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## INSURANCE COS. CONSOLIDATE IN SOUTHERN PINES

Paul T. Barnum, Inc., is Merger  
of Barnum and Richardson  
Agencies

CAPITAL IS \$50,000

One of the largest business consolidations in the history of Southern Pines became effective this week with the granting of a charter to the stockholders of Paul T. Barnum, Inc., organized to do a general insurance business, the new corporation being launched last Wednesday evening with the election of officers and directors. The company is a merger of the Barnum Agency with the insurance department of S. B. Richardson, Inc., the former acquiring the latter by purchase.

The new company has an authorized capital of \$50,000.00, of which a substantial amount has been subscribed by business men of Southern Pines, included in the list being A. I. Creamer, M. H. Turner, W. E. Flynn, H. O. Riggan, J. J. E. and F. W. Harrington, J. L. Pottle and sons, J. S. and Cora E. Reynolds, D. G. Stutz, C. T. Patch, R. L. Hart, Dr. E. W. Bush, T. S. Burgess, Dr. G. G. Herr, Lewis Lachine, R. L. Chandler, Roy E. Pushee, John Ruggles and P. T. Barnum. Mr. Barnum will be the active head of the business.

The incorporators have acquired the Barnum agency and the S. B. Richardson agency, the latter having for some time been managed by John Bloxham. The new company will occupy the former offices of the Barnum company in the Citizens Bank Building. This new agency starts under the most auspicious circumstances and with the large working capital secured will develop into an insurance institution for all time in Southern Pines, being founded on two of the oldest insurance agencies in Southern Pines. The S. B. Richardson company was formed by Mr. Richardson in 1920, and the Barnum agency was a direct successor of Page & Barnum, organized in 1925 to take over the insurance business of F. W. Van Camp, who had been representing a number of companies since 1914 and who, in turn, succeeded the old Jung & Beck agency started away back in 1895.

## SEEK IMPROVEMENT OF OLD ROAD TO CARTHAGE

Improvement of the Southern Pines-Carthage road through Knollwood and out past the air port is being asked of the county by the Southern Pines Chamber of Commerce. Efforts are being made to have the road crew now at work in the vicinity of Thaggards continue on in this section until they have put the road to Carthage in better condition.

The old Seals Road is being extended by Herbert Jackson, superintendent of construction on Moore county highways, from the flying field out to the Southern Pines-Carthage road near Pad Kelly's home. The road will ultimately go on to Lakeview as that was the line of the ancient thoroughfare.

## IMPROVED INCOMING MAIL SERVICE SOUGHT FOR HERE

With the termination of the seasonal run of the Pinehurst-Southern Pines crack train, "The Carolina Golfer," one less mail per day is coming into the Sandhills. The Southern Pines Chamber of Commerce passed a resolution Tuesday calling upon Postmaster Powell to ask that service be provided on the train now arriving from the north at 8:42, to replace the service furnished by the "Golfer."

## NEW PINEHURST COMPANY

Among incorporations of the week at Raleigh was the following:

Propriety at Pinehurst, Inc., of Pinehurst, N. C. To acquire land, build structures and operate same. Authorized capital stock 30 shares no par value; subscribed stock, 30 shares; by Percy W. Thompson and Maude S. Thompson, of St. Georges Bermuda; William C. Holleyman, Jr., of Greensboro, N. C., and others.

## Sam Richardson Has to Move After 15 Years at the Same Old Stand

Has Been in Arcade Building,  
Now to Be Remodeled,  
Since It Was Built

Sam Richardson says he's going to feel lost after May 1st. Sam's been in the same office in Southern Pines for 15 years, ever since the Arcade Building was put up on Broad street by Mrs. Florence E. Beck. Mrs. Beck sold the building about a year ago to Frank Welch, and the new owner starts remodeling it into an up-to-date store the first of next month.

So Sam has to get out. Much against his wishes, and against the wishes of many residents of Southern Pines and vicinity who have made Sam's office their meeting place for years. Big and roomy and sunny, it has been the scene of many a confab on events transpiring in the Sandhills, that office has. It was the Mayor's office for years, for Sam was sort of a perennial mayor until he decided to retire a few years ago. It has been the sales office for Knollwood and Weymouth Heights and many other local developments. It has been the scene of many a peach conference, many a rehearsal of the Sandhills Sixteen, many a political gathering. If you were looking for someone in Southern Pines any time over the last decade, you looked in Sam's office first.

Now the genial real estate man is moving. Not very far away, but "it won't seem like home," as Sam puts it. He's going upstairs in the front offices of the Patch Building next door. It was with C. T. Patch that he started in the Arcade building, when the two operated a grocery store there. He's going to engage solely in real estate, the insurance end of the business of S. B. Richardson, Inc., which has been handled by John Bloxham for some time, figuring in the merger with Paul T. Barnum, Inc., announced in another column today.

Sam says the latch string will still be out in the new location, but you'll just have to climb a flight of stairs. Sam will find those stairs will be no obstacle. The gang will follow Sam wherever he goes.

## MUSICAL PROGRAM PLEASES KIWANISANS

A musical treat was in store for the members of the Kiwanis Club who attended this week's meeting at the Civic Club in Southern Pines. Mrs. Raymond Kennedy of Southern Pines sang several solos delightfully, being accompanied on the violin by her husband and on the piano by Mrs. E. E. Giles. Charles Pierre of New York rendered several pleasing selections on the cello and was heartily encored, and Miss May Lee Way of Moorehead City pleased with several vocal selections.

Plans for Ladies Night next Wednesday at the Pinehurst Country Club were discussed at the meeting. Dinner will be served at 8:00 o'clock, the committee announced, and there will be a prominent speaker, a stunt program, the award of the annual Kiwanis Cup for the man who has during the past year done most for the Sandhills, and dancing.

## Thanks, Say We

Editor of The Pilot,  
Aberdeen, N. C.

A unanimous vote of thanks by the Board of Directors of the Southern Pines Chamber of Commerce was extended to your paper today in appreciation of the full page ad that you carried in a recent issue of your most progressive weekly.

I feel sure that every member of the Southern Pines Chamber of Commerce joins the Directors in this appreciation. Your paper, and every person connected with it, have always shown the finest spirit of co-operation with Southern Pines in any worthy project for bettering the community and making it a more popular winter resort.

We hope for a continuance of this spirit of co-operation.

—Shields Cameron, Secretary.

## "One Flight Up"



S. B. RICHARDSON

## G. L. CALLERY OF PITTSBURGH BUYS LARGE ACREAGE

Acquires 73 Acres on Rockfish  
Creek Some Two Miles Out  
of Southern Pines

### TO IMPROVE PROPERTY

One of the most important transactions of the last few days was the sale by S. B. Richardson of 73 acres of land for Frank Buchan to G. L. Callery of Pittsburgh. The tract lies on Rockfish Creek east of the Marks farm, now owned by James Boyd, and belonged prior to its acquisition by Mr. Buchan to Alex Blue and the McNeill family. It lies on both sides of Rockfish Creek, about two miles out of Southern Pines, not far from The Paddock. It includes one of the most picturesque bits of country in the section east of the Weymouth ridge, being a hilly bit of territory, with the creek traversing an interesting low ground, and the whole tract well covered with pines. It is reached by the road out past Mrs. Hayes' school and the Grover place, toward the Ben Leslie farm on the county line.

It is said to be Mr. Callery's intention to improve the property by the removal of the undesired underbrush, the construction of a large dam on the stream, the widening of the road, and by such other steps as will add to its attractiveness. For this purpose nothing could be better as the stream is almost free from swamp and is well defined by high rocky bluffs on either side, and can raise a fine head of water over a large flat without any difficulty.

### The Circle Grows

This purchase pushes the frontier of development farther out over the Weymouth ridge and beyond the Country Club and brings the land into possession of another appreciative owner of means sufficient to make of his holding whatever may please him. Mr. Callery is a Pittsburgh man of standing in every respect, and of the type that makes a valuable acquisition to the Sandhills community. He and his family have spent the last two winters in Southern Pines, and Mr. Callery is interested both in the hunting there and the horse racing at Pinehurst. He has a string of fine trotters and is of considerable prominence in equine circles.

## IZAAC WALTON LEAGUE CHARTER GRANTED HERE

A charter for the Sandhills branch of the Izaak Walton League was received Monday. The local club under the presidency of George Moore, is preparing to render a most valuable service to this section of the county. Many of the prominent sportsmen of the Sandhills have signified their support by taking a membership and an active interest in the league.

## SOUTHERN PINES BASEBALL TEAM DEFEATS HOFFMAN

The Southern Pines High School played a close ball game Wednesday afternoon with the Hoffman High school at Southern Pines. The local boys defeated the visitors 4 to 2 in a seven inning game. The batteries for Southern Pines were Donaldson and Miller; for Hoffman, Falmer and Robertson.

## W. C. FOWNES, JR. BUYS SEVEN MORE KNOLLWOOD LOTS

Purchases Entire Block On  
Which Residence Is  
Now Located

### TO ENLARGE HIS HOME

At a meeting of the stockholders of Knollwood, Incorporated this week the old board of officers and directors was re-elected with the exception of the substitution of Oakley J. Wood, of New York for Mrs. H. B. Swoope of Pinehurst. The annual report was received with interest, especially as with it came the announcement of the sale of seven Knollwood lots to W. C. Fownes, Jr., of Pittsburgh, in the block in which his house stands.

Mr. Fownes gets the remainder of the block bounded by Midlands Road, the Pee Dee road and Daffodil road, and embraces lots 201A, 201B, 202, 203, 205A, 205B, and 206A. As this covers the entire block it gives Mr. Fownes possession of the hilltop, and he proposes to hold it as a solid tract as an adjunct to his present home. He will at once proceed to build an addition to his house and to improve the entire holding to make of it one of the most interesting spots in the Knollwood section, and the entrance to Knollwood Heights will be arranged in attractive manner there by his house and from the hill top.

Mr. Fownes in making this purchase has no notion of reselling any portion of the tract, but will carry out the idea that is becoming prevalent on large tracts, of making a country home with the village surroundings, and his plans are comprehensive in this respect. It is believed that the example is to be followed by others in the Knollwood section.

### Officers Re-elected

The officers and directors of Knollwood, Incorporated, as elected at the annual meeting, are as follows: Richard Tufts, Pinehurst, president; Edward J. Barber, New York, vice-president; J. Talbot Johnson, Aberdeen, vice president and treasurer; Arthur S. Newcomb, Lakeview, secretary; the officers are Oakley J. Wood, New York, H. H. Rackham, Detroit, Donald J. Ross, Pinehurst, T. A. Kelly, Southern Pines, H. A. Page, Jr., Aberdeen and S. B. Richardson, Southern Pines, directors.

## Physicians of State Gather at Pinehurst

Medical Society Convenes Monday  
for Three Day Session  
at Carolina

The Medical Society of the State of North Carolina convenes at the Carolina Hotel in Pinehurst on next Monday for a three day session. The officers of the association are Dr. L. A. Crowell, Lincoln; president; Drs. W. B. Murphy, Snow Hill, William E. Warren, William and N. B. Adams, Murphy, vice presidents, and Dr. L. B. McBrayer, Southern Pines, secretary and treasurer.

Dr. W. C. Mudgett of Southern Pines will call the meeting to order in the first general session next Tuesday morning at 9:30, and the Rev. T. A. Cheatham of Pinehurst will give the invocation. Leading physicians and surgeons from all over the state, and some from other parts of the country, will be on the program.

The Women's Auxiliary will be welcomed to Pinehurst by Mrs. James W. Dickie of Southern Pines and will have its own sessions during the convention period.

Dr. A. H. McLeod of Aberdeen, is Moore county delegate to the convention, with Dr. M. E. Street of Glendon alternate. Dr. Mudgett is chairman of the entertainment committee, and has arranged a trap shooting tournament for Tuesday, with special prizes, and a golf tournament to start on Tuesday.

## MOTHER OF DR. MEDLIN DIES AT ZEBULON, N. C.

Mrs. J. M. Medlin, mother of Dr. E. M. Medlin of Aberdeen, died at her home in Zebulon Wednesday night after an extended illness. She was 58 years of age. Dr. Medlin left yesterday to attend the funeral, which will be held at Zebulon today, Friday.

## Friends Surprise Bion H. Butler to Do Him Homage at Testimonial Dinner at Highland Pines Inn

### Friends Honor Him



BION H. BUTLER

### Wired Felicitations

The following telegrams, addressed to Andrew I. Creamer, toastmaster, were read at the dinner to Mr. Butler:

"Only an important business engagement could prevent my being with you tonight at your testimonial dinner to Bion Butler. This man has done much for his community and adopted state in preaching good cheer and telling the world of the good things that he sees in his neighbors and home town. With all good wishes."

—FRANK PAGE.

"I am tied down to the office today else I would be among the first to be seated at the testimonial dinner to Bion Butler. The people of the Sandhills honor themselves in thus honoring Butler. In my opinion he has done more than any other individual citizen through his paper in the development of the resources of that section. Besides, he is a mighty lovable man, a splendid citizen and an all around good fellow. Extend him hearty greetings and wishes for many more years of usefulness to his fellow men."

—WADE H. HARRIS,  
Editor, Charlotte Observer.

"All North Carolina owes a lasting debt of appreciation and gratitude to Bion Butler. He came to us before the Sandhills had become our pride and the mecca of pleasure and health seekers. He interpreted its beauty and advantage to North Carolinians as well as to residents of other states. His faith and practical optimism, his zeal for development and progress, and his devotion to right ideals has caused us to regard him as a beloved native son. I regret I cannot be present in the flesh."

JOSEPHUS DANIELS.

"Deeply regret cannot attend dinner tonight. Best wishes for a happy and significant occasion."

—O. MAX GARDNER.

"Sandhillers honor themselves when they honor Bion H. Butler, the booster with the pioneer spirit. Long may his tribe continue."

—HERBERT F. SEAWELL.

## HIGHLAND PINES INN CO. DECLARES GOOD DIVIDEND

The postponed meeting of the stockholders and directors of the Highland Pines Inn Company was held in F. W. Van Camp's office Wednesday afternoon. A substantial dividend was declared for the year, the hotel having a very satisfactory season. Officers and directors elected for the year were S. B. Richardson, president; Dr. W. C. Mudgett, vice-president; F. W. Van Camp, secretary and A. I. Creamer, M. H. Turner, D. G. Stutz, Dr. E. I. Bush and C. T. Patch, directors.

## MISS RIGGAN HONORED

A Southern Pines girl, Miss Lenora Riggan, has been elected president of the student government body at Salem College, Winston-Salem, one of the highest honors in college. She is a daughter of H. O. Riggan, president of the Citizens Bank & Trust Company here.

## Cap in Hand, Editor Wanders into Hotel to Find Sixty Gath- ered To Greet Him

### MEMORABLE OCCASION

The love and honor which his Sandhills friends—and they are legion—bear toward Bion H. Butler, editor of The Pilot, were heaped upon his shoulders on Tuesday evening of this week, when a testimonial dinner, a complete surprise to the patriarch and philosopher, was given in his honor at the Highland Pines Inn in Southern Pines. With cap in hand he wandered into the hotel, presumably to attend a "Booster Meeting," only to find some sixty leading citizens of his neighborhood there to greet him and do him homage.

It was a memorable occasion—memorable for Mr. Butler, embarrassed though he was in his usual modesty—memorable for those come to pay their respects. For seldom in the history of the Sandhills has there been such a gathering of the clans. As remarked by speakers and in telegrams from afar, "to honor Mr. Butler was to honor the Sandhills," and they had come, his friends and admirers, from every nook and cranny of the county.

The occasion was the outgrowth of a long simmering plan in the minds and hearts of his friends to tell Bion what they thought of him, and was brought to fruition when Andrew I. Creamer, of the Highland Pines Inn, and P. Frank Buchan conferred a week ago and decided to invite those who have been closest to Mr. Butler over his long period of residence here. Mr. Creamer was the dinner host and toastmaster, Mr. Buchan the chairman of the committee on arrangements. Probably the most difficult task of the committee was, in preparing the list of invited guests, for everyone in the Sandhills is a friend of Bion Butler, and Bion Butler a friend of everyone in the Sandhills.

### Complete Surprise

It was not until all were seated at the big table in the hotel's main dining room that Mr. Butler knew the occasion was in his honor. Mr. Creamer's announcement was a complete surprise. Following this Hunter Eckert, of Southern Pines, offered a blessing, followed by the reading of a number of telegrams from prominent invited guests unable to be present, Gov. O. Max Gardner, Josephus Daniels, Wade H. Harris, editor of the Charlotte Observer, Frank Page, Judge Herbert Seawell; notes of regret from Leonard Tufts, Simeon B. Chapin and others.

The Rev. Thaddeus A. Cheatham of Pinehurst spoke of the respect and admiration in which the guest of honor is held by the entire community, of his unselfish devotion to the upbuilding of the section, and of his example in righteous living. The Hon. Robert N. Page of Aberdeen told of his years of acquaintance with Bion Butler, and following fulsome praise for his old friend, he presented the handsome gold watch which those gathered about the banquet board had asked him to hand the genial editor as a lasting memorial of the occasion. Mr. Butler in his response showed the depth of the feeling which the occasion prompted. "I am the richest man in the world," he said, "rich in the friends I see here about me, riches I would not exchange for all the other wealth there is."

### Many Pay Tribute

Judge William A. Way chastised his newspaper friend for once calling him, in the public print, "a bald-headed old geezer," but allowed that otherwise Mr. Butler was a pretty good sort, and emphasized his value and unselfish devotion to the community which he has helped to build up through his vision and optimism. Union L. Spence of Carthage spoke of his long acquaintance with Mr. Butler and what Mr. Butler had meant to him and this section. Others called upon by Mr. Creamer for brief remarks were James Boyd, John Mc-

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