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CHURCH SERVICES HERE DATE BACK TO EARLY EIGHTIES

Worshippers Attended Bethesda
and Union Until Southern
Pines Received Charter

EMMANUEL FIRST BUILT

By Charles Macauley

For nearly a century the few families dwelling within the confines of the present day limits of Southern Pines worshipped either at Bethesda, or at Union Church, the former four miles to the south, and the latter about fifteen miles to the north of their homes, both convenient of access over the Pee Dee road.

Not every Sunday did these families fare forth for church going, as in the earlier years of their settlement ministers came only at stated times, and it was not until the erection of the log church at Bethesda about 1790, and that at Union in 1797, that services assumed somewhat more regularity, though even long years after when other congregations were formed and churches built in Manly, resident pastors were the exception. With an extremely sparse population, scarcely to be called a hamlet, the community, now Southern Pines, for the most part gave its allegiance to Bethesda.

The settlers summoned in the early eighties by John T. Patrick for the founding of Southern Pines were visited from time to time by ministers from Carthage and Manly, and some became regular attendants for church services in that town. On Easter Sunday in April, 1887, the year Southern Pines received its charter, the Rev. Jesse H. Page, a Methodist minister from Manly, preached to a gathering in the then partially completed Central House, located opposite the present Church of Wide Fellowship, and of all that considerable gathering then present we know now of only one survivor in Southern Pines, Mrs. A. S. Ruggles, who attended as a little girl.

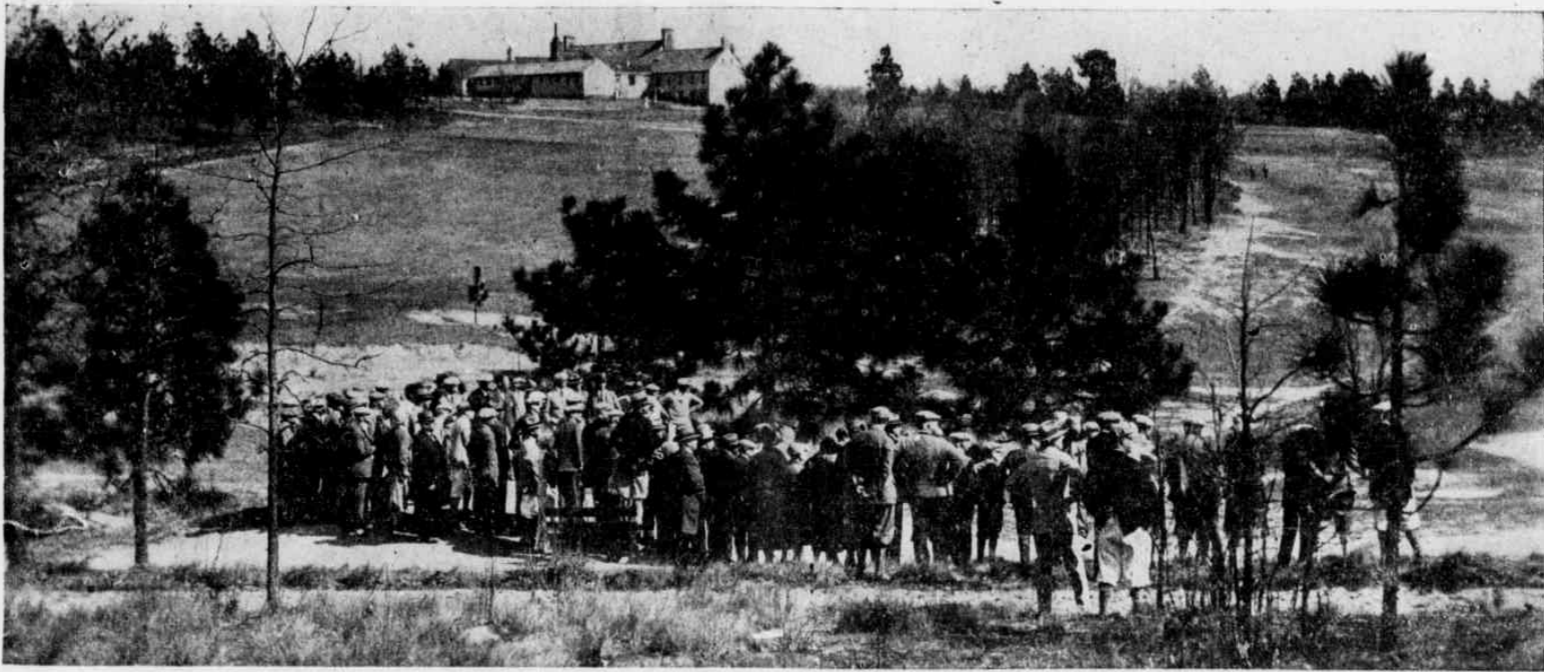
With S. N. Rockwell as superintendent, a union Sunday school was started, meeting in the same building a few times, and then transferring to the first school house, a small one-room structure, 12x16 feet, located on the southwest corner of West Broad street and New Hampshire avenue, and from that building to the new school house on the northwest corner of Bennett street and Maine avenue. In this small building, only 16 by 28 feet, the Rev. Robert T. Thorne, an Episcopal clergyman held union services during the winter of 1887-1888; also in the Prospect House, then located on the northeast corner of Page street and Pennsylvania avenue. Following his first sermon delivered on Sunday morning, November 17, 1887, the hotel was used for preaching services by the Rev. W. F. Watson of Manly. Dr. Thorne continued services at his home on New Hampshire avenue during the winter of 1888-1889, and plans were made for the erection of an Episcopal church, to be open to all for union services, until other churches were built.

The Union Church

With funds largely raised by Dr. Thorne's former parishioners in Louisville, Ky., construction of this building was started early in 1891 on lots located on the southwest corner of Page street and New Hampshire avenue, the cornerstone being laid in May of that year. During Dr. Thorne's absence in the summer of 1891, the Rev. A. A. Newhall, a Baptist clergyman and missionary to India came to Southern Pines and conducted services in the schoolhouse until the completion of the church edifice in June 1893. Dr. Thorne's death occurring on December 16th, 1892, the first service in the new church was in the form of a memorial for his unceasing efforts to found a church in the new settlement. While a large part of the fund necessary for this work had been raised by Dr. Thorne outside of Southern Pines, several residents, including Mr. and Mrs. Philander Pond, Mrs. L. A. Young, Mrs. W. R. Raymond, and a little later Dr. W. P. Swett were ac-

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Scene on Picturesque Golf Course of the Southern Pines Country Club



Crowd Watching Match During One of Frequent Tournaments Held Here During the Winter Season

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Don't Tell Anybody We Told You, But Here's a Little Secret

Mebbe we're not supposed to say anything about it, but there's a store in Southern Pines that doesn't sell sarsaparilla; it doesn't sell ginger ale or pop or chocolate ice cream sodas.

But it does sell beverages. It's something new. A kindly Legislature, believing that public opinion as expressed in national referenda, should be considered, legalized a store here to sell beverages that are sold in most of these United States but which for something like a quarter of a century have forced North Carolinians to drive stealthily into the backwoods to procure on the Q. T.

Now this store can't advertise—that isn't legal. So we won't tell you what it really does sell.

We don't have to.
You know your A. B. C.

Busy American Legion Post in the Sandhills

Interests of Veterans Well Cared For by Hemmer's Men and Auxiliary

The Sandhills has a very active post of the American Legion, and an equally active and serviceable auxiliary. Between the two the needs of veterans of the World War are generously cared for throughout this section. The post was organized in 1922 and has at present 52 members. John G. Hemmer, popular press photographer at Pinehurst, is post commander, his staff comprising the following:

First Vice-Commander, Charles Fields; Second Vice-Commander, D. C. Horner; Third Vice-Commander, Charles Creel; Adjutant, R. E. Wickler; Publicity Officer, John H. Stephenson; Sergeant-at-arms, Lacy Williams; Finance Officer, L. V. O'Callaghan; Chaplain, Rev. E. J. McKelway; Historian, Paul Dana; Finance Officer, R. E. Denny, L. L. Wooley, Ed. Adams, D. C. Ritten and J. Vance Rowe.

The officers of the American Legion Auxiliary are: Mrs. D. C. Horner, President; Mrs. Ruth Shroeder, Vice-President; Mrs. F. M. Dwight, Secretary and Treasurer; Mrs. H. J. Betterley, Historian; Mrs. C. B. Fields, Sergeant-at-Arms and Mrs. J. F. Taylor, chaplain.

KIWANIS CLUB MEETS WEEKLY ON WEDNESDAYS

The Kiwanis Club of Aberdeen, embracing in its membership residents of Aberdeen, Pinehurst, Southern Pines, Carthage and other villages of Moore county, meet regularly once a week, on Wednesday noons, when affairs of the community are discussed over the luncheon table by leaders in various lines of business and professions.

'Jim' Boyd Writes of Shoes 'n' Ships 'n' Sealing Wax

Author Suggests We Invite Poor
Old U. N. C. Football Team
to Blossom Festival

By James Boyd

It is understood that the North Carolina football team is being considered for the Dogwood Festival.

Princeton may come, too. They could never call the Festival a commercial classic the way they did the Rose Bowl.

Not if they ever talked to one of the guarantors.

Those tourists who remain over for the Festival this Spring instead of trying to escape as usual will be well repaid.

They will have the inspiration of seeing something put on with no thought of profit.

Just out of pure love of general confusion.

We hope a tourist or two will stay for it this year.

A live tourist would be a great attraction for all the country folks who come to town then.

Well, Dietz is back in jail and the papers are all running pictures of his wife.

But no paper sends here after a picture of Mrs. Kelly.

Sherwood Brockwell was telling negro stories to the Ladies' Club in Aberdeen the other night. I asked a girl in steel-rimmed glasses how it went off.

She said she felt sorry for Mr. Brockwell; nobody believed him, just laughed.

There is a great picture for this section. With its many schools Southern Pines bids fair to be known some day as the Athens of Moore county.

And Aberdeen with its commerce and civic pride as the Rome of Moore county.

And Carthage as the Carthage of Moore county.

The big football games at Durham, Raleigh and Chapel Hill serve a useful purpose.

They give the taxpayer a chance to find out what has become of the State Police.

People living at the North and South ends of Southern Pines are stirring up quite a fuss. Formerly their property enjoyed an uninterrupted extensive view of the town billboard.

They claim it was better than overlooking Southern Pines itself; al-

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JAMES BOYD

most as attractive and much larger.

Now the scenery has been painted out and simply the words "Southern Pines" painted on a green background in 20-foot letters.

But the people who live there say they know that already.

It is understood that the change was made at the instigation of our public spirited fellow townsman, Mr. Struthers Burt.

He claimed that the picture of him on the horse did not do him justice.

Mr. Howard Burns, Southern Pines' justly esteemed town secretary, celebrated his wedding anniversary by going to the Duke-Carolina football game with Mr. Shields Cameron.

The many friends of Mr. Shields Cameron, our popular fellow citizen, are condoling with him on being the victim of a motor accident while attending the Duke-Carolina football game.

While driving in to the stadium he mistook a traffic officer's signal for a policeman's whistle and threw the bottle away.

After the dinner that Frank Buchanan ran off at the Civic Club some of the old timers tried to get their money back.

They claimed that they had expected a political banquet but that instead of canned chicken and fruit salad there had been only a good Montezanti supper and good wine.

And instead of any oratory Walter Lambeth had only said a few simple understandable words and sat down.

Eight-ball, one of the negroes who lost his legs from gangrene after chain gang punishment, has served

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COUNTRY CLUB A PLAYGROUND FOR ALL IN WINTER

Picturesque Courses Thrown
Open to Golfers, Clubhouse
and Grounds to Others

By Charles Macauley

Southern Pines is fortunate in its Country Club. It is fairly impossible to visualize the town without the two splendid golf courses, in their picturesque setting almost within a stone's throw of the heart of the city.

The club property has served the community as a park as well as a playground for followers of the old Scotch game, and as such has many fascinations. Glimpses through the close-set trees to sunlit pools and shadow-dappled fairways, vistas through the tall pines to the far off hills crowned in blue haze and shadows; distant views over the expanse of greenward and tree-lined valleys to the bulk of Paint Hill and the blue ridge far beyond Aberdeen, and to the dark crest of Mount Hope and the clustered homes of Pinedene, afford a restful diversion for all lovers of the out-of-doors.

It is a far cry from the compact little nine-hole course started nearly 30 years ago to the two wide flung "eighteens" of today, and it is not the purpose of this writing to hark back to the founders of that day, Dr. Swett, Giles, Wilson, Dr. Blair, Dr. Herr, Hayes and many others, any more than it is to record its recent transformation under the hands of John Powell, Fred Travis and M. G. Nichols.

The clubhouse is comparatively new, having been built in 1927 from plans of Aymer Embury, III, the great living room with its immense fireplaces, the decorative scheme, recently worked out under the auspices of Mr. Nichols, a cozy home-like room that invites a restful hour after the stress of eighteen holes. From a player's viewpoint the club offers the choice of two courses, one difficult enough for the real golfer, fan, the other ideal for the less experienced.

The annual Women's Mid-South tournament here has attracted such players as Glenna Collett, Helen Hicks, Maureen Orcutt and Virginia Van Wie. Tournaments for all manner of players are held throughout each winter season.

SADDLE HORSES AVAILABLE AT SEVERAL LOCAL STABLES

Several good riding stables provide horses for the many visitors to Southern Pines who come here seeking recreation and exercises along the picturesque bridle paths. Hunters are available during the winter season for those hunting with local packs, and safe and sane saddle horses for those desiring to follow the trails through the pine woods.

Occasional fox hunts are arranged by lovers of the sport and the public invited to join in the chase. Regular fox and drag hunts are held throughout the winter by the Moore County Hounds, a private pack, but hunting with these hounds is by special invitation only.

OLD SLAVE DAY MUSIC, SPORTS IS FESTIVAL PLAN

Three-Day Program, Eliminating
Carnival Idea, Here While
Dogwoods Bloom

GREAT CHILDREN'S CHORUS

Old Slave Day, music and sports will feature a three-day Spring Blossom Festival to be held in Southern Pines this coming April. The event will be timed to bring visitors here as near the blossoming of the dogwood, with which the village parkways and countryside abound, as possible. Unlike the past two years, the carnival idea will be completely done away with in the 1936 festival.

A children's chorus of several hundred voices, trained by Professor F. Stanley Smith, director of music in the Southern Pines schools, will feature the music program. Old Slave Day, leading event of the last two festivals, will be continued and all the survivors in this section of the days before the Proclamation of Emancipation invited to lunch in the Municipal Park and be the guests of honor at a reception in the afternoon. Negro spirituals will be sung as part of the entertainment program.

Sports Day will bring to town two of the baseball teams of leading universities of the state, as well as college golf and tennis teams, and plans are under way for a horse show and gymkhana as part of the day's program.

The festival will be under the direction of the Southern Pines Chamber of Commerce.

Air Transport Lines May Serve Sandhills

Knollwood Airport To Be
Enlarged, Improved at
Cost of \$35,000

The Sandhills will have an airport of sufficient size to accommodate the largest transport planes if plans of the government, county, and Pinehurst and Southern Pines materialize. The plans call for the improvement of the present Knollwood Airport at a cost of approximately \$35,000, the money to come from the WPA and county and local appropriations. Moore county has voted \$6,000, Southern Pines \$1,500 and Pinehurst is expected to make an early appropriation. The government has the balance available in Works Progress and special airport funds.

The present airport is ideally located almost equidistant between the two resort towns, on the Carthage road, and is much used but not of a size sufficient to meet Department of Commerce regulations for the large transport planes. With the enlargement and improvements planned, it is expected that the Knollwood field will become a regular stop on one or more of the air transport lines, giving this section rapid service to and from the north, south and west.

CITY CLERK'S OFFICE IS BUREAU OF INFORMATION

The office of the City Clerk serves as a Bureau of Information in Southern Pines. Housed in the Municipal Building on East Broad street, it is conveniently located for tourist information for those passing through as well as for information pertaining to hotels, boarding houses and residence for sale and rent. Howard Burns, City Clerk, is in charge.

The Southern Pines Library is also located in the Municipal Building. Mrs. Park Fisher is the librarian.

SEABOARD MAINTAINS OVER NIGHT SERVICE FROM NORTH

Southern Pines is served by the Seaboard Air Line Railway, which is providing exceptional service to the Sandhills from New York and the north. The over-night trip from the metropolis here has within the year been made more comfortable for passengers than before through the introduction of air-conditioned trains and Pullmans to the service.