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Frank Page, Chairman State Highway Commission

PINEHURST POLO TEAM AT WINSTON

Christian Endeavor to Have Interesting Program—Local Happenings

Saturday Mrs. R. Pyron went over to Winston with five other members of the local polo team, Dr. Richard Taylor, Messrs. Tuckerman, Latting, Lovring and Cameron. They were delightedly entertained at the beautiful home of Mr. and Mrs. Johnson at Reynolda, the Winston-Salem Polo team unit, Mr. Viv Slocock also being guest at this delightful occasion. A great match game was played between the two teams, the Winston-Salem team being the victors after playing 6 chucks the score being 6 to 9. The Pinehurst team unit having Capt. Slocock with them and being very much out of practice found themselves unequal to this splendid young team which was just organized in May under the supervision of Capt. Slocock and the manager of the Polo team at Pinehurst. Plans are already being made for some great polo to be played at Pinehurst during the 1923 and 1924 season. One new field has already been built and the other three have been carefully worked over.

Mr. Richard Tufts is spending ten days in the mountains of North Carolina. On Sunday evening at 8 o'clock, August 5th, the Christian Endeavor will have a splendid program to which every one is invited. Miss Margaret Kelly, chairman of the young people's work, will have charge. Mrs. Suttentfield, district chairman of young people's missionary work in the Fayetteville Presbytery, will be present, and Mrs. J. R. Page, of Aberdeen, with her young people's missionary society will have charge of the program.

This will be the first meeting of the Pinehurst Christian Endeavor since their organization, and the officers will preside at the meeting. Everybody is invited.

Mrs. Bruce Cameron, of Pinehurst, met with the Mission Board of the Fayetteville Presbytery at Fayetteville on the 24th, at which time the committee agreed to grant the request of the recently organized church at Pinehurst to assist the local Presbyterian church to secure a full time preacher there by making it possible in the near future for definite plans to be formulated to erect a splendid church. Already the officers of this church with the president of this squad are looking around for a suitable man for the place.

Quite a large contingent went over to Southern Pines to the all day celebration on Thursday, reporting a fine time, with splendid dinner and very enjoyable sports.

Messrs. Piquet, Sledge Gordon Cameron and Pyron drove over to the peach celebration Friday. They reported a great time, with record crowd.

Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Cameron, and three children left Thursday for Indiana where they will spend August with friends and relatives. They will motor through the country.

Mrs. Dunlop has as her guest for the week Miss Ruth Webber, of Champaign, Ill., who is receiving many social attentions while here.

Mr. and Mrs. Viv Slocock will be the guests of Mr. and Mrs. R. Pyron over the week-end. They are summing at Reynolda.

Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Bliss motored to Winston-Salem for the day Sunday. They had as their guests, Mr. and Mrs. Homer Peacock and Mrs. Laura J. Sloan. Mr. Peacock entertained the party at the Sheraton Hotel at High Point Sunday night.

Mrs. M. Haygood sustained painful burns on her right side Saturday, to the regret of her many friends.

Misses Etheridge and Bowen, the

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THE COMMUNITY PICNIC

Well Attended By People From Everywhere in Section--- Big Dinner---Band Music---Entertainment and Good Speaking Feature the Occasion

The Community Picnic, sponsored by the Kiwanis Club of the Sandhills, held last Thursday at Municipal Park, Southern Pines, was indeed a community affair. There was not a community in the Sandhills which was not represented and had it not been peach time, the busiest time in the Sandhills, a still bigger crowd would have been there. It was estimated that one thousand people hied themselves to Southern Pines in the course of the afternoon and evening.

The picnic was opened with a bugle mess call blown by a member of the Fort Bragg Military Band. The dinner itself was laid out in Cafeteria style and every one present was invited to partake of it. The Fifth Regiment Military Band, which was there in full strength, entertained the crowd with real band music. At 2 o'clock the fire companies of Aberdeen, Pinehurst, So. Pines and Carthage held a speed contest. Each company showed much skill and ability in making hose couplings and playing a stream of water. In fact the difference in time between them was only nominal.

That over, the crowd was drawn to the speaker's stand by the band. Mayor Sam Richardson of Southern Pines, made the opening remarks and delegated Judge W. A. Way, who he termed "the man without a country" because he didn't want to be of any particular community but of the Sandhills solely, to introduce the first speaker. Judge Way, in a happy way, introduced Hon. Frank Page. Mr. Page, himself of our community, addressed the gathering as chairman of the State Highway Commission, for the Kiwanis had planned that this picnic should be a good roads meeting; therefore the citizen who had nationally distinguished himself along that line was invited as honor guest to put across the message of Better Roads and the advantages that follow them, and Mr. Page did so in a first handed manner. He brought with him facts and figures of what has already been accomplished and held out visions and expectations of further efforts to eventually have every community in the State connected with every other section of the State by a good road.

Mr. Page stated that at present the work of the Highway Commission was divided into nine districts, each district in charge of a member of the commission. Throughout the nine districts there were now completed 6,150 miles of good roads and that these roads carried 85 per cent of the automobile travel in and through the State, thus relieving the county roads from this travel and making their upkeep and maintenance less expensive to the counties themselves. To show how this road work is assuming proportions, Mr. Page cited these figures: In 1919 there were 190 projects under way comprising 131 miles and costing \$1,500,000. At the present time there are 401 different projects under way covering 1330 miles actually under construction, and 2,035 miles under contract and 39 bridge contracts with a total cost of \$48,600,000. The Highway Commission, which had to start at road building experimentally and without data had been able to reduce the cost of construction per mile by the application of scientific principles and the use of modern road building equipment.

"This construction cost, which is stupendous now and will continue to grow, need not hinder us from extending our program of road building," he said, "for the auto owner and gas user is paying for it." Here Mr. Page interjected a remark that the auto owner was being more than compensated for his tax outlay because of the saving of oil and gas and the lessening of the wear and tear and the consequent decrease in repair bills to his car.

The increase in cars and the consumption of gas is steadily keeping ahead of the increase of expenditure for road construction. He said that in 1920 there were shipped into the state 73,997,832 gallons of gasoline. There were at that time 142,284 automobiles in the State, or each automobile in 1920 used 520 gallons of gas. In 1921 there were shipped into the State 73,492,968 gallons of gasoline, and we had at that time 149,901 automobiles in the State, or each automobile consumed during the year 490 gallons of gas. In the year 1922 we had shipped into the State 86,125,368 gallons of gasoline, and we had 181,955 automobiles or each automobile in 1922 consumed 463 gallons of gas. This will show that a saving of each automobile in 1922 over 1920 was 57 gal-

lons of gas. This can be accounted for only by the improved roads in 1922 over 1920. This 57 gallons of gas, multiplied by an average price of 25 cents, was a net saving to each automobile of \$14.25 or a saving to 181,955 automobile owners amounting to the tremendous sum of \$2,592,587.50. This is a saving in gasoline alone, not to mention the saving in oil, time, and the wear and tear of your machine and religion.

Figures on the gasoline tax realized by the state are: 1921, \$2,300,000; 1922, \$2,837,000; 1923, since March it has already amounted to \$1,038,000. The total revenue obtained from the license tax this year will exceed \$6,000,000. The legislature has made provision for a total expenditure of \$65,000,000. When that amount has been exhausted provision will have to be made for a further authorization to continue the extension of this work, which Mr. Page characterized as the most important thing that the State of North Carolina is doing today and a thing vitally affecting every citizen, every branch of trade and commerce, and particularly its rural population, the back-bone of the state.

The Pilot makes a full report of Mr. Page's speech it sounded the keynote for the day and also to put its salient points before those of its readers who were not able to hear the address, but who are and ought to be kept interested in North Carolina's Road Building Program.

Hon. Robert N. Page introduced Gen. Bowley, Commander at Fort Bragg. Gen. Bowley proved himself a pleasing and pointed speaker. His remarks were centered on the establishing of proper relations between the civilian population of this section and the soldiers at the neighboring Fort. The speaking over, the games for the day started. A Tennis Tournament was held in which players from Southern Pines, Aberdeen and some of the other towns took part. The Aberdeen and Biscoe ball team played a good game on the Southern Pines ball diamond, which resulted in a score of eight to seven in favor of Aberdeen. In the evening, W. Broad Street was given over to a block dance, at which Tommy Teefer's Serenaders furnished the music.

ANNUAL PEACH SHOW A SUCCESS

Held at Hamlet July 27—Folks There from South Carolina and Georgia

The Sandhill Peach Show, which was held at Hamlet last Friday, proved a decided success from the standpoint of attracting a crowd. North Carolina, aside from this immediate vicinity, contributed its quota of peach enthusiasts. South Carolina was well represented, and here and there was a peach grower from Georgia who showed plainly that our section was gaining his favor.

The show itself was held in the new tobacco warehouse, the center of which was banked up with peaches of all the varieties now ripening. Around this display the crowd kept up a continuous promenade.

A program of addresses had been arranged for. It was gone through with as per schedule, but the noise and din in the building and the shuffling of feet greatly handicapped the speakers. At times only their lips appeared to be moving.

Plenty of entertainment was provided. The 7th Regiment Band from Fort Bragg was there. Hamlet tried to outdo herself to leave a good impression with every visitor. And all Richmond county took the opportunity to boom its favorite song, W. N. Everette for Governor. It was peaches and politics, and politics and peaches.

PINEHURST AYRSHIRE HEADS STATE PRODUCERS

During May Otero Mitchell 63801, gave 1661.7 pounds of milk, 68.95 pounds of butter fat, thus entitling her to the honor of State Leader in production among Ayrshires during that month. She is 6 years, 63 days of age, and is being tested for the Advanced Registry by her owner, Pinehurst Farm, Pinehurst, N. C.

See our line of trunks and bags. McKethan & Co. (36*tf)

SAUNDERS VISITS TOBACCO HEADQUARTERS

Interviews Officials of Leading Tobacco Companies—All Pleased With Our Tobacco

B. B. Saunders, Aberdeen's enterprising warehouseman, made a special trip to Richmond, Va., the latter part of last week. He went there to get direct information from the officials of the leading tobacco companies, in order that he will be able to give the best possible service to the tobacco raisers of this section in the marketing of their crop. He found that our tobacco was gaining in favor steadily with the manufacturers and exporters, and all the leading tobacco companies assured him that they were going to send him the best corp of buyers that had ever been in this section on any warehouse floor before. He comes back enthused over the outlook.

Mr. Saunders is making preparations to handle from two and one half to three million pounds of tobacco on his warehouse floor this year. He is now doing considerable work on his warehouse, making such alterations as will facilitate loading and unloading and the handling of this large amount of tobacco through the warehouse to the shipping platform. The opening day has not yet been determined. It will be decided very soon now, and will then be advertised in this paper.

VASS HOME IMPROVEMENT CONTEST CLOSES

Miss Ruth McNeill Wins First Prize—Mrs. H. A. Borst, Second—Other Winners

Early in the spring, Miss Bradford, our Home Demonstration Agent, began talking about a Home Improvement Contest for Vass. We were not so very interested at first, but before many days had passed, her interest and enthusiasm began to touch responsive chords here and there, and when a canvass was made, we found that more than thirty women and girls and one man had decided to enter the contest.

Mr. R. G. Hutcheson, of Eureka, scored the yards at the beginning, using the regular government score card. Miss Bradford sent each contestant a copy of the score card so that she might know just what counted most, also a bulletin containing helpful information about walks and flowers. The planning and planting began and continued through the weeks with the result that the judge found much improvement when he made his final round last week.

On Saturday night a crowd gathered at the school building to learn who had won the seven valuable prizes offered by our merchants. Mr. Hutcheson and Miss Bradford were the speakers of the occasion. At the close of an interesting talk, the former announced the winners as follows:—

Miss Ruth McNeill, first prize, 3-piece oak Porch Set; Mrs. H. A. Borst, second, Oak Swing; Mrs. A. K. Thompson, third, Swing; Mrs. E. Dunkhorst, fourth, Floor Paint; Mrs. S. R. Smith, fifth, Pruning Shears; Mrs. W. D. Matthews, sixth, Water Sprinkler; Mrs. Furman Scott, seventh, Swing Pillow.

After the final scoring, the cards were mailed to the contestants. Much interest was taken in this contest, and the county agent hopes to put on another one in the fall with more people entering. A CONTESTANT.

SUNDAY AUTO ACCIDENT

A Hudson and a Ford Collide—Numa Davis, Ford Occupant, Killed

Sunday took more than its average toll in lives through auto accidents. They were not confined to any one state or any one section of this state. Our neighborhood contributed one death to Sunday's auto casualties. A Hudson touring car and a Ford roadster came together on the State Highway between Lakeview and Southern Pines. The Ford was completely demolished, and its driver, Numa Davis, of near Cameron, killed. The Hudson was being driven by Dan Smith of Vass. The coroners jury empaneled soon after the accident, exonerated the driver of the Hudson from any blame.



General Bowley, Commander of Fort Bragg

PEACH SEASON IS WINDING UP

Mr. Blue Improving—Marriage—Other Late Local News From Aberdeen

The 1923 peach season will be over this week, except for some of the Elberta variety, which, however, was reduced to only a small fraction of a crop by the freeze. These started to go to market this week along with the Belles, the two varieties following each other more closely this year than ever before.

Last year things were hustle and bustle in the Aberdeen railroad yards. This year the crop is being moved with very little extra effort, the regular trains hauling all of it.

Yesterday we got a glimpse of Mr. Will Blue being driven through the streets of Aberdeen. We are told that he stopped in at the A. & R. offices for just a few minutes visit. It will not be long, we hope, until he will be able to attend to his full duties again.

The Aberdeen and Rockfish railroad have so far handled about forty five cars of watermelons grown in the territory around Montrose and Ashley Heights. This movement will be some heavier this week. Some of the best orchards in this section are also located along this route of the A. & R., one of these being noted for the abundance and fine quality of its fruit this year—the Cherokee Orchard, otherwise known as McGraw's Orchard. The section served by the A. & R. railroad has a bright prospect before it. We are told that there are tobacco fields in that section that far surpass anything ever seen here in texture, color and waxiness of the leaf.

Mrs. H. S. Bradshaw is at Siler City waiting on Mr. Bradshaw who suffered a paralytic stroke about a month ago while on a visit there with his daughter. Mr. Bradshaw's condition is such that he shows only a slight improvement since the first effects of the stroke. He was a fine specimen of manhood, and the stroke rendering him helpless came on him without warning.

Mr. Guy Thomas and Miss Dorothy Knight, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. David Knight were married in Bennettsville, S. C., Wednesday, July 25. The young couple returned to Aberdeen Wednesday afternoon and are temporarily staying at the Aberdeen Hotel. The groom is a native of the Jackson Springs section and a brother of C. B. Thomas, and follows the plumbing and heating trade.

The Aberdeen K. of P. Lodge entertained a delegation of twenty-five visiting K. of P's of Fayetteville Monday night. The second degree was conferred on four candidates after which the refreshments were brought out. All the visiting members were provided with all the peaches they could eat and enough to last them on their trip back. The affair was enjoyed immensely by both the hosts and guests.

A. L. Burney, of the Burney Hardware Company, has aspirations and ambitions in many directions, all connected with the business of that company. He is now making a trip of a week to Baltimore and other northern points for the special purpose of looking over the market and displays of Christmas toys and Christmas decorations and ornaments. He is going to stock a big assortment of these goods, enough to induce Santa Claus to make his headquarters with him for this section. Mr. Burney did a good business in this line last Christmas, but he feels that he would be able to delight the hearts of the kiddies more by going to headquarters and buying, than to depend upon catalogue purchases. Before returning, Mr. Burney will stop for a few days visit at Mrs. Burney's home near Winston-Salem, where Mrs. Burney is now visiting.

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