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AIR EXPRESS TO PROVIDE SERVICE FOR KNOLLWOOD

President of Eastern Air Express Approves Service for Sandhills Towns

HIGH PRAISE FOR FIELD

The Knollwood Airport, serving Pinehurst, Southern Pines and Aberdeen, will become a "call stop" at once and a regular stop if traffic warrants, according to Warren W. Lewis, president of Eastern Air Express, Inc., who paid a visit to the field while en route from Florida to New York in one of the company's big Bellanca monoplanes Wednesday.

"One of the most wonderful fields I have ever seen. There is nothing to beat it," Mr. Lewis told O. A. Blackwelder of Pinehurst, who was at the field to greet him. "There are lots of bigger fields but no better ones."

Mr. Lewis arrived with two planes, two pilots, and one passenger. He dropped down on Knollwood at noon Wednesday because the weather looked threatening, and was so agreeably surprised by the condition of the new field that he told Mr. Blackwelder he saw no reason why the Sandhills should not become a "call stop" on their regular schedule. This means that passengers will be accepted from other points for Pinehurst, Southern Pines, Aberdeen and this section, and that passengers will be picked up here on notice to either Raleigh or Camden, S. C., that a stop is desired. Should sufficient traffic develop, the planes of the company will make regular stops during the winter months, he stated. The present intermediate stops on the run from New York to Florida are Washington, Richmond and Raleigh.

Fare About \$60

The fare, Mr. Lewis stated, would be approximately \$60. From New York to Knollwood, and the trip will be made in six hours. Three ships are in operation now, but within thirty days there will be nine on the run. They are all Bellanca six-passenger monoplanes.

Mr. Blackwelder took the party into Southern Pines for lunch in his car, and they left Wednesday afternoon when the weather looked as if it would clear up. They were bound from Florida to New York. The two ships which landed at Knollwood were "Miss Columbia" and "Miss Savannah." The same ships landed here last Friday en route south, but delayed only long enough to make some slight repairs.

It is believed here that airplanes

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Shamburger, McBrayer Kiwanis Delegates

Will Represent Local Club at District Convention in Greenville

Frank Shamburger and Dr. L. M. McBrayer were elected delegates from the Kiwanis Club of Aberdeen to the district convention to be held at Greenville, S. C., November 6th, 7th and 8th, at the weekly meeting of the club Wednesday noon. The meeting was held in the Gichner-Johnson Building in Aberdeen.

Robert N. Page of Aberdeen will have the support of the local club and of others of this vicinity for lieutenant governor of the Carolinas district when the convention meets, and it is expected that a large number of Kiwanians from here will go to Greenville in behalf of Mr. Page's candidacy.

Mr. Page reported at the meeting that progress in the organization of the Educational Trust Fund is being made, the committee elected at the Kiwanis meeting a week ago having met Wednesday to discuss available candidates in the Sandhills for the three vacancies on the Board of Trustees.

The club passed a vote of sympathy for its president, Murdoch M. Johnson, who is ill in a Charlotte hospital, and despatched flowers to him. In his absence Vice President J. V. Healy presided.

HORSES—HORSES—HORSES

Riding, Hunting and Polo Seasons in Sandhill's Expected to Break All Records

The last winter season broke all records in the Sandhills for horses shipped in and out, but indications point to a bigger season this year.

Word comes from W. A. Laing, who conducts the Halcyon Hall stables at Southern Pines, that he will send a shipment of riding horses here during October. This is a full month earlier than heretofore, and is due primarily to the building of the new "Ark," Mrs. Millicent A. Hayes' school, now nearing completion on the Grover property on Bethesda Road. Mrs. Hayes will feature riding as a form of sport and exercise for the fifty student which have registered for "The Ark" this fall, and plans regular rides twice a week. Will Stratton, assistant to Mr. Laing, will have charge of the riding for the school, and is expected to arrive in Southern Pines with the first lot of

horses around the 21st of October. Mrs. Hayes' school opens on that date.

Both Mr. Laing and "The Paddock" stables report many reservations for private horses for the winter, mostly hunters which will be used by those who ride with the Moore County Hounds, the Boyd pack at Southern Pines.

Thomas & Alexander and the Pinehurst Stables expect to open early for the winter season. Riding was at its height in Pinehurst last winter, with parties going out on almost daily trips through the picturesque bridge paths in that vicinity, and with a number of informal fox hunts thrown in. Polo will play its usual important part in the equestrian program for the winter months, with many new faces participating in the games on Pinehurst's three excellent polo fields.

Jack-in-the-Box

Snake Pops on D. A. McLauchlin as He Opens Door of Smokehouse

D. A. McLauchlin, well known Moore county banker, had a "Jack-in-the-Box" stunt pulled on him Tuesday evening when he opened his smokehouse door to get some grain for his chickens. Just as he pushed the door open, a snake dropped from the top of the door and landed squarely across his forearm. Quite a little excitement followed, the snake finally entering into a peaceful slumber.

Boy Rider Injured as Mule is Killed

Dewey Thompson Has Narrow Escape from Death When Car Hits Animal

Dewey Thompson, young son of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Thompson, who lives between Vass and Cameron, narrowly escaped serious injury or death when the mule he was riding was struck by an automobile and killed. The accident occurred about eight o'clock Tuesday night on highway 50 near the Peele place three miles north of Vass. Dewey was on his way home, his mule walking just off the edge of the hard surface on the right hand side of the road. A car traveling in the same direction struck the mule, fatally injuring it and throwing the boy to the paved road, inflicting injuries which, however, are not thought to be serious. It was a very misty night and the occupants of the car, two Monroe boys from the Springfield section, are said not to have seen the mule until the car struck it.

DR. M'BRAYER RETURNS FROM I. O. F. CONVENTION

Dr. L. B. McBrayer, president of the Southern Pines Chamber of Commerce, has returned from Houston, Texas, where he represented the Grand Lodge of North Carolina, I. O. F., at the sessions of the Sovereign Grand Lodge of Odd Fellows. There were between 3,000 and 4,000 at the convention, Dr. McBrayer stated, among them representative from twenty countries. The doctor found Texas "good and hot."

MURDOCH M. JOHNSON IN CHARLOTTE HOSPITAL

Murdoch M. Johnson, president of the Kiwanis Club of Aberdeen and of the Aberdeen Chamber of Commerce, is undergoing examination and treatment in a Charlotte hospital for a disordered condition of the stomach. The illness developed while Mr. Johnson was attending court in Carthage last week, and he left at the end of the week for Charlotte. He is expected to return the latter part of this week.

Mr. and Mrs. P. D. Emerson and small daughter, of Crescent City, Florida, are guests of Mr. and Mrs. Irving Johnson in Pinehurst.

SIGNS POINT TO RECORD SANDHILL WINTER SEASON

Earlier Invasion Expected, More Conventions Booked, More New Homes

CAROLINA OPENS OCT. 28

That prospects for the winter season in the Sandhills are brighter than ever seems to be the prevailing opinion of those whose interests keep them in close touch with the situation. The cooler weather of the past week has started the talk of the coming of "the season" a little earlier than usual. It has also started the winter invasion earlier, for southbound trains are carrying more passengers, more automobiles are traveling the highways, more people are stopping at hotels and restaurants, more winter homes are opening up.

An atmosphere of optimism for a record winter season pervades both Pinehurst and Southern Pines. Those "on the inside" cite numerous reasons for this optimism. In both towns houses are unusually well rented for this time of year. More big conventions are slated for Pinehurst than for any previous season. The Carolina opens at Pinehurst October 28th, with a heavy early booking. The new houses built during the winter will bring a large number of new home owners for the entire season. The completion within the next few weeks of "The Paddock" at Southern Pines will bring many members of this club earlier and more often and for longer stays.

The new Seaboard schedule will have its effect. The "Carolina Golfer," will come to Pinehurst and Southern Pines at an earlier hour, giving the arrivals plenty of time for a full morning round of golf. This adds much to the available time of vacationers for week-end visits, and will not act as a lure to more northerners to make the trip down for short periods.

Northern Prosperity Aids

Business conditions in the North are good. Bank clearings for the week ending September 14 were 19 per cent ahead of a year ago, and the "Financial Chronicle," notes that while the volume of business on the Stock Exchange is four per cent higher now than during the first six months of the year, the volume of bank clearings is higher in the same comparison of six months than the volume of stock transactions. Although stock market prices were not so high last week as they have been during the year, it is only by a small difference, and they are much higher than a year ago, industrials being over 30 per cent higher, utilities twice as high and railroads 30 per cent higher. Business profits have shown a gain of 33 per cent over the first part of the last year as compared with this year, and it is estimated in New York that business profits this year will exceed three billion dollars. Only six weeks of the year beginning last October has business shown a lower total than this year, and eleven weeks of that period the increase over the corresponding week a year ago has been twenty per cent. Forty-three weeks have seen a decided gain over the corresponding week the previous year.

All this shows how much more able the folks of the North are to come South, and especially that class that likes to winter in the Sandhills country and to come here for play and recreation. Never in the history of this country or any other was such a volume of business and such a wealth of profits and so much money being made as at present, or so much wealth available for the uses of a large number of people who have the time and the inclination to use their money for vacation and enjoyment. That's why the outlook is exceptionally good for the season now about to open with a full head of steam.

ABERDEEN LOSES

Aberdeen High School's football team lost its first home game of the season to Apex on Tuesday afternoon by the score of 13 to 7. The team was beaten at Raeford a week ago in its first out-of-town game.

Aberdeen Tobacco Market Off to Good Start With 300,000 Lb. Sold to Date

Rain Marred Opening Tuesday but Warehouse Floors Were Well Covered Yesterday.—
Mostly Inferior Leaf Thus Far

BETTER GRADES BRINGING GOOD PRICES

Close to 150,000 pounds of tobacco was sold on the floors of Aberdeen's two big warehouses yesterday, the first day of sunshine since the opening of the local market on Tuesday. This exceeded by approximately 65,000 pounds the total sales of the rainy opening day, and also more than doubled the Wednesday sales. About 300,000 pounds were sold the first three days.

Both warehouses were well filled yesterday, and Auctioneer Dunn, who is serving both, had a long and busy day. It was well along in the afternoon before the floors were cleared in the Saunders building where some 100,000 pounds of bright leaf were disposed of.

Prices are not what the farmer would like, but the better grade leaf is bringing better returns than on earlier markets, and inferior tobacco holding its own with the markets which opened ahead of Aberdeen. To date most of the leaf which has come to the local floors has been of the looking stuff has been sold. Lots looking stuff has been sold. Lots brought as high as fifty cents on the opening day Tuesday. Some sold for as low as 2 cents yesterday.

Big Increase Predicted

Indications point to a greatly increased tonnage on sales over a year ago, when nearly 4,500,000 pounds were disposed of at the Saunders and Warren warehouses. B. B. Saunders looks for a two-million increase over last year, and this figure is conservative based on the quantities which have come in during the first three days, especially when it is taken into consideration that it rained on the first two days. At no time last year was there as much tobacco on the floor of the Aberdeen Warehouses, operated this year by Edwards, Lewis & Williams of Mullins, S. C., as there was yesterday.

The price average, on the other hand, will fall considerably short of a year ago, as it has throughout the state and entire tobacco belt. Aberdeen sales averaged \$18.91 for the 1928 season, as against a state average of \$18.15. The local market this year is expected to average above the average for the entire state, as it always has, but will not approximate the last season figure.

There is some talk that buying companies, realizing the probability of cooperative marketing next year, are "making a killing" this year. Because of the necessity for organization among the growers in order to benefit under the terms of the new Federal Farm Loan Act, there is almost a certainty that some kind of a cooperative marketing association will be formed before the dawn of another marketing season. Big growers are meeting within the next few days in Washington to confer with federal authorities on the best method of organizing and marketing their crop another season.

Other Markets

The 85,000 pounds of tobacco which sold here on the opening day brought an average of about 13 1-2 cents. This was mostly inferior grade leaf. Some 100,000 pounds were disposed of at Carthage the opening day at a slightly higher average, some good quality tobacco finding ready buyers on the floors of Carthage's two warehouses. The Sanford opening is reported as having been entirely satisfactory, nearly 100,000 pounds being sold for around 16 cents. Bad weather affected sales all over the Old Bright Belt, though Durham reported a block, with 750,000 pounds sold and another 250,000 pounds remaining untouched. Henderson sold between 300,000 and 400,000 on Tuesday, and over 160,000 pounds passed from grower to buyer at Fuquay Springs. Crowds have attended the sales each

day on the local market, and tobacco rolled into the Saunders Warehouse yesterday in such quantity that it looked almost like a block for a time. All the big companies are represented here, and the buyers put in a hot time of it yesterday walking up and down the aisles with beards of perspiration dripping from their brows as they shouted their bids into the ears of Mr. Dunn of Reidsville.

No estimate of yesterday's average price could be obtained at the time The Pilot went to press, the buying still being in progress on Saunders' floors. Several good lots brought above 30 cents, but there was a lot of leaf disposed of under ten cents. Much weather-damaged tobacco is coming in. Many growers of high grade leaf have not yet put in appearance, though they are known to be headed here with their crops. The average price will take a big jump when these better lots arrive on the floors.

Tobacco Men Make Hotel Headquarters

Warehousemen, Buyers and Growers Among Those Registered at The Aberdeen

The Aberdeen Hotel is the headquarters for the group of tobacco men who are here for the market, some fifteen being registered from among the warehousemen, buyers and growers. On the list are the following:

W. R. Reade, Greensboro, buyer for American Tobacco Co.; L. T. "Judge" Avery, Pinebluff, representing the Export Tobacco Co.; Fred Ford, London, England, bookkeeper with Export Tobacco Co.; J. V. Winston, Creedmoor, buyer for Imperial Tobacco Co.; Henry Abernathy, Jr., Hopkinsville, Ky., bookkeeper, Imperial Tobacco Co.; C. L. Rascoe, Mebane, buyer for Liggett-Meyers Tobacco Co.; A. H. Mebane, Jr., Mebane, bookkeeper for Liggett-Meyers Tobacco Co.; J. R. Dunn, Reidsville, auctioneer for Aberdeen and Saunders Warehouses; B. B. Saunders, owner of Saunders Warehouse; Garland L. Wheeler, Alachua, Fla., tobacco grower; J. K. Williams, Mullins, S. C., general manager of Aberdeen Warehouse; P. D. Herndon, Mullins, S. C., bookkeeper for Aberdeen Warehouse; A. J. Malone, Mullins, S. C., sales manager, Aberdeen Warehouse; W. C. Frink, Mullins, S. C., bookkeeper Aberdeen Warehouse, and H. B. Harrington, Mullins, S. C., assistant salesmanager, Aberdeen Warehouse. J. J. Jones, R. R. Reaves and D. T. Reaves, Jr., of South Boston, Va., attended the opening at the Saunders and Aberdeen Warehouses.

Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Glisson, Savannah, Ga., are guests at Aberdeen Hotel during tobacco season.

LOCAL POULTRY MEN TO MARKET COOPERATIVELY

The Vass-Lakeview Poultry Association is the name of a newly formed organization which has as its aim the promotion of the poultry industry in this section of Moore county. H. A. Borst of Vass is president and L. H. Blue of Eureka, vice-president. Around fifty members have been enrolled, and the association's aim is one hundred members in five years. Meetings will be held monthly.

Buying and selling will be done cooperatively and every member must grow pure bred poultry. R. L. Mayfield, teacher of vocational agriculture in the Vass-Lakeview school, has been untiring in his efforts, and through his leadership the interest in pure bred poultry has received quite a boost.