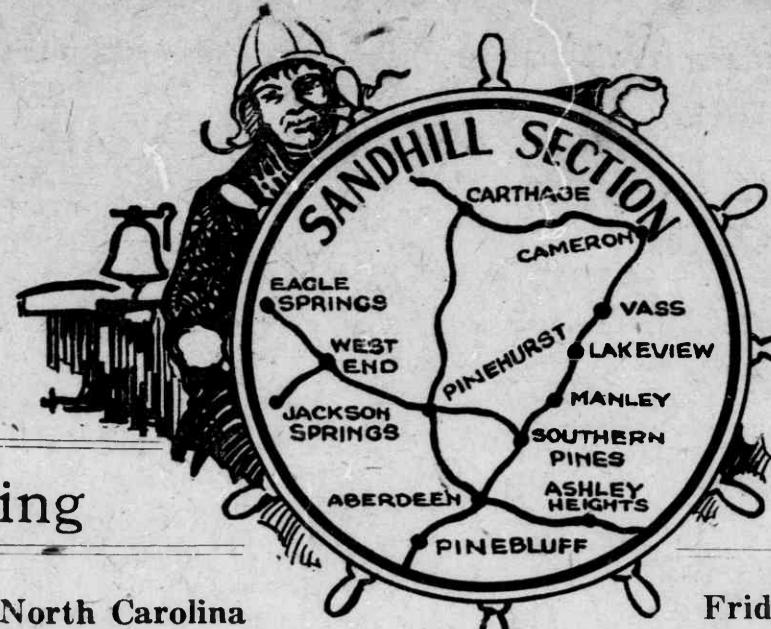


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KIWANIS HERE FOR CONVENTION OF 2 CAROLINAS

Governors Gardner and Blackwood Speakers at Annual Banquet at Carolina Hotel

BOXING BOUTS FEATURE

The 11th annual convention of the Carolinas Kiwanis district opened Wednesday at the Carolina Hotel, Pinehurst, with the Kiwanis Club of Aberdeen as host. More than 200 delegates, members and guests, including many wives of members had registered up to noon yesterday, and many more were expected before nightfall when the annual banquet, with the governors of North and South Carolina as honor guests, was scheduled.

Wednesday afternoon was given over to the annual district golf tournament, and that evening a large number enjoyed the Get-Together party and dance in the ballroom of the Carolina. A colored orchestra from Eagles Springs neighborhood, with a retinue of 50 colored folks "for inspiration," furnished the music and entertainment. Frank Buchan gave his negro sermon, and a good time was had by all.

Yesterday, Thursday, morning was given over to meetings of various groups and committees, and the annual luncheon followed with Russell S. Perkins of Petersburg, Va., international trustee, and Franklin S. Kean, of the international field service department, as the speakers. Mr. Perkins stressed the year's aims of Kiwanis under five headings: 1, Underprivileged child work; 2, Intelligent, serviceable citizenship; 3, Development of a more mutual understanding between the farmer and the city man; 4, Vocational guidance, a vital need of the age; 5, Work among boys and girls. He also outlined the administration policies of Kiwanis International for the year.

Franklin Kean gave a stirring address as to the value of Kiwanis and other service clubs in this time of national stress, and told of the work Kiwanis was doing to keep alive the spark of service throughout the United States and Canada. He complimented the Kiwanis clubs of the two Carolinas for the splendid work which they have been doing in various construction lines during the past two years.

The president of the Kiwanis Club of Aberdeen, Richard Tufts, presided at the luncheon, and the governor of the Carolinas district, Tom Pruitt of Hickory, introduced the speakers.

Following the luncheon the Kiwanians went to the Country Club to witness an archery exhibition by Russ M. Hoogerhyde of Kansas City, national champion, and on to the race track for a guard mount and military band concert by troops from Fort Bragg. This and the boxing bouts which followed were open to the public and a large crowd took advantage of the big event and the perfect weather to gather about the ring-side. The results of the three bouts, put on by soldiers from Fort Bragg, will be announced in The Pilot next week.

The annual banquet last evening was addressed by Governor O. Max Gardner of North Carolina, Governor I. C. Blackwood of South Carolina and General Manus McCloskey, commanding officer at Fort Bragg. Governor Tom Pruitt presided. The annual ball followed at the Pinehurst Country Club, and proved one of the gayest occasions in the club's history.

ANNUAL HARVEST BALL NEXT FRIDAY, OCTOBER 30

There's no sign of depression in the interest manifest in the forthcoming Harvest Ball, according to Jerry Healy and Charlie Picquet, who are in charge of arrangements. The response to the invitations sent out recently has been "up to par" and a large number of tickets have already been sold to the invited guests. The ball will be held, as usual, at the Pinehurst Country Club, next Friday night, October 30th, with a Hallo-ween setting and music from Jelly Leftwich's Duke University orchestra.

County Commissioners to Consider Unemployment at Next Meeting

Kiwanis Speaker



GOV. O. MAX GARDNER

GOOD PRICES HOLD UP ON ABERDEEN TOBACCO MARKET

Warehouses Report Another Good Week with High Averages and Good Volume

TOP SALE YESTERDAY \$29.

Another good week, is the report from the Aberdeen tobacco market. Averages well above markets elsewhere and well above the State average, established during the two previous weeks, held up, and both local warehouses were optimistic over the prospects for the balance of the season. Farmers who brought in good tobacco were well pleased at the results of their sales.

Kitchen & Lockleen of Rennert sold 1,030 pounds on the floor of the Sandhill Warehouse yesterday at an average price of \$29.10; W. A. Rosey of Pinehurst reported a sale of 564 pounds at an average of \$24.87, and Hardister & Sinclair sold 664 pounds at the Sandhill Warehouse at a \$25.85 average.

The Aberdeen Warehouse also reported some good sales, among them those of Walker, Hickman & Co., of Pineview at an average of \$21.81; Ed Byrd of Cumberland county, \$18.73; Horn & Roberson of Cedar Creek, \$18.30; Lintz & Talbreth of Cedar Creek, \$16.24; Jessup & Carter, Cedar Creek, \$26.28, and Jessup & Murray of Cedar Creek, \$23.10.

Sam Lacks Hurt in Automobile Upset

Veteran Doorman at Carolina Suffers Broken Leg On Way South From Lenox

Sam Lacks, veteran doorman at the Carolina Hotel in Pinehurst, suffered serious injury in an automobile accident which occurred as he was driving into Henderson on his return here from Lenox, Mass., the latter part of last week.

In swerving his car to avoid being hit by a reckless driver, it overturned, causing a broken leg and a very painful injury to one shoulder. He was rushed to a Henderson hospital where he received treatment until Wednesday of this week when he was removed to the Moore County Hospital.

KIWANIANS CHARTER PLANE AND FLY TO PINEHURST

Twelve members of the Kinston Kiwanis Club arrived at the Knollwood Airport yesterday by airplane to attend the annual convention of the Carolinas district, Kiwanis clubs. They had chartered a large plane to bring them to Pinehurst.

To Discuss Advisability of Administering Needed Relief As Public Measure

Chairman Wilbur Currie, of the Board of County Commissioners of Moore, attended the gathering called in Raleigh last week by Governor Gardner to discuss plans for relief of the needy during the winter. At the regular meeting of the board on Monday, November 2, Mr. Currie expects to place before the board the subject with such recommendations as he may have, and it is the expectation that the November meeting will be one of unusual importance, for this question is approached by different individuals from different angles.

It has been suggested that the county take up the matter as a public measure, provide a county officer to investigate and administer the work, appropriate county funds, and prepare to pay out money and to extend relief from county resources in a general way. This idea will be opposed by others who will advocate a local relief organization with private contributions for relief, and if the talk that is heard here and there over the county is focused on the meeting of the commissioners it looks as if the question of taxes and the distribution of tax money collected from many who will claim relief for themselves, will be a phase of the discussion. Nobody seems able to forecast the outcome of the several tax sales that are scheduled between now and the period not long after the meeting. On the day when the commissioners are endeavoring to devise some plan to care for the needy the tax sales will be in progress on the front porch of the court house under the window of the board. The failure of some 2,000 persons to be able to meet their tax payments will be handing over the commissioners in their session. The relief downstairs will be as much sought as the relief upstairs where the plans for the immediately needy are under discussion.

Those most familiar with the situation over the county say the need for help this winter will be greater than last year. But different reports come to The Pilot office. One that is most encouraging is that food crops were never more abundant in the county than this year. Also comes the story that is believable, that here and there in the corn fields and in the pea fields visitors are dropping in at night to help to harvest the crops. As one farmer remarked, "I am not kicking any about this, as I have expected to contribute as much as I can, and if a man in pressing need happens to come along and help himself without bothering me I don't know as much harm is done."

Plans For Relief

Probably more talk is going to be heard about the relief schemes than about anything else in this section in the next few weeks. Many propositions are certain to be made, some tolerably wise, some wholly impossible, some comprehensive and some restricted to be of much use. The methods followed last winter when the various communities found some employment for a considerable number of persons, and the outright gifts

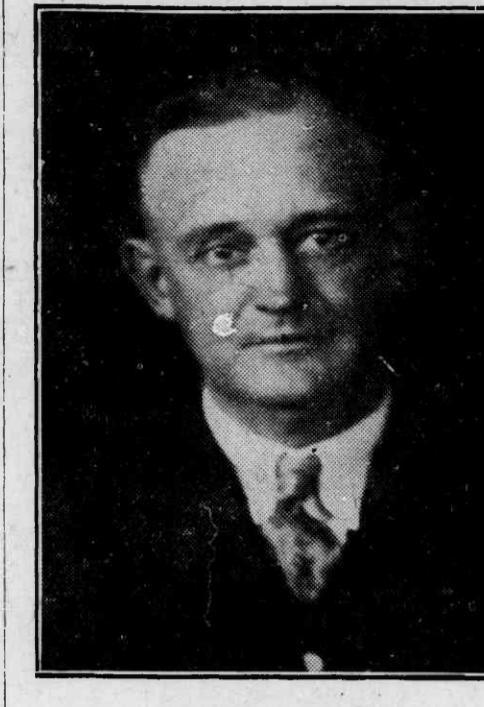
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Tuft's 1st, Pruitt Last in Kiwanis Tourney

President of Local Club and Governor of Carolinas District "Only" 50 Strokes Apart

The president of the Kiwanis Club of Aberdeen was first and the governor of the Carolinas district of Kiwanis clubs last in the golf tournament held Wednesday in connection with the annual convention of the Carolinas district. Richard Tufts of Pinehurst won the tournament with a gross 74, while Tom Pruitt, of Hickory, took about 50 strokes more to negotiate the championship No. 2 course at Pinehurst.

The Aberdeen club won the team match, with the following representing the club: Tufts, Herbert Vail, Dr. E. M. Medlin and A. P. Thompson.



B. H. BEASLEY

Chief of Police Beasley Shot and Killed by Negro He Was Trying to Befriend

Everett McLean Commits Suicide in Cell at Durham After Causing Death of Policeman and Own Sister

McLEAN'S WIFE IN HOSPITAL

A martyr to public duty, Benjamin Harvey Beasley is dead. Dead at the hand of a colored assassin fearful of taking his punishment for a crime for which Beasley, Chief of Police of Southern Pines, had arrested him.

Shot down in cold blood while supposedly on a mission of mercy. Shot without a chance to defend himself, like his predecessor, Chief Kelly.

Beasley, popular head of the police force in Southern Pines, an officer in whom the public had the utmost confidence, accompanied Everett McLean, 28-year old negro; his ex-wife, the former Pearl Gilchrist; their small child; McLean's sister Georgia, and a friend, Junius Austin, to Boydton, Virginia on Tuesday. In July McLean and Pearl had quarreled, and McLean had thrown her from a bridge over the Roanoke River near Boydton and left her for dead. She landed, however, on a small shoal from which she was rescued.

On Errand of Friendship

There is evidence that a reconciliation between the pair had been effected, and that the trip to Boydton was for the purpose of requesting a dismissal of the charge of attempted murder which stood against McLean, and his release from the \$5,000 bail under which he was temporarily released. To strengthen the petition to the Boydton authorities, the McLeans had apparently asked Chief Beasley to accompany them. It was Beasley who had arrested McLean on the charge.

The section of U. S. Highway No. 1 through Moore county is said to be the poorest stretch of that Maine to Florida road over its entire mileage. About a year ago a contract was let for rebuilding the stretch between Aberdeen and Rockingham, or at least a part of that stretch, but the contract was later cancelled. This road is now in anything but first class condition, and is said to be rapidly deteriorating. There are other stretches of Federal Aid roads in the county badly in need of attention, and with \$2,500,000 coming to the State, which must be matched by an equal amount from the State highway funds, it is felt here that Moore county should have its fair share of improvement.

That N. C. Route 50, which is U. S. 1, should be completely paved across the state is conceded, as this route carries a major part of north-south winter travel and is, or should be, an important State adjunct.

To See Jeffress

Mayor D. G. Stutz, Dr. William C. Mudgett and Nelson C. Hyde were named a committee to wait on State Highway Chairman E. B. Jeffress at Raleigh at an early date with the purpose in view of finding out if there is any reason why Moore county should not have some attention in the next letting of highway contracts, and if there is any reason why U. S. No. 1 should not be completed as a concrete highway North Carolina.

The question of new signs at the entrances to Southern Pines from the north and south was further discussed at Tuesday's meeting, but no further action taken. It is understood that a committee of business men is now soliciting the business firms of the town for funds necessary to erect signs about 10 feet by 50 feet at the city limits, to do away with the possibility of motorists driving through the town without knowing they are in it, a complaint registered by some of the business and hotel men two weeks ago when the matter first came up.

Mayor Stutz announced at the meeting that the city administration proposed to paint signs across the highway similar to those in Aberdeen which he believed would serve the purpose desired by those sponsoring the big new signboards. These will show motorists when they reach the city limits, warn them to slow down for the public school, and show by arrows the way to the business section.

Wife in Hospital

Beasley's mission of kindness was over. The Chief was dead, the man he had attempted to befriend was dead, the man's sister was dead. Pearl Gilchrist, who had escaped death at her former husband's hands by the narrowest of margins once before, was in Durham hospital with a bullet in her shoulder. The baby had been deserted in McLean's dash for liberty. The friend, Junius Austin, was behind the bars, held as witness or accomplice.

The body of Chief of Police Beasley was brought back to Southern Pines Wednesday afternoon and taken to the Powell undertakers. The funeral, one of the largest ever held in Southern Pines, was conducted by the Rev. J. Fred Stimson at the Baptist church yesterday afternoon at 3 o'clock. Burial will take place today at Portsmouth, Va.

Mr. Beasley leaves a wife and one daughter, Virginia, 16 years old. His father, David B. Beasley of Clayton, and a brother, James E. Beasley of Norfolk, Virginia, were here for the funeral. Three other brothers survive, William, Alex and John. A. R. Hollins, a brother-in-law, also attended the services.

Out of respect to the deceased, Southern Pines stores closed during the funeral services.

On Force About 4 Years

Benjamin Harvey Beasley was 53 years old. He came to Southern Pines from Norfolk about four years ago to serve as night patrolman under Chief of Police Joseph Kelly. Chief Kelly was shot in cold blood at noon on March 20th, 1929 at the corner of Massachusetts avenue and May street, Southern Pines, while on duty safeguarding school children from traffic at that point. He had intercepted a car for a minor traffic violation, found the car full of suspicious looking articles, and was questioning the driver when he was shot down. Granville A. Dietz, a Virginian wanted on burglary charges, was arrested later for the murder, tried, convicted in State's prison. He had served but a few months on the prison farm at Caledonia when he escaped, and he is still at large. Chief Beasley had played an important part in his capture before the Carthage trial. After Kelly's death he was made Chief of Police, and had proved a fearless and efficient officer.

Southern Pines has suffered a great loss, its citizens a sincere friend and protector.

Pinehurst Season On, Tennis Stars Coming

Annual Mid-South Tourney Starts Monday with Good Entry—Carolina Opens

With the opening of the Carolina hotel on Monday, and the first round of the eighth annual Mid-South Tennis Tournament the same day, the winter season gets under way at Pinehurst next week. With the exception of Sam Lacks, veteran Carolina doorman and general utility man, everything is ready. Sam broke his leg in an automobile accident on his way down from the north. Herbert Vail, once a tennis star himself and still able to swing a wicked racket, reports a good entry list for the Mid-South. Most of the South's tennis talent will be here, and there is a sprinkling of local talent among the entry. Men's singles, women's singles, men's doubles and mixed doubles will be played, for sterling trophies. The first golf tournament of the winter season comes the following week, the 27th annual Autumn Tournament.

Shops are opening up in Pinehurst's downtown section, Charlie Picquet's Carolina theatre opens Monday, November 2d, and everything's set for a gala winter.

RETURNS FROM TEXAS

Dr. Walter G. McLeod and his wife, Dr. Vida C. McLeod, have returned to Southern Pines after spending the summer in Texas.