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WILMINGTON GIRL TAKES BLAME FOR SAMARCAND FIRE

Says She Touched Off Chamberlain Hall and Would Do It Again

16 HELD AT LUMBERTON

Margaret Pridden of Wilmington, one of the 16 girls held in the Robeson county jail in Lumberton awaiting trial at the May term of Moore county Superior court on a charge of burning two buildings at Samarcand, state institution for delinquent girls, takes entire responsibility for starting the fire.

The Pridden girl talked freely about the matter in the Lumberton prison, stating that she set fire to one of the buildings and would do it again. She gave as the reason that she was tired of the place and thought she might be moved if the building burned. She says she set fire to Chamberlain hall after other girls had failed in their attempt to commit the same offense. While Chamberlain hall was burning, other girls set another building afire, thinking officials would believe it caught from the first.

The fire began about 8 p. m. At that time some of the girls were undressed and in bed, others were undressing. They lost about everything they had. Indictments charging first degree arson, which is punishable by death, were drawn against 16 of the girls, and 10 of them were placed in the Moore county jail at Carthage and six in the Montgomery county jail at Troy. They were taken to Lumberton March 18 in a school bus. Sheriff McDonald of Moore county.

Clothing Scarce

The girls are almost minus clothing, but the modesty of most of them seems not affected. As the Pridden girl, scantily clad, told of her part in the affair, a cigarette rolled out on the floor from the bed on which she was sitting. About her other girls listened or took part in the conversation, some wearing only raincoats or a couple of pieces of clothing. Of the visitors they begged matches, cigarettes, magazines or stationery. One pulled out a copy of the Gospel according to St. John and reminded that they took time sometimes to read it.

Under the fatherly guidance of Jailer Austin Smith, the girls have learned to like the Robeson county jail and Lumberton. They prefer to remain here, many of them say, and would like to have Jailer Smith as their keeper always. Carefree and happy most of them seem to be, little realizing the seriousness of the offense with which they are charged. Asked what punishment they expect, most of them reply, "From three to five years in the pen."

Those held in jail here are Virginia Hayes, Leaksville, Marion Mercer, Ayden Wilma Owen, Waynesville Mary Lee Bronson, Rocky Mount Estelle Wilson, Lexington Thelma Council, Tarboro Allie Harding, Washington Margaret Abernathy, Kinston Losie Mull, Rutherford Bertha Hall, Norfolk, Va. Edna Clark, Halifax Deloris Sewell, Cove City; Pearl Stiles, Canton; Margaret Pridden, Wilmington; Choeil Stillwell, Kinston; Josephine French, Haw River.

To Nominate Aberdeen Mayor, Commissioners

Mass Meeting Called for Monday Night to Name Ticket for Election May 5

A mass meeting has been called for next Monday night, March 30th at 8 o'clock at the School Auditorium in Aberdeen for the purpose of nominating a ticket for Mayor and Commissioners of the Town of Aberdeen for the next two years. The election will be held on Tuesday, May 5th.

J. A. Lineberry has been appointed register for the election and registration books will be open at his store each Saturday until May 1st, Hardin Gunter, village clerk, announced yesterday.

Uniform Development of Sandhills Aim of Landowners in Enlisting Services of Warren H. Manning

Landscaping Authority To Chart Future Growth of Pinehurst-Knollwood-So. Pines Section

HAS PRELIMINARY SURVEY

By Bion H. Butler

The coming of Warren H. Manning to the Sandhills to undertake the work of planning the uniform development of the large area of ground between Pinehurst, Knollwood and Southern Pines is one of the great events of the year. This move awakens in me a most enthusiastic degree of optimism, for its significance is a breadth of vision that is of vital consequence to the Sandhills.

In the past much good work has been done in planning the scheme on which development could go forward, but some horrible examples of botchery have been allowed to slip through here and there that will leave stains on the community indefinitely. Olmstead started Pinehurst right. Manning later got a hand in and helped to continue the work on a basis reaching farther out. Yeomans added to Manning's work in the Southern Pines section and built a monument to his skill. Judge Way dropped into the neighborhood and added to his territory the benefit of his experience as a creator around Pittsburgh. Others have been joining in the movement, and now it is capped by the coming of Manning and a definite attempt to make use of his intelligence and experience in putting the whole Sandhills on a proper course.

This is said with due consideration, for while Manning's immediate work will be confined personally to the triangle between Pinehurst, Southern Pines and Knollwood, the enlightenment that will be shed in this work will influence the whole Sandhill region as far as the settlement of the community by Northern people is concerned. It will reach for miles into the surrounding region, for example is always infectious. Manning has begun to work for the whole community, although he is employed by a small group of leaders and will make his start on their acreage. The rest of the folks will follow by imitation, which is of great importance.

Work from Air Photos

For several years Francis Deaton, Rassic Wicker and James Swett in their surveys have been accumulating material which is now joining together in the production of one big and accurate map of the country that Manning will cover. This is the basis of his work. In the same period of time John Hemmer has been making photographs of the landscape from the air above, giving fair topographic and perspective views of the ground to be covered. Other air photographs made by others at times are also available, and Mr. Manning enters on his job with an abundance of information from which to begin to plan. Facts are in his hands from which to build on the most comprehensive basis, and he has been directed to prepare preliminary plans that may be elaborated to any extent as desired. He commenced his task by a rather careful reconnaissance of the lands of Judge Way and Donald Ross, two men who are familiar enough with outdoor engineering to have proper value of what Manning has on hand. With Rassic Wicker he has been following the surveys over wider area, and catching the idea on the ground. He will go back to his laboratory in Massachusetts and work out the projects and submit them to his clients, who are enthusiastic over what he is proposing, for they realize as he does that the future attractiveness of this section depends very largely on the way the fundamental plans are developed with regard to the harmony of the natural conditions.

No More Atrocities

Pennsylvania avenue has been extended from Southern Pines to the western boundary of the Fifteenth amendment, which on Christmas was the village of West Southern Pines, but it now, evidently, the second ward or something of Southern Pines.

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Exhibition Match

Misses Van Wie, Orcutt, Wall and Wattles to Play for Benefit of Hospital

Golf lovers have a treat in store for them tomorrow, Saturday afternoon, at 2 o'clock when four of the country's leading women golfers will tee off at the Southern Pines Country Club in an exhibition match for the benefit of the Moore County Hospital. The match is under the auspices of the Sandhills Activities.

In the foursome will be Miss Virginia Van Wie of Chicago, Miss Bernice Wall of Oshgosh, Wis., Miss Maureen Orcutt of New York and Miss Peggy Wattles of Buffalo.

Sandhills society girls will be on hand to accept donations for the hospital while you are following this fair and famous foursome about the links. There they are:

Misses Catherine Wiley, Dorothy Stutz, Lucille Mudgett, Emilie May

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HOUSE KILLS BILL FOR LICENSING OF AUTO OPERATION

Impassioned Plea of Representative Spence of No Avail to Curb Deaths

NO INCREASE IN PATROL

Despite a strong and impassioned plea by Moore county's representative, Union L. Spence of Carthage, the State Assembly on Monday voted down the bill to require operators of motor vehicles to be licensed by the state. The measure, which passed the Senate, was defeated in the lower house by 57 to 33 after an hour of debate. The bill was sponsored by the Carolina Motor Club and had the support of most of the state press, aroused by the growing automobile death rate in the state.

Wrote the correspondent of the Greensboro Daily News to his paper:

"Fear of any additions to the state highway patrol and inability to recover from the passionate assault of

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EXTEND SEASON THROUGH MAY, IS MOVE LAUNCHED

No Reason Why Sandhills Should Not Attract Visitors Over Longer Period

HOTELS MAY EXPERIMENT

One of the most important movements facing this section has been coming to the front in recent days, and shows signs of activity in time to be made effective for the spring. This is the lengthening of the season farther toward the summer months. The idea has been talked for a long time and occasional efforts to keep open longer have resulted in considerable success. The Carolina at Pinehurst a few years ago extended its days from October to May. Some of the Southern Pines hotels ventured on an all year program. Much talk has sprung up in many quarters. Now it seems that an attempt is to be made on a broader basis to put May, June and September, perhaps, on the resort dates in the Sandhills.

One of the proposals that is regarded as essential is to make the cottage leases expire in June or later, rather than May 1. Sam Richardson says fixing dates of lease expiration at May 1 is to serve notice on winter residents that May 1 closes up activities. He argues that that is a mistake, and advocates extending the lease period with the assurance that May and June are two of the most attractive months in the year in this part of the state. "Instead of shooting the people off home in four or five weeks by closing their houses we should encourage them to stay when everything is green and outdoor life shading into summer, for the North is far from cordiality to them when they go back up there until at least after Memorial day."

Frank Buchan mentions the excellent roads that put the North Carolina Sandhills within a day's drive from much of the North, with varied routes for coming and going, and pleasant weather for an outing of a few days or two or three weeks with fit conditions along the different roads for stopping at the many points of historic interest at a time when such points can be examined under the most enjoyable weather conditions, long days, warmth enough to make the out-door journey a continued joy, and room enough here to give everybody plenty of accommodation and attention.

Andrew Creamer at the Highland

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Broadacres Rescued By The Salvation Army For New Sandhill Sanitarium

Heads Horse Show



LEONARD TUFTS

HORSE SHOW WITH RECORD ENTRY TO OPEN ON TUESDAY

Golf's Threat For Sports Supremacy in Sandhills Has Inning Next Week

HOSPITAL TO BENEFIT

The horse, golf's threat for sports supremacy in the Sandhills, walks, trots and canters into the limelight next week. The 14th annual Pinehurst Horse Show opens on Tuesday morning.

The gaily hedecked showing has been ready for days, attracting notice of passersby with its festive new paint, its boxes, judges' stand, its carpet of green on which for two days next week the equestrian elite of this section will submit themselves to the skilled eye of well known judges, hoping for blue ribbons but satisfied with anything but the gate. The entry list is the largest in the 14 years history of local horse showdom. There will be more entries and more riders than ever. Trotters, hunters, jumpers, polo ponies and saddle horses will be on exhibition.

And as usual the occasion will be the society event of the winter. Boxes have all been sold. During the show, on both Tuesday and Wednesday, luncheon will be served from

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"Amateur Day" at Kiwanis Luncheon

Members Unaccustomed to Public Speaking Put on Interesting Program

Something happened at the weekly Kiwanis luncheon Wednesday. A member of the club who is editor of a newspaper in Aberdeen was supposed to provide a speaker for the day and failed to produce, so a catch-as-catch-can program was hatched up on the spur of the moment and those caught were three club members who are not in the habit of making speeches. Each crashed through brilliantly.

John Hemmer, news photographer par excellence, after his blushing surprise at being called upon, told how today's Sandhills photographs are able to appear in tomorrow's New York, Chicago and Boston papers, and recounted some of his experience in scoring "beats" for his papers. Pete Pender told of his recent trip to Yucatan and Mexico, painting a colorful picture of the scenes and conditions he found there. Sheriff Charlie McDonald told why Moore county has no crime wave. The program wound up with a soprano solo by the aforementioned editor whose singing is about on a par with his editing. No better and no worse.

Dr. J. Rush Shull Acquires 5,000-Acre Tract for Home For Convalescents

BEGIN WORK AT ONCE

After owning the 5,000-acre tract of Broadacres near Hoffman, for about a week the Salvation Army furnishes another sensation by selling the big property to Dr. J. Rush Shull and wife, Mrs. Eulah Haynes Shull, a transaction that begins the creation of a big sanatorium and recuperative establishment in the Sandhills. Shull is one of the foremost specialists and research men in North Carolina, with a prominent institution in Charlotte where he is recognized as one of the leading physicians of the South. Mrs. Shull is of the Cliffside family of Haynes, those manufacturers who have made that section one of the big industrial spots of the South. Their mill interests are big among the cotton industries of the country.

Dr. Shull, who has a large practice all over the state, is well acquainted with the Sandhills country, and for some time he has been watching this section. With some other associates he has developed plans for establishing at Broadacres an institution which they believe has advantages possessed by hardly anything else in the United States. The peculiar softness of the air, partly because of the sandy soil which absorbs surplus moisture and which exercises an influence on the temperature at all seasons, the purity of the atmosphere which is uncontaminated by industrial surroundings that could be objectionable, the character of the water supply, the favorable altitude, the ease of access by the main line of the Seaboard railroad and by Highway No. 1 of the Federal system, as well as many other features, have appealed to the doctors. The new institution will not be for tubercular cases, but for convalescents, restoration of tired nerves and ailments that require rest and care. It will be in line with the big scheme of play and rest that characterizes the Sandhills resorts.

\$500,000 Deal

Dr. Shull has been giving some time to looking over the Sandhills with the intention of establishing such an institution, and when he found that a tract of over 5,000 acres was to be had in the favorable location Broadacres occupies he lost no time in closing the deal. This suits the Salvation Army, as the doctor had in Washington some property which has been taken by the Army and it will be made to serve the purpose of barracks and retreats that the organization is constantly needing in that big city. Both are better served by the transaction. The price involved as near as The Pilot can gather is approximately half a million dollars.

Work will begin next week to carry out the plans. For the start the big manor house on the place will be remodeled so that it can be occupied by the sanatorium as quickly as possible. The other buildings will be overhauled and adapted for their purposes, and thus a nucleus for the new institution will be provided while the more elaborate plans are maturing and in process. New roads from the Federal highway will be built into the important points about the property, and minor details will receive attention. Meanwhile plans will be outlined for the bigger institution that is to follow as fast as it can be created. It is evident that things are to move around Hoffman this summer, and that this big sale means a lot in every way to the Sandhills as a factor in North Carolina progress and usefulness.

The House of Representatives at Raleigh accepted the general sales tax of the revenue bill last night by a vote of 54 to 58.

The vote came at 10:10 o'clock after nearly 12 hours debate on the sales tax question, during which the Hinsdale luxury tax plan was rejected by a 48 to 60 vote.