

Hotel Heads Expecting Spring Business Boom

Opinions, Based on Reservations Already Made, Are Unanimous Resort Is Due For Big Influx

Outlook Ahead for Pinehurst for Rest of Season Hearer-ent to Village in View of Depressing Weather

MR. TUFTS OPTIMISTIC

Let the wintry winds blow and January do its worst, Pinehurst is far from gloomy. With the beginning of the spring season only just around the corner, a canvass of the hotel managements indicates that Pinehurst is in for a grand and prosperous season.

The following statements indicate the excellent prospects for the coming season. Mr. Tufts says: "You have asked me to assist you in your effort to pull the public morale up by its boot heels during this period of 'unusual' weather. Those of us who have been following the hotel reservations closely are not in need of artificial stimulation. We know that the trend is definitely toward the best spring season that this resort has enjoyed for many winters. The reservations are starting early this year, and in spite of an early Easter, the season should last well into April. As for the weather, it is foolish for us to attempt to sell weather in January. Two thirds of the time it is fine but those who come here in January should appreciate that they take this

300 LIVES LOST, 32 SHIPS SUNK IN WEEK OF WARFARE

Eleven Nations Suffer Losses in Destructive Period of Sea Conflict; England Worst Hit

Sea warfare cost eleven nations more than three hundred lives and 32 ships during the 21st week of the war—the second most destructive week of the European sea conflict.

The losses aggregated 63,804 tons, and in addition to the dead, 184 persons were reported missing. Only the 12th week was more destructive; it saw 34 ships go down under a wave of mine and sub warfare.

England with nine vessels sunk was the heaviest loser of the week ending Saturday. Two were destroyers, Grenville and Exmouth—which went down with 196 perishing and 68 reported missing.

Neutral Norway suffered nine losses, and 40 of her seamen were listed as killed or drowned. Other neutrals lost 11 ships.

DUNES CLUB GUESTS

A dinner party at the Dunes Club last night was composed of Dr. and Mrs. E. M. Medlin, Mr. and Mrs. Reid A. Page, Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Page Jr. and Mr. and Mrs. Frank Shamburger of Aberdeen.

SPORT SCRIBE PIPPEN WRITES INTERESTINGLY OF SOUTHERN PINES

Great Golf Shot of Baltimorean and Keen Merchandising Instinct of Press Camera Man High Spots in Yarn

By Jerry V. Healy

Rodger H. Phippen, sports editor of the Baltimore American, writes at some length in his column concerning a visit he and seven other Baltimoreans recently made to Southern Pines.

"At one time or another," writes Editor Phippen, "most of the leading golfers of the country have played the pine fringed fairways of the Southern Pines Country Club. It is doubtful, however, if any ever made a shot the equal of the miracle effort by Jerry Wise, Baltimore Country Club member."

It seems that up to this point in his golf game, Mr. Wise had been wandering deep and far into the forest after his ball, but here at a par 3 hole he shanked his tee shot and heard the ball go plunk into the soft mud of a marsh on the far side of a water hazard, with the green perched on a knoll 60 feet away.

In the words of Editor Phippen, "Slowly, and mentally disturbed, Wise waded through the oozy grass until he came to his ball. All he could see was the top. To nine hundred and ninety nine out of 1000 players the lie which confronted this Sears executive was unplayable. His better judgment told him to lose a stroke and play another ball from the tee. His golfing temperament, at boiling point, after his woods wanderings, won the argument. He took out a blaster, closed his

WHAT TO DO AND SEE

Today

Buffet supper at the Holly Inn tonight.

AT THE THEATRES

- Pinehurst -
Tonight and tomorrow night at 8:30, matinee tomorrow at 3:00, "Shop Around the Corner," with James Stewart, Margaret Sullavan and Frank Morgan.

- Southern Pines -
Tomorrow and Tuesday night at 8:15, matinee Tuesday at 3:00, "Charlie McCarthy, Detective."

- Aberdeen Theatre -
Tomorrow and Tuesday night at 7:15 and 9:15, "Everything Happens at Night," with Sonja Henie and Ray Milland.

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WEATHER

Fair, with slowly rising temperatures Sunday. Monday partly cloudy and warmer.

SUMMARIES IN MID-SOUTHERN BRIDGE

CHAMPIONSHIP WINNERS

W. H. Holderness and D. N. Farnell, Greensboro	.599
Chester Ward and J. P. Earle, Spartanburg	.598
Dr. L. M. Daniels and Dr. E. W. Bush, Southern Pines	.595
Mr. and Mrs. V. A. Lang, Raleigh	.584
Phil Sowers and Heywood Miller, Salisbury	.550
L. C. LeCompte, Asheville and A. R. Brownson, Statesville	.550
Mr. and Mrs. Carter Harrall, Cheraw	.546
Ben O. Johnson and Mrs. L. T. Powers, Spartanburg	.543
Mrs. Ralph Long and Mrs. Thomas Barber, Winston-Salem	.516
Dr. J. R. Ashe and R. O. Tingley, Charlotte	.505
Mrs. Frank Ray and Mrs. T. B. Harrison, Charlotte	.507
Miss Miriam C. Lindau and W. E. Padgett, Greensboro	.506
Mrs. W. H. Hobson and Mrs. A. E. Reynolds, Salisbury	.503
Mr. and Mrs. M. W. Meyerson, Spartanburg	.485
Mrs. Heddon Kirk and Mrs. Charles Matton, Winston-Salem	.479
J. A. Houston and Ralph Van Landingham Sr., Charlotte	.464

CUP WINNERS SATURDAY AFTERNOON

Section - Position	Players	Score
1 N.S.	L. C. LeCompte, Asheville	.567
1 E.W.	A. R. Brownson, Statesville	.670
2 N.S.	B. O. Johnson, Spartanburg	.591
2 E.W.	Mrs. L. T. Powers, Spartanburg	.559
3 N.S.	Phil Sowers, Salisbury	.608
3 E.W.	Heywood Miller, Salisbury	.608
4 N.S.	Mrs. Olive Hutaff, Wilmington	.573
4 E.W.	Mrs. P. P. Smith, Fayetteville	.573
5 N.S.	Chester Ward, Spartanburg	.513
5 E.W.	J. P. Earle, Spartanburg	.538
	Mr. and Mrs. V. A. Lang, Raleigh	.577
	W. H. Holderness, Greensboro	
	D. N. Farnell, Greensboro	
	Judge J. Crawford Biggs, Raleigh	
	Ralph J. Lovill, Chapel Hill	
	Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Warner	
	Dr. and Mrs. Fred M. Patterson, Greensboro—Misses Janet and Elsie Fairley, Charlotte, were tied at	

CUP WINNERS FRIDAY NIGHT

Section - Position	Players	Score
1 N.S.	Phil Sowers, Salisbury	.568
1 E.W.	Heywood Miller, Salisbury	.633
2 N.S.	Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Harrah, Cheraw	.600
2 E.W.	Mrs. Haddon Kirk, Winston-Salem	.654
3 N.S.	Mrs. Charles Matton, Winston-Salem	.539
3 E.W.	Dr. L. M. Daniels, Southern Pines	.571
4 N.S.	Dr. E. W. Bush, Southern Pines	.598
4 E.W.	W. H. Holderness, Greensboro	.571
	D. N. Farnell, Greensboro—Tied with	
	Mr. and Mrs. M. W. Meyerson, Spartanburg	
	Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Breeden, Bennettsville	
	Mrs. Phin Horton, Winston-Salem	
	Mrs. Lillian Rutzler, Lexington, Va.	
	Miss Miriam C. Lindau, Greensboro	
	W. E. Padgett, Greensboro	

GIRL SCOUTS GUESTS OF MRS. PARKINSON AT MANOR LUNCHEON

Saturday was a "big day" for the local girl scouts when they were guests for luncheon of Mrs. Parkinson at the Manor Hotel. During the luncheon several scout songs were sung by the girls, and Emerson Humphries was there to get pictures of the troop.

A list of the scouts attending the luncheon follows:
Doris and Hazel McDonald, Ruth and Helen Gilliland, Suzanne Ballou, Frances Shaw, Dorothy Wescott, Dorothy Cheney, Nancy Campbell, Grace Herndon, Jane Cole, Flora Ellen Cameron, Mary Frances Goodwin, Gloria Veno, Helen Fields, Clarise Richardson, Shirley White, Patsy and Louise Shaw, Geraldine McKenzie, Betty Smith, Phyllis Hensley, Kay Johnson, and Edith Ann Dunlop.

Dr. Alice Presbrey, Mrs. B. U. Richardson, Mrs. Donald Sherer, and Mrs. J. W. Harbison of the committee, and Mrs. T. P. Cheney, assistant scout leader, were also among the guests.

DONAHUE WOOLWORTH WEDS MRS. HEARST IN SURPRISE CEREMONY

WEST PALM BEACH, Jan. 27 — (AP) — Mrs. Gretchen Wilson Hearst, divorced wife of John R. Hearst, was married today to Woolworth Donahue, heir to 5 and 10 wealth. News of the wedding was a surprise even to 22 intimate friends who heard the first announcement at a luncheon after the ceremony.

In the wedding party were Countess Barbara Hutton Haugwitz - Reventlow and her golf playing companion, Robert Sweeney. The bride, a former New Orleans belle who obtained her divorce from the son of Publisher W. R. Hearst here two seasons ago, was attired informally in a blue afternoon frock.

Donahue is one of New York's best known playboys. He is the son of Mrs. Jessie Donahue, one of the three sisters of the late F. W. Woolworth, who shared the 50 million dollar fortune of the founder of the 5 and 10s.

Holderness and Farnell Win Bridge Tourney

Greensboro Team Captures Mid-Southern Championship With Average of .599 By Extremely Small Margin

McSPADEN, WARD AND OLIVER EACH SCORE 69 IN CROSBY GOLF

Twenty-Nine Golfers Better Par In Coast Event as Second Half of Field Tees Up; Final 18 Holes Today

DEL MAR, Cal., Jan. 27—Led by National Amateur Champion Marvin "Bud" Ward and professionals Harold McSpaden and Ed Oliver, par took a beating as the first round of the annual \$3,000 Bing Crosby golf tournament came to an end and the decks were cleared for the final 18 holes. Twenty-nine golfers—two amateurs—bettered par 72 of the Rancho Santa Fe Country Club when the day's firing had ended, and 70-odd pros go into the last round on the 1940 California winter tournament circuit.

Oliver, pro at Hornell, N. Y., posted his 68 early, and the march was on. McSpaden equalled the figure, and then Ward came in with his sub par performance.

The big guns of golf sounded in today's round in contrast to yesterday, when the first half of the record field of more than 300 played the initial round. Only ten players, led by Cliff Spencer with a 69 broke regulation figures.

Scores of 74 and under in the first round qualified for the match play tomorrow.

Today's leading scores:

Ed Oliver, 34-34-68; xMarvin Ward, 34-34-68; Sam Byrd 34-35-69; Jimmie McHale, 34-35-69; Willie Goggin, 34-35-69; Ralph Guldahl 34-35-69; Craig Wood, 34-35-69; Vic Ghezzi 35-34-69; Denny Shute 36-33-69; Ky Laffoon, 35-34-69; Tony Penna 34-35-69; xPat Abbott 34-35-69; Jimmie Hines 35-35-70; others at 70, Horton Smith, Bill Jelliffe, Paul Runyan, Howard Schmidt; 71, Paul Jones, Cecil Harris, Jimmie Demaret, Stan Kertes, Johnny Bulla, Jimmy Thomson, Byron Nelson, Fay Coleman, Ben Hogan, John Geertz, and Gordon Brunton.

150 Baskets Distributed Among Needy Caddies

The number of baskets delivered by Eric Nelson, club captain of the Tin Whistles and Myron Barrett, assistant caddie master, to hungry and needy caddies and their families, reached the total of 150 yesterday.

The appeal for donations was very gratifying, a total of \$196.50 having been collected in a short time, to relieve the conditions which are a result of the bad weather.

Daniels and Bush Pair From Southern Pines Finish in Third Place with Fine Score of .595

WARD, EARLE, SECOND

W. H. Holderness and D. N. Farnell of Greensboro won the Pinehurst Mid-Southern bridge championship completed at the Carolina Hotel early this morning with an average of .599.

The final result was made known at 2:30 a. m. and the committee announced that the winners had scored by exactly 1-1000th of one per cent over Chester Ward and J. P. Earle of Spartanburg. The figures read .599 and .598.

In third position were Dr. L. M. Daniels and Dr. E. W. Bush, Southern Pines, with the commendable score of .595. It will be remembered that Dr. Daniels was picked by J. R. Bowker as his partner in the 1938 championship.

Mrs. Anna Baker Fenner, who conducted the championship remarked on the improvement in the play. She stated that the contestants are better able to produce their normal bridge under tournament pressure than in former years, and this has greatly improved the standard of play.

J. R. (Jock) Bowker, winner last year with P. S. P. Randolph Jr. tried his luck this time with young Tom Howe, Pinehurst Country Club assistant professional. This combination failed to qualify for the final boards in the championship.

The storm reduced the number of players by practically 100, according to Mrs. Fenner, who expected the largest entry in the history of the event. The advance reservation warranted this prediction before the championship started.

In the special competition held Saturday night for the Carolina Trophies, the winners playing the North and South boards were George Houston and Ralph Van Landingham, Charlotte, with a fine total of .706, while for the East-West boards the winners were Misses Elsie and Janet Fairley, Charlotte, with .619.

Jock Bowker and Tom Howe, playing in this competition over the East-West boards, scored .588, which put them in fourth position.

FINN PICTURE BIG HIT

The latest issue of The March of Time, dealing with Finland, was a big hit at the Pinehurst Theatre Friday night and matinee. The release is a vivid picture of the little country which is putting up such a valiant fight against Russian aggression. It will be shown for those missing it in Pinehurst at the Southern Pines theatre next Friday and Saturday, along with the feature bill "Congo Maisie," starring Ann Sothern.