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STRUGGLE LOOMS FOR CONTROL OF HIGHLAND PINES

Special Stockholders Meeting Called for July 30, Claiming June Election Not Valid

SECOND IN TWO MONTHS

Struggles over control of the Highland Park Hotel Company, owners of Highland Pines Inn, Southern Pines' largest resort hotel, appeared in the making this week as a call for a special stockholders meeting, the second in two months, went out to the approximately 35 owners of stock.

Notices for a meeting Wednesday, July 30, at 2:30 o'clock went out over the signatures of Garland A. Pierce, "president and stockholder," D. G. Stutz, "secretary and stockholder," and F. W. Van Camp, "stockholder."

The issue immediately involved is whether the stockholders' meeting of June 11, when a board of seven directors was elected, was a legal meeting or whether, as suggested by the callers of the July 30 meeting, it was not in accordance with the by-laws of the corporation.

At their June meeting, stockholders re-elected Norris L. Hodgkins and put in six new directors, Dr. William C. Mudgett, Paul Dana of Pinehurst, Paul T. Barnum, Dr. Ernest W. Bush, Mrs. Fannie Turner, and Eugene C. Stevens. This board was elected to replace the panel elected in 1940 consisting of Mr. Hodgkins, Garland Pierce, F. W. Van Camp, William E. Flynn, Dr. M. G. Stutz, and D. G. Stutz.

Members of the most recently elected board of directors claim that the June meeting was in order, except for failure to elect officers, while the officers elected in 1940 claim that only five directors should have been elected in addition to officers at this meeting.

While neither group issued official statement, it was apparent that the meeting July 30 is slated to decide whether the old directors and officers are to remain in control of the Hotel company or whether a new slate of officials will take over.

Involved in the controversy is the management of the hotel during the past few years.

The notice for July 30 meeting stated the purposes of calling the session as follows:

- "1. (a.) To adopt by-laws for the governing and managing of the affairs of the corporation. The original by-laws of the company have been lost, destroyed or misplaced, and if the same are found before the time of the meeting herein called, then.
- "(b) For the purpose of adopting (Please turn to page four)

Four Still Confined After Truck Wreck

Load of WPA Workers Overturning on Young's Road, Bringing 32 from Work at Bragg

A truckload of white and Negro WPA workers, returning from work at Fort Bragg, received injuries of varying degrees of severity when the 1938 Chevrolet truck in which they were riding overturned on Young's Road, just past the curve near Ridge street last Friday about 6 p. m.

Of the 31 who received treatment at Moore County Hospital, only four Negroes were still confined a week after the accident. One of them, Clarence King, Vass Negro, is in serious condition with a concussion, while others are being treated for fractures, not considered dangerous. Lacy McNeill, white, of Lakeview was discharged Thursday morning.

The truck was driven by Eeri Goodman of Cameron, who had been having repairs made to the truck in Raleigh on the day that he picked up the workers and was bringing them back to this area.

Others confined to the hospital were Thomas Cassidy, Southern Pines Negro, released Thursday; Jesse Gillespie and Cleveland King of Southern Pines, and Tom Mortison of Lakeview, all Negroes.

Hyde Resigns as Pilot Editor; Boyd Names Thompson to Post

Retiring Head Ends Long Service Here; New Skipper Returns to Sandhills

After 12 years of service with The Pilot, Nelson C. Hyde, with this issue of the paper resigned as editor to accept another position.

To succeed Hyde, James Boyd, publisher of The Pilot, announced the selection of Carl G. Thompson, Jr., a Southern Pines product, who returns to the Sandhills after wide newspaper and executive experience in this State.

The new editor is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Carl G. Thompson of Broad Street, and grandson of Mrs. Royal W. Scott and the late Mr. Scott, who were early settlers here. He graduated from Southern Pines High School in 1931 and received an A. B. Degree in Journalism from the University of North Carolina in 1935.

Beginning this week, Thompson takes over his new responsibilities which include the management of the weekly newspaper and of the job printing business which is an adjunct of The Pilot.

Associated with him in handling some of the advertising and business matters will be Mrs. Thompson, the former Miss Mary Conway of Raleigh. Except for Mr. Hyde's leaving, The Pilot's force remains unchanged, consisting of Charles McCauley, Mrs. Virginia Creel, Dan S. Ray, Charles Cullingsford and Mrs. Bessie Cameron Smith of Vass.

"It is with regret that I see Mr. Hyde leave the paper he has so long edited," Mr. Boyd said in announcing the change. "I hope, however, that my selection of Mr. Thompson to fill his place will have the approval of the Sandhills people and will warrant their continued support of The Pilot as one of this section's institutions."

Still "Tar on Heels"

The retiring editor and publisher of The Pilot, Mr. Hyde, first came to the Sandhills on pleasure bent during the early twenties. Like many another Yankee his feet stuck in the tar, and looking about for something to keep him here, he found The Pilot. He had behind him years of newspaper experience: was City Editor of the Syracuse (N. Y.) Herald, Managing Editor of the Watertown (N. Y.) Standard, later Washington correspondent of twelve upstate New York papers which he served while he was

Valedictory

BY NELSON C. HYDE

He was just eight years old when we met him. Still in short pants. He lived in Vass. Stacy Brewer and Bion H. Butler were looking after him and they'd done a right good job of shaping his career.

It was in the Fall of '28 that we met him. Came down from the North looking for just such a fellow, and adopted him on sight. Been caring for him since, for a while at Vass, then in Aberdeen, then here in Southern Pines. It's been a lot of fun and a lot of woe. All in all he's been a good boy, though, and the folks tell us he's done his part for the neighborhood. He's tried to lend a helping hand for things that seemed best and tried to sort of stamp his foot on the other things.

We're going to miss him. It's hard to part with any old friend, but when you're saying goodbye to a little fellow you've sort of brought up to manhood, it's really tough.

Understand these fellows that are taking our boy over are all right. They ought to be able to do a pretty good job. There's two of them at it where there was only just us alone. And they both tell us they can write. Seems one has had some books published—books that sold, too. And the other's a real honest-to-goodness newspaper man with a lot of experience. We're going to watch 'em mighty close, though, 'cause we'll always look on the young fellow as our own. The boy's made thousands of friends. To those friends we commend his new godparents. So-long, Little Fellow.

Office Seeks Man



HAROLD J. DILLEHAY

HAROLD DILLEHAY PUSHED FOR POST AS CITY MANAGER

Charlotte Council Apparently Wants Sandhills Native More Than He Wants the Job

Although he may not take the job, Harold J. Dillehay, formerly associated with Reinecke and Co. of Southern Pines, can be City Manager of Charlotte, the only city in North Carolina with over 100,000 population, if he wants to.

At least, that's how political gossip was going this week in the Queen City, where Dillehay is executive director of the Charlotte Housing Authority.

Those sources best identified as being "close to authority" in Charlotte say that Dillehay has the support of a majority of the new city council which took over the government of the city with the first of July.

Young Dillehay is a native of Southern Pines, son of the late J. T. Dillehay, village blacksmith and for many years sole policeman, and Mrs. Dillehay. For several years he was associated with Reinecke and Co., contractors, later being taken into the company which became Reinecke and Dillehay. He was in charge of work in Fayetteville when he accepted the \$6,600 a year job of directing the construction, occupation and management of the large low-cost housing projects in Charlotte.

Apparently, the only thing which keeps the rumor from becoming actual fact is the question in Dillehay's mind whether he wants to give up his present job to take a fling at a higher position, but a more precarious one, because it depends upon political vagaries of the city fathers.

James W. Armstrong, who's due to leave the job of city manager, has been getting \$7,200 a year for his work, but \$7,500 has been mentioned as the price that might be paid Dillehay on the job.

According to Charlotte sources, Dillehay, "if he will leave his present post, in which he has served with

Major Yost Ordered To Duty in Alabama

Former Knollwood Airport Manager Assigned as Flight Instructor; Stops in Pinehurst

Major Lloyd O. Yost, former manager of the Knollwood Airport, stopped in Pinehurst Tuesday, on his way to Army duty at Maxwell Field, Alabama, in the capacity of flight instructor.

For the past several years, Yost has been in charge of the private planes of Mr. and Mrs. Richard D. Clemson of Middletown, N. Y.

Recently, the Army ordered all reserve officers who were engaged in private flying to report for duty, and Major Yost was assigned to the Alabama post.

STUART CAMERON JOINS CANADIAN ROYAL AIR FORCE

Local Man In Training at Toronto for Service in British Battle Against Hitler

MANY AMERICANS THERE

Up in Canada, a Southern Pines young man has traded the heat of the South for the heat of the War. Stuart Cameron, widely known Sandhills youth has just been accepted for training as Pilot-Observer in the Royal Canadian Air Force for the fight against Hitler.

Young Cameron left here about six weeks ago, bent on getting mixed up in Britains' forcé; but he didn't let his intentions become known until they had materialized into actual fact. Now he is stationed in Toronto for about nine months' or a year's training in the air force.

Cameron's signing up with the British forces makes the second war casualty suffered by Charles Picquet, manager of the Carolina Theatres. It looks like he's contributing to the War by turning out potential soldiers. Last year, James (Jimmy) Williamson Jr. left his job as projectionist at the Theatres to get into the U. S. Army and Cameron took his place. Not many months later, Cameron was off to the wars.

Incidentally, Williamson has just been transferred from his original post at Fort Scriven, Georgia, to the officers' training school at Fortress Monroe, Virginia, where he apparently is in line for promotion.

In a letter to Walter Harper of Southern Pines, Cameron this week told of some of his trials and tribulations as a volunteer in the RCAF.

"To try and tell you much about it would be hard for I really have been busy—that is, not much time to call my own, but doing an awful lot of sitting around listening and drawing equipment, etc., and in general, acting like the rest of the raw recruits around here," Cameron wrote.

"There are around 4,000 men here enlisted for the Royal Canadian Air Force in air crews and ground crews. You will remember that it takes some men on the ground to put a man in the air.

"Around 700 of the men here are Americans," he continued. "Of course, all of them are in for air crew, and the South is represented very heavily. You should hear the Civil War fought five or six times a day around here. It's wonderful."

Cameron is the son of Mrs. Lucy Cameron, and formerly lived on May street. Mrs. Cameron is now with her sister in Boston, Mass.

If any of his friends want to find out how Stuart's doing, his address is given here, and, he cautioned in his letter, "all the numbers are important so use them all and in that order please."

AC2 Stuart Cameron R112906, No. 1 Manning Depot, Royal Canadian Air Force, Toronto, Canada.

Moore Cooperates in Maneuver Plans

Army Men Grateful for Cooperation in Allowing Use of Land for Fall Activities

Captain John R. Gallagher and B. E. Beasley of Carthage, in charge of the sign-up of farm lands for the Army maneuvers in the county this Fall, wound up their campaign last week and report close to 100 percent cooperation on the part of property owners in Moore.

Both Mr. Beasley and the Army officer this week requested The Pilot to express their thanks and appreciation both to the large number of citizens who aided them in various ways in effecting the sign-up.

Captain Gallagher said that everything was rounding into shape for the big war games in the two Carolinas during October and November. According to latest reports, the Knollwood Airport will be one of the most active centers during the maneuvers, with possibly as many as 100 planes and close to 1,000 men based here.

Cap. Innes-Taylor Saves Woman from Drowning in Choppy Waters of Pamlico

Sets New Record



DOROTHY FRYE GRANAHAN

Mrs. Dorothy Frye Granahan, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Andrew J. Frye of Pinehurst, who last week in Washington, D. C., set a new record for speed with a stenotype machine.

After five months and a week of study, Mrs. Granahan "took" 150 words a minute and set a record which brought her wide attention because no student has ever learned so fast. Sandhills friends will remember Mrs. Granahan used her fingers expertly as an accomplished pianist who appeared as accompanist at various civic gatherings here.

Gun Shot Is Fatal To Pinebluff Man

Coroner Says Death of Marvin A. Smith "Might Have Been Accidental"

Marvin A. Smith, 23-year-old Pinebluff man, was found dead of shotgun wounds in his bedroom about noon Tuesday, July 15, with the 15-gauge, double-barrelled gun still clutched in his hands.

A verdict of Coroner R. D. Frye, Jr., of Carthage, indicated that the death "looked like suicide but might have been accidental." There were no witnesses. The shotgun load entered his heart, bringing instant death.

A native of Statesville, Smith had been residing in Pinebluff about seven years. He was a mechanic by trade and had recently been working at an Aberdeen cafe.

Surviving are his widow, the former Miss Melba Clayton of near Aberdeen, and his mother, Mrs. May Smith. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday afternoon at 5.00 o'clock from the Pinebluff Baptist Church by the Rev. E. M. Harris and Dr. W. Parsons. Burial was in Bethesda Cemetery.

MOORE'S LIQUOR STORES GROSS \$21,171 IN JUNE

Moore County's two State-controlled liquor stores in Southern Pines and Pinehurst retailed \$21,171.05 worth of spirits during June, according to the State ABC Board reports. Total sales in the 26 counties which had legal liquor stores during June totalled \$614,915.93 compared with \$572,479.39 during the same month last year. The stores in Johnston County were discontinued during June, after they had sold \$16,290.25.

Southern Pines Man, Antarctic Explorer, Leaps to Rescue As She Goes Down 3d Time

FELL FROM FREIGHTER

Leaping fully clothed into the choppy waters of Pamlico Sound, Captain Alan Innes-Taylor of Southern Pines on Wednesday saved the life of Mrs. Charles Ludwig, wife of a Cincinnati, Ohio, newspaperman, as she was going down for the third time. Native Englishman who has sailed the seven seas during the past 20 years, who flew with the Royal Canadian Air Force during World War I, served for some time with the Royal Canadian Mounted Police, and accompanied Admiral Byrd on his first two Antarctic expeditions, this was Innes-Taylor's third rescue in saving a person from drowning.

The Captain, who returned to Southern Pines Tuesday to see Branch Moore at Kinston, leaped into the Sound from the freighter Hadeco which plies a daily trip between Englehard and Hatteras when Mrs. Ludwig fell overboard. They were among other passengers preparing to transfer from the Hadeco to a small boat in mid-Pamlico. The Hadeco was turning northward for a run to Norfolk with Captain Frazier Peele piloting. A small boat had put out from Hatteras to take the Hadeco's passengers and the transfer was to be made in the light of land.

"Man overboard!" The passengers were moving to the lee rail of the Hadeco for the transfer when Mrs. Ludwig fell overboard. At the first cry of "man overboard" Captain Innes-Taylor shot overboard, fully clad, shoes and all.

Also fully clad, she was rapidly falling astern the Hadeco. The captain reached her as she was going down about 100 feet away from the Hadeco. He kept her afloat while the Hadeco was moving around to hoist the two back aboard.

Although Mrs. Ludwig swallowed a great deal of water she appeared none the worse for her experience.

"I didn't know how to swim," she said, "but I paddled the best I could to keep afloat. I had resigned to drowning because I couldn't see the boat. I think I was going down for the last time when I saw Captain Innes-Taylor swimming towards me. He spoke to me and told me to be as calm as possible. I did my best and when he finally reached me I felt I was all right."

Captain Innes-Taylor said it was the first time in his experience he had seen anybody fall overboard. "I trained for just this sort of thing for

Army Announcements Displeasing to Sandhills

Hoffman Not To Get Camp; Gen. Devers Transferred To Fort Benning

War Department announcements on Wednesday brought two disappointments to the Sandhills.

No. 1 was that a 50,000-acre site had been selected in Durham, Granville and Person counties for a possible new Army camp. This section had been making an effort to have the Sandhills Recreation Area near Hoffman selected for this camp, basing its main argument on the fact that the government already owns the land, has spent more than a million dollars on its development, and is making no practical use of it beyond forestry growth and recreational purposes.

No. 2 was that Major General Jacob L. Devers, popular commander of Fort Bragg's Ninth Division, is to become Chief of the Armored Forces of the Army, with headquarters at Fort Benning, Ga. Though pleased at his promotion to an important post, his many friends throughout the section were disappointed at his transfer from Fort Bragg, effective August 1st. His successor as Commander of the Ninth has not been named.