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Real Estate Transactions Reflect Confidence in Future of Sandhills

Much Linden Road Property Passes Into Hands of Home Builders

The air seems pretty fairly charged at the present with the static of real estate transactions. The Linden road is in the light through three or four transactions of magnitude, one, that of the Marr orchard of several hundred acres, sold by L. M. Biddle to Verner Reed, being perhaps the most prominent out that way. Mr. Reed has been gathering up here and there the territory surrounding his new home, until he is realizing a right large holding. The orchard has about 75 acres of peach trees on it at the present, but a tractor has been brought to pull them out, and they are expected to go at the rate of one every thirty seconds when the war o them begins. Mr. Reed will alpine forests to grow up on most of his territory, figuring that it will ultimately come into the general scheme of making a desirable winter residence estate, which he has been engaged in creating.

Across the road from Mr. Reed's place A. R. Balsam, a New York business man, has bought the E. L. Scofield orchard place of 125 acres. This tract has about 30 acres of peaches, which will also be taken out. The plans point to the erection of another of these fine country homes that are distinguishing the Linden road, involving probably \$30,000 or more. Mr. Baldam is a devotee of polo and a lover of horses, and will give attention to that line of sports. He will be another valuable addition to the Linden road community. It is the expectation that his place will be one of the attractive new creations of that section, and that his example will lead others in his direction.

Out the same road the Lloyds have bought another ten-acre tract, fronting on the road, from which they have removed the house that stood there. This is from the Waring property, and makes the third piece from this tract to go to the Lloyd property. It gives a wider contact with the road and also enlarges the Lloyd estate and affords further chance for improvement of the surroundings of the fine new home built there last summer.

The new cement house built on the Waring lands near the Waring home begins to show the significance of that type of construction, and tells of the addition of one more desirable home in that growing neighborhood.

Mr. Biddle is helping to make the Linden road region a more desirable place to live.

Annual Horse Show Early Next Month

Thirteenth Annual Event Will Be Held at Pinehurst April First and Second

The 13th Annual Pinehurst Horse Show takes place at Pinehurst on Tuesday and Wednesday, April 1 and 2, and will undoubtedly be one of the largest and best shows in the history of the Pinehurst Jockey Club. The Sandhills has never been so fortunate both in the quality and quantity of its horses of all classes and never has so much interest been manifested in this annual event when the horse is King.

The horse show committee has also been very fortunate in securing the services of James G. Marshall and Louis Haight of New York, two of America's best known judges to judge the saddle, hunters and jumpers and polo classes.

Several important changes are being made in the show ring which will give it an entirely new and gala appearance and preparations are now going on for a buffet lunch each day, the proceeds of which will go to the new Moore County Hospital.

The premium list is now out and can be secured upon application to the secretary, Charles W. Piquet, at Pinehurst or from any of the following committee, consisting of James Boyd, M. H. Turner, W. V. Slocock, C. T. Crocker, H. M. Dingley, Col. G. P. Hawes, L. M. Tate, A. C. Alexander, Nelson C. Hyde, N. S. Hurd, W. T. Laing, Mrs. W. D. Hyatt and Mrs. Richard Tufts.

COLONEL SLOAN ON EDITORIAL PAGE

Sometimes "Stray Shots" hit the mark, which is true in the case as a reading of the Colonel's column on the editorial page will convince you. Written in a humorous vein, there is much food for serious thought in the lessons his anecdotes teach.

Boy Scout Council Is Organized in Aberdeen

Scout Work Under Direction of Mr. Rivers Is Being Pushed Over County

At a meeting held in the law offices of Johnson & Johnson Tuesday afternoon a local council of the Walter other local men who are chairmen of America, was organized with D. I. McKeithen chairman. The local council is composed of him and seven other local men who are chairmen of the following committees: Court of Honor, Murdoch M. Johnson; Troop Organization, N. E. Wright; Reading, Rev. G. B. Starling; Finance, F. D. Shamburger; Civic Service, Robert N. Page; Health and Safety, H. C. Buchanan; Publicity, John G. Sloan.

Other local men affiliated with the organization are E. T. McKeithen, first vice president of the Walter Hines Page Chapter; John Duncan McLean, deputy Scout commissioner, and Rev. E. L. Barber, Scout Master. Work has already begun in Moore County under the direction of Mr. Rivers, Scout Executive. Troops are being organized at every point where interest is great enough. It is believed that Scouting is going to be put across in our county and will mean much to our boys. Mr. Rivers is a very enthusiastic man, and the local council has been very fortunate in securing Mr. Barber to lead the boys in scouting. He is an experienced Scout Master. It is hoped that all boys of scout age in the town will take up this work, and we call on all parents, business and professional men to lend hearty support to the movement.

Lutherans Open Work in Southern Pines

First Service Will Be Held March 16, in Former Christian Science Hall

The lack and need of a Lutheran church in this vicinity has brought about the establishment of a Mission in Southern Pines. A beginning is being made under the direction of Rev. Walter H. Beck, Greensboro.

Worship will be held every first and third Sunday at 11:00 o'clock in the Mission chapel on East Main street and North Broad in the building used heretofore by the Church of Christ, Scientist.

The opening service will be held Sunday morning, March 16th; the sermon will be delivered by the Rev. Frederick Berg, professor of theology at Immanuel Lutheran Seminary, Greensboro.

Members of the Lutheran church residing in Aberdeen, Southern Pines, Pinebluff and vicinity, are asked to take note of this venture and to participate in the services at Southern Pines, so that the undertaking may be permanently established and the foundation laid for future work and development.

A cordial invitation is extended also to the public.

VASS-LAKEVIEW GIRLS WIN BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT

The Vass-Lakeview High School girls on last Friday evening won the county championship in the basketball tournament by a margin of two points over the West End sextet, the game being decided in the final thirty seconds when Miss Evelyn Gardner sunk a field goal to break a 33-all tie and give victory to the Vass-Lakeview team.

Vass-Lakeview girls had defeated Pinehurst in the first round and Farm Life in the second. The final game was the fastest game of the tournament,

SOUTHERN PINES HOST TO SUNDAY SCHOOL WORKERS

Conferences of Officers and Teachers Being Held at Church of Wide Fellowship Mondays

AUSPICES COUNTY ASS'N.

The first conference of Sunday School officers and teachers, which was held in the Church of Wide Fellowship at Southern Pines last Monday night, under the auspices of the Moore County Sunday School association, had representatives from seven churches. The Rev. E. L. Barber, of Aberdeen Presbyterian church, was introduced by the county president, F. M. Dwight of Lakeview. Mr. Barber opened the conference with his personal experience of some of the vital needs of a Sunday school and if it accomplishes its purposes of developing fine Christian character in our boys and girls, youth and adults. An attempt was made to find out the peculiar problems troubling the individuals in their work so as to govern the program of the future conferences.

For special classes Miss H. M. Condit conducted the group of teachers having pupils to the age of 12, and Mr. Barber those for older pupils. He will also give suggestions to officers of the Sunday school.

Next week there will be a third class formed for teachers of the Juniors and Intermediates thus giving Miss Condit full time for beginners and primary methods. As many demonstrations of grade worship services, teachings of hymns, story telling, etc., will be given as desired.

For the intermission period Rev. J. Fred Stinson, Mrs. Albert Lynch and others were asked to give experiences in vacation schools and summer camps. A short demonstration of pledging allegiance to the Christian and American flags were given to illustrate on one of the features of a Sunday or vacation school program.

Beginning next week, there will be offered to each church group having perfect attendance, a large picture of "Christ Blessing the Children," or any Bible picture desired. At the close of the series a conference picnic will be held when the school having the lowest attendance record will take charge of the field sports and provide the coffee for the crowd.

As much time was given to organization and getting the work lined up last Monday evening, those entering next week will get the full benefit of the conference courses.

Remember to come early for the first period beginning at 7:00 Monday evening at the Church of Wide Fellowship, Southern Pines, entering side door facing the Church Garden.

Fort Bragg Considered for Artillery School

Army Board Has Visited Local Post Recently on Tour of Investigation

A news dispatch in the Raleigh News and Observer yesterday, under a Washington date line says:

Fort Bragg has been visited by the army board which was named to select a site for the artillery school, but no selection has yet been made.

Major General C. P. Summerall, chief of the general staff, conveyed this information today in a letter to Senator Simmons, who had telephoned information as to the status of the information as to the status of the matter.

The school has been located at Fort Sill, Okla., but is has been contemplated for some time that this military reservation would be abandoned.

Secretary of War Hurley appointed a board of army officers some weeks ago to make a study of available sites. Fort Bragg is prominently mentioned as the best available location, but General Summerall said today that no decision can be made until thorough study has been made of all sites.

Representative J. Bayard Clark, in whose district Fort Bragg is located, has been actively interested in securing the school for that reservation. Fayetteville also has joined in fight.

JAMES BOYD TO READ

The fourth in the series of authors' readings being presented by the Southern Pines Library Association will be given by James Boyd at the Civic Club Thursday afternoon, March 13 at 4:30.

As the author of "Drums" and "Marching On" Mr. Boyd is too well known to require an introduction to the people of this, or, indeed, of any section of the country.

Chamber of Commerce Directors Hold Meeting

Billboards and Boy Scouts Principal Topics at Tuesday Meeting

The directors of the Chamber of Commerce met at the Southern Pines Country Club Tuesday, March 4, at 12:00 noon.

Struthers Burt, chairman of the committee on road side beautification, brought up the matter of removing unsightly signs from the road side leading into Southern Pines and recommended for his committee prompt and vigorous action. This brought out discussion by Mr. Stebbins, Mr. Windham, Frank Buchan and others. Mr. Buchan suggested that the matter had been brought up in the Kiwanis Club and he had been appointed chairman of a committee to secure an agreement from the property owners along both sides of the roads leading into Southern Pines that they would not allow these signs to be put up on their property, so it was decided that this particular part of the matter should be left to the Kiwanis Club with Mr. Buchan as chairman of the committee and that the Chamber of Commerce through its committees of which Struthers Burt is chairman, would proceed with the removal of the signs now in existence.

Earl S. Cossoboom from Nova Scotia was a guest at the lunch.

A committee composed of Messrs. Windham, Frank Buchan and Hiram Westbrook was appointed to look into the matter of rendering aid to securing an officers' training camp on the Fort Bragg reservation and take such action as seemed necessary.

The troop committee representing the Chamber of Commerce in the new Boy Scout troop they are sponsoring was appointed as follows: Judge Windham, R. L. Hart and S. B. Richardson.

Any citizen is welcome at these meetings even if they are not a member of the Chamber of Commerce and those desiring to attend should notify R. L. Hart at Broad Street Pharmacy not later than Monday.

C. of C. Invites Public to Attend Meeting

Open Meeting Will Be Held at Country Club Next Tuesday

An open meeting of the Southern Pines Chamber of Commerce will be held at the Southern Pines Country Club at 12:00 noon on March 11.

All friends of Southern Pines and members of the Southern Pines Chamber of Commerce are cordially invited to attend this meeting. In order to provide accommodations for each, which is Dutch treat, it will be necessary to notify Chairman Robert L. Hart no later than Monday morning, March 10.

The object of this meeting is to bring before the people of Southern Pines some of the matters of vital interest to the whole community. There will be no solicitation of funds at this meeting.

The program committee have asked the following men to speak on subjects named:

Country Club, M. G. Nichols; Padcock Club and our Authors, Nelson C. Hyde; Building and Loan, Ralph Chandler; Finance, George Moore; Hotels, Struthers Burt; Whistles, Armit Brown; Southern Pines, present and future, George L. Stebbins.

All of these subjects are of interest to us and we hope that the ladies as well as the men of Southern Pines will show their interest in our city by attending this meeting.

"Long Hunt," Boyd's New Book, Best From His Pen

Editor of The Pilot Reviews New Work by Author of "Drums" and "Marching On" which Will Be Out Early Next Month

By Bion H. Butler

"Long Hunt" is the name of a new book by James Boyd which will appear about April 4. The announcement of this publication a few weeks ago has already resulted in orders at the Hayes book store in Southern Pines for about a hundred copies, which indicates the general interest in anything that comes from the hand of this local author, but it is after the book is on the shelves where it can be thumbed over a little that its sales will be stimulated, for an examination of the advance proofs shows that Mr. Boyd has created another of his exceptional stories. Hugh Kahler says it is the best thing Boyd has done yet, but that brings up a comparison of things that are different, which is hard to resolve into an understanding. Long Hunt is a new type of Boyd's conception and construction. The ground plan is that of a trapper who works the North Carolina mountains and the Tennessee and Southwest country in the days when John Sevier was governor of the new state of Tennessee which was established for him in the shape of a sop and apology for pillaging from him his state of Franklin that he has created. But Sevier does not enter the picture, except in a reference to the Governor at Knoxville nor do dates, or other precise measures of time. The story is not a historical novel. It is simply and purely one of Jim Boyd's fascinating bits of romancing, with one character—or rather two, for along with the trapper was the old dog, Roamer. "Murfree," the story runs, "sat on the front edge of the lean-to on a bear's hide, eating corn bread sopped in bear's grease, out of an iron pan. At every other mouthful he handed a piece to the old dog beside him on the hide. The dog lay with his forepaws neatly stretched out together, his domed head held high as proud and still as an iron on a rich man's lawn. His eyes, preoccupied and dreamy, peered into the fire. When Murfree handed him a piece of bread he did not change his gaze. He gave one gulp and stirred his tail. He was thinking, most likely, about bears."

"This is a bear dog," Hoffman said. "I got him from a bear hunter who stole a horse and had to move out." Roamer and Murfree run through the story to the finish. Murfree Rinnard is the whole of his name. The girl appeared at times. The other characters occasionally. The girl saw him first one early spring evening as he came down the mountain into Hill Town. She saw him occasionally after that, and then as he started on his final long journey one night when the Indians were besieging the white settlers in their stockade on the Tennessee. Hill Town is the opening two or three pages of the story. Those two or three pages are worth the price of the book. They tell a few words about the frontier settlement with its twenty-seven log houses, its log court house, Major Tyrell's inn and store, cowbells sounding from the pastures, horses dozing at the rack at the court house door. A girl beating a rag carpet on the paling fence and watching the long trail that came down the mountain. This brief survey of Hill Town makes us Hilltowners long to go back to the hills again.

Then there are some 375 pages of other story in the book. Murfree Rinnard proves to be no saint—just the ordinary long run of pioneering days, yet he was fit companion for Roamer, who was a "top bear dog from hell" as the first bear adventure seems to indicate. But the story is not a dog story. By and by the settlers began to crowd the country, "four hundred covered wagons coming through Cumberland gap in one day." "All up in the Connecticut valleys and Massachusetts and on the Southern seaboard hitching up and starting west, and the more of them that are ruined by bad crops, or massacred by the Indians, the more others come." And Murfree Rinnard ventured farther beyond the Cumberland, and for a brief period northwest, and then down the Tennessee and down the Ohio, and back through the Creek and the Chickasaw nations, and he

fell in occasionally with people. But he also with Roamer, the bear dog, lived a life of isolation in the forests, for he was a trapper and a hunter.

That's the ground plan of the tale. But the book itself is another matter. James Boyd has the eye of an artist, and he is a dreamer of alluring dreams. He has marked out for himself a field in American literature, which will be recognized as his own far into the future. The "Long Hunt" is done by a master hand, and aside from the romance of it, which is in strictly original vein all the way, and a free flight of unlimited fancy, the literature of the book is companionable to every line. It is not a story that has to be read page by page in sequence. It is one of those rare things that you can pick up any time, open any place and read as much or as little as you want to, for each day's development is life in itself. There is a certain satisfaction in a book of this type, where one character is often the only company you have in your reading. But that one character you have all to yourself while you have but the one. When you roam with the trapper through the wide forest of the Tennessee country you are not pestered with the frivolous crowd that drives you out at times from civilization. Just you two and the dog and the deep woods.

Well, I am not trying to tell Jim Boyd's story, for it is not a story that can be told. It has to unfold. And Hayes will have about 350 of the books in his window as soon as they are off the press. This first edition will be sold quickly, and the days of the hereafter will see the first edition of the Long Hunt treasured for its value not only as a book of high rank as an interesting bit of American fiction, but as a first edition of the publication. Probably it is the best piece of fiction ever turned out by a North Carolina writer, and it is worth a place on the shelves of every library in the state.

January Attendance in Co. Schools Good

Most Schools Show Considerable Gain Over Record of a Year Ago

The January, 1930, school attendance statistics for Moore County show a range of 4.9 per cent improvement over the figure for the same month last year. Eighty-seven pupils in each one hundred enrolled in January this year were present every day as compared to 82.1 for the same period a year ago. The widest range of improvement, 22 per cent, is found at Mt. Zion, while the greatest loss 8 per cent, is shown at Rock Hill. These are both one-teacher schools. The improvement ranges at Eagle Springs and Aberdeen were 10 per cent and 9 per cent respectively, representing the greatest gains among schools of the large class.

A table, with the name of the school, the number of pupils in each one hundred enrolled attending every day in January, 1930, the number of pupils in each one hundred enrolled attending every day in January, 1929,

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MRS. SLOAN AND MRS. CHILD GIVE FRONTIER PARTY

One of the most unique and brilliant social events of the season was a frontier party given by Mrs. Maude Parker Child and Col. and Mrs. T. Donaldson Sloan on Saturday evening at Lovejoy's Log Cabin. The cabin was profusely decorated as a background for the party costumed as 49'ers. Included in the guests for this enjoyable occasion were Mr. and Mrs. Almet Jenks Mr. and Mrs. Verner Z. Reed, Mr. and Mrs. Harry M. Vale, Mr. and Mrs. Struthers Burt, Mr. and Mrs. James Boyd, Mr. and Mrs. Augustine Healy, Dr. and Mrs. William C. Mudgett, Nelson C. Hyde of the cottage colony, and Mr. and Mrs. B. A. Tompkins, Mr. and Mrs. Stanley W. Burke, Mrs. Landon K. Thorne, Mrs. George C. Murnane and Mr. and Mrs. Richard Lovering.