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27,000 WILL BE YEAR'S TOLL OF AUTO, SAYS A.A.A

Heavy Sacrifice Throughout Nation Gives Concern to National Organization

THE PILOT COMMENDED

A United Press despatch to The Pilot yesterday stated that the death toll in the United States from automobiles would probably reach 27,000 persons this year, according to records compiled by the American Automobile Association. This exceeds by several thousand the deaths last year, it was stated.

Accidents throughout North Carolina continued to be reported in the press of the state during the past week. Although many of these were chargeable to slippery roads, due to the cold weather, freezing rain and sleet as it fell on the pavements, a large number of casualties were reported due to carelessness and some to intoxicated condition on the part of drivers.

Conditions were considerably improved locally, no accidents of any severity being reported to The Pilot in this section.

The Kiwanis Club of Aberdeen, comprising membership throughout the Sandhills, took official cognizance of the campaign which The Pilot has been waging for a law to license operators of motor vehicles in the passage of a resolution at its annual meeting Wednesday night. The resolution warmly commended the position taken by this newspaper in its efforts to curb highway recklessness, and in addition to thanking The Pilot, expressed the club's appreciation of the efforts of the Hon. Robert N. Page, Hon. U. L. Spence and Bion H. Butler for their individual efforts both in connection with the establishment of a State Highway Patrol, in which the club played a prominent part, and for their active interest in further amending the State highway laws.

Jockey Club Arranges Special Race Meet

Trotting, Pacing and Running
Races as Well as Gymkhana
Next Wednesday

Never in the history of the Pinehurst Jockey Club has there been such a field of high class race horses at the Pinehurst race track. Because of this fact the Jockey Club has decided to offer a special race meet not originally included in the schedule.

A very attractive card has been arranged for Wednesday, December 11th, at 2:45 p. m., which will include trotting, pacing and running races and an amusing program of equestrian gymkhana stunts. The harness events will include W. H. Watt's "Forest Girl" and "Prodigal Silk;" J. D. Callery's "Marcella Scott;" T. S. Wheeler's "Dona Vola Peter;" H. M. Dingley's "Bubbles" and "Gwendolyn Aubrey;" Henry Scott's "Bob Bingen" and others, while the running races will be filled with the classiest bunch of steeplechasers ever seen on the Pinehurst track.

Two hours of great sport and fun are guaranteed for Wednesday, December 11th at 2:45 p. m.

CLUB TO HOLD WEEKLY ARCHERY TOURNAMENTS

At a meeting of the Southern Pines Archery Club held Tuesday night at the home of Carl Thompson, it was decided to hold weekly tournaments for members on Saturday afternoons throughout the season. A new range on the Country Club grounds will be used. The officers of the club were reelected for the year.

CLEARED ON CHARGES OF MURDER OF ROTHSTEIN

New York, Dec. 5. — (UP)—The case against George McManus on charges of complicity in the murder of Arnold Rothstein of New York terminated today when Judge Charles C. Nott, Jr., instructed the jury to acquit the defendant for lack of evidence.

MR. JOHNSON ILL

J. McN. Johnson of Aberdeen has not been quite so well this week, and returned to the Presbyterian Hospital in Charlotte on Thursday for treatment.

Average Income From Farms of North Carolina \$1,351, Survey Shows

Moore County Farmers Earned an Average of Only \$29 on Their Investment

(By Bion H. Butler)

The Pilot has just received a copy of the report of the North Carolina tax commission which not long ago made a study of the farm and tax situation in a number of counties of the state, among the number including Moore county. In Moore two phases of the problem were studied, one the peach situation and the other the general farm condition. As the peach problem was somewhat abnormal as concerns farming that is not so much of a question from the farm view point. But the study of general farming in the county as well as in other counties of the state is somewhat illuminating.

To begin with a bulletin from the State Agricultural department says the average income of the farms of North Carolina is \$1,351. The average cash income of the farms of North Carolina for the year 1920 was \$854. Out of this comes taxes, fertilizer, wages for hired help, the wages allowed the whole family working on the farm, and every other expense. In the bulletin under consideration it appears that of the farms in the survey the net cash income on the average farm in the survey totaled \$270 to the farm after all the expenses were paid.

That shows right plainly the condition of farming in North Carolina, and for that matter is a rather fair representation of farming all over the United States. Much is heard of the plight of the wage earner, but if a survey should be made of any other occupation than farming and the net cash income of a representative number of persons in various counties of any state should disclose a net cash income of \$270 to the family the uplifiers would be out on the streets denouncing everything for the situation.

It is agreed that the farmer has his home to live in and that he has his garden to help out in his living, but any other man can have his garden and his house as well as the farmer can. The fact is that the farmer's average net cash income is \$270 after all his costs of operating his farm are counted. According to the figures in the survey Moore county farms earned an average of \$29 on the farm as an investment. Many counties of the state earned nothing as an investment on the farm. Five of the eleven areas surveyed showed no return on the farm for investment. In Moore county 51 farms were surveyed. The net income to the farmers averaged \$337. Allowing five per cent interest on the investment in the farm the profits on these farms averaged \$29 to the farmer. These farms did not include the peach orchards which were considered separately. The Moore county farms surveyed showed an average tax charge of \$83. The taxes took 19.80 per cent, or just about one-fifth of the farmer's net income. On rented farms in this district the taxes took 27.2 per cent of the net received.

STRUTHERS BURT ON THE EDITORIAL PAGE TODAY

Struthers Burt introduces the series of columns to be written for The Pilot this winter by prominent authors residing in the Sandhills in an article to be found on the Editorial Page of this issue. It is on the subject of "Columns and Columnists."

Katharine Newlin Burt is the "Assignment Editor" for this weekly Pilot feature and will offer an article either by herself, Maude Parker Child, Almet Jenks, James Boyd, Ralph Page, Harriet Ogden or some of our distinguished neighbors this week.

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In the Moore county area 51 farms were surveyed. These averaged 129 acres. The average investments to the farm were \$6,156, distributed, land \$3,615, improvements \$1,931, livestock \$316, machinery \$159 and feed \$135. Gross receipts averaged \$2,398. The three important crops were tobacco, cotton and dewberries. These farms did not include the peach orchards. The three important crops returned an average of \$1,457, and the expenses of the farms averaged \$1,256. Wages and fertilizers were the chief expenses. Almost a fourth of the expenses went for fertilizers. The cash income averaged \$555. The average tax payments were \$83.

This throws considerable light on the farm situation in Moore county and the state, and as the farms surveyed were average farms the story is probably fairly representative of agriculture in the state, and as North Carolina is one of the leaders in farming in the country it is probably an informative statement for the whole nation.

Mrs. Emmet French Wins Way to Finals in Pinehurst Golf Tourney

Mrs. John D. Chapman of Greenwich, Conn., meets Mrs. Emmet French of Southern Pines in the final of the Pinehurst Country Club's ninth annual Carolina tournament for women today.

Mr. Chapman scored a 3 and 2 victory over Mrs. S. F. Wadsworth of Pittsburgh by a display of steady golf and indomitableness for which the diminutive Greenwich player is noted. She went out in 45 to the 49 of her opponent to stand 3 up, after a weak start in which trap troubles caused her to mark down 6s on the par 4 second and third holes. She increased the margin to 4 up on the 10th after an unusual break. Mrs. Wadsworth, attempting a long putt for a count of 5, knocked Mrs. Chapman's ball into the cup from a partial stymie, and though Mrs. Wadsworth's ball also ran into the cup, Mrs. Chapman got an unearned 4 to win the hole. Mrs. Wadsworth had cut the Greenwich woman's lead to 2 up going to the 15th, and on this hole, Mrs. Chapman laid her opponent a stymie when a win for the latter in par 5 seemed imminent, and the hole was halved in 6. Fate pursued the Pittsburgh player again on the 16th, when her pitch to the green landed her ball in a soft spot, embedding it, and Mrs. Chapman to the hole in par 4 to win the match.

Mrs. Chapman566 555 356—46
Mrs. Wadsworth665 654 467—49
Mrs. Chapman445 556 4
Mrs. Wadsworth544 356 5

Mrs. French eliminated Miss Helen Morrison of Pittsburgh 7 and 6, in a tussle that was very one-sided. The Southern Pines star, playing straight down the fairway throughout the match, and flashing a clever short game, went out in 44 strokes to stand 5 up. She had a birdie 4 on the 8th. Miss Morrison was driving weakly, and missed many short putts to use up 49 strokes. Coming back, Mrs. French allowed one halved hole, the

10th, and taking the next two claimed victory.

Mrs. French556 554 446—44
Miss Morrison657 655 456—49
Mrs. French645
Miss Morrison656

Championship Division

The summary:
Mrs. J. D. Chapman, Greenwich, Conn., defeated Mrs. S. F. Wadsworth, Pittsburgh, 3 to 2
Mrs. Emmet French, Youngstown, O., defeated Miss Helen B. Morrison, Pittsburgh 7 and 6.

Consolation

Miss Helen Waring, defeated Mrs. G. S. Anderson, 3 and 1.
Mrs. H. V. Maxwell, defeated Miss Ethel Bartlett, 3 and 2.

Second Division

Mrs. W. L. Pierce defeated Mrs. H. Halsell 6 and 4.
Mrs. W. C. Denison defeated Miss C. Stanley 4 and 3.

BOOK CLUB TO PUT ON COMEDY TONIGHT

The highly interesting and amusing home talent play, "The Graduating Exercises of the University of Experience," under the auspices of the Aberdeen Book Club, will be given at the Aberdeen High School Auditorium tonight, Friday. It is hoped that a large attendance will be present. The proceeds will be used for educational purposes.

MID-PINES CLUB OPENS FOR SEASON SATURDAY

The Mid-Pines Club will open for the season tomorrow, Saturday, with John Fitzgerald again in charge. This and Mr. Fitzgerald's third as its is the sixth season for Mid-Pines, head.

The Pinebluff Inn is scheduled to open for the winter months on December 15th, with Edward Salmon again in charge.

REV. E. L. BARBER EXTENDED CALL TO LOCAL CHURCH

South Carolinian Asked to Accept Pastorate at Aberdeen and Wagram

TO SUCCEED MR. GASTON

The Rev. E. L. Barber of Carrollton, Georgia, has been extended a call to the pastorate of the Aberdeen Presbyterian Church as a result of the meeting of the congregation following services last Sunday morning. He has been asked to serve the Wagram church in addition to the local charge, and word of his acceptance is expected at any moment.

Mr. Barber preached at Aberdeen and at Wagram some time ago, creating a most favorable impression upon his listeners. After services here Sunday, at which the Rev. G. E. Moorehouse of Lumberton preached, the congregation met to vote upon the question of calling a successor to the late Rev. Virgil R. Gaston, and it was voted to invite Mr. Barber here.

The Rev. Mr. Barber is about 35 years of age and has been pastor of the Presbyterian Church at Carrollton, Ga., for the past seven years. This has been his only charge. He was graduated from Presbyterian College in South Carolina in 1920, and received his degree as Bachelor of Divinity at the Columbia Theological Seminary afterwards. He is married, his wife being a graduate of Winthrop College in South Carolina. Mr. Barber is a singer of exceptional merit, having been a member of the Seminary quartet when at theological school. He is an ardent golfer and, in the words of his good friend, the Rev. Murdoch McLeod of Pinehurst, "a regular fellow."

Musical Treat for Sandhills on Sunday

Choir of 35 Voices to Sing at
Baptist Church in Southern Pines

The second of the season's evening musical services given under the direction of E. Ellsworth Giles at the Southern Pines Baptist Church will take place Sunday evening next at 7:45 o'clock.

A really great choir of some 35 voices has been assembled for the occasion, and some of the best church music written for full choir will be presented with accompaniment by two pianos and organ.

The full choir will sing Handel's "Chorus" from the oratorio The Messiah, "Unfold Ye Portals" from difficult and great "Hallelujah Chorus," Redemption and the dramatic "Babylon's Wave" by the same composer.

A triple quartet of men will sing a dramatic setting of Bishop Newman's Lead Kindly Light, composed by Dudley Buck for the Brooklyn Apollo Club, while he was its director.

Mrs. Kennedy, Mr. Giles and Tom Kelly will sing the brilliant trio from Attila by Verdi, a mixed octet will sing the gentle "Soft Floating on the Air," by root with organ and piano support. A solo for soprano or tenor will complete the musical program.

Mrs. L. W. Williams, the regular organist will be assisted by Mrs. Ellsworth Giles and Mrs. Lucy Cameron.

The Choir

Sopranos, Miss Ethel Jones, Mrs. Raymond Kennedy, Mrs. Grady Burney, Mrs. Edwin McKeithen, Mrs. Reba Kennedy, Mrs. E. V. Perkins, Mrs. Frank Goodwill, Miss Dorothy Richardson, Miss Evelyn Rhodes, Mrs. Irene Miller, Miss Anna Huntington, Mrs. Gordon Cameron, Miss Lillian Roberts.

Contraltos, Mrs. J. W. Dickie, Mrs. Myron G. Adams, Mrs. W. N. Grearson, Mrs. L. C. Smilie, Mrs. A. L. Adams, Miss Zilla Adams, Mrs. L. V. Henderson, Mrs. Sneidiger, Mrs. Edith Wood, Mrs. Gibson.

Tenors, S. B. Richardson, A. L. Adams, John Crawshaw, Mr. Mills, David Packard, Levi Packard, Mr. Giles.

Basses, J. B. Gifford, Myron G. Adams, Dr. J. W. Dickie, T. A. Kelley, Dr. L. B. McBrayer, Lewis McBrayer, Frank Buchan, John Bloxham, Shields Cameron, Mr. Adams, J. N. Lillie.

"Work"

That Will Solve Ills of Country Real and Imaginary, Says Hoover

Washington, Dec. 5. — (UP)—President Hoover today offered one good old fashioned word, "work," as the best prescription for the country's economic ills, real and imaginary speaking to 400 leaders of American business at the United States Chamber of Commerce conference, called at his request, Mr. Hoover predicted greater construction for next year than this and said the assurances of employers not to cut wages and of labor leaders not to start wage conflicts "not only assures the consuming power of the country but remove fears from millions of homes." He added, "I have no desire to preach, but I may however mention one good old word, 'work.'"

F. D. SHAMBURGER NEW PRESIDENT OF THE KIWANIS CLUB

Officers and Directors Elected
At Annual Meeting Held Wednesday in Pinehurst

MUCH ACCOMPLISHED IN '29

Frank Shamburger of Aberdeen was Wednesday unanimously elected president of the Kiwanis Club for the year 1930, succeeding Murdoch M. Johnson, also of Aberdeen. Frank Buchanan of Southern Pines was elected vice president, I. C. Sledge of Pinehurst, treasurer, and Richard Tafts, Pinehurst, trustee. The following were elected to the board of directors: J. W. Bloxham, Dr. J. W. Dickie and R. L. Hart of Southern Pines, W. L. Dunlop and J. F. Taylor of Pinehurst, Dr. E. M. Meln of Aberdeen and U. L. Spence of Carthage.

Reports were made by the officers and committee chairmen on the work done by the club during the past year. President-elect Shamburger spoke on the past accomplishment of the club and his hopes of carrying on the good work which has been accomplished throughout the Sandhills in the past. The club passed a resolution of thanks to R. N. Page, U. L. Spence, Bion H. Butler and The Pilot for their efforts on behalf of a new State law curbing recklessness on the public highways. Secretary Herbert Vail listed the club's accomplishments during the past year, principal among them being its efforts toward a State highway patrol, the establishment of an educational trust fund, the master farmer movement, its work during the fruit fly epidemic, and others.

The meeting was held at the Carolina Hotel in Pinehurst and was largely attended.

Grantland Rice Film On Mossiel Preserve

Sportlight Equipment Records
Actual Work of Dogs in
Quest of Quail

The Grantland Rice Sportlight movie feature will show within a few weeks pictures taken last Sunday on the hunting reservation of the Mossiel Club south of Aberdeen. This was the first picture of its kind ever taken, showing and recording in sound the movement of birds, the talk of the hunters, the commands to the hunting dogs, the reports of the guns, the dogs retrieving, all winding up with a scene before the fire in the lodge, with a negro mammy serving a tray of quail on toast, a quartet nearby softly singing, "Nothing could be finer than to be in Carolina."

Ted Eaton, head of the Sportlight reproducing staff which was here to take these pictures as well as those of the gymkhana at Pinehurst on Thanksgiving, says the completed picture will be ready for release around December 16th. The equipment with which the picture was taken and the sound recorded weighed over 10,000 pounds. The big truck spent several days in the Sandhills. The DuPonts of Wilmington are prominent in the affairs of the Mossiel Club, of which J. Talbot Johnson of Aberdeen is secretary.

TWO SANDHILLS CITIES MAY GET NEW POSTOFFICES

Southern Pines and Pinehurst
On List Under Bill Introduced
In House and Senate

\$215,000,000 IS ASKED

Both Southern Pines and Pinehurst will have new United States Postoffice buildings if plans set in motion with the opening of Congress in Washington this week do not miscarry.

Chairman Elliott, author of the public buildings bill introduced in the House early in the week, lists the following North Carolina cities as being in line for federal structures under the sought-for appropriations:

Southern Pines, Pinehurst, Sanford, Albemarle, Dunn, Kannapolis, North Wilkesboro, Mount Olive and Ruthersford.

A sum of \$215,000,000 is asked for construction of postoffices and other federal buildings throughout the country, which would bring the total authorized fund available for construction work under the government's program up to \$463,000,000. Chairman Elliott estimates that this would be sufficient to care for proposed new buildings in the District of Columbia and postoffices for all cities in the country having postal receipts of \$20,000 or more annually not at present equipped with suitable buildings.

Southern Pines and Pinehurst have been quietly working for inclusion in the next postoffice building program for some time, and the officials of both towns are encouraged over the reports from Washington. Similar bills were introduced in both House and Senate, and with the President and Secretary of the Treasury committed to a building program at this time to aid unemployment and stabilize business conditions throughout the country there is believed to be every likelihood that the measures will find their way through the intricate channels of legislation. The need for government buildings designed primarily for postal service has long been felt in both Pinehurst and Southern Pines.

Better mailing facilities for the Sandhills is another matter which the Postoffice department has up for consideration, and it is probable that a committee of the Chambers of Commerce of the cities of the Sandhills will wait on officials in Washington prompt incoming and outgoing service in the near future to plead for more ice from and to the north.

Tax Reduction Bill Is Passed by House

Administration Measure Lopping off \$160,000,000 Goes to the Senate

Washington, Dec. 5. — (UP)—The \$160,000,000 tax reduction bill, recommended by Secretary of the Treasury Mellon and sponsored by President Hoover, was passed by the House of Representatives today, making a record run through the usually choppy legislative sea. The bill was only dropped in the hopper on Monday when Congress convened. It will now go to the Senate where early action is anticipated.

The tax reduction bill cuts taxes on all classes of income, individual and corporate, individual taxes being reduced one percent all along the line. This is the first important piece of proposed legislation passed by the House in the 71st Congress.

SANDHILLS BEATEN IN PRACTICE POLO GAME

In a bristling session of polo yesterday, in a challenge event serving as a warm-up for the Sandhills invitation meet next week, Spring Lake, N. J., defeated Sandhills by 8 goals to 4 at Pinehurst.

Harry V. Maxwell of the Spring Lake four was the outstanding scorer, his tally of 5 goals serving alone to conquer the Sandhills squad. Vernon Z. Reed of Brookville, L. I., starred for Sandhills.

The goals: Spring Lake, Maxwell, Niederfield, Denver, Col., 1. Sandhills, 5. Alex Bullock, New York 2, Tod Reed 2, W. I. Raymond, Stamford, Conn., and W. Vivian Slocock, Darien, Conn., 1 each.