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TO BUILD THREE NEW RESIDENCES AT PINE NEEDLES

George T. Dunlap, Jr. Heads Company to Develop Section Near Inn

SIX LOTS ACQUIRED

Among several corporations recently chartered to do business in the Sandhills is the Yadkin Building Company which plans to build dwelling and possibly other types of buildings at Pine Needles.

The new firm has already bought five lots from the Patuxent Company and an adjoining one from P. B. O'Brien on Indian Trail Drive opposite the Van Keuren residence not far from the Pine Needles Inn. Here they will immediately begin the construction of three modern winter homes. One of these has already been sold and the others will be offered for sale. When these have been bought, which the promoters have every reason to believe will be before the close of next season, others will immediately be built in that vicinity.

The officers of the Yadkin Building Company are George T. Dunlap, Jr., president; George T. Dunlap, S. Y. Ramage, and C. H. Bowden, vice-presidents, and A. S. Newcomb, secretary-treasurer. These men are all long-time residents of the Sandhills. Mr. Ramage, whose permanent home is in Oil City, Pa., owns "The Deodars" in Pinehurst, which he has occupied winters for many years. Mr. Dunlap, of the publishing firm of Grosset & Dunlap, of New York, built "Column Lodge" some 20 years ago, which he sold when he built "The Green Dial" where he lived for several winters, and then moved to "Broadview," where he has since resided. He is also the owner of "The Woodbine," the winter home of his son, George T. Dunlap, Jr., former national amateur golf champion. Mr. Bowden, a resident of Philadelphia, has spent several winters in Southern Pines and was a guest of the Pine Needles Inn during the season just closed. He, too, has had much experience in the ownership and exploitation of real estate.

The fact that these men are investing in buildings at Pine Needles is conclusive evidence of their faith in the future of the Sandhills in general and of the Pine Needles area in particular. Mr. Newcomb, who will be manager of the company, will be in charge of the building operations and expects to have the new houses ready for occupancy in the early fall.

Postoffice Here Wins Promotion in Class

Believed to Have Had Highest 1935 Receipts for Size in North Carolina

Word was received by Postmaster Frank Buchan this week of a boost in the classification of the Southern Pines postoffice from the \$2,600 class to the \$2,700, based upon receipts during the year 1935. It is believed that the Southern Pines office last year had the highest receipts of any town of its size in the state which does not have rural or star routes. The change in status means an increase in the salary of the postmaster of \$100 a year, beginning on July 1st. Southern Pines is now in the same classification as Sanford, which has considerably greater population and also rural routes.

SENATOR LINDSEY TO ADDRESS KIWANIS CLUB

State Senator T. H. Lindsey, an advocate of Dr. Ralph W. McDonald for the Democratic nomination for Governor, will speak before the Kiwanis Club of Aberdeen and invited guests at the clubs' weekly meeting next Wednesday in the Southern Pines Country Club.

DR. HERR CHAIRMAN OF DEMOCRATIC COMMITTEE

Dr. George G. Herr was re-elected chairman of the Southern Pines Democratic Precinct committee at the recent meeting held here. Mrs. L. L. Woolley was chosen secretary, and the other members are Ernest Wilson, Ben Morgan and M. Y. Poe.

On Stage Here



GUY STANDING, Jr.

FEDERAL THEATRE TO PRESENT PLAY HERE WEDNESDAY

Comedy Success, "Post Road," With Broadway Cast Coming to Southern Pines

ON TEST TOUR IN STATE

In a new W. P. A. Federal Theatre program to affect a geographic readjustment of theatre activity in the United States, North Carolina was selected by Federal Theatre officials as the first state in which to try the experiment, which will bring Wilbur Daniel Steele's comedy success, "Post Road," to Southern Pines on Wednesday, May 27th for a one night engagement at the Carolina Theatre. Written by a native of North Carolina, the play recently completed a seven month run in New York at the Masque Theatre and its appearance here promises to be an exciting event for local theatre goers, what with the New York Federal company exerting every effort to make its first offering in this state an absorbing and entertaining attraction.

The arrival of "Post Road" constitutes a first step in a new theatre program recently inaugurated by Halie Flanagan, national director. Eminent successful in New York, with five hits playing to capacity houses, it was decided that the most practical measure in affecting a revival of interest on a national scale in American drama was to launch a country-wide regional theatre movement, and the establishment of resident-touring companies in communities remote from New York was proposed as the way to begin the new venture.

The importance of getting away to a good start lead to the selection of actors with many years experience in the commercial theatre, the movies and the radio, and under the title of Federal Touring Unit No. 1, the company is now quartered in Raleigh where shows are being prepared for an itinerary which will include about 25 North Carolina cities. "Post Road" is the first production to go on tour under the plan and its opening here will be anticipated with high interest by persons interested in the future of American drama, as well as by those who seldom have an opportunity to witness stage productions enacted by professional performers.

The company, which includes several well known on the legitimate stage, among them Julia Fassett and Guy Standing, Jr., the latter the son of Sir Guy Standing of theatrical fame, is traveling about the state by bus, and a huge van carries the scenery and props, sound equipment, amplifiers, etc.

Manager Picquet of the Carolina Theatre announced prices for the production here as follows: Box seats, 75 cents; reserved seats, 60 cents, and general admission, 50 cents. Reserved seats are on advance sale at the Broad Street Pharmacy.

MCDONALD TO SPEAK

Dr. Ralph W. McDonald, candidate for the Democratic nomination for Governor, will speak in the courthouse at Carthage at 2:00 tomorrow, Saturday afternoon.

BAILEY IN FAVOR OF RESETTLEMENT AT BLUE'S BRIDGE

Refers Petition from Sandhills Organizations to "Powers That Be" in Washington

COURT CLAIMS ILLEGAL

Following receipt of a petition signed by officers of the Chambers of Commerce of Aberdeen, Pinehurst and Southern Pines and the Kiwanis Club, as well as a large number of citizens of the Sandhills, U. S. Senator J. H. Bailey wrote signatories this week:

"I have the petition given me by J. Talbot Johnson of Aberdeen in connection with the completion of the Blues Bridge Resettlement Project located near the point where Moore and Hoke counties join. I have referred this matter to the Resettlement Office with the request that, if possible, your request be granted. I will advise you as soon as we have secured information from the administration in regard to their idea about this matter. I hope that the project may be definitely established, completed and put into operation."

The petition set forth the desirability of the location, the productivity of the soil for resettlement purposes, the high grade of tobacco grown thereabouts, the fact that the acreage is capable of producing from one to two bales of cotton per acre, and for diversified agriculture. It mentioned the convenience for tenants to be removed from the 60,000-acre sub-marginal land project near Hoffman, the benefits to be derived by Aberdeen, Pinehurst, Raeford, Southern Pines and other Sandhills points within a 15-mile radius, furnishing a market for the new settlers. It proclaimed the need of these villages for new adjacent sales territory.

A decision handed down in a United States District court in the District of Columbia last week declared the federal resettlement program unconstitutional. It is probable, therefore, that no further resettlement work will be approved until the United States Supreme Court has passed upon the District court's decision.

MOORE FARM WOMEN WIN ATTENDANCE GAVEL

The Moore county farm women won the attendance gavel at the seventh annual meeting of the ninth district of the North Carolina Federation of Home Demonstration Clubs at Ellerbe Springs on May 14. Seventy-two women from Moore county attended the meeting.

Mrs. Bess N. Rosa of the Woman's College of the University of North Carolina was the speaker. She spoke convincingly of the necessity of the home training of children. She brought out the greatest problem today in child training is that parents are imposing their own ideas on their children and are not allowing the child to think for himself. She contrasted problems of 30 years ago and today in child training. Mrs. Rosa's address was interesting because of her technical knowledge, her common sense and her humor throughout.

A picnic lunch was held on the beautiful recreational grounds now owned by Richmond county. After the lunch the group made a tour of the Sandhills Resettlement project, largest in five states.

100 ATTEND MEETING OF PRESBYTERIAN AUXILIARY

About 100 people attended the Auxiliary meeting of the Southern Pines Presbyterian Church at the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Maze Monday evening. Mrs. R. S. Durant, president of the auxiliary, presided. A pageant, "At the End of the Rainbow" was given by the following: Mrs. Lillian Simpson, Mrs. Brown, Mrs. W. E. Blue, Mrs. Alice McNeill, Edna Mae McNeill, Dot Kaylor and Betty McNeill, assisted by the choir. The birthday offering received was for the benefit of the Montreat Training School. Following the pageant refreshments were served.

Editorial 'Dog Days' Account For Attack on Old Slave Day

Are You Registered?

Tomorrow, Saturday, Last Day To Qualify For Primary Election in June

Tomorrow, Saturday, will be the last day for registration for voting in the June Primary. The books are open until 6:30 tomorrow night at the Municipal Building on East Broad street, with Hiram Westbrook the registrar. Any desiring to register today may find Mr. Westbrook at the office of H. A. Lewis, West Pennsylvania avenue. Aberdeen registration books are open until tomorrow night at the office of J. Vance Rowe.

2 FACING TRIAL THIS WEEK FOR BRUTAL MURDERS

Toy Nall and Ollie Bean Accused of Deaths of Comer and Miss Crabtree

DARNELL GETS 3 YEARS

A major part of this week's term of Superior Court for the trial of criminal cases will be consumed by actions resulting from two of the most horrible murders in the history of the county, that of Miss Geneva Crabtree, who was shot to death as she fled from the home of her employer, a Mr. Mace, with his small child in her arms, a deed with which Toy Nall, an alleged jilted suitor, stands charged, and the other that of Andrew Comer, who died after lying on the snow-covered ground for several hours after he was fired upon by Ollie Bean, according to the allegations.

Miss Crabtree, who was keeping house for the Mace family while the father and mother were working in Hemp, met her death at their home some five miles out from Carthage during the winter. Comer was killed in the yard of Bean who resides in the extreme north-western part of the county.

A special venire of 75 men was ordered to report at 2:00 o'clock Wednesday in order that a jury might be selected for the Nall case.

R. F. Darnell pleaded guilty to the charge of bigamy and was sentenced to serve not less than three nor more than five years in State's Prison.

Will Kelly was found guilty of assault with a deadly weapon with intent to kill, but had not been sentenced at this writing, Tuesday evening.

Judge F. Donald Phillips is presiding and the State is being represented by Rowland S. Pruette as solicitor.

GARRISON SIMPLIFIES NEW U. S. SOIL PROGRAM

County Agent E. H. Garrison, Jr., of Carthage explained the workings of the government's new soil conservation program to members of the Kiwanis Club of Aberdeen at their weekly meeting held Wednesday in the Pinehurst Community Church. The complicated machinery involved in figuring out what a farmer can or must plant to qualify for federal aid under the program was simplified for his listeners by the man who has charge of its operation in Moore county. Mr. Garrison expressed the opinion that the new law is a great improvement over the AAA plan.

TAYLOR CHEMICAL CO. TO REBUILD IN ABERDEEN

The Taylor Chemical Company, whose plant was burned to the ground in Aberdeen two weeks ago, is to be rebuilt, construction to start in July, according to J. B. Taylor, head of the company. Mr. Taylor is operating in the meanwhile from the Saunders Warehouse. The location of the new plant, which will be of fireproof steel construction, has not been decided upon.

Struthers Burt Answers Norfolk Newspaper's Blast Against Southern Pines

By Struthers Burt

It is a well known fact that editors in hot weather, in what is known as "the dog days," write queer editorials. This is a journalistic axiom. But it is still May and despite one or two hot spells we have had no weather to account for the editorial quoted below. It is clipped, I believe, from the Norfolk Blade, and it found its inspiration in the Norfolk Journal and Guide, which in turn drew inspiration from a Greensboro paper. Just why these editors should feel so badly and be so certain about something of which they are totally ignorant is a question, but it is a sad comment on the not too accomplished newspaper mind. Or perhaps the lazy one. Most newspapermen try to substantiate their facts up to the time that they—the newspapermen—get soft.

Here is the editorial from the Norfolk Blade:

Southern Hokum for Northerners

In the Norfolk Journal and Guide we read that at Southern Pines, N. C., there is an annual observance of "Slave Day" consisting of a round-up of "illiterate members of the Negro race of an advanced age" who are encouraged to put on a performance for the delectation of the townsfolk and the northern tourists from whom Southern Pines and nearby Pinehurst draw their main sustenance. They engage in a craps shooting tournament and "other degrading performances" designed to "rekindle the embers of a noble tradition—that of the departed institution of human slavery."

Since this institution was abolished seventy-one years ago, the "ex-slaves" who are mobilized to entertain northern sojourners at Southern Pines are probably 99 per cent phony. But to make that point is merely to note that Southern tourists resorts have learned the trick of serving their clientele with the native hokum without which, it seems, no tourists are wholly happy. The grosser and more colorful the hokum the happier it makes them, for the outlander audience approaches it with a voracious appetite for humbug and an impenetrable indifference to history.

Granted that Southern Pines' "Slave Day" has its commercial uses, it nevertheless remains a sad and humiliating spectacle. It takes a robust appetite for profits to capitalize a spectacle evoking that period in our history when a considerable and otherwise enlightened opinion in the South defended human slavery as an institution sanctioned by God. Instead of parading these memories for the entertainment of our moneyed visitors, we might with better grace allow them to sleep in the history books where those tourists who are hardy enough to crack them open may familiarize themselves with the departed institution in its proper perspective.

Distortion of Facts

Now, anyone at all acquainted with "Old Slave Day," as it has come to be known in Southern Pines, will, of course, laugh at such a distortion of facts and such obvious misstatements, but there are a great many people who are not acquainted with "Old Slave Day" in Southern Pines, and so in justice to a pleasant, a touching, an interesting, and a dignified occasion, and in justice to a decent small town, some answer should be made to the editorial in the Norfolk Blade. From beginning to end it is untruthful and unfair.

"Old Slave Day" arose spontaneously a couple of years ago. It was entirely the suggestion of a few residents of Moore county, all of them Southerners of long descent. They know every negro invited, and all the negroes invited are eager to come. There is no reason why they shouldn't. (Please turn to page 4)

Honored at Duke

Charles Stevick Adds Medical School Award to Phi Beta Kappa

Charles Stevick of Southern Pines, a Senior at Duke University Medical School, has been elected to Alpha Omega Alpha, the national honorary medical scholastic fraternity which corresponds to Phi Beta Kappa. Mr. Stevick was also elected to Phi Beta Kappa while at college.

JONES MACON, 45, DIES IN ABERDEEN BY HIS OWN HAND

Prominent Citizen Leaves Note Attributing His Act to Financial Worries

FUNERAL IN LOUISBURG

Aberdeen suffered the loss of one of its substantial and most popular citizens on Monday of this week through the death by his own hand of Jones Macon. Mr. Macon, in a note found in the room in which he took his life, attributed his act to financial worries. He was 45 years old and had resided in Aberdeen for many years. For some time he had been connected with the Martin Motor Company.

Funeral services were held at his former home in Louisburg at 3:00 o'clock on Tuesday afternoon. The Rev. L. M. Hall of the Page Memorial Church in Aberdeen and the Rev. Mr. Fitzgerald of Louisburg officiating. He was laid to rest in the Macon family plot in the Louisburg cemetery. Former classmates of school days acted as bearers. From 30 to 40 residents of Aberdeen attended the services.

Mr. Macon is survived by his wife, formerly Miss Lillian Adams of Linden; three sons, Jones Macon, Jr., now stationed at Kelly Field, Houston, Texas, where he is in aviation training, Bill Macon and Nat Macon; two sisters, Mrs. Frank Fagan and Miss Genevieve Macon of Goldsboro, and one brother, Sebastian Macon of Louisburg.

The lifeless body of her husband was found by Mrs. Macon upon her return from a meeting in Aberdeen Monday afternoon. He lay on his bed with a revolver clamped in his hand and there was an empty bottle which had contained a poisonous disinfectant beside the bed. According to physicians, death was instantaneous, from a bullet wound in his right temple following the swallowing of the poison.

General Motors Pays Visit to Sandhills

Brings "Parade of Progress," 33-Vehicle Caravan of Exhibits, to Southern Pines

General Motors Corporation's "Parade of Progress," a 33-vehicle caravan, arrived in Southern Pines yesterday morning at 11:30 o'clock and packed its huge exhibition trucks and its fleet of motor cars on West Broad street between Pennsylvania and New York avenues. The fleet was here one hour while the large corps of drivers and exhibitors had luncheon. The caravan was enroute from Charlotte to Raleigh.

Great streamlined, steel-bodied vans are transporting this world's fair from city to city. They house exhibits of all kinds, showing the progress made in transportation over the past few decades, from the "bicycle-built-for-two" days through the horse-drawn street-car era, the early "horseless wagons" period to the streamlined automobiles of today. Various steps in the manufacture of the modern automobile are shown in the exhibit. Unfortunately, these big "highway levitahans" could not be opened up for the public view here—this was a luncheon stop and not an exhibition point. Other trucks carried household equipment of the present electrical age, even to a magic furnace that boils an egg resting on a cake of ice, and a device that heats a bar of steel to a fiery red which remains cold to the touch of the hand.

The parade was headed by a specially built and equipped 185-inch chassis Chevrolet sedan fitted with public address system for safe driving announcements and for the broadcasting of music. This is fully equipped as an office on wheels and is air-conditioned, one of the first vehicles in the country to be so fitted. A complete line of General Motors cars, Cadillac, LaSalle, Buick, Oldsmobile, Pontiac and Chevrolet, was part of the procession. A large crowd gathered here to see the parade.