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## 70 MEN AT WORK ON CWA PROJECTS IN SOUTHERN PINES

### Road to Dickie Sanatorium and Double Road to Pinehurst Pro- vide Most of Labor

### PENN. AVE. JOB IN DOUBT

The CWA has 70 men at work on projects in and about Southern Pines at the present time, and more projects in the making to keep these and other men busy for some time to come.

The widening and resurfacing of the road from U. S. Highway No. 1 to Pine Crest Manor, Dr. J. W. Dickie's sanatorium, being done in cooperation with the State Highway Department, has 29 men employed.

Thirteen men are at work on the double road between Southern Pines and Pinehurst. All banks are being smoothed down to keep them from eroding, and honeysuckle is being planted along the route.

General beautification of U. S. Highway No. 1 leading into town is giving work to 11 men. They are smoothing the banks, cleaning up unsightly growth and rubbish and doing some planting.

Nine men are still at work on the new Southern Pines School tennis courts near the schoolhouse. This project will be completed this week. A number of attractive rustic benches have been constructed top lace about the courts and through the woods which border the courts.

### New Gymnasium Sought

Among contemplated projects is the building of a gymnasium for the school pupils. Approval for this has not as yet been obtained but is probable, Chairman E. W. Reinecke of the local CWA committee stated yesterday. Approval has been granted for the new shuffleboard courts for the town, but their location has not been determined. They will be located somewhere near the center of town, it is said, where they will be available to all.

The painting of both the white and colored schools has been submitted for approval. Two completed projects involved drainage and sewerage at both these schools.

Fred Underwood, representative in this district of the State Highway Commission was in Southern Pines this week discussing the advisability of going ahead with the proposed Pennsylvania avenue extension toward Pinehurst. Though there is much local sentiment for this development Mr. Underwood stated that the Highway Commission is not looking with favor upon projects which will involve maintenance after their completion. Too many such projects would involve too great an annual expenditure by the State long after such funds as federal CWA and PWA have been discontinued. It is possible that the road may be cut through over the proposed route but not improved at this time, leaving to the future the more permanent development of that section.

### 26 Men Employed in Aberdeen

Twenty-six men are at work in Aberdeen on Civil Works Administration projects, and the number will be increased to 40 next week, it was said yesterday. The present force, under A. A. McKeithen as foreman, is draining out the swamplands near the heart of town and off in the direction of Pinebluff. The additional men will start next week on beautifying the school grounds, some of the streets and roads, repairing sidewalks, etc.

### NO ACTION TAKEN ON U. S. LOAN FOR SCHOOLS

The Board of County Commissioners met Monday, further discussed the advisability of a loan from the government for new schools and improvements in Moore county, and adjourned without taking action. It had previously been announced that the board would decide the matter on Monday. The end of the year is believed to be the latest a request for a federal loan will be considered, so that if action is to be taken it will have to come soon.

## Youthful Organist, First To Make International Broadcast, Here

### Miss Irene Harding Will Give Recitals Weekly Throughout Season in Pinehurst

Irene Harding is spending the winter in Pinehurst.

This news paragraph in itself does not mean much to the large majority of readers of The Pilot. It means a great deal to those who have seen and heard Miss Harding, and it will mean much to many more before the season is far along.

Irene Harding was born in Washington, Pennsylvania not so very many years ago. She was graduated from the Washington Seminary there. Early in her youth she revealed exceptional musical talent and began her studies under Harvey P. Gaul in Pittsburgh. Then she went to Paris and specialized in the organ, receiving artist and teacher diplomas from the Conservatoire Americaine, in Fontainebleau. She made extensive concert tours through France and the British Isles.

Returning home she began broadcasting from Station KDKA in Pittsburgh, and was on the National Broadcasting Company chain for three years. Miss Harding made the first international broadcast ever given. She has also had seven years of teaching experience, at Washington Seminary in Washington, Pa., in the Pittsburgh Conservatory in Pittsburgh and in the National Park Seminary in Washington, D. C. She has been a church organist for 14 years.

### Weekly Recital Here

Miss Harding is organist this winter at the Village Chapel in Pinehurst, having been induced to spend the season here by the Rev. Thaddeus A. Cheatham, rector of the church, who knew her in Pittsburgh. The opportunity presented residents of the Sandhills to hear one of America's leading organists is exceptional. Mr. Cheatham has prevailed upon Miss Harding to give a weekly recital in the Pinehurst chapel, and the public is cordially invited to hear her each Thursday afternoon at 5 o'clock. She also plays for 15 minutes, at 10:45 o'clock, before church service on Sunday mornings.

Both Irene and her sister Mathilde are well known in metropolitan centers for their art. They have appeared in organ and piano duets frequently in the past, and became exceedingly popular on the NBC network in their dual renditions, among their programs being "Twenty Fingers of Harmony," "Drifting and Dreaming," and the "DuPont Cellophane" program. They have pleased large audiences in recitals at the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel in New York. Mathilde won three scholarships while at the Juilliard School of Music in New York, and her New York debut brought concert engagements all over the country after which she joined her sister in radio work.

The Thursday afternoon recitals are expected to become one of the most popular affairs in the Sandhills throughout the winter season, for to hear Miss Irene is to win her audiences to her. And more are learning of the artistry of this attractive young woman each week.

### CWA WORKER HERE HURT IN CAVE-IN AT SAND PIT

John Gillis colored, a CWA employe, was seriously hurt in the Southern Pines sand pit early yesterday morning when a bank of clay some 12 feet high caved in and buried him. When extricated he was found to have suffered a broken bone in his thigh and a fractured knee cap. He was rushed to the Moore County Hospital. Gillis was engaged in hauling clay from the pit to the new tennis courts at the High School building.

### \$100 MARK PASSED IN ANNUAL SEAL SALE HERE

The \$100 mark was passed several days ago in the 1933 Tuberculosis Seal Sale in Southern Pines, and the campaign is still on in full force. Other communities report good sales and it is hoped that the Moore county quota will soon be surpassed.

### In Pinehurst



MISS IRENE HARDING

## TOBACCO PRICE HERE 6c AHEAD OF LAST YEAR

### Aberdeen Warehouses Sold Nearly Three Million Pounds Up to December 1st

### 80% OF STATE CROP SOLD

The Aberdeen tobacco market, which closes tomorrow for the Christmas holidays, reopening January 2nd, had sold 2,773,632 pounds of tobacco this season up to November 1st, figures of the Federal-State Crop Reporting Service reveal. The average price has been \$16.23 a hundred as against \$10.24 a year ago. Of the total amount, 1,511,430 pounds were sold during the month of November. Aberdeen has two warehouses.

The Aberdeen price is slightly below the average for the Old Bright Belt, due to a large quantity of inferior tobacco offered on the local floors early in the season. The price, however, is ahead of Carthage, which has averaged \$15.66 to date. Carthage sales have totalled 2,227,812 pounds. The Old Bright Belt average up to December 1st was \$18.90, with Durham leading with an average of \$21.43.

The 415 million pounds of tobacco sold by all North Carolina warehouses to December 1st is approximately 80 per cent of the estimated crop produced in the state this year and is 70 per cent more than was sold to this date last season. The season's price to December 1st averaged \$16.35 or \$3.05 per hundred more than the average to this date last year.

The producers' sales during November totalled 145,869,318 pounds, or 139 percent more than was offered during November, 1932, and the month's average price of \$19.57 per hundred was \$6.89 per hundred more than for last November.

### Jail To Move

### Former Bank Building, Built in 1902, Expected To Be Demolished Soon

A project to remove the jail from Bennett street, Southern Pines to a new location has been approved by the local Relief Committee, of which E. W. Reinecke is chairman, and is now in the office of Miss Head, Chairman of Employment and Relief for Moore County for approval.

This project is expected to have favorable consideration both in Carthage and in Raleigh, and as soon as approved the old Geyer Bank Building, erected in 1902, and used by the town of Southern Pines as a jail since 1915 will be torn down. It will be rebuilt on town property at Saylor street and Pennsylvania avenue.

## CCC AT WORK IN FIGHT ON FOREST FIRES IN COUNTY

### Federal Employees Laying Out Fire Lanes To Break Force of Conflagrations

### WIDE TERRITORY COVERED

It used to be said forty years ago of Duncan Shaw, Sandy Monroe, John Buchan and some of the other old-timers that if you gave them a few shovels, pine branches and access to some of these McNeill township sand ridges they would put out hell fire if they ever happened to run afoul of that big heat.

Grass fires in the Sandhills have been spectacular from the days when old John Maultsby two hundred and two years ago took out the first patent known to have been given to a Scot on the Cape Fear pine lands and started the annual winter burning. Fires have been a scare through this section, although the old fellows had the terror pretty well under control. Then the newcomer with his lack of experience had some jars in his practices until a year or so ago the Moore County Fire Protective Association projected a scheme of fire lanes and burning certain plots of land at propitious times under the guardian of an employe of the association and of the state. That fixed things last winter. Then the sentiment grew and out of it came the employment of the Civilian Conservation Corps workers in an intelligently engineered plan of fire lanes in the county and adjoining counties until it looks now as if everything from The Federal governments to the individual has joined in a workable plan to prevent the fire scares we have been accustomed to of late years.

### Large Crew at Work

The State took up with the plan of burning the grass in selected areas in favorable times, and that led to fire lanes with the idea of controlling certain limits by burning with a big enough force to control the fires. That led to the present movement which is making definite fire lanes throughout the grass country of the counties in the vicinity. But the feature of local concern is the one that was emphasized when the C C C camp was opened at Jackson Springs and men in government employ put to work to open safety avenues on which fire fighting could establish a safety base. That work has been pushing forward, and now a large crew is engaged on the boundary line of Fort Bragg opening a road fifty feet wide along the Moore county line from the Aberdeen and Ræford road to the James Creek boundary of the camp, and that road will be the base line for a series of others that will cover the lower townships of Moore county.

The State, district, county and townships under Charles H. Claridge, of the State, W. A. Peterson of the district, L. L. Biddle, II, Verner Z. Reed, Jackson H. Boyd, Alex Fields, M. C. McDonald and other representative members of the fire organization of the counties of this section, have worked this thing up to where the general government in looking for a place to employ men found just what it could fit into, and now the C C C has laid out a scheme that takes the Fort Bragg line for a base. In a short time the forces will be divided so that while that line is worked out into a broad and permanent fire defense cross lines will also be cut out and cleared to provide similar protective ways.

### Along Ft. Bragg Boundary

The Moore County Protective Association has suggested the lines that they have been experimenting with, and it is expected that roads will be cleared out about as follows. The telephone pole line from Southern Pines to Pinehurst over the hill by the Southern Pines cemetery will be one of the main lines of protection, making a line there to cut off fires from the southwest winds. From south of Southern Pines a line will go out past the golf courses and over the ridge and down by the Marks and Callery places to join the Fort Bragg bound-

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## Extension of Broad Street To Route 1 Via Bridge Over Seaboard Board Probable

### Christmas Pageant

### Annual Carol Singing and Tableaux Program at School Auditorium Tuesday

The Southern Pines Music Society will present its annual Christmas Pageant and Concert at the school auditorium next Tuesday, December 19th at 8 p. m. As in the past there will be a number of tableaux portraying the Christmas story, accompanied by old familiar carols sung by the Choral club and the High School Glee Club.

Those who have enjoyed this annual Christmas event in past years will recall with pleasure the remarkably beautiful tableaux arranged under the direction of Mrs. James Boyd, and last year by Mrs. Walter Gilkyson. That the artistic standards established for this community holiday event will be fully maintained this year is assured by the fact that Mrs. Edgar T. Chapman, assisted by Vern Swan, well known architect of Uta, N. Y., will direct the tableaux and that the singing will be under the direction of Frederick Stanley Smith. A string quartet will assist the voices. Admission is free to all and no collection will be taken.

### Two Sites in View for Pinehurst Postoffice

### Either Oaks Club Property or Hemmer Residence Site Ex- pected To Be Selected

It is expected that either the Oaks Club property adjoining the Village Court Building, or the site of the present John Hemmer residence, near the Pinehurst Department Store and opposite the Carolina Theatre, will be selected by the government for the site of the new postoffice soon to be erected in Pinehurst.

An official of the U. S. Postoffice Department spent several days in Pinehurst this week going over the available sites and reviewing bids submitted, and left for Washington without expressing himself as between the two plots believed most available of those offered.

### Picquet Again Head of Theatre Owners

### Members of Association of Car- olinas Optimistic, He Finds at Annual Meeting

Charles W. Picquet, movie mogul of the Sandhills, was again re-elected president of the Theatre Owners Association of North and South Carolina at the annual meeting held Monday in Charlotte. Upon his return Mr. Picquet said it was the biggest meeting in the 21 years history of the organization, with 400 theatre owners present and 600 people at the annual banquet. "They are all optimistic and believe we have turned the corner," Mr. Picquet said.

### MRS. WHITAKER, HURT IN AUTO ACCIDENT, IMPROVED

Mrs. Charles R. Whitaker, president of the North Carolina Tuberculosis Association, who was injured a week ago when struck by an automobile in the business section of Lenoir, is still confined to the hospital there but reported as on the road to recovery. Mrs. Whitaker suffered the fracture of several ribs and other injuries. She was visited this week by her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Es and Mrs. E. V. Perkinson of Southern Pines, and by Dr. L. B. McBrayer, managing director of the tuberculosis association.

### PLACE OF RECITAL CHANGED

The piano recital of Mrs. Hafer's pupils, will be given next Wednesday afternoon at 4:30 o'clock at Mrs. George Moore's residence and not as previously announced.

### Favorable Action Expected on Plan To Divert Traffic into Business Section

### JEFFRESS INSPECTS SITE

There is a decided probability that U. S. Highway No. 1 will be tied into West Broad street, the main business street of Southern Pines, by means of a bridge over the tracks of the Seaboard Air Line Railway near the Lovejoy log cabin at the northern end of town.

There is a decided probability that the highway bridge over the Seaboard tracks at the southern end of Southern Pines will be replaced by a more modern and adequate structure, or be rebuilt to provide for pedestrian traffic apart from automobile traffic.

These projects are having the serious consideration of officials of the State Highway Department and of the Seaboard company at the present time, and The Pilot has reason to believe that both will be approved for construction in the very near future.

The Chamber of Commerce and downtown business interests have long advocated some method of diverting U. S. No. 1 traffic through the business section of town. State officials were asked some time ago to go over the ground with authorities here. Chairman E. B. Jeffress of the State Highway Commission was in Southern Pines recently. Engineers of both the highway department and of the Seaboard have been here. Funds are believed to be available.

The plan is to provide an optional U. S. No. 1 route branching off the main route near Manly and crossing the Seaboard tracks by an overhead bridge, coming into West Broad street near the Lovejoy cabin. At the junction on U. S. No. 1 a sign would give the motoring public the option of going through Southern Pines via the residential section (May street) or via the business section. There would be no direct right turn from May street involved for southbound traffic as at present, and many more people than now would see something of the business section of town with the increased likelihood of their patronizing local shops and possibly stopping over at night.

The bridge over the Seaboard tracks at the southern end of town has long been a bugbear to parents of schoolchildren locally. No provision is made for pedestrian traffic, and the youngsters have to cross the bridge twice each day with the ever present danger of being struck by passing automobiles. The Pilot has advocated the removal of this danger for some months and that there is a probability of action in the matter will be a source of gratification to the community.

### Tourist Ass'n. Party Next Monday Night

### General Get-Together of Resi- dents and Winter Visitors To Launch Season

Next Monday night, December 18th, will be the big night at the Southern Pines Civic Club when the Southern Pines Tourist Association will be host to the residents of Southern Pines and all visitors in the town. It will be the first "get together" night of the season and it will be "open house" for the entire community. Anyone who has ever attended one of these "get together" meetings will surely be at the Civic Club next Monday night. The festivities begin at 8:00 o'clock and the doors will be open at 7:30 for those who like to come early. There will be music and stunts and old time songs and a genuinely social time.

J. B. Gifford and A. L. Adams are in charge of the program and that is a guarantee that it will be good. There will be no admission charge and everybody is invited. Remember the date and make it a point to be there.