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1937 BUILDER'S CUP AWARDED TO MRS. CHEATHAM

Kiwanis Club Makes Presentation for "Outstanding Service to Community"

100 ATTEND DINNER

The Sandhills paid homage to its womankind last night.

For the first time in the history of the Sandhills Kiwanis Club, the Kiwanis Builder's Cup, awarded periodically to a resident of the community adjudged to have performed some outstanding community service, was presented to a woman, Mrs. Thaddeus A. Cheatham of Pinehurst.

The honor is conferred after a vote is taken by representatives of civic organizations in the various villages comprising the Sandhills section, and Mrs. Cheatham was the unanimous selection of this committee this year. The presentation was made at the annual Alumni meeting and Ladies' night of the Kiwanis Club, J. Talbot Johnson of Aberdeen, one of the first presidents of the local Kiwanis Club, making the address.

Mr. Johnson paid high tribute to Mrs. Cheatham for her untiring efforts and devotion to the cause of humanity in Moore county. For years Mrs. Cheatham has served as chairman of the County Tuberculosis Committee, and her efforts in this regard have been rewarded by a marked decrease in the disease throughout this section. In her own home town, Pinehurst, where the work of fighting the disease has been going on longer than in other sections, tuberculosis has been practically wiped out. Throughout these years of fight, fight, fight, Mrs. Cheatham has been the motivating power behind the committee in its work, the inspiration of her co-workers, untiring whether in campaign for funds or in the actual work of overseeing the treatment of cases.

Christmas Thought

Mrs. Cheatham, with her husband, the Rev. Dr. T. A. Cheatham of the Village Chapel in Pinehurst, has also been active for many years in seeing that underprivileged children of the community were not overlooked on Christmas Day. Dr. and Mrs. Cheatham personally have raised funds each Christmas time and filled baskets with fruits and gifts for the less fortunate of the community.

The recipient of the 1937 Builder's Cup was completely taken by surprise last night, but responded to the presentation with a few words of appreciation.

Others to whom the Kiwanis Club presented its trophy in the past were Leonard Tufts, John R. McQueen, the late Bion H. Butler, Simeon B. Chapin, P. Frank Buchan and Dr. H. E. Bowman, recipient of the cup last year.

Last night's party at the Southern Pines Country Club was a most enjoyable one. The program started during dinner with Charles W. Picquet, the club's immediate past president, acting as toastmaster. A quartet comprising Dr. Robert P. Shepard, Frank Buchan, Mr. Picquet and Willard L. Dunlop, sang several numbers. Mrs. Picquet and Mrs. A. J. McKelway sang pleasing duets. The ladies and the club's former members were welcomed to the gathering by Kiwanis President Ralph Chandler, Mrs. Paul Dana responding on behalf of the former and County Solicitor M. G. Boyette for the alumni.

The principal speech of the evening was made by Norman Shepard, prominent attorney of Smithfield and a former lieutenant governor of this Kiwanis district.

Nearly 100 enjoyed the occasion and a fine dinner served by the Country Club.

PARTY AT PINE NEEDLES

The Three Arts Group, newly organized for the promotion of painting, music and dramatic arts in the Sandhills, gave a bridge party and entertainment last Friday night at the Pine Needles clubhouse.

Opening Gymkhana of Season in Southern Pines This Afternoon

Six Events on Program for Horses and Rides, Including Broom Polo and Sack Race

The gymkhana season in Southern Pines opens this afternoon, Friday, with a fine program of six events, starting at 3:00 o'clock.

There will be a Junior Jumping class, for youngsters 17 years old or younger, with a number of entries from both Pinehurst and Southern Pines. Featuring the "stunt" part of the program, which is always exciting and usually amusing, will be a Sack Race, in which the riders dash to one end of the ring, leap from their horses, climb into burlap bags and endeavor to run back to the starting point on foot.

Some of the best hunters and jumpers in the Sandhills will be seen in the Open Jumping class, in which the competition is always keen. This is to be followed by a Broom Polo match. The riders choose up sides, are furnished with old brooms, then play a regular polo game using a big rubber ball. It is probable that there'll be a little inter-town battle in this event, for the plan is to pit the riders from Pinehurst against those from Southern Pines, and start a series of these matches to run through the season.

Another jumping event will be a Touch and Out class, in which a horse and rider are eliminated as soon as the horse ticks a fence. The one "going clean" the longest wins. The program will wind up with the good old favorite Musical Stalls, with everybody battling for the few available stalls.

There'll be attractive ribbons for 1st, 2nd and 3rd horses in this season's classes, Mr. Burke announced, stating that he had ordered the ribbons in New York for delivery before Friday's gymkhana. Championship ribbons and trophies will be awarded at the end of the season to those who have scored the most points in various classes throughout the winter.

No charge is made to witness these equestrian events, though a charge of fifty cents per car is made for ringside parking. Season parking spaces sell for five dollars, and many of these have already been spoken for. A good crowd is expected at the show ring for this opening event. The gymkhanas in Southern Pines will alternate weekly with those in Pinehurst throughout the season.

Tobacco Market in Aberdeen Ends Season

Sales Average \$3.25 a Hundred Higher Than Last Year, With 3,000,000 Lbs. Total

Aberdeen closed its tobacco season on Wednesday, with a price average paid to the farmers (to December 1st) of \$22.63 a hundred pounds. This is \$3.25 higher than last year's average price.

Aberdeen's total sales up to December 1st were 2,865,835 pounds. Sales during November totaled 905,388 pounds. Sales since the first of the month have shoved the season's total well above the 3,000,000 pound mark.

Carthage sales for the season, to December 1st, totaled 2,429,097 pounds, at an average of \$21.69 a hundred. Sales in the county's capital were less than half the Aberdeen sales during November, 437,181 pounds. The Carthage average for the season, to the first of the month, is \$1.23 less than last season.

The average for sales in North Carolina for the season, all markets, to December 1st was \$23.25 a hundred, only 85 cents per 100 higher than during the 1936 season. Total sales of the 137 warehouses reporting in the state to December 1st were 287,128,208 pounds. Wilson led in total sales to the first of the month with 66,816,548 pounds at an average price paid of \$24.93.

AIR SERVICE RESUMED

The Eastern Air Lines this week put Raleigh back on its regular North-South schedule, served by multi-motored Douglas planes.

Two Needy Cases

Money and Food Asked for Families in Distress as Christmas Nears

There are two families in Southern Pines needing immediate assistance in money and food as Christmas nears. They have not applied for help, but their cases have been investigated and the need is great.

Postmaster Frank Buchan will be glad to receive any contributions for these families. Help to make their Christmas a happy one.

H. E. THROWER, 53, DIES AT HOME IN SOUTHERN PINES

Proprietor of Thrower's Pharmacy for Past 16 Years Had Been Ill For Year

BURIAL IN HENDERSON

Following an illness of nearly a year's duration, Hiram Eldridge Thrower, aged 53 years, died in his home on Vermont avenue, Southern Pines, early yesterday morning.

A son of the late James Robert and Ann Eliza Thrower, of Henderson, Mr. Thrower married Miss Florence Currin, also of Henderson, in April, 1912. Coming from Bladenboro, where he had established a pharmacy, Mr. Thrower in 1921 visioned a wider field for his skill and knowledge in Southern Pines, and opened the pharmacy on Broad street familiar to all residents for the past 16 years as "Thrower's".

Though Mr. Thrower devoted most of his time to his business interests and his home, he enjoyed a wide acquaintance throughout the Sandhills and had endeared himself to all who knew him intimately. He had not been active in civic affairs for some time, though he was deeply interested in the progress and well-being of the community. He was a charter member of the Kiwanis Club here, but had not been a member in recent years. He was a communicant at the Emmanuel Episcopal Church.

Funeral services will be held in the residence of Mrs. J. L. Currin, West Sarnett street, Henderson, at 2:00 o'clock today, conducted by his pastor, the Rev. F. Craighill Brown, of Emmanuel Episcopal Church here, assisted by the Rev. Isaac Hughes of Holy Church and the Rev. A. S. Hals, of the Baptist Church of Henderson.

Surviving are his widow, a sister, Miss Eugenie Thrower of Henderson, a brother, D. W. Thrower of Chicago.

THISLE CLUB TO HAVE SPECIAL CHRISTMAS PARTY

The Thisle Club will give a special Christmas bridge party in the Southern Pines Country Club on Monday, December 27 at 2:30 p. m. This affair is to be an "open" party and members are privileged to bring guests.

Owing to the fact that Christmas and New Years come on Saturday, the regular club day, the dates for those two weeks have been changed to Monday, December 27 and Monday, January 3, respectively. The usual club day will be resumed on Saturday, January 8.

CHRISTMAS MUSIC PROGRAM AT ABERDEEN PRESBYTERIAN

The combined choirs of the Presbyterian churches of Aberdeen will give a program of Christmas anthems, carols, solos and choruses at 11:00 o'clock next Sunday morning. The public is invited to take part in this program of devotional music. A Christmas tree and an evening of Christmas fun will be held for the Bethesda Sunday School on Wednesday evening at 7:30 o'clock.

SPENCE TO HEAD DELEGATION TO U. S.-1 HEARING

Large Group from Sandhills to Urge Re-routing of Highway Through Raleigh

TRAFFIC DIVERTED THERE

The fight over the change of routing U. S. Highway No. 1 through Raleigh will be carried to the State Highway and Public Works Commission next Wednesday by a group of business, hotel and service station men from Aberdeen, Pinehurst, Southern Pines, Sanford and other cities along the route south of Raleigh.

The object of the mass attack on the commission is to have the route changed back from passing through the business section of Raleigh to Hillsboro street, the more direct and much wider thoroughfare from which it was removed some time ago at the behest of Raleigh business men. Since then there has been much complaint on the part of tourists that they are forced to wade through the labyrinths of the shopping center of the capitol, that they lose valuable time, and that they frequently lose their way, finding themselves on other southbound routes after they have left Raleigh.

U. L. Spence Spokesman

The Southern Pines Chamber of Commerce passed resolutions at its last directors' meeting, the Sandhills Kiwanis Club at its last meeting, urging members to attend the hearing called in Raleigh for the 2nd, and a sizeable delegation is expected from here. Aberdeen and Pinehurst Chambers of Commerce are also sending representatives. Union L. Spence of Carthage, former chairman of the Roads Committee of the State House of Representatives, will represent Sandhills interests as spokesman of the group.

Others who plan to go from here are Emmet E. Boone of the Pine Needles Inn, John J. Fitzgerald of the Mid-Pines Club, City Commissioner E. C. Stevens and City Clerk Howard F. Burns of Southern Pines, J. Vance Rowe and J. Talbot Johnson of Aberdeen, and L. L. Biddle, II, president of the Pinehurst Chamber of Commerce.

The importance of the change has been stressed upon local delegates by hotel, restaurant and filling station people here, who report that the travel over U. S. No. 1 this season is much lighter than in former years. Most of this traffic is diverted at Raleigh due to the indirect route through town and the ease of getting on the route which carries the traveler through Fayetteville and Raeford.

Grass Fire Sweeps Midland Road Section

Fire Wardens and Pinehurst and Southern Pines Departments Fight Spread to Homes

One of the most serious grass fires in some time in this section broke out early yesterday afternoon on the northeast side of the double road between Pinehurst and Southern Pines, and spread rapidly in the direction of the Knollwood Airport. Fire wardens and the department from both towns were pressed into service to prevent damage to houses and other buildings in the vicinity. No great property damage is expected, as the flames did not appear to rise to proportions which would ruin trees.

POSTOFFICE TO REMAIN OPEN ALL DAY SATURDAY

Postoffices in Aberdeen, Pinehurst and Southern Pines will remain open all day tomorrow, Saturday, for the accommodation of those desiring to mail Christmas parcels.

Postmasters of these respective offices hope that by keeping open tomorrow patrons will cooperate in avoiding the usual last minute Christmas mailing rush. Mail this week, not next.

Citizens Launch Vigorous Campaign to Attract New Industries to Aberdeen

"Where's Your Card?"

Ask This Question to Youngsters Selling Holly Before Purchasing

So many boys, mostly colored youngsters, sold holly which they had stolen from private property during the holidays last winter that Chief of Police Gargis of Southern Pines has issued identification cards this year and urges those who are approached by these boys to insist upon seeing their cards. The chief is issuing the cards only to those known to be honest and after investigation of the source of their supply.

VERNER Z. REED REELECTED HEAD OF STEEPLECHASE

Fourth Annual Race Meeting To Be Held in March; Work on Course Started

MAY BUILD GRANDSTAND

With officers elected for the coming year and the date selected for "Race Day," work will go ahead rapidly now in preparation for the fourth annual meeting of the Sandhills Steeplechase & Racing Association in March. Already men are busy at the Barber Estate course, whitewashing fences, re-arranging brush and timber jumps, and putting the brush, timber and flat tracks in tip-top condition. Plans are also in the air for the erection of a grandstand prior to the races.

At the annual meeting of directors of the association, Verner Z. Reed, Jr., was re-elected president, with the following other officers: Vice-presidents, Nelson C. Hyde and Almet Jenks; Secretary & Treasurer, L. L. Biddle, II; Racing Secretary, Richard Wallach, and Chairman of the General Committee, Sprigg D. Camden. It was announced that Harry F. O'Hara would assist the officers in supervising work at the race course and in preparations for the March meeting.

The directors voted to ask the National Steeplechase and Hunts Association for sanction for the annual race meeting here on a Saturday two weeks prior to the running of the Carolina Cup races at Camden, S. C., which will mean either March 12th or 19th for the local races.

Richard Wallach, of Warrenton, Va., was here last week and stated that he looked for good entries in this year's brush, flat and hurdle races, and quality though possibly not quantity in the timber event as but few timber horses are ready for the season's racing that early in the year. Mr. Wallach will be back for the remainder of the season soon after the first of the year and may bring with him a number of steeplechase horses to be schooled here.

TO SING "NIGHT OF HOLY MEMORIES" SUNDAY NIGHT

"Night of Holy Memories," a Christmas choir cantata by Ira B. Wilson, will be presented at the union service of the Baptist Church and the Church of Wide Fellowship on Sunday evening at 8:00 o'clock in the Baptist church. The cantata has been especially prepared for this service by a Baptist choir of 15 voices under the direction of Mrs. L. D. Williams. It is throughout a composition of rare beauty, notable both for its melodious quality and widely varied units—solos, duets, mixed duets, trios, etc. Its second presentation in Southern Pines is in response to repeated requests from those who heard it at its first rendition. "Night of Holy Memories" is a fitting beginning for Christmas week. Everyone will be most welcome.

One Hundred and Fifty At Meeting Hear Plans and Pledge support to Project

NEW FACTORY IN SIGHT

A virorous campaign to interest industrial enterprises in coming to Aberdeen was launched at a meeting of the Aberdeen Chamber of Commerce and public spirited citizens on Tuesday night, and machinery set in motion to bring about the desired end. Aberdeen, ideally situated as it is for manufacturing plants, has long felt the need of more "payrolls," and if the spirit manifested at Tuesday's meeting is any criterion, no stones will be left unturned in the present campaign for increasing the size and importance of the city.

The purpose of the meeting was to familiarize citizens with methods of procedure and to solicit full cooperation of all in a united effort, and it was felt after the gathering that the purpose had been accomplished. One hundred and fifty attended and were enthusiastic over the possibilities presented. They were told of the unique advantages Aberdeen enjoys for the attraction of certain industries, and that industries are to be had if proper efforts are made. But they were told that no one was going to bring an industry to Aberdeen unsolicited; Aberdeen must make the first move.

State Agent Pledges Aid

Present at the meeting from out of town were State Industrial Agent J. T. Anderson, A. L. Monroe, industrial agent of the Carolina Power & Light Company, John M. Howarth, local C. P. & L. industrial agent, and Warren T. White, general industrial agent of the Seaboard Air Line Railway.

Mr. Anderson gave a common sense talk and assured the town of his full cooperation. Mr. White and Mr. Monroe were equally interesting and expressed a strong desire to be of service.

Several prospective manufacturers have been contacted and it is possible that a contract will be made with at least one of these at an early date. This will involve the erection of a \$30,000 to \$40,000 building, sites for which are already under option.

Mrs. Adela Henderson Dies at Her Home Here

Had Been Resident of Southern Pines 13 Years. Funeral Held Last Sunday

Funeral services conducted by her pastor, the Rev. Voight O. Taylor, were held in the Church of Wide Fellowship in Southern Pines, at 3:00 o'clock last Sunday afternoon for Mrs. Adela L. Henderson, who died in her home on May street, at 11:00 o'clock Friday night following an illness of several months duration.

Mrs. Henderson, the widow of Robert Henderson, was the daughter of J. S. Pickle and Henrietta Lamb Pickle, born in Pittsburgh in 1874, and came from that city with her son Robert and daughter Jane 13 years ago, becoming a resident and building the home on May street a year later. She is survived by her son, Robert, a daughter, Mrs. Douglas Gregory, and a grandson, J. D. Gregory, Jr., a sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. John Jayme, all of Southern Pines.

Of a quiet and retiring disposition, Mrs. Henderson attracted a number of sincere friends whose sympathy is particularly extended to her son, Robert, slowly recovering from a recent attack of pneumonia.

CANDLE-LIGHT SERVICE

Christmas music by three choirs, adult, young people's and junior, and the congregational participation in the singing of Christmas Carols will comprise the order of worship at the annual candle-light Christmas worship at the Pinehurst Community Church at 8:00 o'clock Sunday night.