



Erwin Rudolph
STRAKA'S BILLIARD PARLORS
 7:30 P. M. Friday Night, Jan. 3rd

The Week in Aberdeen

Kenneth Keith, who has been ill in the Moore County Hospital is somewhat improved.

Miss Eloise Lineberry of Raleigh has been the guest of Miss Mabel Bethune for the past week.

Mr. and Mrs. Murdoch M. Johnson of Camden, S. C., were guests of Mr. and Mrs. I. A. Thompson on Christmas Day.

Miss Frances Howie of St. Pauls has been the guest of her aunt, Mrs. Fred Blue for the past week.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Smith and son, Jack, Jr., spent the past week-end at New Bern visiting relatives.

Miss Katharine Melvin, student nurse at the James Walker Memorial Hospital in Wilmington, spent a few days here last week visiting her parents.

Miss Grace Bradshaw has accepted a position in Columbia, S. C.

Mr. Brooks of Pittsboro has been the recent guest of his daughter, Mrs. A. K. Pennington.

Mrs. Henry C. Riddle of Clover, S. C., has been the guest of her mother, Mrs. Lizzie Thomas during the holidays.

Mrs. Storey has returned to her home in Savannah, Ga., after spending the Christmas holidays in Aberdeen with her husband, who is a lieutenant at one of the local C. C. C. camps.

Mrs. Katie B. Shear and daughter, Miss Katie Lee, spent a few days here last week visiting Mrs. Ella Juat and Miss Bessie Bethune.

Mr. and Mrs. Barney Wiley are returning this week from St. Petersburg, Florida, where they spent the Christmas holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Maurer left last Tuesday for Richmond, Kentucky where Mr. Maurer has a position in the tobacco markets.

Melvin Creel is working in Raeford this week relieving the agent at the A. & R. railroad depot.

J. E. McKeithen, who is associated with the tobacco markets at Asheville, spent the Christmas holidays at home.

Miss Helen David of Charleston, S. C., was the Christmas guest of her mother, Mrs. Mary Trueluck.

Mrs. Harris of Durham with her granddaughter spent the holidays in Aberdeen visiting her daughter, Mrs. E. B. Maynard.

Miss Bessie Gunter and her broth-

er, Grover Gunter, have moved to Atlanta, Georgia, and have rented their home here to Mrs. W. C. McInnis and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Wilder of Charleston, S. C., are visiting the T. B. Wilders and the E. T. McKeithens during the holidays.

Mrs. Nellie Wright of Raeford and Miss Nora Norris of the Blind School, Raleigh, were guests of Mrs. W. C. McInnis for Christmas.

Chase Cameron of New York City was the Christmas guest of Mr. and Mrs. S. L. Windham.

A number of Aberdeen people attended the funeral of Register of Deeds W. J. Harrington held in Carthage last Friday.

Edwin McKeithen, Jr., of New York City spent the holidays in Aberdeen visiting his parents.

In the Christmas Out-Door contest put on by the Home and Garden Club Mrs. B. G. Peterson received the first prize for the most attractive outdoor scene and Miss Sarah Weaver the first prize for the prettiest outdoor Christmas tree.

Mrs. Reid Page sang a solo at the exercises in connection with the unveiling of a portrait of Col. Thomas Lee Craig at Gastonia on December 12th.

Among Aberdeen boys and girls home for the holidays are Misses Gwendolyn and Theresa Zimmerman of N. C. C. W., Greensboro; Misses Kate and Lena Stewart, Betsy Jean Johnson, Mabel Bethune and Frances Wimberly of Flora Macdonald College, Red Springs; Marcella Polley and Dee Batchelor from Peace, Raleigh; Frances Jean Freeman of Meredith College, Raleigh; Miriam Johnson from Randolph-Macon College, Lynchburg, Va.; Katherine Johnson and Margaret Rice, from Wingate Junior College; also Fred Weaver and J. Vance Rowe, Jr., from N. S. C. University, Chapel Hill; Henry Wilder from State College, Raleigh; Glen Caviness and Charlton Huntley from Presbyterian College, Clinton, S. C.; John Edward Pleasants from the Atlanta Dental College; Leland McKeithen and Billy Bowman from Duke University, Durham; Jerry McKeithen from Citadel, Charleston, S. C.; June Campbell from Elise High School, Hemp, and Lawrence Farrell, Sidney Taylor and Harry Dumeer from Elon College.

Over 100,000,000 Acres of Farm Land Better Suited for Forestry

Resettlement Administration Would Turn 650,000 Farms to Tree Production

Approximately 650,000 farms, comprising more than 101,000,000 acres of land could be used to better advantage for forestry, stock ranching

and other conservational purposes rather than continued crop production, according to reports of state land planning specialists attached to the Division of Land Utilization, Resettlement Administration.

These estimates are based on farm by farm surveys of problem areas in each state. For the states of North Carolina, Kentucky, Tennessee, Virginia and West Virginia this work has been carried out under the supervision of the Regional Office of the Resettlement Administration at Raleigh.

In announcing these figures, Dr. L. C. Gray, Assistant Administrator in charge of land utilization, pointed out the extensiveness of the problem they indicated.

"All farms in the United States cover approximately 987 million acres of land," he said. "Thus for more than ten percent of our total farm land, there is a need for working out means of converting it to uses that will be economically sound and desirable both from the public viewpoint and that of the individual families concerned."

In this number are included all farms which over a long period of time will have to be used for some other purposes than the cultivation of crops. The present land purchase program of the Resettlement Administration is limited to approximately 9,900,000 acres, on which 22,000 families are living. Other methods than public purchase are expected to bring about the improved use of most of the 101,000,000 acres.

Reasons For Unfitness

Evidences of the unsuitability of these lands to arable agriculture include: considerable abandonment of farms; inability of farmers to support themselves; chronic tax delinquency and extreme poverty. Erosion and exhaustion of the soil, as well as insufficient moisture and unfavorable physical characteristics are among the causes of these conditions.

In the eastern portion of the United States, most of the farms included in this list would probably be used for forestry or recreation (including summer homes) in the future, provided the obstacles standing in the way of such shifts are not too difficult. In the grass country of the west, most of the lands would probably be utilized for cattle ranches.

"The use of this poor land for farming," said Doctor Gray, "has a threefold evil effect. It contributes to the existence of farm surpluses, although the families operating these farms do not make a satisfactory living thereby. Second, the occupation of many of these lands by poor families embarrasses local governments because of tax delinquency, and excessive costs for schools and roads. Finally, the continued cultivation of a large part of this area will bring about a further deterioration of the land and decrease its value for any purpose whatsoever."

U. S. Sets Example

Although the public purchase of land by both state and federal governments is now going on, partly to act as a demonstration of how poor land can be converted to better uses, this method is not advocated for

John Nichols Settles Page Trust Co. Debt.

Former Executive Vice President to Pay \$5,536, Court Records in Carthage Reveal

The \$184,505.35 indebtedness of John G. Nichols to the Page Trust Company has been settled on a basis of \$5,536.16, a record of the transaction in the office of John Willcox, clerk of the Moore county Superior Court, reveals.

Mr. Nichols, now with the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation of the U. S. Treasury Department, was executive vice president of the now defunct Page Trust Company which had branches in Aberdeen, Carthage, Albemarle, Apex, Hamlet, Liberty Raeford Raleigh Ramseur Sanford, Siler City, Thomasville Troy and Zebulon. The settlement is payable \$1,200 in cash and the balance in a note for 12 months.

Mr. Nichols is a former Charlotte banker and was at one time a State bank examiner.

All except about 10,000 of the indebtedness represented an assessment on the stock in the Page Trust Company either held by Mr. Nichols personally or as trustee.

wholesale application.

"Private enterprise, backed by normal economic influences," Doctor Gray said, "will bring about the change in the use of much of this land in the future, as it has to a certain extent in the past. The principal role of the government in this regard is to encourage trends that contribute to the sound use of land, and to carry out certain preventive and corrective work that is beyond the scope of private land owners. For example, several Wisconsin counties are encouraging the proper use of land by zoning rural areas—a method already widely used in cities. The blocking together of large areas for administration as forests and parks is another activity in which public action is bound to be extensive."

Various means of promoting better land use, other than through public acquisition, are being studied by the land use planning section of the Resettlement Administration. Revised taxation systems to encourage conservation, the development of county zoning programs, and the prosecution of sound vigorous policies in regard to tax-delinquent land are among the matters of policy which are now being investigated.

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