

Dick Sugg Wins Low Net Trophy In League Event

Southern Pines Team Cops Series And Tournament Honors

Southern Pines, winner of the Sandhills Golf League tournament held during April and May, came out with top honors in the League's final all-day tournament at the Southern Pines Country Club last Wednesday, when Dick Sugg beat out 140-odd players for low net.

Mr. Sugg, a 14-handicap man, made 78 for a net of 64.

Runner up was Marion McCall, of Laurinburg. With the exception of Mr. McCall, all honors awarded at the close of the day went to members of the Southern Pines team.

Trophies were awarded four players, with Bill Woodward's 73 making him top man. George Pottle and Ellis Howell, tied for second place with 74, flipped a coin to settle their tournament standing. Pottle came out second, Howell third, and John Pottle was fourth with 76.

Trophies were awarded at a buffet supper held at the club. The League trophy came to the local team for its showing of five wins and three losses in eight successive weekly matches. Others in the League—Richmond County, Laurinburg, Lumberton and Wadesboro Country club teams—had four wins, four losses each. It was an exceptionally well matched tournament and rated one of the best in the three-year history of the League.

The Laurinburg team was host for the Wednesday event.

Pinehurst-Sandhills Firm Is Incorporated

Certificate of incorporation has been granted by the Secretary of State, and filed at Carthage, for the Pinehurst-Sandhills Insurance and Realty company, to deal in the business of general insurance and real estate with principal office at Pinehurst.

Total authorized capital stock is \$100,000, in 2,000 shares of \$50 par value each. Stockholders, with one share each, are listed as H. G. Phillips, Vivian R. McKenzie, J. D. Hobbs and I. C. Sledge.

Plea Made For Cooperation With Men Who Build And Repair N. C. Highways

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This is a highway safety message written from a viewpoint that few motorists have ever considered. It is a plea to the highway user to cooperate with the men who build and maintain our highways in eliminating what might be called unnecessary highway accidents. It could be very simple.

Highways are dangerous. Every year the roads and streets of America exact a grim toll of death and injury to say nothing of untold millions lost in property damage.

Highways are inadequate. Senator O'Mahoney's Joint Congressional committee in studying our national highway needs, reports that it will require \$41 billion to correct the present deficiencies, if this correction could be done immediately by waving a wand. Spread the work out over a 10 year period and the estimate leaps 35 per cent to \$55 billion.

North Carolina has an excellent highway system, but we are well aware that it is a long way from being adequate. The fact that a \$200,000,000 road bond issue was approved by the voters last year shows that there is much to be done in the way of improvement.

Human Nature
It is human nature for motorists to resent anything that interferes with their plans and progress. Signs such as "Detour," "Road Under Construction," "Men at Work" are all very well for the other fellow. This motorist is in a special hurry. Such impediments don't apply to him. Get your silly barricades out of the way.

The inevitable result—a twisted mass of wreckage in the ditch with state police and an ambulance standing by. And very often a highway maintenance man killed or maimed through his trust in a warning sign which went unheeded.

The public does pay for the upkeep of the highway through the gas tax, license fees and other imposts. This gives many drivers the feeling that "They own the road" which could be literally true. But they carry it further to the point of considering it a personal affront to put it right is felt to be an infringement on the motorist's inalienable right to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness.

Heedless Behavior

If these motorists confined their resentment to dirty looks, all might still be well. But they are usually more positive, in their reaction. They run through and around barricades. If we are centerlining a road, they swing back and forth across the painted lines and you can imagine the mess that makes.

If we are sealcoating or retreating a roadway half at a time, the disgruntled motorist will swing over into the freshly sprayed blacktop, wrapping it around his tires. If cover has been applied, he will speed up to kick off or slap on his brakes to see how much of the surface he can shove off before it has a chance to chill and take final set.

If we put out rubber dummies to protect the freshly painted center lines, motorists make a game of seeing how many they can knock over. If wood blocks are used instead and one happens to blow a tire, the driver regards it as having been done with malice aforethought by the road gang.

Not All Accused

Don't misunderstand me. I am not accusing all motorists of such boorish actions. But they happen frequently enough to present a serious problem and a definite traffic hazard to our maintenance crews. A little consideration by the highway user would go far toward making the highways safe for the men who work on them.

We continually remind our employees that because they are working for the state government, they should set an example of road courtesy, good manners and careful driving. Our records show that they follow these instructions more each year.

Since we realize that for every one hundred accidents on the job there are one hundred and twenty

Cyrus Butler Is Named Manager of Sanford Concern

The board of directors of the General Foundry and Machine company of Sanford last week announced the appointment of Cyrus O. Butler, of Southern Pines, as vice-president and general manager of the company.

E. B. Keith, treasurer of the company, has been acting manager since February of 1949.

An official of the firm said this addition to the staff of General Foundry and Machine company has been desired because of the industry's expanding operations. Mr. Butler's background, it was pointed out, assures the company of a well rounded and able board of directors.

Mr. Butler, son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Bion Butler, of Southern Pines, is a partner of Matthews and Butler, consulting engineers of Laurinburg.

A graduate of North Carolina State college in chemical engineering, he was for 16 years associated with Tennessee Eastman company of Kingsport, Tenn., where he was in charge of the spinning of acetate rayon.

off the job, we have promoted home and off the job safety with our employees with considerable success. Our safety organization of highway employees extend into every county and to everyone who works for the highway commission.

Drs. Neal and McLean
VETERINARIANS
Southern Pines, N. C.

Worsham And Little Form Nash Agency

A partnership agreement between C. L. Worsham and George B. Little, of Southern Pines, was filed recently at the office of the clerk of court at Carthage, to conduct a Nash automobile sales agency under the name of the Worsham and Little Motor company, in the garage building of

the Little Motor company on East Broad street.

By terms of the agreement, the concern was to start out with Mr. Worsham as full time sales man-

ager, and Mr. Little as keeper of the books and records and in charge of the parts department, servicing and repairs to be done by the Little Motor company.

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