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"FIGHTING FUNDS FOR FINLAND" ARE SOUGHT LOCALLY

Campaign Launched in Sandhill by Struthers Burt and William H. Watt

HILL IS STATE CHAIRMAN

With George Watts Hill of Durham and Knollwood as State Chairman, and Struthers Burt and William H. Watt local chairmen for Southern Pines and Pinehurst, respectively, a campaign is being launched here today for Fighting Funds for Finland. This is part of a nationwide campaign to raise money for military use in Finland, with Maj. Gen. John F. O'Ryan, former commander of the 27th Division of the American Expeditionary Force in the World War, as National Chairman.

Though but a few weeks old, Fighting Funds for Finland, Inc., has already forwarded one \$25,000 check to the Finnish Embassy in Washington, and has \$300,000 additional in donations going forward within the next few days, according to Mr. Burt, who, in addition to being Southern Pines chairman, is vice-chairman for North Carolina.

Mr. Burt reported yesterday that he had already received \$1,100 in donations from the Sandhills, though the local campaign is barely under way. This amount has been forwarded to Chairman Hill at Durham.

Free Will Donations

"There will be no solicitation; none will be needed, judging from the way money is coming in," said Mr. Burt yesterday. "We are just asking those who feel the way most of us do about Finland to send what they can afford to me, or to Mr. Watt in Pinehurst. Checks should be made out to 'Fighting Funds for Finland, Inc.' and they will be forwarded by us to the national headquarters for presentation to Ambassador Procopio in Washington. One hundred percent of this money will go to Finland, as administrative expenses are being paid from other contributions made especially for that purpose. We can use everything from quarters up."

In launching the national campaign General O'Ryan said in New York:

"Co-ordinated barbarism is on the march against the unco-ordinated national units of civilization, and is knocking them off piecemeal. The American conscience and American ideals demand realistic aid to the men of Finland, now on the firing line defending their families, their homes and their country."

SITE AND FEDERAL INCOME TAX EXPERTS COMING HERE

John Thomas, deputy commissioner of the State Revenue department, will be at the Broad Street Pharmacy, Southern Pines all day on March 4th to assist taxpayers in preparing and filing their State income and intangible tax returns.

A deputy collector of Internal Revenue will be at the Southern Pines postoffice on February 26th to aid taxpayers in preparing their federal returns. You are required to file a return if your net income is \$1,000 or over or your gross income is \$5,000 or over, if single; or your net is \$2,500 or over or gross \$5,000 or over if married and living with wife or husband.

AN HEIR TO THRONE OF SWEDEN GUEST HERE

Prince Bertil, grandson of Gustav V, son of Crown Prince Gustav Adolph and as such an heir to the throne of Sweden, is spending several days as a guest at the Mid-Pines Club. With him here are Assar Gabrielsson, head of the largest automobile company in Sweden, and Gunnar Hagglof, chief of the Trade department of the Swedish Foreign office. They are here for golf and relaxation.

Attache of British Embassy Is Overnight Guest in Aberdeen Jail

It Takes Special Session of Court To Send Him On His Way to Washington

This is the story of a special extraordinary session of Moore County Recorder's Court held at the request of the British Embassy in Washington.

It seems that a young man was driving north through Aberdeen the other night, and missed U. S. 1 at the Coca Cola plant turn, proceeding on toward Raeford. When he reached the Seaboard tracks on South street he realized his error, and started to turn around. In so doing one of the front wheels of his car dropped off in a ditch, halting further progress.

He proceeded to investigate and was stretched under the car to ascertain what damage, if any, had been done when an Aberdeen policeman appeared. All this looked queer to the officer of the law, who forthwith took the young man by the collar to the cooler. A search of his pockets revealed a couple of bottles of something or other, so a charge was lodged against the motorist of "driving under the influence either of liquor or narcotics."

Well, it seems that the prisoner was stone deaf except when he wore an earphone, and that his earphone didn't work that night so he didn't know what it was all about. He only knew he was behind locked doors and beneath barred windows.

Morning came, and he succeeded in repairing his hearing apparatus and making inquiries as to the cause of his detention. Learning of the charge against him, which was a complete surprise, he asked for counsel and was referred to the law firm of Johnson & McCluer. These attorneys waited upon him and were asked to telephone the British Embassy in Washington for instructions. They called Washington.

Yes, the gentleman under arrest was an attache of the British Embassy. Would they do everything possible to effect his release promptly? No, he did not drink; some mis-

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Scouts of 11 Counties May Camp in County

Oconeechee Council Seeks Site by Clear Water.—Fine Meeting Held Here

The regular monthly meeting of the Moore County District of the Oconeechee Scout Council was held on Wednesday evening in the Scout Hut in Southern Pines. Claud Humphreys, Scout Executive from Raleigh, attended and N. L. Hodgkins, County chairman, presided. The committee chairmen for 1940 were announced as follows: N. L. Hodgkins, Southern Pines, chairman; H. Lee Thomas, Carthage, vice-chairman; M. P. Wilson, Pinehurst, commissioner; Leland McKelthen, Pinehurst, secretary; Paul Butler, Southern Pines, Court of Honor; R. N. Hassell, Southern Pines, secretary Court of Honor; Rev. T. A. Williams, Southern Pines, Camping and Activities; Dr. J. P. Bowen, Aberdeen, Health and Safety; L. V. O'Callaghan, Southern Pines, Training; Gordon Cameron, Pinehurst, Organization and Extension. Troop representatives on the board are Willard Dunlop, Troop 7, Pinehurst; H. C. Blue, Troop 43, Aberdeen; Dr. G. G. Herr, Troop 63, Southern Pines; Morris Johnson, Troop 73, Southern Pines; W. D. Sabiston, Troop 45, Carthage; W. Stewart Evans, Troop 74, Hamp; Fred Davis, Troop 76, Vass.

Oconeechee Council, embracing eleven counties announced, through Mr. Humphreys, that the Council might be located in Moore county since, of all the counties in the council, Moore is the only one with clear water. Father Williams suggested the following six places for consideration: Jackson Springs Lake, Thagards Pond, Crystal Lake at Lakeview, Watson's Beach, the Barber Estate and a campsite on the Boyd Estate. Mr. Humphreys plans to bring the Oconeechee Council Camping Board to view the places.

Named Headmaster



THOMAS BURTON

HOSPITAL BALL TO BE HELD EVE OF STEEPLECHASE

Fall Week-End of Festivities on Sandhills Program for Mid-March

Plans for the Hospital Ball to be given under the auspices of the Moore County Hospital Auxiliary at the Pinehurst Country Club on Friday evening, March 15th are going steadily forward, according to announcement from the chairman of the Ball Committee, Mrs. Burt Hunt of Southern Pines. The affair is always one of the highlights of the social season in the Sandhills and is looked forward to by scores of residents and visitors. It will precede the Steeplechase races, scheduled for the following day, Saturday, and the double event will assure the Sandhills resorts of a full week-end of festivities.

Sidney's Orchestra of Washington, D. C., will furnish the music. Sidney, as he is familiarly known in the Capitol, is bringing seven of his men to Pinehurst. This orchestra is very popular in embassy circles and is known to many in this section for its fine performances.

On the evening's program will be the awarding of a Plymouth four-door sedan, double silver fox scarfs and several smaller items. Mrs. Frank W. McCluer, Jr., of Southern Pines heads the Car Committee, and is being assisted by Mrs. George London of Southern Pines. The silver fox scarfs, on display at franjean's in Southern Pines, are from the White Grass Ranch in Jackson Hole, Wyoming about a mile from the ranch of Struthers Burt. They are magnificent skins, valued at \$400.00. Mrs. Paul C. Butler and Mrs. Clarence Edson are in charge of tickets for the fair in Southern Pines, with Mrs. Walter D. Hyatt of Pinehurst, Mrs. Henry A. Page, Jr. of Aberdeen and Mrs. Wilbur Currie of Carthage assisting.

Patronesses for Ball
Among patronesses for the ball are Mrs. Norwood Johnston, Mrs. Charles T. Crocker, Mrs. H. P. Hotchkiss, Mrs. Leonard Tufts, Mrs. Robert McClellan, Mrs. Isabel McMullen, Mrs. J. Pryor Williamson, Mrs. H. H. Beckwith, Mrs. George T. Dunlap, Mrs. T. A. Cheatham, Mrs. (Please turn to page four)

LOUIS JOHNSON, ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF WAR, HERE

Louis Johnson, Assistant Secretary of War, arrived at the Knollwood Airport here yesterday afternoon in a big twin-motored Douglas plane. Mr. Johnson was driven to the Carolina at Pinehurst where he is expected to spend the week-end. The ship, after spending the afternoon at the airport, was flown to Fort Bragg.

BOARD OF BOYS SCHOOL SELECTS THOMAS BURTON

Experienced Educator To Be Headmaster of Preparatory Institution

FUND CAMPAIGN RUSHED

At a joint meeting of the Executive Committee of the projected North Carolina Preparatory School for Boys and a special committee of the Charlotte trustees and other interested citizens, held in Charlotte on February 15th, announcement was made of the appointment of Thomas Burton to the office of Headmaster of the school being established in the Sandhills, halfway between Pinehurst and Southern Pines.

The selection of Mr. Burton, who is an outstanding leader in the field of preparatory education, was made after eight months of investigation and search by a special committee of the board for an educator of thorough experience in the type of school contemplated.

For 20 years Mr. Burton has been connected with excellent preparatory schools and also has an established reputation as a student and authority on certain aspects of the work in both public and private schools. He has collaborated with such well-known members of the faculty of the Teachers College of Columbia University as Professors Strayer and Englehardt in preparation of their publications. He has completed two years of special study in the Graduate School of Education at Harvard University.

To Publish Book

From Columbia University Mr. Burton received both his Bachelor's and his Master's degree, and in June will receive from Harvard the degree of Doctor in Education when he presents his completed thesis on "The Control and Administration of Independent Schools." This is the first comprehensive treatise on this subject that has been prepared in America. It is based on the writer's own experience covering a period of 20 years and a study of over 100 of the best preparatory schools. It is to be published and made available in book form by one of the large educational (Please turn to page four)

Banquet Cloth

Replica of Dinner Set To Be Awarded Here Was Sold For \$1,500.

Of unusual interest is the banquet cloth and twelve napkins, soon to be awarded some fortunate individual for the benefit of St. Anthony's Church, Southern Pines. The cloth, three yards long and napkins of dinner size, are a combination of lace and embroidery. They are exquisite examples of fine needlework of the Queen Margherita Lace School, established and long maintained under the royal patronage of the mother of the present King of Italy.

Only two sets of this particular pattern were made at this school. One was acquired by Mrs. Edith Rockefeller McCormick of New York and Chicago. Following her death her fine collection of art treasures was disposed of at auction. Her set of banquet cloth and napkins was sold for \$1,500.00.

The second set, donated for the benefit of St. Anthony's Church, is now within easy reach of some lover of fine needlework, tickets being on sale for the small sum of twenty-five cents or five for one dollar.

No set of like kind will ever again be offered. War conditions preclude the possibility of such handwork coming to America for a very long time. This set will be awarded at a card party to be held in Southern Pines on Tuesday, March 26th. Announcement will be made shortly as to places and dates for the exhibition of the cloth and napkins. Note the dates. See the set. Buy some tickets. Help the cause. You may be the winner of this rarely beautiful art treasure.

Huge Entry Crowd to Southern Pines Horse Show King Today

Publisher To Speak



GORDON GRAY

GORDON GRAY TO ADDRESS YOUNG DEMOCRATS HERE

Winston-Salem Publisher at Civic Club Tonight.—Big Meeting Next Tuesday

Young Democrats will be active here during the next few days. Tonight at the Civic Club the Young Democrats of Southern Pines will hear Gordon Gray, publisher of the Winston-Salem Journal and former president of the Young Democrats of North Carolina. This meeting will open at 8:00 o'clock, with no charge for admission and all cordially invited. County Solicitor W. A. Leland McKelthen will introduce the speaker.

Final plans and arrangements have been completed for a meeting of the Young Democratic Club of the Eighth District to be held Tuesday night, February 27th, at the Dunes Club. I. N. Ulegg, Jr., of Carthage is chairman of the committee in charge of arrangements for the convalesce.

All Young Democrats from each of the twelve counties of the district have been invited to attend. This is the initial quarterly meeting of the Young Democratic Clubs of the district and it promises to be a most successful event in every way.

The meeting will open Tuesday night at 8:00 o'clock with a banquet at which a general discussion of the political affairs of the day will take place. Several prominent leaders of the Young Democracy of the state will be present. Among the notables invited are Forrest Pollard, prominent young Durham attorney, president of the Young Democratic Clubs of North Carolina.

Following the banquet the Dunes Club orchestra will furnish music for a dance and the two floor shows to be given the guests by the Dunes Club.

Tickets for the occasion are now on sale in each county of the district and may be secured from members of the district social committee in each county. The price of the tickets are \$1.50 and Young Democrats who wish to attend this gala occasion are urged to purchase their tickets by Saturday, February 24th, as no tickets will be on sale after that date.

THE SPICER RECITAL

Through an error, the article concerning the recital to be presented on Monday night in Southern Pines by Earle Spicer, noted baritone, appears under the heading "Mark Hoffman" on Page 9. The Pilot regrets the error and refers the reader to the announcement of this presentation by the Southern Pines Library.

Morning Classes Start at 10:00 and Afternoon at 2:00 at New Show Ring

9 HUNT TEAMS SHOWING

With a total of 189 entries in its 14 classes, and practically every parking space sold, the first annual Spring Horse Show at the Southern Pines Country Club today will set a precedent for its successors that will be hard to beat. Given a clear day, the new show ring will present a colorful picture this morning and afternoon, the morning classes starting at 10:00, the afternoon at 2:00 o'clock.

Twenty-eight leading hunters will vie for honors in the event for working hunters. Listed among the outstanding horses in this class are Mrs. George W. Johnson's blue roan gelding, "Cheerio," a three-quarter bred hunter and winner in numerous hunting events; "O'Moriarty," big gelding of Mrs. William J. Stratton of Princeton, N. J.; "Goldenmas," from the stables of Mrs. William J. Kennedy of Dedham, Mass., and "Hal-low Gold," seven-year old chestnut gelding, also entered by Mrs. Kennedy.

Dennis Crotty, show manager, has announced a record entry of nine teams in the hunt team class. Among horses showing will be "White Spats," black gelding from the stables of Mrs. George W. Johnson, Englewood, N. J.; "Cheerio," and "Lady-Go-Lightly," other entries from the stables of Mrs. Johnson who will vie against "Big Storm," chestnut gelding and "Lucky Busk," chestnut gelding, both owned by Mrs. George Watts Hill of Durham, and "Oration II," chestnut gelding owned by Ernest I. White of Syracuse, N. Y.

In the class for middle and heavy-weight hunters, 23 jumpers are entered. Heading the class for light-weight hunters, in which there are 16 entries, are "Oration II," and "Hi'n Mighty," the six-year old chestnut gelding of Miss Nancy Johnson of Englewood, N. J.

Jumping Prize \$100

The open jumping sweepstake with top prize of \$100.00 has attracted a field of 15 entries with "Rising Star," ex-member of the Canadian Army Horse Show team, owned by Hugh Scaud of Rye, N. Y.; "Tony," aged black gelding entered by First Sgt. J. R. Gwin of Ford Bragg, "Jumping Jack" from the stables of Mrs. Fay Ingalls of Hot Springs, Va., and "Six Spot," the aged black gelding from Fort Bragg entered by Sgt. P. V. Pace, the favorites in this class.

Twenty entries have been received in the ladies' hunter class, no less than 24 in the hunter hack class, and all other classes on the card are also well filled.

The course has been put in fine condition for today's classic, and although ringside parking space is sold out, ample parking space is being provided to take care of the expected record-breaking crowd for (Please turn to page ten)

Lights Off Sunday

Carolina Power & Light Co. To Suspend Service From 2:30 Until 3:30 P. M.

Weather permitting, electric service will be interrupted in that section of Southern Pines north of New York avenue and east of the Seaboard Air Line Railway from 2:30 p. m. to 3:30 p. m. Sunday, February 25th, to enable linemen to do necessary and important maintenance work, the Carolina Power and Light Company announces.

"By this short interruption we will avoid a much longer and serious interruption at a most inconvenient time. We appreciate the cooperation of our customers in this matter," the announcement stated.