

Horse Plays Important Part in Local Development, Kiwanis Hears

Speaker Tells of Winning of Maryland Hunt Cup Steeplechase by Horse Schooled Here

In a talk before the Kiwanis Club at its weekly meeting held in the Sunday School building of the Aberdeen Methodist Church Wednesday noon Nelson C. Hyde, told the members of the winning of the Maryland Hunt Cup steeplechase by Noel Laing of Southern Pines last Saturday at Baltimore, and of how this section was rapidly developing as winter training grounds for horses of all types. "Troublemaker," the horse which Laing rode to victory, was schooled here all winter. Mr. Hyde said:

"Last Saturday I watched a horse race at Baltimore. It was the 39th annual running of the Maryland Hunt Cup steeplechase, the biggest event of its kind in America, the counterpart of the famous Grand National in England. It was a great race, won in record time—8 minutes, 51 3-5 seconds for four miles over 20 fences, all four feet or higher. It was won by a grand horse.

"That horse was trained all this winter in the North Carolina Sandhills. It was ridden by a boy who makes his home in Southern Pines half of each year. It was owned by a woman who has selected this section as ideal for the winter schooling of horses to be raced in steeplechase events all over the country. Mrs. T. H. Somerville of the Wilmington duPont family. Mrs. Somerville wintered all of her best steeplechasers here this past season. Noel Laing rode them.

"The horse is beginning to give golf a little competition for sports leadership in this section. You are beginning to hear about Pinehurst and Southern Pines as riding, hunting, racing and polo centers as well as winter golfing resorts. There were 25,000 people at least, at that race meeting last Saturday. 'Who is this Noel Laing?' many asked. Noel had never ridden in this important racing classic before. 'He's one of the whips of the Moore County Hounds down at Southern Pines, North Carolina,' they were informed. One instance of horse publicity. Another—this year's Pinehurst Horse Show attracted a class of entries never before attained in the state—horses from leading stables in many parts of the country. The New York papers carried the awards in the various classes fully. Many northern papers used photographs of some of the classes.

The Horse Show is coming into its own. This means more to us here than you realize. It isn't that it attracts a few horse lovers to Pinehurst for the two days of the show. It lengthens the season. People who used to go north early in March now wait for the show because it brings something worth seeing. It is something talked about. It keeps horses here longer—means more for the stable owners, feed stores. Keeping horses here longer, means grooms are here longer. More for the boarding houses, the groceries, etc.

"James and Jackson Boyd have developed one of the finest hunts in the country here, a hunt talked about everywhere, listed in British as well as American sporting journals as among the best. One man who has hunted with the best pack of hounds in England, France and America told me this winter that the Boyds had the best drag hunt in the world. That's the kind of publicity we want—the best.

"But aside from the publicity angle, how many of you realize what the horse has done for property here, for real estate development. I haven't time to go into detail, acreage, assessed valuation, but I can give you a fairly accurate list of permanent settlers here who became permanent residents and extensive landowners almost solely because of the ideal conditions here for riding, hunting, polo, racing. Verner Reed's big investment in the Sandhills is entirely attributable to the horse. He was first interested through polo at Pinehurst, then in the hunting at Southern Pines, then acquired his own pack of hounds and now has his own hunt on his own and adjacent lands. Augustine Healy came down to grow peaches. He brought a horse. The peaches failed but Gus and the horse are still here, and the horse kept him here, the horse and the Boyd hounds. He wouldn't miss a hunt during the winter if Steel shot back to par some day on his ticker and the office was swamped with orders to buy. Gus has extensive acreage east of Southern Pines.

"Almet Jenks came down to visit Jim Boyd. He rode with the hounds. He came again, brought his family. They bought a place, built a fine house, acquired a string of horses. This is their permanent home. Harry Vale is another Burrell White another, and Phil Randolph and the Ray-

Wanted: More Kellys

D. H. of Near Cameron Finds Way to Beat This Depression Business

It didn't take but a few minutes to see that he is what you would call a progressive farmer.

He—and he is D. H. Kelly of near Cameron—is not getting rich—he said as much. Neither is he losing money. His ready smile and brow unfurrowed of worry showed that.

Living near the big dewberry market of Cameron, of course Mr. Kelly grows berries. But that he doesn't gamble all on one crop could easily be seen that early morning this week.

At the back of his well-kept bungalow stood a light truck, heavy with sweet milk, butter milk, chickens, vegetables and meats, read for market. "I try to live at home and then have a little of everything to sell," he explained. "It helps a lot to have a little money coming in all the time."

From his poultry house came the cheerful cheep of hundreds of leghorn and barred rock biddies, kept warm and comfortable by heat from a home-made brick brooder which he constructed himself according to specifications sent out this year by the extension department. Quick to put into practice new ideas—another sign of progressiveness.

What this country needs is more Kellys.

monds and the Callerys, all of whom have big real estate holdings here, because they find it ideal for their horses as well as an enjoyable winter colony for themselves. Hardly a winter passes that someone does not come down to hunt or play polo or race trotters and stay to build winter homes. The Paddock was built by a group of horsemen and horsewomen, and I predict that there will be considerable development of this nature—small groups banding together in cooperative winter homes or clubs. The first winter we had The Paddock we had stalls for 12 horses. We have had to add stalls every winter since and are filled up every winter. We have between 30 and 40 horses there all winter, all privately owned by northerners sold on the Sandhills for winter sport of this kind. Think of what these horses, here for four to five months mean in dollars and cents, when you stop to figure that they all mean grooms living in the towns, patronizing the stores, going to the movies, courting the girls, and so on. To say nothing of what the owners spend here. I spent Sunday at a beautiful Long Island estate a few weeks ago and sat out on a spacious veranda in a very comfortable potch chair, so comfortable that I remarked on it. "I found it at the Pinehurst Warehouse when I was hunting in Southern Pines last winter," the hostess said. She had bought four of them, and told me friends of hers had ordered others from seeing hers. 'Beezness.'

"Of course we haven't half enumerated the value of the horse, but we do feel that this section is going to have a big future growth, and that the horse is going to play a major part in it. Some talk has been heard lately of building a steeplechase course here along the line of the Camden course. Whether the time is ripe or this no one knows. It is being looked into. If it would attract wealthy horse owners to winter their horses here and spend some time here it will undoubtedly be brought about. Steeplechasing is a growing sport, and an exciting one. It would be popular here, but expensive and should not be attempted unless it can be done right and be made to pay for itself. Hunting is constantly on the grow. Some four packs of hounds hunt here now, two by invitation, two open to the public. These hunts will grow, for there is no place where conditions in winter are more ideal. Polo will come back with a return to normalcy. It is an expensive sport. A man, with luck, can hunt one horse all season, but it takes anywhere from four ponies up to play polo, and they require nursing like babies. Trotting horses are finding the Pinehurst track ideal for winter training and that branch of the game will grow. The Pinehurst Horse Show will continue to attract more and finer horses each year, as it has done in the past.

"Don't discount Old Dobbin in figuring the future growth of the Sandhills."

BUCKLEYS HAVE DAUGHTER

A daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Buckley of Southern Pines at the Moore County Hospital on Tuesday, May 3d.

"IS THIS FAIR PLAY?"

In an article entitled, "Is This Fair Play?" in its this week's issue the Sandhill Citizen calls attention to the fact that the Southern Pines delinquent tax list is published in The Pilot. "Surely the local paper is entitled to the loyal support of the town officials and why they should deliberately slap it in the face by placing town advertising in an outside publication deserves an explanation, if one is possible," the article says. It calls attention to the fact that the Citizen owners pay a substantial sum in taxes into the town treasury every year, and adds:

"Naturally the other two county papers have no intimate relation with Southern Pines, being located in a different community."

Let's see about this. We've been under the impression The Pilot had a fairly intimate relationship with Southern Pines.

1. The Pilot is an Aberdeen and Southern Pines paper, if you will observe the date line on the front page each week.

2. The Pilot is owned by a corporation, with 75 per cent of the stock held by residents of Southern Pines. Among these stockholders are six of the largest Southern Pines taxpayers.

3. The Pilot's audited paid circulation in Southern Pines is equal to or greater than the circulation of any other newspaper.

5. The Pilot's payroll in Southern Pines is equal to or greater than that of any other county paper.

6. The Pilot carries more news of Southern Pines and its citizens than of any other county paper.

The Pilot is not given to explaining anything, but the above facts are cited in justification of the action of the Town Commissioners in placing the tax list this year with The Pilot. To go farther, The Pilot was the only paper which asked the Town Commissioners for this advertising. It was not until the tax list was in type in The Pilot office that the other Southern Pines paper made demand upon the board for it.

—THE EDITOR.

DENDY BROTHERS TO HOLD SERVICES HERE

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and also lead the singing for the evening services.

W. Clay Dendy, the youngest brother, will have charge of the Daily Vacation Bible School as the leader of the young people, and will also play the marimbaphone at the evening services. The three, together with the pastor of Bethesda, will form a quartet for special vocal music. The use of local talent in solo work is also being planned.

A cordial invitation is given to any children who will enroll as members of the Daily Vacation Bible School to do so. The other churches, their pastors and members, and the whole community are urged to unite with Bethesda in this campaign. These meetings will be of the highest type inasmuch as these young men are well prepared for their work as ministers in the Presbyterian Church.

MOTHER'S DAY PROGRAM AT PAGE MEMORIAL CHURCH

At both Sunday school and the 11 o'clock service at the Page Memorial Church Sunday appropriate Mother's Day programs will be given. Special efforts are being made to have every member of the church present for these services. The Sunday school will have a special Mother's Day devotional period at the beginning of the school hour. All the departments of the school will take part in this program.

At the 11 o'clock hour there will be special music, short talks on the spiritual growth of the church and a financial report for a half year's work. Mr. Ball will preach on the general theme, "An Old World Opens To A New Woman." These services are open to the public and the church extends a most cordial invitation to all.

ELECTED CLASS POET

W. V. Carter, Jr., of Aberdeen has been elected class poet by the graduating class of Davidson College. The elections took place at the final smoker last week. Young Carter is a son of Mr. and Mrs. W. V. Carter. He has made a fine record through his college course.

Mrs. John Garland Pollard, wife of the Governor of Virginia, died Wednesday night at the execution mansion, the victim of arthritis. Governor Pollard spent a week recently in Southern Pines.

The Highland Pines Inn at Southern Pines closed for the season last Saturday.

THE WEEK IN VASS

Honored on Birthday

Mrs. A. Cameron was the recipient of a beautiful courtesy on Tuesday afternoon of last week when her daughters gave her a surprise party in honor of her seventy-sixth birthday. After the guests had greeted Mrs. Cameron and chatted for a while, one of the daughters led the way to the dining room where refreshments were served. Lovly tulips, roses and snap dragons were used on the table and buffet, and a large white birthday cake upon which was the number "76" made of pink candles in rose holders occupied the center of the table, resting on a handsome crocheted centerpiece, the work of Mrs. Cameron's own hands. An iced course with the birthday cake was served.

Upon retiring to the living room, Mrs. Cameron opened the collection of gifts which has been showered upon her.

Those present were Mrs. W. C. Leslie, Mrs. W. B. Graham, Mrs. W. D. Matthews, Mrs. C. J. Temple, Mrs. H. A. Borst, Mrs. C. L. Tyson, Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Cameron, Miss Katharine Graham, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Cameron, Mrs. S. R. Smith and Miss Martha McKay.

Miss Rose Cox of Wadesboro has returned home after spending several days with Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Cox.

Mr. and Mrs. T. F. Cameron accompanied Miss Anna Edgerton to Littleton Sunday, where she remained for a visit with relatives.

Miss Agnes Smith, Mrs. D. A. Smith, Mrs. R. L. Oldham, Mrs. Bertie L. Matthews and Mrs. G. W. Brooks were Sanford visitors on Friday.

Miss Glennie Keith and Horton Keith of Raleigh spent the week-end at home.

Miss Lizzie Cameron of Otten spent last week with her sister, Mrs. Mary McCallum.

Miss Magdalene Bass, who is an attendant at the State Hospital in Raleigh is visiting friends and relatives in the community and attending commencement at Vass-Lakeview school.

Ernest Rivenbark and Mrs. Neff of Hamlet visited Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Griffin Sunday.

Mrs. Gice Allen, Mrs. Edna Glosston, Gice Allen, Jr., and Alex McNeill of Allen are visiting Mrs. Allen's father, E. L. McNeill, during commencement week.

Misses Eula Hamilton and Jewell Jackson, Mack and Vernon Hamilton and Mr. Jackson of Godwin spent Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. D. McCraney.

Mr. and Mrs. John A. Buchanan of Broadway and Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Thomas of Jonesboro attended the commencement sermon here Sunday and spent the day with their daughters, Mrs. A. D. McLaughlin and Miss Lois Buchanan.

Miss Eloise Brooks is at home from Lemon Springs, where she taught during the school year that has just closed.

The Rev. W. C. Ball of Aberdeen and Miss Frances Braddy of Rockfish were Sunday dinner guests in the W. H. Keith home.

Dr. D. N. McLaughlin of Norfolk, Virginia is spending this week in the homes of his brothers, D. A. and A. D. McLaughlin.

Mr. and Mrs. Aeschelmann and Mrs. Tyndal of Aeshen Pines attended the graduation exercises at the Vass Lakeview high school Tuesday morning.

A baby daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. Ben W. Wood on Saturday, April 30. The little lady has not yet been given a name.

Misses Elizabeth and Jeannette Baggett and their cousin, all from Dunn, spent Saturday night and Sunday with Mrs. Mary E. Edwards. They were accompanied back to Dunn on Sunday afternoon by Miss Marian Cameron, Bernice Graham and Ernest McNeill.

The Rev. E. G. McKay of Dunn spent the week-end at the home of his niece, Mrs. A. M. Cameron.

Mrs. C. J. Temple, Mrs. H. A. Borst, Mrs. C. L. Tyson and Mrs. W. D. Matthews were visitors to Sanford on Friday afternoon.

Mrs. A. G. Edwards and children spent last week-end in Raleigh with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Bundy. W. C. Byrd of Albemarle spent the week-end in town and Mrs. Byrd and their little daughter, Mary Lou,

returned with him for a week's stay. The Rev. C. A. Lawrence spent Sunday in Dunn, he and the Rev. A. R. McQueen having exchanged pulpits for the day.

Mrs. W. B. Graham and Miss Katharine Graham were Sanford visitors on Friday.

Mrs. W. H. Keith and Mrs. S. R. Smith attended a home demonstration council luncheon at Carthage from twelve to three o'clock Friday.

Riley B. Reece of Durham spent the week-end with his family at the home of Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Oldham.

RASSIE WICKER ASKS FOR SOME COUNTY INFORMATION

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his part appear immediately in an audit of routine nature?

(4) Why was this particular incident not discovered by the auditor; or was it so discovered; and if so, was it reported by her, and if not; why not?

(5) Upon what date was this discrepancy first reported to the County Commissioners, and by whom?

(6) Was the question publicly discussed by the commissioners sitting as a board? Was it so discussed privately?

(7) Is it customary, or even legal, for county commissioners to go into private session?

(8) Did the commissioners as a body request or suggest that the newspapers of the county refrain from reporting the matter or its discussion?

(9) Did the commissioners as a body at any time refuse to give the details of this matter to the newspapers?

(10) In the event of the refusal of the bonding company to accept responsibility, what chance has the county to recover except through the liquidation of the insolvent bank?

These questions, together with any others which would help to put the matter plainly before the public, should be answered, the answers should be published in the county newspapers, and it should be done now. If wrong has been done, the officers who are offering themselves as suitable candidates for re-election should be the last persons to appear to cover it up. If no wrong has been committed, they; of all persons have the power to speak with authority and put down gossip, speculation and false rumors against innocent people.

—RASSIE E. WICKER.

Pinehurst, N. C.,
April 28, 1932.

CHAIRMAN CURRIE REPLIES TO WICKER QUESTIONNAIRE

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ric as follows: "As near as I can recall, this discrepancy under discussion was called to the attention of the county board by the discovery by the liquidating agent of the Bank of Vass who served notice on all parties, in any way concerned, of their relation to the situation."

Question 6. "The question was publicly and privately discussed by the members of the board, and thoroughly and vigorously."

Question 7. "It is customary to discuss some things in private session usually at times when no one is in the office during a board meeting. While we cannot cite any legal authority for it we know that at times it is wise and that so eminent an example as the United States Senate transacts much business in executive session, which is strictly private, because frequently public business is better served in that manner. Neither can we cite any legal authority against private sessions.

Questions 8 and 9 were answered, "No."

Question 10 is answered automatically by the settlement of the claim against the collector.

Mr. Currie further adds: "The county tax collector, the county auditor, the county commissioners are all public servants, and their work is open every day to anybody who care to look into the records. Every person has free access at any time to the county records, where all these facts are written plainly on the pages of the auditor's books and the minutes of the meeting. It is not necessary to be suspicious of any thing done at the court house, as the taxpayer has full authority to demand full hearing if anything should be denied him in the way of information. The newspapers know this and come inquiring at the offices continually, and it may be said of them that if information were denied them they would speedily get it. There can be no secrets at the court house concerning public affairs that belong to the public."

As to questions 8 and 9 Mr. Currie spoke for The Pilot as well as for the commissioners, for The Pilot had a knowledge of the circumstances about the same time the commissioners had, and the commissioners have never hesitated to talk freely with The Pilot on any subject as far as this paper is aware.

Grass fires broke out again in the Knollwood section Wednesday causing a number of runs for the Southern Pines Fire department. One blaze threatened damage to the shrubbery at "Homewood," the estate of E. E. Beckwith.

Political Announcements

FOR REGISTER OF DEEDS

I hereby announce myself a candidate for Register of Deeds, subject to the action of the Democratic primary. I wish to take this opportunity to thank my friends in Moore county for the confidence and support in the past, and assure them courtesy and service in the future. Respectfully,
W. J. HARRINGTON.

FOR CORONER

I hereby announce my candidacy for the office of Coroner of Moore county, subject to the action of the Democratic primary in June.
—JOHN SLOAN.

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