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MOVEMENTS AT SOUTHERN PINES

**Southern Pines Warehouse in
New Location; New Road
Machinery; Other News**

The Southern Pines Warehouses have moved to their new location at the south end of East Broad street, and there they are providing one of the most complete plants for handling building material to be found in this part of the state. Two large buildings are already completed and occupied, and a third large warehouse to hold cement, lime and such stuff, is under way, and will be finished in a few days. The buildings already finished are full of material of all sorts, with more coming daily and with room on the ground for an unlimited stock, as about three acres is embraced in the warehouse property. Hugh Betterly, the manager of the establishment, is not in the Sandhills very long, but he has proven his usefulness in the way he has taken hold of aggressive work. He has done a lot of building, a big share of orchard development, and has brought the new warehouse plant to a conspicuous place in Moore county affairs. It is interesting to note that the fine growth of pine that stood on the land where the warehouses stand was used in building the new structures. The timber was taken to the saw mill, and sawed lumber brought back.

The machinery for building the new road between Southern Pines and Aberdeen is in position near the new location of the Southern Pines Warehouses, where the warehouse siding can be used, and in a few days the contractors expect to get at the construction work on the road. The time given to finish the job will require that it shall be finished by spring, or about three months. A big outfit has been set up, and it is evident that it will push things along fast when it is under way.

One of the interesting Christmas features on Weymouth Heights was a Christmas tree that Walter Halliwell devised at his home on Connecticut avenue extension. Back of his house a large pine tree stands in the grove, and on that tree he strung a great number of electric lights of all colors, and every night had the bulbs illuminated. They could be seen far down into the Fort Bragg territory as well as from all vantage points around the hill and out beyond the town. It was one of the picturesque features of Weymouth Heights for the past few days.

The new theater building has been delayed a couple of days by failure of material to arrive, but it is making fast progress. It will not only make a fine building as an addition to the appearance of the town, but also as another modern theater. Its architectural style will be apparent as the outside walls progress a little farther.

Capt. M. S. Murray, formerly safety and efficiency engineer for the big Ford collieries near Pittsburgh, Pa., who has joined the forces of the Carolina Coal Company at Coal Glen in Chatham county, was visitor in Southern Pines over Sunday in company with Howard Butler, superintendent of the mines. Capt. Murray comes with a highly creditable record. The general manager of the Ford company told one of the officials of the Carolina company that Murray came out of the army to straighten out some things at the Ford mines five years ago, "And," said the manager, "He is here now and has a job as long as he wants to stay. He is one of the most capable men we ever had." Capt. Murray joined the Carolina company because he says he thinks the company has a fine opportunity and is a good concern to be connected with.

Herbert Beck is building up a big business at his garage on East Broad street. He is a young chap who grew up with the town, and whose good work and attention to business is making him a lot of friends and patrons.

Much complaint is heard of fast driving on the highway as it traverses Southern Pines. The crossings of the streets at many corners and several accidents have occurred and the complainers say more are feared if the speed is not brought within the legal limit.

POPULAR CONCERT AT THE CAROLINA THEATRE

The Carolina Theatre management announces the engagement of the Carolina Concert Club to appear in a popular concert at Pinehurst on Tuesday, January 15, at 8:15 p. m.

The Carolina Concert Club was organized in Charlotte two years ago and is composed of ten men, picked from among the most popular singers of the city, each of the members having studied voice for at least three years and the majority of them at present members of the prominent church choirs and prominent in the musical life of the community. The club is directed by Carol Hay-

ner Baker who is considered one of the best choral directors in the South. She has studied under some of the most famous vocal teachers in America and Europe, and for several years was the pupil of Mme. Marchesi in Paris.

The Club was organized for the purpose of studying the more popular chorus selections from both opera and classical music and to render them so as to appeal to all music lovers, whether they are familiar with opera or not. That this has been accomplished to a very successful degree is demonstrated by the increasing demand for the Club in concert and by the unstinted praise that has been given the work of its members wherever a concert has been given.

Fred Patton, the New York Concert Artist, said of them: "I was wonderfully impressed by the singing of the Carolina Concert Club at the Charlotte Festival. Such blending of voices—precision of attack and release—shading and true intonation are seldom heard."

A brief outline of their program is here given:

- Bandit Song from ErnaniVerdi Concert Club
- Oh Bird of Love.....Wood Nettie Allison
- (a) Hush in Silence
- (b) Unot a Lonely Abode (Rigoletto) Concert Club Verdi
- Oh Little Rose of May.....Clarke Grace Kohn
- Misereri from II Trovatore.....Verdi Concert Club
- Quartette from RigolettoVerdi Kohn and Smith, Gibson and O'Grady
- Soldiers Chorus from Faust.....Gounod Concert Club
- (a) Pipes of PanMoncton
- (b) FanchonetteClarke
- (c) The AnswererTerry Miss Grace Kohn
- Ah, Love but a DayBeach Will Neal
- Hunters' Song from Der Freyhtutz Concert Club Weber

CALIFORNIA CALLS FOR SANDHILLS PRODUCT

Encouraging the boys to secure subscriptions for The Pilot and win as a premium a Pinehurst Berkshire pig ought to get a boost in a letter Harry Lewis, of Southern Pines, has just received from California. The letter says, "If you think it would be possible to send a Sandhill ham this far I would like one weighing about fourteen pounds. I would be very glad also if you would send enough English Breakfast bacon to feed seven hungry people. Pork here on the Pacific coast is cheap but very inferior."

Lewis promptly sent a ham and a -b English Breakfast ham to Belvedere, California, by express. He does not expect to establish a very great trade that far away but the request from that distance and the willingness of the buyer to pay the express charges across the continent show that Moore county is making something besides peaches, cotton and tobacco. Three or four years ago Lewis commenced to specialize in hog products of the higher types. He encouraged farmers to bring to his packing plant every superior hog that was raised. By buying good hogs and making good products he has created a reputation for Sandhill hams and for what he calls English breakfast bacon. English breakfast bacon must not be confused with the ordinary bacon of the meat shop, for it is a variety of meat unlike anything else. Mr. Lewis makes it by pickling the pork loins and then putting them through a smoking process so that when they are cut up they are practically pork chops that have been treated like the famous Sandhill hams. It is plainly apparent why this Sandhill bacon has gained a wide popularity.

Mr. Lewis is constantly calling on the farmers for more good hogs that can be used in his special brand of Sandhills hams and Sandhills English breakfast bacon. With the call for these articles broadening every day the market for a good type of hog in Moore county will never be overdone. There is a big field for the boys who will establish themselves in raising Berkshire hogs. And every community ought to vigorously back two or three boys in this movement.

DOUBLE KILLING AT ABERDEEN

News reaches Vass just as The Pilot goes to press telling of a double killing at Aberdeen in which Chief of Police W. P. Page was killed by a negro, and in turn the other officer with Page took the gun, falling out of the chief's hand, and killed the negro.

The negro was wanted for store breaking, and the officers went to the place where he was staying and arrested him, and were in the car returning to Aberdeen when the negro, who was sitting on the back seat with policeman Page produced a pistol from his person and shot the officer. The officers thought they had given as good a search as necessary but seem to overlook the gun. The other officer's name was Jeanes.

NEW DEVELOPMENT AT KNOLLWOOD

**Territory Toward Southern
Pines to be Thrown
Open**

Last week The Pilot announced the opening of a new road that is connecting Knollwood Village and Southern Pines. For a couple of years this has been contemplated, and The Pilot has been looking over the maps and waiting for the day when the start would be made. A few weeks ago Judge Way initiated the work by commencing on the Fairway road that leads down from his property, and Mr. Tufts, manager of Knollwood, proposed to Mayor Richardson, of Southern Pines, that the two villages should finish the job.

Francis Deaton had made the survey long enough ago that it was all ready, and when Mr. Tufts said go the thing started with a hurry movement. It is now about completed, and as the road goes it is one of the best in the Sandhills, and with one of the most interesting regions to traverse.

But it is not the road that is the essential thing just now. That road opens a magnificent bit of Sandhill ridge, running from the foot of Rhode Island avenue in Southern Pines out to the creek, and then up past the pump station and a half mile front on the rise above Mid-Pines golf course, and in the whole distance a succession of the finest building sites in the country are available for settlement. These building locations will be put on sale as fast as they can be tagged in some way to designate the boundaries. Judge Way has a number of sites on the Fairway road over the Knollwood Village end of the new road and then comes in the Knollwood property, reaching from the Way lines to within a couple of squares of the main streets of Southern Pines, for the new road is a continuation of Southern Pines streets for something like a half a mile.

S. B. Richardson will have the sale of the lots in the section adjoining the town of Southern Pines. A. S. Newcomb will continue to sell Knollwood property, and Judge Way will be active in bringing his territory into the market, probably in a developed condition, or in the hands of buyers who will be developers. The Judge is not a hurry-up man in disposing of his stuff until it is in a condition to be used by some one, and he wants to put it in that shape himself or see it done. In talking with Mr. Richardson and Mr. Newcomb on this new prospect both say unequivocally that it is destined to have a pronounced influence on the immediate future of both villages. Work will progress out from Southern Pines, for as Mr. Richardson says, the minute the people drive out that road and see the fine prospect that has been laid out a demand for home sites will begin. The nearness to all the public points in Southern Pines, postoffice, railroads, schools, churches and stores as well as to the Mid-Pines territory will make that ridge out of Southern Pines a highly popular location for settlement.

The contour of the ground out that way is such that it gives a series of elevated terraces all the way from Southern Pines to the creek, and most of the ground has a fine growth of young pine coming on as well as a sprinkling of big trees. It slopes enough to make interesting variation of surface, and is high enough to afford all the elevation desired.

Mr. Richardson says he expects a quick response to the opening of that section of the Southern Pines-Knollwood connection, and that it will be peopled with that type of home-makers who will build such homes as will put the new community in the desirable quarters of the suburbs. The outcome of this opening will be the early connection of Southern Pines and Knollwood Village, as this will be the short road, and every lot along the line will be a good location. The size of the building locations will be large, so no crowding into town lots will be necessary. Prices will be fixed low enough to permit the purchase of a good frontage. This will allow plenty of room for buildings and for ample surroundings. Mr. Newcomb said possibly a scheme might be adopted allowing any buyer to select whatever frontage he might desire, but this is not definitely decided. But in that event the size of each individual purchase would depend on the buyer's inclination, and the price made by the size of the frontage. Those who are interested can drive out the road and see the property and then find out about selling arrangements from Richardson or Newcomb.

DR. McBRAYER RESIGNS

The resignation of Dr. L. B. McBrayer, as superintendent of the state sanatorium for tuberculosis patients at Sanatorium was accepted by the institution's board of directors in ses-

sion Wednesday at Sanatorium, and Dr. P. P. McCain, son-in-law of Dr. McBrayer, and assistant superintendent of the sanatorium, was elected to succeed his father-in-law.

The action of the board followed a request made some weeks ago by Governor Cameron Morrison that Dr. McBrayer be removed as head of the sanatorium because of his plea of guilty in Hoke Superior court recently to a charge of trading with himself in an official capacity.

Dr. McBrayer's resignation was accepted following unanimous adoption by the board of a resolution stating that Dr. McBrayer had rendered distinguished and unselfish service to the institution and the state.

COL. CAMERON LIKES THE SANDHILLS

We are printing an excerpt from a letter Mr. Leonard Tufts received this week from Col. D. W. Cameron, of Lochiel, Scotland, which will be of interest to his many friends in this section:

"We had a very good and comfortable journey back on the Aquitania and we are now settled in here for the winter. (Dinard, France).

"I cannot tell you how much we enjoyed our visit to Pinehurst or appreciated all your kindness to us.

"Please remember us most kindly to Mr. Ralph Page and all our other friends in Pinehurst and assure them we have not forgotten them nor shall we ever forget them. Please also don't forget to remember me to my clansmen."

KIWANIS CLUB BACKS MISS McQUEEN

At the meeting of the Kiwanis club on Wednesday at the Littlecote tea house at Pinehurst the question of backing Miss McQueen, county nurse, in her campaign for a dental clinic was brought up, and after some discussion as to methods and ways it was decided that the individual members would give the movement individual support until it was learned how far this step would be effective. The committee to which the affair had been submitted last week reported that \$1,100 had already been subscribed by private individuals, and that more would probably be forthcoming on the total amount of \$4,000 asked for to carry on the work throughout the county. It seemed the sense of the organization was that further private help should be tried out before the club as an organization should take hold. Incidentally Dr. Mudgett wondered if it would not be well to include a whole time health officer in the county, but as that was not the question at issue the suggestion was passed up for the original proposition.

After proper attention had been given to the vittle Hon. James H. Vahey, of Boston, was introduced, and he talked in interesting fashion about the development of the Sandhills. He had come to Pinehurst first in 1905 and had not been in the county since. The change was interesting to him. He said that in his younger days he lived in the suburbs of Boston, and that a short distance across the country the Tufts family were neighbors and that to come down into this country now was to find so many people from up that way that he could stand on the steps at the Carolina and call by their first names a large proportion of the people he met there. As a New Englander he felt at home in the Sandhills of North Carolina, and he liked what he found. Mr. Vahey talked a little of his work in the industrial relations of labor and capital in Massachusetts and Washington, and he stepped on thin ice when he ventured to intimate that child labor laws in North Carolina enabled the North Carolina mill men to put up a petition in textile manufacture that Massachusetts mills were feeling, and protesting. But R. N. Page assured Mr. Vahey that the Carolina labor laws as far as they pertain to children are identical with those of Massachusetts, and that the factor that has made this state second in the union in the consumption and first in the number of mills and spindles is that wonderful factor that has done so much else for the progress of the state, which is climate. Mr. Vahey accepted the explanation gracefully, and was given a vote of thanks for his interesting talk. He stays in Pinehurst for a considerable period, and told the club that if he gets to feeling any better than he has he will at once go to see a doctor. He said that since he came here two weeks ago he had written but twice to his wife who is back home, and some of the old gray heads around him remarked that twice in that time looked like a good record.

The club is arranging to entertain the District Club January 25, at the Carolina, and for a night for the women in a week or two.

SERIES OF MEETINGS

A series of meetings are going on at the Presbyterian church, to which everybody is cordially invited and urged to attend.

Rev. Leonard Gill is doing the preaching.

DEATH OF MR. C. B. THOMASSON

**Lived With Son Near Cameron
—Remains Carried to Stem
—Other News**

Just at the dawn of New Year's morning Mr. C. R. Thomasson, familiarly known as "Grandpa," passed away at the home of his son, Mr. B. T. Thomasson on route 2, in his 86th year. Mr. Thomasson was a native of Granville county; was born July 4th 1838; was a volunteer in the Confederate army; served four years with Company E. 46th N. C. B., and was wounded at three different times. The body was carried to the family burying ground at Stem. The funeral services were conducted by Rev. L. H. Joyner, pastor of Cameron Methodist church, of which Mr. Thomasson had been a member for five years. Mr. Thomasson's wife died in 1902, and since then he had made his home with his son, B. T. Thomasson. He leaves one brother, W. H. Thomasson, of Stem. All of his children are living, of whom are B. F. and J. W. Thomasson, of Cameron, W. A. Thomasson, of Durham, Mrs. Cameron Johnson, of Stem. Among the relatives and friends that attended the funeral were Rev. Mr. Tucker, of Vass, Mr. J. R. Loving and daughters, Miss Lady and Miss Lucile Rogers, and many others, as the many beautiful designs of flowers were placed upon his grave, loving friends sang "When the roll is called up yonder." In the two years that "Grandpa" was confined to his bed no one ever heard him complain. Calmly he waited his summons from on high, content to live, but not afraid to die.

At the present writing we are experiencing some old-fashioned wintry weather, the kind we used to have and enjoyed so much the "Icy Milk" we had for breakfast.

Frozen pumps and bursted pipes are now the inconveniences of some of our more fortunate town people, but the well of clear water at the home of the correspondent didn't freeze.

The correspondent partook of a bountiful New Year dinner at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ben Morgan, of Niagara. Other invited guests were Mrs. R. A. Smith and son, Robert, Jr., of Eildon Hills, and Miss Mary Johnson, of Aberdeen.

Mrs. F. C. Ruth and son, Frank, Jr., Mrs. Oscar Summers and little daughter, Virginia, of Raleigh, returned home Sunday after spending the holidays with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Swett on route 2.

Miss Lillian Cole returned last week to her school in Nash county.

"Yes, we have no bananas," but we have weather of all sorts and conditions.

Mr. J. A. Phillips is recovering from an attack of influenza.

Chicken pox and measles are in town and throughout the country.

Little June McIver Hemphill is quite ill with pleurisy.

Please to report Mrs. T. C. Gaddy and Rev. J. W. Hartsell improving.

Older residents in the town report the week-end cold wave the coldest weather since 1899.

Along with no bananas, we have frozen ink.

Mr. and Mrs. Asa Yow have moved into their new cottage in the vicinity of Breezy Summit.

Miss Thurla Cole is spending the week in Charlotte.

Mr. Coley Snipes, of Sanford was a guest Sunday of Mr. and Mrs. D. W. McNeill.

The home of Mrs. Georgie Matthews caught on fire Friday night from an oil stove. The alarm being promptly given, the fire was soon extinguished by neighbors.

Miss Kate Harrington who came home to spend the holidays with her mother, returned Friday to Charlotte. Miss Blanche Coore is visiting her sister, Mrs. J. W. Cameron.

Misses Annie and Bessie McDonald who have positions at High Point, returned last week after spending the holidays at home.

Miss Elizabeth Harrington on route 2 visited Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Harrington during the holidays.

Misses Mary Ann Cameron, Bessie McDonald, Annie McDonald and Minnie Cameron were supper guests of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Harrington on New Years eve.

The new year ushered in more marriages in this vicinity. Mrs. Alice Wilson, a worthy widow widow, who for the past several years had made her home with Mr. and Mrs. A. Z. Eason on route 2, was married to Mr. Isgett of South Carolina.

Mr. Lonnie Stuart and Miss Myrtle Yow, of the White Hill section were united in marriage last week.

Mr. Will Wicker and Miss Katie Pierce on Jonesboro route, were married on January 3rd. Rev. A. Ray, of Jonesboro, officiating.

The Merry Makers Club met Friday

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