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Ark School Closes Successful Season

High Scholastic Standards Maintained by Pupils of Mrs. Hayes

After its most successful season, The Ark school at Southern Pines closed last Friday, May 15th. This school, the outgrowth of a small tutoring school formerly housed on the James Boyd estate, has had a rapid growth since moving into its new home on the corner of Bethesda Road and Indiana avenue, and has proven a valuable asset to the community. Many parents, desiring to educate their children in a private institution, have been able to spend the entire winter here as a result of the establishment of the school.

During the past year, every possible educational measurement was taken throughout the school. Every pupil more than attained the average requirements, and the majority were up to and above the standards of the Boston Private School Association. This is very gratifying to those who sponsored the school and to parents of pupils, proving the institution on a high scholastic level. The spirit of the school has been one of exceptional happiness and friendliness, and much credit is due the members of the faculty, headed by Mrs. Millicent A. Hayes, the principal. It has been Mrs. Hayes' aim to create a family atmosphere about the school, and this is said to have been ably accomplished.

Monday was a busy day for the Pinehurst Fire Department. The school at Taylortown suffered heavy loss by fire, and the department had no sooner returned from this blaze than it was called back to the colored settlement to extinguish a house fire. It wound up its day by journeying to Southern Pines to fight the big Southern Pines Hotel blaze until late into the night.

HOTEL BUILT IN 1884 BY LATE FRANK PAGE

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became one of the evangelistic singers of his day, Jo Allen and Dave Berkeley would gather in Dailey's shop, and with three fiddles and a cornet, make the little town gather around the door to listen to the free recital of the ancient classics. Green was a friendly chap, and with Clarke to help along with the hilarity in the budding village of Southern Pines they were a captivating team.

Past Management

The old crowd have all answered "Here" to the final summons. Nearly half a century has worked its havoc on the guests of those almost forgotten days. New management came L. T. Smith, one of the settlers in the neighborhood, succeeded to the direction of the institution. By and by came W. F. Giles, who had become somewhat acquainted with hotel work in the community, an excellent fellow, of not robust health. He made the place more widely known as the community grew. Following came D. F. McAdams and wife, formerly Mrs. Giles, and McAdams and his wife held the house in the front rank long enough that a fair number of folks now living here still remember them. The Pottles had the house a while, and then the Harringtons came on the scene. Under the Harrington management the house was expanded and brought up to the modern state that growing conditions and modern invention made necessary, and it was made an all-year hotel with a steadily increasing business and a highly promising future as a useful factor in caring for the visitors to the neighborhood. Frank Harrington proved a success as a capable hotel man and as a member of the growing village organization, and it is the expectation that this fire has not knocked him out.

Fires have played an unkindly game with the hotels of Southern Pines. Nearly thirty years ago Capt. Clarke built one of the most eccentric hotels the world ever saw. It stood about where Montesanti's house now is. It was started like Brigham Young's house in Salt Lake, a small structure to suit the time. When a Mormon married they used to say out in Utah that he built an addition to his original house, and the number of wings and additions told fairly the number of wives. Clarke added to his hotel, here and there, alongside, behind, down cellar, by an extension to the roof, until he had a contrivance that old Isaac Graham one day said could be worshipped without violating that commandment which says thou shalt not make unto thee any likeness of anything that is in the earth beneath or in the heaven above or worship it. The Alpha was not like anything else and if Clarke worshipped it, as he did to some extent, he is probably absolved from any religious offense. One day the Alpha burned down—a roomy structure, interesting in the extreme, and a jolly place to light and tie. The old captain knew a few things about that little game he picked up in the army where they discuss pairs and straights and other mythology. It is said his knowledge of these mystics helped him some to finance his house. If that be the case those who contributed figured that in the entertainment they got the worth of their money.

Piney Woods Burns

John T. Patrick, as the town grew, saw the need of another hotel, and he built what for that day was a fine tavern, the Piney Woods. It made a reputation for itself. Charlie St. John carried on there for a number of years, a genial landlord, and he handled a satisfactory patronage. One windy day fire touched it off, and its destruction was a sorrowful date, for Southern Pines had grown to depend on the advanced service the Pineywoods afforded, and fear was expressed for the future of the village. But then came a few aggressive folks in the town, including the backing of John Boyd and his associates, and the Highland Pines with Creamer & Turner was the result.

Almost opposite the Alpha hotel the Prospect House stood forty years and more ago, with an annex, the Pineshire, farther down Pennsylvania avenue. Fire got both of these, as it did the hotel operated by Mrs. Perkins on Broad street where Grey's store now stands. Mrs. Perkins was an unique hustler, and she had a wide influence in the town. Before her the house had been operated by Mrs. Drew and before her by Mr. Leak, of Pittsburgh. It went in the big fire a few years ago that swept from the Broad Street Pharmacy corner up to the Hayes building, the worst fire the town has known. The Southland, another of the Harrington hotels in Southern Pines, grew out of the ancient Ozone, thirty years ago a prominent place, and which has lost its identity as the Ozone by outgrowing into something much larger. Other

Theatre

"Young Sinners," heralded in previews as one of the most entertaining Fox dramas yet to reach the talking screen, will be the attraction at the Southern Pines Theatre this Thursday, Friday and Saturday with a Saturday matinee.

The ever-popular Thomas Meighan returns to the screen in this picture and portrays the important role of the robust trainer, who, at his camp in the Adirondack mountains, essays the moral and physical reformation of the wilful son of a multi-millionaire. How he accomplishes his object and how he is unwittingly aided by the girl who loves his charge, forms the basis of the intriguing story. The romantic roles are enacted by Hardie Albright, brilliant young stage actor who makes his screen bow in this production, and Dorothy Jordan, popular as well as beautiful screen actress. These personalities are reinforced by Cecelia Loftus, James Kirkwood and Edmund Breese. "Young Sinners" is adapted from the Elmer Harris sensational stage play which had such a long run in New York.

An intensely human and moving mother-love and triangle drama with strong feminine appeal is the adaptation of the famous Charles G. Norris novel, "Seed," which comes to the Southern Pines Theatre, Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday with a Tuesday matinee. "Seed" is likely to end up among "the ten best" pictures of the current year. After the avalanche of gangster pictures it strikes a refreshing and wholesome note. It is distinctly a serious and thoughtful presentation of some of the major problems of marriage, children and family life and it deserves respect and attention as such. There should be room for this type of picture—the daily bread, if you will—if the cinema is to live up to its responsibilities not only as entertainment, but also as one of the dominant influences upon the every-day life of untold millions. A notable cast has been assembled for this special production, including Lois Wilson, John Boles, Genevieve Tobin, Richard Tucker, Raymond Hackett, ZaSu Pitts, Bette Davis and Francis Dade and the Cox Twins, the Willis Twins, Dicky Moore and Dick Winslow.

MEN'S BIBLE CLASS HOST TO WOMEN AT FISH FRY

The Tyler Campbell Young Men's Bible Class of the Aberdeen Presbyterian Church entertained Mrs. J. H. Suttentfield's class of women at a most enjoyable fish fry on Tuesday night of this week at J. Talbot Johnson's. The program for the evening was most interesting with Bobby Page playing his guitar and singing and Donald Maurer and Dickie Johnson playing banjos. Everyone present pronounced the fish fry a most delightful occasion.

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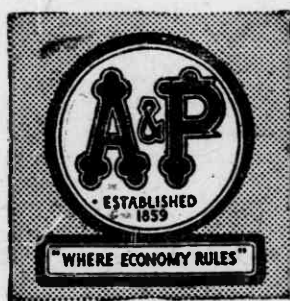
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