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SOUTHERN PINES OPEN ALL SUMMER

Will Have Week-end Golf Tournaments and Peach Harvest Gatherings for Visitors

Southern Pines has arranged plans to be a summer resort as well as a place to entertain people in the winter, and will have week-end golf tournaments every Saturday, and many other interesting things all summer. During the peach harvest open house is contemplated, sufficient hotels and cottages being ready to care for all the traffic that is certain to come while the big crop is gathered and sent forward to market.

The market of the peaches this year will be a great event. The orchards are full of fruit, and it will be only a short time until the early stuff is ready to move. Then one of the most interesting pictures ever seen in the state will be on the canvass. The fine spectacle of thousands of acres of fruit will be in evidence in all sections of the Sandhills, and visitors will be welcomed to the orchards to look on, to help in the harvest if they like, and to secure supplies of the best fruit in the world at the lowest prices, for in the big harvest of this year a big quantity of second grade fruit will be available, and while that class of fruit is not up to inspection for shipping in the high class the Sandhills fruit holds up it is the finest kind of fruit for home use. Some of the best fruit that will be picked this year will be just a little too ripe to ship, but it will be without a comparison for home use, and better than anything that goes north, for it will be thoroughly ripe and in perfect shape. This will be a chance for visitors to stock up with peaches for eating and for canning, and they have square miles of orchards to select from.

Golf teams and individuals can make any kind of arrangements for using the grounds during the summer, while the Saturday tournaments are expected to bring many summer players through the season.

Pinehurst will also pay attention to summer folks and many visitors of one class or another will be expected there between now and fall. The farms at Pinehurst have become a big attraction, and in peach season it will be worth while to have a look at the Pinehurst orchards, which are among the best on earth, and the famous herds of Berkshire hogs and Ayrshire cattle.

The good roads that now center in the Sandhills permit people to come from all directions at any time, and with the things of interest here all the summer through it is the intention to let the world find some of its amusements in Moore county during the summer as well as in winter. The resorts at Jackson Springs and Lakeview are getting in shape for a good summer business, and looking for greater activity than ever.

DEATH OF MRS. RUOHS PYRON

Grief was all but universal because of the death, Saturday, of Mrs. Ruohs Pyron, who was visiting her mother, in Cartersville, Georgia. Mrs. Pyron left Pinehurst a few weeks ago, to spend some time with relatives and friends in her old home. While not in the best of health during the past year, her friends were not alarmed at her condition and the news of her sudden death came as a decided shock to all.

Mr. Pyron had started to Virginia on a business trip when the news came and considerable difficulty was experienced in locating him. The message was finally delivered to him enroute and he left immediately for Cartersville.

Mrs. Pyron was a daughter of Sam Jones, the great Evangelist, and for many years accompanied him on his tours. She came to Pinehurst about two years ago and has taken a very active part in all movements for religious and civic betterment in the community.

Always about the work of the Mast-

er, this good woman leaves an aching void in every community in which she has lived or visited,—a genuine heart-ache among the people with whom she toiled and whom she loved so well. There is a keen feeling of individual loss on the part of each of us who knew her,—we knew we had in her a friend and companion who was sincere and who would never fail us in an hour of need.

Funeral services were conducted at Cartersville on Tuesday and a great throng gathered to do honor to her in death.

Friends and neighbors here expressed their sorrow and sympathy in every way possible under the restricted circumstances, and many were the floral tributes that tokened a grief that could not find expression through actual aid and service.

ACQUIRE REAL ESTATE AND INSURANCE BUSINESS

Mr. A. S. Newcomb has sold out his real estate and accounting business and in partnership with the Page Trust Co., has sold the insurance business of Page, Newcomb & Wilder.

The purchasers are Charles P. Mason, of Pinehurst and Southern Pines, and Lloyd L. Gardner, of Pinehurst.

Mr. Mason, one of a number of Northerners who, in the past few years has recognized the Sandhills as the best place to live in, is well known in the section. In addition to being a peach grower, Mr. Mason has been associated with A. S. Newcomb & Co. ever since he returned from two years service in the lines in France and has sold over a quarter of a million dollars worth of Pinehurst and Sandhill property.

Mr. Gardner, also well known in the section, is a native of North Carolina and has resided in this immediate vicinity for fifteen years. Before coming to Pinehurst, where he has been doing extensive accounting work both individually and as a member of the firm of A. S. Newcomb & Co., he was connected with the Division Offices of the Atlantic Coast Line Railway at Rocky Mount.

Skin specialists say mud baths are an aid to beauty but we can't see wherein they have improved the turtle very much.

No need in telling a girl her hair looks like a mop—too many of them nowadays don't know what a mop looks like.

PINEHURST WANTS HOGS FOR SAUSAGE

Farmers Will Have Market in the Fall for an Increased Number of Berkshires

The hog market at Pinehurst will be better than ever at Pinehurst when the sausage factory opens again in the fall. It has been good all winter, and at times hogs were bought in South Carolina and Tennessee to supply the needs of the factory. But Mr. Pyron wants to encourage the farmers of the neighborhood to have more hogs for him in the fall. The type of hog that brings the best price weighs in the neighborhood of 200 to 225 pounds, and it has been found that the Berkshire is the preferable hog. During the winter it was discovered that it takes 4,500 pounds of Duroc hogs to make as much sausage as 4,000 pounds of Berkshires will make, so the Berkshire has the call in the factory market. The Duroc makes too much lard in proportion to the amount of sausage and lard is not a valuable product.

Cotton oil has driven hog lard almost from the market. In spite of the antagonism against cotton oil products it has proved to be a better food material, and the market has taken it in preference to hog lard, and the factory at Pinehurst has been overloaded with the lard that comes from making sausage and has on hand at the present about 4,000 pounds that it has no sale for. The wholesale groceries do not want to pay for it what it costs the factory to produce it, and therefore Mr. Pyron does not want hogs that make lard when it is sausage he is after.

He says he thinks he can use somewhere around 5,000 good hogs next winter, but he wants hogs that will make sausage, and the farmer who wants to sell hogs to the factory will be wise to confer with Mr. Pyron now. It is useless to come there in the winter with hogs that are not suited for sausage production, as they cannot be used, and it is just as easy to make good hogs as to make the kind that will not sell. Mr. Pyron wants to impress on the farmers that if they will make good sausage hogs he will take them and pay cash and at a good price for all that can be raised in the vicinity. The demand for sausage was greater this season than the supply could be reached, and the call for more

when the factory closed showed that all that is necessary is to make it and have it for the trade. He says if the farmers will make the hogs for him he will make the hog raising in Moore county one of the successful lines of farm industry.

DR. VARDELL TALKS TO KIWANIS CLUB

The Kiwanis Club held its weekly meeting at the Highland Lodge in Southern Pines Wednesday, and was addressed by Dr. Vardell, of the Flora McDonald College of Red Springs. Dr. Vardell is sort of a Sandhill, although the hills of his section are not very high hills, but he has the sand all right. He talked about investment having done a great deal to bring out the Sandhills country, but after all, the investment that pleased him most was not the investment of money to bring back money, but the investment of effort of intelligence and human help to broaden life and make the most of human existence.

He told a pretty little tale in his story of the growth of his college, starting with \$4,000 and a body of sandy ground, and reaching its present standing. He told of the girls who are going out to help make a life investment of work among the children of the country and of the value of such an investment, not only for the children and the community, but for the general welfare of the whole country. He emphasized the benefits that have come from his investment of his life in the school work, and his hearers were impressed with what he has done in the twenty-eight years he has been investing his energy in training girls to train the youngsters of the Sandhill counties and along with the Sandhills, of a much wider section.

Money investment, Dr. Vardell said, has its advantages, but the great investment that a man can make, and from which he gets the biggest return is an investment of intelligent effort applied to human kind.

Miss Vardell and Miss McEachren, of Red Springs, two of Dr. Vardell's girls were with him, and during the progress of the meeting they entertained the members with a number of selections on the piano and violin. If these two girls are examples of what Red Springs is doing for young women the audience that heard them Wednesday voted the college over there a highly creditable Sandhill institution.

Mr. Bailey as a Come-Along Man

Mr. Bailey, candidate for governor, who goes before the people at the primary next week, sends out an advertisement this week, presenting the final appeal that he is making to the people. He says this is a campaign of issues, and that the first of these is the question of taxes. He holds that land is bearing more than its just share of the burden of taxes, and says he is opposed to any taxes on land or property for state purposes. Now leaving out the fact that when the present tax law was adopted by democratic majorities in the legislature Mr. Bailey was a positive upholder of more taxes on lands, it is perhaps pertinent to say that there are no taxes on land in North Carolina for state purposes. He is selling the people a gold brick when he proposes to oppose taxes on land for state purposes, as he is trying to sell another when he recommends lowering the taxes on land, for land is the thing that is reserved to the counties to tax.

It is no use to tell about the income of the Coast Line and Southern Railroads. Neither of these roads operates in Moore county, and it would be impossible to collect any taxes from them for county uses, and as for the Seaboard and the Norfolk-Southern they have paid no dividends in nobody knows when, and are not likely to. They do pay big amounts in taxes in the county, and they help to keep down the tax on lands in the county.

But Moore county must have taxes

for its schools and roads, and as it cannot get that money from outside the county it must be raised in the county and from the property we have in the county. That property is land and personal property. We collect taxes from this property, use it in the county for our own needs, and Mr. Bailey knows as well as the rest of us know that he would not change the tax law in this respect in any degree. Land taxes will not be increased or diminished by the June primary, but by the people of the county whenever they decide that it is wise to raise or lower taxes, for the whole matter is in their hands now and will be, locally.

As to the question of freight rates there is no intimation of any raise in freight rates, and the present rates are in the hands of the Interstate Commerce Commission at Washington, and the governor of North Carolina has as much control of that as he has over the weather.

But Mr. Bailey fails in his advertisement to say that he favors the proposition to issue eight million dollars or more to try out a ship scheme and that that will mean more taxes for the farmers. And he omits to say that he proposes to buy the Cape Fear and Yadkin Valley railroad, a road that has never been able to pay expenses, and that would take a lot more millions which would mean more taxes, and he might let the June primary express the sentiment of the people on that.

Incidentally Mr. Bailey's circular says he has no money to pay hired workers. That brings up the question of who paid for the thousands of papers the Roxboro Courier issued early in the season in behalf of Bailey, and who paid the postage on them?

Now all of this stuff is more or less persiflage. Mr. Bailey is talking a bit of bunco, and it is not likely to fool the thinking man. But it makes a fellow kind of tired to think that Bailey or anybody else has an idea that this sort of confidence game is going to catch him. If Bailey's ideas were right everybody would want to see them adopted. But he can no more graft on this state his views, even if elected governor, than he could make water run up hill, and he knows it.

The difference between the two candidates for governor is that Mr. Bailey is working a confidence game while Mr. McLean is carrying on a campaign of plain business and candid democratic policy, dealing squarely with the people which will probably result in a decided majority June 7.

As far as the democratic machine is concerned that democratic machine has given North Carolina schools that are the pride of the state, roads that are the wonder of the nation, and public institutions that are admired and appreciated by everybody.

Mr. Bailey advises voting early and staying by to see the votes counted. Does Mr. Bailey mean that the democratic primary election will be stolen?
TAXPAYER.

FUTURE PROSPECTS IN THE SANDHILLS

Substantial Indications Never so Good as at the Present Time

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The winter we have come through and the summer we are entering in the Sandhills point to a prospect ahead of us that has never had an equal at any time in the past. From Lakeview to Pinebluff and from Fort Bragg to Candor and Hemp the activity is all telling the one story. Even outside of this area the work is going forward, and will continue to go at constantly accelerating speed. At Cameron the packing plant and the school house will be in evidence, as well as other building and farm work. All through that neighborhood is the developing farm and the building and improving farm house. The highways are stimulating progress all over the county, and few of us are bold enough to guess what the limit of that highway influence is going to be. The bulk of the travel on the highways is through travel, to the surprise of many folks. Frank Page has had counts made from time to time on all the roads of the state and the great bulk of traffic is on the highways, not on the county and secondary road, and the most of it is long-distance travel. That long distance travel is bringing a lot of business of one kind or another to the Sandhills. It may be only gasoline to fill the tanks, or oil or repairs, or it may be a night or several days stop-over, or it may be a winter visitor, or a peach buyer, or a family that will eventually stay and become a permanent settler, but the long-distance travel brings a lot of business and a lot of development. It makes a call on the farmer as well as the people in other lines of business, and it scatters a lot of money and prosperity through the Sandhills.

Nobody can comprehend the immensity of the expansion that the highways mean for Moore county. We have touching the Sandhills section the state highway from Raleigh and Durham to Hamlet and Columbia, the state highway from Sanford to Charlotte and Pinehurst, the state highway from Greensboro and the north to Pinehurst and Aberdeen and Wilmington, and branches that connect with other routes in all directions that tourists or residents care to travel. Being situated in the center of the state and on the three state roads travelers may go south on two different routes, by way of Hamlet or by way of Charlotte; north by three routes, Raleigh, Durham and Greensboro, and east or west by a choice of roads.

Florida this year has gone wild, and the traffic to Florida will increase as fast as Virginia and Georgia make roads to carry it. A great proportion of that traffic will pass through the Sandhills. More will come this way as this section is better known. A great many people are of the opinion that from the North to Florida the one route by Southern Pines, that one coming by Raleigh or Durham is the most direct, which is the fact, provided the traveler is coming from points east of Harrisburg. It is more direct than the road through the Shenandoah valley and Roanoke and Greensboro. But for travelers from points west of Harrisburg in Pennsylvania, the route by the Shenandoah valley is practically the same as by Washington and Raleigh or Durham. The result is that many drivers come the attractive Virginia route, and Florida tourists go down by Winston-Salem and Charlotte. It is erroneously thought again that that is a shorter way to Florida from the Shenandoah valley. But is a mistake. To cross from Roanoke by Greensboro and Pinehurst and thence by Southern Pines or Aberdeen is the short route from the Shenandoah valley and points in western Virginia to Florida, and right now the Sandhills ought to be setting all the stakes to bring that travel this way.
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