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ROBERT L. HART 1937 CHAMBER OF COMMERCE HEAD

Improved Conditions and Service
At Seaboard Station in
Southern Pines Demanded

VOTES RED CROSS AID

The election of Robert Lee Hart as president of the organization for 1937, and a demand on the Seaboard Air Line Railway for better service for Southern Pines features the meeting of the new Board of Directors of the Chamber of Commerce held Tuesday noon at Jack's Grill.

Earl G. Merrill was re-elected vice-president, Preston T. Kelsey elected national councillor and Hugh Betterley re-elected secretary and treasurer. Mr. Hart succeeds Shields Cameron as president.

John J. Fitzgerald, manager of the Mid-Pines Club, brought up the need for improvement in passenger arrangements at the Southern Pines railroad station. He spoke of the difficulty encountered by prospective passengers in securing advance accommodations; of the "flag station" methods of starting up trains in such a rush that accidents are narrowly averted. "Southern Pines deserves better treatment at the hands of the Seaboard than it is getting. We are still enjoying the antiquated methods employed 20 years ago," he said.

Directors that Southern Pines deserves and should insist upon a sleeping car exclusively for Southern Pines, with a special siding here. Mr. Kelsey and others cited examples of lack of courtesy and cooperation on the part of train crews in unloading passengers. An urgent appeal is to be made to officials of the road for improved conditions.

Red Cross Support

The Chamber went on record as in full accord with the local Red Cross in its efforts to assist in relief in the stricken flood district, pledging its cooperation in anything it may do to assist in the drive for funds. W. G. McAvoy was named to cooperate with J. Coburn Musser, county Red Cross chairman.

Votes of thanks to C. W. Picquet and others who made such a glowing success of the annual banquet, including Karl Andrews for his donation of the services of the Club Chalfonte Orchestra, and others who took part on the program that evening were passed.

Sore spots in the section were discussed and a committee named to cooperate with other civic organizations of the community in attempting to bring about the removal of such unsightly spots as the "auto graveyard" on U. S. No. 1 between Aberdeen and Southern Pines.

A vote of thanks to President Cameron and other retiring officers was given. Dr. G. G. Herr reported that 3,000 bulbs had been planted during the winter in parkways in town. J. Fred Stimson reported on improvements to the horse show grounds to make the bi-weekly gymkhana more interesting and exciting.

Guests of the Chamber at the meeting were County Solicitor M. G. Boyette Emmett E. Boone of the Pine Needles Inn, O. Harrison Stutts, I. C. Sledge and Louis Koch of Pinehurst.

STUTZ ISSUES WARNING AGAINST BICYCLE RIDERS

Mayor D. G. Stutz of Southern Pines announced this week that hereafter the city ordinance against bicycle riding on the streets here will be strictly enforced. This ordinance reads:

"It shall be unlawful for any person to ride a bicycle on any of the sidewalks of the town."

He also warned parents to see that their children stop roller skating on streets and sidewalks. A number of elderly people have been run into both by bicyclists and roller skaters during the past two weeks, and the mayor has ordered the police to put a halt to the practice.

Many Here Concerned About Relatives in Flood Sections

No Casualties Reported But
Water Up to Second Floor in
Homes of Several

Residents of the Sandhills with relatives or friends in the stricken area of the Ohio and Mississippi river valleys have been making anxious inquiries throughout the past week as to their safety. Not only are there large numbers of winter residents here from the afflicted sections but many former residents of Moore county have moved to Ohio, Kentucky, Missouri and other of the states where death and destruction have followed the rising waters.

John W. McNeill, brother of W. H. McNeill of Southern Pines and Mrs. I. C. Sledge of Pinehurst, resident of Maysville, Kentucky. Word was received from him this week that the water is up to the second floor of his home, and that his lumber yard and warehouses are completely inundated.

Mrs. Harold Rush, who frequently visits her mother, Mrs. M. B. Rush, and her sister, Mrs. Charles W. Picquet, here, resides in Louisville. Though no word had been heard from Mrs. Rush by the family here up to yesterday, they were not overly worried, stating that Mrs. Rush lives in the high part of the city not affected by the swollen river.

The Rev. Henry N. Hyde, a brother of Nelson C. Hyde of Southern Pines, is rector of the Episcopal church in Portsmouth, Ohio. His brother here was unable to get word from him for three days early in the week, finally received a wire yesterday stating that the water was 14 feet deep in his house, all the furniture had been moved to the second floor, and the family had evacuated to stay with friends in a higher part of the city.

Safe in Louisville

The Rev. F. Chaighill Brown, rector of the Emmanuel Episcopal Church here, has a mother and sister residing in Louisville. He was able to reach them by telephone on Tuesday night and found they were safe, the Crescent Hill section of the city where they reside being well above flood stage. They are, however, without power, and on water rations. They stated that he here knew more about the flood conditions generally than they did there. Mr. Brown also has a brother in The Highlands section. No word has been heard from him but this section is also away from the flood area. Another brother in Wheeling, West Virginia, has reported that he is safe. Mrs. Brown's sister, Mrs. C. L. Swan, lives in a section of Louisville which is partially flooded. No word has been heard from her but she is assumed to be safe.

Miss Elenore Valentine in the Rest Haven Apartments has friends in Cincinnati. They are in need and she has been in touch with them and wired them money. They are safe from the water.

Miss Dorothy Graff, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George B. Graff of Southern Pines, is the Assistant Principal of the Louisville Collegiate School, located in the Highlands, and as far as they know she is alright. They had a wire from her last Friday but since then have been unable to get a communication through to her. The school is closed but there is no water up that high.

Word has been received from Dr. Archie McKeithen of Louisville, former Cameron resident, that he and Mrs. McKeithen were safe and well.

BIRTHDAY BALL FOR PRESIDENT TONIGHT

The Birthday Ball for the President, to be held tonight, Friday, at the Pine Needles clubhouse, is expected to attract a large number from throughout the section. The affair is sponsored by the Kiwanis Club, and tickets may be procured of members, or at local drug stores. They will also be on sale at the door. An excellent orchestra from New York will furnish the music.

Appeal For Clothes

C. of C. Names Stations For
Delivery of Articles Need-
ed by Flood Victims

The Chambers of Commerce of Southern Pines, Pinehurst, Aberdeen and Carthage, and the American Legion are cooperating with the Red Cross in its relief efforts for flood sufferers of the Ohio and Mississippi flood basins.

Everyone in this community is requested not only to give funds—as most have done most generously—but to give blankets, clothing and shoes as well, to be sent to flood sufferers.

You may send them to the Fire Department on New Hampshire avenue, Southern Pines; the Fire Department in Pinehurst, the Mid-South Motors in Aberdeen, the Fire Department in Carthage, or to any American Legion member.

If not convenient to deliver these clothes in Southern Pines, telephone W. G. McAvoy, chairman of the Chamber of Commerce committee, at the telephone company, or the Broad Street Pharmacy, and they will be collected.

The people of Moore county need no appeal. We know that it is only necessary to call to your attention ways and means of helping in this terrible disaster.

R. L. HART,

President Chamber of Commerce,
January 28, 1937.

NEW BROWNSON CHURCH RECEIVES GIFT OF \$500.00

Presbyterians Beneficiaries of
Sum From Belk Fund
For New Edifice

Word was received this week by the Rev. E. L. Barber, chairman of the Building Committee of the Brownson Memorial Presbyterian Church of Southern Pines, of a gift of \$500.00 from the John M. Belk Memorial Fund, of which Karl Hudson of Raleigh is chairman. This fund was set up many years ago by W. H. Belk, merchant of Charlotte, for the purpose of aiding needy congregations in erecting houses of worship. Mr. Belk has many stores throughout the Carolinas. Karl Hudson is a partner of Mr. Belk's and manager of Hudson-Belk Company of Raleigh.

An attractive sign has been erected on the church property pointing out the site of the new church building at May street and Indiana avenue.

A beautiful brochure has just come off the press setting forth the plans and purposes of the new church. "This booklet is a work of art and does credit to The Pilot," Mr. Barber stated. This brochure is being received with approbation wherever it goes. And it is going here and yonder and everywhere. The campaign for funds for the new church is on now in earnest.

"CHARIOTEER" COMING TO TRAIN FOR RACE MEET

"Charioteer," famous steeplechase horse which won the Sandhills Cup at the inaugural race meeting of the Sandhills Steeplechase & Racing Association here two years ago, is being shipped to Southern Pines this week by its owner, Richard Wallach, of Warrenton, Va. Mr. Wallach, who rode the winner at that time, expects to be here for several weeks prior to the third annual meet of the association on March 13th, and will school his horse in the hope of repeating its victory. The prospects appear exceedingly bright for a highly successful meeting this spring, with more than the usual number of entries.

NALL, MURDERER OF SWEETHEART ESCAPES DEATH

Sentence of First Moore County
Man Sentenced To Die by
Gas is Commuted

TO SERVE LIFE TERM

The lethal gas chamber in North Carolina's State Prison will not claim the life of Toy Nall, convicted in Moore county Superior Court last May of the murder of his attractive former sweetheart, 21-year-old Geneva Crabtree, in the Calvary section of the county, and sentenced to die in the gas chamber on July 17, 1936. Nall, in a new trial held last week, was given life imprisonment.

The State accepted his plea of guilty of being an accessory before the fact of the crime of murder in the first degree, and the court decreed that he should spend the rest of his natural days in prison at hard labor. Nall had been the first and only man sentenced in a Moore county court to die by gas.

In his trial last year, Nall entered a plea of not guilty, but on the way to prison made a complete confession, officers said, telling everything except the disposition made of the gun used in the murder.

A few days later, the jailer received a letter from Nall, disclosing that the gun had been thrown into Mc-Lendon's creek near a bridge on a certain road, and the gun was promptly recovered.

Much of the time since his confinement in State's Prison, Nall has seemed to be insane, and the Supreme Court a few weeks ago granted him a new trial.

Organize Trade School To Teach Vocations

Local Citizens Offer Services
and Boys Enroll for
Classes

On Wednesday evening at the Southern Pines High School Rev. F. Craighill Brown, Frank T. Webster, superintendent of the Southern Pines School, and John Howarth of the Carolina Power and Light Company, sponsored a meeting for the purpose of discussing the establishment of a Trade School in Southern Pines to teach useful trades to boys who might be interested.

There were several boys in attendance at the meeting and they all evidenced great interest in the idea.

It was decided to start the first class, one in radio work, next week and the class will be instructed by C. J. Simons.

Other local men who have offered their services as instructors of future classes are Virgin Clark, for a class in automobiles and automobile repairing; Ben Bradin, refrigeration service; Norman Day, house-wiring, and J. D. Arey, carpentry.

In spite of the enthusiasm with which the idea was received, the sponsors feel that there are many more young men who would appreciate an opportunity to learn a useful trade and that there are other local business men who would be willing to devote a portion of their time to instructing these specialized classes.

Anyone wishing to join any of the classes already in prospect or wishing to volunteer his services as an instructor in any other lines may do so by communicating with any of the sponsors.

MRS. MCGRAW TO READ AT CIVIC CLUB FRIDAY

On Friday, February 5th, Mrs. Thomas McGraw of Cherokee Farm, Aberdeen will give another reading at the Civic Club, taking the new play by Barrie. Those who heard Mrs. McGraw last year will look forward to hearing her again. Miss Florence Campbell will sing a group of Scotch songs in complement to the Scotch play. Tea will be served at 4:30. All residents and visitors are cordially invited to share in the Civic Club programs.

Moore County Hospital To Open Addition on Tuesday

\$5,000 From Moore

Red Cross Donations Here
\$3,500 in Excess of
County Quota

Total donations to the American Red Cross for flood relief from Moore county had reached the \$4,200 mark last evening, J. Coburn Musser, county chairman, reported. In addition to this, checks for \$80 were sent directly from county residents to Washington headquarters of the Red Cross, which are credited to the county, making a grand total of \$5,000, with funds still coming in.

In a radio broadcast from national headquarters, Admiral Cary T. Grayson, national chairman, read a telegram he had received from Mr. Musser regarding Moore county's quota and collections. In reply to a message from Admiral Grayson doubling the quota here, Mr. Musser, in contract bridge terms, wired: "Moore The last quota assigned theethaooi county redoubles your double." The last quota assigned the county was \$1,500.

SANDHILLS LOOKS FOR AIR SERVICE REST OF SEASON

Cabin Plane To Meet Eastern
Air Liners at Raleigh For
Sandhills Passengers

Closing of negotiations to provide air service for Pinehurst and Southern Pines during the winter season was reported here yesterday. It is understood that arrangements have been completed with the Air Lines Chartered Service of Boston to provide service from the Raleigh Airport, regular stop on the main Eastern Air Lines Route to Florida, and that service will begin on or about February 1st.

Through tickets will be sold from the principal cities of the country to the Knollwood Airport here for passengers for either Southern Pines or Pinehurst or for any other Sandhills points—and the cabin plane of the Air Lines Chartered Service will meet Eastern Air Liners in Raleigh, the transfer point for this section. Passengers from here will be provided regular service to Raleigh in time to transfer to the main line.

The service should be a great boon to travelers from the Midwest and from New England, making the trip to the Sandhills section a fast and easy one. It is also understood that the schedule of rates is not far out of line with railroad fares.

The Knollwood field is in fine condition and ready for the inauguration of the service at any time.

Gymkhana Here at 3:00 This Afternoon

Today at 3:00 at the Southern Pines Riding Ring, chairman J. Fred Stimson of the Gymkhana committee, plans to repeat the gymkhana program which proved so popular at the last meeting.

In place of the regular gymkhana jumping courses, Mr. Stimson innovated a course of jumps patterned after the National Horse Show Course and the attendant spills and thrills had the ring-side crowd on edge throughout the afternoon.

Other events will be musical stalls, water races, an overall race and a potato race.

There is no admission charge and no entry fees are exacted for this excellent chance to get an advance look at some of the horses that will figure prominently in the horse shows and steeplechase events that will come later in the season.

All People of County Invited To
Inspect Wing and Equip-
ment Next Tuesday

AUXILIARY IN CHARGE

The new wing of the Moore County Hospital will be opened for inspection on Tuesday afternoon, February 2nd, between the hours of 3:00 and 5:30.

With most of the furnishings in place the three floors of this much-needed addition to the hospital will be ready for visitors. All people of the county whether residents or winter sojourners, are invited to come to the hospital on Tuesday, during the time indicated, to examine for themselves the splendid increase in space and facilities provided by the new building.

By a resolution of the directors, the Pinehurst Chapter of the Hospital Auxiliary has been asked to take charge of the Opening Day program. The directors seek to express, by this action, their recognition of many years of fine work on the part of the Pinehurst Chapter, and, in particular, their appreciation of contributions, through the chapter and its members, of approximately \$9,500.00 toward the cost of the new building.

The wives of the hospital directors have been invited by the Auxiliary to act as hostesses. Refreshments will be served by the chapter, and several young women, undertaking the duties of guides, will try to answer any questions that may be asked.

Outlay of \$75,000

Begun in April, the new structure, with that part of the furnishings and equipment already secured, represents an outlay of approximately \$75,000.00. Of this sum, the Federal Public Works Administration grant amounted to \$25,629.00.

Verner Z. Reed, Jr., of Pinehurst, is president of the Hospital board, and Paul Dana is secretary and treasurer. The Building committee includes Col. George P. Hawes, Jr., Chairman; George H. Maurice and L. E. Pender, Dr. Clement R. Monroe of West End is medical superintendent, and E. T. McKeithen, Aberdeen, is the business manager. The Moore County Board of Commissioners have given wholehearted support and cooperation to the directors in handling many matters connected with the building of the addition.

Twenty-six new beds are now provided, thus solving the problem of over-crowding which at times in the past has been acute, necessitating emergency cots in the corridors and offices.

Besides the increase in bed-capacity, the new wing furnishes proper space for many other important activities. There is a study hall for nurses, a record room, new rooms for physical therapy, hydrotherapy and dentistry, a new linen room, examination offices for the use of staff doctors, and other facilities absolutely required in a modern hospital.

The directors cannot, of course, send out individual invitations for Opening Day. By letting the date and time be widely known, it is hoped that many people will avail themselves of this pleasant opportunity.

It should be noted, however, that the invitation does not include children under twelve years of age, who, by a rule everywhere observed, may not be taken into hospitals.

Visitors are requested to enter by the front door of the main, or original, building, from which they will proceed to the elevator, and thence to the new wing.

Officials of the Carolina Power and Light Company were hosts in Southern Pines Wednesday to 35 independent electrical dealers of this section of North Carolina, with S. P. Vecker, general sales manager of the company, presiding over a sales conference which preceded the luncheon at the Church of Wide Fellowship. Dealers were here from Sanford, Asheboro, Troy, Wadesboro, Rockingham, Hamlet and Maxton.