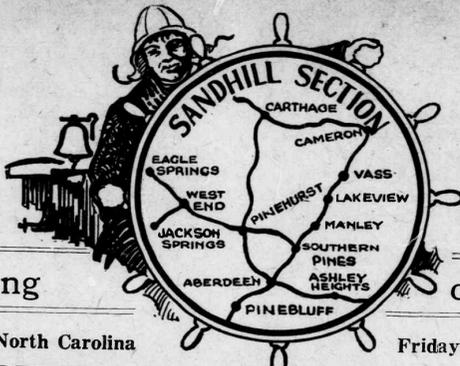


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MAY ESTABLISH A RECORDER'S COURT IN SOUTHERN PINES

Naming Recorder at Small Salary and Turning Fees into Town Fund Proposed

HEARING NEXT TUESDAY

The establishment of a recorder's court in Southern Pines may be the outcome of the movement launched at a recent meeting of the Southern Pines Chamber of Commerce to change the fee system now in effect in the dispensing of justice. It has been proposed to institute such a court, name a recorder at a small salary, and have all "costs" turned into the court. There is said to be no legal reason why this cannot be done, and the report current on the streets is that Dr. E. M. Poate, town attorney, favors the proposition.

The matter came up again at Tuesday's meeting of the Chamber of Commerce directors, held at the Southern Pines Country Club, and was informally discussed by the members, including Justice of the Peace Windham. Mr. Windham is one of the opponents of the fee or "costs" system as now applied, under which "costs" in cases brought before a justice of the peace are pro-rated between arresting officers and the court. Nothing can be done except by the State Legislature with regard to changing the system as now applied, but a recorder's court can be established and minor offenses tried before a recorder, the costs in the case to go into the town treasury. It is thought that such costs might amount to sufficient to pay the salary of the recorder.

The matter is to be gone over thoroughly at a meeting of Chamber of Commerce representatives, the Mayor and members of the Town Board of Commissioners next Tuesday at the office of the Town Clerk. At that time the question of confining the activities of the town policemen to the corporate limits of the town, except in cases of emergency, will also be discussed.

Tobacco Market Here To Open September 23

Chamber of Commerce Directors Meet Tuesday to Plan for Successful Season

Plans for the opening of the Aberdeen tobacco market on September 23d are to be discussed at a meeting of directors of the Aberdeen Chamber of Commerce at the office of its president Murdoch M. Johnson, next Tuesday afternoon. Committees will be appointed to call upon tobacco growers in the Aberdeen territory to induce them to sell their leaf here, and plans for the entertainment of the farmers while in town will be discussed.

Farmers are more optimistic with regard to the returns from their tobacco than they were when reports began to come in from the border markets. On Monday of this week 411,578 pounds was sold for an average of \$15.16, bringing to the farmers there \$62,409.49. With the prices stiffening as the season progresses, the outlook for a good market in Aberdeen is bright. Both warehouses will be in operation, B. B. Saunders' and Edwards, Lewis & Williams.

GROVER HAS CLOSE SHAVE IN COLLISION OF AUTOS

Alfred Grover of the Southern Pines Country Club had a narrow escape Monday morning when his car and a Ford touring car came together at the corner of Morganton Road and Cross street in Southern Pines. Grover's car left the road and just missed hitting a telephone pole. The car was badly damaged but Alfred escaped with a cut on the forehead and reports himself in shape to greet the Seaboard golfers when they arrive for their annual tournament.

DR. SYMINGTON RETURNS

Dr. and Mrs. Symington returned from New York last Saturday morning. While away Dr. Symington visited hospitals in Connecticut and Philadelphia.

An Ace for Ed

Genial Manager of Carolina Scores Hole in One at Roaring Gap

Ed Fitzgerald, general manager of the Carolina Hotel at Pinehurst in winter and Graystone Inn at Roaring Gap in summer, rejoined the Hall of Fame last week. He scored a hole in one on the 16th hole of the Roaring Gap course. We say "rejoined" because Ed became a member of the Hole-In-One Club two years ago at Pinehurst. This was the third ace of the summer season on the Roaring Gap course.

SEABOARD GOLF ASSOCIATION HERE FOR TOURNAMENT

Over 100 Expected For Events at Southern Pines Country Club Over Labor Day

UNIQUE ORGANIZATION

Marking the wane of summer and the opening of the season of 1930-1931 is the coming of the Seaboard Golfers for their Fourth Annual Tournament to be played over the scenic and sporty links of the Southern Pines Country Club, tomorrow, August 30, 31, and September 1st.

Officers and employees of the Seaboard Air Line Railway interested in the sport of kings are members of the Seaboard Air Line Golf Association and as we go to press members are already beginning to arrive for the greatest sporting event of the summer in the Sandhills. By Saturday from eighty-five to one hundred and twenty-five of the fraternity are expected to be present for the qualifying round for the President's Cup.

B. C. Prince, freight traffic manager, is president of the Association; E. C. Bagwell, general manager, is vice-president, and William Hodges Baker, of Norfolk, secretary-treasurer. Mr. Baker is also chairman of the tournament committee. Organized in 1927, with their first tournament in Southern Pines this association is believed to be unique in that it is the only golf association formed exclusively of those connected with a railway system.

While a great number of prizes are awarded the fiercest competition centers about the President's Cup, given in 1928 by L. R. Powell, Jr., president of the Seaboard. This prize, awarded for the best medal score for 72 holes, was won by C. F. Blake of Savannah in 1928, and W. H. King, of Hopewell, Va., in 1929.

Program Announced

Last year the visitors enjoyed three days of the famous Sandhills weather, but the year before they proved to be real sports by driving through showers of rain. As usual the Parkview will be headquarters for the members and their friends. The program as announced is: Qualifying round, 8:00 a. m. Saturday morning; First round all flights, 1:00 p. m. Sunday, August 31st, 8 a. m. Second round all flights, first round consolation flights, 2:00 p. m., picture, 3:00 p. m. (putting and driving contests. Monday, (Labor Day) 8:00 a. m. third round all flights, 1:00 p. m. Finals, championship flight, 4:30 p. m. Annual meeting and award of prizes.

The course at the Country Club is at its best and the Number 1 course will be reserved for the contestants.

MRS MARY PLEASANTS, NATIVE OF COUNTY, DIES

Mrs. Mary Pleasants, a native of Moore county and of late a well known resident of Lee county, residing on Route 4, Jonesboro, died last Friday night after a long illness. Before her marriage she was Miss Mary Ann Johnson. Her husband died a number of years ago. Funeral services were held at the Johnson family cemetery near Lemon Springs, conducted by the Rev. M. D. McNeill of Cameron.

ABERDEEN PASSES RIGID TRAFFIC REGULATIONS

Cars Must Come to Full Stop on Entering or Crossing Principal Streets

NO MORE "CURB DOPES"

If you are driving along Sycamore street, which is the street the postoffice is on, come to a full stop before crossing or entering either Main street or South street.

If you are entering or crossing Poplar street from Maple, Knight or Main streets or Knight Alley, come to a full stop before proceeding.

If you are going south on Poplar street, come to a full stop before turning into South street.

Keep to the right of all "silent policemen," as those warts on the streets are called.

If you don't do these things, you are subject to a fine of not less than five dollars nor more than fifty dollars for each offense, under a new ordinance passed by the Mayor and Commissioners of the Town of Aberdeen in regular session on August 18th.

At the same meeting action putting a stop to "curb service" from drug stores in Aberdeen was taken, an ordinance forbidding this practice being enacted in the interest of more cleanly streets. Both Aberdeen drug stores have been waiting on customers driving up before their stores, serving them in their cars with drinks in paper cups. This practice meant a littering of the streets with the cups and complaints against the untidy appearance of the downtown section were filed with the town board, with the resultant ordinance.

Elsewhere in this week's issue of The Pilot will be found official notice of the enactment of the ordinance with regard to traffic regulations in Aberdeen, cited in the opening paragraphs of this article. Rigid enforcement of this ordinance is to be observed in the interest of safety, and it behooves drivers of motor cars to take heed, say the city fathers.

Signs North of Town To Come Down Soon

Struthers Burt's Heart Will Glow When He Sees Improvement on Highway

Struthers Burt's heart will glow when he returns to the Sandhills. The many billboards along the highway between Southern Pines and Aberdeen have been a thorn in the flesh of this militant crusader against desecration of the roads of North Carolina, and rarely has he taken his trenchant pen in hand on the subject without some reference to the northern gateway to Aberdeen.

Last week S. B. Richardson, acting as a committee of one of the Southern Pines Chamber of Commerce and with the approval and consent of the Aberdeen Chamber of Commerce, waited on those whose advertising proclivities led them to unsightly display of paint on the above mentioned route, and with but a single exception all agreed that the signs should come down. The one exception, a woman, thought her sign was "pretty" and said she enjoyed reading billboards when she was motoring.

So down they are to come, before Struthers returns. And to further please his militant highness, we are informed that one Ralph Page, recently attacked by Mr. Burt for the Page Trust Company signs at the entrances to Sanford and Raeford, has ordered the immediate removal of those signs, as promised in The Pilot some time ago.

SOUTHERN PINES SCHOOLS OPEN WEEK OF SEPT. 15

Southern Pines School will open on the 15th or 16th of September, just which The Pilot was unable to definitely ascertain in the absence from town of Superintendent Allen.

Vice-principal Frank Gibson and Mrs. Gibson of the Southern Pines School returned from their summer vacation spent at Sharon, Mass., on Wednesday of this week.

84 Million Tons of Coal in Mines of Carolina Coal Co. Near Sanford

Poor Pickings!

The Seaboard station in Vass was entered on Tuesday night by a thief who doubtless thinks that the pickings were mighty poor. A \$9.00 C. O. D. package of Health-O products and a bundle of advertising matter were all that appeared to be interesting enough to take along, and the chances are that they proved very disappointing.

Entrance was gained by prying open a window in the telegraph office, and from there the prowler made his way into the freight room.

GIBSON KILLED AS AUTO HITS MOORE CENTRAL TRAIN

Youthful Salesman of H. A. Page, Jr. Agency in Laurinburg is Victim

LEAVES WIFE AND SON

J. Claude Gibson, young automobile salesman for the H. A. Page, Jr. Ford agency in Laurinburg, met almost instant death last Saturday afternoon when the car he was driving from Aberdeen to Raleigh crashed into a Moore Central locomotive at the dangerous crossing of that railroad over Route 50 near Cameron. This spot has been the scene of many accidents and near accidents, due to the fact that the crossing is at the bottom of a hill, the scene inadequately marked with warning signs and the train service infrequent.

Gibson left his home at Gibson, near Laurinburg, Saturday for Raleigh, where his wife and little son had been visiting relatives for several days. The train suddenly appeared as if from nowhere when Gibson was proceeding down the hill in the direction of Sanford. He attempted to avoid it by swinging right and following it alongside the track, but there is no room for this and he crashed into the locomotive. Members of the train crew say they saw the car approaching and brought the train to a halt but too late to avoid the accident. A sprinkler pipe of the locomotive pierced the young man's neck, severing his jugular vein and puncturing the spinal column. A crowd rushed to the scene and Leighton McKeithen, W. A. Muse and Jack Phillips put the injured man in a car. He died while being rushed to a Sanford hospital.

Gibson leaves a wife, formerly Miss Mildred Gibson of Gibson, a small son; a sister, Mrs. L. P. Smith of Laurinburg, and four brothers, H. G. Gibson of Laurinburg, E. M. Gibson of Lumberton and Charles and W. G. Gibson of Fort Myers, Florida. The funeral was held at Gibson Monday morning at 10 o'clock.

Thieves Make Haul In Vass Residences

Enter Homes of W. A. Keith and D. A. McLaughlin the Same Night

An early morning prowler entered the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Keith just before five o'clock Friday morning and succeeded in getting away with seven dollars, a watch, two strings of pearls and two pairs of shoes. Tracks indicated that the thief entered the residence by a rear door, which was unlocked.

Mrs. Keith heard sounds as of a floor creaking and saw the beams from a flashlight in the hall. She aroused Mr. Keith, but the burglar evidently hearing the sound, made a hasty exit.

The home of Mr. and Mrs. D. A. McLaughlin was entered the same night and around six dollars stolen, without the occupants being awakened.

State Geologist Tells Kiwanians of Great Possibilities for Manufacturing Center

If 500 tons of coal is mined each day in the Carolina Coal and By-Products Company's mines near Sanford, there is enough coal to last 564 years, Herman Bryson, geologist of the State Department of Conservation and Development told members of the Kiwanis Club of Aberdeen at their weekly luncheon in the new Community Church in Pinehurst on Wednesday. He said there were 84 million tons of coal in this field, and that all that was necessary for the development of the section in a way which would make a manufacturing center of the Sanford territory, was capital.

"And," he said, "northern interests are beginning to take a keen interest in these mines." Mr. Bryson pointed out that this section had reached a stage of development to furnish a real market for the local mines, with their by-products, and that there is no reason why we should not have china-ware plants, plate glass factories, creosoting plants, brick and tile manufacturing and similar enterprise in our midst.

The quality of coal mined by the Carolina company ranks well up with that of other fields, in fact is higher in fixed carbon and in heat units in comparison with coal mined in the better known fields. Transportation costs are not excessive, two railroads running into the mines, and he called the Kiwanians attention to the fact that a large percentage of the cost of coal here is due to transportation charges from distant points. Much could be saved per ton by the use of local coal locally. He said that 1,250,000 tons of coal are burned annually in North Carolina.

But the by-products of the mines are the big potential assets in the development of the Sanford section as a manufacturing center, he said. Coke, gas, tar and ammonium sulphate from \$1,500 worth of coal in the Carolina mines will bring about \$20,000, and with this section now sufficiently developed to make a market for china, plate glass, brick, tile, etc., all of which require certain of these by-products in their manufacture, there is no reason why plants of this type should not spring up in the vicinity and prove profitable, with resultant prosperity for the operation of the mines.

Mr. Bryson was an interesting speaker and had an interested audience. In fact it was a sort of three-ring circus day at the Kiwanis meeting. They turned out in numbers firstly to hear Mr. Bryson because it was the first opportunity offered the members to see the inside of the handsome new Community Church in Pinehurst, and thirdly because Herbert Vail, club secretary, had announced squab chickens as the day's bill of fare. No one was disappointed in Mr. Bryson, in the church or in the squab. The Rev. Murdoch McLeod, pastor, back from his vacation, demonstrated the fine new organ recently installed in the church, and invited all the members to the first services to be held in the church auditorium at 11 o'clock on Sunday, September 7th.

NEW PINEHURST CHURCH TO OPEN SEPTEMBER 7TH

The new Pinehurst Community Church will open for regular services with a special musical service on Sunday, September 7th at 11 o'clock, the Rev. Murdoch McLeod announced this week. Mrs. Maxwell Grey of Southern Pines will be at the new organ, one of the finest in the south, and Charles W. Piquet is arranging a special chorus of voices for the occasion. Mr. McLeod will preach and an invitation is extended to all in the community to attend this opening service, staying afterwards for an inspection of the beautiful building recently completed.

RECOVERS FROM SNAKE BITE

What little W. H. McNeill, Jr., of Aberdeen thought was a briar scratch developed into what looked to his physician like a snake bite last week, and the family was worried for several days. The youngster has sufficiently recovered from his mishap, whatever it was, to allay the fears of any serious ill effects.

SCHOOLS HERE TO OPEN WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 10TH

Supt. Wright Announces Faculty for Fall Term in Aberdeen

NEW COMMERCIAL COURSE

Aberdeen schools will open on Wednesday, September 10th, Superintendent of Schools N. E. Wright announced this week. The Pinebluff school will open the same day. The schools will be operated on an eight months basis.

In addition to the usual courses, a commercial course will be added to the curriculum in the High school, to be in charge of Miss Ellen Butler of Sanford. Stenography, typewriting, bookkeeping and filing will be taught, and the course is open not only to pupils in High school but to anyone in the section desiring to learn these subjects.

Mr. Wright announced the faculty for the local schools as follows:

H. C. Fouts, principal; Miss Elva Rosser, Miss Nancy Beddingfield, Miss Annie Grady, Miss Cora Wells, Miss Elizabeth Carawaen, Miss Mary McKeithen, Mrs. Kate Charles, Miss Ruth Wooten, Miss Mildred Osborne, Mrs. Yarborough, Mrs. Reid Pleasants, Miss Florence Church, Mrs. Jamie Fletcher Monroe and Miss Butler.

The Teacherage will again be in operation under the supervision of Mrs. J. B. Fagan. Mrs. Fagan has been busy during the past week getting her house in order for the arrival of the teachers.

Mr. Wright will arrive in Aberdeen within the next few days to supervise getting the school building in shape for the 10th. He has been spending some time at the normal school at Cullowhee.

WORK ON NEW WESTOVER HOUSE BEGINS THIS WEEK

Jewell-Riddle, the Sanford contracting company, will build the new Westover house at Pinehurst. Material is coming on the grounds, and work will start in the next few days. This company is one of the best known in this part of the state, having to their credit in this section the Moore County Hospital at Pinehurst, Mrs. Andrews' new house at Southern Pines, the Morrison house at Knollwood, Mrs. Hogg's house, the Tufts-Johnson house, ten of the new buildings the government is putting up at Fort Bragg, as well as others in the neighborhood.

When the start was made to stake out the ground it was found that the building is so large it would be better to change the plan of facing it toward the south and it will be set to look out on the Crest road, and over the valley.

The excavation which has gone far enough along to indicate the location of the building shows that it will have a remarkable setting on the hill top, and its dimensions as determined by the stakes and the batter boards tell of the castle it is to be there on the summit. Already visitors have been dropping in to see the prospect, and the remarks are interesting. This group of three of the finest houses in the Sandhills, on that rise of ground adjoining each other, the Westover house, the Fownse house and the Halbert Blue house, constitute a striking feature of Moore county progress, and clustered as they are in the one spot of Knollwood with Herbert Vail's house, Mrs. Hogg's house and Mrs. Neidich's house just beyond, give Crest road a supremacy that will be noticeable by the time the winter guests begin to arrive.

REV. FRANK BLUE STATE CHAPLAIN, AMERICAN LEGION

The Rev. Frank Blue of Carthage was elected State Chaplain of the North Carolina Department, American Legion, at the convention held Monday and Tuesday of this week in Winston-Salem. Con. C. Johnston of Mooresville was chosen Commander, and Morehead City selected for the 1931 meeting. Those attending the convention from the Sandhills post were Max Backer, Tom Black and Paul Dana.