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Stringent Slot Machine Law Passed; Supported by Poole

County Attorney Hoyle Corrects Impression Made by Action of Ministerial Group

In a communication received by The Pilot this week, County Attorney Samuel R. Hoyle of Carthage endeavors to clear up the impression made upon the public by resolutions passed recently by the Sandhill Ministerial Association with regard to the position of Moore county's Representative, J. Hawley Poole on slot machine legislation.

The resolution adopted by the clergymen, in part, read: "... having heard that a local bill is before the Legislature exempting Moore county from protection against slot machines... urge our Representative to withdraw said bill and... cooperate with those who are trying to protect us from this vicious evil."

That Mr. Poole was one of the leaders in the fight for outlawing slot machines throughout the state is the evidence presented by Mr. Hoyle, who writes:

Editor, The Pilot:

In last week's papers, I note that the Sandhill Ministerial Association adopted a resolution addressed to Representative J. Hawley Poole, urging him to withdraw a bill introduced by him in regard to slot machines. Evidently this resolution was offered because of a misunderstanding as to the contents of the bill introduced by Representative Poole.

As I drew the bill at the request of the Board of Commissioners of Moore county, who have used every effort including this bill to outlaw slot machines, I deemed it advisable to explain the purpose and contents of this bill.

Stringent Law

The bill was House Bill No. 369. Section 1 exempted Moore county from the provisions of Chapter 282, Public Laws of 1935, which is the law under which Judge Rowe of the Recorder's Court held slot machines were legal of the type put out by the Fayetteville Vending Machine Company. Section 2 re-enacted Chapter 37 of the Public Laws of 1935 in its application to Moore county, prohibiting the manufacture, sale, possession and use of slot machines, gambling apparatus and devices. Chapter 37 above referred to is the most stringent slot machine law ever re-enacted in North Carolina until this session of the Legislature when Senator Edd Flannigan of Pitt county introduced in the Senate a slot machine law outlawing all kinds of slot machines except mechanical clerks or vending machines.

While in Raleigh yesterday, I talked with Senator Flannigan, and he stated that Representative Hawley Poole was one of his ablest lieutenants in the House in securing the passage of the Statewide Slot Machine Law recently ratified by the Legislature.

I am writing this because I know that the Ministerial Association for the Sandhills and all other good citizens would not intentionally do Representative Poole an injustice, and will gladly correct the erroneous impression that he was attempting to legalize slot machines, when in truth and in fact he was working diligently to procure them to be outlawed in the state as well as in Moore county.

—S. R. HOYLE,
County Attorney.
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JOHN WILLCOX MOVES FROM "HOUSE IN THE HORSESHOE"

John Willcox, clerk of the Moore county Superior Court, has purchased the Major Petty place in Carthage and will move his family there within a few days. For many years the George Willcox, the owner's brother-in-law, has lived in the "House in the Horseshoe," one of the show places of the county located several miles out from Carthage. George Willcox, the owner's brother, will move into this house and will supervise the large farm.

W. P. A. Project

Aberdeen Gets Allocation of \$5,531 For Sidewalks on Busy Streets

Aberdeen learned with pleasure this week of the approval of a federal W. P. A. project involving the expenditure of \$5,531. for the paving of sidewalks on Poplar street (U. S. Highway No. 1) through the city, and on Main street in the business section. The work is to get under way at once.

SEAL SALE TOPS PREVIOUS RECORDS IN MOORE COUNTY

Tuberculosis Drive Nets \$1,542.46, With Response General Throughout Community

COLORED RAISE \$147

The 1936 Seal Sale for the prevention of tuberculosis broke all previous records in Moore county, topping the \$1,500 mark for the first time. The total was \$1,542.46, with every section of the county contributing and with a generous response from colored as well as white residents.

The County Tuberculosis Committee held an enthusiastic meeting in Pinehurst on Monday, with representatives from Aberdeen, Carthage, Southern Pines and Pinehurst present. Dr. J. Symington, County Health Officer, reported that the county showed a most encouraging decrease in the prevalence of tuberculosis. Out of the 2,608 children recently examined, only one active case was found, and this is being placed in the State Sanatorium by the committee.

The reports of the various sub-committees showed an organization alive and watchful, with a determination to make Moore county absolutely free from the dangers of the disease.

Mrs. Anna F. Cheatham, county chairman, presented the best report in the history of the Seal Sale, made possible by the splendid workers and the cooperation of the general public.

The reports shows the following (Please turn to page eight)

Judge R. W. Winston Civic Club Speaker

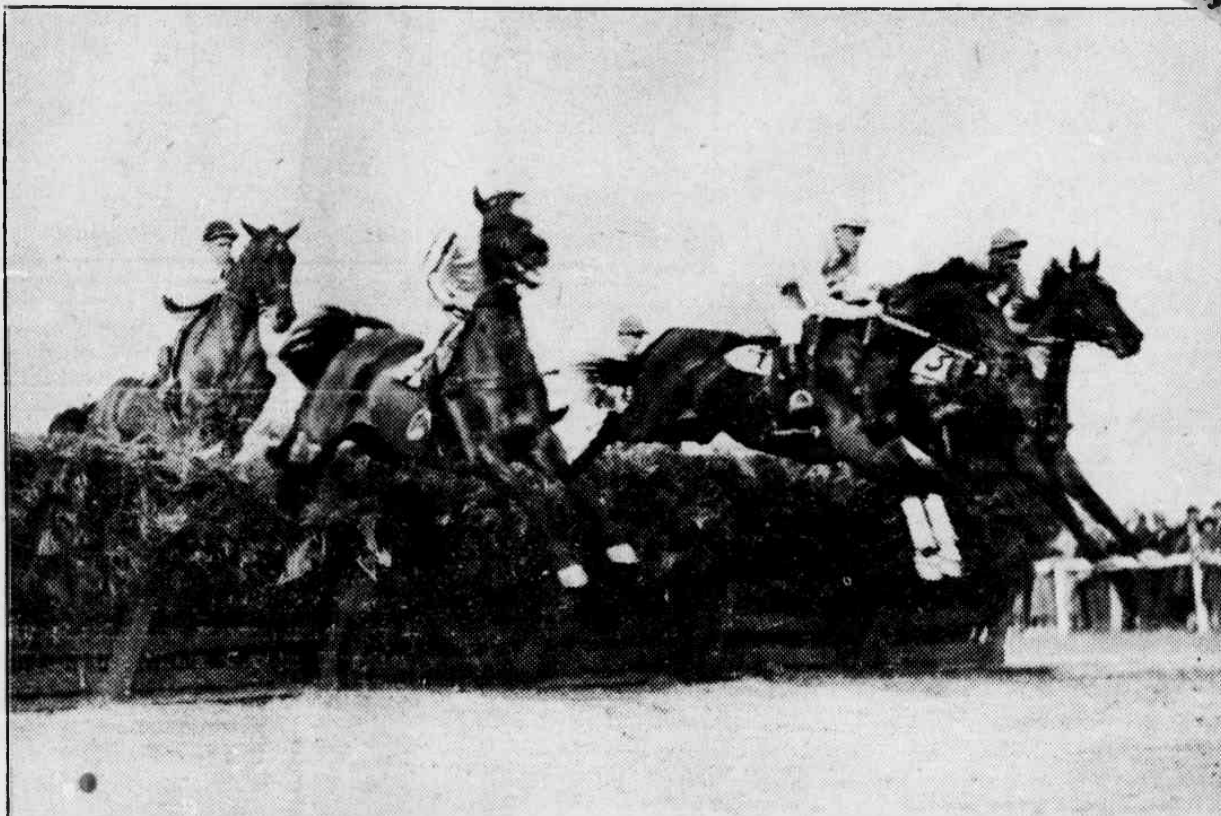
Local Organization Invites Public to Hear Noted Author and Biographer

Judge Robert W. Winston of Durham will be the guest speaker at a meeting of the Civic Club in Southern Pines this Friday, afternoon to which all men and women of the community are invited. One of the old school of southern gentlemen and scholar, Judge Winston is a forceful and delightful speaker. His life has been a most interesting one, and it is from his newly published autobiography, "It's a Far Cry," that he will draw his text.

Judge Winston cast the electoral vote of North Carolina for Grover Cleveland in 1884. He has shaken hands with every President since Lincoln. He was a slave owner. After his retirement some years ago from the bench he resided in Washington, then returned to his old college in 1924 "to become a Freshman again at Sixty." This episode of his life he once wrote up in Scribner's magazine. He has written several biographies, among them the lives of Andrew Johnson and Robert E. Lee. His new book is reported as most interesting and is expected to be on sale by the end of the week in the Hayes bookshop here.

He will be introduced at today's meeting by Robert L. Hart, president of the Southern Pines Chamber of Commerce.

Over Brush in One of the Steeplechase Races Here Last Saturday



—Photo by Eddy

CLOSE FINISHES FEATURE ANNUAL RACE MEETING

Great Crowd Sees Leading Horses and Riders of Country in Action Here

PURSES TOTALLED \$1,700

A crowd variously estimated at from 10,000 to 18,000 witnessed the third annual hunt race meeting of the Sandhills Steeplechase & Racing Association on the Barber Estate course midway between Pinehurst and Southern Pines last Saturday afternoon and saw some finishes as exciting as anyone could ask for. They saw some of the finest steeplechase horses in the country tearing over timber and brush jumps, ridden by many of America's leading riders.

The day was perfect, with a cloudless sky and the temperature just right for the sport. Parking spaces around the big course were at a premium, in fact cars were parked in double and triple tiers at various points. Officials of the association sponsoring the meet report that the gross receipts were greater than at the two previous meets, and beyond expectation. It is believed that from subscriptions and parking space sales there will be a sufficient balance in the association's treasury to make necessary improvements to the grounds before next year's meeting.

People were here from all parts of the state and scores from Aiken, Camden and other points in South Carolina, to say nothing of large numbers who came from the north for the big week-end. The races themselves lived up to their expectations. There was not a bad race on the card, and the times recorded in the various event was unusually fast. Prize winners in the different races were as follows:

The Catawba, one and one-half miles over hurdles: Mrs. Marion T. Gibson's Itaboy first, Verner Z. Reed's Little Hurd second, Mrs. Randolph Scott's Hydraulic third. Purse, \$300.

The Croatan Steeplechase, two miles over brush: Mrs. Gibson's Little Hurd first. (Please turn to page eight)

Mrs. Akeley, Noted Explorer, Here Sunday

"Adventures in African Jungle" Subject of Lecture in Pinehurst Theatre

Mrs. Carl Akeley of the American Museum of Natural History, New York, will give her lecture, "Adventures in the African Jungle," at the Pinehurst Theatre on Sunday evening, March 21st, at 8:30. She will tell of her adventures with her husband, the late Carl Akeley, explorer and naturalist, while collecting great mammals in Equatorial Africa on the Akeley-Eastman-Pomeroy expedition for the American Museum. She will also recount her experiences on her 1936 expedition in South Africa, Zululand and Portuguese East Africa.

Mrs. Akeley is adviser in promoting the Akeley African Hall in the New York Museum. After her husband's sudden death of fever in the Belgian Congo, Mrs. Akeley was the leader of the expedition for five months in the African jungles. She had a Safari of 300 natives and traveled several hundred miles on foot before returning to any settlement. She was knighted by the late King Albert of the Belgians for her scientific work. She is the author of four books:

"Carl Akeley's Africa," "Adventures in the African Jungle," "Lions, Gorillas and Their Neighbors and "Restless Jungle."

Mrs. Akeley is a graduate of Bryn Mawr and of Columbia University and a Fellow of the Royal Geographic Society. She has a mountain in northern British Columbia named for her in recognition of her early exploration where she did reconnaissance survey and mountain climbing for the Canadian government.

GENERAL BUTNER FORMER "C. O." AT FORT BRAGG, DIES

Brother of M. F. Butner of Pinebluff Led Brigade in World War

BURIED IN ARLINGTON

The last chapter in the notable army career of Major General Henry W. Butner of Pinnacle, N. C., was enacted Monday when his body was laid to rest in the Arlington National cemetery. The distinguished North Carolinian was buried with full military honors.

General Henry W. Butner, recently relieved as commanding officer of the Panama Canal department, died last Saturday at Walter Reed hospital.

Born in Pinnacle April 6, 1875, General Butner was appointed to the West Point Military Academy on June 20, 1894, and was a member of the class which was graduated ahead of schedule in April, 1898, at the outset of the Spanish war. He was commissioned a second lieutenant of the field artillery, and had risen to the rank of lieutenant colonel by the outbreak of the World war. He became a brigadier general, temporarily, during the war, and was promoted to the rank of major general last February.

Up to the time of the World war, General Butner had seen service in Cuba, the Philippines, Hawaii, and at most of the field artillery posts in the United States. He was for some time commanding officer at Fort Bragg. He was on the Mexican border at the time of the Villa raids in 1916.

He went to France with the Sixteenth Field Artillery on May 21, 1918. He participated in the operations on the Vesle front, August 5-17; St. Mihiel, September 2-13; the Meuse-Argonne, October 1-November 9; and went into Germany until May, 26, 1919. He became commander of the First Field Artillery brigade October 1, 1918.

On his return to the United States in 1919, he went to the Army War college in Washington. He occupied positions of high command at posts in this country, Hawaii and the Philippines, and in July, 1936, sailed for Panama to become commanding general of the Panama department. He was on the general staff eligible list.

General Butner was a brother of M. F. Butner of Pinebluff and had been a frequent visitor here. Other survivors include a sister, Mrs. J. S. Atkins of Elkin and a brother, Arthur L. Butner of Winston-Salem.

At the union church service at the Church of Wide Fellowship Sunday night the Rev. Voight Taylor of Duke University will preach on "Peter's Fall."

Dr. H. A. Derthick, President of Milligan College, Here on Sunday

Speaks Here Sunday



DR. H. A. DERTHICK

BILL LEGALIZING VOTE ON SCHOOL PASSES HOUSE

Early Action on Measure For Referendum in Southern Pines Expected in Senate

Dr. George G. Herr, chairman of the Southern Pines School Board, received a telegram from Representative J. Hawley Poole, in Raleigh yesterday advising him that the bill providing for a referendum in the Southern Pines School District on the subject of a bond issue to finance the much discussed expansion of the school's physical facilities, has passed the House and is now on the Senate calendar awaiting an early passage in the upper house.

By State law it is necessary for the School Board to have such a law enacted granting permission to hold a special election or referendum before any further steps can be taken and it is expected that, in view of the fact that the Assembly adjourns in the near future, the bill will pass the Senate within the next few days.

MRS. STONEBRAKER TO SING IN VILLAGE CHAPEL SUNDAY

Mrs. S. D. Stonebraker will sing at the morning Palm Sunday service at the Village Chapel in Pinehurst this Sunday. In two weeks Mrs. Stonebraker returns to her native Vienna to sing in a series of concerts. The public is cordially invited to hear her Sunday.

Talk on Work in Tennessee Mountains To Be Preceded by Organ Recital by Miss Harding

Dr. Thaddeus A. Cheatham is inviting the public to attend a very interesting service at the Pinehurst Village Chapel this Sunday evening at 8:15 o'clock. From 8:00 to 8:15 p. m. there will be an organ recital by Miss Irene Harding. The speaker of the evening will be Dr. Henry J. Derthick, president of Milligan College, Tennessee.

Since young manhood Dr. Derthick has spent his life among the mountain people of the South; he has served them both as minister and educator and has been a tower of strength to those who have planted "a mighty home of mankind strong, to learn the right, reject the wrong."

For the past 11 years as the president of Milligan College in the mountains of East Tennessee, Dr. Derthick has repeatedly stated that "as we turn to the hills of the Appalachian region for our sole remaining strain of pure Anglo-Saxon stock, so should we turn a portion of our resources toward these institutions of learning—the small colleges—to aid them in their unselfish, unsung work of educating the youth of today for the parental and national responsibilities of tomorrow."

Dr. Cheatham not only says that Dr. Derthick's message is full of "human interest" but states that he is an "inspiring speaker."

An invitation to attend this service is extended to all visitors to or residents of Moore county.

Crowd Expected At Firemen's Annual Ball

Affair For Benefit of Southern Pines Volunteers Scheduled For Thursday Night

The volunteer firemen of Southern Pines are holding their seventh annual ball for the benefit of the local company next Thursday evening, March 25th at the Green Pines Casino, and if this year's event is anything like those of the past a most enjoyable evening is in store for the many who are planning to attend. Royal Campbell's 12-piece orchestra is coming to provide the music, and those who know this band know what to expect.

Tickets have been going rapidly, not only among those who plan to attend but by all who desire in this way to aid the men who volunteer their services for the protection of Southern Pines homes and property throughout the year. They are only one dollar and should be in the hands of everyone in town by Thursday night.