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\$2,200 IN PURSES FOR STEEPLECHASE RACE MEET HERE

Sandhills Association Increases Prize Awards by \$500 Over Last Year's Event

\$1,000 FOR FEATURE RACE

The Executive Committee of the Sandhills Steeplechase & Racing Association at a meeting yesterday voted to increase the size of the purses for the fourth annual race meeting to be held on the Barber Estate course on the Midland Road this March offering \$2200 in prize money \$500 more than the awards of last year's meet.

A purse of \$1,000 will be given in the feature race of the program, The Yackin, two and one-half miles over the brush course, and in each of the other four events the purse will be \$300. Trophies will be awarded in addition to the purses in several of the races, and Verner Z. Reed, Jr., president of the local association, is donating a challenge bowl for the winner of the Sandhills Cup event, three miles over timber.

Those present at yesterday's meeting, held in the office of the secretary, L. L. Biddle, II in Pinehurst, were Mr. Reed, Almet Jenks, Nelson C. Hyde, Mr. Biddle, James Tufts, Harry O'Hara, Dion Kerr and Richard Wallach. Mr. Wallach, racing secretary of the association, arrived yesterday from Warrenton, Va., to remain here until after the races.

March 19 Probable Date

Definite word as to the date of the annual race meeting has not been received from the National Steeplechase & Hunts Association, but Saturday, March 19th has been applied for and there is believed to be no reason why the national body will not award it. Except for the Washington birthday races at Camden, S. C., next month, the Sandhills meeting will be the first of the season with meetings following on successive Saturdays through the spring. Aiken is expected to return to the schedule this year after a lapse, on the Saturday following Sandhills. The Carolina Cup event at Camden follows on April 2d, with the Deep Run meeting at Richmond the following Saturday. Then follow races at Baltimore, Middleburg and Warrenton, Va., and other northern points.

It was also decided at yesterday's meeting to change the local course prior to the March meeting, putting the timber jumps on the inside course where the flat races have been held, and running the flat and hurdle events on the Bermuda-grassed outside course.

The card for this year will call for one timber race, the feature brush race, a maiden brush race, a hurdle race and a flat race.

DEDICATE NEW CHURCH IN PINEBLUFF SUNDAY

The new home of the Church of the Holy Child, in Pinebluff, will be dedicated on Sunday with services at 11:00. The Right Rev. Eugene McGuinness, D. D., Roman Catholic Bishop of this diocese, will officiate at the dedication, and a choir of children from Notre Dame Academy, Southern Pines, directed by Miss Dooley of Ilchester, Md., will sing.

On Sunday afternoon there will be a reception for Bishop McGuinness by St. Anthony's Church, Southern Pines, from 3:00 to 5:00 o'clock at the Highland Pines Inn.

PAYNE TRIAL ON

The trial of Bill Payne and "Wash" Turner is under way at Asheville and a number from Moore county are in attendance, among them Mrs. George C. Penn, mother of State Highway Patrolman George Penn they are accused of murdering. Others at the trial during the week were Dr. and Mrs. Charles T. Grier, Mrs. W. G. Brown and Judge H. F. Seawell, all of Carthage.

The Census report shows 1,883 bales of cotton ginned in Moore county to January 16, double the previous year's total.

Mrs. Neville Weds L. L. Biddle, II This Morning in Philadelphia, Pa.

Will Reside at Sunny Ridge Farm, Pinehurst Upon Return Here Next Week

Livingston Ludlow Biddle, 2d, of Pinehurst, son of Colonel Anthony J. Drexel Biddle and Mrs. Biddle, prominent socialites of Philadelphia, will be married this morning in Philadelphia to Mrs. Suzanne Hutchinson Neville of Pinehurst and Philadelphia, daughter of Mrs. Andrew S. Burke and the late Rev. Andrew S. Burke of Philadelphia. The ceremony will be performed by Judge E. V. Alessandro and in the afternoon the couple will receive the Church Blessing at the All Saints Episcopal Church of Wynnewood Pa. The ceremony will be private and witnessed by the groom's parents, his sister, Mrs. T. Markoe Robertson of Old Westbury, L. I., Thaddeus M. Daly and Miss Esther Daly of Philadelphia.

Mrs. Neville received her decree of divorce from James M. Neville of Philadelphia last October 25 in Philadelphia, gaining custody of her seven-year old son, Warwick Fay Neville, who is now at the Fay School in Southboro, Mass. She has been a winter resident off and on here for the past 14 years with her mother at their residence in Knollwood. Summers have been spent in Newport where she is very active socially. Mrs. Neville was introduced to Philadelphia society in 1925, having just finished at Miss Master's at Dobb's Ferry. Her father, the late Rev. Andrew S. Burke, was a prominent rector and the All Saints Church at Wynnewood was built for his pastorate.

Mr. Biddle's marriage to Kate Page Biddle, daughter of the late Congressman Robert N. Page and Mrs. Page of Aberdeen, was dissolved by divorce in Reno on February 23, 1937.

The custody of their son, Livingston L. Biddle, III, was settled amicably and he is now in the care of his mother at Warrenton, Va., where he is in school. Mr. Biddle served in the Marine Corps during the World War. Shortly after the war he came to Pinehurst where he was engaged for several years in the peach business. He later entered the real estate and insurance business, in which he is now engaged. Mr. Biddle attended St. Paul's School in Concord, N. H., and Princeton University. His brother, Anthony J. Drexel Biddle, Jr., is Ambassador to Poland.

Mr. Biddle is a member of the Racquet and Tennis Club of New York City and holds many prominent offices in various civic organizations in the Sandhills. He is president of the Pinehurst Chamber of Commerce, president of the Moore County Forestry Association, president of the Mid-Pines Club, a director of the Moore County Hospital, secretary and treasurer of the Sandhills Steeplechase Association and assistant treasurer of the Pinehurst Religious Association.

They will return to Pinehurst the first of the week, making their home at Mr. Biddle's estate, Sunny Ridge Farm.

MRS. JOHN McHUGH DIES AT HOME IN SOUTHERN PINES

Mrs. Mary Keith McHugh, widow of the late John J. McHugh died in her home on East Broad street, Southern Pines Monday night following a brief illness. Born in Canada, April 24, 1888, Mary Keith came to Southern Pines with Miss Ervinia Thompson of the Cedar Pines Villa, and married John McHugh in 1926.

Funeral services conducted by the Rev. T. A. Williams were held in St. Anthony's Roman Catholic Church at 10:00 o'clock Wednesday morning. Interment followed at Mount Hope Cemetery.

MRS. KIRKOVER DIES

Word was received here yesterday of the death of Mrs. Harry D. Kirkover of Camden S. C. a former winter resident of Southern Pines. Mrs. Kirkover has been ill for some time. Mr. Kirkover is well known here through his activities in hunt racing and field trials.

No funeral arrangements had been announced at the time The Pilot went to press.

New Talc Mine

Rich Deposit Found in Mt. Carmel Section of County Starts Offers for Land

Discovery of a new deposits of virgin talc in the Mt. Carmel section of Moore county has recently been made. The tract of land on which the talc is located is owned in part by a Baltimore man, the rest by local people. One man is said to have been offered a \$5,000 profit on his home when it was learned that the house was located over a rich talc deposits.

BRIDGE EXPERTS OF STATE GATHER HERE FOR TOURNAMENT

Two Hundred Expected for Matches at The Carolina, Starting Friday Evening

BOWKER PICKS DANIELS

By Frances Folley Butler

Bridge experts of the South are preparing for the second annual Pinehurst Mid-Southern bridge tournament to determine the regional champions, in the competition to be held at The Carolina Hotel this weekend. Mrs. Anna Baker Fenner of Tarboro, chairman of the committee, estimates that 200 of the Mid-South's best contract players will compete, as well as northern guests in the Sandhills.

All entries will play in the qualifying match this evening, Friday, at which session about 40 per cent of the field will be eliminated. On Saturday afternoon the second round will be contested and the 16 highest scorers will move into the finals, to be dealt on Saturday evening.

The Carolina is putting up the silver trophies, which will consist of a handsome pair of cups, suitably engraved, to the champions, an additional pair of similarly engraved cups to the runners-up, as well as cups for the top scorers in each section. In all, there are approximately 50 trophies to be distributed and they are now on display in the lobby of the hotel.

J. R. Bowker and Philip S. P. Randolph, Jr., both of Pinehurst and high scorers last year, will not be able to defend their title as Carolinas' champions as Mr. Randolph is in New Orleans where he is training a stable of race horses. Mr. Bowker, however, is entering the tournament with Dr. L. M. Daniels of Southern Pines as a partner.

Stars of State Coming
Mrs. Fenner reports that practically all of the outstanding contract players from The Carolinas and Virginia will be represented. Ross Lindsey and A. L. Breeden of Bennettsville, winners of the visitors grand trophy last year, will be contestants again and will offer stiff competition. Among the outstanding players from Charlotte will be Ralph Van Landingham, Jr., and George Houston, both members of the Executive Committee and among those who originated the idea of the bridge tournament at Pinehurst. Capus Waynick, former chairman of the State Highway Commission, and Mrs. Waynick, of High Point, although not

MRS. ARTHUR J. SPRAGUE DIES AT HER HOME HERE

Mrs. Lucy D. Sprague, aged 87 years, died in the home of her son, Earl D. Sprague, No. 6 Ridge street Southern Pines, Tuesday afternoon. Accompanied by her son the body was taken to Pittsfield, Mass., Wednesday night. Mrs. Sprague, the widow of Arthur J. Sprague, was born in Pittsfield, February 25, 1851, and funeral services will be held in her native town.

For a number of years Mr. Sprague and his mother have been seasonal residents of Southern Pines.

SAFETY FILMS TO BE SHOWN HERE NEXT WEDNESDAY

Three Pictures in State's Cam- paign for Safe Driving Free to All at Carolina Theatre

APPALLING STATISTICS

Three will be shown in the Southern Pines theatre, the Carolina, next Wednesday, February 2 at 12:30, three short pictures on safety education. This is a part of the state-wide campaign for reducing and minimizing accidents on the highways. The films to be shown are: "Formations," "Safety Patrols" and "Precisely So." These pictures will emphasize the safe driving of automobiles, pedestrian safety and the work that the schools are doing to promote safety. The films are sponsored by the State Highway Safety Division and personally recommended by Arthur Faulk, Director of Safety on the Highways for the State of North Carolina.

The Southern Pines School wishes to thank Charles W. Picquet for the use of the Carolina Theatre for this educational promotion of safety in the schools and community. School children from grades five through the Senior class will attend this showing and any interested patrons or friends will be welcome.

It is true that:

1. Nearly as many people were killed in the United States by automobiles on the day "The Morro Castle" burned as lost their lives on ship.
2. In 18 months of the World War 50,510 Americans were killed. In eighteen months of 1935-36 51,500 persons were killed in automobile accidents in the United States.
3. An average of about three persons per day are killed by automobiles in North Carolina. 1,095 were killed in 1935.
4. In 1934 North Carolina advertised higher death rate per 100,000 cars than 43 other states and a higher death rate per 1,000,000 gallons of gasoline than 45 other states.
5. According to statistics, one child out of every three faces the probability of being killed or injured in a motor accident before he lives out his normal span of life.

Each and every accident has a cause.

Three Arts Group To Open Exhibit Saturday

Private Showing For Members and Exhibitors To Be Followed by Public Viewing

Starting this Sunday and continuing through next Friday, the recently organized Three Arts Group of the Sandhills will hold its first annual Art Exhibit, in the Civic Club, Southern Pines. There is to be a private showing tomorrow, Saturday, from 2:00 to 5:00 p. m. to which all exhibitors and members of the Group are invited, and the exhibit is open to the public starting on Sunday. The hours will be from 1:00 to 5:00 daily.

The rules for the independent, no jury exhibition as set forth by the Group for this exhibition are:

All works must be original. They may be paintings, drawings, etchings, sculpture, wood carving or batek.

Exhibitors outside the Group may send one, two or three things. In case of too many pictures it may be impossible to hang as many as three pictures by the same artist, but at least one will be hung. They must be delivered to the Civic Club unwrapped, Saturday morning, January 29, and called for Friday, February 4, after 5:00 o'clock p. m.

Although they will take all possible care of these works the Three Arts Group and Civic Club cannot be responsible for loss or damage. An effort will be made to sell all works on exhibition that are for sale, 10 percent of purchase price to go toward expenses of exhibition.

All pictures must be framed and a wire on the back. On back of each work exhibited there must be a card on which is written by the artists his

Rec'd Crowd Expected For Birthday Ball Tonight

Plads For Support



ROBERT R. REYNOLDS
United States Senator

COMMUNITY HOUSE ASS'N. IN ABERDEEN TO BUILD HOME

Loss of Meeting Place for Group Gatherings Has Been Keenly Felt

Plans were set in motion this week in Aberdeen to provide the town with a new Community House.

Members of the Community House Association have been holding a series of meetings for some time, and on Monday evening at a gathering at the home of Mrs. W. A. Blue it was definitely decided to proceed with a campaign for financing the much needed building.

For the past two months the various civic, literary and charity organizations have had no place for entertainments, meetings and such, and the loss has been keenly felt. Several public spirited citizens have offered to donate lots upon which a suitable clubhouse can be erected, and some building materials have been donated. On Monday night committees were appointed to decide upon one of these lots and to complete plans for the erection of the building. Meantime, the Finance committee will proceed with plans to raise the necessary funds.

During the interim, in order that the association may have a place where clubs and organizations may meet and stage money-making projects such as Kiwanis luncheons, benefit bridge parties, plays and other entertainments, the members voted to accept the generous offer of Mrs. J. R. Page to put the basement of The Spinning Wheel in good condition. This can be completed and ready for use in two weeks.

Colored Choral Society Sings Here Sunday

Prof. Mason, Nationally Known Artist To Appear as Soloist With Greensboro Club

In response to a widespread demand the Choral Society of the Agricultural and Technical College of Greensboro, a leading negro institution, will make its second appearance in Southern Pines at the Church of Wide Fellowship next Sunday evening, January 30, at 8:00 o'clock.

Among negro choral societies of the south that of the Greensboro College is outstanding. It has established an enviable reputation for the quality of its voices and the excellence of its renderings. The Choral Club visits a number of cities and towns north and south during each school year and includes on its programs classics, spirituals and semi-classical music.

Prof. Bernard Lee Mason of the College Department of Music, a nationally known artist of recognized talent, will appear with the Choral Society as soloist. This will be the first time that he has been heard in Southern Pines and music lovers will not want to miss the event.

Senator Reynolds Tells Why Support is Needed. Local Hos- pital Also Beneficiary

Tonight, Friday, Moore county will celebrate the birthday of President Franklin D. Roosevelt in one of the 15,000 Birthday Balls to be held throughout the country for the benefit of the National Foundation for the Prevention of Infantile Paralysis and local charities. Here, the sponsoring charity benefiting from the proceeds is the Hospital Bed Fund of the Sandhills Kiwanis Club.

There is every indication from the advance sale of tickets that this ball will tax the capacity of the Southern Pines Country Club. This is the only President's Birthday Ball being held in Moore county this year, and residents of every nook and cranny are expected. Excellent dance music has been arranged for, the Carolina Club Orchestra of Raleigh, and Chairman C. W. Picquet says "everything is set" for a good time.

In a radio address at Asheville on Monday United States Senator Robert R. Reynolds gave some pertinent facts about the Infantile Paralysis Fund which derives 30 percent of the net proceeds from these Birthday Balls.

Why Support is Needed

"Let me tell you why your whole-hearted support is urgently needed in this campaign," he said.

"There are now over 300,000 victims of infantile paralysis in the United States. Their maimed and crippled bodies bear mute evidence of the horror of this malady. And the most pitiful and heart-rending phase of the problem which we face is that little children are the easy prey for this swiftly striking malady. It is only natural that all of us are so eager to know what part we can play in affording protection and aid to the afflicted.

"In extending the crusade against infantile paralysis on a national basis, President Roosevelt, who successfully battled this malady, has assumed leadership in the creation of the National Foundation for the Prevention of Infantile Paralysis. This foundation has been functioning since September, 1937, and is administered to support the following objectives:

- "One—Scientific research.
- "Two—Epidemic control by rushing first aid to stricken areas.
- "Three—Making known to doctors and parents the latest and important methods discovered in the treatment and care of those afflicted.
- "Four—Contribution of needed funds to orthopedic centers, hospitals and clinics for the immediate rehabilitation of the victims.

"The Foundation administers all

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Mid-South Golf Event Set For March 22, 23, 24

Tenth Annual Women's Tourna- ment To Be Played at Pine Needles Course This Year

At a meeting held Wednesday at The Pine Needles and attended by George T. Dunlap, Sr., Eugene C. Stevens, Emmett E. Boone, Sr., Howard F. Burns and Ted Turner, it was definitely decided to hold the Tenth Annual Women's Mid-South golf tournament over the Pine Needles course this year on March 22nd, 23rd and 24th. The transfer of the tournament from the Southern Pines Country Club, where it has been held for the past nine years, is being made in order to take advantage of the newly installed grass greens at the Pine Needles course in an effort to attract a much larger entry list for the event.

There will be an 18-hole qualifying round on March 22nd and those qualifying will play in the final two 18-hole rounds on the 23rd and 24th, the complete 54-hole total to decide the winner of the medal play event.

The dates chosen for the Mid-South coincide with those of the North and South Open tournament at the Pinehurst Country Club.

Mrs. Estelle Lawson Page, present Mid-South champion, has signified her intention of defending her title.