

Thistle Club Promotes Golf and Sociability

Holds Monthly Tournaments and Bridge Parties at S. P. Country Club

One of the interesting features of social life in Southern Pines is the Thistle Club, organized on December 10th, 1925. It is a woman's club restricted to 100 active members and Article 1 of its constitution states that its object be to promote good fellowship and encourage better golf.

Luncheon meetings for business are held once a month at the Country Club and are followed by a golf tournament for the golf members and cards for the social members. During the season dancing parties are on the program and picnics for the husbands, and their guest affairs, and one of the happiest events is the three-day Woman's Mid-South Golf tournament when the Thistle Club members are very busy hostesses.

The list of officers for this season are as follows:

Mrs. C. P. Everest, president; Mrs. H. A. Gould, vice-president; Mrs. Cari Thompson, secretary; Mrs. J. S. Milliken, corresponding secretary and Mrs. H. E. Thrower, treasurer.

CURB MARKET WEEKLY

Women of the Sandhills community operate a curb market on Saturday of each week in the Lewis Building in Southern Pines, where fresh vegetables and fruit, eggs, chickens, preserves and pastry, made by needy farm women, are available at reasonable prices.

But Handful of Survivors of "Vineland," Now Southern Pines

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"Hedgerow," now the home of Struthers Burt. Serving the town as a commissioner and the Congregational Church in many capacities. Mr. Stewart and his wife still live in their home on Broad street, this being the longest continuing residence in one house for any family now living in Southern Pines.

Introduced the Dewberry

H. P. Bilyeu, who first experimented with peaches, later, about 1892, developed a highly successful vineyard on a part of the present Southern Pines Country Club, became famous by introducing the wonderful Lucretia Dewberry. He now resides in Greensboro, and with Mrs. Bilyeu visits Southern Pines where a daughter, now Mrs. D. Wade Stevick resides. Mr. Stevick came with his parents in 1899 and can be listed among our younger pioneers.

Dr. William P. Swett, whose sudden death during the height of the conflagration of April, 1921, shocked the community came from Connecticut in March, 1892, returning the following year upon completion of his house, now the municipal building in the city park. For years the oldest resident physician of the town Dr. Swett found time for many things beside his profession and was one of the prime movers in the beginnings of the Country Club. His daughter Katherine, now Mrs. Hugh Betterley, and son James reside in Southern Pines

while another daughter, Doris, is becoming an etcher of note.

Mr. and Mrs. I. F. Chandler came from Muskegon, Mich., in 1894, and within a very short time after their arrival Mr. Chandler built a factory for the manufacture of peach crates and grape boxes on the corner of Wisconsin avenue and Bennett street, and from the power developed in this mill started the town's first electric light system. This expanded to and beyond the county lines following his purchase of water power sites on Little River. Mrs. Chandler's love of flowers has grown beyond a floral display in the garden to cultivation in extensive greenhouses. Ralph L. Chandler, a former town commissioner and for many years secretary of the School Board, was a small boy when his parents came from Michigan, but a daughter, Bessie, now Mrs. L. T. Clarke was born here.

Starts "News Depot"

C. L. Hayes of Princeton, Ind., visited Southern Pines in 1895, returned the following year with a bride, and established the "News Depot," now one of the best known book stores in the state, largely owing to the owner's knowledge of his wares. An ex-member of the City Council and School Board, Mr. Hayes has always taken a keen interest in town affairs and in the Country Club, of which he was a charter member. Mrs. C. L. Hayes, with her establishment started in 1902, is widely known throughout the Sandhills for her women's shop. One son, Robert N., resides in town.

In 1894 Lawrence E. and Alfred C. Grover came with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Grover. Mr. Grover built the fine house on the corner of West Broad street and New York avenue, become interested in saw milling and the first telephone company, and was Mayor in 1897. Lawrence and Alfred went to Boston about 1904, and returned in 1910 when they built a home on Ridge street and started an extensive peach orchard on the "Grover road." Lawrence has been long in the postoffice, and Alfred with the Country Club.

James Patch came in the fall of 1896, found Southern Pines to be a town with a future, and induced his brother, C. T. Patch, to investigate with the result that for a few years a new firm did business as C. T. Patch & Bro. "Jim" went off to Mexico busy with mining ventures, then returned and was for years with C. S. Patch in the Tog Shop. He still lives in town.

Dean of Local Merchants

C. T. Patch, following representations made by his brother, came in January, 1897, and bought out the firm of Tarbell & Taplin, and has long been known as the dean of our merchants. As town commissioner, school commissioner, sinking fund commissioner, Mr. Patch has served the community in many ways, and now as he walks down to the bank, of which he is a director, will pause and tell you of the days of long ago when all banking business was transacted in Raleigh. Charles S. Patch, young enough in years, just comes under the wire as he was born in 1900. He is the town's youngest commissioner.

Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Reynolds came from Vermont in 1898, though Mr. Reynolds is a native of Alabama. They purchased a lot on New Hampshire avenue and erected a modest cottage, then in 1899-1900 ran the Prospect House, one of the town's best hotels, and in the following year added to their cottage and began the start of the present wide spreading and well known Jefferson Inn.

The late John N. Powell came to Southern Pines in 1896 and before many years had elapsed his pleasing personality made him a leading factor in the growing town. Vivaly interested in every civic organization and laboring unceasingly for every improvement, making friends of every visitor, and doing all in his power to make them welcome in the growing resort many evidences of his part in the founding remain. In many of these efforts he had the helpful aid of Mrs. Powell, who now resides with her daughter, Mrs. Thomas L. Black. Black.

Now living in the house on East Broad street built in 1900 by Emerson Hayes, of Connecticut, are three sisters, Mrs. Emerson Hayes, Mrs. E. P. Catlin, and Miss Helen Calhoun. Mrs. Hayes was one of the founders and former president of the Civic Club, trustee of the library in its formative years, and a worker for the welfare of the town. Miss Helen Calhoun opened a private school in the winter of 1895-6, and became an assistant principal of the new public school in 1897, continuing with that institution until 1905. Mrs. E. P. Catlin's husband built on the site of the present Colonial Inn in 1896.

Mr. and Mrs. P. H. Beck came from Coudersport, Pa., in 1896, and within a few years he became one of the organizers of the Citizens Bank, and Mayor of Southern Pines. His widow, Mrs. Florence Beck, resides in town as does her daughter, now Mrs. Thomas A. Kelly.

W. J. Young and wife came from Franconia, N. H., January 8, 1899, and joined his uncle on the old Piney Woods dairy farm for two years and then located on the road running eastward from Southern Pines, and has been there so long that the road, officially Forest Road, is much better known as "Young's Road." Mrs. Azuba Young who came with the family of John Wilson in 1886 now lives with Mr. and Mrs. Young. Mr. and Mrs. J. Hardy Tilghman came from Pittsburgh in 1897, and he like many of our pioneers became interested in peach and grape culture, his old orchard site still bearing the name of Tilghman's Hill. His widow and one son, John, reside in town, Mrs. Tilghman holding the office of town tax collector.

Town's First Plumber

R. W. Brown, the town's first plumber and water system expert, came from Delta, Pa., in 1898, and his cheery greeting, "a fine day," is familiar to all.

Walter Blue, always identified with our fire department, was one of our younger pioneers, having come here as a boy of twelve with his parents in 1896. His father, D. A. Blue, lived on the present Burgess site, and was a town commissioner.

B. W. Leavitt, long the head of our local telephone system, was a small boy when his parents came into the Sandhills in 1882, but "Bernie" left the Leavitt settlement, now Ashley Heights, for Southern Pines in 1890, and forsook us just a few years ago for Vermont. And Mrs. I. L. Hamlin, a daughter of S. S. Thomas, first hardware merchant here, has recently moved to Washington. A few of the survivors of the pioneering days visit us more or less frequently, among them Harry Parker who came in 1884. A. J. Teft in 1885, Horace Wakeman, Jr., a merchant of 1898-1900. George St. John of the famous Piney Woods Inn, and H. O. Parker, city clerk from 1899 to 1904, are regular season visitors.

Grapefruit at Shell Station, 30 cents a dozen.

Fresh cut flowers sold every Saturday at the Curb Market in Southern Pines.

HOTELS AND INNS ENJOYING UNUSUAL EARLY PATRONAGE

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avenue, already open, has numerous guests, as has The Woodworth.

Of the year 'round hotels the Park View and the Belvedere are enjoying their usual seasonal increase in patronage, and the numerous apartment hotels, such as The Beverly, are well filled, with bright prospects for a record winter.

OUR OWN TRUCK has arrived from Florida with a load of choice oranges and grapefruit. This fruit is tree ripe, uncolored. Fancy Naval Seedless Oranges, 35 cents a peck. Fine Fancy Oranges, 35 cents a peck. Grapefruit, 30 cents. At Joe Powell's Shell Service Station, Southern Pines.

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