

THREE TRIES-THIRD PRIZE!

Tin Whistle Marathon Finally Ended — Williams - Pearson Defeat Marr - Ward

Par Gives Way as Winners Blast From Woods and Rough to Greens and Victory

DRAMATIC NINTH HOLE

Two tenacious teams, twice tied, tried the third time to take third prize in the Tin Whistle tournament, yesterday, at the Country Club. The team of Chester I. Williams and Harlow Pearson defeated C. B. S. Marr and W. H. B. Ward by the margin of two holes in a battle under blue skies on number three course.

The victors, after an initial blitzkrieg, which gave them a four hole advantage at the ninth tee, ran full tilt into a determined counter-attack with pursuit. The final stroke on the ninth hole was the most dramatic of the match. Both partners were in the woods to the right on their seconds. Mr. Williams skillfully evaded ten tree trunks, to be caught by the top two inches of the trap before the green. Mr. Pearson, however, from a similarly difficult position, played a sand wedge to about 18 inches from the hole. Carefully calculating the eccentricities of the green, he putted accurately a scant three or four inches to the right of the cup. Mr. Marr, meanwhile, had slipped in a perfect par four to win the hole.

Orthodox Move

The momentum thus engendered by this orthodox move carried the next two holes also for Mr. Marr and Mr. Ward, who were finally forced to capitulate only by the iron determination of Mr. Williams, who chipped dead to the pin for pars on the 14th and 15th.

On two of the three par fives, the eighth and 17th, both teams had birdie fours. After handicaps were deducted this meant that the 17th was halved in eagle threes. (Should the tee be moved back? Ed).

The match was played in accordance with the rules of Saturday's Tin Whistle tournament. (Continued on page four)

WHAT TO DO AND SEE

Today

Weekly bridge party at The Carolina this morning. Play begins at 10:15.

Field Trial events of Pointer Club of America. Spectators welcome. Call "Sam" at The Carolina for details.

AT THE THEATRES

- Pinehurst -

Tonight at 8:30, matinee at 3:00, "Barricade," with Alice Faye and Warner Baxter.

- Southern Pines -

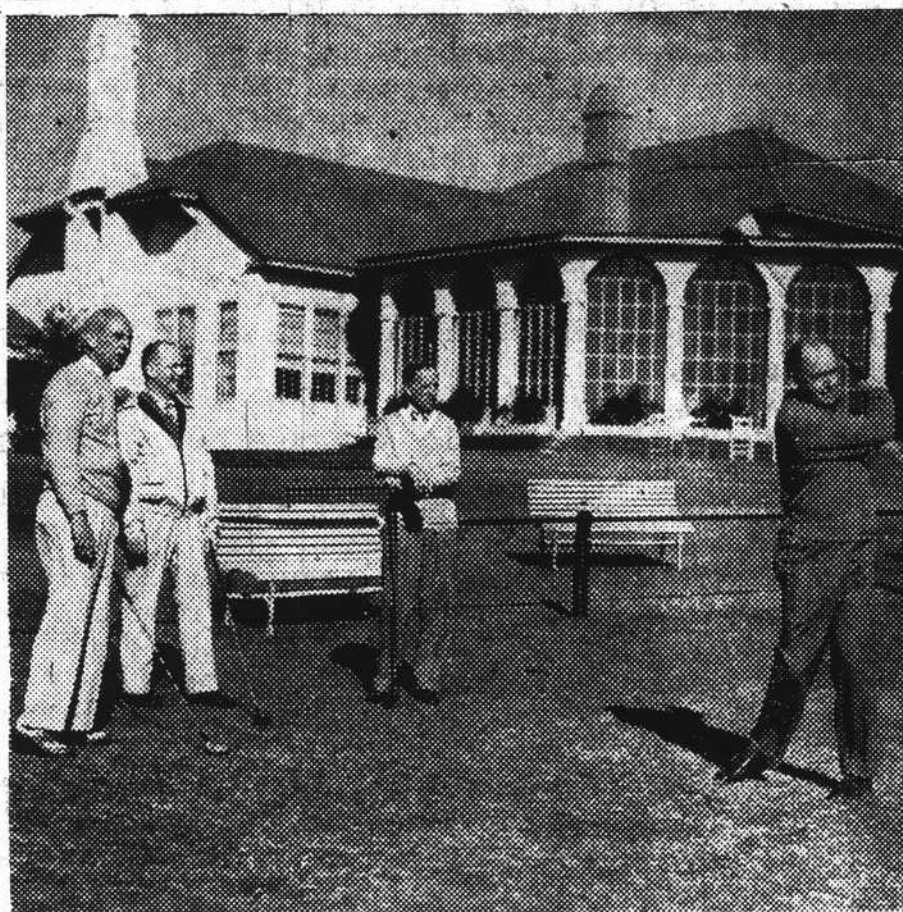
Tonight and tomorrow night at 8:15, matinee tomorrow at 3:00, "Allegheny Uprising" with Claire Trevor and John Wayne.

- Aberdeen Theatre -

Tonight at 7:15 and 9:00, "Too Busy to Work." Cash Award Night.

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EARNING A HEALTH DIVIDEND AT GOLF



Three other golf devotees watch an insurance executive tee off. From left to right, Mr. Clifford Sloan, Mr. M. E. Maxon of Cortland, N. Y., and Mr. L. M. Atherton watching Mr. George W. Smith of Brookline, Mass., president of the New England Mutual Insurance Company split the first fairway of the No. 1 course — a premium drive.

AL SMITH IS STAR IN BOOMPS-A-DAISY

NEW YORK, Dec. 12—(AP)—Former Governor Alfred E. Smith is the new star dancer of the Booms-A-Daisy, — in which the man backs up and bumps his partner's bustle, to waltz time.

Last night he danced it in a theater aisle with a pretty show girl, Beverly Crane, and became the hero of the evening. It was at the opening of the new edition of the musical comedy "Hellzapoppin."

HEART ATTACK KILLS DOUG FAIRBANKS SR., FAMED MOVIE ACTOR

HOLLYWOOD, Dec. 12—(AP)—Douglas Fairbanks Sr., who leaped to film fame with his spectacular acrobatics, died in bed today of a heart attack. He was 56.

The dashing Don Juan, for 15 years the ranking male star of pictures, succumbed after a day's illness at his beach home in nearby Santa Monica.

At his bedside were his widow, the former Lady Sylvia Ashley, and his brother Robert. His son, Douglas Jr., was called a few minutes before Fairbanks died at 1 a. m., but had not reached the house.

Fairbanks' career in films started in 1914, when he joined the old Triangle company after achieving success on the stage in the east. His early successes were chiefly notable for his athletic accomplishments and a flair for romantic comedy.

CHICAGO, Dec. 12 — (AP) — Mary Pickford, whose former husband, Douglas Fairbanks, died today at Santa Monica, Calif., was in Chicago today with her husband, Buddy Rogers, the orchestra leader. Both declined to see reporters or make a statement.

POST OFFICE OPEN ALL DAY DEC. 16, 23

The Pinehurst Post Office will be open all day on Saturdays, December 16, and December 23. Patrons are urged to take advantage of this service and mail Christmas parcels early, bearing in mind that Christmas eve comes on Sunday, and the Post Office Department will complete delivery of all gift parcels not later than midnight, December 23.

THE WEATHER

Mostly cloudy, possibly scattered light rains in west and north portion, somewhat warmer in central and east portions Wednesday. Colder Wednesday night; Thursday fair and colder.

DR. MONROE GETS KIWANIS AWARD

1939 Builder's Cup Presented to Moore County Hospital Surgeon at Club's Annual Banquet

JAMES M. COX BUYS ATLANTA JOURNAL

ATLANTA, Ga., Dec. 12—(AP)—Sale of the Atlanta Journal and its radio station, WSB, to James M. Cox, former governor of Ohio, was announced late today by James R. Gray, editor of the Journal.

The sale price was not announced.

Alumni and Ladies' Night Observed by Festive Session Held in Mid Pines Club; Ehringhaus Among Guests

CARL GOERCH SPEAKS

Dr. Clement Monroe, resident surgeon of the Moore County Hospital, was presented the 1939 Builder's Cup by the Kiwanis Club of the Sandhills at the Club's annual Alumni and Ladies' Night banquet held last night at the Mid Pines Club.

In making the announcement of the award, Rev. J. Fred Stimson paid a stirring tribute to Dr. Monroe, whom he characterized as one worthy to receive this honor by the very reason of the great work he was doing for humanity without thought of gain to himself.

The crowd of about 125 who gathered to attend this popular Kiwanian event last night had the pleasure of enjoying an evening of fun and gaiety. Events happened so fast it was hard to keep up with them.

Miss Jane Gibbs, home economics teacher at the Pinehurst school was presented as a Scotch lassie with a hankering to dance the Highland fling. She did, and did it well. A glowing tribute was paid to Mr. and Mrs. Preston T. Kelsey, when on behalf of the Kiwanis Club, Mrs. Paul Dana gave them a beautiful bouquet of flowers on the occasion of their 45th wedding anniversary.

Sing Spirituals

A quartet, a remainder of the days when the Sandhill Sixteen was in bloom, composed of Shields Cameron, P. Frank Buchan, Willard Dunlop and Charles W. Picquet, sang several spirituals. It remained for Frank Buchan to present an unusual feature when he led in song, preached a sermon and took up a collection.

Mr. Buchan, keeping the floor, introduced former Governor Ehringhaus in a flow of flowery, but very sincere praise. The former governor in responding stated, "that he could save himself from traducers, but God save him from introducers." He recalled past contacts with his many friends he has made and known in this section.

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Sandhill Post Will Be Host To Auxiliary

The Sandhill Post, American Legion, will meet Thursday night, in its hut, Southern Pines, at 8 o'clock.

The Rev. E. L. Barber, Post Chaplain, will give an address, followed by vocal and instrumental Christmas music.

The Ladies Auxiliary and Sons of the Legion will be guests of the Post.

Refreshments will be served. All ex-service men are cordially invited.

HOMEWOOD STAR DUST IS TOP PRIZE WINNER IN FIELD TRIAL STAKE

By Lou Koch

Homewood Star Dust, a white and orange pointer pocketed for his owner, H. M. Curry, Jr., of Pittsburgh, the sum of \$480, the top prize in the all-age field trial stake of the Pointer Club of America, which finished yesterday. On top of the money win, the dog got his name and the name of his owner engraved on a leg of the handsome W. H. McNaughton trophy.

Second place honors, and a pot of \$380 went to Miss Pilot Doone, pointer bitch, owned by Dr. F. O. Foard of Valdese, N. C., and third, \$280, to Maplerock Jake, a white and orange pointer dog owned by Dr. R. Z. Cates of Spartanburg, S. C. Star Dust was handled by Fred Bevan, Miss Doone by Marvin Yount and Jake by June Whelchel.

Star Dust, the winner, and Nepkin Carolina Jake, a white, liver and ticked pointer dog owned by Dr. W. F. Vail of Greenwich, Conn., handled by George Crangle, were called for a second series by the judges. Both were bird-finding class dogs who had a wide range chalked up on the judges' book. On the second run, Dust showed a won-

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EUGENE A BUZZELL, EDITOR, ARRIVES HERE

Eugene A. Buzzell, of Bar Harbor, and Winterport, Me., noted Maine and Florida editor, arrived in Pinehurst yesterday on his way to Palm Beach, where he will resume his position as sports editor of the Palm Beach News, a daily, and the magazine, Palm Beach Life. Mr. Buzzell is planning to leave for Florida today.

STOCK MARKET

NEW YORK, Dec. 12—(AP)—Soaring commodities today took the speculative play almost entirely away from securities markets.

The stock list got off to a hesitant start, worked up a slight rallying temperature at intervals, and closed with trends decidedly indefinite. The turnover was around 600,000 shares.

The WORLD of TODAY

SOVIET SPURNS LEAGUE MEDIATION OFFER

By the Associated Press

Russia last night rejected a League of Nations proposal to mediate the Russian-Finnish war, and opened the way for league condemnation of the Soviet Union as an aggressor, and possible banishment from Geneva.

The rejection was included in a telegram from Soviet Premier Molotoff to the secretary general of the league at Geneva in reply to a diplomatic invitation to Russia to take part in proposed league mediation resulting from Finland's appeal to Geneva.

"The Government of Soviet Russia thanks you, Monsieur President, for your kind invitation to take part in discussion of the Finnish question," Molotoff's telegram said.

"At the same time the government of the United States of Soviet Russia brings to your attention the fact that it cannot accept this invitation."

Molotoff's telegram came more than three hours after expiration of a "deadline" set by the league for reply.

Its reception on the eve of Argentina's scheduled formal demands for Russia's ejection from the league increased the odds that this step would be taken. The Soviet action automatically killed the league efforts at mediation.

RUSSIA PLANNING HUGE OFFENSIVE

Red army casualties were reported arriving in a steady stream last night in Leningrad from the nearby Finnish war front.

Unofficial advices from the port city on the Gulf of Finland said its churches had been requisitioned to aid hospitals in caring for the wounded.

A Finnish telegram agency dispatch received in Copenhagen said the Russian government, irritated by stubborn and unexpected Finn resistance, was preparing to hurl a million and a half first class troops and 1,000 planes into an offensive against Helsinki.

FINN ARMY SMASHES RED ATTACK

Finnish troops and airplanes smashed a large scale Russian offensive yesterday, a Finnish communique reported, "wiping out three enemy battalions and leaving hundreds of fallen enemy lying before our position."

The Russians were repulsed with tremendous losses in hard fighting on a 200 mile front, from the Karelian Isthmus to Tolzajarvi, about 75 miles north of Lake Ladoga, the Finns said.

The Finnish military command indicated the fighting was some of the most severe since the war started.

The enemy launched a powerful attack today along several sectors of the Karelian Isthmus, the communique reported.

BROUGHTON SEEKS GOVERNOR NOMINATION

J. M. Broughton, prominent Raleigh lawyer and Baptist leader, formally announced his candidacy for the Democratic nomination for governor tonight.