



A Paper Devoted to the Upbuilding

of the Sandhill Territory, North Carolina

VOL. 17, NO. 4.

Southern Pines and Aberdeen, North Carolina, Friday, December 25, 1936.

FIVE CENTS

WILL LIKE PLANS FOR POSTOFFICE, YEOMANS SAYS

Those Government Working On Have Been Approved by Four of Leading U. S. Architects

C. OF C. BANQUET JAN 12

Directors of the Southern Pines Chamber of Commerce met at luncheon Tuesday noon in the Parkview hotel to hear a report from Alfred B. Yeomans on his trip to Washington in the interest of the new postoffice building here. Mr. Yeomans told them the plans for the new building, following out the general design submitted by Aymar Embury, were well on the way to completion, and that he believed when the completed plans were received here, they would prove acceptable to Southern Pines residents. They have been approved, he said, by four of the leading architects of the country as well as the supervising architect of the treasury department.

The government, he said, also has a landscaping plan for the property on which the building will be located.

Collins Vandenberg, brother of Senator Arthur Vandenberg of Michigan, was a guest at the luncheon. Mr. Vandenberg is spending the winter here because, he says, it is his ideal of a winter colony. "There's only one thing the matter here," he stated: "There are two darned many Democrats."

The directors voted to favor a State appropriation of \$200,000 for advertising North Carolina as a winter resort.

Charles W. Picquet announced that plans were well under way for the annual banquet of the Chamber of Commerce, to be held at the Pine Needles Inn on Tuesday evening, January 12, at which time Homer H. Johnson, prominent Cleveland, Ohio, attorney will be the principal speaker and James Boyd the toastmaster. Other features are being arranged. Tickets went on sale for the banquet yesterday, with a limited number of reservations possible.

Halliwell Property Sold To Sisterhood

Estate Purchased for \$20,100 by Notre Dame d'Namur for Girls' School

The estate of Walter S. Halliwell, former resident of Southern Pines, was bid in at public auction Saturday afternoon for \$20,100 by Hugh P. McKee of New York, representing the Sisters of Notre Dame d'Namur. It was purchased for a girl's academy to be conducted by the Sisterhood, the headquarters of which are in Belgium. The sale, held on the premises on Youngs road, Southern Pines, was largely attended, and though the bidding was spirited up to \$20,000, it stopped when that figure was topped \$100 by Mr. McKee.

Extensive improvements and additions are planned to the main building on the estate, the former residence of Mr. and Mrs. Halliwell, to provide accommodations for some 50 girls. Work is expected to begin at once on the alterations, in the hope that the academy may begin operations in September. The school will be directed by sisters from the exclusive Roman Catholic Trinity college in Washington, D. C., with which the school will be closely affiliated.

The price at which the 258-acre estate, with its numerous buildings, sold is considered a bargain. Mr. Halliwell is reported to have expended approximately \$250,000 on the development of the property.

CYCLIST IMPROVED

The motorcyclist whose cycle went out of control on the No. 1 highway opposite the Sweetheart Lake road junction and who was taken unconscious to the Moore county hospital Tuesday afternoon, is reported out of danger.

He has identified himself as T. J. Denby of Edgefield, South Carolina, and physicians report that his condition is favorable.

Southern Pines Composer Joins Universal Order of Fred Smiths

"Silly Organization," Says Our Fred, But He Plans To Attend First Annual Banquet

Frederick Stanley Smith, music instructor at Southern Pines High School, a member of the Associate American Guild of Organists and a composer of consequence, has joined that august brotherhood, the Benevolent and Protective and Completely Universal Order of Fred Smiths of America, and now contemplates the organization of a local chapter of that body. All the Fred Smiths in and around Southern Pines are eligible for membership.

There are no dues to be paid and the association has no specific aims other than it advises all members to do something completely silly at appropriate intervals in order to ward off jitters, depressions, divorces and other such calamities as are fostered by undue seriousness, gravity and over-concentration. The main function of the organization is to have an annual banquet which will be attended only by Fred Smiths and Mrs. Fred Smiths and the first of these affairs will be held at the Biltmore hotel in New York city this coming January 15th when from 10:15 to 10:30 that night, the addresses of Fred Smith, Fred Smith and Fred Smith will be broadcast over a coast-to-coast N B C network. Because all members of the organization are similarly named, they will identify each other by their occupational pursuits. Thus our local representative become Fred (Composer) Smith.

The idea for the organization had its genesis in a perpetual mail mix-up among four New York men; Fred (Advertising) Smith, Fred (Lawyer) Smith, Fred (Physician) Smith and Fred (Radio) Smith. They were continually rerouting each other's mail to its proper destination and finally came to the conclusion that their vicarious acquaintanceship with each other should become actual.

Accordingly, they met on December 14th at the Commodore hotel and there the idea of the Benevolent and Protective and Completely Universal Order of Fred Smiths of America was born. Fred (Advertising) Smith was elected Provost of the Order and this past Monday a charter was submitted to the Sec'y of State at Albany, New York. Now Smith, Smith, Smith and Smith await with interest the response of other Smiths to their invitation to the January 15th banquet. They want no John Smiths trying to horn in. This is strictly a Fred Smith proposition.

Localite Fred (Composer) Smith has just received notification of his acceptance for membership in the Order and he informed us that he is making every effort to have the time available to attend the banquet.

"We hope to have 150 to 200 Fred Smiths at this, our first, function," he said. "The whole idea is just as silly as it can be," he continued. "For that reason, if for no other, it becomes well worth while."

SEN. VANDERBERG'S NEPHEW HERE ON FLYING VISIT

Wednesday noon Captain H. S. Vandenberg, U. S. Army Air Corps, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Collins Vandenberg of Rangeley Cottage, Southern Pines and nephew of United States Senator Arthur H. Vandenberg of Michigan, flew a Boeing A-17, the very latest type of army bombing plane, into the Knollwood Airport and spent thirty minutes there with his parents.

Captain Vandenberg will be unable to be with his family on Christmas day and the occasion yesterday was in the nature of a substitute celebration.

POSTOFFICE TO CLOSE

The Southern Pines postoffice will remain open tonight until 10:30 o'clock. Tomorrow, Christmas day, the office will be closed, no mail will be distributed. The staff however will deliver special delivery mail and packages.

Samuel Hopkins Adams the author and Mrs. Adams of Auburn, N. Y., will arrive Saturday to spend several days at the Paddock.

One of Hundreds



FREDERICK STANLEY SMITH

Officers' Club Scene of "Bill" Fisher Wedding

Army Pilot, Resident of Southern Pines, Weds Daughter of Major Douglas, U. S. A.

The Officers Club at Mitchel Field, Mineola, New York was the scene of a lovely wedding Saturday, December 19th when Miss Dorothy Howe Douglas, daughter of Major and Mrs. John North Douglas of Mitchel Field, became the bride of Lieut. William Park Fisher of Southern Pines. Major Nathaniel A. Jones, Chaplain, U. S. A. performed the marriage ceremony at high noon.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, wore an empire gown of garnet velvet with a sweeping train, high neck and elbow length puffed sleeves and a matching Juliet cap of net and velvet. The bridal bouquet was of carnations, snap dragons and Stevia.

Mrs. Frederick A. Lash of Milton, Mass., was the matron of honor. She was gowned in gold velvet of Empire style with a slight train and matching tiara. The other attendants were Miss Virginia Rushmore and Miss Mary Widdowfield of Scranton, Pa. They were gowned in coronation blue velvet with matching tiaras. All the attendants carried arm bouquets of garnet colored carnations, snap dragons and Stevia.

Lieut. Herbert Hoover of Mitchel Field was best man for Lieut. Fisher. The groomsmen were Lieut. Richard T. Colner, Lieut. Brooke E. Allen, Lieut. Harry Markey, Lieut. Robert E. McClellan, Lieut. Theodore M. Melan, Lieut. Randall of Mitchel Field. At the conclusion of the ceremony the groomsmen formed the traditional arch of sabres under which the bridal party passed. A reception and wedding breakfast followed at the Officers' Club. After a short wedding trip Lieut. and Mrs. Fisher will be at home at Mitchel Field.

"Bill" Fisher, as he is known to his friends here, is the son of the Rev. and Mrs. Park Fisher of Southern Pines. Mrs. Fisher is librarian of the Southern Pines Library. "Bill" attended Southern Pines High School, taking prominent part in athletics, especially in baseball and tennis. He also caught for the Southern Pines ball team in the Moore County League until he left for Texas to train for the air service at Kelly Field. He was commissioned a lieutenant during the past year, and is now a regular army pilot stationed at Mitchel Field.

CAROLINA HOTEL ANNUAL CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY

The youngsters of Pinehurst filled the ballroom at the Carolina hotel yesterday afternoon for the hotel's annual Christmas party. A giant tree held the center of the stage and genial Sam Lacks, the hotel's general factotum played Santa Claus for the assemblage.

LOUIS LACHINE OF SOUTHERN PINES PASSES, AGED 66

Resident Since 1914, He Constructed Many of Fine Homes on Weymouth Heights

FUNERAL ON WEDNESDAY

Funeral services for Louis Lachine, aged 66 years, were held in his late home, Pine Grove road, near Highland road, at 2:30 o'clock yesterday afternoon, the Rev. C. Rexford Raymond of the Church of Wide Fellowship officiating.

Mr. Lachine died in the Moore County Hospital where he had been confined for a week, early on Sunday morning.

Born in St. Lawrence county, N. Y., December 3, 1870, the son of Andrew and Jane Richards Lachine, he came to Southern Pines in 1914 for employment as an electrician by the management of the Highland Pines Inn. Branching out as a builder, his first effort was the erection of a dwelling on the south side of Massachusetts avenue, near Country club drive in 1919, and three years later a similar building directly opposite. From then on, at almost yearly intervals, other fine residential dwellings followed, which he found no difficulty in renting to seasonal occupants.

Following his first two ventures he adhered rather closely to Massachusetts avenue east of the Inn, though his last two buildings, his home and the rebuilt R. P. Davidson home, were on or near Pine Grove road. In all nine houses mark his skill as a builder.

He is survived by his widow, the former Miss Etta Warden, and a son, Richard, now in business in Washington, D. C. Pallbearers for the funeral were M. H. Turner, James and William Flynn, and others of the staff of the Highland Pines Inn. Interment will be in Mount Hope cemetery.

Kiwanis Ball Nets \$400 For Club Charity Fund

Capacity Attendance at Enjoyable Dance Held in New Pine Needles Clubhouse

The Kiwanis Club Charity Ball Tuesday night at the Pine Needles Inn was a big financial success. It was estimated yesterday that over \$400.00 was realized.

Individual members of the organization dug down in their pockets for the amount of money necessary to meet the running expenses of the affair and the Pine Needles Inn donated the use of the newly erected club house for the purpose. As a result the entire amount of the receipts was net to the Kiwanis Club's charity fund which is used for the support of beds in the Moore County Hospital and for the maintenance of other under-privileged activities throughout the county.

The mule for the occasion, by The Royal Campbell's, imported from the King Cotton Hotel in Greensboro, was a big-time calibre and the capacity attendance of 150 couples attest to the success of the affair.

THISTLE CLUB TEA DANCE ON WEDNESDAY, DEC. '30

Keen interest is being shown in the tea dance planned by the Thistle Club for its associate members and their friends. The date is Wednesday, December 30, from 4 to 6:30 p. m. The place is the Southern Pines County Club.

The sons of members are especially invited, and members will be warmly welcomed by the hostesses, Mrs. James Milliken, Mrs. Coburn Musser, Mrs. P. P. Lelton, Mrs. John Howarth, Mrs. E. Levis Prizer and Mrs. Walter Spaeth. Invitations are being sent to associate members to present to their friends. Mrs. Walter Spaeth, president of the Thistle Club, is general chairman and extends a cordial invitation to members and their house guests.

25,000 Pieces

Mail Handled in Southern Pines Postoffice on Monday Breaks Record

Monday of this week was the biggest in the history of the Southern Pines postoffice. Postmaster Buchan reports that at least 25,000 pieces of mail, incoming and outgoing, were handled by his staff, that the outgoing cancellations of first class mail alone totalled 12,500.

EDUCO CLUB ASKS \$1,000 MINIMUM TEACHER SALARY

Adopts Revolution for Statewide 12-Grade School System and Nine Month Term

FEDERAL AID ASKED

A statewide twelve grade school system and a statewide minimum annual salary of \$1,000 for beginning teachers were two of the important objectives for the year which were unanimously adopted by members of the Educo Club of Moore county at its recent meeting held in the Carthage Hotel.

County Superintendent H. Lee Thomas, chairman of the committee on objectives, presented the report of his committee. The list of objectives adopted follows.

1. Statewide nine months school system adequately supported.
2. Statewide twelve grade school system adequately supported.
3. Statewide minimum annual salary of \$1,000 for beginning teachers properly graduated upward on the basis of additional professional training and successful experience.
4. Reconstruction of curriculum allowing leeway for varying needs of different communities.
5. Increased flexibility of college entrance requirements. (For instance so that foreign language units may be made not compulsory).
6. Federal aid for North Carolina schools.
7. Privilege of supplementing the state provided minimum program in all standard high school districts.
8. Opposition to the vote against the registration.
9. Strengthening the teachers' certificate regulations.
10. A sound financial plan for the retirement of teachers.
11. The enactment of practical tenure laws governing the employment of teachers.

COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS PARTY A GREAT SUCCESS

The Civic Club was crowded to capacity on Tuesday night for the Community Christmas program arranged by Mr. and Mrs. James Boyd and the Southern Pines Music Society, and the occasion was one of the most enjoyable in the long series of these annual Yuletide gatherings. The program was a musical one. The Music Society, of which Frederick Stanley Smith is the director, presented its recently organized women's chorus and its string ensemble. The Southern Pines Lyric Society of High School girls sang, as did the fifth and sixth grades of the grammar school. The quartet comprising the Rev. and Mrs. A. J. McKelway of Pinehurst and the Rev. and Mrs. A. V. Gibson of Sanford delighted with several numbers, and Mrs. Henry A. Page, Jr., as the soloist of the evening won great applause.

PINEHURST HIGH SCHOOL ALUMNI TO BANQUET

The Alumni banquet of Pinehurst Hotel next Tuesday evening, High School will be held at the Carthage Hotel on December 29th, at 7:30 o'clock. Many alumni will be home for the holidays at that time and a large crowd is anticipated. Reservations may be made with Mrs. Myrtrice McCaskill, president, or Hubert McCaskill, secretary. All alumni and friends have a cordial invitation. A delightful program will be given.

ASK RECEIVER FOR HIGHLAND PARK HOTEL COMPANY

Citizens Bank Moves For Appointment in Superior Court at Carthage

AIM: REORGANIZATION

Featuring the docket in Superior Court in Carthage this week was the motion instituted by the Citizens Bank & Trust Company of Southern Pines for the appointment of a receiver for the Highland Park Hotel Company, which owns the Highland Pines Inn. The plaintiff gave notice to the defendant company to show cause why the motion for a receiver should not be granted.

A planned reorganization of the Highland Park Hotel Company, owner of the real estate, is said to be behind the movement for the appointment of a receiver. The operation of the Inn is, it is stated, in no way involved.

Another hotel property was involved in Superior Court during the week. In the case of Lucy B. Heywood versus Southland Holding Company, Gurney P. Hood, Commissioner of Banks, Ex rel Page Trust Company, and S. J. Hindsdale, Liquidating Agent, and others, it was ordered by the court that the town of Southern Pines show cause before the Judge on the 5th day of January why the town shall not be restrained from making sale of said real estate until the final hearing in this cause, and in the meantime the town is restrained from making sale until further order of the court.

In the case of D. A. McDonald versus A. F. Jordan, the plaintiff was allowed \$100 for damages in an automobile accident which occurred in Sanford two years ago.

Other cases: Harvey B. Jones and others versus Kenneth A. Jones: Ordered that U. L. Spence be allowed \$500 for services rendered while employed by Harvey B. Jones, Receiver, in the above proceeding.

Wilbert Brown versus Margaret Brown: Divorce granted.

Otis Baker versus Mattie Fry Baker: Divorce granted; plaintiff to pay for benefit of their child \$15 per month for six months and \$12.50 a month thereafter until child reaches the age of twenty-one unless court sees fit to make a change.

Midnight Services on Christmas Eve

Episcopal and Catholic Churches To Observe Hour of Nativity. —Sunday Services

Christmas services will be held in three Southern Pines and Pinehurst churches on Christmas Eve. At the Emmanuel Episcopal Church, Southern Pines, Holy Communion will be observed at midnight Thursday. There will be a Children's service at 5:00 o'clock Thursday afternoon, and on Christmas Day at 11:00 o'clock, another service of Holy Communion.

The moment of the birth of the Savior will be commemorated at St. Anthony's Catholic Church on Christmas Eve at midnight. The choir will enter singing "Silent Night" as the processional, followed by the altar boys and the celebrant of the mass. The recessional will be "Angels We Have Heard on High." The general public is invited to the midnight mass and to visit the Christmas crib.

A midnight service will be held at Sacred Heart Church in Pinehurst Thursday, with masses also at 10:00 and 10:30 a. m. on Christmas Day.

At the Southern Pines Baptist Church on Sunday the Rev. J. Fred Stimson will preach on "Facing the Future" at the 11:00 a. m. service.

"Christian Science" will be the subject of the lesson-sermon at the Christian Science Church Sunday morning.

When Christ is born in Our Experience Today" is the sermon theme at the Church of Wide Fellowship by Dr. C. Rexford Raymond at 11:00 a. m. next Sunday. At the union evening service at 8:00 p. m. Sunday, the pageant, "What Child Is This?"

(Please turn to page 5)