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EARLY ACTIVITY INDICATES GOOD SEASON LOCALLY

Cottages Renting Well and Hotels Enjoying Better Patronage Than Year Ago

DEMAND FOR REAL ESTATE

By Bion H. Butler
The development of the early season in the Sandhills is rather a surprise in its activity. At Pinehurst H. B. Emery reports all the small cottages practically taken, with some of the larger places disposed of and inquiries coming for more of them. The hotels show a better patronage than was the case a year ago, with inquiries coming in encouraging manner, and with all the signs optimistic. The prices are not up to those of the high-price days, but neither are costs of operation, so that is not so serious a matter as might be assumed at first thought.

A certain feeling around for cottages to buy seems indicated, which Mr. Emery says will be the first movement in the return demand for Pinehurst homes by new people. This is a logical process, for while buildings are to be had ready to occupy it is less trouble to buy something that exists rather than to hunt up a site, procure plans, let contracts and wait for results when a house already existing can be secured and occupied at once. But he anticipates that when the available buildings now to be had are off the market a tendency to build will be observed again. All of this may be of slow development, for the start of a coming-back movement is always cautious. But those who are watching the Sandhills are beginning to forecast a return and on more solid basis than ever. The reasons are the climate, the facilities here for caring for people, the convenient distance from the northern centers of population, and the steadily improving physical appearance of the Sandhill villages and their growing attractions.

The horse continues to hold his own in the sandclay. The fox hunts are attracting a slowly increasing list of followers. Already the stables are filling up with horses, and new riders are becoming acquainted with the pleasures of the hunt in this sandy territory, as well as the attractions of the track at Pinehurst and the climatic conditions that appeal to the horse.

The Seaboard excursion which is to bring a large delegation of Pennsylvania teachers to Southern Pines this week is being watched with considerable interest by the people as well as by the railroad folks. If something of this sort can be made an occasional feature for Southern Pines a new line may be developed that might contribute to a much wider acquaintance with the Sandhills by the people of a wide range of the North. How much of this type of transitory patronage is desirable has been debated, and without definite decision. The original idea of the winter home here in the South was one of the continuity of stay rather than of transients in numbers. The advocates of both features argue their case, but the opinions continue to differ, although every effort will be made to care for both sorts of business as it comes.

Effect of Gold's Rise
Curiously enough the rise of the price of gold is having a local influence, not in the way that most folks would have suspected, but in the quiet inquiry for land investments. It is argued that if gold is to go high, and values of stocks and bonds proportionately lower, a tendency will develop toward buying land or other staple property as a long-pull and certain investment, for as people grow in numbers land will be more of a requirement. Inquiry seems to develop the fact that the so-called low-priced lands are beginning to retreat from the market. The government's influences in caring for the mortgaged home owner has lifted some of the panicky feeling, and lands are not pressing for sale as vehemently as was the case not long ago. When it

Re-Appointed



THE REV. W. C. BALL

The Rev. W. C. Ball has been returned for another year to the Page Memorial Methodist Church in Aberdeen and the Vass Methodist Church in Vass, much to the gratification of the members of these two congregations. The appointments were announced on Monday following the final business session of the North Carolina Conference, held in the Duke Memorial Church in Durham.

The Rev. J. C. Wooten, the presiding Elder of the district, was returned for his third year. The Rev. W. R. Royall of Rockingham and Rev. W. L. Clegg of Maxton were returned to their respective charges for the fourth year.

The Rev. L. D. Hayman of Sanford was moved to Nashville and the Rev. L. C. Larkin of Trinity Church, Wilmington was moved to Sanford. The Rev. L. M. Chafin of Hemp charge and the Rev. N. B. Noblett of the Gledon charge exchanged with each other. The Rev. J. A. Daily of Carthage was moved to Middleburg and the Rev. E. C. Durham of Warrenton goes to Carthage.

Superannuates in the Fayetteville district are T. H. Sutton, L. H. Sutton, L. H. Joyner, G. T. Adams, A. J. Groves, W. H. Townsend, J. B. Hurley, J. G. Johnson and C. M. Hawkins.

Few Voice Disapproval of \$150,000 U. S. Loan

County Commissioners Expected To Approve Program for New Schools in County

Little opposition was registered before the Board of County Commissioners at Carthage on Monday to the proposal to borrow \$150,000 from the federal government for new school buildings in the county. Only delegations from Pinehurst and Southern Pines appeared to question the advisability of the program in view of the conditions of the times and the increased tax rate involved. A majority of the Board of County Commissioners is said to be in favor of the loan, and the board is expected to take some definite action at its meeting next Monday.

The program involves new schools, additions or improvements for Eureka, Carthage, Pinehurst, High Falls, Hemp, West End, Eagle Springs and Spies, with \$5,000 on the list for a county garage and \$10,000 for furniture.

The original program sent up to the County Commission from the County School Board called for \$200,000. A survey was made to determine where in the county the school needs were the greatest, and \$50,000 lopped off the requisition, items for Aberdeen and other sections being eliminated for the present.

THANKSGIVING FOOTBALL

Here are the games handiest to the Sandhills for the latter part of this week:

North Carolina vs. Virginia at Chapel Hill, Nov. 30.

Wake Forest vs. Davidson at Wake Forest, Nov. 30.

Georgia Tech vs. Duke, at Atlanta, Dec. 2.

PENN. AVE. PLAN CUTS DISTANCES BETWEEN TOWNS

Road Extension Would Bring Pinehurst Over Mile Nearer Southern Pines

PROPOSE 80-FT. HIGHWAY

Among the projects which are on the list to provide work for unemployed in the vicinity of Southern Pines is the extension of Pennsylvania avenue through its unopened course west of McDeed's Creek to the Midland road near the Morrell nursery. This is a straight line from the Jenks house on the Weymouth hill top in Southern Pines, down through the heart of the village and across the creek to West Southern Pines, and through some of the most desirable outlying rural territory in the community.

The proposition is for a road eighty feet wide the entire length, which will shorten the distance between Southern Pines and Pinehurst by a mile and a half as compared with the double road, and to some extent in comparison with the dirt road over the hills by the race track and golf courses at Pinehurst. It would also shorten the distance to the Midland farms area and open that part of Midland Farms and Knollwood and the way property that lie to the South of the Midland road and west of the Mid Pines Country Club property, a bit of country that is extremely attractive. There is one of the highest ridges of the Sandhills, an area that has already been tentatively planned by Manning, Sweet and Wicker with regard to its ultimate development, and with all the skill that these men can bring to its treatment. Much preliminary work has been done on some of the territory, providing work for hands for some months.

This is the best grade and most direct route between the two villages of Pinehurst and Southern Pines, as but one grade is encountered in either direction from Weymouth Heights to the Carolina, and only two curves on the entire road, the one at the Morrell nursery and the other at the Allan McDonald place. One obstacle is encountered, which is that as the road approaches the double road near the Morrell nursery it crosses diagonally three or four of those five-acre plots fronting on the Midland road. But it is believed the benefits will be greater than any damage that is done, and that the owners will not object to the opening of the road. The owners of the larger acreage along the line are favorable to the project.

Mrs. Charles P. Mason Dies in Buffalo, N. Y.

Former Resident of Pinehurst Had Been Ill for Several Months

Lois Howland Mason, wife of Charles P. Mason of Greenwich, Connecticut, and daughter of Mr. and Mrs. F. B. Howland of Titusville, Pennsylvania, passed away in Buffalo, New York last Sunday, November 26th, following an illness of several months.

Mrs. Mason was born in Titusville, Pennsylvania, a descendant on both sides of early Titusville families. She was educated in Titusville schools and at The Misses Masters School, Dobbs-Ferry-on-Hudson, later taking special work at Columbia University. Since her marriage she has lived at Pinehurst, and for the past three years in Greenwich, Connecticut. A young woman of fine mind and character, of delightful and vivid personality, her early passing will be mourned by many friends and acquaintances.

In addition to her husband and parents, Mrs. Mason is survived by a young daughter, Emily Howland Mason, a former pupil at The Ark School here. Mr. and Mrs. Howland have a winter residence on Weymouth Heights, Southern Pines.

Services in Mrs. Mason's memory were held at the home of her parents in Titusville on Tuesday, November 28th.

Tuberculosis Will Not Wait

AN EDITORIAL

Every resident of Moore county has a right to be proud of the success made in past years in wiping the dread scourge of tuberculosis from this community. Not that this disease has ever been too prevalent here. It hasn't. But, as in every other community, certain dangerous centers of infection have been found, from which, unless checked, this fearful ailment can creep out and ravage the population.

That's why ever single person in the county takes a personal interest in the National Tuberculosis Christmas Seal Sale, which starts here December first. That's why the number of donations each year more nearly approaches the total number of persons living here. For here it is a peoples' drive — by the people and for the people. Every walk of life is represented in the list of contributors, some with large, some with small, all with welcome donations.

This year the local situation is doubly serious. When the banks closed, all the patients had to be returned to their homes, despite careful budgeting, with the exception of one man so dangerously ill that he was cared for by one most generous contributor.

Either these persons must be given proper hospital care and cures affected, or the work of years in clearing up Moore county's infection centers will go for naught. Tuberculosis will not wait. The sooner a case is diagnosed and put under treatment, the quicker, and therefore the cheaper, the cure. Every case allowed outside of the hospital is a potential danger, a possible source of infection to every resident.

The Fund has no back debts—the money from this year's sale of Christmas Seals will all go toward placing under proper care these desperately ill men and women, who had to be withdrawn from the hospital, and as many more who need it as the money collected will allow.

Rates have been reduced, so that every dollar collected will keep a patient in the hospital a day and a half.

Seals at one cent each, and sheets at \$1.00 each, will be on sale early in December. An effort will be made, through the Local Chairmen, to reach every resident of Moore county. If, by chance, you are not solicited, please send or give your contribution to your local Chairman, whose name will be published later in this paper, or to the County Chairman, Mrs. T. A. Cheatham, Pinehurst.

To clinch the work of past years—to clean Moore county as quickly and as cheaply as possible—this year's effort is vital. For remember, TUBERCULOSIS WILL NOT WAIT.

BAPTIST CHURCH TO ERECT SUNDAY SCHOOL BUILDING

Work On Cottage Type Structure
Expected To Start First
of Year.

ROOM NOW INADEQUATE

Plans are now under way for a new Sunday School building for the First Baptist Church of Southern Pines. Separate from the main building actual construction of this edifice is expected to begin before the first of the year.

Finding that due to the great increase in members this fall the present quarters were totally inadequate, the church last week took definite steps toward the new building. Tentative plans were introduced by E. W. Reinecke. These called for a cottage-like structure to be built just below the church. It will have sliding partitions within, so that the entire building may be turned into one large room for recreation purposes and as a place to hold suppers, food sales, bazaars, etc.

The plans also are so made that the building may easily be turned into a comfortable cottage, so that, if a new church should be constructed elsewhere, this building could be sold or leased as a home.

The project will probably be definitely decided upon this week. Final plans may provide for a large kitchen in the building for the use of the Willing Workers.

H. W. Dorn is chairman of the Building Committee, which is composed of some ten members of the church. This committee will render a final decision in the near future and the contracts will be let immediately after.

WALLACE IRWIN, WRITER, TO WINTER IN SOUTHERN PINES

Wallace Irwin, famed writer of Japanese schoolboy stories and other fiction, is joining the authors' colony in Southern Pines this winter. Mr. and Mrs. Irwin have leased the Gilkyson residence on Pennsylvania avenue and are expected to arrive this week. Mr. and Mrs. Walter Gilkyson are wintering in New York.

DR. MCGEE FIRST WOMAN TO HEAD WAR VETERANS

Will Become Only Camp Commander in United Spanish War Body First of Year

STATE OFFICERS HERE

The Southern Pines Camp of the United Spanish War Veterans held a meeting on November 26th when it was honored by the presence of the Commander of the Department of North Carolina, Comrade W. Capers White, and the Department Quartermaster, Comrade Eldridge Smith, both of Raleigh. The former gave an interesting talk, telling of the solidarity of the membership of the national organization and of the appeal it is making to the people of the whole country to understand the position of the veterans of the wars of 1898 to 1902 which are grouped together under the general name of the "Spanish War."

Dr. Anita Newcomb McGee was elected commander of the Southern Pines Camp and upon her installation in January will be the only woman camp commander in the national organization.

Others officers were elected as follows: Frank H. Wilson, senior vice-commander; J. M. Windham, senior vice-commander; H. M. McDonald, officer of the day; S. A. Hennessee, officer of the guard; A. M. C. Symington, trustee for three years. They are to be installed at the next meeting, January 11, and Department Quartermaster invited all the Camp members and legions to have dinner at Jack's Grill that evening as his guests. This invitation was accepted with much pleasure and appreciation. Any Moore County resident eligible to membership is asked, and indeed urged, to make himself known to some officer of the Camp so he may be personally invited to join his comrades at that time. Dr. McGee asked that those comrades who had not already obtained the service medals to which each is entitled should obtain them from the Adjutant General of the Army and wear them on all appropriate occasions, as the War Department wishes done, with the badge

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\$75,000 Civil Work Projects Approved Here

Payrolls to Amount to Over \$50,000 on Eleven Jobs O. K.'ed for Moore County

DRAIN ABERDEEN SWAMPS

Eleven civil work projects have been approved for Moore county involving the expenditure of close to \$75,000 of federal aid money, providing work for more than 200 men. A new city reservoir for Carthage and the drainage of the Aberdeen swamps account for more than half the total.

Civil work projects in North Carolina which will cost in the aggregate approximately \$2,250,000 and on which the payrolls will amount to probably more than \$1,575,000, going to an estimated 12,500 men employed, have been approved by Mrs. Thomas O'Berry, Civil Works Administrator, since last Friday and including approvals of Tuesday.

These projects, the major part of which is labor, are being approved very rapidly and all counties or other units of government with such work to be done are filing them speedily. Those containing merit and are worth while are approved with very little delay, so the projects can start and thus give employment to unemployed men.

Moore county has 11 projects which are recorded as approved, the number of men to be employed, estimated payroll and estimated total cost of which are listed as follows:

Grading, draining and graveling road from Carthage to Cameron, employees 25, payroll \$3,558.00, total cost \$6,028.00.

Grading from Pinebluff to Route 70, employees 25, payroll \$3,558.00, total cost, \$5,743.00.

Improving road, Southern Pines to Sanatorium, employees 25, payroll, \$1,825.00, total cost \$2,635.00.

Grading, draining and graveling road from Vass to Harnett county line, employees 25, payroll \$1,525.00, total cost \$2,456.00.

Grading, draining and topsoiling road from U. S. to Harnett county line, employees 25, payroll \$3,558.00, total cost \$5,785.00.

Carthage, building one million gallon capacity city reservoir, employees 56, payroll \$10,564.00, total cost \$19,089.00.

Carthage, building shuffle board courts on playground, employees 7, payroll \$235.00, total cost \$535.00.

Hemp, construction of well at negro school grounds, employees 3, payroll \$540, total cost \$69.00.

Southern Pines, beautification of roads, employees 13, payroll \$5,400.00, total \$5,475.00.

Cleaning and draining mosquito infested swamp, Aberdeen, employees 22, payroll \$18,554.00, total cost \$19,054.00.

Pinebluff, repairing dam and bridge, employees 17, payroll \$2,112.00, total cost \$2,712.00.

SEAL CHAIRMEN NAMED FOR MOORE COUNTY SEAL SALE

The Seal Sale from Thanksgiving to Christmas will be handled in Moore County by the following sub-chairmen, working under Mrs. Mrs. Anna F. Cheatham, Moore county chairman: Aberdeen, Miss Alice Wilder; Ador, Mrs. Henry Ador, Carthage, Mrs. L. W. Barlow; Eagle Springs, Mrs. Jesse Page; Glendon, Mrs. W. I. Stockton; Hemp, Mrs. Edwin A. West; High Falls, Miss Florence Woody; Jackson Springs, Mrs. R. G. Matheson; Lakeview, Mrs. N. L. Gibbon; Manly, Mrs. A. W. McNeill; Niagara, Mrs. H. S. Stanyan; Pinebluff, Mrs. Mae Benedict; Pinehurst, Mrs. Chester Williams; Southern Pines, Mrs. R. F. Potts; Vass, Mrs. R. L. Oldham, and West End, Mrs. B. U. Richardson.

BOYDS IN NEW YORK

Mr. and Mrs. James Boyd left Monday night for New York to be gone a week.

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