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## THE HUNT RACING SEASON OPENS

Despite the great loss it suffered during the past year in death of one of its leading spirits, Noel Laing, the Sandhills Steeplechase and Racing Association has its head up and is proceeding with plans for its third annual race meeting, to be held on the Barber Estate course on the Midland Road on Saturday, March 13th. And from reports coming in from Col. G. P. Hawes, secretary of the association, and Richard Wallach, Noel Laing's successor as racing secretary, there is every evidence that the 1937 event will be a brilliant success.

The Sandhills section is rapidly developing in importance as a winter training ground for all types of horses, which means widespread interest in horse events. The race meeting here is the feature event each season. It was estimated that fifteen thousand witnessed the races last March, enthusiasts coming from all parts of the state. The Sandhills meeting is the only major hunt race meeting held in North Carolina.

Five events are on the card for March 13th, with the three-mile timber race for the Sandhills Cup the feature. In addition to the cup for the owner of the winning horse, Verner Z. Reed, Jr., has this year donated a trophy to be presented the winning rider, in memory of Noel Laing. Due to Noel's popularity among his fellow gentlemen jockeys, this will be a much coveted trophy, and the race this year should be one long to be remembered. Some of the leading timber horses in the country will be among the entries.

There will be two brush races, each of two miles; one event over hurdles, and one flat race. The purses for the five events total \$1,700.

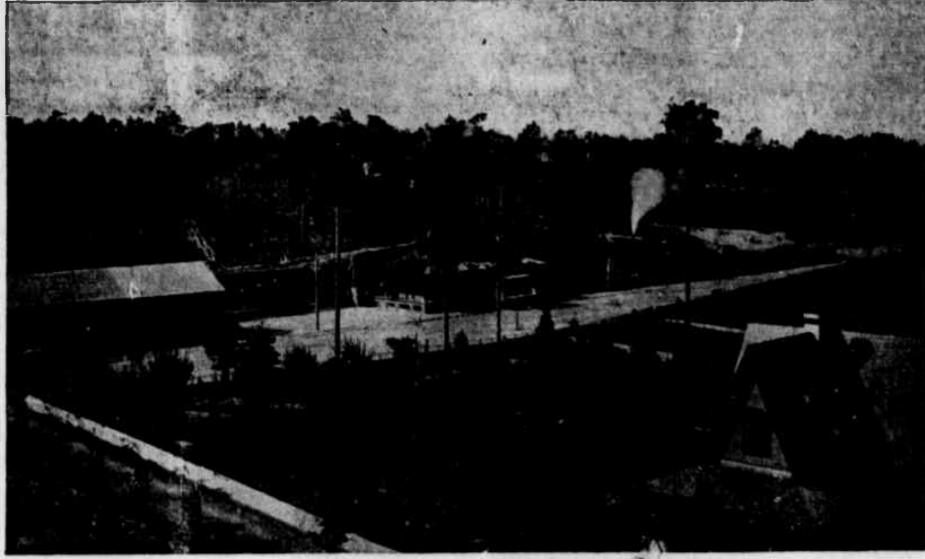
The 1937 hunt race season opens on Monday next at Camden, S. C., where Harry Kirkover stages his annual Washington Birthday meeting. Camden is the leading winter training ground for steeplechase horses, and will furnish most of those to be seen in action here. For that reason large numbers from the Sandhills plan to motor to Camden Monday to see the various timber, brush, hurdle and flat horses in action. The races there will start at 2:00 o'clock, and with seven events on the card it should be a full afternoon of sport.

## INDISPENSABLE DISPENSARIES

Fear for Moore county's two liquor stores was dispelled on Tuesday when the State Senate passed the bill providing county option in the state, exempting those counties which now have stores from immediate referendum. Had the bill failed of passage, it was feared that the General Assembly might enact legislation which would have sounded the death knell for existing stores until such a time as a Statewide referendum could have been held—and permanently if such referendum went against legalizing the sale of liquor.

With those sections of the country from which the resort towns of Pinehurst and Southern Pines draw their patronage having legalized liquor, the feeling is general here that we must provide similar facilities if we are to continue to develop as a resort center. One argument in favor of retention of the stores here. Another is, that police authorities report conditions much improved hereabouts since liquor was obtainable in

## SCENES OF YESTERYEAR



FORTY YEARS AGO

West Broad street and the Seaboard depots. The structure on the left is the second, later moved to Vass. On the right is first depot, finally moved to the Piney Woods Inn and long known as "the Spring House."

a legal, orderly, systematic manner as against the former bootleg method. Thirdly, under the new law, Moore county will derive considerable and much needed revenue from the operation of its stores.

## ONE-FIFTH OF A BOOK PER CAPITA

The Charlotte Observer says that if all the books in all the public and subscription libraries in North Carolina could be spread over the whole state, there would be only one-fifth of a book for each person in the state's population. That is a bleak situation and one that offers much serious thought. North Carolina has stood low in the scale of illiteracy. A reading population is an informed one. North Carolina is not a reading state. It couldn't be if it wanted to, with the pitiful allotment per capita the record shows.

Not until we scratched our first inscriptions on slabs of stone and set up our libraries of clay tablets by some of the early scribes did we have a distinguished scholar, hundreds of years before the invention of paper and printing. Conditions have improved since then, but North Carolina is still lagging. More books are needed to overcome a deplorable condition.

## THIEVES BREAK INTO STORE AT WEST END

Officers are on the lookout for a thief who broke into the grocery store of H. C. Cheek in West End Saturday night and removed goods, mostly cigarettes, to the value of around \$25.00. Entrance was gained through a rear window.

## SUPERIOR COURT

In Superior Court in Carthage this week, divorces were granted in the following cases: Lelia Darnell versus Rufus Franklin Darnell; Minnie Burns Holden versus Roy Holden.

In the case of the Federal Land Bank of Columbia versus James, John and Charles Deaton, the defendants were perpetually restrained from removing nursery stock from the lands formerly in their possession but now owned by the plaintiff.

A decision in favor of the plaintiff was rendered in the case of Bertha Sanders of Hemp versus John L. Sanders and Maryland Casualty Company. According to the testimony Sanders, husband of the plaintiff, mysteriously disappeared and abandoned his wife and children in August, 1935, leaving them in destitute circumstances.

Prior to this time, Sanders had been awarded by the North Carolina Industrial Commission the sum of \$1,050 as compensation for injuries received as an employee of the Standard Mineral Company, this to be paid in 150 weekly installments of \$7.00 each.

At the time of his disappearance, he had received forty-three of these payments, leaving a balance of \$749, which his wife was seeking to have paid to her for the use of herself and children. Sanders, it is said, had left with the company by which he was employed a paper directing that payments be made to his wife upon her application for same, and the Maryland Casualty Company admitted having the sum of money due Sam-Mae Scott, Hazel Crouse Jewell Smith and Lula Pearl Morgan, and there were boys enough to bring the attendance to around fifty.

## GRAINS OF SAND

Writes a columnist in the Greenville, S. C. paper:

Prettiest of all is Southern Pines where enterprising northerners have planted the entire town in winter grass, and white sidewalks are lacking paths are laid of pine needles and if you think the effect is not pretty pleasing to the eye go up there and see for yourself.

For miles out of Southern Pines and Pinehurst all along the highway long leafed pines have been transplanted. They grow luxuriant and plummy doing a body good to look at them.

A Pennsylvania man made his first trip to Southern Pines a little over two years ago. When he left he said he never expected to come back. He left for his Pittsburgh home early this week, after his fourth visit.

In such instances it is not only permissible for a man to change his mind, but he is encouraged to do so.

North Carolina's hunting season closed February 15. The State game commissioner said hunting conditions for the winter months were unfavorable generally. Weather conditions and an abundant supply of berries and various game foods offered ample sustenance to wild life that it was not necessary to leave sheltered places to forage in open and unprotected areas. He added that it will have its compensations in carrying over a larger breeding stock for the coming year.

Every once in a while flags are seen flying from our sidewalks. "What day is this" you frequently hear and you rummage through your head for a reply. Lincoln's birthday was the last answer. Washington's turn comes Monday. We don't mind telling beforehand. When we get around to October 12, some heads are really puzzled, but you could never catch a Montesanti on Columbus Day.

In the last outbreak of our epidemic of reminiscences that have been prevalent for several weeks, several of the town's early equestrians stood at the gymkhana ring and discussed the changing styles in riding apparel. They unearthed mental pictures of what they wore from 25 to 40 years ago. Funny little tight fitting jackets, oluminous divided skirts that billowed and flapped and stood out in full sail against a horse's sides at full speed brought forth much merriment.

If Herbert and Friar Fred, two capable masters of ceremonies, were to ask their older friends to make a search through attic and forgotten trunks, wonder if they couldn't get enough of those old riding togs to stage a pageant? It might be an interesting feature for every spectator, regardless of age. And the horse might also appreciate seeing some of the things he has outgrown.

Police calls giving descriptions of cars and numbers over the radio never seem worthwhile listening to, as they always wind up by saying the fugitives were last seen headed for Tennessee or Pennsylvania. The last one we heard was the sensational outbreak from the State prison and as usual they were last seen headed for Nashville. We gave up in disappointment, only to learn they landed almost in our own front yard for a brief stop off.

From an occasional northern paper we see or hear some favorable

comment of the Ellerba school. A Baltimore Sun launches into quite a discussion about our neighboring institution of progressive education, its principal, and the outstanding work of the students. Ellerba is more than an ordinary school, teaching regulation subjects in regulation fashion. They have a little experiment station for horticulture and agriculture and a bookbinding and printing department from their own presses, and have written and edited a book of poems that have had a number of favorable reviews. It seems as if in their curriculum they have about as varied an assortment as anything we know of for a country school. Outside papers tell us of what is going on in our neighboring community and the progress we are making.

## NOTE OF APPRECIATION

"We wish to express our deep appreciation for the kindness shown us by friends during the loss of our sons. Your expressions of love and sympathy have made it easier to bear."

MR. and MRS. W. M. MILAM.

## The Week in Vass

An interesting program of talks on the union work being carried on by the churches in various mission fields was given at the World Day of Prayer meeting, which was held in the Vass Presbyterian Church last Friday afternoon with the women of the various local churches cooperating, and special music and the group singing of a number of mission songs was enjoyed. An offering was made to help support the work about which talks were made.

A decided improvement in Sunday School attendance was noted last Sunday morning, perhaps coming in part as an outgrowth of the deepened interest on the part of the church people as a result of the splendid talks made by the Rev. Mr. Hall and the Rev. C. I. Calcote at the "Church Night" meeting two weeks ago. A cordial invitation is extended to every person in the community to line up with the Sunday School of his choice here, the Baptist, Presbyterian or Methodist. They convene at 10:00 o'clock each Sunday morning.

Mrs. Clyde Cox and little son, Clyde, Jr., returned on Friday from Sanford, where they had been visiting for about two weeks.

Mrs. W. C. Byrd and children, Mary Lou and Keith, spent last week-end with Mrs. Byrd's mother, Mrs. J. A. KKeith.

Mr. and Mrs. Fairley Cameron visited relatives in Carthage Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Inge and little son, Donald, of Hamlet called on Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Cox Sunday afternoon.

Miss Mattie Cagle, Mr. and Mrs. Cleveland Cagle and Norman Cagle of Carthage visited in the W. B. Lambert home Thursday night.

Mrs. Seth W. Lassiter of near Smithfield spent from Thursday until Saturday night with relatives here. Mr. and Mrs. C. P. McMillan accompanied her home and remained for the day Sunday. They were served a delicious Sunday dinner which was prepared by Mrs. Lassiter's fourteen-year-old daughter, Margaret, who is usually interested and skilled in the culinary art for one of her age.

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Smith and little Ruth Frye spent Sunday with relatives in Troy.

Miss Margaret Lambert visited Mrs. Ethel Kirby at her home near Mullins, S. C., Sunday.

Mrs. Irene Byrd of Albemarle was the week-end guest of Mrs. G. W. Griffin.

Steve Koustenis returned to his home in Washington, D. C., on Saturday after spending about five weeks with his brother, George Koustenis, and family.

Mrs. George Morgan of Carthage Route 3 spent Saturday with her daughter, Mrs. Fairley Cameron, Misses Ila Callahan and Peggy Greene of High Point were week-end guests of Misses Louise and Ruby Callahan.

Virginia Cameron, small daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Cameron, who has been sick for the past two or three months, entered the Moore County Hospital last week for treatment.

Miss Elizabeth Keith, a member of the school faculty at W., spent the week-end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. KeKeith. On Sunday afternoon Mrs. KeKeith and abeth visited Mrs. Janie Mus family in Cameron.

Mr. and Mrs. Bryce Griffin baby of Sanford are visiting Mrs. G. W. Griffin. Edward of Raleigh was at home for t Sunday.

Miss Jessie Brooks of Wilkesboro Miss Eloise Brooks of Buie's spent last week-end with the er. Mrs. G. W. Brooks.

Mr. and Mrs. Alton Chapman baby and Luther Byrd of were callers at the home of Mrs. Monroe Chappell and Mrs. Chappell Sunday.

Members of the Agriculture Department of the Vass-Lakeview school with Mr. and Mrs. W. E. stone entertained at a party in the school library on Wednesday evening to which each student was allowed to invite one friend.

Bingo, was played and jokes and stunts added to the merriment. Delicious refreshments were served.

The girls who attended the party included Katharine and Evelyn Everett, Rebecca Gardner, Gladys Causey, Pansy Abernathy, Pauline Jessup, Ruth Smith, Irene Seagroves, Mary ders. The court ordered that the payments be made to the wife.



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