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## OFFICER SAYS CRIME LESSENS

Chief Kelly Notes Improvement  
In Southern Pines

J. C. Kelly, chief of police in Southern Pines, says he encounters decreasing lawlessness in the town and on the highway, and that the outlook seems to be good. "We have been painting signs regarding speed in the village, and they are better observed than ever, and we have better control now of the fast and reckless driving than at any time since I have been in the work. Not that all is disappearing, for at times we have complaints. But you see a smaller number of speed fiends now than you used to, and less recklessness.

"Bootlegging is also giving us less trouble," said the chief. "The bootleg artists are still abundant enough, but they are complaining that their business is declining. People are handling that question. The moonshine stuff is of such doubtful character that people are afraid of it, and they cut it out. When a man gets his head to working and he can realize that death, or blindness or other physical ailment is likely to follow a bout with John Barleycorn he hesitates decidedly about tackling the stuff that is coming to the neighborhood now. So the bootlegger has a hard time finding business, and I have seen few drunk men in the last few months. Of course we have some who roll the bowl, but generally I can see an improvement, and I think it is largely because people are doubtful of the character of the stuff that is offered.

"Cutting out liquor has considerable to do with the lessened number of offenses on the highway. When you get rid of drunks on the road you have lowered the danger line very materially. If we can ever get a driver's license law, and a sufficient number of road police we will make a big difference in safety on the highways, and it looks as if that would come with the next legislature. Taking it all around, crime in the Sandhills is of small consequence, as this is a very lawabiding neighborhood, and we have a decidedly small proportion of persons criminally inclined."

The chief might have added that as compared with other sections of the country the peace and order in the Sandhills is almost phenomenal.

## WELFARE OFFICER MAKES APPEAL

Gives Opportunity to Brighten  
Several Corners During  
Christmas Season

Who will be responsible for providing Christmas cheer for one or more of the following families?

- No. 1 Widow and 3 dependent children.
- No. 2, widow and 4 dependent children.
- No. 3 mother and 6 children, (colored).
- No. 4 widow and 4 dependent children.
- No. 5 Three maiden sisters unable to work.
- No. 6 Widow and 4 dependent children.
- No. 7 Widow and 6 dependent children, (colored).
- No. 8 Widow and 2 dependent children.
- No. 9 Father, mother, almost blind, 3 small boys.
- No. 10 Old lady, widow.
- No. 11 Invalid, young married woman.

There will probably be others to be published later. More definite information will be given upon application.

LUCILE M. EIFORT,  
Supt. Welfort Moore County.

## Merrill Development Big Event At Southern Pines

Bion H. Butler

I regard the construction of Arthur W. Merrill's new stone building on the Ridge View road on Weymouth heights as an epoch in the history of the entire Sandhill country, for it introduces a new era to the neighborhood and it emphasizes the use of stone in construction, following the highly important lead of Arthur Newcomb and Roy Pushee I have already noted the great value to this community that is bound to come from increased use of native stone, in this material is a building asset that is excelled by nothing in the United States. For a long time Moore county stone was regarded as a somewhat soft sandstone, which to be used extensively must be cut to regular size and shape. But when Dr. Stucky made his survey of the county he pointed out so much of the harder volcanic metamorphic stone that he uncovered a wholly new resource in Moore, and one that includes so many types of stone of surpassing quality that the Sandhills resort country has a building supply that is not outclassed by anything on earth, which is a somewhat comprehensive statement, yet one that is correct.

It is my belief that in the tremendous mass of superior building stone Moore county has a greater resource than in its timber, which is also one of the most valuable forms of natural wealth in the county. Unfortunately we have not yet come to realize the great possibilities of stone construction. But the men who have now set the pace have started a movement that will swiftly broaden, and in the future stone will be one of the basic materials entering into every substantial and pretentious structure in the Pinehurst and Southern Pines neighborhood. I emphasize this because I believe I have a fuller knowledge of the wealth of good stone than

and other men in the county, for I was with Dr. Stucky in most of his work, and saw all the various types of stone that were unearthed, and the extended deposits, at times miles in extent, and that gives few a clear conception of what is at hand for any uses, and I expect to carry on the word of enlightenment in this quarter until every one is apprised of the value of Moore county stone for Moore county building.

Therefore I regard it as highly fortunate that Richard Tufts used the native stone in the Archery building at Pinehurst, for there attention was called to its utility and the ease with which it can be procured. It was further fortunate that Newcomb and Pushee selected it for use at Southern Pines, and now that Mr. Merrill introduces it in his work the triumph of this material is assured. It is more than ordinarily adapted to Mr. Merrill's location, for he has the most picturesque building site that has so far been used in the Southern Pines section. Providence did a good turn when it prompted John T. Patrick in his selection of a site for Southern Pines to settle on Shaw's ridge, and while the body of his village was planned for the western slope of the ridge, the good luck that brought James Boyd to Southern Pines did the rest, for James Boyd bought the land that stretched away from the top of the ridge to James creek, and in buying it brought it into strong hands that could utilize it when the time came.

That time has arrived, and the many eyes that have turned to the development of the Boyd property. In the past I have referred to the miniature mountains of the Sandhills. One of the best examples of these miniature mountains is the Shaw ridge, now called Weymouth Heights. This ridge

is the highest in this section, the divide between the waters of the Cape Fear and the Pee Dee and also the divide between the water of the Little river on the north and the Rockfish creek on the south. Shaw's ridge is the summit of the watershed separating east and west and north and south, and the top of the world as far as this vicinity is concerned.

The main ridge has its extreme height in the area from the Highland Pines Inn to Struthers Burt's house, something over a mile. From the north end of the ridge another ridge extends out toward Fort Bragg a mile or more, affording a wide panorama of the broad expanse of country for miles. At the south end of Weymouth ridge, just beyond the Highland Pines, another ridge, and a much longer one, goes out to the southeast, reaching far out into the lands of the government reservation. Two spurs take off from this ridge a little to the northward and on one of these spurs, which is something over half a mile long, Mr. Merrill is starting his building.

Here is one of the most rugged little mountains in North Carolina. Mr. Merrill has located his first building, for he expects to have two, on a bluff that is right abrupt, and when his house has risen it will stand out on that interesting summit like a castle on the hills of the Rhine. The ground is covered with pine trees, some of them the original forest, and more of them the younger growth that has been coming up of later years, and there in the pine-topped knobs will develop one of the most interesting pieces of home-making in North Carolina. From the summit a great scope of the fort possessions can be seen. The valley is miles in extent. The scene is almost entirely a forest picture, with a limited

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## FARM PROGRAM FOR NEXT YEAR

County Agent Garrison Puts  
Out Some Helpful Points  
For 1927

A farm program for North Carolina farmers for 1927 is outlined as follows:

Eight good points in farming. With these facts in mind, the following suggestions are made in the firm belief that if followed they will stabilize farming on a more profitable basis during the course of the coming years and succeeding years.

These suggestions are substantiated by actual demonstrations with successful farmers and by the experience of groups of farmers in those counties where such programs have been followed:

1. Each farmer should grow sufficient grain and roughage to supply the needs of his work stock.
2. Grow an all-year-round garden for the purpose of supplying the needs of his family with the necessary vegetables, and in most instances have a surplus to market.
3. Keep at least fifty laying hens to supply the needs of his own family and have a surplus of both poultry and eggs for sale.

4. Keep at least one family cow to supply the family with milk and butter and wherever sufficient feeds are available, additional cows to produce milk and butter to be sold on the market.

5. Produce sufficient pork for the family's needs. If surplus corn is available, increase the supply of hogs so as to be able to sell on the local market or to take part in co-operative carlot shipments to the larger markets, thus increasing the family income.

6. Plant cotton only on the best cotton land, and restrict the acreage to those lands that will produce at least half a bale during a normal season.

7. Have at least two so-called money crops.

8. Begin a definite rotation of crops, which should include a legume crop grown on at least one-fourth of

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## AMERICAN LEGION THEATRE BENEFIT

Sandhill Post To Show Vera  
Reynolds in "Corporal Kate"

John G. Hemmer, publicity officer of Sandhill Post No. 134, wishes to announce that on Tuesday night, December 14, a benefit performance will be given at Carolina Theatre, Pinehurst. Mr. Picquet has secured for this occasion Vera Reynolds in "Corporal Kate." The proceeds derived will be used for the benefit of disabled veterans of the World War who are in hospitals. "Corporal Kate" is the first picture ever screened which presents the women's side of the World War.

Tickets for this benefit performance are on sale at Carolina Hotel and Carolina Pharmacy, Pinehurst; also at Broad Street Pharmacy, Southern Pines.

## AMERICAN LEGION DANCE AT PINEHURST COUNTRY CLUB

The Sandhill post of the American Legion, comprising the towns of Aberdeen, Southern Pines, Pinehurst and nearby sections have completed arrangements for their annual dance to be given at the Pinehurst Country Club on the evening of December 17.

This is one of the main attractions on the list of social festivities in the Sandhills during the winter, and will take the place of the Harvest Ball in opening the season.

J. V. Healy, chairman of the dance committee, and Paul Dana, commander of the post, are handling arrangements for the dance.

## PINE BLUFF HOTEL PROMISES WELL

Signs Indicate Good Season  
From the Opening

The Pinebluff Hotel opened on Thanksgiving Day with a good outlook and the promise of a good winter. Bookings are active, with plenty of inquiries for later dates, and many of the patrons of last winter are heard from again for this year. The hotel made many friends in its initial season, and they are cordial in their expression of approval and in their recommendation to others. Mr. Smith says he feels confident of the business ahead, and that he has all evidence that the house is to be one of the dependable institutions of the Sandhills.

Work has started on a practice golf course, and while a full course is not anticipated for this winter several holes will be in readiness for practice and amusement, giving the visitors a chance to keep their hands in, while they are in close touch with the courses at the other places in the neighborhood when they want to enter on extended games. The convenience of the new hotel to the other resorts at Pinehurst, Knollwood and Southern Pines is one of the advantages Mr. Smith points out, and it is evidently a winning card, for the folks who come his way like the arrangement. Being on the highway the house catches the eye of the traveler, and its quiet location, away from the noise and bustle gives it a feature that suits many people who do not like to be in the larger crowds.

Mr. Smith has been doing considerable advertising in the North, and the announcement of this new house in the Sandhills has added to the interest of the prospective North Carolina visitors.

## LIVELY AT NEW GOLF COURSES

Sixty Men and Thirty Mules at  
Work on Job

Frank Maples is moving things at the new golf course at the proposed new hotel site at Knollwood. He has over sixty men at work now and more than thirty mules and so far has about nine holes cleared off. He expects by Christmas to have the big end of the whole eighteen holes ready for the plow, and to be in shape that the course may be delivered for playing by the arrival of visitors next fall.

The crowd now at work is turning over the black jacks with unusual liveliness and showing a remarkably fine prospect for a good course, which Donald Ross is making into what he looks on as one of the best in the whole country. One thing about the Knollwood golf courses is that the room for good lay out is unrestricted and when Ross is given instructions to proceed he has ample space on which to plan his work. So he makes the thing right from the start and that settles that.

A trip over to the new job is worth the effort these days for its a big transformation scene.

## MONTHLY MEETING D. A. R.

The Alfred Moore Chapter D. A. R. will hold its regular monthly meeting Tuesday, December 7, at 2:30 P. M., at the home of Mrs. J. S. Milliken, Southern Pines. Mrs. James Sweet and Mrs. J. T. Allen, joint hostesses.

MRS. L. P. TYSON, JR.,  
Corresponding Secretary.

Six farmers of Clay county have placed 52 head of hogs on feed to be sold next April.

## ELSIE JANIS TO BE IN CHARLOTTE

Sweetheart of the A. E. F.  
Shows There on December 14

"Captain" Elsie Janis with four artists, Carolina Lazzari, Robert Steel and Lauri and Dorothy Kennedy, will give a performance in Charlotte on Tuesday, December 14 at the City Auditorium, with a percent of the proceeds going to the American Legion. This information is contained in a letter just received by Paul Dana, Commander of the Sandhill Post, from the Department Legion Commander of North Carolina, Paul A. Younts, inviting the members of the Legion and their friends to attend the concert in Charlotte.

This is the first tour of the South made by Miss Janis and according to officials of the Legion will be the first time many of the legionnaires have had an opportunity to hear her since the days of the World War when she devoted her entire time to entertaining the soldiers of the A. E. F. without charge. As Charlotte is the only point east of Knoxville, Tenn., in which she is scheduled to appear, officials of the Legion are of the opinion that the house will be packed to the capacity limit. Miss Janis goes direct to New York for the holidays after her appearance in Charlotte.

A delegation of prominent members of the Legion of the two Carolinas have been invited to Charlotte for that day and they will meet Miss Janis at the train and extend to her the courtesy of a military escort through the city. During her stay in Charlotte she will be the guest of honor at a dinner given by the American Legion to which many notables will be invited to attend.

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