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Auto Tragedy Halts Wedding

Jack Latting, Pinehurst Sportsman, Killed in Auto Wreck Near Carthage.

Jack Latting and Mrs. Marion A. C. Galey, Southern Pines widow, sped out of the mid-South section for a marriage license at Carthage Monday morning, but before reaching Carthage the car ran off an embankment, breaking the prospective bridegroom's neck, and Mrs. Galey was reported by Dr. W. C. Mudgett as suffering from the shock but only slightly bruised.

Latting, gallant in death as in life, when his car skidded over an embankment, threw himself in front of Mrs. Galey, breaking the fall for her but breaking his neck at the same time.

The Latting family figured that Jack, beloved for his sportsmanship in Pinehurst and Southern Pines, had planned a surprise for the friends of the two concerned and that they were to have been married about noon.

J. N. Powell, Southern Pines postmaster, brought in Latting's body.

Mrs. Galey's family at one time held a controlling interest in the Philadelphia Athletics. The Lattings have peach interests. Both Southern Pines and Pinehurst families are prominent. Jack was a great lover of fine bred dogs.

Surviving the popular sportsman are his father, Edward T. Latting, Pinehurst; three sisters, Mrs. Frank Dudgeon, and Mrs. Theodore VanManen, Pinehurst, and Mrs. W. H. Shopwell, Brooklyn, N. Y., and two brothers, E. T. Latting, Jr., Pinehurst, and Harry DeWolf Latting, of New York.

The funeral was held at Bethesda Cemetery Wednesday afternoon and largely attended as Jack Latting had a host of friends in the Sandhills.

MID-SEASON PRODUCTIONS IN MID-SUMMER AT CAROLINA THEATRES.

"A virile and exciting drama, generously punctuated by moments of delectable high jinks—entertainment par excellence and shouldn't be missed"—thus speaks the New York Morning Telegraph of the John Gilbert-Renee Adoree production, "The Cossacks," which will be seen at the Carolina Theatres Friday and Saturday nights. A sincere and worthy production which gives us a very beautiful and, we believe, authentic picture of the life and customs of a Cossack village where the women live to work and the men to fight. Additional local color is lent by a troupe of genuine Cossacks, who display some magnificent horsemanship and other feats of their people. Rare judgment was shown in giving John Gilbert an opportunity to do something a little more virile than in his recent parts and Renee Adoree is particularly well cast and lovely as the village belle. Excellent direction and exquisite photography have contributed to a production which is sure to please discriminating film fans. At its initial showing at the Capital Theatre, New York, it attracted and entertained a vast throng.

On Monday and Tuesday, one of the best all-around programs of the year will be shown, especially for the summer days. Lloyd Hughes and Mary Astor leads the cast in "Three Ring Marriage," which is a genuine circus story with most of the cast made up of circus performers and a real circus was staged intact, from the opening pageant to hippodrome races. An added attraction is the Technicolor subject, "Cleopatra," which is a story of that well-known lady and, for good measure, an Our Gang Comedy, "Baby Brother." Truly a great program for children of all ages.

Tom Tarheel has just signed up to go on another tour this summer. There's nothing like seeing what the other folks are doing, he says.

New Buildings In Knollwood Section

Fourth New House Now Under Way and Plans are Making for Others.

With E. V. Perkinson active on the Pushee house on location 452 on Knollwood, this is the fourth new building that has started over in that section with the new development. Burgess has the Wood house almost completed, and it is an attractive and homey place, on a well chosen location near the Pine Needles Inn. Austin has the second Olmstead house to the point where he is putting in the joists and getting ready for the framing. This house shows up well, and is particularly fortunate in its location, overlooking the whole Knollwood and Pine Needles territory as well as the more distant ridges and the intervening valleys. The Pushee house is a large building, and Perkinson has the foundation walls rising, and showing to good advantage the interesting plant that will unfold in two or three weeks more.

Talbot Johnson expects to have his contractor on his plot in a few days as detail has been pretty well settled, and the ordinary preliminaries cared for. This leaves still four other houses in the hands of the architects, or in custody of the contractors for closing the deals for early start on construction, and it is not to be doubted that others will be forthcoming from time to time as fall approaches, for the impetus that has been given Knollwood and Pine Needles both is such that when things start in a month or two from now a lot of new work will be projected.

The roads at Knollwood are among the best in this section, for they were built at the start to be good roads and they have been kept in that shape with the greatest of persistent care. Much planting has been done over the hills, and the removal of much underbrush to give a good outlook to everything has had a decidedly satisfying effect. The work on the Midland road has gone so far that the bridge is finished over McDeed's Creek at the foot of the hill, and grading is in progress now at nearly all points from Pinehurst to Southern Pines, while the gravel deposit on the surface for the base of the top finish has started. The road is making fast progress, and will be in condition for use as soon as the demand calls for much traffic in that quarter. At the Pinehurst end of the road the new golf course is moving fast toward a condition ready for the players and fall will see No. 5 course on the golf grounds instead of the four courses that have been for several years the offering of that section. Five at Pinehurst, one at Pine Needles, and one at Mid Pines beside the two at Southern Pines gives golf a further swing this winter.

The Pine Needles surface is getting into excellent shape. The grass has made good headway this summer, as rain has been plentiful enough to afford good growing weather, and Frank Maples has lost no time in giving a hand to every influence that could help to improve the surface of the courses at all three points. The golf situation was never so good in the Sandhills as it will be this winter. And the hotel accommodations were never so extensive and the number of cottages and their facilities so great.

Boll weevils and bean beetles are now causing much concern over eastern North Carolina. The bean beetles are reported as destroying beans in many gardens while the boll weevil is appearing in increasing numbers.

Red letter days on the farmer's calendar for July are those included in Farm and Home Week at State College, July 23, 24, 25, 26 and 27.

Farm women of North Carolina will hold their annual short course this summer during Farm and Home Week at State College, July 23 to 27.

MRS. NEPSIE KENNEDY McLEAN

Whereas, God in his all-wise providence, has called from our midst our dear friend and co-worker, Mrs. Nepsie Kennedy McLean, we the members of woman's auxiliary of the Bensalem Presbyterian church, desire to pay our tribute of love to her memory.

Resolved, that in the death of Mrs. McLean our auxiliary has lost a loyal, dependable charter member, Her love and interest in the work was always an inspiration to every member of our auxiliary.

That the heart-felt sympathy of this auxiliary be extended to the members of her bereaved family.

That a copy of these resolutions be sent to the bereaved family, a copy be published in The Pilot, our county paper, and a copy published in the Presbyterian Standard, our church paper, and a copy placed on the minutes of our society.

MRS. G. W. BRUTON,
MRS. V. C. MCKENZIE,
MRS. FULLER MONROE.

In a demonstration conducted in Cabarrus County, 200 pounds of nitrate of soda on wheat will apparently make more grain than 800 pounds of cotton seed meal, reports County Agent R. D. Goodman.

Farmers of Beaufort county have shipped 73 cars of hogs this year and most of them brought top prices on the eastern markets because of the feeding methods followed.

Sandhill Firemen Met at Fayetteville

Pinebluff Wins Silver Cup Motor Contest. Southern Pines Gets Next Meet.

The Sandhills Firemen's Association held their second annual convention at Fayetteville on July 4. The officers for the ensuing year will be: President, J. C. Worley, assistant chief of Hamlet; vice president, J. T. Ward, chief of Fayetteville; secretary-treasurer, E. C. McCallum, chief of Hamlet. The executive board will be one member from each of the following towns that compose the association: Aberdeen, Carthage, Fayetteville, Gibson, Hamlet, Laurinburg, Lumberton, Maxton, Pinehurst, Pinebluff, Raeford, Red Springs, Rockingham, Sanford and Southern Pines.

The convention voted to meet in Southern Pines the second week in June, 1929.

The Fayetteville fire department was host to the attending firemen and put on a program of entertainment and refreshment in their usual lavish style.

The silver cup donated by the Fayetteville department as first prize in the motor contest, was won by the Pinebluff department, their time for the water hose contest was 10 2-5 seconds, and for the chemical contest 10 4-5 seconds.

Mining Engineer Discusses Mexico

Claude Hafer Tells Kiwanis Club about Our Southern Neighbor.

Claude Hafer, the well-known mining engineer of this section, who has been many years in Mexico, is on a visit home at the present, and Wednesday at the Kiwanis dinner at Aberdeen, he talked about the conditions he encounters down in that land of resources and backwardness. Mr. Hafer is not so uncertain about Mexico as some folks who know less about the country and says the government is trying to further education, industry and stable law and order and prosperity, and with more or less confidence of material improvement. The country is full of wealth of all sorts, although enormous mineral production has taken away vast sums of silver and other products of the mines and oil wells. But Mexico has yet much that is to be brought to use. Geologically Mexico is among the most interesting quarters of the globe, and for centuries Indian, Spaniard, and everybody has been digging out the treasure. Mineral, forest, farm and anything are the contributions, and in spite of the crude ways of the past and the poverty of the people, and the unsettled conditions much of the time Mexico is coming forward steadily, improving the condition of the people, building up schools, industries on more modern type, and the future promises much.

Frank Buchan, who is home from his Seattle trip, gave some enthusiastic comments on his visit to the Northwest, and next week proposes to go a little more into detail and tell what he saw and did while away. He is a pretty good advance agent for the Northwest, and brought home pictures and printed stuff to back up what he says.

Charlie Picquet waked the boys up to another period of song, which recalled the earlier days.

SURPRISE SHOWER AND OLD TIME SERENADE.

On Thursday evening last Mr. and Mrs. Robert Gouger were given quite a surprise when in the midst of a visit from Mrs. F. L. Dupont little Peter Pan Dupont and Ellis Fields came in bringing Peter's wagon all loaded with numerous mysterious bundles. Following then came a host of ladies to watch the fun.

The packages when opened were found to contain linens, glassware, kitchen utensils, pyrex plates, canned fruits, groceries, etc., all of which added considerably to their list of household supplies.

Just as they had completed the unloading of the wagon came another surprise when from some unknown region Mrs. Dupont, Mrs. J. E. Fields and Miss Pauline Erwin returned bringing in refreshments. And at a given signal bells, bugles, plows, etc., were brought into use by the men who were waiting outside the dining room window. Thus the newly weds were given an old time serenading, after which all the party assembled in the living and dining room where they were served with delicious sandwiches, nut cookies, and lemonade. A delightful evening was enjoyed by all present.

When Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Burris, of the Plylet Community in Stanly county, were about to lose their entire crop on account of sickness and a death in the family, 73 neighbors met at the farm, worked out the crops, harvested the wheat and the clover hay and did other needed jobs about the place.

Jimmie Holloway has the best acre of tobacco of any club boy in Durham county, according to his county agent. The tobacco has made good growth, has a uniform stand and is of excellent quality.

THE TREES OF MOORE COUNTY

BY J. McN. JOHNSON.

CHAPTER XV.

"Dark tree, still sad when others'

grief is fled;—

The only constant mourner of the dead."



CYPRESS: Taxodium distichum: Swamp Cypress: Probably the Cypress Tree has the longest history behind it of any tree that grows native in Moore County. It was an important tree long before the beginning of the Christian era, and its habitat is more far-flung than any other tree—not excepting the Oak.

With slight variations the Cypress Tree is found—and from time immemorial has existed—in China, India, Persia, and all around the shores of the Mediterranean sea—as well as in North America, Mexico and Honduras.

It probably grows to greatest perfection round about Constantinople, where it is a sacred tree, and a symbol of mourning. In the Turkish cemeteries a Cypress Tree is planted for each grave. The couplet set as a "skirmish line" at the head of this letter has reference to this fact.

The Old Latin and Greek fathers wrote of the Cypress Tree as an emblem of mourning; and the ancient Egyptians made use of its wood for the coffins of their mummified dead. So you see it is no upstart we are discussing. We are even told that the doors of Saint Peter's at Rome, made of Cypress wood, were found to be perfectly sound after being in use for 1100 years.

The Greeks and Romans placed Cypress boughs on their funeral pyres because of its sacred character. This tree, with the single exception of the giant Sequoia Trees of the Pacific Coast, is the longest-lived tree in the world. The encyclopaedia informs us that there is still standing in Lombardy a Cypress Tree that was there when Julius Caesar crossed the Alps into Italy; and that out of respect for this tree, Napoleon diverted the

course of his great Simplon Road so as not to disturb this great tree. The tree is now 23 feet in circumference, and about 125 feet high. This sounds like a big tree; but I think I have seen Cypress Trees in Moore County—in the Swamp of Drowning Creek, or Lumbee River—quite as large if the measurement is taken near the ground.

It was in 1854 the Cypress Tree was carried from America to Scotland (for the Cypress is not native to Britain) and it has since that time become a popular exotic in gardens and parks. Those of us who have seen the Cypress only in its native swamps, have not appreciated the beauty of this tree when given a chance to develop under the skill of the horticulturist; and have something that will make glad the hearts of our descendants, that we passed by all our lives without seeing.

I believe there are very few Cypress Trees in Moore County north of Lower Little River and west of the Seaboard Air Line Railroad, but the swamps of the streams tributary to Lumbee River, are full of it.

The Cypress Tree is of the same natural order as the Pine Family—Conifera, for it bears its seeds in cones; but as it is not an evergreen—as all pines are—it takes a different botanical name. The leaves are feather-shaped, and the mid-rib, or stem, falls with the leaves still sticking to them in early Autumn.

The old trees, when not rifted by windshakes, make excellent bridge timber, and the only reason they have so long escaped the terrible saw mill man, is that they grow in inaccessible swamps, and when green cannot

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