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"AND SMILE, SMILE, SMILE"

Don't get discouraged. Business in the Sandhills drops off every January. Everyone begins to think we're going to have an off season. Then suddenly the clouds lift, out comes the sun, down come the folks, and we're all smiling again.

There are many silver linings in sight. There's a good demand for cottages for the balance of the season. Hotels are receiving more and more inquiries about accommodations in February, March and April. All the big golf tournaments are coming along, the steeplechase races, horse shows. There's the bright prospect of that boys' preparatory school which should eventually bring many families here. There's that new factory in Aberdeen about to start operations, giving employment to numerous men and women, and there's talk of another coming there, even bigger.

Babson says business generally throughout the country is about to improve considerably. A pick-up will remove the business worries that keep people at their desks instead of on golf courses and bridge paths.

In short, "pack up your troubles in your old kit bag and smile, smile, smile."

THE RAILROADS FACE 1939

In summarizing the experience of the railroad industry in 1938, John J. Pelley, president of the Association of American Railroads, said: "The year 1939 brings to the railroads of the United States renewed hopes for a solution of the critical financial situation which has faced them in the past twelve months. At no time has there been a greater public appreciation of their problems than now or a more earnest desire to formulate some plan that will solve the desperate situation in which the rail-carriers find themselves."

"With the coming of the new year, railroad managements hope that early action will be taken by Congress and the state legislatures looking toward development of a national transportation policy which will place all agencies of transportation upon an equality in matters of regulation, taxation and subsidies; recognize railroads as a business entitled to the same change to earn a living as any other business and enable the railroads to reestablish their credit."

There can be no possible excuse for further delay in formulating and executing some such program as Mr. Pelley suggests, and which his Association has long urged. A short time ago the special committee appointed by the President of the United States to consider the railroad problems and possible solutions, made its report—and it is a significant fact that this committee stressed the need for changes in rate-making procedure and in our system of transportation regulation in general, to enable our Number 1 industry to survive and go forward.

From a financial viewpoint, 1938 was one of the most disastrous years ever experienced by American railroads. After paying fixed charges, it is estimated, the Class 1 lines sustained a net deficit of \$125,000,000, as compared with a net income of \$98,000,000 in 1937—a difference of more than \$200,000,000. It is obvious that no industry can long survive this. And if the railroads fail, a blow of staggering dimensions will be dealt to all American industry and business—and the ill effects will be felt in every home in the land.

"READY FOR HIGH GEAR"



Improvements At Crystal Lake Hotel in Lakeview Complete

Inn Renovated and Refurnished. Grounds Landscaped.—New Dining Room Added

Nearing the culmination of a program of re-furnishing, renovation and landscaping that started in July of last year, when he took over the enterprise, Ted Barrow, formerly manager of the Sheraton Hotel at High Point, now has his Crystal Lake Hotel, located six miles north of Southern Pines, at Lakeview, on U. S. Highway No. 1, all in readiness to greet winter visitors to the Sandhills.

Beautifully equipped with the finest hotel appointments obtainable, chosen with a knowledge obtained in 23 years of hotel management in both the north and south, Crystal Lake Hotel offers the only lodge type of accommodations in the Sandhills and has the further distinction of being the only hotel in the area overlooking a beautiful lake.

Recent improvements include the installation of several additional private baths, alterations that provide several connecting suites, the construction of an additional wing built specifically for a roomy, sunny, glass-enclosed dining room overlooking the beautiful 100-acre lake, shrubbing in the front and sides of the hotel and the landscaping and planting to rye of the grounds between the hotel and the lake. Additional alterations planned include the extension of the roof over the spacious open porch and the installation of Colonial columns across the front.

Open all year 'round, Crystal Lake Hotel will cater to guests seeking the rest and relaxation of the country-side and who still wish to be within easy access of the entertainment facilities of the more populous centers of Southern Pines and Pinehurst. At Crystal Lake, the 100

SIMPLE ECONOMICS

A witness before one of the Congressional Committees has produced some figures well worth the careful study of every American. They have a direct bearing on everybody's well-being.

The witness testified that from 1931 to 1936 American business corporations paid taxes amounting to \$18,000,000,000 although in the same period they have taken in only \$9,000,000,000 above operating costs. In other words, income was only half enough to pay taxes. The balance had to be made up out of reserve capital and by cutting into operating budgets, which, in the final analysis, gets down to jobs and wages.

And there is where everybody's well-being comes into the picture. Some of the "everybody's" had to give up their jobs or accept pay cuts so that money could be used to make up the tax deficiency. Others couldn't sell their goods to the business men because that money, too, was needed for taxes. Even farmers had to "contribute" to the deficiency, for they could not sell their products to either the manufacturer or to the unemployed workers.

In reality, \$9,000,000,000 in capital was confiscated for governmental expense. Had it been left to circulate in its normal channels, it would have kept many of the now idle millions on industrial pay rolls and kept the economic cycle from jamming.

Friday The 13th Jinx

Young Couple Planned To Wed Despite Bugaboo, but Lost Their Nerve

A fine story about a daring young pair who snapped their fingers and thumbed their noses at the big bogie, Friday the 13th, by getting married on that day went up in thin air when, after seeing that the license was issued on that day, we called on the Register of Deeds for the returned paper to verify our intended statements. The hero and heroine, Don Patterson Williamson of Laurinburg and Josie Louise Cole of Carthage, took a tumble almost to the level of ordinary people when we found that they had waited until Saturday the 14th to have the ceremony performed.

acres of live water provide some of the finest bass, jack, bream and perch fishing to be found in the entire south, and on the 1,500-acre private hunting preserve, deer, quail, wild turkey and unlimited small game abound in season. The lake and its long, sandy beach are ideal for bathing and boating, and the beautiful surrounding pine country is a hiker's paradise.

Food being an important factor in the success that the hotel has enjoyed to date, its reputation for serving delicious food is widespread throughout the Sandhills, and with the increased facilities provided by the new dining room, Mr. Barrow and his staff will make a specialty of catering to luncheon, bridge and dinner parties, banquets and small conventions, in an atmosphere totally different from anything to be found anywhere in the Sandhills.

PINEHURST

Mr. and Mrs. Cheney Entertain
Mr. and Mrs. True P. Cheney entertained at bridge Saturday evening at their home for the following friends: Mr. and Mrs. Harold Callaway, Mr. and Mrs. Bert Nicolls, Mr. and Mrs. Eric Nelson, Mr. and Mrs. Frank L. DuPont, Mr. and Mrs. Roy A. Grinnell, Mr. and Mrs. Willard L. Dunlop and Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Campbell.

Woman's Auxiliary Meets
The Woman's Auxiliary of the Pinehurst Community Church met at the church Tuesday evening with 50 members attending. The president, Mrs. A. J. McKelway; the secretary, Mrs. Roy Kelly, and the treasurer, Miss Fannie B. Gray, all gave reports. During the business session it was decided to have a church supper on February 15th, the proceeds to go toward the running expense of the church. Mrs. Foster Kelly was asked to take charge of the Thrift Shop, which will open this month in the basement of the Harvard Building. A rising vote of thanks was given Mrs. Kelly and her committee for assembling and distributing thirty-eight baskets containing food, clothing and toys at Christmas time. Assisting her were Mrs. E. F. Partridge, Mrs. Rassel Wicker, Mrs. Ellis Fields and David G. Coffey. Mrs. C. E. Swaringen presented a program on Foreign Missions.

Personals
Mr. and Mrs. Harry H. Parker

have returned to Asheville after spending several days at the Berkshire. They were here especially to visit Mrs. Parker's brother, Corbett Alexander, who has been confined to the Moore County Hospital. Mr. Alexander, who had the misfortune to break his leg is able to be out.

Fred and Ellis Fields were home for the week-end from the University and had as their guest, Herbert Moore of Wilmington. Other University students spending the week-end here were Joe Montesanti, Jr., and James Carter, who visited his sisters, Mrs. Harold Thompson and Mrs. Hubert McCaskill.

Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Taylor spent Tuesday in Durham.

Mrs. A. J. McKelway and Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Conant visited Miss Kitty Carter in Sanford last Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles T. Crocker of Fitchburg, Mass., have arrived and are at their home, Pinewild Farm.

Mrs. A. B. Sally has returned from Duke Hospital, where she underwent treatment for ten days.

Mrs. Harold Buckminster spent the week-end in Aiken, S. C., visiting her son, Harold, Jr., who is attending school there.

Mr. and Mrs. Homer Johnson of Cleveland, Ohio have arrived and opened their home, Ivy Point.

GRAINS OF SAND

WADE AND JONES GET 18 TO 20 YEARS EACH FOR BRUTAL ASSAULT

—Headline in Sanford Herald. We knew that Duke-Southern California game was pretty rough, but we hadn't heard the coaches mixed it up that badly.

Moore county has 16 children receiving assistance from the Boarding Home fund, for which money is provided by State and county. This fund is for placing in private homes juvenile court wards and minors not eligible for aid to dependent children grants.

Hey, what's this in the Sanford Herald?

In an article about Lee county it says:

"It was formed out of the most desirable portions of Moore and Chatham counties."

Their's fightin' words, Men of Lee

North Carolina tobacco growers

had received \$114,452,436 for the 1938 tobacco crop sold on warehouse floors in the state up to January 1st, the State Department of Agriculture reports. Though this is \$23,210,279 less than the previous year, it still means a lot of cigarettes. And a whole of a lot of federal tax revenues.

That snow that blew in from Florida Monday made a big hit with the kids. (Florida papers please copy.)

There were 198 cases representing 860 persons certified by Moore county welfare authorities as eligible to receive surplus commodity products during December, 1938, Arthur E. Langston, State director of commodity distribution with the State Board of Charities and Public Welfare, announced this week.

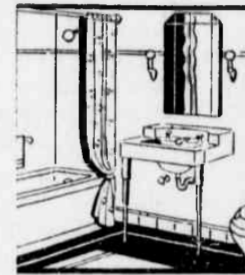
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