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CORNERSTONE OF NEW MOORE CO. HOSPITAL LAID

Simeon B. Chapin, Chairman of Board, Makes Dedicatory Address Before Large Crowd

TELLS HOSPITAL STORY

Promptly at 11 o'clock Tuesday a long line of cars formed outside the new Moore County hospital and discharged passengers who had come to be present at the laying of the cornerstone. The new roofing shining in the sunlight and the young trees and shrubs recently planted lifted the enterprise from the realm of dreams.

After John Hemmer had taken pictures of the group on the steps, Mr. Cheatham opened the ceremonies with a reading from the scriptures and a short prayer for the success of the hospital. Simeon B. Chapin, Chairman of the Board of Trustees, reviewed the history of its founding in a short speech which we take pleasure in printing:

Mr. Chapin's Speech

About five years ago, when the new Church was being built in Pinehurst, a certain person who had had sickness in the family said to me, "We need a new Hospital more than we need a new Church," my answer was, "We need both."

About two years ago, a group of men met one evening to discuss the advisability of building a hospital. It was decided that the first thing to do was to have a survey made of this county, so an expert was engaged to come here and make an inspection of the territory. I have Mr. Henry C. Wright's report here. Most of you have read it, and are aware that it deals in detail with the need for such an institution and the necessity of a hospital being built immediately here in Moore County.

Another meeting was held at a noon hour at the Tom Morris Club, which was attended by Dr. W. S. Rankin and Dr. Davidson, of The Duke Foundation, together with several others who reside in Pinehurst and Southern Pines. It was there decided to proceed at once with the building of a hospital provided a minimum of \$115,000.00 in cash and pledges could be obtained, and of that amount \$40,000.00 was subscribed at this meeting.

After strenuous efforts on the part of all the members of the Committee, the balance of the \$115,000.00 was secured with the generous assistance of The Duke Foundation, which subscribed \$25,000.00 and has indicated its purpose to make a further donation of a like amount.

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Best Horse Show in History is Assured

Large Entry List and Added Attraction of Five-Gaited Horses Spells Success

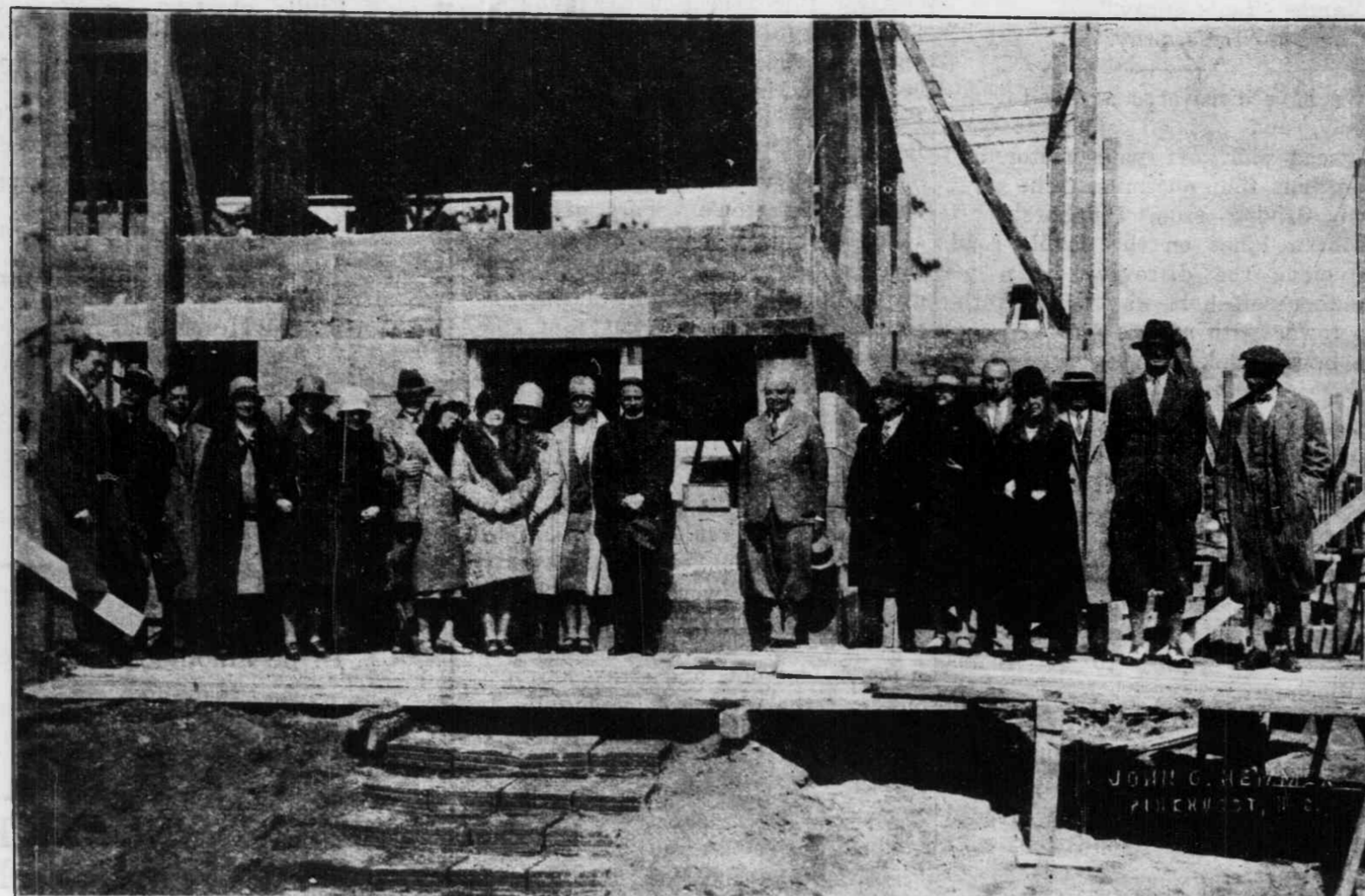
According to present indications, the twelfth annual Pinehurst Horse Show, scheduled for the 2nd and 3rd of April, will be the most successful ever held in the Sandhills. Entries are pouring in for the many classes, and Charles Picquet, who is in charge of arrangements, reports that each event will be closely contested.

The show is fortunate in having secured many entries from owners of five-gaited horses, and two classes have been scheduled. In previous years, it has been difficult to enter enough in this event to make any showing whatsoever, and the added classification should be somewhat in the nature of a feature. The addition of a plantation class for special entries of gaited horses should also prove to be an attraction of note.

The commanding officers of Fort Bragg have assured the committee that the pick of the camp will be at the disposal of the show for the two days. Their feature will be the six-horse teams drawing regulation light field artillery guns with regulation harness, equipment and personnel. This number has been one of the outstanding hits for the past few years, and its inclusion in this season's program is certain to please those who

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Photograph taken at Dedication Ceremonies at Pinehurst Tuesday morning. In center of group are the Rev. Mr. Cheatham, who offered prayer for the success of the institution, and Simeon B. Chapin, Chairman of the Board of Trustees, who made the dedicatory address.

ABERDEEN HOTEL IS PURCHASED BY GREENSBORO MAN

M. W. Sterne Buys Property and Plans Extensive Alterations and Improvements

NEW PILOT BUILDING UP

M. W. Sterne of Greensboro, a prominent hotel man there, has purchased the Aberdeen Hotel and plans extensive alterations and improvements. It was announced early in the week. It is understood that the present proprietor, Jake Pearson, will continue in charge.

The Aberdeen Hotel property was owned by B. B. Saunders, prominent tobacco man and J. F. Allred, of Aberdeen, C. C. Bennett, S. T. Ewing and D. C. Ewing of Candor.

It is stated that the transaction involved an exchange of property and was not a cash consideration.

The Aberdeen Hotel is prominently situated in the center of the business section of Aberdeen and with the proposed changes and alterations will, it is stated, make for a decided improvement in the heart of town. With the ever increasing business of the tobacco market and the steady growth of Aberdeen generally the prospects are bright for the new ownership.

The new Pilot Building in the center of town is practically completed, Contractor Weaver having the roof in place and the cement floor laid this week. Partitions will be placed in position for the offices, stock rooms, composing and press room during the coming week, and the machinery and equipment of The Pilot will be moved to Aberdeen from Vass as soon as the publication of the Sandhills Sports Daily, Pinehurst's morning paper, is discontinued for the season next month.

J. McN. JOHNSON ILL IN CHARLOTTE HOSPITAL

J. McN. Johnson of Aberdeen is in the hospital in Charlotte, resting and recuperating from too much activity in the office and outside. He writes that he is making fair headway, but that he wants to get back home where he can see green grass instead of brick walls. Mr. Johnson is one of that type of men who want the safety valve set for high pressure, and he does not like to slow down, so it becomes necessary once in a while to take a day off.

TWO MORE BOOK TALKS

The interesting book talks of Dr. Paul B. Jenkins of Williams Bay, Wis., held under the auspices of the Southern Pines Library, are continuing until April 4th. Dr. Jenkins will talk at the Civic Club both March 28th and April 4th, at 4 o'clock. Those who have heard his lectures have pronounced them highly interesting and educational. The public is invited to attend.

SOUND PICTURES GIVE CHARLIE A HEADACHE

Charlie Picquet says talking pictures are a headache. Charlie's been having his troubles.

In the first place, he couldn't get the machine he wanted because the company making it merged with some other company. In the second, when the machine he did order came, after numerous delays, it had the wrong attachments and Charlie had to get some in a hurry from Charlotte. These came but were defective. Charlie and his gang made them work, but "The Singing Fool" didn't always sing when he should. And besides, two of the Jolson records were defective.

Everything just went floey, the usually genial manager of the Carolina Theatres say. Even the acoustics of the Southern Pines house were found to be bad for sound photos.

Now the silver lining is beginning to show on the cloud. The needed parts are arriving, wires and velvet drapes are being put in place to remedy the acoustics, and next week is expected to prove that sound pictures aren't so bad after all.

Campaign Nets Funds For Commerce Body

Secretary Howard Burns of the Southern Pines Chamber of Commerce reported at the directors' meeting on Tuesday the receipt during the week of a number of large contributions toward the Chamber's work for 1929, and announced that the organization had no debts and a satisfactory balance on hand. In view of the amount of work planned for accomplishment during the year, however, he stated that the campaign for funds should be carried on with renewed vigor, as the budget calls for expenditures greatly in excess of receipts to date.

The Board voted \$200 for further planting at the north end of Broad street, extending from the business section to Broad street's intersection with the double road to Pinehurst. This work will be under way directly, Chairman Frank Buchan of the Planning committee announced.

Struthers Burt thanked the press on behalf of the directors for their cooperation in the activities sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce.

KIWANIS AND LEGION TO GIVE DANCE JOINTLY

The Kiwanis Club of Aberdeen and Sandhill Post, American Legion, will give a dance jointly, to be held at the Pinehurst Country Club Friday evening, April 5th. The net proceeds are to be divided between the Kiwanis Club's educational fund and the legion's fund for the disabled soldiers at Oten.

TO USE FILM IN FIGHT AGAINST OUTDOOR ADS.

Chamber of Commerce of So. Pines Purchases Reel to Be Shown Throughout State

TO WAGE WAR ON TRASH

The Chamber of Commerce directors of Southern Pines at their Tuesday meeting again took up the matter of advertising billboards and signs along streets and highways, and Struthers Burt, who has been the prime mover in the Chamber's efforts to eliminate unsightly signs from local landscape announced the arrival of a film prepared by the national association against billboard advertising. Arrangements have been made with Charles Picquet, manager of the Carolina theatres at Southern Pines and Pinehurst for the showing of this film two nights in each of the two theatres.

Mr. Burt also stated that through the cooperation of the Federation of Women's Clubs throughout North Carolina, the film, after showing here, will be put on the screen in all cities and towns of the state having motion picture theatres. North Carolina, Mr. Burt said, is taking the lead among states in eliminating the kind of advertising so objectionable to lovers of scenic beauty. This film, by the way, will appear in all the state theatres bearing the words, "Under the Auspices of the Chamber of Commerce of Southern Pines." The film was procured by Mr. Burt and has been purchased outright by the Chamber of Commerce.

A suggestion was made at the meeting that prizes be offered by the Chamber for the best kept up garages and gasoline stations in the Sandhills, and the subject of trash removal in Southern Pines was discussed at some length and a committee appointed to look into the situation.

YADKIN TEA ROOM PROPERTY SOLD TO J. B. ROUNTREE

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Rountree of Winston-Salem, who have been residing in Weymouth Heights in Southern Pines this winter, have decided to make their home in the Sandhills and as the first step in that direction have bought the old Van Lindley place, now better known as the Yadkin Tea Room, and its adjoining property on the Midland Road. This news will no doubt be received with great pleasure for though here for a comparatively short time, the Rountrees have made many friends in the Sandhills.

The property, which covers some 20 acres, was acquired from Carl Buchan. Mr. Rountree plans to move the house back from the road and remodel it for a permanent home.

Chief of Police Kelly of Southern Pines Shot and Killed As He Searches Car

EDITORIAL

THE LESSON OF A TRAGEDY.

Several things are brought forcefully to mind by the murder of J. C. Kelly, chief of the Southern Pines police force. The sacrifice of any man would be a high price to pay for the conclusions that are to be drawn from this affair, but Chief Kelly was an exceptional man and a highly efficient and earnest officer. But he was a victim of that universal indifference to law that is manifest in every quarter of the Union and which gives the United States the earned reputation of being the most lawless civilized country on the globe.

The assailant was driving too fast at a point on the street where the officer was watching traffic to safeguard the children at the school. When the chief attempted to examine the car the driver pulled a gun, and commenced firing. Driving recklessly was the first offense. Carrying a gun was the second. Murder was the third. It is true, although a pitiful fact, that few people regard fast driving as of consequence, or that carrying a gun signifies anything. And until it is brought home directly, murder is dismissed these days as an incident. It is said that tools in the car indicated anything but a savory occupation on the part of the assailant.

Chief Kelly has been a fearless agent of the law, but he has not had the backing he deserved when placed in the responsible job he occupied. He gave himself as a sacrifice where he had too much to risk and too little in the way of public opinion to aid him in law enforcement, or in saving himself. It is not a negligent legislature that has until this spring refused highway police to make the public roads safe, that has wrought this officer's death. It is public sentiment, which is indifferent to law, and public sentiment, which has failed to demand of the legislature a sufficient state police to control highway traffic and highway lawlessness. In no other civilized country would this thing be possible. A faithful of-

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Noted Women Golfers To Play in So. Pines

Glenna Collett, National Champion Heads List for Tourney Next Friday & Saturday

Glenna Collett, national champion, heads the list of golf stars who are to compete in the Women's Mid-South championships at the Southern Pines Country Club next Friday and Saturday, March 28th and 29th. The tournament will be a 36-hole medal play event.

Other notables who have sent in their entries include the sensational youngster, Helen Hicks of Hempstead, L. I., who recently defeated Miss Collett in the St. Augustine tournament; Virginia Van Wie of Chicago, who won the Florida event, defeating Miss Hicks in the finals; Louise Fordyce of Youngstown, Ohio, runner-up in several important tournaments of late and former State champion of Ohio; Mrs. O. S. Hill, who won the Women's North & South at Pinehurst last year, defeating both Miss Collett and Miss Van Wie; Miss Bernice Wall, medalist in two recent Florida tournaments; Miss Marion Turpie, outstanding player of the south, former holder of the Louisiana state title, and Miss Edith Quier, less known but reported to be a dangerous contender.

Mrs. E. Ellsworth Giles is chairman of the committee in charge of the tournament and is arranging for the entertainment of the visitors while here. A large tea-dance will be given at the club next Thursday afternoon.

Motorist, Halted for Speeding, Fires Four Shots at Officer Which Later Prove Fatal.—Assailant Commandeers Hunter Eckert to Drive Him to Pinehurst Where He Steals Another Car and Disappears.

NOW HIDING IN WOODS

Chief of Police Joseph C. Kelly of Southern Pines was shot and killed shortly after 1:30 o'clock Wednesday afternoon at the corner of May street and East Massachusetts avenue in Southern Pines.

Chief Kelly died at Highsmith Hospital in Fayetteville shortly after 2:00 o'clock yesterday morning, the result of bullets piercing the walls of the stomach causing internal hemorrhages. His wife and son were with him at the bedside.

Chief Kelly's assailant was located passing through Monroe, N. C., just before sundown, and was pursued by a sheriff's posse from that town. He abandoned the car at Pinehurst and took into the woods where he was reported as pursuing a large posse, including four automobile loads from Southern Pines headed by Mayor Barnum and Commissioner Frank Buchan.

The Southern Pines Board of Commissioners offered a reward of \$250 Wednesday and additional rewards will likely be made by the county and state.

A car being driven south on Route 50 was halted by the Chief for speeding. Kelly grew suspicious of the driver and started a search of the car when the driver, a young man of dark complexion, about five feet, 10 inches in height and with a two-day growth of beard, pulled a gun and fired at the Chief at close range. The bullet entered his left side, piercing the stomach. Three other shots were fired by the man as he backed away, all of which struck the officer.

The Chief staggered but managed to get to his car nearby, which he drove as far as Dr. William C. Mudgett's residence a block away, where he fell to the ground endeavoring to reach the doctor. He suffered great loss of blood, and was too weak to be carried into the house, Dr. Mudgett making him as comfortable as possible on the lawn in front.

Seizes Eckert Car.

Meanwhile, the assailant had rushed to the home of Hunter Eckert, shouting that a man had been shot and he wanted to take Mr. Eckert's car to get a physician. Mr. Eckert said he would take him, and both jumped in the car.

The man asked Mr. Eckert to drive him to the Carolina Hotel at Pinehurst where his physician was stopping and he would bring him back. Mr. Eckert knew nothing of the shooting other than what the man told him, and proceeded in a hurry to the Carolina. There the man got out and asked Eckert to wait while he got the physician. Instead of going into the hotel, however, he went to the Pinehurst Garage where he helped himself to an automobile belonging to Mrs. L. L. Leonard, of St. Louis, a cream colored Buick with green top and wire wheels bearing license No. 72135, Mass.

Later in the afternoon a car answering this description was reported as passing through Candor and Monroe.

Own Car Abandoned.

The alleged bootlegger's own car was deserted at the spot where it had been stopped by Chief Kelly. It was a Chevrolet, bearing license No. B 293, South Carolina. The car was taken to Beck's Garage under police surveillance. In it were found several other license plates, a large bunch of hotel keys, papers of various descriptions and a letter addressed to J. L. Boso, Box 1719, Winston-Salem, from Mrs. E. W. Boso, Summerville, W. Va., the letter being signed "Mother." This was dated January 30th.

Chief Kelly was in a precarious condition, with four bullet holes in his body and weak from loss of blood.

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