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Record Crowd Expected For Steeplechases Saturday

MINISTERS VOTE TO KEEP SLOT MACHINES OUT

Pass Resolution Urging Representative Poole "to Protect Us From Vicious Gambling Evil"

OFFICERS ELECTED

The Sandhills Ministerial Association went on record against the slot machine menace at its meeting held in the Church of Wide Fellowship, Southern Pines, last Tuesday. In a resolution introduced by the Rev. W. C. Golden of Carthage, Representative J. Hawley Poole of Moore county was called upon to wage war against the return of machines here. The resolution reads:

"We, the Sandhills Ministerial Association, representing the pastors of the majority of the churches in Moore county, having heard that a local bill is before the Legislature exempting Moore county from protection against slot machines, which protection the State law now gives, would most respectfully and urgently urge our representative to withdraw said bill and, instead thereof, cooperate with those who are trying to protect us from this vicious gambling evil."

The association elected the following officers for the coming year:

President, Rev. R. G. Matheson; vice-president, Rev. F. Craighill Brown; secretary-treasurer, Rev. W. F. Keeler. The program committee for the coming year was named, as follows: Rev. C. Rexford Raymond, Rev. C. I. Calcote and Rev. J. Fred Stimson.

Real Estate Active in Southern Pines

New Homes Near Completion.—John F. Stevens Buys Residence of Dr. Anita McGee

During the mid-winter season in Southern Pines numerous rentals have been recorded, but the sales and building market has been quiet. With the near approach of Spring, however, real estate has become more active. R. F. Potts has just completed a handsome Cape Cod type dwelling on Vermont avenue, near May street, the house of frame construction, including basement, large living room, kitchen, breakfast nook, and bed room on first floor, two bedrooms and bath on second story. Finished some time ago was the Atkinson house, of similar type, 32 by 24 feet, located on West Broad street and Maine avenue.

The Reinecke-Dillehay Company is completing a home for H. W. Dorn. Of bungalow type, frame construction, this dwelling 35 by 40 feet, located on Indiana avenue and Ridge street, is a desirable addition to this fine neighborhood. The house includes basement, six rooms and bath with separate garage. For J. N. Steeds, this company has started work on a frame bungalow, 40 by 40 feet, on Ridge street near Maine avenue, the dwelling to contain above the basement five rooms and bath, and attached garage.

Two reconstruction jobs are under way on Ridge street. D. Wade Stevick has bought the Webb house at the head of New York avenue, and Contractor Arey is remodeling the building to be ready for Mr. Stevick's occupancy on April 1st. On the same street Mrs. E. A. Tracy is rebuilding her cottage located near the corner of Connecticut avenue.

The Stevens agency has sold to John F. Stevens, of Baltimore, the home of Dr. Anita McGee on Orchard road. Mr. Stevens will take possession about May 1st, and following alterations to the house during the summer will occupy the property next Autumn.

Two desirable lots have recently changed hands, and the new owners are contemplating building during the summer, and two other dwellings are reported sold.

Neck and Neck in First Race Meet Here



Photograph shows the late Noel Laing, secretary of the Sandhills Steeplechase & Racing Association at the time of his death last fall, grouped with Lyman Wright and Carroll K. Bassett in a brush race at the inaugural meeting of the local association two years ago.

Economic Aspect of New School To Be Considered, Says Buchan

Not For People of Southern Pines Alone To Decide.—Hart Favors Referendum

With the submission of a bill to the State Legislature on Tuesday, to provide for the calling of a special election in the Southern Pines School District on the subject of the school building expansion proposal, there is considerable discussion and open debate on the matter among people in and around Southern Pines. A fine presentation of the subject, written by Dr. E. Levis Prizer, appears on the editorial page of this issue. From others The Pilot has elicited the following statements:

P. Frank Buchan, Southern Pines Postmaster—"This is a question that concerns more people than those within the corporate limits of Southern Pines. This school here serves a special school district that encompasses an area extending one-half way to Aberdeen on the south, to the Fort Bragg line on the east, westward two-thirds of the way to Pinehurst and north beyond Niagara. That means that the town of Southern Pines alone would not bear the burden of the increased taxation, but it also means that the people in that special school district would have to bear a share of such an expense and it seems to me that, before they can be in a position to render an opinion on the subject, they should visit the Southern Pines school and see for themselves the conditions there.

"We are not going to be here forever and it is an axiom of the civilized world today that we try to leave things for coming generations in a better condition than we found them. But we can't go ahead without consideration for the economic aspect of the proposition.

"Let the interested property owners of the special school district study the proposition first hand. That is the solution here."

Robert L. Hart, President of the Chamber of Commerce—"Personally, I am in favor of the best school facilities we can possibly give our children. However, this is a matter of such importance that to attempt to come to any conclusion on the matter, short of a vote of the people in town caucus, would be entirely out of order."

C. Maxwell Grey—"The subject hits very close to home with me. Because of poor lighting conditions that are a result of over-crowded conditions—there are four rooms that are lighted

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Heads Chamber



WALTER B. GRAHAM

VASS ORGANIZES CHAMBER; STARTS MOVE FOR BANK

Business Men Want Bank of Pinehurst to Open Branch in Village

A group of Vass business men met in the town hall on Monday evening and organized a chamber of commerce in order that they might more effectively promote the interests of the town and community.

The following officers were elected: President, W. B. Graham; Vice-President, R. P. Beasley; Secretary-Treasurer, H. Clifton Blue; Board of Directors: W. D. Smith, N. Vick Keith, George W. Koustenis, H. A. Borst, Sr., and A. M. Cameron. Meetings will be held monthly.

The first big objective of the organization is to procure banking facilities in the town, which has been without a bank since the closing of the Bank of Vass in 1931.

At a pre-organization meeting held last week, a committee was appointed to secure guarantors who would assume responsibility up to the amount of \$25 each to take care of any deficit in operating expenses that might exist at the end of the first year of the proposed bank's existence, and on Monday night the reports made by W. D. Smith, R. B. Beasley and H. C. Blue showed that the com-

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CHAMBER FAVORS REFERENDUM ON SCHOOL BUILDING

Southern Pines Organization Endorses Bill Ready For State Assembly Action

CIVIC CENTER DISCUSSED

The Southern Pines Chamber of Commerce went on record Tuesday approving the bill introduced at Raleigh this week legalizing a special election in the Southern Pines School district on the question of a bond issue for a new public school building. The bill was introduced by Assemblyman J. Hawley Poole of this district, and will permit such a special election upon the petition of ten per cent of the voters of the district.

It was brought out by Dr. G. G. Herr at the meeting of the directors held Tuesday in Jack's Grill that at present the law contains no provision for the calling of a special election in the school district, and the purpose of the Poole bill is to remedy this situation. In the event of the passage of the bill it is probable that a petition will be circulated throughout the district, to be followed by the referendum to determine the wishes of the residents of the district on the school building expansion proposal.

E. C. Stevens reported at the meeting that upwards of \$125 had been subscribed by merchants and hotel men of Southern Pines toward the new stables erected during the past two weeks at the Sandhills Steeplechase course on the Midland Road. In addition to these subscriptions the Town of Southern Pines and the Chamber of Commerce have each contributed \$50 to the stable fund.

The question of acquisition of the property adjoining the postoffice site for a civic center was again informally discussed at the gathering, as was the possibility of improved Seaboard railroad service for Southern Pines. George Clark, editor of the Hotel and Travel News of New England and secretary of the Boston Hotel Owners Association, was a guest at the luncheon and spoke briefly.

Attending the meeting were H. G. McElroy, J. M. Windham, P. T. Kelsey, Harry A. Lewis, Frank Buchan, John J. Fitzgerald, Emmet E. Boone, Robert L. Hart, Dante Montesanti, S. B. Richardson, W. G. McAvoy, Alfred Yeomans, Hugh Berkeley, Nelson C. Hyde, Earl E. Merrill, Eudice Mills and Pope Inman.

MRS. SPILMAN SPEAKER AT KIWANIS MEETING

The workings of the new Unemployment Compensation Insurance program in North Carolina was explained to members of the Kiwanis Club and their guests at the weekly luncheon meeting Wednesday in the Club Chalfonte at Pinehurst by a member of the State Commission. Mrs. J. B. Spilman. Mrs. Spilman cleared up for her hearers many points of the new law, making a most interesting talk on the subject.

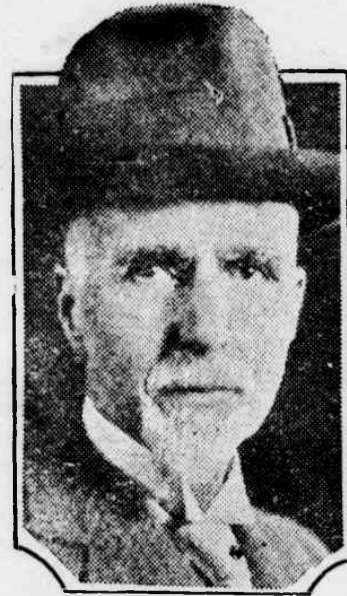
In addition to Mrs. Spilman's address the club was entertained by Miss Peggy LeBaron of the Club Chalfonte, who delightfully sang two solos, and by Bernie Brenner's Orchestra, which played several selections during the luncheon. Karl Andrews, proprietor of the Chalfonte, besides donating the services of Miss LeBaron and his orchestra, gave the entire proceeds of the luncheon to the Kiwanis Club's fund for underprivileged children.

FOR BOY SCOUT WORK

A campaign to raise funds for financing Boy Scout work in the Sandhills will open on Monday. N. L. Hodgkins is in charge of the campaign in Southern Pines, Clayton Brasington in Aberdeen and T. R. Cole or J. F. Taylor in Pinehurst.

Five Events on Program For Third Annual Races Of Sandhills Association

To Give Reading



JUDGE R. W. WINSTON

Judge Winston, who is too well known in Southern Pines to need any introduction is to be the speaker at the Civic Club next Friday afternoon, March 19th at 3:00 o'clock, speaking under the club's auspices. The prominent Durham attorney is going to read from his new book, "It's a Far Cry," just published by Henry Holt & Co., of New York.

This is an autobiography, with Durham as the principal locale. In a note received from the Judge by Miss Florence Campbell, president of the Civic Club, this week, Judge Winston says:

"Let's get the thinkers together that day. I read to a full house in Columbia, S. C., last evening and with entire satisfaction. I may say that my readings are droll and popular, but also philosophical and stimulating."

Everyone is invited to hear Judge Winston next Friday afternoon.

Sedalia President and Singers Here Tuesday

Talk By Palmer Institute Head and Negro Spirituals at Episcopal Church

In Emmanuel Episcopal Church, on Tuesday afternoon, March 16th, at 3:00 o'clock, there will be a meeting on Negro Education, to which everyone interested is most cordially invited.

This meeting has been arranged by the Women's Auxiliary of the church as a part of the study course on Inter-Racial relations. Women's Auxiliaries of the Episcopal Church throughout the world are studying this vital subject.

The principal speaker at the meeting Tuesday afternoon will be Dr. Charlotte Hawkins Brown, president of Palmer Institute at Sedalia. Dr. Brown, who is a negro alumna of Wellesley College, will bring with her a fine group of singers from Palmer (Please turn to page 8)

BRIDGE-TEA TO BENEFIT PINEBLUFF PUBLIC LIBRARY

On Wednesday, March 17th there will be a party for the benefit of the Pinebluff Library at the home of Mrs. A. N. Jannaris in Pinebluff. The games, contract or any game you wish, will begin at 2:30 and tea will be at 4:30. All those who do not care to play cards are specially invited to come for the tea. The informality of these teas is a feature of these parties and it is hoped that all who cannot attend the games will come. If possible please reserve your table in advance please telephone Mrs. A. N. Jannaris or Mrs. Harold Paget. The charge for cards is thirty-five cents per person, with a silver offering for the tea.

R. K. Mellon's Escape 3rd Favored in Feature Three-Mile Event Over Timber

NEARLY FIFTY ENTRIES

By Howard F. Burns

With four of the best horses in America entered in the feature race, three miles over timber, at the Sandhill meet at the Barber Estate course, mid-way between Pinehurst and Southern Pines, tomorrow, Saturday, Escape 3rd, the big bay gelding owned by Richard K. Mellon of Pittsburgh, based on his performance at Camden on Washington's Birthday, is considered the favorite in the meet.

Charioteer, brown gelding, owned by Richard Wallach, Southern Pines, and winner of the Sandhills Cup in 1935, and Career, another bay gelding entered by Mrs. Simon T. Patterson, Pittsburgh, will be strong contenders, as well as Mrs. G. H. (Pete) Bostwick's Fugitive which ran second in the meet here last year.

With close to fifty entries for the five races, the officials of the Sandhills Steeplechase and Racing Association announced yesterday that from demands made for parking space the crowd will exceed the 15,000 that turned out for the last race. Large numbers from all sections of the state and from Aiken and Camden, S. C., as well as northern points are expected.

Governor Clyde R. Hoey of Raleigh is expected to attend and award the Sandhills Cup to the winning horse in the timber race. The Noel Laing Memorial trophy will be presented to the winning rider. Among other notables expected to attend is former Governor J. C. B. Ehringhaus, who made the award at the previous meets.

The course has been completely resodded with Bermuda turf during the past year, is fast, and in tip-top shape. An additional timber jump has been placed near the judges' stand and the races this season are expected to be the most exciting in local history.

Hurdle Race First

The first race on the card is the Catawba, one and a half miles over hurdle for three-year olds and up. The entries include: Bonnie Banks, owned by Paul Mellon, Pittsburgh; Hillwood, owned by Lewis E. Stoddard, Jr., New York; Red Idol, owned by Deed's Stables, Peapack, N. J.; Herrero, owned by Mrs. Carroll K. Bassett, Camden; Little Cottage, 2d, owned by Mrs. Marion T. Gibson, Mt. Kisco, N. Y.; Pimento, 2nd, owned (Please turn to page 5)

Race Meeting

Parking Instructions for Those Attending Event. First Race 3 P. M.

Holders of reserved parking space tickets for the Clubhouse Enclosure at tomorrow's race meeting should enter the grounds at the west, or Pinehurst, end of the course. The entrance is marked "Clubhouse Enclosure." They should find the space corresponding in number to the number on their tickets.

Those desiring \$1.00 Parking Spaces along the Midland Road and at the east, or Southern Pines end of the course, should enter the entrance on the north side of the road. As these spaces are not reserved it will be well to arrive early. No parking will be permitted on the Midland Road, which will be patrolled by State Police. There is no individual charge for admission, just for parking. First Race—3:00 P. M. Purses total \$1,700.