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Need of More Parks of Paramount Importance Says Struthers Burt

Beauty, Cleanliness and Order Cannot Be Overlooked in
Development of a Resort if it
is Long to Survive

RECOMMENDS THREE SITES

By STRUTHERS BURT

Within the past five years slowly but surely—and now with increasing momentum—the idea has been gaining ground throughout the United States that beauty, cleanliness and some degree of order are good things. Up until about five years ago it might have been said, and I think with justice, that the average American was visually numb. He did not seem to realize that his streets were dirty, his residence quarters laid out without plan and without regard to the general interests of all residents, his business quarters an offense to the eye. Or did he realize these things he did not care or seem to realize how important they were. He had been given one of the most beautiful countries in the world and, in his haste to earn a living—a laudable intention, but not everything—he had made out of that country something very much like a pig-sty. So long as he could plant a few flowers around his own house and down town make money, he did not care. All this, however, is changing. You can see evidences of this change everywhere. The American is beginning to realize that beauty, cleanliness and order are amongst the biggest business assets a town or city can possess, outside of the fact that they make his own life pleasanter to live.

There is much to be done. Before America can compare with other countries in man-made beauty or its man-made beauty can compare to its natural loveliness, much that has been built will have to be erased and many plans made for the future. Today, for example, the residence quarters of practically every small town are increasing annually in value and looks, while on the other hand, the average business quarter of these same towns, remains what it has always been, that is, an eye-sore and a positive liability.

Beauty a Vital Need

It is not very necessary, however, to preach such doctrines to a town like Southern Pines. To it, since it is a tourist town, more clearly even than to most other towns, beauty, cleanliness and order are assets. They are more than assets, they are vital needs. Without them, now and increasingly, a town like Southern Pines could not long survive. It is well, therefore, for any citizen of Southern Pines, interested in the town, not only to study its present needs but to make plans for its future.

Southern Pines needs a great many things, all of which I hope, as time goes on, it will procure. Certainly the Town Commissioners are heroically doing their best; so too is the Chamber of Commerce, the latter with as little general financial help as any excellent body of its kind I have ever seen. Furthermore, Southern Pines is about as clear-sighted a small town as it has ever been my pleasure to come across. It knows what it wants and for the most part has laid plans to get it. It has succumbed neither to the 'booster'—Florida's enemy—nor to 'high pressure salesmanship,' which as a general rule, call the best prospective settlers away from a place. But on the other hand—and I am going to say it frankly—Southern Pines has also about as large a proportion of 'let George do it' citizens as any place I have ever been in. There is a nucleus of hard-working, altruistic and farsighted men and women, and for the rest of it, the town sits back and watches them work. Perhaps I am mistaken. I hope I am.

The Needs of Parks

Now, it seems to me that one of the most obvious needs of a town like Southern Pines is parks and lots of them. And it also seems to me that now is the time to procure them even if for a while little can be done to improve them. If the land is not bought soon it will be almost impossible to buy it later on. The town

has long since outgrown its present park. That is being used by the children of the town, as it should be. Just at present, however, there is no place for older people, especially elderly people to go. I am sure that almost every day this is proving a liability to Southern Pines. Personally I would like to see the town purchase, not one park site, but several parks sites, holding them for the future. I am confident that a bond issue for this purpose would be justified and I am confident that it would be a good business measure. The bond issue would not have to be very large.

Right now I can think of three splendid park sites. The land opposite the high school, extending up toward the Highland Pines Inn, the corner, to one side of the motion-picture theatre, and the beautiful tract of trees to the right of the double road as you go to Pinehurst. I believe that all these tracts of land can be purchased, in fact I know that the last tract can be purchased, and, as far as I am concerned, I hope it will be purchased. If it is not purchased now, it never will be. I wish everybody in Southern Pines would go out and look at it. There is a beautiful spring of clear water, a lake, a magnificent stand of trees. I think, too, the terms of the purchase should be clearly understood. From what I have heard they are not generally understood.

Paramount Importance

Knollwood, which owns this tract of land, is willing to sell it very cheaply to the town of Southern Pines. By so doing Knollwood, as I understand it, will pocket a loss of several thousand dollars. As a matter of fact, by so doing it will be coming close to paying almost a half of the expenses. It is obvious, therefore, that this willingness to sell cannot be selfishness on their part, because, if they held the land, within five years they could make a handsome profit from it. As to the objection I have heard that one or two citizens of Southern Pines are making real-estate commissions from the transaction, that, if I may say so, seems to me rather absurd. These gentlemen have no official position, real-estate commissions are small at the best and it is generally granted that most men have to make a living, so long as they do it honestly. I think the buying of this tract of land is of paramount importance to the future of Southern Pines. It is no distance away in these days of automobiles.

So, too, does the buying of two other tracts I have mentioned, or similar tracts, seems to me to be of paramount importance. The land near the motion-picture theatre is ideally situated for elderly people, it is adjacent to the roque courts, and its beautification would advertise Southern Pines to every passenger on the Seaboard Air Line, just as the planting along the railway tracks by the Chamber of Commerce has done. On the whole, Southern Pines turns its worst face to the thousands of railroad travellers, and it's a pretty bad face. And don't forget that many of these travellers are tourists going south—to South Carolina, to Georgia, to Florida where, whatever else may be said, the majority of towns have the foresight at least to make their approaches and main street tempting.

As for the third site, the site opposite the high school, that is a beautiful tract of woods, is centrally located for the residents of Weymouth Heights, and can be developed slowly. To begin with all it needs is a few benches. These three parks would take care of every section of the town and for good, and the Knollwood park would be a show place to which every visitor could be

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3,000 FAVOR STATE PATROL OF HIGHWAYS

Overwhelming Majority for
Proposed Measure in
Referendum

WANT DRIVERS LICENSED

More than three thousand motorists of the state, voting in a referendum submitted by the Carolina Motor Club, favor the establishment of the proposed State highway patrol which The Pilot has long advocated. Overwhelming majorities were piled up on this question, on the question of legislation for a state-wide driver's license and for the safety responsibility act.

The vote of the state highway patrol is 3,829 for and 414 against while 3,742 favor the state driver's law and 497 are opposed. Discussion of the proposed licensing act has disclosed that the proposed measure does not provide for an exhaustive mental and physical examination but does require that applicants be able to read and know the simple, ordinary rules of the road.

To Place Responsibility

On the safety responsibility act the vote is 3,622 for and 466 against. Many inquiries regarding additional information on this proposed measure were received. It provides for the establishment of financial responsibility for the safe operation of motor vehicles on the highways. It has been evolved by a national committee after a two years intensive study of compulsory liability insurance which has resulted in an admitted failure in the only state where it was enacted into law. The safety responsibility measure will be introduced in 42 legislatures during the coming year.

The vote on the remaining measures on the motor club's program is:

Elimination of obstructions at curves and crossroads: for 4,229; against 40.

Reduction of motor vehicle license fees at the end of each quarter of the year: for 3,857; against 346.

Prohibiting use of light bulbs in excess of 21 candle power on motor vehicles: for 3,875; against 233.

Diverting any portion of present gasoline tax to purposes other than highway construction and maintenance: for 610; against 2,697.

NEW YEAR RECEPTION TO REV. J. FRED STIMSON

The Rev. J. Fred Stimson, the new pastor of the First Baptist Church of Southern Pines, was tendered a New Year's reception by members of his congregation and guests from other churches last Tuesday. An enjoyable musical program was rendered by Mrs. L. D. Williams, Miss Zilla Adams, Myron G. Adams and Mrs. Adams. The church was artistically decorated for the occasion by the committee in charge of Mrs. A. McNeill Blair, and all in all the reception was a most enjoyable one and testified to the popularity of the new pastor.

KIWANIS PLANS DINNER TO FRANK PAGE THIS MONTH

Plans for the complimentary dinner to be tendered Frank Page, of Aberdeen retiring head of the State Highway Commission, are under way by the Kiwanis Club. Mr. Page has advised the club members that he will be delighted to attend the affair, and the committee in charge of Talbot Johnson is planning it for a night the latter part of this month.

MISS MCNEILL DIES

Relatives and friends of Miss Belle McNeill were shocked to learn of her death at the home of her niece, Mrs. Hector Watson, near Red Springs last Monday morning. Miss McNeill, who was the daughter of Malcolm McNeill of Sandhills Township, contracted a cold which resulted in her death. The funeral services were held Tuesday at Antioch Church.

The Women's Auxiliary of the Manley Presbyterian Church will serve an old-fashioned chicken dinner at the Tea Tray Wednesday evening from 7:00 to 10:30 next week. The charge is fifty cents per plate and the proceeds will go for the benefit of the foreign missions. The public is invited.

NEW TRAFFIC RULES IN FORCE IN SO. PINES

West and East-Bound Cars
Must Come to Stop
at Highway

TO PREVENT ACCIDENTS

Frequently of automobile accidents at highway crossings through Southern Pines has brought about a change in traffic regulations which, if strictly enforced and conscientiously adhered to by the motoring public will prevent recurrences of such tragedies.

The new regulations came immediately after the latest of these fatal collisions, that of a week ago when cars driven by Dr. William E. McCord, of Southern Pines and Tom Morris, colored, of Lakeview, met at the intersection of May street and Connecticut avenue. Morris' car, after turning completely around, turned over, pinning 13-year old Naomi Morris underneath, her death resulting while she was being rushed to the Sanford hospital. Two women and three men in the Morris car were cut and bruised and the car practically demolished. Dr. McCord escaped injury, and his car but slightly damaged.

New Stop Signs

Large signs reading "Stop" have now been placed at the corners where May street, which is the main highway north and south through Southern Pines, intersects with Massachusetts, New York, Pennsylvania, New Hampshire, Vermont, Connecticut and Maine avenues, on both sides of the avenues. The regulations call for a complete stop by motorists before entering or crossing May street at these corners. It is the duty of the driver to bring his car to a halt and look both directions before proceeding. Adherence to this rule obviously will prevent any collision.

Traffic on Route 50, which is May street, being largely through north and south traffic, has right of way. This right of way has always been disputed by east and west travelers, principally due to the fact that they are going up grade when proceeding east and do not wish to slow down, necessitating a change of gear, or they are going down hill when proceeding west and do not wish to use their brakes. Numerous accidents, many serious and a number fatal, have resulted during the past few years.

Warnings Disregarded

During the regime of S. B. Richardson as mayor, warning markers were placed in the middle of all of these intersections that motorists might recognize danger at these points, but these red mounds in the middle of the highway do not seem to have accomplished their purpose other than to induce motorists to go around them in making turns. And it has gotten so few even take this trouble to do this.

Chief of Police Kelly of Southern Pines is now spending much of his time at the corners where the new "Stop" signals have been placed, and is detaining motorists who do not observe the signs until he has explained to them the necessity for the regulation. When all have been given time to acquaint themselves with the new traffic rule, arrests for non-observance of the signals will follow.

DUNLAP, LATIMER AND MRS. ECKERT WINNERS

George T. Dunlap, Jr., of New York and a sophomore at Princeton was the winner of the twenty-sixth annual Mid-Winter Golf tournament of the Pinehurst Country Club, defeating Forbes K. Wilson, of York Harbor, Maine and Yale University, in the final round played last Monday. Dunlap won 5 to 3.

In the fifteenth annual Southern Pines Country Club tournament, J. W. Latimer a member of the Flossmore Country Club of Chicago and a student at Knox College Galesburg, Ill., was returned the champion, defeating Bert Weatherspoon in the finals 3 and 2.

Mrs. Hunter Eckert of Reading, Pa. was the winner of the Kicker's Handicap tournament played on the Southern Pines course with a gross of 51, handicap 6, net 45. Miss Blair of Sewickley, Pa. was second with a net 44.

SCORES FARMERS' ORGANIZATION



Hon. Robert N. Page

Murdoch Johnson New President Aberdeen Commercial Club

Organization Working With
Women For Beautification
of Village

TO IMPROVE HIGHWAY

At the meeting of the Aberdeen Agricultural and Commercial Club held December 10th the following officers were elected: Murdoch Johnson, president; E. T. McKeithen, vice-president and W. A. Blue, secretary-treasurer. The directors chosen for the coming year are G. C. Seymour, T. D. MacLean, John Nichols, and M. H. Folley. This organization has been running for two years and has been active in promoting the tobacco industry and attracting out of town attention to Aberdeen.

The business transacted at this meeting concerned the Civic committee headed by D. I. McKeithen. The committee works in conjunction with the ladies' civic organization of the town in an effort to beautify the village. The plan is to interest merchants and lot-holders in setting out shrubbery and trees to care for the planting around the public buildings in the town, and to dress up the approaches on the main highways of the town.

Red Cross Roll Call Nets 884 Members

Total Receipts of \$1,640 Shown
in Report of Chairman, Mrs.
Suttenfield.

The report of Mrs. J. H. Suttenfield chairman of the Moore County Chapter of the American Red Cross Roll Call for 1928-1929 shows a total of 884 members as the result of the recent drive. Mrs. Suttenfield's report follows:

Twelve supporting memberships at \$25, \$300.	Eight hundred and thirty-three annual memberships at \$1, \$833.
Seven sustaining memberships at \$10, \$70.	Donations, \$277.50.
Thirty-two contributing members at \$5, \$160.	Of the grand total of \$1,640.50 received from the above memberships, \$442 goes to the American Red Cross toward the national fund, the balance of \$1,198.50 being retained for the use of Moore County Chapter.
	The Roll Call shows the following distribution of membership:
Aberdeen, 51 members.....\$107.00	Addor, 17 members..... 20.20
Cameron, 43 members..... 43.00	Carthage, 79 members..... 79.00
Eagle Springs, 55 members..... 105.30	Hemp, 15 members..... 15.00
Jackson Springs, 15 members..... 15.00	Lakeview, 28 members..... 33.25
Niagara, 18 members..... 18.00	Pinehurst, 126 members..... 633.25
Pinebluff, 102 members..... 119.25	Southern Pines, 244 members..... 390.75
Vass, 27 members..... 27.50	West End, 34 members..... 34.00
Total.....\$1640.50	

MR. JACKMAN RECOVERING FROM OPERATION ON EYE

Ashley Jackman, proprietor of Jack's Grill in Southern Pines, was successfully operated upon for an affection of the eye in the Charlotte Hospital last Sunday, and is rapidly on the road to recovery. He is expected to be back at his familiar post in the popular restaurant next week. Considerable alarm was felt concerning Mr. Jackman until report came of the success of the operation.

PAGE SEES NO LAW SOLVING FARM PROBLEM

Tells Master Farmers at Kiwanis
Luncheon Solution Is
Up to Them

OLLIE CURRY WINNER

MASTER FARMER AWARDS

1st Prize, \$200.00
Ollie Currie, Mineral Springs
2nd Prize, \$150.00
Walter McCaskill, McNeills
Township
3rd Prize, \$100.00
O. T. Maness, Sheffield and
A. L. Keith, Sandhills tied.
Medals of Honor
J. M. Davis, McNeills
D. A. Dunlap, Sheffield
A. C. Carter, Mineral Springs
L. R. Reynolds, Ritters
Diplomas
Fuller Monroe, Bensalem
J. L. Kirk, Sandhills
M. F. Connell, Carthage
W. A. Tyson, Deep River

At the Kiwanis dinner at the Civic club building in Southern Pines Wednesday the chief feature was the award of prizes to the master farmers of the county for their year's achievement. A committee of judges consisting of Gordon Cameron, H. P. McPherson, Z. V. Blue, and E. H. Garrison, the county agent, had examined the work done and made the selection from among the candidates. Robert N. Page was asked to present the prizes to the successful farmers, who had been invited to attend the meeting, and it was agreed that Mr. Page's brief address was one of the outstanding talks on the subject of agriculture that the club has heard.

Mr. Page introduced his lines by comparing the economic relation of agriculture to that of other callings, and he asserted that for the good of the nation it is essential that farming be on a better basis. In this betterment all are concerned, for all increase of wealth is from natural resources, coming from the earth. He referred to the many remedies offered for the relief of the farmer, and insisted that the remedy that depends on legislation is impossible as well as uncertain. The remedy is deeper than legislation, "When Leonard Tufts sponsored this movement of awarding a prize of recognition to the superior farmer," said Mr. Page, "he was on the right line, and from it must come much hope of improvement of farm conditions. Men must be induced to put better effort into agriculture and to get their industry on a business basis instead of the haphazard footing it too generally occupies."

Solution Up to Farmer

Mr. Page plainly characterized the McNary-Haugen measure as a camouflage which can lead only to disappointment, for it offers nothing tangible. Better business, Mr. Page says, is the necessity on the farm. The industry is to be successful, and the fact that men this year in spite of weather conditions, crop conditions, price conditions, or any other adverse influence, have made money on their farms is indication that it can be done. "The farmer must educate himself in his line," said Mr. Page, "and we have in the county men who are doing that and they are solving their problem, which must be solved by the farmer for himself."

Mr. Page closed his preliminary talk by the announcement of the winners. In the number of contestants were eighteen, two from each township, and he said that the work this year showed an increased interest over the last year, as the scheme had become better known. The leader of the farmers was Ollie Currie, of Mineral Springs, who was given a gold medal, a diploma and \$200 in cash. He becomes the selection of the judges as the most ideal farmer of the county for the year. He is followed by Walter McCaskill, of McNeills township, who is awarded a gold medal, a diploma and \$150. O. T. Maness of Sheffield and A. L. Keith of Sandhills divided \$100. As they were tied in the award, and received a silver medal and a diploma. A. C. Carter, of Mineral Springs and L. R.

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