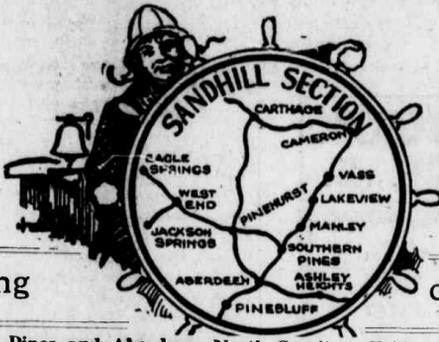


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FIVE CENTS

Eloise Elizabeth Everest, 15, Killed as Auto Strikes Tree

Brother Charles in Serious Condition After Accident Saturday in Wyalusing, Pa.

ON WAY TO PLAY TENNIS

Special to The Pilot

Wyalusing, Pa., July 29—Eloise Elizabeth Everest, 15-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles P. Everest of Wyalusing was instantly killed last Saturday afternoon when the automobile in which she was riding with her 19-year old brother, Charles, left the road near the Earl Browning home at Spring Hill and crashed into a tree. Charles Everest was critically injured and was taken to the Robert Packer hospital in an ambulance. There it was reported that he had suffered concussion of the brain, fractured skull, fractured right arm and internal injuries. His condition was described as critical but no worse than when he was admitted.

Eloise and Charles were on their way to Spring Hill to play tennis when the accident occurred. They were using a road known in that vicinity as the Turkey Track, and Charles was driving. Near the top of the hill the car was rounding a curve when it met another machine driven by Mrs. Roswell Barnes coming in the opposite direction. In passing Charles in some manner drove off the highway. The car slid down an embankment for a short distance and then struck a tree.

The force of the impact was terrific, wrecking the machine to such an extent that Eloise is believed to have been killed outright. Help was quickly summoned; the Motor Police unit at Laceyville notified and Dr. A. E. Dann, county coroner, of Canton, called. Dr. Dann after a brief investigation described the accident as unavoidable and said no inquest was necessary. Privates Thomas and Ashworth of the Laceyville Motor Police unit aided him in his investigation.

Wyalusing and Spring Hill residents were shocked by the tragedy. Eloise, known as "Tootie" to her friends, was highly regarded in her home community. She was born in Southern Pines, N. C., November 15, 1923. She was educated in the Schools of Southern Pines and Reading, Mass., and would have been a senior at Wyalusing High next term. Three weeks prior to the accident, both she and her brother were admitted to membership in the Presbyterian Church at Wyalusing.

Funeral services were held Tuesday afternoon at 3:00 o'clock at the home, conducted by Dr. William S. Beard of New London, Conn., and the Rev. William A. Parsons, pastor of the Wyalusing Presbyterian church. Burial was in the Wyalusing cemetery.

Friends Here Shocked

The numerous friends of the Everest family in Southern Pines were grief-stricken last Sunday when the report reached here of the death of "Tootie" and the critical injuries to her brother Charles, popular members of the younger set during their long residence here. "Tootie," as Eloise was known to all her playmates, was born in Southern Pines, and both children attended school here up to the time the family moved to Wyalusing in 1936. They have been back at vacation times regularly since then, and were here this Spring visiting their grandmother, Mrs. E. A. Tracy.

"Tootie" was a proficient rider, (Please turn to page four)

SOUTHERN PINES, PINEHURST TIE AT 12-12 IN GOLF

The golf teams of Southern Pines and Pinehurst play a 12 to 12 tie over the Southern Pines Country Club course Wednesday afternoon. Eight foursomes participated in the 18-hole best ball match which concluded a home and home series between the two teams. Purvis Ferree of Pinehurst turned in a 36-36-72 for low gross of the day, with Malcom Grover of Southern Pines carding a two over par 37-36-73 for second low gross.

State President

Dante Montesanti of Southern Pines Honored by N. C. Cleaners and Dyers Ass'n.

Dante S. Montesanti of Southern Pines was elected president of the North Carolina Cleaners and Dyers Association at the annual convention of the organization held the forepart of this week in Greensboro. Mr. Montesanti succeeds Ralph Sloan of Statesville. Other officers and directors were selected from various parts of the state.

Mr. Montesanti is manager of the Montesanti dry cleaning and dyeing plant here and has been active in affairs of the State association for several years. Several hundred attended the convention.

GROUND BROKEN IN VASS FOR NEW MOVIE THEATRE

Building, Approved by State, Will Be 30x100 Feet, With Balcony

BRICK, TILE CONSTRUCTION

Plans for the Vass theater building were given the o. k. of Sherwood Brockwell, chief insurance inspector for the state, Wednesday of this week when Herman B. Meiselman, R. B. Beasley and F. L. Taylor, the building committee, went to Raleigh and conferred with him. The work of placing material on the grounds was begun Thursday.

The committee called on the Secretary of State, Thad Eure, also and was delighted with the hearty cordiality of these officials.

The theater building, which will be of brick and tile construction, will be approximately 30 by 100 feet in size, with a nice balcony for the use of colored people. It will join the Keith Hardware building, formerly known as the Temple building, on Railroad Street, only one building removed from the postoffice.

"To Be Called 'The Cameo'"

Mr. Meiselman will operate the theater, which will be known as the Cameo, and will equip it in such a way that it will be a credit to the entire Sandhills. He has already purchased leather-upholstered chairs and will carpet the entire floor.

One of Theatre Chain

Mr. Meiselman is establishing a chain of theaters. He now has the Strand in Rockingham and the Capital in Monroe and expects to acquire two others soon, one in this state and one in South Carolina.

The Vass theater building is being erected by the Vass Builders Corporation which is an outgrowth of the Vass Chamber of Commerce. The officers of the corporation elected last Friday night are Herman B. Meiselman, president; F. L. Taylor, vice-president; R. P. Beasley, secretary; S. R. Smith, treasurer. These men together with C. L. Tyson, A. M. Cameron and A. L. Keith form the board of directors.

Another project of the Chamber of Commerce which the corporation hopes to see well along within 60 days is a community house. A nice lot in the heart of town has been decided upon.

LOY KEENER LOSES CAR AND GARAGE IN FIRE

Loy Keener, who carries the mail from Southern Pines to Asheboro, put his car in his garage at his home on Iowa avenue, Southern Pines, about 1:00 o'clock yesterday morning. A short-circuit caught the car on fire, and by the time Mrs. Keener could call the Southern Pines department to the scene both car and garage had been destroyed.

JELLISON SELLS PRINTING CO. TO MURPHY, HARLOW

Pinehurst Concern Incorporates at Raleigh, Plans New Daily Paper

NEWS TO REPUBLISH HERE

The Pinehurst Printing Company, Pinehurst, was incorporated with the Secretary of State at Raleigh this week by G. D. Murphy of New York and Robert E. Harlow and his wife, Lillian L. Harlow of Pinehurst. The company is incorporated to do a printing, engraving and photographing business, with an authorized capitalization of \$50,000, of which \$10,000 is subscribed.

Mr. Murphy, a winter resident of Pinehurst, and Mr. Harlow, Pinehurst, Inc. publicity director, purchased the Pinehurst Printing Company in May of this year from S. R. Jellison, who has owned and operated the plant, now located in the Stutts Supply Company building, for many years. It is understood that Mr. Harlow proposes to publish a daily paper for Pinehurst during the winter season. Mr. Harlow published a weekly, the Pinehurst Advocate, last winter.

The sale by Mr. Jellison terminates the partnership existing between him and Nelson C. Hyde of Southern Pines for the publication of the Sandhills News-Press, published daily except Monday during the winter season for the past two years. Mr. Jellison, it is understood, will continue with the Pinehurst Printing Company, Inc. in the capacity of manager of the printing department. Mr. Hyde will again edit the Sandhills Daily News, a daily for the entire Sandhills section, to be published during the winter by The Pilot, Inc. of Southern Pines. The Sandhills Daily News was the pioneer in the daily newspaper field here, having been published regularly since the winter of 1928, but for the past two seasons in combination with the Daily Press, which Mr. Jellison published during the winter of 1936-37.

Ground Broken For New Home For Miss Bair

Dr. Neal Plans Residence on Midland Road, Several Leases Here Reported

Building and real estate continue active in Southern Pines. Ground has been broken for the new residence of Miss Birdilia Bair in the Country Club estate, and Dr. J. I. Neal is having plans drawn for a home on Midland Road, near his veterinary hospital.

During the past week the E. C. Stevens agency has leased the Dr. Brown house on Country Club Drive to Mr. and Mrs. Henry Landau and their family, who are expected here soon. Mr. Landau is connected with the U. S. Department of Justice. The same agency has leased the Herbert Beck cottage on May street to Mr. and Mrs. John Jensen, who have come here from Chicago to reside. Mr. Jensen is affiliated with the Central Carolina Telephone Company. L. W. Miner of the same company has taken the John Jordan house on Country Club Drive.

Honor for Dr. Stutz

Appointed State Chairman for Jr. Chamber of Commerce Health Work

Dr. Greer Stutz of Southern Pines has been appointed chairman of the Public Health committee of the North Carolina Junior Chamber of Commerce, a high honor as the Jay-Cees this year are making public health and clinic work their major project. Dr. Stutz heads the committee having charge of the organization's antituberculosis and anti-syphilitic work throughout the state.

Would Follow Up Abrogation of Japanese Pact With Embargo

Rev. F. Craighill Brown Tells Kiwanis Club of Situation in China

The very thing which the Rev. F. Craighill Brown of Southern Pines told the Sandhills Kiwanis Club on Wednesday should be done immediately to awaken Japan to the fact that the United States means business in its efforts to suppress Japan's conquest of China was being enacted in Washington while he spoke. Mr. Brown recommended the abrogation of the 1911 Friendship pact between this country and Japan, and an embargo on shipments as soon as the six months limit under the past expires.

Mr. Brown showed the Kiwanians how, at the present time, the United States is aiding and abetting in the domination of China by Japan, despite the fact that Japan is doing its utmost to rid China of American and all other western interests in its Pan-Asian ambitions.

The United States on Wednesday notified Japan of its abrogation of the 1911 pact. Mr. Brown and others here have wired President Roosevelt, Secretary of State Hull and Senators Bailey and Reynolds of North Carolina urging the immediate passage of an embargo effective in six months. Such action according to Mr. Brown, will "pull Japan up short." Mr. Brown urges that others wire or write these officials along similar lines.

Japan has made a mess of things in its efforts to dominate Asia, in Mr. Brown's opinion. He spent many years in the Orient and has made a close study of developments in China and Japan during the present situation.

Military To Blame

The Military has dominated the foreign policy of Japan for the past 20 years, with disastrous results, he said, the principal reason being that at present the officers come from peasant families, not from the upper classes. They have a narrow point of view, are stubborn, and not diplomatic. The people are opposed generally, but are forced to adhere to their policies. This military group considers Japan as the "Savior of Asia."

When Japan went in to Manchuria originally it had an opportunity to accomplish something in the suppression of banditry and the rehabilitation of the country, but muffed it. The venture was a failure, both politically and economically. They failed to gain the markets they sought, and to exploit the resources of the country.

The army had to do something to appease the money interests at home, so it went into modernized China and has been responsible for the greatest migration in the history of the world, the shoving of the Chinese westward. But still this campaign has been a military and economic failure. The Chinese won't recognize the Japs as the "Saviors of Asia," and will never be dominated by them.

So now, to save face, Japan is striving to drive the Westerner out of (Please turn to page four)

Tennis Tournament at Pinehurst Underway

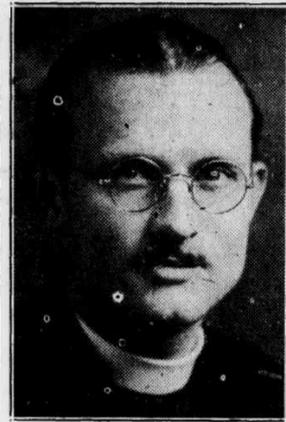
Team Match Planned After Present Contests in Two Towns Are Concluded

Pinehurst is having a tennis tournament similar to that now being played in Southern Pines, and when the events have been completed it is planned to select teams for a match between the two towns. Results this week at Pinehurst were:

Edward King defeated W. P. Morton, Jr., 6-0, 6-0; Tom Cole defeated Jere McKeithen, 6-3, 6-1; Tommy Currie defeated Junior Montesanti, 7-5, 6-3; Tom Cole defeated Tommy Currie, 6-4, 6-4. Other matches to be played this week include Leland McKeithen vs. W. I. Barbour and Jess Cole vs. the Rev. A. J. McKelway.

The absence from town of a number of contestants has slowed up the tournament in Southern Pines, but it is expected to be completed in another week.

Favors Embargo



REV. F. CRAIGHILL BROWN

MANICE FARM PROJECT FAILS FOR LACK OF CAPITAL

Robin Hood Corporation, Unable To Meet Payments, is Dispossessed

Dispossession papers signed last week by John Willcox, Moore county Clerk of Court, spells finis to the Robin Hood Farms project here. The school for underprivileged farm boys, dream of T. L. Vaughn of Winston-Salem, passed into the category of those idealistic movements for which needed capital was not forthcoming, despite strenuous drives of several prominent citizens of the state, among them Mrs. Edwin Gregory of Salisbury, daughter of the late Senator Lee Overman. Mrs. Gregory spent several weeks in Southern Pines in an effort to interest Sandhills residents in the project.

The dispossession was the result of the failure of Robin Hood Farms, Inc., to meet several installments due on the \$40,000 purchase price of the 2,000-acre Manice farm, with home and buildings. The default moved the Manice heirs through their attorney, U. L. Spence, Carthage, to seek cancellation of the original sales agreement.

The proposed school had the backing of a large number of prominent North Carolinians, including George Ross, Jackson Springs, Dr. Clarence Poe, editor of the Progressive Farmer; John A. Park, publisher of the Raleigh Times; Thad Eure, Secretary of State; George Ross Pou, State Auditor; Kerr Scott, Secretary of Agriculture and Col. John W. Harrelson, dean of N. C. State College.

Little Interest

The drive to raise funds which would have given the project a clear title to the Manice property and would have provided for its operation, organized by Mrs. Gregory, failed to excite the expected interest. Even in Moore county comparatively little interest was apparent in the proposed school.

Under the sales agreement Robin Hood Farms, Inc., agreed to pay for the Manice property in the following installments: \$1,250 on April 15, 1938; \$1,250 May 15, 1938; \$5,000 July 15, 1938; \$5,000 September 15, 1938; \$5,000 November 15, 1938; \$5,000 January 15, 1939; \$5,000 March 15, 1939; \$5,000 May 15, 1939; and \$7,500 July 15, 1939. Only two installments, the first and second of \$1,250 each, were paid.

Elliott S. Pool, Raleigh broker who handled the sale, was to receive his commission of \$2,000 from the third installment of \$5,000, which was never paid.

ARTILLERY BAND HERE

The 113th Field Artillery Band, which gave an enjoyable concert here two weeks ago, returned last night by popular demand for a repeat performance in Municipal Park.

Reduction In County Tax Rate, Estimate

Eighty-Eight Cents per \$100 of Valuation Revealed in Tentative Budget

HALF GOES FOR SCHOOL

An 88-cent tax rate for Moore county for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1939 and ending June 30, 1940, is revealed in the Summary of Uniform Annual Budget Estimate, contained in the advertising columns of this week's issue of The Pilot. The rate is one cent less than for the fiscal year which ended on June 30th last. Schools account for one-half of this rate. The estimate of property valuation is \$20,500,000.

Total estimated budget requirements for the various sub-divisions show the following:

- County General and Courts, \$75,350.
- Health, \$24,017.
- Welfare, \$21,012.
- Poor, \$12,000.
- County Debt Service, \$22,297.
- Road Debt Service, \$38,208.
- Schools—Current Expense, \$42,520.
- Capital Outlay, \$79,271.
- Debt Service, \$24,250.

These figures are the total estimated budget requirement for these departments, not the amount of tax money allotted them. After deduction of other available revenues, and allowing an estimated amount for uncollectible taxes, the taxpayers apportionment for the various items is as follows:

- County General and Courts, \$17,422; Health, \$6,916; Welfare, \$16,429; Poor, \$6,820; County Debt Service, \$19,490; Road Debt Service, \$24,519; Schools Current Expenses, \$12,618; Schools Capital Outlay, \$51,723; Schools Debt Service, \$24,795.
- Decreases in estimated expenses are shown for general expenses and courts, for health, for road debt service and for current schools expense. Increases are estimated for the following: welfare, poor, county debt service, and schools capital outlay. Debt service on schools remains the same.

The tax rate per \$100 of valuation for the past two fiscal years was 89 cents.

Epps and Campbell in Raleigh Soap Box Derby

Former 1st in His Heat and Tied for Best Time; Campbell 2d in Heat

Southern Pines was ably represented in the Soap Box Derby championship for this section, held on Wednesday in Raleigh and witnessed by some 5,000 cheering spectators. The winner was Roy Yelverton, Jr., of Raleigh, but in both Class A and Class B the entries from here were first or second in their heats, and in Class A Durwood Epps of Southern Pines shared with another boy the speed honors of the day, making the course in 34 seconds.

Young Epps, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Epps, won his heat and reached the quarter finals. Thomas Kelly Campbell, 12-year old son of Mr. and Mrs. T. L. Campbell of Southern Pines, had his home-built blue and silver racer in the Class B event and was second in his heat.

The winner, young Yelverton, will represent Raleigh in the national championships at Akron, Ohio on August 13th.

BROWN ACTING CHAIRMAN OF COUNTY RED CROSS

The Rev. F. Craighill Brown has been appointed acting chairman of the Moore County Chapter, American Red Cross, to serve until the annual meeting this fall, it was announced this week by Field Representative Katherine Myers, who paid a visit to the county.