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KIWANIS HEARS FARM TROUBLES

St. Paul Publisher Discusses Perplexing Situation

Kiwanis Club met at the Civic Club in Southern Pines Wednesday and had a lively experience from start to finish. Roy Pushee and his fellow workers announced a net of over \$500 which he and Shields Cameron and the other boys had pried loose for the benefit of the under-privileged children, and they gained the approval of the Club, naturally.

The committee to see the highway commissioners announced that the road through Pine Needles giving a short cut to Carthage would be built at once. Elwood Cox notified the club that the State commission would hear the club on Thursday concerning the two-way road from Pinehurst to Southern Pines, and a committee was appointed to go up and see what could be done.

Dr. Cheatham invited the club to appoint a date to attend services at the Pinehurst chapel one of these days, and the hardened sinners with one accord arose and told the clergyman they would be on hand and make an event of it.

After a lively barrage of various things H. C. Klein, of St Paul, publisher of the agricultural papers, "Farmer" and "Farmers' Wives," was presented and he delivered an address that had more in it for the number of words he uttered than the average man hears on public questions once in a hundred years. Mr. Klein started with a quotation from Clarence Poe, saying the next 25 years in this country belongs to the South, and he proceeded to show why Poe is right. He told his audience that when the West was opened cheap lands and low railroad rates built an empire. But freight rates have been advancing and cheap lands have gone way up in values and the West no longer has the edge on other sections. "With the fertile low priced lands occupied and freight rates high, we naturally," said Mr. Klein, "turn to other regions with low-priced lands nearer to population centers. In the South lands are low, climate is an advantage, the costly buildings required in the North are not needed in the South, and a new agricultural prosperity and an increased population has made this market attractive to the Eastern manufacturer. The manufacturer finds a new market for his goods, and he finds a cheaper source of labor and lower taxes

"Henry Ford," continued the speaker, "spread the doctrine of decentralization very rapidly, and he is manufacturing where he sells rather than at one central point where he will have to pay high freights to his customers. The drift of Eastern manufacturers to the South has been a great surprise and shock to the country but we are due for a complete change of our industrial map. Our factories were built up on the basis of cheap power or convenient materials. Minneapolis became the heart of the flour industry because of its water power and wheat. Pittsburgh created the steel industry. But Minneapolis is no longer the dominant center. Buffalo is contesting for that rank, and Minneapolis has lines out now in six or seven other locations. The steel industry is affected the same way. Troy, New York, has recently built a \$7,000,000 plant to make coke in competition with Pittsburgh, because freight rates are too high to move the coke. Big steel mills have been built at Duluth on the lakes and similar basic changes in industrial location are taking place everywhere.

"Railroad rates have advanced," said Mr. Klein, "not from the fault of the railroads, but from reasons not now to be discussed, and those changes have introduced conditions that are revolutionary. But a still greater influence is at work, for we have the

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PUSHEE SELLS HIS BIG WEYMOUTH LOCATION

One of the significant transactions this week at Southern Pines is the sale by Roy Pushee of the acres on Weymouth Heights to George W. Robertson, of Danville, Virginia, at the rate of \$3,000 an acre. This marks an advancing price which seems to be the case in all directions. The location is adjoining the Hawlands home, overlooking the broad valley out toward Fort Bragg and is one of the most desirable in the Sandhills. It is said to be Mr. Robertson's intention to build shortly. That picture of the vast expanse of dogwood blossoms seen from the hill top is one of the appealing features up on the ridge now

POTATO GROWERS MEET AT VASS

Interesting Talks Were Made By Dr. Poole and Mr. Geo. Ross

A very interesting meeting of all those interested in the growing of sweet potatoes was held at Vass last week. Dr. Poole, associate professor of plant pathology, made a very interesting talk on varieties, diseases, bedding, curing, etc. Mr. Geo. Ross, chief of the division of markets, then told us about the possibilities of markets and kind of packages to pack and ship in. There are several varieties of potatoes that will do well in this section, but from all indication the Porto Rico would be the choice variety for home use and for markets in North Carolina, at least the same thing would apply.

Fertilizer recommended by Dr. Poole was an 8-2-5. This to be applied before the potatoes were planted at the rate of about 800 to 1,000 pounds per acre. Well rotted barn yard manure was also recommended where this is available.

There are several diseases which attack the potato and a good many of these can be avoided by getting disease free plants or by treating the potatoes before they are put into the bed. For this purpose use either corrosive sublimate or mercuriochloride. One ounce of either of these may be dissolved in 8 gallons of water and the potatoes allowed to remain in the solution for 10 minutes. They can then be taken out and bedded. For best results in bedding, make a small pit of the size you think it will require for your needs. Put in three to four inches of fresh stable manure. Then cover with about three inches of sand. The potatoes are to be put on this top layer of sand and covered over with sand to the required depth. The stable manure merely acting as a source of best to start the potatoes sprouting. The potato plant gets its food direct from a supply stored up in the potato and does not feed from anything applied to the bed as is sometimes supposed.

For curing purposes the tobacco barns, which most farmers already have, was recommended as being very satisfactory. In some cases a little modification might be necessary, but this would cost but very little if anything. This seemed to be a point of interest to a good many people.

It may be that you are not yet interested in growing potatoes for other markets but we can with little care grow enough to take care of home needs and a few for market. Why not keep our money at home instead of having to send it to other parts of North Carolina for the potatoes that we use each week? Any further information will be gladly given you.

WELFARE ASSOCIATION AND RED CROSS TO MEET.

The regular monthly meeting of the Moore County Health and Welfare Association and American Red Cross will be held at 2:30 on Tuesday, April 12, at the school house in Jackson Springs.

ALICE PRESBREY.

IMPORTANT REAL ESTATE DEALS

Barber House at Knollwood Sold to the Ogdens

The influence of the new hotel at Knollwood is felt materially all over the Sandhills, and one of the most important transactions noted this week is the sale by Mason and Gardner of James Barber's fine property near the Mid-Pines Club. Mrs. Mary E. Ogden, of Bar Harbor, Maine, and New York, is the buyer. With her will be her daughter, Miss Harriett V. C. Ogden, and Mr. and Mrs. Johnson DeForest. Mr. DeForest's father is curator of the Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York, one of the foremost institutions of its kind in the United States, and in connection with the museum he is prominent in scientific and research fields.

The Barber house is the pioneer in Knollwood. Mr. Barber bought the first lot that was sold in the new development when it started, A. S. Newcomb being the representative of Knollwood at the time. The location of the house is ideal as Mid-Pines is on one side of the road and the Pine Needle development is now beginning on the other side, and the road has become a double-track thoroughfare between Pinehurst, Knollwood Village and Southern Pines and also the inlet to the Pine Needles hotel and home sites. The Ogdens and DeForests are the type of new neighbors that will be an excellent addition to Knollwood's community.

BY AEROPLANE TO PINEHURST

Carolina Theatre Gets Film By Air Mail

Charlie Picquet tells The Pilot an interesting bit of news concerning a belated print for exhibition at the Carolina Theatre. He says:

"The Carolina Theatres management has had some disquieting telegrams from the Pacific Coast in the last few days relative to the arrival of the print of 'Camille' in time for the date set for its world premiere.

"On Tuesday of this week a wire was received to the effect that it would be impossible to get the print to us in time as there would be a margin of only five days from the day it could be shipped from California to the date scheduled for its showing. Late that night another wire was received advising that they would ship it by first class mail, special delivery and special handling. Just as we go to press the third wire has been received stating that the print had been shipped by Air Mail direct to the Carolina Theatre, Pinehurst. This should insure its arrival here not later than the night of April 8, or the morning of April 9.

"This will be a record and the folks of the Sandhills will have the honor of not only seeing a world's premiere but a print that has hurried across the Continent by air mail."

"HOME TIES" AT FARM LIFE SCHOOL THIS FRIDAY NIGHT.

White Hill Community will give a play, "Home Ties," at Farm Life School Friday night, April 8th, at 8 o'clock. The proceeds will go to help pay on a piano for the school.

The cast of characters: Martin Winn, Wilton McDonald, Leonard Everett, W. J. Harrington, Harold Vincent, Graham Salmon, Josiah Tizzard, Earl Rice, Alma Wayne, Maggie Cameron, Aunt Melisia, Cleto Jackson, Mrs. Poplin, Edith McCaskill, Lindy Jane, Mary Oldham, Ruth Winn, Treva Auman.

Two hundred acres of snap beans have been planted in Brunswick county for the early market.

NEW ROAD SOUTHERN PINES TO CARTHAGE.

Quick work. A week ago The Pilot proposed a short link of road from the Pine Needles road to the Carthage Southern Pines road west of the water works and the Kiwanis Club appointed a committee to meet with the Highway Commissioners Monday to discuss it. A few minutes was sufficient for the commissioners to appreciate the wisdom of the connection, which is only about 1,200 feet, and saves a mile of travel, and they ordered the road built before Mr. Jackson's crew leaves the Knollwood section. It was also decided to improve the Chandler hill by going around the steep grade, and that is to be done at once. This will make the road from Southern Pines to Carthage better and shorter.

MOVING LIVELY AT PINEHURST

Big Men Getting Into the Game In That Vicinity

The week has seen some pronounced transactions at Pinehurst and Pine Needles which tell definitely of the favor that section is steadily meeting with among men of means and business sagacity. An addition to the Pinehurst colony is W. L. Glatfelter, of Spring Grove, York county, Pennsylvania, one of the foremost Ayrshire cattle men of the United States, and likewise a big manufacturer, whose mills near York have been one of the outstanding industries of that old industrial neighborhood for years.

Mr. Glatfelter has bought from George T. Dunlap the house Mr. Dunlap at present lives in. Mr. Dunlap is building for his own use a new house near the junction of the highways and will have a prominent building among the Pinehurst homes. Mr. Dunlap has been a resident in Pinehurst for many years, and is one of the substantial and esteemed members of the permanent winter colony. Mr. Glatfelter has been in Florida considerably, but on coming to Pinehurst this winter concludes he likes climatic and other conditions better in the Sandhills and he pitches his tent in the favored region. He has also bought two lots at Pine Needles, and taken some stock in the new hotel.

Another subscriber to the stock of the new hotel is Eldredge Johnson, who has been making some sizable investments in this region. Mr. Johnson will be one of the large stockholders in the Pine Needles corporation, as well as the owner of one of the finest properties in Pinehurst, and of a big farm on Drowning creek which he bought from Carl Bucan. He expects to build a new house in Pinehurst this summer.

Subscriptions to the stock of the new hotel are going forward rapidly, and the subscribers include some of the strongest financiers of this country.

CAN'T DO WITHOUT IT.

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Gentlemen: My subscription to The Pilot has expired. Enclosed you will find a check for \$2 for which enter my name for another year. I appreciate The Pilot very much, especially your neighborhood correspondence, having lived the better part of my life in the Sandhills of the community. I like to hear from them. Wishing you success for the coming year, I am,

Yours truly, J. S. BLAND
Apex, April 3, 1927.

NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that an election will be held at Gunter's store on Monday, May 2, 1927, for the election of a mayor and three aldermen for the town of Vass.

By order of the board.
Vass, N. C., D. A. McLaughlin,
April 5, 1927. Clerk.

WILL PRESERVE SANDHILL TREES

Organization to Antagonize Forest Fires in Moore County

Stately pines, which make the Sandhill section of North Carolina one of the country's beauty spots, and forests in general in that section are to have the fullest degree of protection from devastating forest fires under a system being worked out under the direction of C. H. Flory, district forester of the Department of Conservation and Development and landowners of that section.

An organization to be known as the Moore County Forest Protective Association is being built up in the southern part of the county contiguous to Pinehurst, Southern Pines, West End, and Jackson Springs.

For a number of years Pinehurst, Inc., realizing that the forests of that region constitute one of the most important features of attractiveness to visitors, has maintained one of the most efficient forest protection systems in the country.

The company's equipment functions something on the order of a well organized city fire department with an extensive warden force. The force is fitted out with a fire truck, equipped with extinguishers, rakes, shovels, back-fire torches, and water pumps. During dry and windy days a watchman is maintained on the top of the Carolina Hotel as a lookout for forest fires which originate in and about Pinehurst.

With this small amount of protection it is only necessary to drive through this section and note the little damage that forest fires have done in the past.

Covering all of this area is found a growth of wild grass which during most of the season is highly inflammable, and especially when dry is an exceedingly bad forest fire hazard.

With the winter resort idea in the section, the protection of the pine and other natural features is magnified in importance. So much stress has been laid upon the planting and care of the long leaf pine that the southern part of Moore county today is a spot of beauty. This is a different phase of forestry in that the timber is not being planted and protected for timbering purposes but for the esthetic values alone, and under this consideration forest fires must be entirely eliminated if the beauty of the region is to be retained.

The organization now being formed is to extend the efforts inaugurated by Pinehurst, Inc., over a larger area. Efforts of the company have so impressed the importance of the work throughout the section that other property owners are eager to join in the program

Area contemplated to come under the organization now being built up consists of approximately 45,000 acres of forest and cultivated lands. There is now sufficient interest among the landowners in this area to raise a fund to insure co-operative protection with the state and federal government Contributions on the basis of two cents an acre have been estimated will be sufficient from the landowners to insure the protective area.

"Fifteen thousand acres, or about one-third of the total area," says District Forester Flory, who has headquarters at Fayetteville, "was signed up in two days and it is felt that before the middle of April that the total of 45,000 acres will be subscribed to."

"The state and federal government will match the amount raised by land owners, and the fund will be directed to place a permanent lookout somewhere in the vicinity of Pinehurst, connected by telephone communication with all the wardens in the protective area. Full fire fighting equipment will be furnished and held in readiness for immediate use."

"It is possible that the area of forest fire damage in this section can be (Please turn to page 5)