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## "ROLL RIVER" WINS MAYFLOWER CUP FOR JAMES BOYD

State Literary and Historical  
Society Honors Southern  
Pines Author

### BEST BOOK OF 200 JUDGED

James Boyd of Southern Pines, who adopted North Carolina as his home and was in turn adopted by the state, last Friday night was awarded the Mayflower Cup for the best piece of creative writing published by a resident North Carolinian during the past year. His new book, "Roll River," was adjudged the most valuable of the 20 books submitted in competition.

The award was made at the final session of the 35th annual meeting of the State Literary and Historical Association, held in Raleigh. During the morning session the members of the association elected William T. Polk of Warrenton—whose avocation of writing fiction is fast overtaking his vocation of practicing law—as its president.

Mr. Polk is a fellow townsman of Mrs. Kate Pendleton Arrington who was re-elected president of the association's child, the State Art Society.

Dr. Albert Jay Nock of New York, who views the world with many misgivings but never with loud alarm, was the principal speaker at the final meeting.

#### Given Replica of Cup

Dr. M. C. S. Noble, first winner of the Mayflower Cup five years ago, made the presentation to Mr. Boyd. He presented him with a silver replica of the cup for his permanent possession. The cup itself is his for a year but with his permission will remain in the Hall of History, after his name has been engraved thereon.

The cup was presented to the association by the Society of the Mayflower. Previous winners have been Dr. Noble, Archibald Henderson, R. B. Vance and Erich W. Zimmerman. Mr. Boyd is the first author to win it who did not live in Chapel Hill.

James Boyd was born—47 years ago—in Pennsylvania, but moved to this state when he was 13. He is the author of three other novels, "Drums," "Marching On," and "Long Hunt." His new book, "Roll River," is the story of four generations of the Rand family. Its scene is a Pennsylvania town.

## Mrs. H. M. Pingley, Jr. Art Society Officer

Former Lucille Mudgett District  
Vice President of State  
Organization

Mrs. Henry M. Dingley, Jr., of Southern Pines was elected vice-president for the eighth district of the North Carolina State Art Society at its annual meeting held in Raleigh last week. Mrs. Dingley, the former Lucille Mudgett, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. William C. Mudgett, has been making a name in the world of art during the past few years with her paintings and miniatures. Her work was highly praised locally when a private exhibition of a number of her paintings was held in the Carolina Hotel in Pinehurst last winter.

Mrs. Katherine Pendle Arrington, Warrenton, known as "the fairy godmother of art in North Carolina," was again elected president of the Art Society, which she has headed for several years. Mrs. J. Walter Williamson, Wilmington; Mrs. Harold C. Dwelle, Charlotte; and Mrs. John D. McRay, Asheville, are vice-presidents; Mrs. Corinne McNeir, Chapel Hill, is secretary; and Mrs. James H. Corton, Raleigh, treasurer. Dr. Clarence Poe, Raleigh, was re-elected chairman of the executive committee. One vice-president was elected from each congressional district. The society held its annual art exhibition at the Sir Walter Hotel, this time by New England and North Carolina artists.

Sandhills shops have attractive Christmas offering. Patronize home industry.

## Novel Concert



MISS PEARL YOUNG

### Miss Young To Demonstrate New Instrument, Theremin, at High School Tonight

Miss Pearl Young, noted soloist of Arthur Pryor's band, Theremin artist, novelty musician and character impersonator, who is touring the country giving entertainments in schools, lodges, clubs and churches, will give concerts in the Southern Pines High School Auditorium this afternoon, at 4:00 o'clock and again in the evening at 8:00 o'clock.

The Theremin is a marvelous instrument which is affording much delight and wonder to the audiences throughout the country. The Theremin (Please turn to page 4)

## 20 AUTO CLUBS TO "SELL" U. S. 1 TO THE TOURIST

Highway Association Announces  
Year's Contract with Key-  
stone Group

A bulletin describing the publicity program and ultimate aims of the organization has been released by the U. S. Highway No. 1 association and is directed to "every business man and woman living on U. S. Highway No. 1."

The promotion program which was adopted by the executive committee of the organization at its last meeting and is now being put into action by President R. L. Burns, Secretary C. R. Lano and Finance Promoter H. M. Tschudy includes one year's contract with the Keystone Automobile Club of Philadelphia, Pa., to provide their entire service from their 20 offices, selling U. S. No. 1 directly and indirectly to the travelers.

Fifteen large highway signs to direct traffic onto U. S. No. 1 will be placed in strategic points through the north and south. The highway shield will be stencilled on all highway signs on the route.

The U. S. No. 1 "Travel Guide," a historical, pictorial publication of what is to be seen along the route is under preparation, along with several thousand Travel Guide maps.

Paper and Radio Publicity  
Newspaper publicity and radio broadcasts are provided for as well as direct publicity from the office of the secretary and frequent contact trips by a field publicity agent.

"At one time," the bulletin says, "U. S. No. 1 carried 90 percent of the tourist traffic north and south from Maine to Florida. The building of roads and, too, the lack of proper cooperation to relay traffic has cut down the percentage."

"First you must analyze your own personal location," the bulletin directed at individuals continues, "and you will find that tourist traffic can be taken off your highway on either side of you. At the same time your neighbor north and south of you 100 miles or less is confronted with the same picture and if neither of you are cooperating in the effort to send the traffic direct on your highway, you have lost."

General information and maps concerning the work of the association are obtainable from the secretary in Sanford.

## STUTZ CHAIRMAN OF BOARD NAMED TO RUN AIRPORT

County Commission Appoints  
Committee To Manage  
Field and Funds

### TALK OF LEASE HEARD

At a joint meeting of the Moore County Board of Commissioners and the County Planning Board held Wednesday afternoon in Carthage the management of the Knollwood Airport, now under County jurisdiction, was turned over for one year to a committee appointed by County Chairman W. H. Currie. Mayor D. G. Stutz of Southern Pines was named chairman of the committee, Richard Tufts of Pinehurst, secretary, and Howard Burns, Southern Pines, treasurer, with S. H. Miller of Carthage and L. R. Reynolds of High Falls as the other members.

This committee, it is understood, will oversee the work now in process under the Works Progress Administration of enlarging the field to meet the requirements of the U. S. Department of Commerce for the large transport planes, will act as agents for the special account set aside by the county for construction and maintenance, as well as such other funds as may be raised, and will either operate or lease the field for operation. It is reported that northern interests have been negotiating for a lease of the field during the past week.

With the improvements and enlargement of the Knollwood Airport an effort is to be made to place the Sandhills on the regular schedule of one or more of the air transport lines, putting this section within a few hours air run from the large north-eastern and mid-western centers.

## Many Schools Dropped from Accredited List

Southern Pines One of Few Retaining  
Membership in Southern  
Association

Forty-seven High schools of North Carolina were dropped last week from the accredited membership list of the Southern Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools. Of the 34 remaining on the list 16 are private schools. Southern Pines is one of the 18 public schools retaining membership in the association.

The schools were dropped because of the eight months term being insufficient to meet the association's requirements, because of excessive pupil load on teachers, because salary schedules are below the \$900 minimum set by the association, or because of lack of library facilities for pupils.

Graduates of the 47 schools dropped from membership will be faced with the prospect of taking entrance examinations to enter colleges outside the state.

However, they will not have to take examinations to enter North Carolina colleges if the high school from which they are graduated is on the State approved list.

## ABERDEEN PUPILS TO GIVE CHRISTMAS ENTERTAINMENT

The grammar school children will present a Christmas entertainment at the Aberdeen High School auditorium next Thursday evening, December 19th at 8 o'clock. Admission will be 15c and 25c. The entertainment will consist of two plays, dances and Christmas carols. The school will benefit, the proceeds going for supplies of the grammar school.

## SOUTHERN PINES SCHOOL AIDS ROGERS MEMORIAL

Pupils of the Southern Pines School last week contributed \$18.43 to the Will Rogers Memorial Fund. More than 50 percent of the pupils made contributions, 258 in all. A letter of thanks and appreciation was received this week from the State Committee of the Rogers fund.

## May Seek British Title



Mrs. Glenna Collett Vare

## Glenna Collett Tries Out New Grass Greens Here

### Mail Early

Postmaster Buchan Asks Public's  
Cooperation in Hand-  
ling Christmas Rush

Postmaster Frank Buchan of Southern Pines is requesting patrons of the postoffice here to bear in mind that during the eight days preceding Christmas the amount of mail handled is several times greater than at any other time during the year and asks the public's cooperation.

"Please assist us by wrapping packages securely, plainly addressing them, and mailing early. Not only well before Christmas, but in the day, that is between 9:00 a. m. and 4:00 p. m.," Mr. Buchan said. "So many people wait until late in the afternoon to mail their packages that it makes it difficult for the clerks to give the service we want to give."

On the Saturday before Christmas, December 21st, the postoffice will remain open all day.

## FULLER PORTRAIT GIVEN TO STATE SUPREME COURT

A portrait of the late W. W. Fuller, former general counsel of the American Tobacco Company, was presented to the State Supreme Court in Raleigh by members of the Fuller family on Tuesday. It will be hung in the court's library with other paintings of outstanding members of the bar. The presentation speech was delivered by Junius Parker, who succeeded Mr. Fuller as the tobacco company's counsel, and accepted by Chief Justice W. P. Stacy.

Mr. Fuller was the father of Mrs. Nat S. Hurd and Staples Fuller of Pinehurst, both of whom were present at the presentation ceremony.

## VASS COTTON MILLS LOSES GINNING PLANT BY FIRE

The ginning plant of the Vass Cotton Mills Company was totally destroyed by fire on Thursday night of last week. The blaze was discovered about nine-thirty o'clock, half an hour after the night watchman had visited the gin on his regular round. Local firemen were able to keep the fire from spreading to nearby buildings. The plant was insured.

## REPUBLIC STEEL CORP. HEAD LEASES RESIDENCE

Tom M. Girdler of Cleveland, Ohio, president of the Republic Steel Corporation, and Mrs. Girdler this week leased the residence of Dr. Arthur Ramsay on Weymouth Heights, near the Highland Pines Inn, for the winter season. Mr. and Mrs. Girdler plan to arrive next week. Mr. Girdler is sending a number of hunters to be stabled at The Paddock.

## 3 HAVE NARROW ESCAPE IN FIRE IN COUNCIL HOME

Mrs. Council Saves Children as  
Flames Wreck East Broad  
Street Dwelling

### KITTENS LOSE LIVES

Mrs. Clyde Council and two small children barely escaped with their lives from the flames which wrecked their home on East Broad street, near Maine avenue, Southern Pines at 2 o'clock Wednesday morning. Awakened by the roar of the fire already enveloping the kitchen and rear of the house Mrs. Council managed to shove and drag the children through the smoke to safety outside where, clad only in their night clothing, they sought refuge from the biting cold in the home of J. W. Atkinson.

The alarm telephoned by Mrs. J. W. Atkinson to the night operators of the telephone company, was promptly transmitted to the fire company which responded with its usual celerity. The firemen found a hard battle on their hands, the fire having spread rapidly, gutting most of the house and destroying the furnishings.

The house, a small one-story structure, insured in the Barnum agency, was the property of Clyde Council, recently assigned to the Cheraw office of the Carolina Power and Light Co. Mr. Council, notified by telephone, arrived from Cheraw shortly before 5:00 o'clock.

No cause can be assigned for the origin of the fire which spread so rapidly that several kittens, pets of the children, lost their lives.

## Former Law Partner of President Honored

Basil O'Connor of New York is  
Given Dinner at Pine  
Needles Inn

President Franklin D. Roosevelt was honored by proxy last Friday night at the Pine Needles Inn when many leaders of affairs in the Sandhills gathered around the banquet table at which sat as the guest of the evening Basil O'Connor of New York, Mr. Roosevelt's law partner before he became Governor of New York. The party for Mr. O'Connor was arranged by J. Talbot Johnson of Aberdeen and Harrison Stutts of Pinehurst.

Mr. O'Connor spent a week at the Pine Needles, having with him Jesse Reigel, well known New York broker. They spent the greater part of their time on the golf course with their friend Emmett E. Boone, the new Pine Needles Inn proprietor.

At the dinner, most of whom made informal talks during the evening, were Congressman Walter Lambeth, Julius Smith, president of the North Carolina Bar Association, former Mayor Robert King of Greensboro, Judge R. H. Sykes of Durham, Sherwood Brockwell, Robert Strang and Todd Smith of Raleigh, Fred Bynum of Rockingham, and the following Sandhills residents: Senator U. L. Spence, M. G. Boyette, Judge J. Vance Rowe, Frank Buchan, Dr. Robert Shepard, Shields Cameron, S. B. Richardson, Dr. J. W. Dickie, W. D. Matthews, Howard Burns, Nelson C. Hyde, Frank McCluer, I. C. Sledge, S. R. Jellison, Jack McNamara, Mr. Boone, Sr., Mr. Boone, Jr., Mr. Johnson and Mr. Stutts.

## AMERICAN LEGION TO SPONSOR TURKEY SHOOT

The Sandhill Post of the American Legion, number 134, will sponsor a turkey shoot at the Pinehurst Gun Club tomorrow, Saturday afternoon, starting at 2:00 o'clock, it was announced yesterday by John G. Hemmer, commander of the post.

The shoot will be open to all Legionnaires and ex-service men of this section and the public is cordially invited. Profits derived from the shoot will be used toward helping to increase the Post's rapidly dwindling welfare fund.