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SENTIMENT FOR NEW FORT BRAGG ROAD DEVELOPS

Proposed Scenic Highway From Sandhills Referred to Division Engineer by Jeffress

WOULD AID UNEMPLOYED

Considerable sentiment is developing throughout the Sandhills section for the improving by the State of the proposed scenic highway leading from U. S. Highway No. 1 to Fort Bragg through the Sweetheart Lake country and past the Rockefeller estate. In response to a petition sent to the State Highway Commission, E. B. Jeffress, chairman, has advised interested parties here that he has referred the matter to Mr. Morson, chief engineer of this division, with headquarters at Fayetteville, and a delegation recently waited on Mr. Morson urging him to make the new highway a part of his next building program. It has been urged that the road be put in line for early construction as an aid to unemployment in this section, and that it be built under government specification in order that Federal aid funds be available.

The proposed route for the double road carries it from U. S. No. 1 between Manley and Lakeview through the former Edgemore Heights land, now owned by a syndicate and used for hunting purposes, across the Lake Dunlop hunting preserve of some 6,600 acres, then through the Allen property of 12,000 acres, the Uphurch lands of 4,000 acres and a part of the 45,000-acre Percy A. Rockefeller estate into Fort Bragg.

Farmers Interested

Farmers are particularly interested in the new road as it would open up a wider market for their produce. Three days a week a curb market is held at Fort Bragg where a place is set aside for the growers to display what they have to offer.

Another important feature is the making available to the resort section of the huge government reservation and artillery encampment as an added attraction. The present route to the Fort is, if good roads are followed, a circuitous one involving more mileage than the average sightseer in the Sandhills desires for an afternoon's run. The distance would be greatly cut down by the proposed road, and run through a picturesque section. There is a road much of the way now, but it is almost impassable.

360 Persons Fed by Unemployment Body

Donations of \$1,100 Have Made Steady Jobs Possible for Sixty Men

Without a fund-raising campaign, people of Southern Pines and vicinity have given \$1,100 toward the work of the Unemployment Relief committee to keep 60 men at work on a part time schedule. Thirty men are on the job all the time, but alternate with another thirty so that sixty get half a week's work regularly. Assuming an average of six in a family, this work is feeding 360 persons regularly.

"The people of Southern Pines and the winter visitors never fail to contribute to any worthy cause, and without urging have been generous in their support this winter," Chairman Buchan of the committee said yesterday. "There is much to be done yet, and others desiring to contribute may send checks to George W. Case, Treasurer," Mr. Buchan said. Among contributors to date are: Dr. E. Lewis Prizels, M. G. Nichols, John Jayme, Mrs. Harry Vale, Martha M. Emley, Miss Margaret Bishop, David S. Packard, Francis H. Robinson, Louise Birt Baynes, Anonymous, Rev. and Mrs. Wm. E. McCord, A. B. Yeomans, Dr. J. S. Milliken, Miss Gussie Cameron, Kiwanis Club, Christian Science Church, Food Matinee, by Charles Picquet, Evelyn J. Barton, S. B. Richardson, Collection at Country Club golf match, Rev. Marcus A. Bownson, Sale of lumber, donated by Charles Picquet, Benefit Dance, C. W. Barton, Wm. T. Shedd, Geo. R. Witte and Mrs. Elizabeth S. Howard.

Editor Finds Lesson for Today in Letter Describing Visit to Emerson

Mr. Butler Bases Kiwanis Talk on Simple Life of the Great as Found by Merchant

Bion H. Butler as speaker at the Kiwanis Luncheon on Wednesday told the Kiwanians an appealing story of a man who saw something better and more interesting in life than chasing the almighty dollar. Here is the story as Mr. Butler told it.

When Frank Buchan called to me Monday night to ask me to talk to the Kiwanis club I was reading an old letter. It was from a man I know only in a bookish way. He was a merchant in an interior New York city. One August Sunday in 1878 he wrote to his sister of a visit to Boston. After finishing his business there he went with a friend to Concord and to the home of Emerson where he was "cordially received by the sweetest faced, most spiritual looking, pleasant, smiling old gentleman of 75 that ever lived." Emerson's home under the shade of gigantic elms, out almost in the country, a plain old fashioned farm house to the west, a meadow and men haying. The letter tells of a discussion with Emerson, of books and friends and surroundings. From there he drifted to a public library where he encountered "a fine stately old gentleman," who introduced himself and proved to be Bronson Alcott, famous for his conversation, his books and his daughter Louisa May. Alcott showed him manuscript volumes of Emerson, Lowell, Holmes, Thoreau, Longfellow and others. And the letter continues: "It did me good to go there and see how indifferent real men, men of birth, men of wealth, men of culture and even of fame, are or may

Napoleon's Coach

Miniature Replica of Famous Vehicle on Exhibit at Pinehurst Shop

At the Village Court showroom of the Pinehurst Warehouses in Pinehurst in a novel exhibit, a copy of the coach used by Napoleon in the height of his fame. It was made by Marcus Andrews, a 16-year old of Mt. Gilead, and exhibited in a competition in Detroit arranged by the Fisher Body Company, makers of automobile bodies. The boy won the first prize for North Carolina, which brought to him a sum of money and a free trip to Detroit. He put in almost 1,500 hours of work on the miniature coach. In the contest were 204.

be to all this ostentatious display of wealth, show, style, dress—everything that most people with us work for—struggle for—and usually die for. There they live in their plain old-fashioned houses in a quiet, simple, happy way. It seemed an ideal life in which with work were mingled rest and repose for body, mind and soul, and I came away feeling to thank God that there was something in this world and to this life beside the turmoil of trade and the rush after the mighty dollar. I have since been more contented with my own work and home, and am not near so anxious as I have been to get into a finer house."

This letter interested me particularly. (Please turn to page 5)

Farmer Asks Ralph Page Who Got Him in This Mess He's in, Anyhow?

"Things Ain't Turned Out the Way the Fellow That Loaned Money Told Me."

The Pilot is in receipt of the following communication:

Dear Mister Editor:

Being a farmer and being in the same fix as most farmers I want to write you regarding all what Mister Ralph Page had to say in your last Pilot. Well I must be that fellow Mister Page writes about all right because I still got some land and sure aint got any money and as I get what Mr. Page says he thinks I don't work hard enough. At least I don't know about car loadings and prognosticators and symposiums and milleniums but Mister Page says we farmers bought lots of things we didn't ought to have and then says we got to quit being foolish and get back to work or at least seems to me like that was what Mister Page says. Well I don't know Mister Page but I hear folks say he is a right smart financier and so I expect he ought to be able to tell us farmers what ails us. Maybe Mister Page is even smarter than the rest of these financiers and if so maybe he can tell me one thing I want to know.

Being just a farmer I never did try to figure things out much but I read all about what these fellows like bankers and lawyers and senators and such like men say about it all. Anyhow some time back I decided that folks must know all about where the money is coming from when they say we need new school buildings where my children can learn about things I never heard tell of and new roads so I can go places I don't care none about and a new court house for me to pay taxes in and whole lots of things I always done fine without before. Course I never did figure these folks meant for me to pay for all this but I guess they forgot to say about that part. Another thing folks all talked about was how everybody had ought to have a automobile and a radio and a peach orchard and electric lights and lots of things me and my father never even thought of. But my crops don't seem to make me money to buy all these fixings like most town folks have and everybody says I ought to have. Then some fellow fixes it up

so I can borrow money right easy on my farm and so it don't seem right I shouldn't fix myself up better. But somehow it ain't turned out just like everybody told me things was going to happen because cotton and tobacco aint bringing me money enough to pay fertilizer bills but even that aint nothing to what happened to peaches and for the life of me I can't figure out any sense to the reasons folks tell me.

Mister Page I never did see any of this prosperity folks talk about. I never did much want all these new fixings everybody used to say we farmers had ought to have. Anyhow I got lots of depression now and if you got any kind of a job for me these folks what fixed up my tax rate and sold me my mortgage and got me to plant peaches can help themselves to my farm. Mister Page I don't know what happened to make this depression and who got all the money before it happened and I don't care whether you tell me about that or not but what I want to know is why aint folks who do all this talking got more sense. I aint expecting to know much myself but somebody gave me a whole lot of ideas that aint done me any good even if other folks did get helped some and what I want to know Mister Page is who was it started us farmers off on all this foolishness.

—DOUGALL McDUNCAN.

FRANK McCLEUR, JR., JOINS JOHNSON & JOHNSON FIRM

Frank W. McCleaur, Jr., of Lexington, Virginia, has become affiliated with the law firm of Johnson & Johnson, Aberdeen, and moved to Aberdeen this week to take up his duties. J. Talbot Johnson, head of the firm, announces.

Mr. McCleaur is a graduate of Washington and Lee University, where he took an A. B. degree after four years of academic work, following this up with three years of law at the same university for an L. L. B. degree. He was graduated from the law school last June. Mr. McCleaur comes to the Sandhills with the highest of recommendations from his alma mater and his fellow townsmen in Lexington. He will make his home in Aberdeen.

A. B. YEOMANS NEW HEAD OF LIBRARY IN SOUTHERN PINES

Succeeds Struthers Burt, Re- signed.—Reports Show 10,000 Book Circulation During '31

NEW SECRETARY ELECTED

The annual meeting of the Southern Pines Library Association held Monday afternoon at the Civic Club, there were 197 members of the association in 1931, an attendance of over 7,000 and a circulation of over 10,000 during the year. There are 9,000 books on the shelves and 415 were added in 1931. Of these 228 were purchased and 187 donated.

The library is open each morning and afternoon throughout the winter season and every person is urged to become a member. Since December 11th, Mrs. James Boyd has conducted a reading hour for girls on Friday afternoons, from 4 to 5 o'clock. These have been well attended.

Following the reading of reports, the officers and trustees for 1932 were elected. Struthers Burt, who has most ably served as president, declined to be re-elected, and Howard Burns, who carries the weight of more organizations upon his shoulders than any man in town, felt that he must resign as secretary. The following officers were elected: President, A. B. Yeomans; 1st. Vice President, Augustine Healy; 2nd Vice President, E. C. Stevens; 3rd. Vice President, Struthers Burt; secretary, George P. Hardson, treasurer, Mrs. John K. Walker.

Mrs. Harry Vale, Nelson C. Hyde, Mrs. James Boyd and Mrs. Edmund Pavenstedt were elected as trustees to serve three years. Mrs. M. A. Hayes and the Rev. Fred Stinson were elected to finish the terms of Miss Ethel Jones and M. G. Nichols, whose resignations had been regretfully accepted by Mr. Burt. Mrs. C. R. Whitaker, Miss Anna Jenks, Frank Gibbons, Miss Mary Schwyberg, Mrs. Walter Gilkyson and Mrs. James Swett remain on the board.

Mr. Yeomans addressed a few well chosen words to the association, urging the members to renew their efforts to make the library a factor in the community. Several interesting features were mentioned as means of raising funds. The standing committees were appointed for 1932 and the meeting adjourned for another year.

Legion Starts Year in Blaze of Glory

Enthusiastic Meeting of Sand- hill Post Held Wednesday at Civic Club

Sandhill Post No. 134, American Legion, held its first meeting of 1932 at the Civic Club, Southern Pines, Wednesday evening with Commander O'Callaghan in the chair and over forty legionnaires present.

Routine business included reports of committees, a discussion of Oratorical Contest plans and the passing of a resolution of thanks to the Sandhills newspapers for their generous allowance of space to Legion publicity.

The Legion membership drive has been extended to January 30 and all members were urged to go out for members, old and new.

Chaplain Stinson then introduced Miss Maidie Lee Wade, soloist at the Southern Pines Baptist church, who sang two solos in her usual charming manner. Her accompanist was Mrs. R. T. Mills. Then, with Miss Wade at the piano, the members of the post rendered the old war songs of 1918 with all the old "pep" of those days. As a compliment to a visiting Spanish War veteran, Franz Hugo Krebs, of New York, the legionnaires enthusiastically sang "On the Banks of the Wabash" and "A Hot Time in the Old Town" which were followed by interesting reminiscences of 1898 by Mr. Krebs.

Each post member was then asked to stand, give his name and war service connection, thus acquainting the

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Tune Station WPTF Will Broadcast the Story of Pinehurst On January 21

Station W. P. T. F. at Raleigh is broadcasting stories of the towns of North Carolina. On January 21 at 6:15 p. m. Pinehurst will be the subject of the talk. The series is offered under the name of "Carolina Echoes." It is informative with bits of history, incidents of development, features peculiar to the community under discussion, and such interesting phases of community life as are of value in any way. Other places in the state will be given attention from time to time.

AIRPORT HERE NOT PROPERLY MARKED LOST FLIERS STATE

No Direction Signs from Raleigh to Knollwood Responsible For Forced Landings

BEACON LIGHT NEEDED

Inadequate markers were largely responsible for the failure of so many aviators on the recent cruise here to make their destination, the Knollwood Airport, causing so many forced landings in the neighborhood of their goal, according to a number of the fliers. They stated that from Raleigh to Knollwood there is nothing for them to follow but the Seaboard tracks, and that the tracks lead into Southern Pines but not to the airport.

The need of a beacon light at the airport is pronounced. It is said that such a light, revolving, would have penetrated the mist that overhung the Sandhills the day the fliers came here and showed them the way to the port. The only marker at present is atop a garage in Southern Pines, indistinguishable on any but a clear day.

Southern Pines Chamber of Commerce directors at their meeting Tuesday discussed ways and means of providing better direction signs for Knollwood.

The lighting of the hotel signs at the north and south entrances to Southern Pines was also discussed at the meeting and bids are to be asked on spot lights to be thrown on these signs at night.

Complaint against the condition of the old Carthage road leading from the Pinehurst double road past the Judge Way greenhouses into West Southern Pines was also registered with the Chamber on Tuesday, and J. M. Windham named a committee of one to ascertain whether State or county is responsible for the upkeep of this thoroughfare.

Jackie Vetterlein, 9, Dies After Operation

Son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Vetterlein a Victim of Complica- tion of Diseases

Word was received in Southern Pines on Wednesday of the death of Jackie Vetterlein, nine-year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Vetterlein of Niagara, as the result of an operation performed at Ventnor, New Jersey.

Jackie has been ill for over two months with a complication of diseases. He suffered an attack of scarlet fever, and during this appendicitis developed. He also developed trouble in one ear which threatened mastoiditis. It has not been learned here whether the operation which resulted fatally was for the appendicitis or on the ear.

Jackie was in the third grade at the Southern Pines school, a lovable chap. The news of his going spread a pall of gloom over the many friends he had made in his school and the extensive acquaintanceship of Mr. and Mrs. Vetterlein throughout this section. The family went north just before Christmas. Besides his parents, Jackie leaves a younger brother, Pem, eight years old.

J. R. THOMAS, VASS FARMER, KILLED AS FLY WHEEL SNAPS

Body Pierced by Pieces of Steel From Wheel Used to Operate Saw

SISTER SEES ACCIDENT

J. R. "Dunk" Thomas, well known and highly respected farmer of Vass, was fatally injured just before noon Wednesday when he was struck by pieces of the fly wheel of a woodsaw which was running at a high rate of speed.

Charles Gschwind, a son-in-law of Mr. Thomas, Julius Simpson and Walter McNeill were helping Mr. Thomas saw wood at his home when the accident occurred. The woodsaw was geared to a Ford automobile and while it was running at full speed the fly wheel burst into several pieces. One piece passed through the body of Mr. Thomas and another ripped his right leg open almost the entire length. Medical aid was quickly summoned, but the injured man passed away within a few minutes, before being removed from the scene of the accident. Dr. Rosser had just administered first aid preparatory to removing him to a hospital when the accident. Miss Lucy Thomas, a sister was standing in the doorway and witnessed the accident. None of the other men was injured.

Funeral services were held at Ephesus church in Lee county at 4:30 o'clock Thursday afternoon, conducted by the Rev. Frank Hare, Baptist minister of Jonesboro.

Mr. Thomas was born January 29, 1870, the son of Mr. and Mrs. William Thomas of Montgomery county. In early manhood he was married to Miss Genettie Bean, also a native of Montgomery county, and to them eight children were born.

Mr. Thomas was a kind neighbor and a devoted husband and father. Especially beautiful was his affection for his little granddaughter, Elsie Mae Gschwind, who he took into his heart and home when she was left motherless at the age of one year. Six of the children preceded Mr. Thomas in death, Arthur, Daisy, Roy, Mrs. Mattie Henley, Mrs. Zelma Gschwind and Newton, who was killed in action in France during the World War. Surviving are the widow; one son, Ray Thomas of Fort Bragg; one daughter, Mrs. Floyd Keith of Aberdeen; two brothers, J. A. Thomas of Cameron and J. W. Thomas of Norman, and one sister, Miss Lucy Thomas of Cameron.

500 Persons Aided by Church Relief Body

Committee Helps Families of Men Out of Work, and Dona- tions Are Solicited

In order to clear up any misunderstanding, E. C. Stevens explained yesterday that the Church Relief Committee of Southern Pines attempts to aid the families, both white and colored, of those men out of work, destitute families in whose households where medical attention is urgently needed. This Church Committee does not attempt primarily to provide work for anyone, although, of course, it aids in this work in some slight degree; it feels that the Unemployment Committee is doing this work and doing it well.

Since November 20th, the date this work was started by the Church Committee, it has supplied with either food, clothes or medical attention, approximately 500 people up to January 10th. In figuring the approximate number of people supplied or helped, let us say that when a family of five is aided twice, we consider that ten people have been aided; when a family of 3 is aided three times, 9 people have been helped. Donations of food, clothing and money from church organizations and private individuals have been received. C. W. Picquet with his generous theatre benefit handed the committee a very substantial supply of food. We

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