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BEST SEASON IN YEARS ENJOYED IN SANDHILLS AREA

Hotel and Recreation Facilities Have Been Taxed to Limit to Meet Demands

REAL ESTATE ACTIVE

With the Sandhills vacation season nearly at an end it seems fitting that a quick survey be made of the situation that is responsible for a great proportion of this resort area's annual income.

From every quarter, during the past month, have come nothing but the most encouraging reports of the volume of business enjoyed by the local shops and the resort enterprises in Southern Pines and Pinehurst and observation would lead to the same conclusion.

This year, for the first time since 1929, hotels all over the area were forced to turn away prospective guests for protracted periods. "Reservations in advance" was a wise precaution to take.

Some estimates of the total volume of business for the season in our two adjoining communities have run as high as fifty per cent above the last three years and considerably above the 1929 volume. And that in spite of the fact that this past season was somewhat shorter than in bygone years.

Golf, the principal diversion heretofore, has enjoyed an almost unprecedented boom. The Pine Needles season was so successful that it was thought that the installation of grass greens on the Donald Ross golf course there was an advisable improvement for next season, and the hotel, itself, will be enlarged within the next two years. Tentative plans for that work are already under consideration.

More Grass Greens

At Pinehurst Country Club frequent comparisons of this year's guest registrations with similar periods in the past years have revealed nothing but increases, and large ones at that, and there, too, grass greens are being installed on No. 1 course and preparations made to open another of the courses for next season's anticipated further increases.

Southern Pines Country Club has enjoyed a prosperous year and the major golf tournaments all over the area have drawn larger and finer fields than for several years past.

The horse, too, has come into his own again. This year has seen a large increase in the number of horses in the area and all of the events, from the winter training routine at the Pinehurst Race Track to the steepchase meeting, enjoyed the most prosperous season in years.

But one of the most encouraging features of the entire year has been the demand for cottages and real estate in general in the area. And it has been a seller's market. More homes (Please turn to page four)

Dr. Graham Speaker at Elise Graduation

Commencement Program for Hemp School Opens With Debate on May 5

The Commencement program for Elise Academy, at Hemp was announced this week as follows:

Wednesday, May 5, 8:00 p. m.—Debate, "Resolved: That the government should own and operate all electric light and power utilities."

Friday, May 7, 8:00 p. m.—Musical Recital; Sunday, May 9, 11:00 a. m.—Baccalaureate Sermon, the Rev. W. S. Golden, Carthage; 8:00 p. m.—Annual sermon before the young people by the Rev. R. G. Matheson, Jackson Springs; Monday, May 10, 8:00 p. m.—Class Day Exercises, "The Open Road"; Tuesday, May 11, 10:30 a. m.—radiation Exercises, Address by Dr. Frank Graham, president of University of North Carolina; 2:00 p. m.—Baseball Game, Elise Academy vs. Southern Pines High School; 8:00 p. m.—Annual Senior Play, "Anything Might Happen."

Twenty to Receive Diplomas at Pinehurst School on Thursday

Dr. H. J. Derthick Commencement Speaker. — Baccalaureate Sermon Sunday Morning

The Pinehurst Public Schools will begin their Commencement program this Sunday morning, May 2, when the baccalaureate sermon will be delivered in the Pinehurst Community Church by the Rev. James Appleby of Maxton. On Wednesday morning, May 5, at 10:00 o'clock the seventh grade will present a play, "Ultra-Modern School." On Thursday morning, May 6, the seventh grade will receive their certificates. Dr. D. E. Earnhardt of Murphersboro will make the address. Before Dr. Earnhardt's address there will be a Reading and Declamatory contest by a group of boys and girls of the seventh grade. The certificates will be awarded by a member of the School board.

The Senior Class Day program will be given on Thursday evening, May 6. This program is under the direction of Miss Mildred Petway, the senior class sponsor. On Friday evening, May 7 the Commencement address will be made by Dr. H. J. Derthick, president of Milligan College in Tennessee. Prizes, medals and diplomas will be awarded. There are twenty members of this year's senior class who expect to receive their diplomas.

The public is cordially invited.

PLANS COMPLETED FOR JUNIOR TEAM IN LEGION LEAGUE

Sandhills Youngsters To Compete in National Race For Baseball Honors

Last night at a meeting attended by the appointed representatives of the combined civic organizations of Southern Pines, sitting with the American Legion Committee on the Junior Baseball Program, plans were virtually completed to place an American Legion Junior Baseball team in the field to represent the Sandhills. There are still a few details to be settled before the completed plans are announced but the joint committee expressed itself as well pleased with developments to date and is confident that the local Junior Legion team will give a good account of itself in the forthcoming campaign.

The American Legion Junior Baseball team will be (Please turn to page eight)

Music Festival Next Thursday in S. P. School

Each Grade To Take Part in Interesting Program in Local Auditorium

The Music Festival given annually by the pupils of the Southern Pines Schools will take place in the school auditorium next Thursday evening, May 6 at 8:15 o'clock. Under the direction of Frederick Stanley Smith, the public school music supervisor, an interesting program has been prepared. Each grade from the first through the high school will contribute its share.

The program will consist of songs in costume, action songs, rhythmic drills, and melodic drills by the pupils of the primary grades; folk songs, art songs, and rote songs in two parts by pupils in the pre-high school grades. The seventh grade chorus will sing several three part songs. The girls' glee club and the mixed chorus will sing numbers from the works of Palestrina, Le Hale, Bach, Brahms, and some Russian and German folk songs. Some of the primary grades will be accompanied at the piano by pupils of Mr. Smith.

There will be a small admission charge for this concert. Heretofore these programs have been given free to the public, but this year it is hoped to realize a sum sufficient to purchase new music books. The proceeds of the concert are to go to this fund.

To Address Seniors



DR. H. J. DERTHICK

PINEHURST VOTES SUPPLEMENT FOR 9-MONTH SCHOOL

Overwhelming Majority For Additional Tax Assessment Voted in District

LEVY IS 15 CENTS PER \$100.

At the special election called last Thursday at the Pinehurst Community House, voters in the Pinehurst School District voted 358 to 98 in favor of the proposed additional school tax assessment of 15c per \$100.00 of property valuation for the purpose of improving the existing school facilities and the lengthening of the school year.

Previous to the election Pinehurst has been committed to an eight months school year, but the outcome of last Thursday's balloting provides for a nine months term. According to Superintendent of Schools W. P. Morton, the school term next year will start one week earlier than in previous years. Christmas vacation will be curtailed by one week and two weeks will be added at the end of the regular school year. In that way the additional month will be made up.

The increased school tax assessment of 15c per \$100.00 of property valuation will, it is estimated, make about \$4,000.00 of additional funds per annum available to be used to meet the additional running expenses that will be incurred through the extension of the school year. (Please turn to page eight)

AMERICAN LEGION DRIVE FOR MEMBERS UNDER WAY

On last Saturday, April 24th, Sandhills Post No. 1344 of the American Legion entered upon an intensive membership drive aimed at increasing the post's membership by about one-third of its present number.

Commander Rassic Wicker of Pinehurst has set a quota of three renewals of membership or new members per Legionnaire and each one who makes his quota will receive a pair of membership wings, to be worn on his Legion cap, to signify that he has done his share in the campaign for new members. Statistics show that approximately one-third of the present American Legion roles consist of a turnover membership and this campaign is aimed at correction of that condition.

The campaign will conclude with a meeting at Legion Hall, Maine avenue and Broad street, Southern Pines, on Thursday evening, May 13th, at 8:00 o'clock. The entertainment committee in charge of this meeting will consist of L. V. O'Callaghan, L. L. Woolley and F. M. Dwight, and Commander Wicker and the committee expect this to be the best meeting of the season.

Dues for new memberships and renewals can be mailed or given to Finance Officer O'Callaghan or Adjutant L. D. Williams.

HOSPITALIZATION FOR TWO CENTS A DAY IS EXPLAINED

Kiwanis Hear of Group Plan For Budgeting Their Possible Casualties

GRISSETTE IS SPEAKER

The two cents a day plan to take care of hospital bills was explained to members of the Kiwanis Club of Aberdeen Wednesday noon in the Crystal Room of the Carolina hotel in Pinehurst by Felix A. Grisetete, executive director of the Hospital Saving Association of North Carolina, Inc. After telling the Kiwanians that North Carolina was the first state in the union adopting the plan as covering the whole state, Mr. Grisetete told how it worked and so interested the members that they threw questions at him for half an hour after his talk had ended.

It seems that the plan originated in the Carolina hotel, from a suggestion made by Dr. I. H. Manning of Chapel Hill at a medical society convention several years ago. Now it has grown to a point where there are 25,000 members in North Carolina alone, more than one million in the nation. A Duke Endowment grant helped to get it started and it's been a snowball since.

The idea is that organized groups of workers in plants, or clubs, or churches, may subscribe to the plan, pay 60 cents a month and insure themselves against hospital bills. Any group is eligible as long as 50 percent of the group subscribes. There is a 65-year old age limit, however, but if you enroll before you are 65 you keep on being covered afterwards. If you have to go to a hospital, your bill for treatment is taken care of for 21 days. You just give the hospital manager your membership card and he sends his bill to the association.

The plan helps the individual, the hospital (through simplified collections) and the doctors, the latter indirectly. For many doctors previously have found that patients paid their hospital bills and forgot to pay them. Now they can pay the doctor because they have already provided for their hospitalization.

The Kiwanians were so interested they are talking about taking out membership as a group. The Moore County Hospital, like practically all hospitals in the state, are members of the association—that is, they accept the terms of the association and bill the association for the members.

It was announced at the Kiwanis meeting Wednesday that W. Kerr Scott, State Commissioner of Agriculture, would be the speaker at next week's meeting, to be held on Wednesday in the Community House at Aberdeen.

HOMER J. FORSYTHE DIES IN MOORE CO. HOSPITAL

Failing to rally from an operation after peritonitis had set in, Homer J. Forsythe of Montclair, N. J., and a winter resident at Pinehurst for many years, died yesterday afternoon in Moore County Hospital. He was 52 years old.

Mr. Forsythe, a prominent member of the Tin Whistles Club at Pinehurst Country Club, came to Pinehurst about six weeks ago and has been a guest at the Carolina Hotel.

Mr. Forsythe had been an executive of General Motors Corporation for the past 16 years.

Mrs. Forsythe and his daughter were with him at the time of his death.

Burial will be at Montclair, N. J., on Saturday.

CARL THOMPSON, JR., JOINS NEWS & OBSERVER STAFF

Carl Thompson, Jr., of Southern Pines, who has been managing editor of the Sanford Herald for nearly two years, has accepted a position on the editorial staff of the Raleigh News & Observer. He takes a place made vacant by the resignation of E. C. Daniel, Jr., of Raleigh who has (Please turn to page four)

His Pupils Win



FREDERICK STANLEY SMITH

Once again the Southern Pines High School Glee Club has won first place in the annual State Music contest, held in Greensboro. The Southern Pines club rightfully belongs in the list of Class C schools as it has a pupil enrollment of less than two hundred. For the past two years, however, Mr. Smith has been having the club compete with Class B (Please turn to page eight)

BURT SEES LACK OF COOPERATIVE EFFORT IN CITY

Old Spirit of Pulling Together for Common Good Lacking, Author Tells Chamber

Lack of the spirit of cooperation for the good of the community was vociferously lamented by Struthers Burt at the meeting of directors of the Chamber of Commerce of Southern Pines. Mr. Burt stated that when he first came here one of the things that most impressed him was the pulling together of all factions for the common good. He says this no longer seems to be the spirit of the citizens, and he made a stirring plea for united effort, "one for all and all for one."

The Chamber entertained as its guests on Tuesday several citizens prominent in horse and hunting activities here, James and Jackson Boyd, Almet Jenks, Mrs. W. O. Moss. Will (Please turn to page four)

Mrs. Heyward, Early Settler Here, Passes

Was Charter Member and One Time President of Civic Club in Southern Pines

Funeral services conducted by the Rev. J. Fred Stimson were held in the Clark Funeral Home at 4:00 Wednesday afternoon for Mrs. Annie Valentine Heyward, widow of the late Charles P. Heyward, III for several months. Mrs. Heyward died Wednesday morning at the New England House, Southern Pines where she had spent the winter.

Born in Freeport, N. Y., in 1855, the daughter of Valentine Bergen, and Elizabeth Carman Bergen, prominent descendants of early settlers of Long Island, Mrs. Heyward came to Pinehurst with her husband at the turn of the century, and following a few seasons there, to the old Piney Woods Inn in 1904. In 1910 they built a home in a then undeveloped section, at Massachusetts avenue and Weymouth Road, residing there until 1928 when they built a new home on Kensington road.

As a charter member of the Civic Club Mrs. Heyward was active in its affairs for many years, holding the office of president, treasurer and various chairmanships. A daughter, Mrs. Florence Herr, of Boston survives.

Interment will be in the family plot in Greenfield cemetery, Hempstead, N. Y.

UCUS TONIGHT TO NAME MAYOR, COMMISSIONERS

No Opposition Seen For Stutz for Reelection; Several in Field for Board

ELECTION NEXT TUESDAY

With Election Day only four days away, the voters of Southern Pines will meet in town caucus tonight at the high school auditorium to nominate candidates for Mayor and Town Commissioners, from which list of nominees the offices will be filled as a result of the balloting scheduled for Tuesday, May 4th.

Only qualified voters may participate in the elections and, with the registration books now open at the office of the City Clerk, Howard Burns, in the Municipal Building, all persons who are qualified to vote should see that they are properly registered.

The election will be held on Tuesday at the Municipal Building on East Broad street and at that time a Mayor and five Commissioners will be elected from the list of nominees in the caucus tonight.

During the last few days there has been considerable discussion on the street regarding possible candidates. It appears, at the present time, that there will be no opposition to the reelection of Mayor Dorsey G. Stutz. It is understood, however, that he is making no intensive campaign for reelection. Mayor Stutz has been sitting with the Board of Commissioners for 18 years, either as Mayor or Commissioner.

Competition for Board

From reputable sources it has been learned that there will be strong competition for the Board of Commissioners. The present incumbents, L. V. O'Callaghan, Charles T. Patch, George W. Case, Eugene C. Stevens and Dr. L. M. Daniels, will undoubtedly all stand for reelection and the following names are expected to be put in nomination in caucus this evening: Robert L. Hart, Paul T. Barnum, Alfred B. Yeomans, Herbert N. Cameron and Hugh Betterley.

While it is understood that the last named group have signified their willingness to allow their names to be put in nomination for the Board of Commissioners, there is an impenetrable atmosphere of secrecy surrounding the situation and it is improbable that any of them will definitely commit themselves until the caucus meets tonight.

As to policy, that of the present Board is already well known and it is expected that other nominees will make their position clear between tonight and Tuesday morning.

It is also possible that the matter of acquiring the property adjoining (Please turn to page four)

200 Attend Annual Thistle Club Picnic

Bridge Follows Luncheon at Country Club.—Mrs. Spaeth Elected President

The annual picnic of the Thistle Club was held at the Southern Pines Country Club on Wednesday of this week with over two hundred present. This is the occasion when this otherwise feminine organization lets the bars down invites husbands and friends as its guests. After luncheon, thirteen tables of bridge were in play with prizes for high score going to Mrs. Earl Merrill, Mrs. James S. Milliken, Mrs. Warren Cummings, Mrs. George Proctor, Mrs. C. L. Warner, Mrs. Elmer Davis, Mrs. Rachel Richards, Mrs. E. V. Perkins, Mrs. Walter Spaeth, Mrs. A. E. Bruce, Mrs. Walter Ives, Mrs. Ernest Morrell and Miss Erma Fisher.

At the Thistle Club's annual business meeting a week ago, the following officers were elected for the coming year. Mrs. Walter Spaeth, president; Mrs. Harry Gage, vice-president; Mrs. Charles Warner, treasurer; Mrs. Greer Stutz, secretary; and Mrs. George Proctor, corresponding secretary.