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RECORD ENTRY FOR PINEHURST HORSE SHOW NEXT WEEK

Fifteenth Annual Event Attracts Mounts from North and South

MANY HUNTERS, JUMPERS

With horses entered from the south as far as Camden, S. C., and from the north as far as Millbrook, N. Y., the fifteenth annual Pinehurst Horse Show opens next Tuesday morning with every prospect of being the biggest and best in local history. Charles W. Picquet, show secretary, has been kept busy all week recording the entries in the various classes, taking orders for boxes and parking spaces, arranging all the last minute details attendant upon a successful event next Tuesday and Wednesday.

Entries were received Wednesday from Camden of two hunt teams, the hunt team class being one of the prettiest in any horse show. Word also came from Fort Bragg Wednesday that the pick of Uncle Sam's horses over there would be on hand to compete in all classes for which they are eligible. Some eight hunters from the Thorndale stables at Millbrook, N. Y., will appear in the hunting and jumping classes, among them one horse which has won more than sixty blues and championships in important shows throughout the country. The Thorndale stables is the property of Mrs. Lawrence B. Smith and Mrs. Landon K. Thorne. The Paddock stables, W. A. Laing, the Sedgfield Riding Academy at Greensboro, B. A. Tompkins of New York, Mrs. Theodore P. Grosvenor of New York and others have numerous entries in the hunter classes.

Ernest I. White of Syracuse, N. Y., Warner Baltazzi of New York and Aiken, S. C., and Gen. Manus McCloskey of Fort Bragg will be among the judges, all of whom assisted in the judging at last year's successful show here.

For Hospital Benefit

The social side of the annual Pinehurst show is always one of the pleasant features of the event. Luncheons will be served at the showing each day, for the benefit of the Moore County Hospital. Those in charge of this part of the program include Mrs. A. F. Popham, Pinehurst, chairman; Mrs. George Vail, Mrs. Herbert Vail, Mrs. Richard Tufts and Mrs. H. P. Hotchkiss, all of Pinehurst, Mrs. W. C. Mudgett and Mrs. M. G. Nichols of Southern Pines, Mrs. Henry A. Page, Jr., of Aberdeen and Mrs. E. Remington of Pinebluff.

Saddle horses, polo ponies, five-gaited horses, military mounts, ponies, hunters and jumpers will be seen in the ring the two days of the show. There will be classes both morning and afternoon on Tuesday and Wednesday. The show is under the auspices of the Pinehurst Jockey Club, of which Leonard Tufts is president. The executive committee comprises N. S. Hurd, chairman; Col. G. P. Hawes, Nelson C. Hyde, Richard Tufts and Charles W. Picquet. Augustine Healy will act as ringmaster and Col. Hawes as ring supervisor.

SEVEN PREACHERS AT UNION SERVICE TODAY

A Union Good Friday service will be held in Emmanuel Episcopal Church at Southern Pines at 12 o'clock noon today, Friday, to last until three o'clock. The service will be divided into seven parts, separated by hymns. Those who are unable to attend throughout are requested to enter and leave the church during the singing of the hymns.

The following clergymen will give addresses: The Revs. Murdoch McLeod, F. Craighill Brown, W. L. Jackson, F. C. Hawkins, T. A. Cheatham, Ernest L. Barber and J. Fred Stimson.

GIRLS ARE SHY

A check-up of the marriage register shows that to date a total of only eleven marriage licenses have been issued since the beginning of 1932. Of this number, three were for white couples and eight for colored.

Demands Salary from Chamber of Commerce For Hazardous Job of Directing Traffic

When Ma, Pa, Daughter and Dog Attack You For Telling Them They Can't Reach Richmond by Going South It's Time To Quit Thankless Task, Says Potts

(An Open Letter to the Southern Pines Chamber of Commerce from R. F. Potts, Editor of Baseball Magazine and a winter resident here.—Editor.)

I reside fifty feet from motor highway No. 1 within the limits of your city, and frequently I stand there watching the fortunate motorists pass by. Often I am called upon for traffic directions, etc.

Up to now I have performed this valuable service free from any expense to the city of Southern Pines, but I now demand a fixed salary for these good reasons.

The job has become not only thankless, but hazardous.

At 8:40 a. m. today, a big Packard bearing N. J. license slowed up and the gent at the wheel asked: "How far to Henderson, N. C., young fellow?" The "young fellow crack" stunned me for a split second and doubtlessly my reply was exasperatingly deliberate as I said "120 miles."

"Oh, No," came from the wife in rich furs seated beside father. "Go long, Henry," she said. "This buzzard doesn't know where Henderson is; he doesn't know he is alive."

"Well I have made the New York trip 30 times" I countered. "I guess I know where Henderson is."

"We've made the trip 50 times," said the Madame of the Furs, as she waved both hands disgustedly towards me. It was then two against me. In spite of her rude gestures, as yet she had not hissed nor actually made a pass at me. The dog, however, was ready to go into action when re-

strained by the pretty daughter, also in furs to her earrings.

Realizing it was no private fight, she got into it by yelling from the rear seat: "We have been on Route 1 and Route 50 for two hours and we want Henderson. We want breakfast in Henderson."

Father pipes up and says: "What town are we in now?"

"Southern Pines," I replied.

"Well, how far do you say it is to Henderson?" I said "It is 75 miles to Raleigh, and 40 miles more to Henderson."

"Raleigh? Raleigh? Why we left Raleigh two hours ago, before 7 o'clock, and we want breakfast in Henderson then Richmond, Washington and Philadelphia. We are going home from Florida."

"Well," I said, "you are on the right road and you have been on the right road for two hours, but you have been readed for Florida, and it is 120 miles back to Henderson."

Again, from the Storm and Strife: "Henry, darn you, Henry, I told you that you turned the wrong way around the Court House in Raleigh. You've been hitting 60 miles for the past two hours bound for Florida, and we've had no breakfast."

A Packard car; furs; Pekinese dogs; winter in Florida do not always count for complete happiness. As Henry was backing the car Yours Truly volunteered: "In your mood it will pay to drive carefully." The pretty one in the rear stuck her tongue out four inches. This is why I demand a salary henceforth.

STATE AGREES TO U. S. 1 AS OFFICIAL ROAD DESIGNATION

Will No Longer Be Known as "N. C. 50," Upon Request of Association

DR. MCBRAYER HONORED

North Carolina Route 50 is no more. At a joint meeting of officials of the U. S. Highway No. 1 Association of the south and the similar organization existing in Maryland and Pennsylvania, held Monday of this week at the Southern Pines Country Club, a resolution was adopted calling on the North Carolina Highway Commission to discontinue the practice of designating U. S. Highway No. 1 as "North Carolina 50." The following day H. I. Wilson of the Raleigh Chamber of Commerce and Raleigh Merchants Association, who attended the meeting here, waited on the highway board at Raleigh and was informed that the commission would accede to the request. The road will now be officially known only as U. S. No. 1, though it will continue to be referred to through parts of the south as the Jefferson Davis Highway.

In most states main highways are given the same State numeral as the federal route number, to avoid confusion. In North Carolina the State Highway Department has disregarded U. S. route numbers in designating its highways, with the result that two numbers appear on the roads. On U. S. No. 1 the "N. C. 50" markers will now be removed, it is said.

Ruskin Warren, of Bel Air, Maryland, president of the Maryland-Pennsylvania U. S. No. 1 Association and Secretary Baer of the association were guests Monday noon of the Southern Pines Chamber of Commerce at a luncheon meeting at the Country Club. Representatives were also present from Raleigh, Cheraw Sanford and other points along Route 1. Cooperation between the two organizations, the northern U. S. 1 association and the southern association, of which Dr. L. B. McBrayer of Southern Pines is president, was agreed upon, and later in the day a resolution was passed to merge the two bodies, with Dr. McBrayer as president and Mr. Warren as vice president. A program of stim-

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SOUTHERN PINES TO PARTICIPATE IN BRIDGE OLYMPICS

Contract Players in 35 Countries To Play Same Hands Simultaneously on April 1

UNEMPLOYED TO BENEFIT

Southern Pines is to take part in the World Bridge Olympic. M. G. Nichols, captain for Southern Pines, announced this week that tables were being made up for play at the Southern Pines Country Club on April 1st at 8 P. M. for the benefit of the unemployed, and stated that those desiring to play may arrange their own foursomes and procure reservations from him.

Thirty-five countries have now entered the World Bridge Olympic to be played on that date. These include England, Germany, Hungary, Denmark, France, China, Poland, India, Spain, Switzerland, Czechoslovakia, Egypt, Italy, Yugoslavia, Austria, all South American countries all provinces in Canada, every state in the United States and our island possessions, also Scotland, Ireland, British West Indies, and Cuba. People speaking more than 20 languages will meet at more than 1,000 groups, banding the globe, and play the same hands of Contract Bridge against all other entrants. The sixteen hands to be played involve fine points of bidding and play and were selected by the Committee on Hands of the National Bridge Association, which is composed of Mr. and Mrs. Ely Culbertson, Theodore A. Lightner and Waldemar von Zedtwitz.

Eight months were spent and the entire world was searched for hands suitable for this gigantic contest. Each player will receive, after the contest, the par on the hands he played so that he may derive the benefits of the lessons involved concerning proper bidding and play. More than 350 gold and silver prizes will be awarded the winners. There will be prizes for each member of the winning North and South pairs and East and West pairs. Two solid gold trophies will go to the pairs winning the International Championship, to be retained by them for one year. Silver trophies will be awarded each mem-

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M. C. McDONALD CANDIDATE FOR STATE ASSEMBLY

West End Merchant, Former County Commissioner. Announces for Legislature

CLEGG MAY JOIN FIGHT

This week injects some new interest in the political situation through the announcement of M. C. McDonald of West End as a candidate for the legislature. It has been whispered that Mr. McDonald might come to the front, but in the positive announcements of other candidates Mr. McDonald was not conspicuous until he makes the announcement this week. The new entrant is an old war horse, well and favorably known through his more recent experience in the county commissioner's office, but widely and favorably known throughout the county through a business and social contact of many years. That he will make a good run is conceded, and it is also believed by those who keep an eye on county politics that his announcement may have some influence in shaping up the battle in this particular field.

To complicate matters farther it is rather widely talked that Russell Clegg may be a contestant, and he is also conceded to be a man of strength. Mr. Clegg has not made official announcement so far as is heard, as this is written, but some of his friends say he is a potential factor. U. L. Spence has not yet reached a conclusion as to his course, but many backers say he is to be drafted for the campaign, his experience and his prospect of being made speaker of the house serving as arguments in his behalf along with other conceded qualifications. T. D. McLean is setting his house in order for the contest, and his followers says the former strength behind him is increasing. It is believed he will make an aggressive campaign, definitely outlining his views and policies as applied to the present unsatisfactory conditions in state and county.

The Governorship

For governor the county seems to be in a position of uncertainty and without much enthusiasm over any of the candidates, as they are all comparatively unknown personally to the voters in this section. The issues they represent are in a way rather pronounced, but not clearly grasped by most of the people, and not enough that is positive as to candidate or issue seems to be stirring up the people.

Talk with the folks here and there leaves about the same impression regarding the candidates for Senator. Difference of opinion is heard as to the strength of every man in the field for this office. Senator Morrison has the advantage of possession, but he also has some antagonism for various reasons, one his financial good fortune, one his decisive attitude on some subjects, while some past political encounters in the county are not wholly overlooked. But none of the other candidates for the office appear to have any positive strength, and negative energy is not always to be relied on in political battles. From reliable information The Pilot is able to expect Senator Morrison to carry the county and to be chased close to the dugout. But who the victor is to be if he is backed depends on the opinion of the man who is talking about the fight. Wise heads say "Cam" has not been carried home on his shield very many times and they do not expect to see him buried this time.

MANY FROM SANDHILLS TO SEE CAROLINA CUP RACE

A large number of residents of Southern Pines and Binehurst plan to attend the annual running of the Carolina Cup race at Camden, S. C., tomorrow, Saturday, when Noel Laing of Southern Pines will ride in three of the four events on the card, including the feature race for the Carolina trophy given each year in honor of Thomas Hitchcock, Aiken, one of the leading horsemen of the country. The races are scheduled to start at 2 o'clock in the afternoon.

Forest Fires After Week of Control All Sections of Sandhills

Twelve Houses, Several Barns Leveled By Flames Which Sweep Through Thousands of Acres of Woods and Grasslands

It was believed yesterday that the forest fires which have swept through the Sandhills section during the past week, leaving burned homes and destruction in their wake, had subsided to a point where they were safely under control. Not since 1898 has the section been visited by such a widespread conflagration as that which threatened its villages all this week. Hundreds of men have been doing nothing else but fighting fires since last Saturday.

Few sections of the Sandhills escaped. All were in danger at various times. Just as one threatening blaze was gotten under control, another would lift its hungry head in another part of the county, and men would rush there to backfire against the onrush of flames. The fire departments of Aberdeen, Pinehurst and Southern Pines were scurrying hither and yon to save this building or that.

It is estimated that at least a dozen homes were destroyed in the county among them a tenant house on the Rountree estate on Midland Road, the Katie Arnold house on U. S. No. 1 midway between Aberdeen and Southern Pines, Archie Bass' house at Manly and some four or five houses occupied by colored families of the Manly section, the old Thagard house, built about a century ago near the old Thagard mill pond, the home of A. E. Stevenson at Niagara, one house in Lakeview and some scattered dwellings occupied by colored families. D. B. Herring's stables between Aberdeen and Southern Pines burned with the loss of a horse, the Harry Maxwell stables on the Pinehurst-Southern Pines road were completely destroyed, and the Burrell White stables burned. The Thomas and Alexander stables on Midland Road were seriously threatened for two days but escaped. Dozens of horses from these stables were tethered to trees along the double road during the thick of the fight. A barn back of Joney's Juggery on Midland Road burned up.

First Fire Saturday

The first fire was observed Saturday in the Reelford direction, said to have started somewhere near Ashley Heights. This worked its way into the government reservation and threatened to attack Southern Pines from the east. How much damage it did in the reservation is not known, but probably relatively small.

It was the fire which started Monday somewhere near the sand pit on the Aberdeen-Pinehurst road which swept through the more populated section of the Sandhills and caused much apprehension for the safety of the towns.

During the afternoon Monday the fire crossed the Midland road and swept around the north end of Knollwood, on out by the Southern Pines water works, past the airport and up along the Niagara-Thagards road. Sometime Tuesday morning one tongue of the fire reached Lakeview, about 11 miles from its starting point. Here one house was burned and the Presbyterian church set afire, the latter being saved, however.

Early Tuesday afternoon the fire, which had been slowly eating its way around the head of the Aberdeen lake, broke through into the tall grass on the east side, and fanned by a heavy wind, swept swiftly across the Montevideo Park territory and back down toward the town of Aberdeen.

The fire jumped to the east side of the highway near Johnson's cabin and burned the stable belonging to D. B. Herring. A horse was lost in the fire. A little further up the highway, nearly opposite Charley's place, the Arnold cottage occupied by a colored family was burned with the loss of all the contents.

Eats Into Knollwood

In the meantime, the fire, which the day before had gone through the north side of Knollwood, was again fanned up by the heavy wind and came back through Knollwood proper, the Pine Needles and Mid-Pines sections and swept up through Manly.

At Manly, the Archie Bass home, west of the highway, was burned, and a few hundred yards away five homes belonging to negroes were burned. The fire at one time worked back up into the northern edge of Southern

Pines and residents in this section became alarmed. The Lovejoy Cabin was seriously threatened. Early that night another negro house in Manly was burned.

Large forces of men from Aberdeen, Pinehurst and Southern Pines fought desperately to keep the flames from spreading but the extremely combustible condition of the grass and the high wind made it practically impossible for them to do anything in front of the fire.

The Southern Pines Fire Department was kept on the go throughout the day Tuesday. At Pinehurst a force of nearly 500 men were engaged in the task of keeping the fire out of the village. They succeeded in doing this, and when the wind greatly lessened in force the danger was over.

Large Area Burned

An area of fifty to one hundred square miles was burned over, and in sections where the grass had been allowed to accumulate for several years the young pines are probably injured, while in the areas where the ground has been kept fairly clean the damage is probably not so heavy. The larger trees have not been hurt, it is believed, and the actual damage to forests is negligible.

On Wednesday, flames broke out anew in the vicinity of Manly. Alex Fields, County Fire Warden, directed a force of two hundred men in backfiring a five-mile line near the W. S. Halliwell estate. The fire started early in the morning and threatened to enter the Weymouth Heights section of Southern Pines and caused much alarm among the residents. It is reported that no houses were burned, although considerable area was burned over. It is now believed that the situation is well in hand on all fronts.

Donations for the relief of those who lost their belongings in the fires this week may be sent to Frank Buchanan, Curb Market Building, Southern Pines.

WALTER GILKYSON TO READ TODAY FOR LIBRARY BENEFIT

Walter Gilkyson, Southern Pines editor, is taking the place of his wife, Pernice Keyson Gilkyson, on the program scheduled for this, Friday, afternoon in the weekly authors' readings at the Civic Club for the benefit of the Southern Pines Library. Mrs. Gilkyson will read at a later date. Mr. Gilkyson will read one of his short stories. The hour is 4:30 o'clock.

As an added feature of this afternoon's program a stringed quartet comprising Miss Bishop, Charles Pier, Mr. Sabatelli and Alfred Yeomans will play. The public is cordially invited to these weekly readings and to meet the local authors. The admission charge, all of which goes to the library, is fifty cents.

TALKS TO KIWANIS ON PENDING TAX LEGISLATION

James L. Hamilton prominent attorney of Washington, D. C., talked to the Kiwanis Club at its weekly meeting Wednesday in the Community House, Aberdeen, on pending tax legislation in Congress and its effect upon the country, the importance of balancing the budget, and other side-lights on national affairs. He was introduced by Richard Tufts and made a most interesting address.

STORES CLOSED MONDAY

A large number of Aberdeen merchants have signed a petition for the closing of places of business in Aberdeen next Monday in observance of Easter. Easter Monday has heretofore been observed as a holiday here.