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ANNUAL KIWANIS CLUB CONVENTION

6,000 Delegates and Members From United States and Canada Meet

Denver, Colo., June 24th.—Over 6,000 delegates and members representing 1250 Kiwanis clubs in the United States and Canada were meeting in Denver last week for the 8th Annual Convention of that organization. By train and automobile caravan they came in from all sections to this "mile-high" city, gaily decorated from one end to the other.

In his keynote address in opening the convention, President Edmund F. Arras, of Columbus, Ohio, urged that the organization work to develop in all communities a more sound public opinion on national questions and to develop higher standards in the business and social life of the cities in which the clubs are located. A number of international committee reports were presented, summing up the work of the organization during the past convention year.

George O. Wolf, of Denver, International Trustee and General Chairman of the Convention, reported on the convention program. William R. Brown, of Pasadena, reported on the educational outlook; Charles W. Gold, of Greensboro, North Carolina, reported on the need for higher business standards and methods; A. L. Shuman, of Fort Worth, reported on publicity; Robert N. Young, of Salt Lake, reported on the necessity for adhering to strict classification rules for membership; Past-President Harry E. Karr, of Baltimore, reported on the work of the Kiwanis constitutional convention and the new organization constitution which was presented.

One of the important reports was that on Inter-Club Relations, presented by Ernest L. Chase, of Kansas City, Mo. The functions of the many inter-club meetings held throughout the year are to help wipe out sectional jealousies and animosities, increase the spirit of toleration and liberality, and to spread the spirit of a sound patriotism. Two outstanding means of focusing attention to these aims that were adopted are an annual district inter-club day, at which time all the 28 districts in Kiwanis hold simultaneous meetings of all their clubs, and an annual international inter-club day, at which time all of the clubs in the entire organization hold a simultaneous meeting.

The various musical organizations
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WEYMOUTH HEIGHTS OPENS MORE LOTS

Ridge Back of Highland Pines Inn Now In Hands of Engineers

The remarkable success of the Weymouth Heights addition to Southern Pines has led to the plotting of another extension to this part of the village. All of the original tract has been sold, with the exception of about five lots, and as these are likely to go at any time, it was seen to be necessary to open further acreage. Adjacent to the lots already sold, and just beyond the Highland Pines Inn is a remarkably interesting bit of pine grove on top of the hill looking out over Fort Bragg, and at the right is a ridge extending farther down toward the old Duncan Shaw property. On the ridge R. A. Olmstead is preparing to build a fine home on a five-acre lot that tops the highest part of the rise, and he will have one of the most pretentious places in the Sandhills. The outlook from the Olmstead site is a picture worth going miles to see.

About fifty to seventy-five acres will be included in the new plan of lots, running with the property line of the Weymouth property on the

side next to the country club, and to the road that goes from the Inn down toward Fort Bragg, taking the ground on both sides of the road until the road has dropped down into the valley. This is going to make another extension of the Weymouth Heights development, and it will be fully as desirable for building locations as the older section, especially the pine grove beyond the Inn and the ridge on which the Olmstead home will be built. S. B. Richardson, who has been selling the Weymouth Heights property, says he looks for a rapid movement in these tracts as soon as the surveying is completed, and the lots are ready to offer buyers. The activity in building all thru the Sandhills is such that he looks for a big winter's business in all lines of real estate, and with the advantages that are found in the new Weymouth extension he will not be surprised if the ridge running to the eastward is alive with new houses within another two or three years.

It is not known when the new property will be ready for buyers, but it will be within the next few weeks. The work is being hurried as the closing out of all but four or five of the lots of the old sections makes it necessary to have something pretty soon for those who are looking for locations.

FRANK PAGE ASKS FOR INFORMATION

If Bermuda Grass Is Not to Be Planted Along The Roads What Is Advised

Some time ago the announcement was made that Frank Page had proposed to plant Bermuda grass along side the pavement on the hard roads to keep the soft dirt at the shoulders of the road from washing away. The announcement gave rise to considerable objection on the part of some of the farmers, and a request came to write to Mr. Page and protest against the plan. In answer to a letter, the following letter came from Mr. Page:

Mr. Bion H. Butler,
Southern Pines, N. C.

My dear Sir:

Your letter received relative to Bermuda grass along the road side.

I anticipated that some farmers would object to Bermuda grass along side the road, but as a matter of fact I know of very few farms in North Carolina where Bermuda grass is not already on the farm, and it was my purpose to get it off the farm and put it on the road side so I thought I was going to help the farmer rather than hurt him.

Wonder if you have any suggestion as to any other type of vegetation that will protect the shoulders of the road and at the same time not be objectionable to the farmers?

Awaiting your reply, and with best wishes, I am,

Yours very truly,
FRANK PAGE,
Chairman, State Highway Commission.

Now in fairness to Mr. Page, who has made a right good case it is up to those who object to Bermuda grass to let him know their reason for objecting, and to suggest, as President McKinley used to tell the office-seekers, something equally as good. Mr. Page says he intends to take the grass from the farms and put it on the roads. He is certainly correct when he says Bermuda is getting on all the farms as it is. Evidently he will be glad to hear from the people, and the Pilot will also be glad to have opinions on this subject, for Mr. Page wants to do what is best for the roads and the farms, but he must have all the information that can be given him.

Suggestions can be written to the Pilot, or better yet will be to write direct to Frank Page, Highway Commission, Raleigh, for he is the man who will act on the matter.

FRANK BUCHAN IN NUMEROUS SALES

Moves Stuff at Manly, Edgemore Heights, Southern Pines and Midland Farms

Frank Buchan has been hitting on all four in the last few days, negotiating sales at Manly, Southern Pines, Edgemore Heights, and Midland Farms. The Midland transaction involved one of the five-acre lots, which has gone to Robert Shaw, who is already a holder of a considerable acreage in that section. Mr. Shaw bought the lot across the road east from his present holdings and west of the stables. He keeps on adding to his possessions in the Midland area for he knows the value of that property, and the certainty that it is never going to be lower.

At Manly Frank has sold the Price place, near the Presbyterian church, of two or three acres and the house to Jasper Swearingen, and not far distant Mr. Chisholm bought a tract of about the same size, on which he will at once begin a new house. This is on the same street, leading out toward the Edgemore lots and the old Blue farm house.

Along the highway leading in toward Southern Pines from Manly Mr. Buchan has disposed of ten or twelve lots. But it is out on the road toward the Young farm that he has been doing his heavy work. Beyond the tract that John Chilcott sold to Robert Beadle Mr. Buchan has sold to Mrs. Cameron seven acres, and to Stanley Dunn four acres. He will build a house right away on his land. Mr. Tracy buys eleven acres in that same vicinity. Between them this part of the Edgemore property is rapidly slipping out of the market, and Frank Buchan has mighty near sold all the Edgemore frontage from the Willis Young farm into Southern Pines. He has also closed up practically everything along the highway from Southern Pines to Manly that belonged to the Edgemore tract, and the trades that take place in that vicinity from now on will be in buying from those who were fortunate enough to get in on the ground floor.

Mr. Buchan is also selling lots near the Sugg farm, on the highway out the Aberdeen way. He says real estate is moving in a highly satisfactory manner around Southern Pines and Midland Farms this summer, and he is enthusiastic over the prospects for the coming season.

ANGUS E. MASON — A TRIBUTE

By Roger A. Derby

Angus E. Mason, who died at Pinehurst on Wednesday, June 18th, came to the Sandhills in 1912, when the present large agricultural development was in its beginnings. By profession he was an accountant. Theodore Price, maker and breaker of cotton markets a decade ago, in whose employ Mason was before coming here, pronounced him the most valuable man in his line he had ever come in contact with. Those who have known of Mason's work down here can bear testimony to his high efficiency and know that Price's estimate of him was not an overstatement.

He came here broken in health and at first took charge of Ralph Page's accounts. At that time Ralph Page was active in a number of large developments at various points in the section, the most important of them being at Hoffman and Marston. Mason moved to Marston and for more than a year ruled the House of Commons there in such a highly efficient manner that he was spontaneously named the General, a title that sometimes embarrassed him but which stuck to him for the remainder of his days.

Mason was not a person who would put up with slipshod methods or with things being done half-way. He always insisted, in those rather

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primitive days down here, on proper cooking and on food being cleanly and decently served. He was responsible, to a large degree, for the fact that the inmates of the House of Commons did not ruin their digestions at an early age. Also he carried this benevolent supervision of diet out in the homes of various bachelors whom he visited when looking after their accounts.

Though Page's work amounted to a good deal, Mason soon took on other accounts and before long became the recognized authority on farm accounting in this region. No one who knows the difficulty of keeping track of the costs of the various operations on a developing farm could belittle what Mason did. He went at the task in a whole-hearted manner. He got to know every last detail of every operation on Page's, Derby's, Pumpelly's plantations. The superintendent who tried to conceal anything or who was careless with his accounts had an unpleasant interview with this fiery little man and left with the feelings of a schoolboy who had been thoroughly dressed down by an irate master. Mason commanded the respect of all that he came in contact with.

His experience with so many large developments made him invaluable as a critic of methods of operation.
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PEACHES DO WELL; DEWBERRIES SLOW

Fruit Season Moving Rapidly And Much Stuff Going Out to Market

The fruit movement has been fairly large, and with a curious contradiction of conditions. The dewberry movement has been the most prominent, and the end of the shipments are not far off, for two or three reasons. For one the price has not been as encouraging as shippers have desired, and to make matters worse some ailment of the berries has developed, making a red unripened end in the berry which has made a considerable proportion not of good quality to forward to market. Some of the planters have withdrawn from the market because of low prices and others because of the low quality of the berries. Yet a large amount of money has come into the territory from dewberries.

Another drawback is that berries have been coming from farther South, the diversification cry having led cotton planters in South Carolina and other sections to put out a great many dewberries, and those have reached the markets in advance of North Carolina berries. Then the financial situation at the North is affected this summer by much idleness of factories and many men are out of work with money not as plentiful to buy with.

But on the other hand, peaches have been selling for good prices. From \$3.25 to \$4.50 has been realized for the early fruit, which is never of attractive character, but this year it has sold as well as anybody expects it to, and the growers of early peaches have sent in a right good crop and made money. The Red Birds and that type are going in now and the returns that have come before the Pilot are encouraging.

It seems that peaches are freer from worms this season than almost ever known, and the outlook for a fine type of Elbertas and Belles is satisfactory. From now on the change from early varieties to the later fruit will go on rapidly, and it will not be long now until the real peach harvest has commenced. Growers are shaping up their arrangements for the forces to take off the crop, and for moving and marketing a crop that will be a record maker for the state. Orchard men are hopeful of a profitable season, and if the prices are in any way satisfactory this section this summer will have the biggest cash income it has ever known.

JUDGE SYKES ON RECORDER'S COURT

Durham Jurist Tells Kiwanis Club How Justice May Be Expedited

Judge R. H. Sykes, of Durham, was the speaker at the meeting of the Kiwanis Club Wednesday at the Aberdeen meeting. His subject was the benefits the recorder's court confers on the county and community. He referred to the offenses against the laws of traffic by the automobiles, and against the prohibition laws, and the apparent helplessness of the laws to keep up with the increasing manifestation of crime, and showed the club that quick and effective determination of crime is important. The present congestion of legislation is a grave situation, and the recorder's court is the solution.

Speedy trial of a prisoner is guaranteed by the constitution of the state, but he rarely gets it under existing conditions, as the courts are too slow. Prompt and certain justice would be effective in reducing crime and in reducing the costs of the courts and the present jail system to the county, for where an offender can be arrested and tried and sentenced, if he is guilty, within a day or two of committing the offense men are likely to hesitate longer before they violate the laws.

Judge Sykes said that in Durham the recorder's court had paid tremendously in wiping out crime, and also in the returns in fines and penalties it brought, which ran far above the cost of carrying on the courts, and that lawlessness in his county is now much less than when the court was established. The court also takes from the superior court a great deal of the business of minor character and in that way reduces the county expenses very materially. He also said that few men tried by this court appeal to the higher court, although they may if they like. Wherever the courts have been established they have made a decided hit.

Frank Buchan was called on to tell all he knows about himself. He did not tell all, but he told enough in a candid style that he made a hit with the meeting.

Jerry Healy and Shields Cameron were just home from Denver and were asked for a brief report, but President Page would not let them talk long after they got started, and promised them that next Wednesday they could have another tryout. The boys stood the journey well, and having return tickets got back home all right. They said when they left Pikes Peak they still had four cents, which is a good record for young men going to Denver for the first time.

TOBACCO GROWERS UPHOLD CONTRACT

Again Protect Members; Win 83 per cent of Cases Tried By Jury

The success of the organized tobacco growers in protecting their contract in the courts is set forth in the latest statement from the legal department of the Tobacco Growers Co-operative Association which shows that the Association has won 82 per cent of the cases that have gone before the Supreme Court of North Carolina and more than 83 per cent of the cases contested before juries in the Carolinas and Virginia, no cases having yet reached the Supreme Courts of Virginia and South Carolina.

The associated growers have taken judgment in 172 cases and have received permanent injunctions in 126 cases, having settled 131 cases without trial upon the terms of the association which include the collection of liquidated damages, attorney's fees and court costs.

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