

Pinehurst and Vicinity Rich in Historical Lore

Race Track Was Site of Old David Buchan Home- stead, and Burned to Ground by Raiders in 1781

(By J. McN. Johnson)

A new population is apt to regard the ground on which a new colony is settled, as virgin soil. Valuable historical data is lost when there is universal consent that the former occupation, even of the simplest and most unpretentious character be ignored.

Not many people now interested in Pinehurst know that the grandfather of Captain Archibald Ray—also named Archibald Ray, lived and reared a large family just on the north side of the Norfolk-Southern Railway Track, and about 200 yards northwest from the Pinehurst Depot, just at the west edge of the present pine forest; but such is a fact, and the descendants of that first settler, Archibald Ray, have been a power in civic righteousness in Moore County since its creation, as well as in western Cumberland before that date. Norfleet Ray, the Pinehurst merchant is one.

Not many people now connected with Pinehurst know the Pinehurst Race Track was, during the Revolutionary War, the home and farm of David Buchan, the great-grand-uncle of our own Frank Buchan; and that David Buchan's house was burnt by Captain Wade in 1781 when he came down into the Sandhills to avenge the Pines Bottom Massacre; but such is a historical fact.

Not many people now connected with Pinehurst know that the John Allen McDonald place just on the east edge of Pinehurst, was during the Revolutionary War, the home of that Daniel McMillan, who was brutally murdered at Old Kenneth Clark's, by the same Captain Wade on the same avenging raid. You will note I refer to the killing of Daniel McMillan as

a "Murder." Judge Ridsen Tyler Bennett, himself a resident of Wadesboro, once related to this writer how old Mrs. Love, mother of the late William Love of Quewhiffle, told him how Captain Wade "murdered her father (Daniel McMillan) in cold blood."

As Judge Bennett told me this story he slowly shook his head and apostrophized: "The Damned Old Barbarian!" Yet the town of Wadesboro is named in honor of the same butcher.

Not many people now connected with Pinehurst know that the numerous old rifle barrels stamped: "P. C." and still to be found in Moore County, were made by Phillips Cameron one mile west from Pinehurst, at the place now called the Dock McKenzie Place; but many do know that the land on which Pinehurst is built was granted to this same Phillips Cameron. But they rarely, if ever, think of the fact that Phil Cameron's profit from the sale of these old rifle barrels enabled him to pay the State of North Carolina the \$64.00 that was the price of this 640 acres of land.

Still fewer people know that when Archibald Ray and David Buchan and Daniel McMillan settled at the present site of Pinehurst, the whole territory for miles and miles around was thickly covered knee-deep with the Partridge Pea, as fine grazing as the alfalfa fields of the Great West; but such is the truth. All this enormous wealth has been wiped out, literally expunged from the face of the earth by our greatest enemy, the Forest Fire.

The reason mankind does not advance more rapidly is that they refuse to think.

Buchan Farm Expects Good Crop of Cotton

Robert Stuart Looks for 300 to 400 Bales—Planting Less Tobacco

Robert Stuart, who plants the big Buchan farm a few miles out of Aberdeen, says he will have the usual amount of cotton this year, between three and four hundred bales, and that his crop will depend on the number of reliable hands he can count on. He continues to plant about his normal acreage, increasing at a fair rate from year to year, and has a pretty substantial faith in the future of the crop. He makes a bale to the acre, of a good staple, his farm produces corn and feed in large quantity, and he is not worrying greatly about the future of the farmer. He says he is not alarmed much about the boll weevil, for by planting his cotton in time to get it pretty well along before the weevil comes out in abundance he is fairly sure of making his crop, and he believes men will win the battle with the weevil. Through centuries of warfare between mankind and the smaller pests men seem to thrive and make the things they need, and Mr. Stuart is of the opinion they will continue to hold their own.

He will probably not plant so much tobacco, for it is harder to get hands who can make a good crop of tobacco. He believes in tobacco as a crop for the Sandhills, for it brings much more money to the acre. With cotton and tobacco selling around twenty cents, which is about the average for the crop of last fall, an acre of tobacco will bring a bigger average cash return than cotton. But tobacco takes more work and more skill to make the crop and market it properly, and field hands who can make good tobacco and prove dependable are not very numerous. Yet the farm will have a share of tobacco this year, along with its other crops.

The Buchan farm is one of the prominent places of the Sandhills, and has brought a lot of money into the Aberdeen region since John Buchan commenced his first farm operations down there a generation ago.

The laziest man in Beacon was discovered early yesterday morning. He was sound asleep when his wife, awakened by the fire siren, nudged him, and said:

"Wake up honey, I think the whole town is on fire. The sky is all lit up. Wake up, wake up!"

The husband woke up slowly, indolently arose, and sleepily felt the four walls of his room, yawned and stretched with a grunt and murmured to his spouse:

"The walls are still cool," and he returned to bed.—Beacon (N. Y.)

Mexican Quail Are Liberated in County

108 Pairs Received from Mexico by Alex Field for Release in this Section

Alex Field received this week 103 pairs of Mexican Quail from Mexico by New Orleans, to be liberated in Moore and adjoining counties. The birds arrived in Southern Pines in good condition and were distributed at once to the game wardens of the neighborhood. Moore county gets about 18 pairs of the birds which were apportioned among different sections of the county, where Mr. Fields was advised they would do the most good. In some parts of the county quail are already increasing so fast that no more are needed, and in some of the game sanctuaries carried on by Pinehurst and other large land owners the creatures are multiplying at such a rate that breeding stock has been supplied to less fortunate sections of the county to stock their territory. The establishment of game reserves and the appointment of a game warden to see that the state laws are complied with have changed game conditions in the county, and it is expected from now on to find a much greater number of wild animals in the woods than has been the case in the past.

Mr. Fields says the Mexican quail is much akin to the native bird, but that it multiplies somewhat faster, and is a lively game bird. Experience has shown that it takes kindly to the northern climate and that it thrives very well. With the continuation of control of animal life in the county, and the proper restrictions as to shooting the expectation is a rapid multiplication of the birds. They will hatch this summer, and during the winter shooting they will be forbidden. Next summer they are expected to increase greatly, and probably the season on them will be opened in the winter of 1931 if they turn out well.

The big land owners who are caring for their birds are taking the trouble to plant crops in plowed areas in the woods to bring on cowpeas and other things that will provide a feed supply, and this practice has been decidedly effective. If farmers who care to encourage bird culture will plant a few bits of ground with something they can get it will help to establish the newcomers that Mr. Field has liberated and also to help the native birds to grow in numbers.

The inspector was testing the general knowledge of the junior class. Slapping a half-dollar on the desk, he said sharply, "What's that?"

Instantly a voice from the back of the school house shouted: "Tails, sir."

Training Camps Offer Boys Rare Opportunity

Paul Dana Outlines Advantages to Be Derived from C. M. T. Encampment

Mr. Paul Dana, C. M. T. C. Association's County Chairman, engaged in C. M. T. C. enrollment of applicants from Moore County to attend this summer's C. M. T. Camps, stated today that he is receiving the hearty support of Max Backer and Dr. McBrayer and other prominent, patriotic and well known officials and citizens in his efforts to obtain the quota desired.

They feel, as does Mr. Dana, that several features of the C. M. T. Camps are of particular interest to those charged with the promotion of projects beneficial to our communities.

The camps offer great assistance in the development of our future representative citizens into men of character.

Their attainment of new values of patriotism; loyalty, national and

community citizenship; systems, organization and discipline; leadership, respect for law and those in authority and the application of all these to home, civic and national governments, benefits our whole community.

Our young men returning home after a period of contact with young men from every locality, condition and walk of life are more truly democratic.

Their advertisement of our communities among men from other localities met at camp depends upon care in selection and local support. Last year a number of fine young men from our area took advantage of the opportunity, nearly every locality being represented at the camps. Individually, nearly all made excellent records, not only in the courses of training, but competed against members of well organized field, track and athletic teams from other cities, schools and colleges with much credit.

"To promote the C. M. T. Camps is to render lasting public service in rounding out our young men by

elements of education which they cannot obtain in regular institutions of learning," said Mr. Dana.

"I am ready and willing to furnish information to all interested. I desire the support and cooperation of all our citizens and hope that they will give their valuable assistance which will be greatly appreciated."

FIRST WOMAN TO HOLD OFFICE IN STATE DIES

Mrs. Emma Spencer MacNeill, said to have been the first woman officeholder in North Carolina, died here last week at the age of 81 years in the home of her son, Ford S. Worthy, member of the State Department of Conservation and Development.

In 1874 she married James A. Worthy, of Moore county, and upon his death in 1887 she was appointed to fill his unexpired term as county treasurer. She later married Col. Alexander Hamilton MacNeill.

Mrs. MacNeill had lived in Carthage for more than 50 years. Funeral services were held in Carthage.

KIWANIS AND LEGION TO HOLD DANCE APRIL 5th

The Kiwanis Club of Aberdeen and the Sandhills Post of the American Legion will be the joint hosts at a large dance to be given next Friday evening, April 5th, at the Pinehurst Country Club. Invitations have already been sent out, and tickets are being sold by members of both bodies. The proceeds of the dance are to be equally divided between the Kiwanis Educational fund for underprivileged children of the county and the Home for Disabled Soldiers at Oteen, an institution in which the Legion is interested. The party will be the best of the season, those in charge state.

MID-PINES ARRIVALS

Arrivals at the Mid-Pines Club include Mr. and Mrs. William Colt, of Bronxville, N. Y.; Mr. and Mrs. Joseph P. Benny and Edward Sealy, of Atlantic City; Mr. and Mrs. William Reynolds, of Winston-Salem, N. C.; Duval Dunne, of Boston; Thomas Munds, of New York.

4 OUT OF 7 DIRECT RESULTS

Last week **THE PILOT** carried an announcement of a new Model D-4 Frigidaire just placed on the market and distributed in Moore County by the Southern Pines firm of Gregory and Bushby, Inc.

Since that advertisement appeared seven of these new machines have been sold by this firm.

"And," says Mr. Gregory, "four of these machines were sold directly as a result of our advertisement in **THE PILOT**. We do not carry Frigidaire advertising in any other newspaper. We find the **THE PILOT** is by far the best medium and that is alone is sufficient."

Four out of seven direct results! Four machines costing \$190 each sold in one week by a single firm as a direct result of one ad in **THE PILOT** exclusively. Conclusive proof that **THE PILOT** is the advertising medium in the Sandhills.

This is the peak of the season in the Sandhills
---the time to tell your story.

Let The Pilot do for you what it has done for
Gregory & Bushby, Inc., and many others.