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RACE DAY IN THE SANDHILLS

The thrill that comes but once a year to the Sandhills—the thrill of watching valiant animals and courageous riders vie over timber and brush fences in that great sport of horse racing—is due tomorrow, Saturday. And everything is ready for the cry of "They're off."

The course of the Sandhills Steeplechase & Racing Association on the Midland Road is in perfect condition. "There is no better turf in the country," says Carroll K. Bassett, noted trainer and rider. The entries for the five events on the card exceed those of last year, and include many of the leading hunt race horses in the country. Most of the leading trainers and riders will be here. All of which points to an afternoon of fine sport, and a crowd which should exceed that of last year when some 15,000 persons witnessed the event.

The nice thing about these races is that everyone may enjoy them. Outside of the reserved section for members of the association which sponsors the meet, there is no charge other than for parking, and that is but one dollar.

The Sandhills bids a hearty welcome to the many from out of town who will be here tomorrow.

THE NEED OF A NEW SCHOOL

By Dr. E. Levis Prizer

The excellent article by Mr. Bowden in The Pilot three weeks ago, explaining the inadequacy of our present school plant understated rather than exaggerated the seriousness of the situation. Not even the School Committee who had struggled for years with conditions as they existed saw facts in clear perspective until they had asked for a survey by the State architect and received his report. This showed that, for a district of our size, our buildings were among the poorest in the state, badly designed, awkwardly arranged, poorly lighted, inadequately ventilated, insufficiently heated. The result of so many defects, for the most part a consequence of the crowding and strain to which our equipment is now subjected, is not only lessened efficiency and greater fire risk but eye strain and a relatively high rate of illness among the pupils, which in turn lowers our record for average school attendance and entitles us to fewer teachers. In a word we are rendered a less efficient unit in the State's educational system than we can and should be.

This being so there seems little ground for exception to the State architect's recommendation of a new school building and the remodeling of the old one, with or without the erection of a separate gymnasium. The only question which anyone has raised as to the wisdom of this course concerns the ability of the school district to assume at this time the necessary tax obligation. In attempting to answer this question we must remember that the cost of building is rapidly increasing, and in all probability will continue to increase for some years to come, and that to this there must soon be added a higher rate of interest on bonded indebtedness than now necessary. Hence to wait for two or more years before taking action might result, besides present deprivation, in having to pay almost double for identically the same result. Stated still more concretely, in say three year's time it might well require an increase of twenty cents per \$100 in our tax

rate to pay for what could be obtained today for an increase of around ten cents, which does not look like good business.

Irrespective therefore of the personal obligations and inclinations of the individual members, in their official capacity the School Committee can not accept the responsibility of further delay in calling this situation to the serious consideration of the voters. Through no oversight of their own in as much as they have had the matter under advisement for nearly two years and have seen their first efforts blocked by political accidents over which they had no control, the most economical time for undertaking new construction has already passed. But we can act now and in view of the heavy penalty which further delay might impose, the School Committee would regard themselves as remiss if they failed to advise immediate action.

KEEPING THE RECORD CLEAR

"The editor of The Pilot does not believe in God."

The editor of The Pilot is reliably informed that this statement was made from the pulpit of an Aberdeen church last Sunday night by Stephen A. Haboush, a native Galilean who has been lecturing in this section for the past two weeks. We are told that Mr. Haboush stated that he had had a long conversation with the editor on the subject of religion, from which he drew the conclusion that led to his pronouncement from the pulpit. Now there are one or two things wrong with Mr. Haboush's remarks. One of them is this. The editor of The Pilot is a member of the Presbyterian Church, a faith based upon belief in God. Another is this. The editor of The Pilot has never seen Mr. Haboush.

Mr. Haboush should be more exact in his identifications.

Grains of Sand

A young man at one of the local garages took out of his safe three old letters to show to a customer, all within a few years of the century mark. The yellowed pages tell an interesting story. Addressed to Flora and Archibald Ray, the letters came through Solemn Grove, and early post office carrying on business before the Civil war at what is now known as the Buchan place some two miles and a half east of Southern Pines. Some gnarled old trees and a few bricks from a fireplace are all that are left to mark the site. The Rays were prominent Cape Fear people whose names were on the session books of Bethesda and many of the other early churches and whose inscriptions are found in generous numbers on the fading tombstones of the older cemeteries.

The letters in their fine old script were simply folded over and sealed with a wafer or sealing wax as was the custom in the days before envelopes were introduced. During the Revolution postage was paid in currency. Following that period and for more than half a century the charges for postage were extremely high. Thirty miles and under demanded six cents. Over sixty miles and less than a hundred called for ten cents. A quarter was charged for a distance of 450 miles. Few letters went through the mails then as private express was cheaper.

No stamps were on these letters, as they were sent before the adhesive stamps were in general use. The dates on the papers were chronicled in 1841 and '46.

The little post-office at Solemn Grove carried on for a number of years, although it never hummed with activity. To receive or send a letter a hundred years ago was an important event.

The typewriter, fast moving mimeographs and fountain pens of today lack many of the graces to be seen in the older form of flowing script when Archibald Ray and his contemporaries sharpened a quill to pen a letter.

It's deplorable, to say the least, the lack of musical appreciation in Southern Pines. When Estelle Bogan, colored, staggered down street lustily singing "Everybody Ought to Love Their Neighbor," instead of being heralded as a prima donna she was hailed into court and now, for fifteen days, the jail will be her only concert hall "Public drunkenness," the Court called her performance.

Mrs. Sanborn Honored by State Bird Club

President of Local Society Elected Vice-President of New Organization

At a state-wide meeting of bird folks held Monday in Raleigh, at which the first state ornithological society, to be known as the North Carolina Bird Club, was organized. Mrs. Nellie F. Sanborn, president of the Southern Pines Bird Club, was chosen second vice president.

On Tuesday morning at 9:30, the day all bird lovers gather at the New England House, no where in the Sandhills can you find a more enthusiastic group. Last Tuesday the members identified a dozen or more species on their walk through the Bird Sanctuary. After the hunt the group gathered at the New England House where informal discussions of birds seen during the week and other bits of bird lore took place.

CARTHAGE

Miss Agnes Evans of Rowland spent the week-end with Misses May and Bess Stuart.

Mrs. S. H. Miller, Mrs. R. L. Yow, Mrs. B. C. Wallace, Mrs. O. D. Wallace and Mrs. J. E. Muse spent Wednesday in Greensboro.

Miss Emma Muse Burns of Greensboro College spent the week-end with her mother, Mrs. R. L. Burns.

Miss Ruth Barringer of Raleigh spent the week-end with Miss Jack Yow.

Mr. and Mrs. O. L. Russ and son, Leslie are spending a few weeks in Orlando, Fla.

Miss Jean Lytch of Rowland was the week-end guest of Miss Flora Cox.

O. D. Wallace, R. G. Wallace, Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Wallace and Mrs. H. J. Hall attended the funeral of Mr. Wallace in Lakeview, S. C., Sunday.

Mrs. George Muse returned home Sunday after a few days visit with her sister, Mrs. John Ellise of High Point.

Mr. and Mrs. C. G. Spencer spent a few days in Augusta, Ga., last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Buffalo are spending a few days in St. Louis.

Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Savage of Greenville, spent Sunday with Misses May and Bess Stuart.

Mrs. Henry Ledbetter of Rockingham spent Sunday with Mrs. Tom Jones.

Mrs. M. G. Boyette, Mrs. C. A. Prevost and Charles Prevost spent Monday in Charlotte.

Mrs. John Stewart and Miss Blanche Denn visited Mr. and Mrs. James Buffalo at Laurel Hill.

Miss Sara L. Thompson spent the week-end at Haw River.

Mrs. Lelia Conyne left Tuesday for a few weeks at Summerville, N. J.

Miss Hattie Way spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Way.

Mr. and Mrs. Wendell Kelly of Aberdeen spent a few days last week with Mr. and Mrs. John Baker.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Deese of Kannapolis spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Ted Frye.

Misses Brownie Poole, Gladys Lassiter and Polly Helsabeck of Troy visited Mrs. C. C. McCaskill last week-end.

Mr. and Mrs. William Shields of Martinsville, Va., spent the week-end with Mrs. R. S. Shields.

Mrs. W. B. Norman, Misses Elizabeth and Betty Norman of Dobson and Guy Norman of Winston-Salem spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. Holt McNeill.

Mrs. Jesse Woltz of Raleigh spent the week-end with her mother, Mrs. W. H. McNeill.

Mr. and Mrs. John Baker had as guests Sunday Mr. and Mrs. Landon Riley of Sanford. Mrs. Charlie Baker and family of Jonesboro.

Mrs. Holt McNeill entertained at a birthday dinner Sunday for her brother, Guy Norman of Winston-Salem, and Mrs. W. H. McNeill of Carthage. Two birthday cakes were placed on the table. A color scheme of yellow and white was carried out. Covers were laid for twelve.

The Carthage Music Club met on March 5th with Mrs. W. G. Brown, with twenty present. Mrs. Charles Cox led the study on American music after which the program was devoted to the composer, Friedrich V. Flotow. Mrs. H. F. Seawell told the story of his opera "Martha." Miss Katherine Shields rendered "The Quintet from Martha." A quartet sang "The Last Rose of Summer." Special guests were Miss Ida Rodson of Southern Pines, Mrs. Holt McNeill and Miss Flora McQueen.

Mrs. T. Sloan Guy celebrated the birthday of Mr. Guy at a surprise dinner party on Thursday night.



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Pig Liver, (Extra), lb. 13c

Grocery Specials
Carnation Milk, 3 large cans or 6 small cans 23c
Stayleys Syrup, 5 lb. Bucket, Special 33c
Lord Calvert Coffee—None Better, lb. 27c
Mustard, quart size 13c
Grape Fruit Juice, 3 No. 2 Cans 25c
Armour Tomato Juice, 3—20 oz. cans 25c

STEAKS—We Should Eat More Steaks—STEAKS

Round Steak
Top, lb. 29c
Bottom, lb. 23c

Small T-Bone Steaks 24c
Best Steaks are Cube Steaks, lb. 30c

"Delmar Oleo"
Butter
2 lbs. 34c

N. Y. State White
Cheese—1935 Make
Special, lb. 29c

Cakes and Crackers
2 lb. Box Sodas 17c
1 lb. Box Ginger Snaps 18c
1 lb. Graham's 10c

POT ROAST, lb. 15c

VA. OYSTERS, Pints 21c

Lighthouse
Cleaner
3 Cans 10c

GOOD CORN MEAL
Water Ground
5 lb. Bag 14c
10 lb. Bag 27c

Morrell's All-Pork Sausage, 23-oz. can 19c
Potted Meat—3-5c cans 10c
Vienna Sausage, 3-10c Cans 19c

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