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## U. S. NEARS GOAL OF 100,000-ACRE SANDHILL PROJECT

Sub-Marginal Land Acquisition and Development Explained by B. G. Downey

### 21 LAKES IN PROGRAM

The Sandhills has the "top" experimental project in the country in the government's sub-marginal land acquisition and development work. B. G. Downey, State administrative officer in charge of the work here told the Kiwanis Club of Aberdeen at its meeting in the Church of Wide Fellowship, Southern Pines, on Wednesday. The work being done in this section is being made the example for similar work in other parts of the country.

Mr. Downey explained the objectives of the organization which has had a number of men busily engaged here for many months, making their headquarters in the Patch Building. The government, under a program believed to have been conceived in the mind of President Roosevelt himself, set aside \$25,000,000 to retire land below normal for farm purposes, to remove farm families from such lands and set them up on land from which they might make a living.

Since Mr. Downey and his co-workers have been here they have been acquiring by purchase or option much of this so-called sub-marginal land for the government, paying small amounts per acre, some as low as fifty cents. Their goal here was 100,000 acres, and of this amount to date 90,000 has been offered Uncle Sam and 70,000 already optioned. Development of the land by the government is to follow its acquisition.

### Locust Nursery Established

Most of the land acquired here is in Richmond and Scotland counties, though some is located in Moore and Montgomery. Much of it is along Drowning Creek, and Hoffman is the center of activity at the present time. Development work has begun on the old Broadacres estate where an experimental shipmast locust nursery has been located. This locust will be available when it has attained its growth, and it grows very rapidly, for the purposes its name indicates, for telegraph poles, etc., and for soil erosion purposes. In addition, much land is being set out to loblolly and long leaf pine and Mr. Downey stated that experts foresee here the finest stand of long leaf pine to be found in the country.

The development plans for a fisheries project, with a hatchery for warm water fish. Some 40 acres are to be laid out for the purpose, and plans are on their way to Washington showing the proposed development along this line, including streams, lakes and dams. Twenty-one sites for lakes have already been laid out, to be stocked from the hatchery.

Some thing like \$2,000,000 in involved in the Sandhills project, under a three-year program. Leading officials of the Agricultural Adjustment Administration have been here off and on since the work started and have left in high praise of what has been accomplished to date and the plans for the future.

### DEWBERRY MARKET OPENS AT CAMERON AND VASS

Cameron and Vass are beehives of activity these days with the opening of the dewberry market. Shipments have already begun, buyers are on hand, the auction market is in full operation and the growers are hopeful of a good demand at satisfactory prices.

### ELMER E. DAVIS NAMED NEW BUILDING INSPECTOR

Elmer E. Davis has been appointed building and electrical inspector for Southern Pines by the Board of Town Commissioners. Mr. Davis succeeds Charles P. Everest, who has resigned after occupying the position for several years.

### STORES CLOSE WEDNESDAYS

Stores in Southern Pines and Aberdeen will be closed on Wednesday afternoons throughout the summer months, starting next Wednesday, June 5.

## ASKS REFERENDUM ON MAIL DELIVERY IN SOUTHERN PINES

Meeting at Civic Club Hears Report of Postal Inspector on Recent Survey

### WOULD COST U. S. \$5,000

Only a sprinkling of citizens of Southern Pines appeared at the meeting called for Tuesday morning at the Civic Club to sound out sentiment for or against mail delivery here. Those who did appear heard an interesting report of the survey recently completed by U. S. Postal Inspector Duff.

Mr. Duff found that there would be some 25 miles to be covered twice each day to serve the residents by street delivery. As this distance would be too great for pedestrian carriers, two mounted, or motorized carriers would be required. There are some 700 houses to be served. Deliveries would be made morning and afternoon, though the afternoon mail would comprise that from the south only. The cost of carrier service was estimated at \$5,000 per year. The local mailing rate would, with the introduction of carrier service, jump to two cents as against the present one for first class mail.

### 85 Percent Required

Questions asked at the meeting brought out the fact that residents desiring to receive their mail at night, as they do now at the post-office, would be required to rent a box as they do now; that houses in town would have to be numbered and provided with boxes or door slots for the receipt of mail; that houses more than 50 feet from the sidewalk would have to have boxes at the sidewalk, and that until 85 percent of the patrons of the local postoffice properly numbered and equipped their homes with mail receptacles, the Postoffice Department would not start the delivery service.

Postmaster Frank Buchan explained the regulations and answered questions relative to the proposed service. Dr. L. B. McBrayer, Miss Alice May Holmes and others spoke in favor of its establishment, while opposed were Edgar T. Chapman, Miss Catherine Pierson and others.

In the report of Inspector Duff it was stated that there appeared to be little local demand for mail delivery. To ascertain more definitely the sentiment the meeting passed a resolution asking the Chamber of Commerce to conduct a postal card referendum, stating the points in favor and those against the proposal fairly to the postoffice patrons that they may express their desire. The meeting was presided over by Hugh J. Betterley, president of the Chamber of Commerce.

## 12 Cars Derailed in Aberdeen Train Wreck

Seaboard Traffic Delayed While Wrecking Crews Clear Tracks of Debris

Twelve cars of a southbound Seaboard freight train were derailed and many of them totally demolished when a coupling broke on a heavily loaded coal car as the train approached Aberdeen shortly after 4:00 o'clock Monday afternoon. The train was pulled by one of the Seaboard's new giant locomotives. Wreckage was strewn for nearly one-quarter of a mile along the main line, cars cut in two, tracks torn up. Traffic along the route was delayed for several hours while crews worked feverishly till the early morning hours to clear one track for passenger trains. No one was injured.

### REINECKE STARTS WORK ON NEW OFFICE BUILDING

E. W. Reinecke has started construction of a double office building on Pennsylvania avenue adjoining the recently finished Dr. Daniels building. Of brick and tile, the building will be one story in height, with 28 feet frontage and running back 45 feet. When completed it will be occupied by Attorney Duncan Matthews and E. W. Reinecke, probably by July 1st.

## 1935 Graduating Class, Southern Pines High School



In the photograph, taken by Eddy, are Back Row, standing: Miss Miller, teacher; Marion Isabelle Pelton, Ann McConnell Cameron, Sara Elizabeth DuRant, Hubert McMillar Cameron, Laura Frances Sparks, J. J. Stroud, Mary Margaret McCarr, D. Al. Blue, Jr., Mildred Dona Roth, Ruth Eleanor Atkins, Clem Wrenn, Jr., and Hazel Alberta Twombly; Front row, Eleanor Pauline Poe, Harold Burgess Fowler, Caroline Marie Lewis, William Winter, Jr., Sara Louise McCain, David Crockett Prillaman, Jean Woods Zimmerman, George Pottle, Eleanor Jane Grover and Lansing Tumulty Hall. One member of the class, Natalie Rose Alger, is not in the picture.

## H. E. PLEASANTS WINS PROMOTION FROM SEABOARD

Division Agent Here For Past Five Years Made Assistant General Passenger Agent

### ATLANTA HEADQUARTERS

Herman E. Pleasants, former resident of Aberdeen and well known throughout the Sandhills through his years of connection with the Seaboard Air Line Railway, this week received a well deserved promotion at the hands of his employer. After five years as division passenger agent of the Raleigh territory of the Seaboard, which includes this section, Mr. Pleasants has been made Assistant General Passenger Agent in charge of the Atlanta territory, effective tomorrow, June 1st.

As division passenger agent of this territory Mr. Pleasants has been deeply interested in the development of the Sandhills section. Pinehurst and Southern Pines have been "hobbies" with him, not only because they have been the main points of destination for winter travel from the north, but because he has long been an optimist on the subject of the growth of the Sandhills resorts, predicting a great future for them. He has spent much time here in his official capacity.

Mr. Pleasants will be succeeded in Raleigh by Charles G. Ward, who has been occupying the position of Traveling Passenger Agent at Tampa, Florida. He is a native of Florida and has spent his entire life in the south, entering the service of the Seaboard in 1918 in Quincy, Fla. Mr. Ward has been a valuable employe of the road since severing his connection with the U. S. Army. He served in the Mexican trouble in 1916 and also in the World War.

### SEAWELL, OF CARTHAGE WINS YADKIN TOURNAMENT

Herbert Seawell, Jr., of Carthage won the best ball medal tournament of the Yadkin Golf Club of Pinehurst with a net 71, after being in a three-way tie with Chester Williams of California and Dr. E. M. Medlin of Aberdeen.

J. A. Ferree and Purvis Ferree won the club best ball of pair with a 63, playing over the No. 1 course. Dr. M. W. Marr and the Rev. T. A. Cheatam tied for second place, with John Oglesby and Hubert McCaskill with a net 65.

### GRAND JURY GIVES OK TO COUNTY INSTITUTIONS

In a report signed by R. N. Page, Jr., foreman, the Grand Jury stated that conditions at the county home, prison camp and jail were found to be satisfactory, and that the court house records seemed to be well kept.

## Diplomas For 23 President of Queens-Chicora College Graduation Speaker Here Tonight

The Class of 1935 of Southern Pines High School, which comprises nine boys and 14 girls, will terminate its scholastic career insofar as the local institution is concerned, with the graduation exercises in the school auditorium tonight, Friday, starting at 8:30 o'clock. The program calls for the processional, followed by the invocation by the Rev. Father Charles Hannigan.

After a piano solo, "Elfin Dance," by Miss Bertha Fowler, Dr. William H. Frazier, president of Queens-Chicora College of Charlotte will make the commencement address to the Seniors. This will be followed by a song by the Lyric Club, with Miss Sara DuRant as soloist, the presentation of the D. A. R. medal for excellence in American History, the presentation of the American Legion Citizenship medal to Miss Sara Louise McCain, presentation of the Senior Class gift to the school, and a song by the Lyric Club.

Dr. George G. Herr, president of the School Board, will present the diplomas, after which the High School Glee Club will sing its Alma Mater song by Frederick Stanley Smith. The Rev. F. Craighill Brown will pronounce the benediction.

Honor students of the Senior Class are Miss Caroline Marie Lewis and David Crockett Prillaman. Class marshals are Lawrence Williams, chief; Mary Jane Woodward, Eleanor Eddy, Robert Beck and Walter Spaeth.

The baccalaureate sermon by Dr. Luther Little, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Charlotte, crowded the Church of Wide Fellowship last Sunday night, and the Class Day exercises were held in the High School auditorium last night under the direction of the Misses Sara Falkner, Selma Stegall and Pauline Miller and Mrs. Janie H. Simmerman.

The alumni of Southern Pines High School are cordially invited to join the alumni procession preceding the entrance of the Seniors Friday night, Principal Webster announces.

## Seven Divorces Domestic Troubles Feature Opening Day of Superior Court's Civil Term

A term of Superior Court for the trial of civil cases was begun in Carthage on Monday of this week with Judge Felix E. Alley presiding.

Divorces were granted on Monday in the following cases: Kathryn Faucett versus Lindsey Faucett; R. T. Winters versus Annie Mae Winters; Roselind S. Thomas versus Guy Thomas; Henry Britto versus Ruth Platt Britto; Mattie Lou Bryan versus E. L. Bryan; Fred McIver versus Virtha S. McIver; Florence Martin versus Virgil Martin.

## M. G. NICHOLS IS RE-ELECTED HEAD OF COUNTRY CLUB

Announcement of 80 New Members Features Annual Meeting of Stockholders

### GRASS GREENS FOR NO. 1

Announcement of more than 80 new members featured the annual meeting of stockholders of the Southern Pines Country Club, with enthusiastic reports from all officers and bright prospects for the coming season. The new associate membership and classification for residents, with its \$35 annual dues, has resulted in the acquisition of more than 60 new names on the club's rolls, the secretary announced.

M. G. Nichols was re-elected president at the meeting, and H. J. Betterley, Dr. J. W. Dickie and Frank Shamburger elected vice president. John C. Barron was reelected secretary and treasurer, and the following elected to the executive committee: Mr. Nichols, Mr. Barron, Mr. Betterley, Eugene C. Stevens and Nelson C. Hyde. The entire board of directors, with the exception of George C. Moore, who resigned, was re-elected.

The club is putting in grass tees on its No. 1 course, the course which will be open all summer, and hopes to have this work completed by the opening of the winter season. Plans are under way to make the clubhouse and grounds more attractive than ever and to greatly popularize the club, making it a social headquarters for Southern Pines as well as the golf center.

## Pilot Cooking School Attended by Hundreds

Mrs. Bushong Gives Interesting and Instructive Lectures at Two-Day Demonstration

Nearly two hundred women crowded into the Curb Market Building in Southern Pines Wednesday afternoon for the opening day of the two-day cooking school sponsored by The Pilot and the Carolina Power & Light Company, and another large crowd greeted Mrs. Vivian Bushong, home economics expert, at yesterday afternoon's session. Mrs. Bushong gave many valuable recipes during her interesting and instructive lectures, and demonstrated the use of modern electrical kitchen equipment as installed for the school by the light and power company.

Many merchants in the Sandhills contributed toward the success of the cooking school by donations of various articles to be used in the demonstrations, to appease the thirsts and appetites of those present, or for other purposes. Among these contributors were the A. & P. Tea Company, Coca-Cola Bottling Company (Please turn to page 8)

## REFINANCING PUTS PINEHURST, INC. ON FIRM FOUNDATION

Reorganization Effected Following Purchase of Notes Held by Bank in Liquidation

### FUTURE PROSPECTS BRIGHT

During the month of May Pinehurst, Inc., has completed the final readjustment of its affairs which the depression made it necessary for many business corporations to undertake. The year 1929 found the company somewhat over-expanded on account of its recent investments in the Pine Needles and Knollwood developments and with the losses sustained from operations during the next few years, the situation by 1932 called for some revisions of the capital structure.

These changes were worked out steadily but the collapse of the North Carolina Bank and Trust Company following the banking holiday and its subsequent liquidation made it necessary that a final settlement be made this spring. Additional capital being required, a group of the Pinehurst cottagers were approached with the result that the management received from them a most wholehearted and generous response and a sufficient sum was raised to buy out the North Carolina Bank and Trust Company notes.

The sum of \$100,000 in fresh capital was invested by this group and in the purchase of these notes and by means of other adjustments a net reduction of \$225,000 in the liabilities of the company has been made possible. This reduction in the indebtedness along with other improvements has made possible an annual saving in operations of more than \$60,000. Since the business has been able to operate on a profitable basis for the past two seasons, the prospects for the future are bright, even in the event that general business conditions do not show further immediate improvement.

### Further Improvements

This reorganization has made available for improvements and modernization some \$50,000 over and above the \$40,000 that was spent last summer for work of this nature. The grass greens that were so successful on the first three holes of the championship course, will be installed on the remaining 15 holes. Furthermore the entire course will be completely remodelled, lengthened by 500 yards from the back tees and at the same time considerably shortened over the present length from the front tees. These changes will make the course a better test of golf for the par golfer and at the same time a more enjoyable course for the average player.

The Carolina will also be well taken care of, much work being done through the bed rooms in the way of new furniture, new floors, new decorating, etc., and extensive changes are planned for the lobby and dining room. A new recreation room and game room is to be built and it is the intention to make this a special feature for the enjoyment of the guests and the visitors at the hotel from the cottage colony.

## Dr. Mudgett Planning Committee Chairman

Heads Campaign to Interest Property Owners in Renovation of Cottages

President Hugh J. Betterley of the Southern Pines Chamber of Commerce announced this week the appointment of the committee to plan for the renovation of rentable winter homes here for the coming season. Dr. William C. Mudgett is named chairman, and the other members are Mrs. Clara Pushee, Miss Catherine Pierson, Alfred Yeomans and Eugene C. Stevens.

As a result of a meeting of citizens called by the Commerce directors a week ago a campaign is to be launched in the hope of influencing owners of homes which they lease during the winter season to make them more attractive and the committee named is to formulate a program for enlisting their cooperation