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PICQUET IS AGAIN HEAD OF CAROLINA THEATRE OWNERS

Manager of Movie Houses of
Pinehurst and Southern Pines
Honored at Charlotte

NEW CONTRACT ADOPTED

Charles W. Picquet, manager of the Carolina Theatres of Pinehurst and Southern Pines, was re-elected president of the North Carolina and South Carolina Theatre Owners' Association at the annual meeting held this week in Charlotte.

The association adopted resolutions ratifying the new contract that has been worked out among picture producers and distributors and the exhibitors, and is the first in the country to adopt the contract which has just been completed by outstanding men of the industry after months of effort.

Sidney P. Kent, president of the Fox Film corporation, and M. A. Lightman of Memphis, president of the National Theater Owners' association, the two men who were largely responsible for the months of effort in drawing up the contract, were present and explained the terms that are expected to bring an end to the prolonged war of the various factions within the industry.

Previous contracts have been between individual exhibitor and producer. The exhibitors have maintained that producers and distributors have taken an unfair advantage in that they have been able to dictate terms as to the number of pictures shown, the type of picture, and other questions. The new contract is expected to bring the two into common agreement whereby they will work together to the interest of both.

"This is a history-making meeting for the industry," Mr. Kent declared. "The eyes of the entire moving picture world are upon this meeting today, for it is the first time the new contract which will bring peace to the warring factions of the industry has been acted upon."

Other Officers Chosen

In addition to the election of Mr. Picquet to again head the association, Mrs. Walter Griffith of Charlotte was re-elected secretary-treasurer. Albert Sattile of Charleston, S. C., was elected first vice president, H. E. Buchanan of Sylva and Hendersonville, second vice president.

The following members were elected to the board of directors: W. H. Hendrix of Greensboro, E. L. Hearne of Albemarle, H. F. Kinney of Charlotte, W. T. Culpepper of Elizabeth City, A. F. Sams, Jr., of Statesville, J. E. Simpson of Gastonia, L. C. Sipe of Charlotte, George Parr of Lancaster, S. C., and H. R. Berry of Hartsville, S. C.

Before the principal address of Mr. Kent, Montgomery Hill of Greensboro, of the Kinney chain of theatres, urged the exhibitors to endeavor to form closer contacts with the leading citizens of their city, try to show pictures that will win their support, and attempt to make friends where there are now critics.

In coincidence, David Ovens, heading a committee urging the exhibitors to cease showing drinking and salacious pictures, came in just as Mr. Hill was urging exhibitors to work for cleaner pictures.

EDOUARD ALBION TO SING SUNDAY IN SOUTHERN PINES

The music at the Church of Wide Fellowship in Southern Pines on Christmas Sunday will be especially helpful in its inspirational character. At 10:30 Edouard Albion, well known baritone will be the soloist. Mr. Albion was for some time president and director of the Washington National Opera. He will sing Gounod's "Nazareth" next Sunday morning. The vested choir of the church will sing two anthems and the organ numbers will be played by Mrs. Charles Grey.

In the evening at 7:30 a'clock the vested choir of 30 voices, with Charles Picquet as guest-conductor, will give a cantata, "The Christ Child" by J. B. Hawley. The soloists will be Mrs. Raymond Kennedy, Mrs. Charles Picquet and Dr. Robert Shepard.

Highway Squabble Recalls Early Days of Road Building Hereabouts

Honored Again



CHARLES W. PICQUET

FINGERPRINTS OF VICTIM OF FIRE REVEAL IDENTITY

Man Found Burned to Death
Near Ador Believed to
Be Ex-Marine

RELATIVES ARE SOUGHT

Through the fingerprint service furnished by the county Deputy Sheriff L. A. Kelly, the identity of a man found burned to death near Ador a few days ago has been established. Officer Kelly succeeded in getting the dead man's fingerprints, although the hands were badly burned, and forwarded a copy to the United States Department of Justice Bureau of Investigation. A letter has been received by the Sheriff's office, stating that a search of the fingerprint files in the United States Bureau of Investigation and in the Identity Section of the War Department had failed to reveal a record, but that a search of the Marine Corps files showed this person is identical with Joe Frank White, who enlisted in the Marine Corps at Newark, N. J., on September 15, 1921. The address given was Binghamton, N. Y., and the name of the individual to be notified, Mary White, mother, in care of State Hospital, Binghamton, New York.

On August 20, 1923, the report states, White was discharged per summary Court Martial at the United States Marine Barracks, Navy Yard, Philadelphia, Pa.

The sheriff's office has attempted to get in touch with the mother but as yet has received no reply. Deputy Sheriff Kelly thinks that in case the woman is an inmate of the State Hospital, it may take more time to locate members of the family who can communicate with the local authorities.

LAMBETH VOTES AGAINST LEGALIZING 3.2% BEER

Congressman Walter Lambeth of this district voted against the Collier bill to legalize the sale of 3.2 per cent beer, which passed the House of Representatives by a vote of 230 to 165 on Wednesday. North Carolina members of the House split on the measure, Representatives Warren, Kerr, Hancock, Bulwinkle and Doughton voting for it; Lambeth, Weaver and Clark against it. Abernethy and Pou were absent, but Pou was paired in favor of the bill.

MASS MEETING ON ROAD MATTER IS POSTPONED

The mass meeting scheduled for Monday night in Aberdeen to further discuss the proposed highway between Aberdeen and Southern Pines was postponed on account of the weather. It was feared that the condition of the roads would keep the delegations from Rockingham and Hoffman from being present. The meeting will be held some time early in January, it was stated yesterday.

Sam Cameron of Hoke County
Responsible for First Main
Thoroughfare Through Moore

By Bion H. Butler

The possibility of shifting the main Federal highway from Route One by way of Rockingham and Cheraw to the proposed new road from Southern Pines by Laurinburg calls to mind the devious routes by which the main north and south road has traversed this section. Curiously enough the man most directly responsible for the first Federal highway through Moore county did not live in the county at all, but in Cumberland county, in what later came to be Que-Whiffle township in Hoke county. His name was Sam Cameron, a fine old pilgrim who died not long ago. He lived on the Chicken road between Aberdeen and Fayetteville, some ten miles east of Southern Pines. He had been a commissioner of Cumberland county, and active in the county life, as well as a prominent farmer and lumberman on this side of his county. The old Chicken road was a principle road of the county, going west by way of Blue's bridge on Drowning Creek, but with a branch turning northwestward toward Southern Pines and one to Aberdeen. He was active in having the road from Fayetteville to his house made as good as possible, and later in having it continued to Bumberdale, up the Southern Pines way, where Brittons had set up a big sawmill plant.

Britton did much business up on the Seaboard at Southern Pines and was interested in improving that road to some extent, but later he sold his place and Exum & Crossland established there a big cotton plantation. They wanted contact with the railroad and were interested in further improving the road to Southern Pines. About that time Hoke county was created, and I was asked to help the local paper in Raeford make known to the world the fine prospects ahead of the new town and county. The outlook was excellent, and we soon had Hoke and Raeford in the mouths of the people all over the state.

But to get to Raeford from my house involved a roundabout way by Aberdeen until the county commissioners, who included Sam Cameron and Worthy Johnson, an old Moore county man, agreed to meet Moore county at the county line if Moore would improve the road from Southern Pines. John McQueen, I. F. Chandler and A. Cameron were the commissioners in Moore, and they agreed. McQueen, D. C. Lemons and I were

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Doll Show To Benefit Local Unemployed

Will Be Held at Civic Club in
Southern Pines Next Week
Friday

Have you a good looking doll? Brush its hair, smooth out its clothes, give it a dime for entrance fee and send it to the Civic Club in Southern Pines next Friday afternoon, December 30th. It may win a prize.

Yes, there's going to be a Doll Show. Mrs. E. Levis Prizer and Mrs. Walter Spaeth are sponsoring it for the benefit of the unemployed. The doors will open to the public at 3:30 o'clock Friday afternoon, but your entry—or entries, for you may enter as many dolls as you like—must be there before three o'clock. The entrance fee is ten cents a doll.

There'll be three prizes for the dolls adjudged best by the spectators. And there'll be tea and dancing and everybody is invited. Take some change along, for there'll be a silver offering. That's where the unemployed come in. They will get the offering and the entrance fees.

Assisting Mrs. Prizer and Mrs. Spaeth in this novel entertainment will be Mrs. William C. Mudgett, Mrs. M. G. Nichols, Mrs. George Moore, Mrs. James Dickie, Mrs. Charles Everest, Mrs. W. Craighill Brown, Mrs. Charles W. Picquet and Miss Erson, while serving at the tea tables will be Mrs. P. P. Pelton, Mrs. James Milliken, Mrs. E. N. Poate and Mrs. Harry Vetterlein.

NO TIME FOR TOO GREAT ECONOMY IN OUR SCHOOLS

Attendance Up 83,000, Teachers
Decreased 1,220 in Three
Years, Kiwanians Told

JULE B. WARREN SPEAKER

Jule B. Warren, Secretary of the North Carolina Educational Association, in an address before the Kiwanis Club at its meeting in the Southern Pines Civic Club on Wednesday stressed the importance of our not economizing to the extent of affecting the education of our children.

Mr. Warren pointed out that there is an increase in attendance of eighty-three thousand over three years ago and that the number of teachers today compared to three years ago has been decreased to the extent of twelve hundred twenty. The speaker pointed out that North Carolina has a gross debt of \$534,000,000, and of this amount 14.6 was spent for schools and the remainder for the building of hard surfaced roads and in the making of other public improvements. He stated that the school debt amounts to \$75,000,000 to date, and that the value of school property in the state is well in excess of \$100,000,000.

Referring to the over-crowded condition of the schools over the state, Mr. Warren said that to economize in the future reduction of salaries or the cartailing of teachers would seriously affect the welfare of the coming generation. The North Carolina Educational Association has compiled statistics covering operation cost of schools and every effort possible is being made in curtailing unnecessary expenses.

Dr. E. M. Medlin introduced a new member to the Club, Bob Shepard of Southern Pines. Willard Dunlop, vice-president, presided at the meeting.

Little Theatre Guild Play Proves Success

First of Series of Plays to Be
Offered During Winter Sets
High Standard

"Come Out of the Kitchen," the comedy drama which started Ruth Chatterton on her road to historic fame, was cleverly presented in the Southern Pines High School Auditorium last Saturday by the Sandhills Little Theatre Guild. It was the first of a series of plays to be offered during the winter by this new organization, and if future productions are as well done as the initial presentation, the success of the Guild is assured and another enjoyable asset added to the winter program here.

Miss Helen Dorch of the high school faculty in Southern Pines, played the leading feminine part in true Chattertonian style. The male lead was well taken by Douglas Gregory, and the supporting caste was without a weakness. Others taking part were Miss Charlotte Miles, Mrs. Katharine Chapman, Miss Helen Thompson, Richard Wilson, the Rev. F. Craighill Brown, Mrs. Helen Brown, William Coursey, Frank Wilder and Raymond Kennedy. Tom Humble of Charlotte directed the caste. Despite the weather the Guild played to almost a full house.

Mrs. Katherine Newlin Burt, who was to have played in the caste, was called north by the serious illness of her daughter, and Miss Miles of the Southern Pines High School faculty substituted for her and ably enacted a difficult part.

It is rumored that the next offering of the Little Theatre series will be a dramatization of a story by a member of the guild, Mrs. Burt.

BANK OF VASS PAYS DIVIDEND TO DEPOSITORS

The Bank of Vass, which closed its doors in September of 1931, last week paid a five per cent dividend to its depositors, this being the first that they had received. W. F. Allen was first appointed liquidating agent of the institution, but later Charles S. Gay of Sanford was placed in charge. The dividend checks were drawn on the Page Trust Company of Sanford and were mailed out from that place.

Many Hands Preparing Spread of Christmas Cheer

Not Too Late

Your Gifts for Poor and
Needy Will Be Welcome at
Relief Headquarters

It is NOT too late to send Christmas gifts for the needy to be distributed by the various organized charities before Christmas Day Sunday. Cash, foodstuffs, clothing, canned goods, toys, dolls, candy—all will be welcome and all are needed to take care of the many families in the section who have felt the pinch of hard times during the past year. Ransack the attic and the larder AT ONCE and take your gifts to one of the following headquarters for distribution among those who sorely need them:

ABERDEEN—Aberdeen Hotel Building Christmas Store.

PINEHURST—Electric Shop adjoining Pinehurst Department Store.

SOUTHERN PINES—Burgess-Perkinson Building Store next to Telephone Office, Indiana avenue.

Aberdeen, Pinehurst and Southern
Pines Organizations Working
To Alleviate Want

NOT TOO LATE FOR GIFTS

"T" was the night before Christmas
When all through the house
Not a creature was stirring—
Not even a mouse."

But during the week before Christmas all charitably inclined people of the Sandhills—and they are legion—have been stirring. In every village and town relief organizations, Christmas funds, individuals have been preparing Christmas baskets that no family in Moore county may find itself forgotten and forsaken on that happy birthday celebrated by all mankind.

In Aberdeen the Good Fellows Club has been doing a noble work. It has collected close to \$900 in cash, has accumulated groceries and clothing and toys which would run the total up to \$500 in gifts to be distributed by the many needy families of this immediate neighborhood. The headquarters in the Aberdeen Hotel building has been a scene of activity all week, with willing hands sorting the gifts and purchases and making up baskets and boxes for distribution tomorrow.

Headquarters has been maintained in Southern Pines in the Burgess-Perkinson building on Indiana avenue where residents of the county's largest municipality have been carrying their gifts for distribution. No stone is being left unturned to see that the poor and needy of the Southern Pines neighborhood are remembered on Christmas Day. Large quantities of Red Cross flour were apportioned among hungry families during the past week, a line waiting in front of the Connecticut avenue garage where the flour was given out. Both the Red Cross officials and the Committee on Unemployment and Relief have put in a busy week in Southern Pines.

In addition to the regular distribution among families in need. Five hundred children are to be made happy with bags of candy and fruit to be distributed by the Boy Scouts of Southern Pines. Garland Pierce, their scoutmaster, arranged for the candy and fruit this week and has his troops lined up and ready for the distribution among their less fortunate playmates.

In Pinehurst there was great rejoicing among the members of the Community Church Christmas Cheer Association on Wednesday when contributions reported indicated that real relief could be brought to the hundreds of destitute people in that neighborhood. One incident, more than any other, changed the whole picture from one of the deepest darkness to one of happiest assurance.

Mr. H. C. Fownes was one of the very first to send in his check, which was for \$100, some days ago. When he read in the Daily News Wednesday that only \$423 had been donated with which to purchase that long list of necessities if acute suffering is to be avoided, his ever tender heart almost failed him. He realized the impossibility which faced the relief committee. He immediately gave an additional one hundred dollars thus doubling his contribution.

Mr. Fownes has always avoided the limelight and only consented to this publicity because it is his hope that perhaps others will thus realize what he knows so well, that conditions he knows so well, namely, that conditions are so grave that only a large response immediately will save the situation.

It is earnestly requested that those who intend to give but who have put it off and those who desire to do as Mr. Fownes did and add to their donation send the gift at once direct to I. C. Sledge, Treasurer, or notify him that it is being mailed. The purchasing committee will want to buy as many things as possible before it is too late, as deliveries will be started Friday morning. The more that is received the more people that will be saved.

The Christmas Cheer Association can also use many more toys and

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