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FIVE CENTS

### GIFTS OF \$1,500 START BUILDING FUND FOR CHURCH

Donations From Dr. Brownson  
and Dr. and Mrs. Ramsey  
Announced to Congregation

#### COMMITTEE APPOINTED

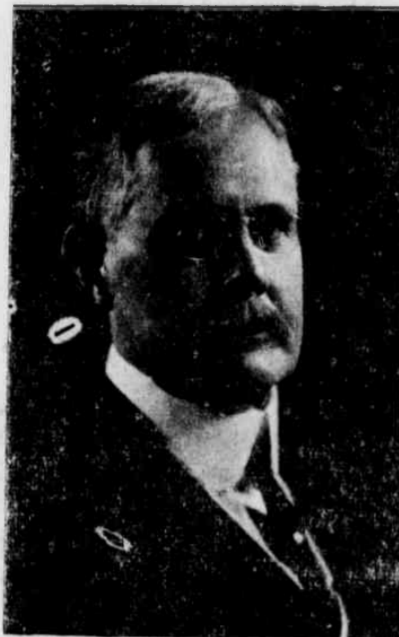
At the close of the evening service on last Sunday, Rev. Marcus A. Brownson, D. D., presented a gift of \$500. to the congregation of the Brownson Memorial Church in Southern Pines. This gift, made by friends of Dr. Brownson in Philadelphia, was a token of their appreciation of Dr. Brownson and their interest in the new church in Southern Pines. At the same time public announcement of the gift of \$1,000. by Dr. and Mrs. Arthur Ramsey was made. The reaction of the congregation to these announcements was the very fervent singing of the Doxology.

At the meeting of the Elders and Deacons of the Brownson Memorial Church, in joint session on last Monday evening at the home of Dr. Brownson, the Building Committee of the new church was appointed as follows: W. E. Blue, F. E. Walker, W. H. Goldsmith, Roy R. Newton, David McCallum, Haynes Britt, Dr. Barber, Dr. Arthur Ramsey, Dr. W. Marcus A. Brownson, Rev. E. L. G. McLeod, Mrs. G. A. Maze, Mrs. Maxwell Simpson, Mrs. Arthur McNeill. Honorary members include Mrs. Arthur Ramsey and Dr. Maxwell Simpson.

This committee will meet on next Monday evening at 7:30 o'clock, at the home of Dr. Brownson, to outline the building campaign.

Forty-nine members of the Adult Bible Class greeted Dr. Brownson, the teacher, on his return to the class last Sunday morning.

#### Makes Donation



REV. MARCUS A. BROWNSON

### CARTHAGE POLICE OFFICER BEATEN, PRISONER FLEES

#### Stewart Pounced Upon By Negroes After Arresting Another on Robbery Charge

Carthage, county seat of Moore county, was the scene Monday night of a fracas that ran the gamut of excitement. There was one arrest, one escape, one policeman beaten up one police aide bruised, another arrested and two negroes sought.

Neill Stewart, night policeman, arrested a colored man named Ed Marley on a robbery charge. Otis Baker of Carthage assisted the officer in leading his prisoner toward the jail. (Please turn to page 3)

### LEADING PROS OF COUNTRY BATTLE HERE FOR TITLE

Present P. G. A. Champion, Five Former Titleholders, Eliminated in Early Play

#### FINAL ROUND SUNDAY

Pinehurst has been the golf center of America this week. The occasion: the annual championship tournament of the Professional Golfers Association. One hundred and thirteen of the country's leading professions started play on Monday morning, the first of two 18-hole qualifying rounds which reduced the field to 64 for the start of match play on Wednesday. Fay Coleman of Culver City, Cal., won the medal in the qualifying rounds with a 36-hole total of 143.

Surviving in the match play competition for the title at the time The Pilot went to press were the following:

Harold McSpaden, Winchester, Mass.; Leo Walper, Bethesda, Md.; Jimmie Thompson, Shawnee-on-Delaware, Pa.; Henry Picard, Hershey, Pa.; Harry Cooper, Chicago; Craig Wood, Deal, N. J.; Bobby Cruickshank, Richmond, Va.; Tony Manero, Greensboro; Horton Smith, Oak Park, Ill.; Willie Goggin, San Bruno, Cal.; Billy Burke, Chagrin Falls, Ohio; Denny Shute, West Newton, Mass.; Bill Melhorn, Louisville, Ky.; Ed Dudley, Philadelphia; Jimmy Hines, Garden City, N. Y., and Victor Ghezzi, Deal, N. J.

The present champion and five former P. G. A. champions were eliminated, either during the qualifying round or on the first day of match play. Johnnie Revolta, present titleholder, was defeated Wednesday by McSpaden; Paul Runyan lost to Clarence Doser of Rochester, N. Y.; Tommy Armour fell before Mortie Dutra of Royal Oak, Mich.; Gene Sarazen was defeated by Jack Patton of Shawnee-on-Delaware in the match play. Walter Hagen and Leo Diegel, former champions, failed to make the grade in the 36-hole qualifying rounds.

Large crowds have followed the matches all week. The semi-finals and finals will be played on Saturday and Sunday.

### Eatman Tells Kiwanis of Resettlement Work

#### Gives Interesting Picture of Hoffman Development Project at Club Meeting

Frank W. Eatman, head of the resettlement project at Hoffman, yesterday told the Kiwanis Club at its weekly meeting at the Community Church in Pinehurst that the government is now working close to 500 men in the re-forestry work. He informed the club the government had bought 63,000 acres of land in Moore and Richmond counties which is being used for the purpose of game preserves, fish hatcheries and the growing of pine seedlings. He pointed out the land was not fit for agricultural purposes and the families residing on same would in the near future be transferred to more fertile land in Richmond county.

Mr. Eatman said the Sandhills had been blessed with all kinds of recreations including abundance of quail for shooting, but there was no fishing to speak of in the entire Sandhill belt. He estimated the hatchery at Hoffman had raised 200,000 fingerlings during the past year and this would be increased during the coming year. Three lakes are being stocked with bass in the very near (Please turn to page 4)

#### SPECTATOR DIES FROM DUKE GAME EXCITEMENT

When "Ace" Parker of Duke ran the length of the field for a touchdown in the Duke-Carolina football game last Saturday, Alvis Patterson, 50, a druggist of Kernersville, collapsed from the excitement and died in an ambulance on the way to Duke Hospital. His daughter, Yvonne, was with him.

Mr. Patterson's wid-w is a cousin of Mrs. Mattie Page of Aberdeen.

#### NOTED HORSEMAN DIES



NOEL LAING

#### Sans Peur et Sans Reproche

An Editorial by Katherine Lamont Boyd

It is difficult when writing of Noel Laing to refrain from using expressions which would be an offense to his spirit. For of all things a hatred of praise, of fuss and talk, was perhaps, his outstanding characteristic. His was an extraordinary modesty that carried him without a touch of pride, even, it seemed, of the slightest consciousness of his own worth and charm, through a life that touched the heights in the career he had chosen. And so in the matter of writing this piece the author craves the indulgence granted an old friend—and an OLD friend.

For I saw Noel when he first came to this country, brought from Ireland as a little baby by his father and mother. I watched him grow up and saw as a little boy that amazing skill with horses begin to develop. When still in his 'teens his father bought a race horse, Ballast II, of beautiful lines and breeding, but soured and frightened from bad handling. With him Noel started his racing career. His training of this horse illustrates as well as anything those qualities which made him the great horseman that he was. With extraordinary patience and gentleness combined with iron determination and perseverance, he went to work. Ballast had been so badly frightened that at first he fought all who came near him; it took weeks to persuade him to come out of his stall. When Noel finally got on his back he would not go and when, much later, it came to a question of jumping the training and coaxing had to start again. It took weeks to persuade him even to step over a log laid on the ground. To make a long story short—and the story lasted two years—in 1930 Ballast, with Noel aboard, won the Carolina Cup and the Middleburg Cup and was in front over the last fence and going on to win again at Warrenton when he broke his leg and had to be destroyed.

This story illustrated the boy's character as a horseman as well as any could. As a boy and as a young man, perhaps the heading of this article is a fitting epitaph, though it may seem slightly austere to that band of devoted friends and even to those admiring throngs who followed his career with such affectionate pride. For he was beloved, I sincerely believe, wherever he went. For his charm, for the warmth and sweetness of his nature, people loved him—and for his always perfect sportsmanship.

But when that is said, all is not said: "Without fear and without reproach." The phrase was first applied to another man whose career was different but to whose character it could not have been more appropriate. Perhaps "without fear" seems a superfluous in speaking of a steeplechase rider, one who had three times ridden our Maryland course, and finished at Aintree. But there is another kind of courage, that is not so spectacular, and that was not, perhaps, suspected in such a boyish, humorous, happy-go-lucky fellow.

Friends have said, in speaking of Noel's illness and death: if only he could have gone quickly, riding one of his horses, gone perhaps when his old friend Troublemaker went, in that fall in the Maryland Cup Race; if only he could have gone then instead of in this other way so slow, so sad, so full of suffering. The wish is natural, the instinctive thought, indeed, of all who loved him. But life demands, sometimes, the fullest of us all. Under this boy's modesty there lay a courage far beyond that required for riding races, and in his illness and death that courage shone with a brightness to dazzle all those who saw him. His room in the hospital became a meeting place for all his friends; it seemed, ironically, as if they gathered there for reassurance and to renew their courage at his never-weakening bedside. To the last he spoke of his horses and his plans for them, in which he was careful always to include himself. By no sign did he show that he knew of his impending fate. Perhaps he did not—and perhaps he knew of it and went to meet it as he rode to the post, head up, hands low, his racing colours on his back.

#### SCHOOL GIVEN VALUABLE MATERIAL BY KIWANIS CLUB

Southern Pines High School students are enjoying the use of pamphlets lent them by the local Kiwanis Club for research work in connection with their English, Sociology, and Vocational Guidance courses. Twenty-seven pamphlets dealing with questions vital to student training have been placed in circulation.

#### SEVENTH GRADE ELECTS

The Seventh Grade girls of Southern Pines School have elected the following class officers: Marjorie Sheppard, president; Winifred Harwell, vice president; Betsy Barnum, secretary and Alice Eddy treasurer.

### NOEL LAING DIES; NOTED TRAINER OF RACE HORSES

Maintained Stables of Steeplechasers in Southern Pines For Many Years

#### ILL SINCE LAST SPRING

Noel Laing, America's leading trainer of hunt race horses and one of the best known and most successful gentlemen jockeys in the country, died in a hospital in Washington, D. C., at 2:50 o'clock Wednesday afternoon. He was 28 years of age, the son of Mr. and Mrs. William A. Laing of Amisville, Virginia and Southern Pines. He had been ill since last spring, soon after the race meeting of the Sandhills Steeplechase and Racing Association in which he participated here in March.

Noel was born in the saddle, so to speak. His parents came to this country from Ireland and settled in Millbrook, New York, where Mr. Laing established a riding school. Noel was born there, and developed an early fondness for riding, starting early in his youth to hunt with the Millbrook Hounds. The family later bought a farm in Amisville, Virginia, where Mr. Laing developed green horses into schooled hunters and where Noel continued his enthusiasm for riding, hunting and eventually for steeplechase.

Mr. Laing's success with the school at Millbrook caused him to extend his activities, and he started stables in Princeton, N. J., Hyannis and Nantucket, Mass., in summers and Southern Pines in winter. Upon reaching his majority and deciding to make racing his life's work, Noel decided that the Sandhills of North Carolina was the ideal place for the winter training of steeplechase horses. He interested a number of prominent owners in developing a stable here of his own, and during the past seven or eight years has developed here some of the most successful hunt race horses in the country. Most famous among these was Trouble Maker, owned by the then Mrs. Marion du Pont Sommerville, now Mrs. Randolph Scott of Montpelier, Va. Noel trained Trouble Maker and rode him to victory in every major timber race in America; took him to England where he finished well to the fore in the Grand National at Aintree. The following year Trouble Maker spiked himself on a fence in the Maryland Hunt Cup at Baltimore but finished gamely with a great gash in his shoulder, and a year later in the same race died like the trooper he was from a broken neck after falling heavily over one of the high post and rails of this historic course.

Other prominent horses trained and ridden by young Laing in his brief but so successful career were Fairy Lore, The Mole, Our Friend, Sir Gareth, Mann Blue, Spartan Lad, Navarino, Charlotteer, Oliver C. Ghost Dancer, Racketeer, Drummer Boy, Tereus, Annapolis and Battleship.

His entries have won every hunt race of any importance in the east, among them the Billy Barton, the Meadowbrook Cup, the Jersey Cup, the Virginia Gold Cup, the Warrenton Gold Cup to mention only a few. In addition to Mrs. Scott's timber horses which he has trained for many years, he had under his charge horses owned by Richard Gambrill, Mrs. Verne Z. Reed, Jr., of Pinehurst, Carleton A. Palmer of New York, Col. E. I. Pierce, Mrs. Grace Eustis and others well known in amateur racing circles.

For the past few years he has been rated by the National Steeplechase and Hunt Association as the country's leading trainer of steeplechasers, and at the same time ranked with Carroll K. Basset of Camden, S. C., as the leading gentleman jockey.

He attended Pawling School and the University of Virginia. During his winter residence here he has whipped in several seasons for the Moore County Hounds. Noel had plans drawn last spring for a new stable on Young's Road in Southern Pines which he proposed to build this fall on land acquired last year (Please turn to page 8)

### Hunt Fisher Honored By Election to National Engineering Society

#### Son of Southern Pines Librarian, Student at State College, Bidden to Tau Beta Pi

W. Hunt Fisher, an alumnus of Southern Pines High School, was last week elected to Tau Beta Pi, national honorary engineering fraternity, one of but two juniors selected for the honor at North Carolina State College in Raleigh. The society extended bids to two seniors and two junior. Hunt, son of the Rev. Prak Fisher and Mrs. Fisher, librarian of the Southern Pines Library, is a student in mechanical engineering at State.

Membership in Tau Beta Pi is one of the most coveted honors among engineering students. Distinguished scholarship is a prime requisite for admission, but it is not the sole criterion. After the scholarship requirements have been met, the selection is based on integrity, breadth of interest both inside and outside of engineering, adaptability, and unselfish activity.

The society was founded in 1885 at Lehigh University. There are chapters in the majority of outstanding engineering colleges of the country. The election of Fisher is a tribute to Southern Pines School, as well as to himself.

#### GIRLS' TENNIS RANKING IN SOUTHERN PINES SCHOOL

For the past weeks the girls of Southern Pines High School have played a series of tennis matches to determine their ranking. Each player had the privilege of challenging the person placed above her to see if she could better her ranking. The outcome of the matches produces the following ranking, in order Nancy Wrenn, Hazel, Kelly, Sara Barnum, Winifred Kelly, Louise Blue, Helen Cameron, Catherine Hilderman, Helen Hilderman, Clarice Dickerson, Sue Ann Milliken, June Musser, Joan Spring, Bonnie Barnum, Katherine Ferguson, Phyllis Harwell, Jane Mann, Carolyn Backer, Dorothy Doub, Betsy Jean Backer, Margaret Rowell and Rebecca Neal.

#### In President Escort

#### Ray Griffin of Vass Sails on Cruiser Accompanying FDR to South America

Ray Griffin, son of Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Griffin of Vass, is a sailor on the "Chester" which is the escort cruiser for the Indianapolis on which President Roosevelt left Charleston, S. C. on Wednesday for his trip to Buenos Aires to address the opening session of the inter-American Conference on December 1.

Griffin who has been stationed on the Pacific coast the greater part of the time for the past two or three years, reached Charleston only a short time ago and came up for a brief visit with his parents during the week-end, leaving Sunday to return to his ship.

### Stunt Night by Pupils at Pinehurst Tuesday

#### Half of Proceeds for Athletics and Half for Undernourished Children

On Tuesday night, November 23, the pupils of the Pinehurst Schools will present their annual stunt night, one of the outstanding events of the school year in Pinehurst. This year, half of the proceeds will go to the Athletic Association, and the other half to the Parent-Teacher Association to feed undernourished children. The following stunts will be given: Tom Thumb Wedding, First Grade, Miss Gilliam; The Remarkable Baby Second Grade, Miss Moore; Topsy Turvy Drill, Third Grade, Miss Smith; America the Beautiful Tableau, Fifth Grade, Miss Gibson; Ladies Before Gents, Sixth Grade, Mrs. Travis Wicker; A Seventh Grade Picnic, Seventh Grade, L. B. Adcox; The Magic Hour, Eighth Grade, Miss Simpkins and Tenth Grade, Mrs. Robert Shaw; Faculty Meeting, Ninth Grade, W. L. Cunningham; A Revue, Fourth Grade, Miss May and Eleventh Grade, Miss Petway.