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SHIELDS CAMERON NAMED SUCCESSOR TO HARRINGTON

Secretary of Southern Pines
Chamber of Commerce New
Register of Deeds

TERM EXPIRES DEC. 7

D. D. Shields Cameron of Southern Pines, secretary of the Chamber of Commerce and treasurer of the U. S. Highway No. 1 Association, was this week appointed County Register of Deeds by the Board of County Commissioners. The appointment runs through the unexpired term of Will J. Harrington, who passed away on Christmas day. He will therefore serve until the first Monday in December, or until a successor is elected and qualified.

Shields Cameron is widely known throughout the county and has been prominent in Democratic circles for many years. He was a candidate for the State Senate from this district in 1928. He has been in the real estate and insurance business in Southern Pines for a number of years, and has long been secretary of the Commerce body. He was recently elected treasurer of the No. 1 association, in which he has held various offices since its organization.

Mr. Cameron has already assumed office and has spent a busy week acquainting himself with the duties of the work at Carthage. His new position will require his spending much of his time at the courthouse.

There were said to be a number of candidates for the position made vacant by the sad and sudden death of Mr. Harrington, and that there will be no dearth of seekers of the nomination in the Democratic primary in June is a safe prediction.

Dixie to Open as Movie House Monday

Aberdeen Theatre, Completely
Renovated, Will Present New
Programs Daily

Frank Shamburger and George Martin of Aberdeen, who recently acquired The Dixie Theatre property in Aberdeen, announced this week the lease of the theatre to J. E. Edwards of Dillon, S. C., and Mrs. J. B. McIntyre of Raeford, operators of the Raeford Theatre. The new movie house will open on Monday, with two nightly programs, starting at 7:15 and at 9:15 except on Saturdays when the program will be continuous from 3:00 p. m. to 11 p. m.. The program changes daily.

The Dixie Theatre has been completely renovated in preparation for the opening. A new marquee has been constructed in front of the building; the entire building has been painted inside and out; the acoustic properties have been perfected, and entirely new sound and projection equipment installed. Every effort is to be made to provide high class entertainment in a comfortable house at popular prices, 25 cents for adults and ten cents for children.

The Dixie was last used by the Sandhills Little Theatre for its amateur performances staged by local talent.

75 ALUMNI ATTEND P. H. S. ANNUAL BANQUET

The annual alumni banquet of Pinehurst High School was held in the crystal room of the Carolina Hotel last Thursday evening with 75 former students and their guests present.

The Rev. A. J. McKelway of the Pinehurst Community Church was toastmaster and introduced the Rev. A. V. Gibson of Sanford, the speaker of the evening. A delightful part of the entertainment was the singing of a quartet comprising the Rev. and Mrs. Gibson and the Rev. and Mrs. McKelway.

NO GYMKHANA THIS WEEK

Due to the inclement weather, the weekly gymkhana scheduled for Friday afternoon in Southern Pines will not be held. It is hoped to resume this event next week.

Honorary Members



M. C. McDONALD



M. G. NICHOLS

Kiwanis Club Elects 6 Honorary Members

List includes Tufts, Chapin, Burt
Way, Nichols and
McDonald

Six residents of the Sandhills have been elected as honorary members of the Kiwanis Club of Aberdeen for the year 1936, the list including two new names, M. G. Nichols of Southern Pines and Moses C. McDonald of West End. The other four have been honored in a like manner in past years, Leonard Tufts and S. B. Chapin of Pinehurst and Struthers Burt and Judge William A. Way of Southern Pines.

President J. Fred Stimson, who took over the reins of club leadership last week, has announced the following committee chairmen for the various activities of the organization this year:

Agriculture, James W. Tufts; Membership and Classification, Frank D. Shamburger; Public Affairs, R. S. duRant; Interclub Relations, Willard L. Dunlop; Underprivileged Children, J. M. Taylor; Vocational Guidance, J. M. Howarth; Attendance and Reception, O. Leon Seymour; Music, Charles W. Picquet; Publicity, Howard F. Burns; Kiwanis Education, Rev. A. J. McKelway; Program, Dr. E. M. Medlin; Finance, Richard F. Tarlton.

GOOD PROGRAM ANNOUNCED FOR CIVIC CLUB'S MEETING

This afternoon, Friday, at 3:00 o'clock, the public is invited to a meeting at the Civic Club. Addresses will be given by Dr. Edward F. Green on the subject of "Boy Scouts," Mrs. Thomas Lyons of Pittsburgh, Pa., will speak on "What The Salvation Army Is Doing For Unemployed Women." There will be special singing and tea served following the program. A silver offering will be taken to cover the afternoon's expenses.

On Friday, January 10th at 3:00 o'clock, a business meeting for club members only will be held.

UNION CHURCH SERVICE

The union service of Southern Pines churches will be held on Sunday night in the Southern Pines Baptist Church at 7:45 o'clock, with the Rev. Dr. C. Rexford Raymond preaching the sermon.

HORSE POPULATION OF SANDHILLS AT ALL-TIME "TOP"

Steeplechasers, Hunters, Run-
ners and Trotters Here in
Great Numbers

LAING BRINGS 18 DOWN

With the arrival this week of Noel Laing, prominent amateur steeplechase rider, with 18 horses for training here this winter, the horse population of the Sandhills is believed to be the greatest in the history of the community. Last year was the previous "top" but it is estimated there are more horses in Pinehurst and Southern Pines this winter than last.

Laing's horses include those of a number of owners, among them Mrs. Marion duPont Semerville of Montpelier, Virginia, and Mrs. Verner Z. Reed, Jr., of Newport and Pinehurst, as well as a few of Mr. Laing's own racing string. The horses he has in training here won numerous races in hunt meetings in the north during the season which closed in November, and will now be pointed for the opening of the 1936 season which starts with the meeting of the Sandhills Steeplechase and Racing Association here on March 14. Assisting Laing in their training here is another well known rider, "Dick" Wallace, who rode Charlotte to victory in the Sandhills Cup timber event at the inaugural meeting here last March.

Pinehurst has more than its usual number of horses this season, among them H. Stacy Smith's trotters, in training for the coming year's Grand Circuit races, and a stable of trotters owned by Mrs. F. B. Wilhelm, which are also wintering at the race track. W. V. Slocock has several polo ponies in his stables at the race track, and a number of private hacks and hunters are stabling there, among them Mrs. John R. Drexel's fine mount.

"Big Track" Horses

Newcomers this year also include a number of big track runners, Lee Evans has several race horses belonging to Mrs. Thomas Proctor in training at the track, and Arthur Hulcock is training some dozen of his own horses here.

Lloyd M. Tate has a houseful, so to speak, at the Pinehurst stables, horses which are kept in constant use by the guests at the various hotels both for hacking about the numerous bridle paths around Pinehurst and for the occasional fox hunts, gymkhanas, and riding parties engineered by Mr. Tate and others.

At the Thomas & Alexander stables on the Midland Road are 28 horses, mostly hunters, about a dozen of which are privately owned and here for the use of their owners during the season.

There are 33 hunters stabling at The Paddock in Southern Pines, among them 14 from the Thorndale Stables at Millbrook, New York, the property of Mrs. Landon K. Thorne and Mrs. Lawrence B. Smith; five hunters belonging to Ernest I. White, prominent horseman from Syracuse, N. Y., and five the property of Tom M. Girdler, president of the Republic Steel Corporation, who is spending some time in Southern Pines this winter. B. A. Tompkins, vice president of the Bankers Trust Company of New York, also has several hunters at The Paddock.

W. O. Moss and William A. Laing are again operating their stables in Southern Pines and have a large number of horses here for hacking and hunting, and frequently seen in the gymkhana events at both Pinehurst and Southern Pines. There are also two new stables in Southern Pines this season, Will J. Stratton having brought down a number of hunters from Princeton, N. J., and Graham of the Edgewood Farms in Carthage, Illinois, who has a string of five-galtered saddle horses at the Southern Pines Stables on Pennsylvania Avenue.

In addition to these more or less public stables there are numerous horses privately stabled in both towns among them Mr. and Mrs. Verner Z.

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Old "Aunt Amy," Former Slave, Now Rests Beside Gov. Williams

Wildwood Stillness of "The
Horseshoe" Broken for Final
Rites for Gentle Old Soul

By Mrs. S. R. Smith

Within the "Horseshoe" formed by a curve in the course of Deep River in upper Moore county is an old burying ground made famous by the fact that within its wildwood stillness rests the body of a distinguished statesman, Benjamin Williams, who served as a member of the Provincial Congress, as a member of the House of Commons, as a state senator, member of Congress, and for four one-year terms as governor of the State of North Carolina. He died in 1814, and beside his grave is that of his wife, who passed away three years later. In one side of this historic burying ground lie the remains of slaves who in life played their part in the activities of the early homes and in death were allowed to rest near those whom they had served.

For years it seemed that "Finis" had been written above the decayed panels of what was once the enclosure of this peaceful spot, for not within the memory of middle-aged residents of the country-side had the earth been distributed by grave-digger's tools. But on Christmas day another grave was made and within it was placed the body of "Aunt" Amy Williams, ex-slave and gentle old soul who after ninety-two years filled with "a heap o' livin'" had laid down her burden, "down by the river side."

Friends of both races, included among whom was the kindly W. J. Harrington who later in the day finished his stay in the Horseshoe, turned away from their Christmas festivities to gather in this quiet spot for the burial rites, the last, in all probability, which will ever be held there. Throughout the years the trees will murmur in the breezes and the birds, flitting among the boughs, will sing their songs, un mindful of which lies beneath, distinguished statesman or faithful slave.

"Jim" Silver Weds Co-ed at Vanderbilt

Former Southern Pines Resident
Now History Professor at
Southwestern College

Word has been received here of the marriage of Dr. James W. Silver, former resident of Southern Pines, and a son of Mrs. Elizabeth J. Silver, to Miss Margaret Thompson of Montgomery, Alabama, on Tuesday of this week.

Dr. Silver, always "Jim" to his many friends here, is head of the History and Political Science department at Southwestern College in Winfield, Kansas. The report of his engagement came here from the student paper at Vanderbilt University in Nashville, Tenn., which says:

"An interesting social event of the holiday season will be the marriage of one of the most popular co-eds to a former assistant professor in the political science department, Margaret ('Dutch') Thompson of Montgomery, Ala., will be married to Dr. James W. ('Jim') Silver of Southern Pines, N. C., on December 31 at the chapter house of Alpha Omicron Pi.

"The marriage will be solemnized at five o'clock with Dr. Howard I. Kerr and W. F. Christopher officiating. For the wedding the house will be decorated with cut flowers and an altar will be improvised with ferns. The color scheme will be gold and yellow.

"Miss Thompson's only attendant will be her sister, Elizabeth Thompson, who will serve as maid of honor. Dr. Silver will have as his best man Jean McMurray of Maryville, Tennessee.

Following the ceremony the couple will go to the home of Dr. Silver's parents in Southern Pines, where they will spend the remainder of the holidays. They will return to Winfield in time for the opening of school on January 8."

At the weekly meeting of the Kiwanis Club of Aberdeen held yesterday, Richard F. Tarlton of Southern Pines was elected treasurer to succeed A. P. Thompson, Pinchurst,

Lucky Youngsters

School Opening in County
Postponed Until Monday
on Account of Weather

On account of the inclement weather the reopening of the Moore county schools, which was scheduled for Thursday of this week, has been postponed until next Monday, according to an announcement made by County Superintendent H. Lee Thomas.

The Southern Pines School, only nine-month school in the county, re-opened yesterday.

KIWANIS CLUB SELECTS MAJOR PROJECTS FOR '35

To Support Hospital, Highway
Safety Campaign, and Aid
Underprivileged Children

INTER-TOWN COOPERATION

Maintenance of a charity bed in the Children's ward of the Moore County Hospital, cooperation in the nationwide campaign for safety on the highways, the development of better acquaintanceship and cooperation between residents of the leading villages of the Sandhills and underprivileged child work were decided upon by the Kiwanis Club of Aberdeen on its meeting yesterday in the Highland Pines Inn as the club's major projects for 1936.

To start the charity bed fund Howard Burns, treasurer of the recent Kiwanis dance at the Southern Pines Country Club, announced that over \$100 had been netted by the affair, and it is probable that similar dances will be held during the year. To the club's Public Affairs committee, of which R. S. duRont of Southern Pines is chairman, was referred the question of how Kiwanis can best serve in the highway safety campaign, and this committee is also to look into the matter of damage being done to small pines planted along highways by the club. Dr. T. A. Cheatham of Pinehurst reported personally seeing two automobile parties pulling up these pines and loading them into their cars, one of which was a big truck.

The Rev. A. J. McKelway told the club members of work being done among poor families in the Pinehurst neighborhood and urged the club to acquaint itself with the needs of the community's underprivileged families, the study of their condition and possible remedial measures. He cited several sad cases run across by Pinehurst workers during the holidays.

Louis Scheepers of Southern Pines was presented to the club as a new member by E. W. Reinecke and Richard Tarlton.

TO ORGANIZE CLASS HERE IN ADULT EDUCATION

A class in adult education, particularly adapted to residents of the Sandhills who did not finish their high school courses or who, for any reason, desire to continue study along undergraduate lines, is to be organized at a meeting in the High School building in Southern Pines on Monday afternoon next, January 9th, at 3:00 o'clock. The courses given will be free, and any white person between the ages of 17 and 90 is welcome to attend. They are invited to register at the Monday meeting by Mrs. Robert Leatham, who will be in charge. This is a government project.

GET YOUR 1936 PLATES

Sandhills residents were scurrying to Sanford yesterday to procure new license plates for their automobiles. The 1936 plates are supposed to be on all cars NOW, and State officials from the Governor down say no mercy is to be shown delinquents.

U. S. A. ACQUIRES TITLE TO FAMOUS PLANTATION HERE

"Broadacres" Goes into Federal
Ownership for Reforestation
and Game Conservation

MANY OWNERS IN PAST

Monday of this week the United States of America acquired the famous "Broadacres" plantation lying in Richmond and Scotland counties as a part of the reforestation and game conservation program of the Resettlement Administration.

The plantation is a part of a large tract of land granted in 1856 by the State of North Carolina to Andrew, Joseph, and Alexander McMillan for a consideration of ten cents an acre.

In 1862 the plantation was owned by William D. Reynolds, a southern planter, and in 1869, when the ravages of the Civil War had made worthless Confederate currency, freed the slaves, and undermined agriculture in the South, Reynolds conveyed the tract to H. C. Thacher, a cotton merchant of Yarmouth and Boston, Mass., in payment of a debt contracted before the War, Reynolds having no other means of discharging his obligation.

The value of the hard pine timber, turpentine, pitch and other naval stores was discovered a few years later, and in 1895 Thacher sold the lands to the late John F. McNair of Laurinburg, father of the former State Highway Commissioner. John F. McNair boxed the pine timber, operated sawmills on the tract, and finally sold the lands.

After passing through speculative hands the lands finally were purchased in 1912 by Ralph Page and Frederick T. Gates, a Baptist minister who gave up his religious calling to become private secretary to John D. Rockefeller, Sr.

Land Goes Into Peaches

By this date much of the timber had been cut from the lands and the peach industry of the Sandhills was in its infancy. Henry Clark of Candor was the first to see the possibilities of planting peach trees on the slopes of the sandhills. Raphael Pumpelly was destined to return from Russia with his father, an internationally famous geologist, and plant his large peach orchards at Samarcand, Katherine Ball Ripley was yet to write that famous story of the Sandhill peach growers, "Sand in My Shoes."

Realizing the possibilities, Frederick Gates and Ralph Page assembled a great coterie of accountants, engineers, laborers and Harvard graduates (prospective purchasers) and with J. S. Utter at the surveyor's instruments and Charlie Thompson of Hoffman finding the old corners and earlier markers, numerous small farms were laid out and a score of tenant houses erected. Peach trees by the thousands were planted. Headquarters, and living quarters, were at the "House of Commons."

The two sons of Frederick Gates, Franklin and Russell, were just graduating from college, and their father assisted them in developing one of the first model dairies of this section. After developing the plantation, and in quest of broader fields the Gates boys sold the property and Franklin went to the Chase National Bank where he is now a vice-president.

Henry A. Page, Jr., and a group of associates acquired the property and subsequently sold it to the Salvation Army. In turn it became the property of Dr. J. Rush Shull of Char-

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PINEHURST BOY SCOUTS TO BE GUESTS OF S. P. COUNCIL

Boy Scouts of Pinehurst are to be the guests of Southern Pines Boy Scouts at a meeting to be held on Tuesday, January 10th in the Civic Club, and parents of the Scouts are to be included in the invitation. The purpose of the meeting is to further interest parents and others in Boy Scout work in the community, and it is expected that a large crowd will be present to learn what the local council and the Pinehurst council are doing and planning.