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PLANTING TO BE 1936 PROJECT OF COMMERCE BODY

**Directors Vote to Continue
Southern Pines Beautifica-
tion on a Broad Scale**

TO LAUNCH CAMPAIGN

Continuation of its program of town beautification through planting was decided upon as the major 1936 project of the Southern Pines Chamber of Commerce at the regular meeting of the board of directors held Tuesday noon in the Highland Lodge. An educational campaign to secure the cooperation of all property owners and residents with a view to increasing the planting of flowering shrubs and bulbs is to be launched at once. The setting out of azaleas, rhododendron, wisteria and flowering peaches in the yards of private homes and wherever possible is to be urged upon the residents.

In addition, the Chamber of Commerce will endeavor to raise funds for a large amount of planting on its own part. It desires to continue the successful work it has done in the parkways on Broad street and in the parking along the approaches to town on U. S. No. 1 highway. It was planned at the meeting to plant at least 5,000 Darwin tulips and jonquils in the parkways from the Seaboard station south to Massachusetts avenue. This will greatly beautify this section during March and early April.

Intensive Campaign

Struthers Burt and Manager John Fitzgerald of the Mid-Pines Club stressed the need of continuing the program of beautification which has made Southern Pines famous throughout the country, and the motion to make planting the major 1936 project was unanimously passed. President Hugh J. Betterley appointed the following committee to promote the campaign and to push it to fulfillment: Dr. George G. Herr, chairman; S. B. Richardson and John J. Fitzgerald. An intensive campaign will be inaugurated at once for the support of all those who are in sympathy with the Chamber's work along this line.

The next meeting of the board will be held at the Mid-Pines Club on Monday, December 30th, the members accepting the invitation of Mr. Fitzgerald to meet at his inn.

Henry A. Matthews of Lakeview Dies at 69

**Native of Yadkin County Had
Been Resident of This Sec-
tion For Many Years**

Henry A. Matthews, widely-known real estate man of Moore county, passed away at his home in Lakeview on Friday morning of last week. He was 69 years of age, and had been confined to his home by paralysis for several months.

The funeral service was held in the Vass Methodist Church at 2:00 o'clock Sunday afternoon with many more people in attendance than the church could seat. The pastor, the Rev. L. M. Hall, read comforting passages of scripture and a choir composed of members of the various churches sang hymns. Dr. L. M. Matthews of Sanford sang "There is Rest for the Weary."

The following friends served as pall bearers: C. L. Tyson, N. N. McLean and A. M. Calhoun of Vass, and Winfred Causey, Hiram McInnis and Atlas Eastwood of Lakeview. The body was laid to rest in Johnson's Grove cemetery.

Mr. Matthews was a native of Yadkin county, but had made his home in Moore for many years, residing at Cameron, Vass, and for the past several years in Lakeview. He was formerly quite active in the real estate business and through his efforts many families from the western counties were attracted to farms in this section. He was an officer in the Vass Methodist Church, and until he became ill was one of its most faithful attendants. The throng of people

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Clothing Needed

**Warm Garments For School
Children Will Be Made
Over by Committee**

Now that Winter approaches there is an immediate need for adequate clothing for some of the pupils of the Southern Pines school. Shoes, stockings and underwear suitable for ages 6 to 16 years are most particularly desired, though any apparel will be acceptable to the committee which will repair and alter contributions to fit individual needs. A card sent to Mrs. Herbert Knowles, Mrs. John Walker, Mrs. Margaret White or Mrs. Irene Schaeffer will bring a call for the donation.

Church Services for Sunday and Christmas

**Children's Exercises to Take
Place of Union Service This
Sunday Night**

At the Southern Pines Baptist Church the Rev. J. Fred Stimson will preach Sunday morning on "When Jesus Was Born." In the evening at 7:45 the Children's Christmas Service will be held.

Each Southern Pines church is having its own Christmas evening service for the children this Sunday in place of the usual Union service.

The subject of the lesson sermon Sunday at the Christian Science Church will be "Is the Universe Including Man Evolved by Atomic Force?"

In memory of the moment of the birth of our savior the holy sacrifice of the Mass will be offered at midnight on Christmas Eve at St. Anthony's Catholic Church. Special music has been prepared and a High Mass will be sung. The Christmas Crib has been placed in the church before which all may pause and see represented the actual stable of Bethlehem. Mass will be offered at 8:00 and 10:30 Christmas day.

Christmas services at the Church of Wide Fellowship include a sermon on "The Incarnation" by Dr. C. Rexford Raymond and special music by the choir, at 11:00 a. m. At 7:30 p. m. the young people will give the pageant, "When the Chimes Rang," with carols and the candle-lighting ceremonies. On Christmas night, Wednesday at 7:30, the Sunday School festival will include the Christmas play, "What Child is This?"

UNHURT IN "CRACK-UP"

"Bill" Fisher of Southern Pines, U. S. Army flier, is reported to have "cracked up" his ship while returning to Mineola, L. I., from his recent flight to Southern Pines. The accident is reported to have happened in New Jersey. Fisher was unhurt. No other details have been learned here.

Christmas Gift Worship Sunday Night at Church in Pinehurst

**Pageant and Music Service To
Be Followed by Remem-
brances For Needy Ones**

Merchandising reports throughout the country indicate that this year the Christmas stockings of Uncle Sam's family will be fuller and tighter than for many a year. The amount estimated being spent sounds like a New Deal appropriation for raking up leaves. It is a matter of some millions, or maybe billions. It doesn't matter. What does matter is that right around our own communities there are some little folks, you know, little Santa Claus folks, whose stockings are going to be a lot slimmer than their faith in a never forgetful Santa unless we remember them and make our own Christmas complete by doing just that little extra which, for them, will make the difference between radiant joy on Christmas morning and a too early experience of the bitterness of disappointment—the hardness of a forgetful world.

There are so many kind people who would do anything, and give anything, even themselves, if they knew just how to have a share in some child's

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SAY J. D. McLEAN, DENIED RE-TRIAL, INNOCENT VICTIM

**Attorneys Issue Defence of For-
mer Tax Collector, Sentenc-
ed to Serve Three Years**

OUTCOME OF OIL DEAL

After denial of a new trial by the Supreme Court, attorneys for J. D. McLean of Cameron, former Moore county tax collector, sentenced at the January term of Moore county Superior Court to serve three years for embezzlement, issued a statement maintaining his innocence of any intention of wrongdoing and calling their client a victim of circumstances. Their statement, in part, says:

"The prosecution grew out of the venture of Dr. A. H. McLeod of Aberdeen, D. A. McLauchlin of Vass, former chairman of the Moore county Board of Commissioners and then cashier of the now defunct Bank of Vass, and Mr. McLean in buying out the Carolina Central Oil Company of Sanford.

"Messrs. McLauchlin and McLean, with Stacy Brewer, former member of the lower House of the North Carolina General Assembly from Moore county, had been operating what was known as the Greensboro Oil Company, with headquarters at Greensboro. Deciding to enlarge their business, which was concerned with the state distributorship of well-known oil products, they entered into negotiations for the purchase of the Sanford concern, and made a deal by which Dr. McLeod and Messrs. McLean and McLauchlin were to purchase it for approximately \$38,000. Each of the three was to put up \$5,000 and the remainder was to be paid out of the profit of the merged company.

"McLean was general manager and treasurer of the company after it was taken over by these parties. The

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MOTHER OF MURDOCH McLEOD DIES AT HOME HERE

Mrs. Margaret Currie McLeod, 79, widow of the late Murdoch McLeod, died at her home near Pinehurst Wednesday after a brief illness.

Two daughters, Miss Isabel and Miss Currie, of Ellise Academy, Hemp, N. C., and three sons, Graham of Laurinburg, Ebert of Timberland, and the Rev. Murdoch McLeod, former pastor of Pinehurst Community Church and now pastor of Moore Memorial Presbyterian church, Nashville, Tenn., survive.

The funeral was held at Shiloh Presbyterian Church near Sanatorium yesterday afternoon. Mrs. McLeod was a charter member of this church, and her pastor, the Rev. A. D. Coswell, officiated at the service.

No Mail Distributed on Christmas Day

**But Southern Pines Office Will
Remain Open on Christmas
Eve**

No mail will be handled in the Southern Pines postoffice on Christmas Day. Outgoing mail will be dispatched but incoming mail will not be distributed, with two exceptions: Perishables and special delivery.

If the mail train Christmas Eve is late, postoffice clerks will remain on duty until it is distributed to the boxes, and the postoffice remain open to boxholders. The parcel post window will remain open Christmas Eve.

Postmaster Frank Buchan said yesterday that his office was adhering to the Postoffice Department's wish to give the employees Christmas Day off.

MELVIN BROTHERS OPEN STORE IN SOUTHERN PINES

Melvin Brothers, Inc., of Aberdeen this week opened a store in the Welch Arcade Building on West Broad street, Southern Pines, to deal in general merchandise.

Santa Claus Explains His Position Regarding Cigarette Smoking

Die 3 Days Apart

**Harrison and Daniel Ferree of
Aberdeen Pass Away in
Washington**

Harrison Ferree died in Washington, D. C., on December 8th.

Daniel J. Ferree died in Washington on December 11th.

Brothers, they were the surviving sons of the late Mr. and Mrs. James Marshall Ferree. The family formerly lived in Aberdeen. The young men's father died something over a year ago, leaving an estate of considerable proportions and the two sons were the sole heirs. News of their deaths within three days of one another came as a severe shock to the many friends of the young men in this section. The cause of their demise is not known here.

Harrison Ferree was 37 years of age, Daniel 26. They attended Aberdeen schools as boys and were popular with their fellow pupils.

Funeral services were held in the Deep Creek Baptist Church near Aberdeen on December 9th and 15th, respectively, with a large number of friends attending each service. The Rev. Myron M. Adams performed the last rites.

Death Claims One Of Oldest Residents

**Mrs. Charles B. Grout, Resident
of Southern Pines for Nearly
Fifty Years, Passes Friday**

Death came to one of the oldest and best loved residents of Southern Pines last Friday afternoon, and Mrs. Emma H. Grout, aged 85 years, passed to her last rest. Born in Holliston, Mass., Aug. 4, 1850, Emma Holbrook married Charles B. Grout in Boston, Christmas Day, 1873, and with her husband came from Wilson, N. Y., to Southern Pines in 1886, and for the nearly half a century of her residence here lived a serene and friendly life endearing her not only to her more immediate friends and neighbors, but to many of the more recent visitors. Active in all of the many earlier organizations for betterment, and beautification, Mrs. Grout since the death of her husband May 12, 1934, has lived a retired life, happy in the visits of many friends.

Funeral services were held in her late home on Broad street at five o'clock Sunday afternoon, the Rev. J. Fred Stimson officiating, and the body was taken to her former home, Wilson, N. Y., by Miss Vera Chase. Additional services were held there before interment.

Miss Mabel Abbott, of Holliston, Mass., is the only surviving relative of Mrs. Grout.

NEILL M. McKEITHEN WEDS MISS BIGGS IN LUMBERTON

Announcements were received by friends here this week of the marriage of Miss Sarah Margaret Biggs, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Murchison Biggs of Lumberton, to Neill Archibald McKeithen of Lumberton. Neill McKeithen is the son of Mrs. Neil A. McKeithen of Carthage and has been engaged in business in Lumberton for some time. The ceremony was performed on Tuesday, December 17th in Lumberton, where Mr. and Mrs. McKeithen will make their home.

SOUTHERN PINES ENLARGES LIQUOR STORE BUILDING

The building owned by the Town of Southern Pines on West New Hampshire avenue, formerly known as the Maze Building, is being enlarged to provide additional space for the Wilson County Alcohol Beverage Control store. A 24x26 foot addition of hollow tile is under construction in the rear, J. D. Arey of Southern Pines having the contract. No change is planned in the quarters of the Chief of Police, whose office is also located in the building.

And Asks For List of Boys and Girls Who Obey Parents and Tell the Truth

From No. 1 Longleaf Pine Boulevard, Wiregrass Heights, N. C., comes a letter to The Pilot about that Santa Claus letter in last week's issue:

"Having known Santa Claus for many years and having been engaged by him to send names of good and bad little girls and boys to his office, immediately after reading Attorney Olmsted's letter and the editor's comment I sent him the following telegram:

"Hon. Santa Claus,
Aurora Borealis,
Aurus, Poli.

"Do you endorse any brand of cigarettes and do you approve of smoking by women and children stop What is your favorite smoke. (Signed) Nicititate Nicotinia."

"When I get a letter from Santa Claus he usually writes at the top of it, and in red ink, this command: 'Not for publication or repeating. Destroy at once.'

"As every one knows this lovable gentleman avoids publicity but dearly loves to get letters from young people. He knows that he does not need advertising in his business. He works twelve hours each day, Sundays excepted, sleeps six hours and plays six. I have often wondered how he keeps so fat and is active so long while I am so thin notwithstanding that he is my great uncle, twenty-three times removed. Speaking of our kinship reminds me that 'Nic' or 'Old Nic' is the name he likes best to be called by.

Santa's Telegram

"But I was about to forget sending you a copy of Santa Claus' telegram. It was the longest I ever got and I am sure glad it was prepaid. Here is the telegram, word for word and verbatim:

"Nicititate Nicotinia,
Southern Pines, N. C.

"My dear Nephew:

"I endorse all brands of cigarettes, cigars and smoking tobacco but prohibit the use of my name or picture stop I do not approve smoking by mothers or anyone ever expecting to become a mother nor should a boy or girl smoke before they are privileged to vote stop I smoke a clay pipe in winter and a corncomb pipe in summer; and, mainly for the reason that cigars and cigarettes interfere with proper driving of Dunder, Blitzen and my other reindeer stop There is a rumor that I will drive an automobile on my next visit but this is not true stop I wish to say here that I never will abandon my reindeer teams stop They are flesh and blood and appeal to the heart stop My old heart becomes lonesome at times and reindeer are a great comfort to me stop Speaking of comfort reminds me that of the hundreds of thousands of letters I get from boys and girls it is rare that anyone sends their love to my wife Christine or to my boys and girls stop I have six boys and six girls and the girls are named for the first six months and the boys for the remainder stop Most of my toys are made by these boys and girls and Christine helps me part of the time and supervises the work of our children stop Send me the names of all girls and boys in your township who obey their parents, tell the truth and do not use bad language; and if you do this honestly, well, something may happen when I pass your house stop Thank you for the long list of boys and girls stop Yours for a happy Christmas. (Signed) Nic."

"P. S. Some boys and a few girls do not get as many Christmas presents as others stop Sometimes this is because they hide from their parents bad deeds they have done stop I want them to know that they can never hide anything from Nic stop I am the oldest man in the world and my dear Christine and twelve fine boys and girls will help me celebrate my 1936th birthday next week. (Signed) Nic."

Only four more shopping days before Christmas, Better hurry. Patronize your home town shops.

MAYOR CALLS FOR UNITED EFFORT TO CURB ACCIDENTS

**Stutz Asks Cooperation of Civic
Groups, Schools and Mo-
torists in Campaign**

A STATE-WIDE EFFORT

Mayor D. G. Stutz of Southern Pines this week endorsed the nationwide movement for accident prevention and motor vehicle law enforcement, issuing the following proclamation:

"Where the President of the United States, has called on the people to unite in a national effort to cut down the rising tide of death and destruction on the streets and highways of the nation;

"Whereas the Governor of North Carolina has pledged the cooperation of this state in this national effort;

"Whereas the Law Enforcing Officers of North Carolina have inaugurated through The Institute of Government a systematic and continuous program of Accident Prevention and Motor Vehicle Law Enforcement through the distribution of 500,000 copies of 'Guides to Highway Safety,'

"Now, therefore, I, Dorsey G. Stutz, Mayor of Southern Pines, call upon all high school authorities, all local officials and employees, all citizens' organizations and automobile drivers, and the heads of all business enterprises, to procure and study 'Guides to Highway Safety' without delay and to devote the first meetings of their respective organizations in January, 1935, to a program of accident prevention and motor vehicle law enforcement as the starting point of a larger program of crime prevention and criminal law enforcement."

Mayor Stutz outlined the program which is being given great impetus throughout North Carolina in the hope of curbing the tremendous loss of life on the highways. The program calls for:

1. Distribution during December of 500,000 copies of "Guides to Highway Safety" as the basis of instruction (1) to all officials and employees in city halls, county court houses, and state departments; (2) to members of citizens organizations, business houses, and automobile drivers, (3) to 150,000 students and teachers in 851 high schools, as the beginning of a state-wide program of accident prevention and motor vehicle law enforcement.

11. Systematic discussion during the first weeks of January (1) by 150,000 students and teachers in 851 high schools, (2) by all citizens organizations of men and women, (3) by members of all business organizations, (4) by city councils, county commissioners, and all groups of public officials and employees.

III. Systematic Instruction in Schools of Law Enforcing Officers to be conducted every month in every city and county of the state by Judges and Solicitors of the Superior Courts, Recorders' Courts, Sheriffs and Chiefs of Police, analyzing accidents of the previous month and mapping out programs of prevention for next month.

MRS. JENNIE L. HENSLEY WEDS ALVIN E. LEAVITT

The marriage of Mrs. Jennie Lee Hensley of Pinehurst and Alvin E. Leavitt of Raleigh was solemnized Sunday, December 8th, in South Boston, Virginia. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. Frank C. Riley, pastor of the First Baptist Church. Mrs. Leavitt is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. K. W. McLeod of Carthage and the groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Leavitt of Carthage. They will make their home at Pinehurst.

KIWANIS DANCE TONIGHT

Judging from the number of tickets sold, the Kiwanis Club dance at the Southern Pines Country Club tonight, Friday, bids fair to be one of the gayest events of the Christmas holiday season. Tickets at two dollars per gentleman will also be sold at the door. The dance is for the benefit of the club's Hospital Bed Fund.