his 1932 Schedule B taxes amounted to \$2,105.35, he says, while in 1933, he collected \$2,362.26, writing a total of 229 licenses. The increase in Schedule B taxes alone, he said, was more than enough to pay his salary.

## Much Criticism

There has been much criticism of the board's action, and varied opinions have been voiced. There are those who hold that inasmuch as the people elected Mr. Reynolds to the important post of county commissioner, it is his duty to serve in that capacity until the expiration of his term. It is generally conceded that he is a successful business man and a good, honest citizen, and while some say that he lacks the training necessary for handling the job of tax collector, there are those who feel that he would be a good man for the place. As for Mr. Huntley, his friends feel that he has done an exceptionally fine piece of work and that his genial manner and his willingness to accommodate in every way possible those with whom he has dealings make him a valuable asset to the county and they feel that in being deprived of the place under the existing circumstances, "He is getting a raw deal."

However, the game is on and it is Mr. Reynolds' time to move next. He has been elected and it is up to him to decide which he will be, Tax Collector Reynolds, or Commissioner Reynolds. When interviewed on Tuesday just before noon, he had not fully decided in just which direction his move would be made, whether into the tax office and out of the commissioners' room, or vice versa.

## DR. MARCUS A. BROWNSON TO PREACH AT BAPTIST CHURCH

Dr. Marcus A. Brownson, who for 27 years pastor of the Tenth Presbyterian Church of Philadelphia, will preach next Sunday morning at the Southern Pines Baptist Church. Dr. Brownson has made his winter home in Southern Pines since 1925. He has spoken in the various churches of this community to the delight of each congregation, and the Baptist Church is proud to invite the public to hear him next Sunday morning.