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GOOD FELLOWS OF ABERDEEN PLAN WORK OF RELIEF

Elect H. W. Doub President and
Adopt Constructive Program
To Aid Needy

CONTRIBUTIONS SOUGHT

The Good Fellows Club of Aberdeen elected new officers and formulated its plans of operation for the year at an enthusiastic annual meeting held in Aberdeen Monday night of this week. H. W. Doub was elected president, A. L. Burney vice-president and Dan I. McKeithen secretary and treasurer. The officers and O. Leon Seymour and Mayor Henry McC. Blue will serve as the executive committee.

A drive will be made immediately for funds and other contributions. A receiving depot is to be opened next week in the same store in the Aberdeen Hotel building the committee utilized last year. Contributions of funds, food and clothing are to be solicited, the funds being necessary to supplement those allotted to Aberdeen from the State's share of Federal relief money, which is supposed to be matched locally.

Last year the Good Fellows sent baskets of staple food and clothing to 145 needy families. Indications are that the need this year is greater than ever. Some have been under the impression that money was spent last year for non-essentials, such as candy and toys, but this is denied by the officers of the club, who state that not one penny was spent for anything except staple foods, clothing and a little fruit; that no money will be spent this year for other purposes. While cash will be most acceptable, the officers say, an amount of money necessary, it is expected that contributions this year will come more largely in old clothing, canned goods, potatoes and other food products, all of which will help the club make up its baskets for the scores of needy families in the section.

Plan of Operation

The club's Plan of Operation for the winter calls for four projects, as follows:

(1) Charity Committee — Make survey within the next week of community and submit reports on all needy cases, to be approved by Executive Committee, and submitted to Purchasing and Distributing Committee (Work in conjunction with Distributing committee at Christmas.)

(2) Finance Committee — Make canvass for funds and other contributions of any nature. Arrange Receiving Depot, in conjunction with purchasing and Distributing Committee.

(3) Purchasing and Distributing Committee Inventory needs reported. Inventory Contributions against needs, and purchase additional needed. Prepare baskets and distribute in conjunction with Charity Committee.

(4) Employment Committee—Canvass community for employment community for employment in homes and on premises, public work on streets, sidewalks, etc. Refer applicants for aid to same where possible. Work in conjunction with Town officials on public work.

The various committees appointed to serve for the year 1932 are as follows:

W. E. Freeman, Chairman; G. C. Charles, Vice Chairman; Rev. W. C. Ball, Rev. E. L. Barber, Mrs. J. R. Page, Leon Seymour, J. A. Bryant, Mrs. Bertie Rivers and Mrs. H. A. Gunter.

Finance Committee—Mrs. W. A. Blue, Chairman; Mrs. H. A. Page, Jr., Vice-Chairman; A. L. Burney, F. D. Shamburger, W. N. Norris, R. C. Zimmerman, Grady Burney and Mrs. W. T. Huntley.

Employment Committee: R. C. Zimmerman, Chairman; K. G. Deaton, H. W. Doub and Henry Blue.

Purchasing and Distribution Committee: W. H. McNeill, Chairman; Mrs. Garland Farrell, H. A. Gunter and Mrs. E. J. Macon.

LEASE HOUSE IN NIAGARA

Mrs. E. W. Marble and Mrs. M. A. Gould and daughter of Farmington, Mass., have leased a house here for the season.

"Come Out of the Kitchen"



Cast of Play to be Presented: To-morrow Night, Saturday, by the Sandhills Little Theatre Guild in the High School Auditorium at Southern Pines. From left to right, back row—Richard Wilson, William Coursey, Mrs. Katharine Chapman, Douglas Gregory and the Rev. F. Craighill Brown; center row—Frank Wilder, Miss Helen Dorch, Katharine Newlin Burt, Raymond Kennedy; in front—Tom Humble, director.

Reports from back-stage are to the effect that all is in readiness for this first of a series of plays to be presented by the recently organized Guild. Tickets are practically all sold, and people are coming from Chapel Hill, Sanford and other nearby towns as well as from all over Moore county. Arrangements have been made with Lovejoy's Orchestra to play before the curtain rises at 8 o'clock and between the acts. What few tickets are still available are on sale at the Broad Street Pharmacy. (Photo by Eddy).

RICHARDSON NOT TO BE CONFIRMED AS POSTMASTER BUT FAIR SEASON

Appointment to Southern Pines
Post Reported, but Senate
Not Expected To Act

DEMOCRAT TO GET JOB

Report of the appointment of Samuel B. Richardson as postmaster of Southern Pines was received here this week. It has been known for some time that the Republican County Committee favored Mr. Richardson's appointment to the post vacated by the death during the year of John N. Powell, and had sent his name to Washington with the committee's recommendation. The appointment by the President has therefore been expected.

But despite the fact that Mr. Richardson's incumbency of the office of postmaster would please all citizens of Southern Pines, it is not expected that he will be permitted to serve in that capacity, at least for the next four years. The recent election spelled doom for many political aspirations, and the more recent caucus of the Democratic members of the United States Senate further sealed that doom.

The Democratic caucus decided to oppose confirmation of all Presidential nominees and, in view of this action, it is not believed that confirmation of any nomination submitted to the Senate by the President is likely to occur. Of course, there may be exceptional cases and in the event of any deviation from the policy determined by the caucus the particular nomination must be taken up with the caucus and, unless approved by it the original declaration of the caucus, to oppose all nominations submitted by the President, will be carried out.

In view of these facts it is not believed that there is very much probability for the confirmation of any nominees for postmasterships during the present session of Congress. Which means that after March 4th a Democrat of Southern Pines will be recommended by the Democratic County Committee with the probability that he will be appointed by President Roosevelt and confirmed by the Senate.

FLORA MACDONALD CHORAL CLUB GIVES CONCERT HERE

The Choral Club of Flora MacDonald College at Red Springs gave a pleasing concert on Wednesday night at the Church of Wide Fellowship in Southern Pines.

TOBACCO MARKET CLOSES HERE AFTER BUT FAIR SEASON

Sales Proportionately Higher
With Return of Saunders,
But Price Below State Average

CROP ONLY HALF OF 1931

After a season which came in like a lion and went out like a lamb, the Aberdeen tobacco market closed yesterday. Its experience was no different from that of all other markets in the North Carolina belts. With a crop only a little more than half as great as that of last year, the state's tobacco growers rushed their product to the market this year with the result that the State-Federal Reporting service estimates that 90 per cent of the crop had been sold by December 1st.

With the return of B. B. Saunders to Aberdeen this year the local market jumped its sales in proportion to a year ago, many of Saunders' old friends among the producers coming back to Aberdeen with their leaf when he re-established himself here after a season in Fuquay Springs. After trailing Carthage and Sanford, its nearest rivals, for a few seasons Aberdeen passed them in total sales this fall. The figures, up to December 1st, show:

Aberdeen, 1,672,441 lbs.; Carthage, 1,445,332 lbs.; Sanford, 1,467,052.

Much low quality tobacco, however, came into the local market, with the result that the price average here up to the first of the month was under the state average. Aberdeen's average price paid growers was \$10.24 a hundred as against \$12.30 for the state. In both instances, however, the price paid is more than 25 per cent above that of a year ago. Carthage and Sanford both outdid Aberdeen on average price, Carthage paying \$12.65 a hundred and Sanford \$13.73.

Two warehouses were open here, Saunders and Hardwick's.

In the state, November producers' sales totaled \$1,440,005 pounds for which an average of \$12.68 was received. In November of 1931, producers marketed 116,419,691 pounds for an average of \$8.81.

Season sales by producers to December 1 of this year totaled 244,577,776 pounds. For the same period last year total sales were 358,269,502 pounds.

HERE FOR HOLIDAYS

Mrs. Edward A. Campbell of Southern Pines will have as her guest over the holidays, her daughter, Mrs. Lewis H. Van Tassel of Newark, New York.

200 WOMEN HEAR SENTINELS PLANS AT MEETING HERE

Mrs. Verner Z. Reed, Jr., Addresses Representative Group
and Defines Organization

TEA AT COUNTRY CLUB

More than two hundred women of Moore county and this Congressional district attended the first meeting of The Sentinels held last Saturday afternoon in the Carolina Theatre, Pinehurst and heard the plans for the new organization outlined by Mrs. Verner Z. Reed, Jr. Sponsoring this meeting were Mrs. Leonard Tufts, Mrs. Robert N. Page, Mrs. George H. Maurice, Mrs. Herbert F. Seawell and Miss Alice May Holmes.

Mrs. Reed, of Pinehurst, opened the meeting by explaining the purpose of The Sentinels and the motives which prompted its inception. Her talk was followed by a special showing of the moving picture, "Washington Merry-Go-Round," using this to help illustrate the forces which influence the decision of the nation's law makers. The meeting then adjourned to the Country Club, where tea was served and an opportunity given to discuss the various aspects of the proposed program.

In her talk, Mrs. Reed said that the purpose of The Sentinels is to give to their representatives in Congress, in the State legislatures, and in the County and City governments, united intelligent support, in order that these representatives may be free to resist the pressure of selfish groups which have been mainly responsible for the extremely high taxes with which we have been so heavily burdened. To accomplish this purpose, they will meet about five times a year, and at each meeting will review the official acts of their representatives since their last meeting. She explained that The Sentinels propose to employ secretaries in the various political districts who will communicate with their representatives in order to obtain authoritative

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PINEBLUFF A BIRD SANCTUARY IF NEW CHARTER PASSED

Villagers Override Mayor's Veto
in Vote which Honors Memory
of Dr. Achorn

If the State Legislature at its forthcoming session approves the new charter adopted this week by the village of Pinebluff, this town will be as far as is known here, the only incorporated municipality in the United States making the entire area within its corporate limits a bird sanctuary.

Pinebluff, by a two-thirds vote over the veto of its mayor, adopted its new charter on Monday night. The villagers had passed it the week before when the town commissioners met, but Mayor J. G. Wallace vetoed it. This Monday they overrode the mayor, and the new charter goes now to the State Legislature for approval.

The charter is drawn under Chapter 56 of the Consolidated Statutes of North Carolina, following the phraseology of that document with these exceptions:

First, the Pinebluff charter sets the method of figuring water rates, "the object being to sell the water as cheaply as possible but maintaining a surplus equal to the cost of operation for not less than three years nor more than four years."

Secondly, it establishes the entire village as a bird sanctuary.

This community is noted for the number and variety of birds, a fact established by investigations of the federal government and well known to those who have read the splendid book on the subject written by the late Dr. J. W. Achorn, who spent much of his life in Pinebluff. The action of his fellow townsmen in establishing the village as a sanctuary for the birds he knew and loved so well is in the nature of a memorial to Dr. Achorn's memory.

Mass Meet. on Monday to Plan Continued Fight on Proposed New Highway

Aberdeen, Hoffman, Pinebluff, Rockingham and
Southern Pines To Organize in
Opposition to a Highway

VOTED DOWN IN SOUTHERN PINES

A mass meeting of citizens of Aberdeen, Hoffman, Pinebluff, Rockingham and Southern Pines and open to anyone interested, regardless of their place of residence, will be held next Monday night at 8 o'clock in the Aberdeen High School Auditorium for the purpose of effecting an organization to fight the proposed highway between Aberdeen and Southern Pines and to formulate plans for further development and improvement along U. S. Highway No. 1.

Representatives from each of the above named towns will speak, including Mayor Pittman of Rockingham, Henry A. Page, Sr., of Aberdeen and M. G. Nichols of Southern Pines. G. C. Seymour, former Mayor of Aberdeen and former County Commissioner, will preside.

Not His Folly

McNair Says Predecessors
Authorized Road from Aber-
deen to Laurinburg

In a letter sent this week to Henry R. Page, Sr., of Aberdeen, James L. McNair, of Laurinburg, of the State Highway Commission, writes of the proposed road between Aberdeen and Southern Pines as follows:

"I have just read an account of the meeting that was held in Southern Pines in reference to a proposed road from Aberdeen to Southern Pines. 'Some of you seem to have gotten the opinion that I am trying to force a road on your community that does not want it. I assure you that this is not true. All I have ever done in connection with it was to ask the Engineering Department in Raleigh to make some survey to see if it were not possible to connect Highway No. 70 and No. 241 with Highway No. 1 and eliminate the dangerous and unsatisfactory railroad crossing in Aberdeen. I have never even seen the report on this survey and I have no interest in it whatever except as representing the State Highway Commission I would like to see dangerous and unsatisfactory railroad crossings eliminated, if possible. If there is any method of getting rid of this crossing that is practical, I as well as all the other Commissioners would like to see it done but I certainly am not advocating a road being built that is not wanted. We have entirely too many calls all over the State for what available money the Federal Government has appropriated to spend any of it on a road in a community where they object to it.

"I have also noted what you have to say in regard to erecting a monument on the road from Aberdeen to Laurinburg labeling it 'Commissioner McNair's Folly.' If you want to put a monument on this road dedicating it to those responsible for it, I suggest that you dedicate it to Mr. W. C. Wilkinson and Mr. J. Elwood Cox, both deceased. I had nothing whatever to do with the building of this road. At the time this road was

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All-Expense Trips To Southern Pines Begin

Northerners Can Spend Week
Here for \$90, Including R. R.
Fare, Hotel and Golf Costs

All expense trips from New York at a cost of around \$90.00 for a stay of eight days in Southern Pines, the amount to include round trip railroad fare, hotel expenses and golf club fees, go into effect this week, Howard Burns, city clerk of Southern Pines, was informed by Seaboard officials early in the week. Similar all expense trips from Boston, Philadelphia, Washington, Baltimore and Pittsburgh will also be available to the public.

The railroad, hotel man and Country Club officials agreed some time ago on a rate equitable to all and considered sufficiently attractive to stimulate winter business. Pinehurst has similar arrangements with the Seaboard and many northerners are taking advantage of vacations here as a result.

After listening to numerous speeches for and against the proposed new highway from Southern Pines to Aberdeen through the property of the Southern Pines Country Club a large number of citizens of the two towns voted unanimously against building of the road at a mass meeting held last Friday night in the Southern Pines High School building. The meeting was called by the Chambers of Commerce of the two villages. Dr. George G. Herr, president of the Southern Pines body, presided.

M. G. Nichols of the Board of Directors of the Country Club, told of the damage to the club's championship golf course which would result if the road was built as planned by the State Highway Commission, stating that the club was in no condition financially to change its layout nor to close its course while construction was in progress. He spiked one of the main arguments of the proponents of the road, that of unemployment relief, by stating that the club was the largest employer of labor in Southern Pines and that the closing of the golf course during the winter season would throw some two hundred persons out of employment.

Dr. L. B. McBrayer spoke in favor of the road, basing his argument on the fact that the Federal government has allotted a certain sum of money to North Carolina for highway construction, that this money is going to be spent somewhere, that it will cost Moore County nothing, that the road should therefore be built or Moore county won't get any of the fund. He was answered by Henry Page, Sr., of Aberdeen, who cited figures of the tremendous Federal and State deficits to be taken care of, told of the folly of the promise that the road wouldn't cost us anything, stated that emergency funds are not going to continue for long with the U. S. treasury in the state it is in and that what funds are available should be spent judiciously and wisely.

"Continuance of road expenditures in this state mean only continued hardships for a long time to come," he said in telling of the huge bonded indebtedness for highways already built. He termed the road built about a year ago from Aberdeen to Laurinburg a waste of \$200,000 and suggested the erection of a monument along the highway reading: "Commissioner McNair's Folly."

Dr. A. H. McLeod of Aberdeen spoke in favor of the road, stating that now when it is offered to the community on a silver platter is the time to accept it, that we will never have another opportunity to get something for nothing. Frank Shamburger of Aberdeen and Frank Buchanan of Southern Pines both spoke against the proposed road from the standpoint of its injury to Southern Pines' greatest asset, the Country Club, and on the grounds of needless expenditure of public funds.

Dr. Herr called for a rising vote of those in favor of the road. No one stood up. When he called for the opponents to rise the unanimity of the sentiment against the proposition was revealed. Those who had spoken in favor of the road did not vote. A report of the action of the meeting will be forwarded to the Highway Commission at Raleigh.

Mr. and Mrs. Jackson Boyd left last night for Harrisburg, Pa., to be gone until Saturday.