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PLACES BLAME ON SHOULDERS OF PARENTS

Richard Tufts Says Boys and Girls Should be Taught to Use Spare Time Rightly

PARENTS MUST AID SCHOOL

Richard S. Tufts, in a signed communication to The Pilot, says:

Mr. J. McN. Johnson's article on the front page of your issue of February 7th, interested me very much, particularly his reference to the educational problem. It seems to me that there is something very seriously at fault with our present educational system and I should like to set forth my ideas, inviting comment and discussion.

In the first place, I believe that the difficulty is a fundamental one which goes hand and hand with recent changes in the practice of living and is not a fault which we can lay particularly on the shoulders of those who are responsible for our educational system. To me, the problems may be stated in these few words, "What are we going to do with our spare time?"

To explain, let me commence, not with the boy, but with the man that he is to become. Compare the present situation of the average working man of today with the situation of the same man ten or twenty years ago. Economic production has made it possible to pay this man several times his former wage for an eight hour day and a five day week as compared with the old-time ten hour day and six day week. With more money to spend and more time to spend it in, what were previously luxuries to this man have become in the nature of necessities, as witness the radio, the automobile, the movies. These new necessities have in turn called for increased manufacturing activities, more employment, more money to be spent on luxuries and still more time to spend it in. This cycle has bit by bit built up our modern prosperity and woe betide that class or group who have not taken part in this ever increasing round of efficiency, as witness the present plight of the farmer.

And it is here, as a part of the recent changed conditions that we meet our educational problems. In the past, when the children of a family had reached an age where there was work that they could do, the economic requirements of their family compelled them to work. The income from their labors, however small, was needed in order that both ends might be made to meet. The boy of today finds himself in a wholly different situation. Due to present prosperity there

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New Scout Executive Takes Up Duties Here

Meeting for Organization Will Be Held Tonight at Community House in Pinehurst

Mr. Rivers is here, as Scout Executive for the Sandhills. The executive office will be located in the Grey building over the Western Union office in Southern Pines. Pinehurst and Southern Pines have sufficient funds on hand to operate for three months. Scouting in the Sandhills is in for a real intensive try-out.

The first move is a meeting for organization, which will be held at the Community House in Pinehurst, Friday, February 14th, at 7:30 p. m. It will be a short meeting and we earnestly hope that every one interested in the Boy and Girl Scout work will attend. If you do not have means of transportation telephone any of the above officers and it will be a pleasure to have some one call for you. If you have a car won't you please arrange to take others with you.

SOUTHERN PINES GOLFERS TO ORGANIZE CLUB

Some of the regulars who come to Southern Pines every year to play golf have decided to form a club similar to the Tin Whistles at Pinehurst. A meeting of those so minded will be held at the Southern Pines Country Club next Monday evening at 8:00 o'clock. Robert N. Page and Tom Kelley, who are both Tin Whistles of many years' standing, will be there to explain how the Pinehurst organization is conducted. All who are interested are urged to be at the meeting Monday evening, February 17.

PEACH GROWERS CAN JOIN SOUTH CAROLINA ASS'N

Will Give Them Contact with Federal Farm Relief Through the Farm Board

TO FINANCE PRODUCTION

At a meeting of the directors of the South Carolina Peach Growers Association which was held in Columbia, Friday, February 7th, this body extended an invitation to the North Carolina peach growers to participate in the new contract which will shortly be issued by the South Carolina Peach Growers Association in conference with suggestions and instructions of the Federal Farm Board. The contract will be continuous with a withdrawal privilege in October of each year. Should a sufficiently large enough tonnage of North Carolina peaches be handled by the South Carolina Peach Growers Association this year and if at the end of the season, the North Carolina growers so desire, the board of directors passed a resolution stating that they would recommend at the annual meeting this fall, that the name of the Association be changed to the Carolinas Peach Association. The directors agreed that they did not have the power to change the name of the organization and that this power was vested in the membership only inasmuch as it was not feasible to call a special meeting of the membership for this purpose, the above arrangements will be in force. The growers from North Carolina points, however, will be requested to elect representatives from each shipping point who will sit with the directors and advise with them on all matters pertaining to the Peach Association.

Plans are about consummated which will permit the South Carolina Peach Growers Association, through the Federal Farm Board and Intermediate Credit Bank, to assist in production finance where this service is needed and conditions warrant.

Such North Carolina growers as are interested, should direct a communication immediately to the South Carolina Peach Growers Association at Florence, S. C., giving the peach acreage, prospective yield and conditions of the orchard, together with a statement as to whether or not financing will be necessary. Where financing will not be required, the contracts when ready for signature will be placed in the hands of those growers making requests. Where production financing is requested, it will be necessary for the Loan Committee to thoroughly inspect the orchard and secure certain data from the owner. This work, of course, will consume some time and growers interested in this phase should promptly handle the matter.

ABERDEEN PASTOR WILL BE INSTALLED SUNDAY

Rev. E. L. Barber will be installed pastor of the Bethesda Presbyterian Church on next Sunday morning at 11:15 o'clock by a commission appointed by the Fayetteville Presbytery.

The commission is composed of the following: Rev. W. M. McLeod of Pinehurst, who will preside and propose the constitutional questions; Dr. C. G. Vardell of Flora McDonald College, who will preach the sermon; Dr. E. C. Moorehouse of Laurinburg, who will charge the congregation. The public is cordially invited.

Rev. E. L. Barber will preach at the evening service.

SECOND AUTHOR'S READING AT CIVIC CLUB, FEBRUARY 20.

The second of the series of author's readings being given at the Civic Club in Southern Pines on successive Thursday afternoons will occur on February 20 at 4:30.

These readings are presented by the Southern Pines Library Association. Mr. Struthers Burt, who will give the next reading, is too well known nationally as well as locally to require any introduction. As one of the most talented and versatile of contemporary writers, poet, novelist, essayist, short story writer, he commands a wide public. Mr. Burt will read one of his short stories.

Through the generosity of the various writers who contribute these readings the entire proceeds go towards the support of the library. Admission tickets are 75 cents and are on sale at the office of E. C. Stevens, Southern Pines and at the door.

Announces as Candidate



MURDOCH M. JOHNSON

Aberdeen attorney, who this week makes his announcement as a candidate for the Democratic nomination for State Senator.

State Geologist Bryson Says N. C. Coal Fields Hold Big Opportunities

A Costly Match

One efficient match costing about .018 part of a mill, and carelessly dropped in the dry grass expanded into a lively brush fire valued at \$23 when summed up last week by Alex Fields, fire warden. Nat Buckley and Harry Marks when summoned to account for the fire on the Pinehurst golf course were as careless as the match so the fire warden hastened to Carthage and procured a summons from Justice J. P. Muse and the lightees paid just under two dozen whole iron dollars as the cost of extinguishing their spreading blaze.

Southern Pines Fire Co. Saves Cheatham House

Grass Fires Come Near Causing Loss of Several Homes Wednesday

A grass fire starting south of the old Cheatham residence on the Highway in Manly shortly after two o'clock Wednesday destroyed some of the smaller outbuildings and worked into the barn where it was checked by the chemical apparatus of Southern Pines manned by firemen O'Callaghan, Kennedy, Gregory, Stewart, Newton and Day.

Two hours later both pieces of apparatus were summoned to Massachusetts avenue between Broad and Bennett street where a brisk grass fire had communicated to woodpiles and other small structures in the rear of the Souders, Aschlieman, and Lewis dwellings, the companies arriving just in time to keep the fire out of the Souders house.

SOUTHERN PINES DRAINING PINEY WOODS LAKE

Carrying out the engineering plans authorized by the Mayor and Board of Commissioners of Southern Pines Clerk Howard Burns is supervising the work of installing a drain in the remains of Piney Woods Lake. A culvert, or drain five feet square is being built about midway under the roadway leading from New York avenue and Page street to the Pines Woods hill, and placed three feet below the level of the old pond so as to adequately drain the seepage water. To facilitate this drainage a ditch will be cut from the former head of the lake thus forming a channel for the proper flow of the springs and surface water.

M. M. Johnson Announces Candidacy for State Senate

Turtle Soup Favored Dish May Become Common if New Venture at Mossiel Thrives

J. Stuart Grove of Wilmington, Delaware, member of the Mossiel club at the Mossiel Farm on Drowning creek, has brought his offering that gives him standing in the Sandhills forever. The first of the week he liberated at the farm ten red-bellied terrapin, that famed product of the old Blue-hen country, and it is expected that these ten will multiply in their new home until they make Mossiel as famous for its terrapin dinners as any section of Maryland or Delaware.

The ten new arrivals were turned loose in the upper edge of the lake at the Mossiel club and they at once proceeded to dig themselves into the mud of the marshes along the upper shore, which means that they accepted the new home. These turtles are somewhat gamy creatures, and know how to take care of themselves in a venture with an enemy, but their distinguishing characteristic is the favor they hold at the table. As long as the country has been settled the terrapin has been foremost as one of the delicacies, and if the newcomers thrive in the wholesome waters of the Sandhills it is possible that a new game bird has been added to the piney woods list of sports. The terrapin is a good breeder, and fall is expected to see a lot of little peets running around the edge of the lake on sunny afternoons or sitting on a log if one can be found out in the water.

Cecil Backus and John Bancroft, of Wilmington, are at the Mossiel club this week and Mr. Groves, Angus Echols, treasurer of the duPont Powder company, and Frank duPont, are to arrive in a few days. The prospects are that Mossiel will be a rather lively spot during the balance of the season, as spring is about ready to put the welcome touches on the entire range the club holds in that section.

Forest Association Holds Meeting Today

Will Meet in Annual Session at Pinehurst Community House at 2 P. M.

The annual meeting of the Moore County Forest Protective Association members will be held at the Community House at Pinehurst at 2:30 this afternoon. The meeting will be called to order at the time stated and as matters of utmost importance to the members will come up it is hoped that every one that can possibly do so will attend, and bring some interested guest with him. The meeting is open to the general public and anyone not now a member, but who is interested in preserving the beauty of the woodlands and preventing their destruction by fire is cordially invited to attend the meeting.

The association is at present composed of landowners in the vicinity of Southern Pines and Pinehurst who are trying to protect their forests from the fire danger. The work is carried on in cooperation with the Federal and State governments, and in the short time the organization has been functioning it has made a splendid record. Each cooperating landowner contributes two cents per acre on the land entered for protection, and to this amount the State and Federal Governments contribute a like amount. At the present time being signed up and it is hoped that about 17,000 or 18,000 acres have this can be increased to 30,000 acres during the present fiscal year.

The money contributed is expended for fire fighting equipment, paying the salary of a fire lookout, who is kept on the tower of the Carolina Hotel at Pinehurst through the worst of the fire season and in paying telephone charges and other incidental expenses in connection with the carrying on of the work. A ton and a quarter truck properly equipped has been purchased for use in combatting forest fires and upon notification of a fire from the lookout man the truck is sent immediately to the scene of the fire with men and equipment. This has been aided materially in cutting down the burned area in the association area. Equipment has also been distributed to wardens on lands of the cooperating

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Pledges Himself to Work for Tax Reform and Reduction of Auto Accidents

PLATFORM STATED

This week marks the real opening of the political campaign in the county. Two men, D. D. Shields Cameron of Southern Pines, and Murdoch M. Johnson of Aberdeen, announce for the Senate, as candidates for the Democratic nomination. Mr. Cameron makes only a formal statement of his candidacy, while Mr. Johnson reviews the general situation in the State and pledges his efforts if elected to the solution of some of the problems which confront the farmer, particularly with regard to taxes, and also promises to lend his assistance to the movement to curb reckless use of the highways by automobile drivers. His statement follows:

"From time to time during the past several months friends have kindly approached me with the request that I offer for the State Senate from this District, and after mature deliberation, and because I would live very much to serve in that capacity, I have decided to become a candidate for that office in the approaching Democratic Primary.

The Tax Problem

It would take more space than I may be permitted to use to dwell upon the many problems that will confront your next General Assembly, and I shall not here attempt such a discussion. This period of depression has brought us most forcibly to a realization of the fact that taxes have mounted so high until, in many instances at least, it amounts to confiscation. I personally know of numbers of farmers whose taxes for last year amounted to more than they made on their farms, and every member of the next General Assembly should go to Raleigh with the fixed purpose of giving the landowners relief. It is quite true that the whole remedy does not lie with the law making bodies, but if each county will select commissioners who will hold the expenditures in their counties to the very minimum, and will see to it that the tax valuations put upon real property are in keeping with the actual value, instead of being two or three times as much as the property would bring, as now obtains in many cases, and if they will send to the Senate and the House of Representatives only those men who are honestly and earnestly committed to a program of the strictest economy, and to easing, as much as possible of the burden of taxation from the back of the farmer, some relief may be expected—and certainly, some relief must come if the farmer is to survive. While I am a thorough believer in good roads and good schools, I do not believe that we ought to bankrupt the people to get them, and if there ever was a time when a halt should be called, it is now.

Auto Accidents

"Another matter which to my mind is important: The fast increasing list of casualties from automobile accidents impresses on me more and more the great need of an automobile driver's license law, with teeth in it. I believe that every person who drives a motor vehicle ought to stand an examination and be licensed, and that his license should be subject to revocation and suspension for cause, and that any person found driving an automobile while under the influence of liquor should be summarily dealt with, and his drivers license revoked, not to be restored until he is able to satisfy the authorities that he no longer indulges in alcoholic drink. The Highway Patrol has, in my opinion, been as much a success as it could be with the limited force used. I believe, in the interest of safety, that it is necessary to increase the force to respectable proportions, if this can be done without too great an expenditure of the taxpayers money.

"As before stated, the matters that must be dealt with by the next Legislature are legion. Our present school system, our institutions of higher learning, our state departments and our highways must all have consideration. New sources of revenue will probably have to be tapped for the relief of the landowner, and many believe that our criminal code should be amended in such manner as to afford a more speedy and economical administration of justice—and whoever the people may elect should, in the interest of the people, be able to intelligently cope with these questions as they arise. If I

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