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OUR BUSY WEEK AHEAD

Southern Pines and the Sandhills section cordially welcome the throng here for the major sporting events of the next week.

Today, Friday, the second annual Hunter Trials will attract horse lovers to the course at The Paddock where some 50 fine looking animals will go through their paces over the fences of typical hunting country, to be judged for way of going. This event is for the benefit of Moore county Maternity Clinics.

Tomorrow, Saturday, comes the big annual steeplechase meeting on the Midland Road midway between Pinehurst and Southern Pines, an event which attracts some 15,000 persons.

On Monday the annual Mid-South golf tournament for women starts at the Southern Pines Country Club, with the entries including the national champion, Miss Patty Berg, and other luminaries of the links.

These are busy days, with much to offer the visitor in the way of entertainment and thrills. We hope you will enjoy all that is going on. And then stay a few weeks longer for the peach blossoms the dogwood and other beauties of Springtime in the Sandhills.

THE AUTOMOBILE ACCIDENT BILL

We agree with the Hickory (N. C.) Daily Record which is of the opinion that the automobile accident bill which seeks to provide funds for taking care of hospital bills of highway accident victims should be passed at this session of the General Assembly. If people understood thoroughly the measure and what it would provide in the way of relief from present conditions, it could be passed, says the Record.

Practically every student of the highway accident situation in this state realizes that some measure of protection should be afforded the innocent victims of automobile accidents. The Record favors a law compelling all automobile owners to carry public liability insurance — but, pending that happy day, we certainly favor the step in that direction which could be taken by setting up the proposed North Carolina Highway Accident Hospitalization fund, as provided for under the terms of a measure now pending, known as Senate Bill 185.

This measure calls for an addition of only fifty cents to the annual license tag or auto plate fee to build up an accident fund. Under the provisions of the proposed law, every resident of the state who is injured in an automobile accident would receive a maximum of \$63 out of this fund' (\$3 per day for 21 days). Any and all accidents would be covered, so that a person might be injured in several states, but for each he would receive hospitalization payment.

The Record suggests that county commissioners and welfare superintendents might well interest themselves in seeing that this bill gets a favorable report following public hearings.

Many of the victims of the highway accidents requiring hospitalization have to be accepted as charity cases, and the public must shoulder the burden. In many other cases the hospitals are made the "goats"—whereas, if the pending measure were enacted, there would be funds not only to pay for these charity cases, but also others, although financially able, would

THE POCKETBOOK of KNOWLEDGE

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THE SIGNPOST OF "LONG DISTANCES"—KARACHI, INDIA.

PROSPECTORS FOR IRON ORE IN BRAZIL AND VENEZUELA SOMETIMES DISCOVER DEPOSITS BY PRESENCE OF RARE ORCHIDS WHICH THRIVE IN IRON-BEARING SOIL.

JOHN QUINCY ADAMS
6th PRESIDENT, WHO WAS ELECTED TO OFFICE BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, SERVED IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES FOR 17 YEARS AFTER HIS TERM IN THE WHITE HOUSE.

GRAINS OF SAND

Foreign automobile tags from all parts of the United States are not an uncommon sight in North Carolina during the winter months. Neither will they be in approaching summer seasons, as we are fast becoming known as all-around resort State. Our great National Park is now on the screen. A moving picture has been made of our mountain country with colored views. The North Carolina Society of Washington, D. C., enjoyed showing diplomatic Washington this week some of the rugged beauty of our Great Smokies.

The official date of Spring is less than a week away. Blossoming parkways and gardens intimate that Spring has been right active for several weeks. Impatient daffodils, pear and peach trees and flowering shrubs can't be persuaded to wait until a mark on the calendar says when to unfurl in full bloom. We are already well initiated in the ways of Spring and the recent blizzards, sleet and ice storms and floods of the North and West seem about as remote and far away from us as the trouble and woe indicated in European headlines.

All signs point to a crowded week of major events. The Tin Wistues have their annual celebration. The Steeplechase and Hunter's Trials approach. A dance or two and special things at the movies all add to the crowded schedule. And then the mysterious planet Mercury. Old Capernicus, the astronomer, died in grief because he never beheld Mer-

er and what part by motor vehicles; third, what should be the equitable division of costs between these two groups. The survey covers the 12 years from 1921 to 1932. This period was chosen because the records for years before 1921 are incomplete, and no comprehensive data is available for years following 1932.

The fact that at present almost 55 per cent of all automobile wreck victims are unable to pay for their hospital treatment ought to make everyone eager to provide the accident fund which a fifty-cent addition to our auto plate fees would guarantee.

This is a simple, easy way to do something towards correcting a very bad situation. Write your Raleigh representative at once.

WHO PAYS FOR HIGHWAYS

What is probably the most complete study yet made of highway costs has recently been issued by the Association of American Railroads. But the study is not of railroad origin. It was prepared by three experts with national reputations in their field—Clifford Older, head of the Illinois State Highway Department; Charles R. Breed, head of the School of Civil Engineering of Massachusetts Institute of Technology; and W. S. Downs, professor of highway engineering at the University of West Virginia.

Their study was undertaken to determine three things of vital importance to the taxpayers of America—first, the total annual cost of roads and streets; second, what part of these costs is borne by the general taxpay-

er. In case anyone in the Sandhills has shed any tears over the shy planet, this should be a happy week. A few good views in a life time are all that any ordinary mortal can hope for, says one noted authority. So after the golf clubs have been put away and the horses stabled, you may round out a noble week when Mercury puts in an appearance a little south of west immediately after sunset on the nights of the 16th through the 18th. Few persons have seen Mercury, due to its nearness to the sun. It is now at its farthest distance from the sun, and will be in view for a short while after sunset, for all who care to life their eyes heavenward.

NIAGARA

Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Wood spent Sunday in Raleigh.

Earl Henry attended a church conference in Columbia, S. C., last week-end.

The Misses Treva and Zella King of Carthage route were guests of Mrs. A. C. Ferguson last week.

A mock trial was held at the library last Friday night.

Funeral services were conducted by the Rev. E. L. Barber of Aberdeen for little Coy Brown Ferguson, 22 months old. Coy was the son of Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Ferguson of Niagara. He died in the Moore County Hospital March 9th, after a short illness.

Mrs. Alice Rogers of Cranesville.

Correspondence

EDITOR, THE PILOT

In these days when freedom and democracy have been taken away from so many people, and even our own, we feel, are in peril, it is inspiring to hear the graphic presentations of what the stalwart characters in the Bible did under difficult circumstances, which Dr. J. Edwood Welsh is giving at the Southern Pines Baptist Church.

We feel that we need their wisdom and indomitable courage in these difficult days.

Dr. Welsh is speaking Friday morning at 10:30 and, in the evening, at 8:00 o'clock. He will have no service on Saturday but will speak at the Sunday services at the Baptist Church. Everyone is cordially invited to all these services.

The following letter was received this week at The Pilot office from Elinor Fisher, librarian at Moriah School in Cleveland county, expressing her appreciation and the appreciation of the children at the school there for the local response to her request for books and magazines for the school library:

Dear Friends:

I've been making an effort to write you individual letters, but the Library work keeps me so busy I see I shall not get this done. I expect to be in Southern Pines for a few days very soon, and then hope to see each one and tell you how eager the school children and their parents are for the books and magazines, and what a splendid circulation we have.

REV. F. CRAIGHILL BROWN RECOVERED FROM ILLNESS

The Rev. F. Craighill Brown, who has been confined to his home because of illness, is much improved and will conduct services at Emmanuel Church as usual, beginning today, March 17th.

Pa., is visiting her sister, Mrs. L. W. Rhodes.

Mr. and Mrs. L. D. Williams and son, Curtis, and Mr. and Mrs. John Cameron spent Friday in Barium Springs.

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