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PINEHURST PLANS NORTH CAROLINA DAY ON APRIL 27

Invites Citizens of State to Be-
come Better Acquainted With
Their Resort

BUSY SPORTS PROGRAM

North Carolina Day, a new event on Pinehurst's busy Spring schedule and one which it is planned to make an annual affair, will be inaugurated on Saturday, April 27th, to run through Sunday. Merchants, hotels and residents of Pinehurst are cooperating to make the occasion an outstanding event and an enjoyable occasion for the hundreds expected from all parts of the state for the extensive program.

The purpose of North Carolina Day is to better acquaint the people of the state with one of the state's leading resort towns, thereby fostering a friendly spirit between Pinehurst and its neighboring cities and towns. Invitations are being sent out to prominent people in all parts of the state to visit the Sandhills those two days.

An extensive sports program is being arranged, including golf matches, horse racing, gymkhana events, tennis tournaments and a skeet and trap-shooting tournament. The largest attraction of the program, however, will be the reduced golf fee of \$1 a day for the two days.

A style show is being planned with all the gown shops in Pinehurst cooperating. It is intended to make the event something that everyone will enjoy.

The committee in charge of the program includes L. L. Biddle, 2d, chairman, Charles Picquet, Ernest Gamache, A. T. Robertson, Jr., and L. L. Seeman.

Program of Easter Music in Pinehurst

Special Service of Worship Ar-
ranged for Sunday Evening
in Community Church

A worship service of Easter music will be offered at the Pinehurst Community Church on Easter Sunday evening at 8 o'clock with the presentation of "The Thorn-Crowned King," an Easter cantata by Fred B. Holton, text by H. Von Berge. The entire worship will be in music. The service will begin with an organ and violin prelude. The invocation will be by the singing of an Easter anthem of meditation and prayer, "In Joseph's Lovely Garden," by a mixed quartette unaccompanied. The cantata will follow and the worship will conclude with the singing of the benediction with the seven-fold amen by the quartette. The choir at the evening service will be composed of the following:

Tenors: A. V. Gibson, W. M. Herndon, Willard Dunlop.

Sopranos: Mesdames Colin McKenzie, Tom McKenzie, A. V. Gibson, G. M. Cameron and True Cheney.

Contraltos: Misses Katherine Blue, Eunice Gibson and Mrs. A. J. McKelway.

Basses: D. Currie, W. P. Morton, Rassist Wicker and A. J. McKelway.

The quartette parts will be sung by Mr. and Mrs. A. V. Gibson and Mr. and Mrs. A. J. McKelway.

Mrs. Roy Kelly will be at the piano during the cantata. A violin obligato will be played by Mr. H. H. Polish of Maxton. Mrs. E. B. Keith will be at the organ.

The service will begin at 8 o'clock and will continue for about one hour. The public is cordially invited to attend.

JAMES BOYD SPEAKER

James Boyd of Southern Pines addressed the Walter Hines Page Book Club of Aberdeen at the Aberdeen Community House on Monday evening, telling the members something about "authoring" and reading passages from his forthcoming novel, "Roll, River," to be published this month by Scribner's.

LEGION MEETING TONIGHT

There will be an important meeting of Sandhills Post No. 134 and its auxiliary tonight, Friday, at 8 o'clock in the Pinehurst Community House. All members are urged to attend.

\$47,943 Here

Moore Farmers Received
Large Rental and Benefit
Payment in February

North Carolina farmers were paid \$541,725.46 in rental and benefit payments by the Agricultural Adjustment Administration in February, bringing the total AAA funds paid in this state to \$14,348,126.28, figures compiled by Dean I. O. Schaub, of State College, show.

The February checks were a continuation of the rentals and benefits paid to growers who cooperated with the 1934 crop adjustment program. Payments received through February 28, Dean Schaub reports, are as follows: cotton growers, \$8,044,776.14; tobacco growers, \$5,738,355.70; corn-hog producers, \$482,556.37, and wheat growers, \$80,438.07.

Moore county received \$47,843.71 in these payments.

SPRING BLOSSOM FESTIVAL VOTED GREAT SUCCESS

Tennis, Baseball and Collegiate
Ball Wind Up Gala Week
Program Here

DUKE ATHLETES VICTORS

The second annual Spring Blossom Festival wound up in a blaze of glory with the Collegiate Ball at the Southern Pines Country Club last Saturday night. Despite coolish weather throughout the week all events on the program attracted large crowds, and it seems the unanimous opinion of the people of the community that the affair was a brilliant success from beginning to end.

Duke defeated Davidson in the baseball game last Saturday afternoon before a sizeable crowd which would have been much larger had it not been for the inclement weather. The game was interrupted in the second inning by rain but was soon continued to wind up at 6 to 3 in favor of the Blue Devils. It was Duke's day here. Her tennis team defeated State College on the municipal courts in the morning, taking all singles and doubles matches.

Friday night witnessed the crowning of the 1935 Festival Queen. Miss Ruby Hodges was the successful candidate for the crown this year, with Miss Mary Welch second in the standing and Miss Katherine Wiley third. The coronation ceremonies in Municipal Park were witnessed by a large assemblage, after which the Queen's Military Ball was the attraction at the Country Club.

Busy Military Day

Friday was Military Day and people came from all parts of the state for the big parade and for conventions of the American Legion, the Legion Auxiliary and the Daughters of the American Revolution. The speaker of the day was Col. E. R. W. McCabe, Fort Bragg, commanding officer of the 17th Field Artillery which he led during the World War. After the parade retreat ceremony was held in the park, followed by a barbecue dinner for the legionnaires, served in the park.

A brilliant feature of the week was the Spring Blossom Festival Chorus, led by Charles W. Picquet, in the High School Auditorium on Thursday night. The large chorus made such a distinct impression upon an audience which should have been much larger that numerous requests have been made for a repetition of the singing of "The Holy City" at some nearby future date.

Due to cold weather a number of events which were expected to net sufficient revenue to defray Festival expenses were not as well attended as they would have been otherwise, causing the Festival Committee to report this week a slight deficit. Plans to raise the necessary funds to balance the budget were made at the meeting of the Chamber of Commerce on Tuesday.

FIRES FANNED BY HIGH WINDS HERE THREATEN HOMES

Two Break Out Near Southern
Pines; One Covers 1,000
Fort Bragg Acres

2,000 FIGHT FLAMES

The Southern Pines Fire Department and numerous volunteers fought two threatening grass and woods fires on the outskirts of town on Monday afternoon. The first broke out in the vicinity of Firligh Farms, residence of Mrs. Reid Healy, and the second on Weymouth Heights near the home of Mrs. J. H. Andrews. The local department answered calls to both places and with the aid of volunteer fighters prevented the spread of flames and any damage to buildings, despite the high winds.

About the same time fire broke out on the Fort Bragg Reservation, not far distant from Southern Pines, and spread over an area of some 1,000 acres. About 1,500 officers and men from the post and about 500 CCC men fought through Monday afternoon and night to get the fire under control.

At 3:30 in the afternoon, fire was reported breaking out in several places about two miles from McKellar's Pond. In spite of three preceding days of rain, the timber was dry from the dust-laden air which blew through the woods all day. The pines which stood in the red path of the wind went up in sparkling flames like enormous fire-crackers and the underbrush, white with dogwood, caught like tinder.

The flames jumped the firebreak and headed toward the ordnance magazine, were gotten under control, shifted toward Pope Field and came within a few miles of the landing field and the CMTC camp area.

Four Survive Men's Singles in Tournament

Wilmer Allison, U. S. No. 1 Man,
Leading Contender for North-
South Tennis Title

Wilmer Allison, No. 1 in national tennis ranking, Hal Surface of Kansas City, mid-west top-notch; Archibald Henderson of the University of North Carolina, and J. Gilbert Hall of Orange, N. J., were the surviving stars yesterday in the annual North & South tennis tournament which has been running off smoothly all week on the courts of the Pinehurst Country Club. Allison was playing Surface and Henderson pitted against Hall in the semi-finals when The Pilot went to press.

Survivors in the women's singles yesterday were Mrs. Penelope Anderson McBride of Richmond; Miss Eunice Dean of San Antonio, Texas; Miss Jane Sharpe of Pasadena, California and Miss Florence Le Boutilier of Westbury, L. I.

The finals in men's singles will be played tomorrow, Saturday morning, and the finals in men's doubles in the afternoon. Women's singles and doubles are expected to be completed today, Friday.

CHANDLER, MRS. MILLIKEN RENAMED TO SCHOOL BOARD

Ralph L. Chandler, secretary of the Southern Pines School Board and Mrs. James S. Milliken were reappointed to the board at the meeting of the Board of Commissioners of Southern Pines on Wednesday night.

CITY ASKS P. W. A. FUNDS FOR RESURFACING MAY ST.

The Board of Commissioners of Southern Pines voted on Wednesday night to make immediate application to the Public Works Administration for the resurfacing of May street, or U. S. Highway No. 1, within the city limits of Southern Pines.

STEEPLECHASE MEETING

Members of the Sandhills Steeplechase & Racing Association are holding a meeting this morning, Friday, at 10:30 o'clock in the Village Court Grill, Pinehurst, to discuss plans for improving the steeplechase course.

Festival Offers Two All Its Own, Dogwood and Old Slave Day

Latter Ties Occasion Up With
History and Tradition and is
Week's Outstanding Event

By Struthers Burt

This is an age of competition, but then all ages have been. It is better to say, this is an age of extraordinarily high competition. Everything is crowded; everything that it is possible to do, is done repeatedly all over the world. The only thing nowadays that attracts attention is an original idea, or an old idea so originally carried out that it stands above the rank and file of just good enough. So I agree with Mr. Robertson's comment on the Dogwood Festival.

Nor is this any criticism of the Dogwood Festival nor of those back of it. The Festival was a success this year and there cannot be too high commendation for the hard work that made it a success, but to me the outstanding day was Old Slave Day, because Old Slave Day was something by itself. An original idea. An idea that tied the festival up with history and tradition; that gave it a distinctly local and sectional atmosphere. It seems to me that we have two things in the Sandhills that are our own: this Old Slave Day and the dogwood, and that therefore we should more and more emphasize both.

Queens, parades, baseball games, and so on, are all very well, and are needed to fill in time and tie the occasion together, but all over the country exactly the same performances are taking place, and to make such performances noteworthy, a great deal of money and organization are necessary. More money and organization, perhaps, than the Sandhills are as yet capable of producing; but the rest of the country hasn't dogwood such as we have, and the rest of the country hasn't as yet thought of an Old Slave Day. Furthermore, I wish that this could be a Sandhills-wide celebration. There were traces of that this year, and every year there should be more traces. The whole section should get together and pool its resources and its energy and its imagination. If that is done, the interest will not be largely local, it will be national. Unless I am vastly mistaken people will travel long distances to see what I saw on Old Slave Day. It was moving and memorable.

227 Dogs Judged in Pinehurst's Big Show

English Setter Owned by Miss
St. George of Tuxedo Park
Wins Best Dog Award

Hepler's J. F., a beautiful English setter owned by Miss Priscilla St. George of Tuxedo Park, N. Y., was judged the best dog in the third annual show of the Pinehurst Kennel Club which was held on the estate of Verner Z. Reed, Jr., last Monday. Two hundred and twenty-seven dogs of 31 different breeds were entered in 236 different classes, and required 10 hours of judging by Lewis Worden of New York before Miss St. George's English setter was declared the victor.

The last two hours of the show were judged under the headlights of automobiles, which were driven up next to the show ring to continue the work in face of a too-fast disappearing sun.

The show was the largest out-door show in the South this year and reflects great credit upon Col. G. P. Hawes, Mr. Reed and others who arranged and managed the event.

RICHARDSON AND AIDES EXPRESS APPRECIATION

General Chairman S. B. Richardson and his various committees in charge of the Spring Blossom Festival desire to express their thanks and appreciation to all who generously aided in funds and labor in making the second annual Spring Blossom Festival last week the success it proved. "We enjoyed splendid cooperation from the people of Southern Pines and the Sandhills," Mr. Richardson said yesterday, "and it was through the combined efforts of all that we had such an enjoyable week."

Donates Theatre



CHARLES W. PICQUET

Legion's 10th Annual Ball Easter Monday

Sandhills Post to Entertain at
Southern Pines Country Club
For Relief Fund

The Sandhills Post of the American Legion is to give its tenth annual ball on Easter Monday night, April 22d, at the Southern Pines Country Club. The dance committee has been fortunate enough to secure Gerry Bryant's orchestra of New York for the occasion.

The dance committee consists of Shields Cameron, chairman, Paul Dana, R. E. Denny, Livingston Biddle and L. M. Tate of Pinehurst, Frank Shamburger and J. Vance Rowe of Aberdeen; J. Halbert Blue and Edgar Ewing of Knollwood; John Beasley and Charles McDonald of Carthage; J. F. Sinclair and D. C. Ritter of West End; F. M. Dwight of Lakeview and H. J. Betterley, C. F. Everest, Struthers Burt, L. V. O'Callaghan, H. B. Warner, Nelson C. Hyde and R. L. Hart of Southern Pines.

The dance will be sponsored by the Post Auxiliary of which Mrs. L. C. Buckingham of Pinehurst is president. Many other prominent women of the Mid-South Community will assist in ticket sales.

Probably few people realize what an important part of the Sandhills Post of the American Legion takes in relief work. Because this post is located on one of the principal Federal highways it is constantly being called on for help from veterans who are traveling in search of employment. The post always is prepared to investigate these cases and to render aid where it is needed and deserved. When the economy act of 1933 was passed there were a number of veterans in the Sandhills who found themselves cut off from all income. Such of these as could not help themselves were subsisted by the local post until they became rehabilitated. One such veteran, after being given up by the government hospitals as incurable, was operated upon in Fayetteville at the expense of the Sandhills Post and was completely cured and restored to a self-supporting status.

The annual dances of the post are the principal source of income for the fund that takes care of this relief work. It is the aim of the committee in charge to make the dance on Monday night the most enjoyable party the post has yet given.

SCHOOLS CLOSE MAY 7

County schools, with one exception, will close on May 7th. The Cameron school, which was closed on account of the influenza epidemic, will complete its work one week later, May 14th.

BANKS CLOSED MONDAY

The Bank of Pinehurst at Pinehurst, Carthage and Aberdeen, and the Citizens Bank & Trust Company in Southern Pines will be closed all day on Easter Monday, April 22.

NEXT WEDNESDAY NIGHT BIG ONE IN SOUTHERN PINES

Double-Barreled Program at
Carolina Theatre For Festival
Benefit

STAR ACT PLUS MOVIE

Next Wednesday night, April 22d, is going to be a big night at the Carolina Theatre in Southern Pines. If there are any vacant seats in the house we will be surprised, for a double-barreled, high-powered program awaits the populace and not even a slight raise in the price of seats is going to keep the folks away.

Here's the story. Five musical artists—and they are artists—are going to be in town next Wednesday. Hearing about it, the Chamber of Commerce got in touch with them this week and prevailed upon them to put on an act for the benefit of the Spring Blossom Festival's deficit, which isn't much of a deficit but enough to require a benefit. The boys allowed as how they would be glad to comply, and then came the question of where to stage the affair.

Well, Charlie Picquet was at the meeting of Chamber directors on Tuesday at Jack's Grill and Charlie spoke up and said he'd donate his theatre Wednesday night for the show, and besides he'd throw in the picture scheduled for that night, and let all the proceeds go to the Festival. Of course that called for a vote of thanks to Charlie and the appointment of a committee of arrangements by President Hugh J. Betterley of the Chamber and all that. Dr. G. G. Herr, Frank Buchan, Harry Buckley and Mr. Picquet comprise the committee.

Musical Treat

So the double-barreled bill is on. These five musical artists are something. They were here not long ago and put on their act privately for a group of citizens and those who heard them and saw them say they are the berries. They play every known musical instrument, from the big cello to the petite piccolo. They play every kind of music from classical to the tom-tom. They are a band, an orchestra, an ensemble, all rolled into one. And they sing like nobody's business. We have the word of some of the leading music lovers of the Sandhills for all this or we wouldn't be so superlative.

Then, in addition to this treat, comes a film highly recommended by Movie Magnate Picquet. It's called "10.00 Raise," which seems appropriate enough for a benefit performance, only this benefit is out to raise a little more than ten smackers. It's a comedy and a romance and a drama and Charlie says is worth the price of admission all by itself.

For the pleasure of witnessing the twin bill of fare at the Southern Pines Theatre next Wednesday, plus the joy of helping defray the underfrayed expenses of the recent Festival, tickets are now on sale at Broad Street Pharmacy, Thrower's Pharmacy and the Sandhills Drug Company at the ridiculously low price of 50 cents per each, \$1.00 for box seats. Only the seating capacity of the theatre will be sold, and it behooves one and all to get busy and buy their pasteboards early. They'll likely be all gone by curtain time Wednesday night, and don't say we didn't warn you.

BISHOP PENICK SPEAKER AT GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE

The Rt. Rev. Edwin A. Penick, D. D., Bishop of North Carolina, will make the addresses on "The Seven Words from the Cross" at the three-hour service at Emmanuel Church today, Good Friday. The service will be read by the rector, the Rev. F. Craighill Brown.

The service, which begins promptly at 12:00 noon and ends exactly at 3:00 o'clock, is divided into seven parts each of which is begun with a hymn, and consists of an address and meditations. Those who are unable to remain throughout the entire service of three hours are requested to enter and leave the church only during the singing of the hymns.

The public is most cordially invited to participate in this service of meditation on the Passion of our Lord.