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Link Peace Move With Ribbentrop-Duce Visit

Conference at Rome Expected to be Devoted to Swedish Efforts at Russo-Finn Mediation

Some Opinions Are That Mussolini Might be Asked to Appeal to Welles for United States Aid in Settling Conflict.

NO PLEA TO WASHINGTON

(By the Associated Press)
German Foreign Minister Von Ribbentrop will leave today to confer with Premier Mussolini in Rome in a meeting which informed sources expected to be devoted to Swedish efforts for mediation in the Finnish-Russian conflict, and to Under-Secretary of State Sumner Welles' fact finding visit to Berlin.

Some sources believe that Von Ribbentrop will seek to enlist Mussolini's aid in forestalling allied help to Finland while Adolf Hitler tries to arrange a Finnish-Soviet settlement. Other opinions said Il Duce might be asked to appeal to Under-Secretary Welles for United States aid in mediating the Russo-Finnish war.

The foreign office disclosed the foreign minister's plans shortly after the arrival yesterday in Berlin of Per Evind Srinhuftvud, 79-year-old former President of Finland, who enlisted German aid for Finland during the World war.

Soon after his arrival by airplane from Copenhagen with two Swedes, the former Finnish President was reported to have gone to the foreign office and the possibility was raised that he might see Adolf Hitler.

German officials said he did not see Von Ribbentrop but they acknowledged that Aarne Wuorimaa, Finnish minister to Berlin, was at the foreign office in the afternoon.

WASHINGTON, March 8.—(AP)—President Roosevelt said today the United States government had received no request for mediation in the Russo-Finnish war.

WHAT TO DO AND SEE Today

Putting tournament for ladies at Pinehurst Country Club this afternoon.

Keno and dance at The Carolina tonight.

Polo at No. 2 field tomorrow afternoon. Public invited.

AT THE THEATRES

Pinehurst - Tomorrow and Monday night at 8:30, matinee Monday at 3:00, "Bluebird," in technicolor, with Shirley Temple.

Southern Pines - Tonight at 8:15, matinee at 3:00, "Vigil in the Night," with Carole Lombard and Brian Aherne.

Aberdeen - Today at 3:00, 7:00 and 9:00, "The Marshal of Mesa City," with George O'Brien and Virginia Vale.

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BERG-HICKS FINAL

ST. AUGUSTINE, Fla., March 8.—(AP)—Patty Berg of Minneapolis and Elizabeth Hicks of Long Beach, Calif., will meet tomorrow in the finals of the Florida East Coast Women's tournament.

Miss Berg continued her comeback trail today by eliminating Miss Clara Callender of Long Beach, Calif., 2 up in the semi-finals. Miss Hicks defeated Mrs. Fred A. Nolan of New Castle, Pa., 4 and 2.

PINEHURST GIRLS WIN WAY TO FINAL ROUND OF EASTERN SERIES

Fuquay Springs Leading 13 to 9 at End of First Half, But Wilt in Second Half to Lose 17 to 21.

The Pinehurst High School girls' basketball team moved into the finals of the Eastern Carolina championship by defeating Fuquay Springs in a fast and close contest at Wake Forest, scene of the championship, last night. The score was 21-17.

Fuquay Springs was leading 13 to 9 at the end of the first half, but Pinehurst tightened up in the second half to permit their rivals only four points while the home girls ran up 12, for the win.

Yesterday's win ran the string of consecutive victories for the Pinehurst girls to 22. They are undefeated and untied for the season. After winning 16 games played on the regular schedule, they won three games in capturing the Moore County title and have won three games in the Eastern North Carolina championship. Many Pinehurst people plan to go to Wake Forest for the final contest this evening.

Clarise Richardson was high for Pinehurst, scoring 12 points, with four field goals and two foul line shots. Sara MacKenzie. (Continued on Page Six)

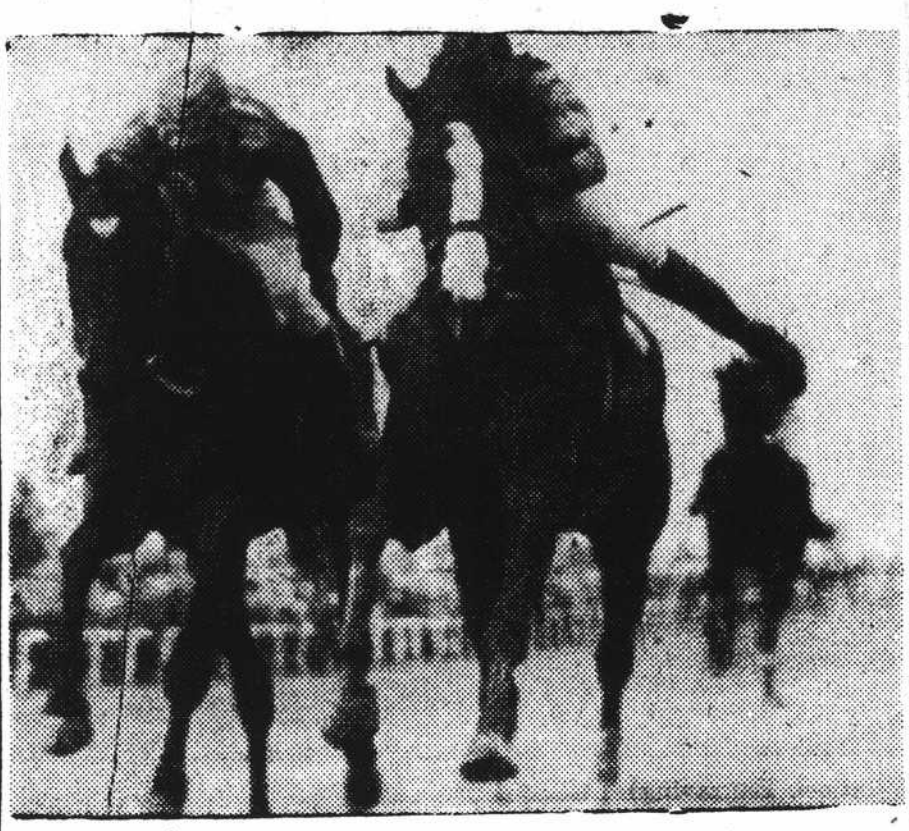
Boxwood Court Sale at Auction This Afternoon

An opportunity to watch the nationally known real estate firm of Joseph P. Day Inc. in action will be presented this afternoon when Boxwood Court, the estate of Eldridge Johnson will be sold at auction.

Stephen McDonald, sales manager for the Day firm has been in Pinehurst for a number of days as a guest at The Carolina Hotel. He stated last night that he expected Mr. Day would arrive in Pinehurst this morning to take charge of the sale.

The sale has created a great deal of interest in the village.

THRILLING STEEPLECHASE MOMENT



Patrons at the Sandhills Steeplechase meeting here next Saturday will be treated to plenty of exciting action such as this picture of a race finish shows.

55 NEUTRAL NATIONS APPROACHED BY U. S. ON AMITY PROGRAM

WASHINGTON, March 8.—(AP)—Secretary Hull said today 55 neutral nations had been approached by the American government with a view to working toward a better world economic order in the days after the European war.

Most of them have sent in replies, he added, and most of the replies favor the co-operative effort.

Hull's conversations with the neutrals are designed to reach a common ground, prior to the end of the war, on which a better economic order and disarmament can be built internationally after the war.

The secretary of state said he knew nothing of any soundings from European nations to the United States to obtain this government's mediation of the Russo-Finnish war.

In reply to a question, Hull said he had no information that Sumner Welles, undersecretary of state, would see Pope Pius XII in Rome next week before sailing for the United States.

PLANS PREPARED BY ARCHITECTS FOR PREPARATORY SCHOOL

H. Raymond Weeks of Atwood & Weeks, Durham and Chapel Hill architects, have prepared preliminary plans for the North Carolina Preparatory School to be built on Midland road.

Mr. Weeks visited the property early this week with Thomas Burton, the recently appointed headmaster.

The Atwood & Weeks firm has gained a national reputation for architectural design for schools and colleges, and drew plans for the new buildings at the University of North Carolina.

Mr. Burton has taken over the campaign to raise funds for the school, and the project is moving forward.

HOLLY INN PING PONG SERIES UNDERWAY WITH MANY ENTERED

Sixteen men and a dozen lady ping pong players responded to the third annual Holly Inn tournament call last evening in the ballroom of the popular Pinehurst hotel.

G. Edward Horne, manager of the Holly played three distinct roles in the contest; he made the opening speech, delineating the rules of the game to the players, then moved into the referee's chair for the rest of the evening, except for a half-hour period, when he played a match with Haines Stockton.

Moving into the semi-finals in the men's division were, Ralph Wheeler, 1939 champion; Haines Stockton, University of North Carolina star, Peter Courson and Lou Koch. The Misses Helen Waring, Anne Hotchkiss, Olive Nace and Eleanor Sanford moved into the semi-finals in the ladies bracket.

A comic feature of the evening was the first round match between C. H. Kimball, a guest at the Holly Inn and Bob Harlow, editor of the Pinehurst Outlook. Mr. Harlow, arriving at the Holly Inn a half-hour before. (Continued on Page Six)

POLO TOMORROW!

Pinehurst polo team will have another go at it tomorrow afternoon on the revamped home field, located near the race track. It will be Pinehurst vs. Durham, and plenty of action again is promised.

AND—Earl Shaw, Pinehurst No. 1 player, is NOT staying out of the game, even though he did get a three-day stay in Moore County Hospital after that bad spill last Sunday. Shaw will be in there tomorrow—shiner, bandaged arm and all—pinch-hitting at the amplifier.

The public is invited. The game starts at 3:00 o'clock.

Maizie Burleson Kills Former Husband's Wife

Ex-Mate of U. S. Army Colonel Came to Pinehurst Last Saturday, Left on Wednesday

GIRDLE NIPS MINES

LONDON, March 8.—(AP)—After three months of intensive work, British scientists believe they have developed the answer to Germany's magnetic mines—an electric girdle for ships designed to destroy the effectiveness of the under-water terrors.

The liner Queen Elizabeth arrived in New York yesterday wearing one of the belts, but the details of how the invention works were closely guarded.

Walks Into Cafeteria at Columbia, S. C., and Shoots Victim Through the Back, Death Ensuing Shortly After.

MEANT TO RETURN HERE

Mrs. Maizie Walker Burleson, who departed from Pinehurst on Wednesday, walked into a cafeteria in Columbia, S. C., at 2:25 p. m., yesterday afternoon and with a pistol shot fatally wounded Mrs. Richard C. Burleson, wife of a colonel in the U. S. army, stationed at Camp Jackson. Mrs. Maizie Walker Burleson was the first wife of the army officer.

The first Mrs. Burleson found the second Mrs. Burleson sitting at a table in the cafeteria. She approached from behind and shot her victim through the back. The wounded woman died while being taken to hospital.

Col. Burleson was in his hotel room when his second wife was murdered. He had nothing to say.

Maizie Burleson came to Pinehurst from her home in Galveston, Texas, arriving last Saturday. (Continued on page 2)

SKREET SHOOT LISTED FOR TOMORROW AT PINEHURST GUN CLUB

Glen Davis, manager of the Pinehurst Gun Club has arranged for an unusual get-together of skeet-shooters in Pinehurst tomorrow. Altogether there will be a group of about 30 at the Gun Club to try their hand at shattering the clay pigeons in mid-air. These will come from Bennettsville, S. C., McCall, S. C., Southern Pines, Pinehurst and Aberdeen for the fray.

This meet is the first of its kind this season. Its purpose is to work up interest in a skeet tournament which Mr. Davis is organizing for the latter part of this month, when he plans to get over 100 skeet shooters together in a regional amateur skeet tournament for trophies.

As a feature of tomorrow's program, Ken Beagle, a representative of the Remington Arms Co., will be at the Pinehurst Gun Club all day. Beagle, a pro, will advise and coach the group on hand.

BISHOP DUMOULIN AT CHAPEL ON SUNDAY

The Rt. Rev. Frank Dumoulin, D. D., of New York will be the preacher at the Village Chapel on Sunday.

The bishop is a regular visitor to the Pinelands, and he is always welcomed to the Chapel.

WEATHER

Mostly cloudy, occasional light rain along the coast in morning, slowly rising temperatures in extreme west portion Saturday. Sunday fair and warmer.

TWO TEAMS TIED IN BESTBALL TOURNNEY OF TIN WHISTLES

Keating - Lesh - Powdrell - Smith Combination Locked With Bowker - Cheatham - Fobes - Hale in Four Partner Tilt With 60.

There was a tie yesterday in the Tin Whistle bestball of all four partners, with two four-somes returning net scores of 60—which is a new low for the season.

It should be stated in the lead of this story that although George T. Dunlap Jr. was not a member of a winning combination he returned an individual gross card on a number one course of 33-31-64. This tied the record for the new course. Purvis Ferree made a 31-33-64, on October 20.

The Tin Whistle fours which tied yesterday were E. C. Keating, H. F. Lesh, F. A. Powdrell, R. W. Smith and J. R. Bowker, Rev. T. A. Cheatham, S. D. Fobes, F. F. Hale.

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VISITING ROTARIANS OUTNUMBER LOCALS AT LUNCHEON MEETING

To a casual observer it was a question as to whether the Southern Pines Rotary Club or Rotary International was holding court at the Rotary luncheon meeting in the Southern Pines Country Club yesterday noon.

Despite the fact that they were hopelessly outnumbered, the local Rotarians, with Past-President June Phillips acting in place of absentee President Jim Simons, staged a cordial welcome and reception for their visiting brethren.

The visitors, numbering twenty-four, entertained members of the local club with an all-Rotary visitors putting contest on the Country Club 18-hole putting course after the luncheon with professional Roy Grinnell in charge.