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## PINE NEEDLES TO CONSTRUCT FIFTY ROOM ADDITION

Tentative Plans Are Made to Increase Capacity of This Popular Hotel

### GRASS GREENS COME FIRST

Close upon the announcement that the grass greens are to be installed on the Donald Ross golf course at the Pine Needles in Knollwood, word has been received to the effect that the Patuxent Corporation, owners of the Pine Needles, have tentatively decided to enlarge the hotel itself.

According to information received Wednesday from George T. Dunlap, Sr., he, S. Y. Ramage and Harrison Stutts, the officers of the Patuxent Corporation, have been in consultation with architects on the matter of a four story addition joining the present building at the rotunda side and extending across the sand play ground to the right of the putting course.

The upper three floors of this extension will mean the addition of about 50 rooms to the hotel's present modern, fire-proof facilities, and the ground floor will be devoted to space for offices and shops.

The present plans also include a new one story addition to the north side of the building to provide a 250-person capacity dining room for which the original specifications call. The present dining room at the Pine Needles occupies space that was intended to be an extension of the lobby and, with the completion of the new dining room, the lobby will extend the entire length of the ground floor of the building.

The estimated cost of the planned additions is in the neighborhood of \$100,000 and the tentative plans call for the work to be started next year.

Mr. Dunlap has revealed that there had been some thought given to the proposal that the work be started this year, but that the installation of grass greens of the golf course was the foremost matter for consideration and that the building program would, in all probability, be postponed until after the completion of the golf course project.

## Chamber Vote Favors Civic Center Purchase

Committee Instructed To Urge Acquisition of Property Before Town Board

The Southern Pines Chamber of Commerce went on record on Tuesday as favoring the purchase by the city of the property between the Mudgett Building and the site of the new Postoffice on West Broad street, and instructed its committee, comprising Frank Buchan, James Boyd and Struthers Burt to wait on the Board of Commissioners and urge the acquisition of the land, to be used ultimately as a civic center. The future plan is to erect on the property a library building and a municipal building for city offices.

### MRS. WILLIAMS, MOTHER OF MRS. ALMET JENKS, DIES

Mrs. Hannah Biddle Williams of Philadelphia, Pa., widow of the late Charles Williams and mother of Mrs. Almet Jenks of Southern Pines, died at the Jenks home on Youngs Road here last Sunday morning. Mrs. Williams was born in Philadelphia on April 18, 1855.

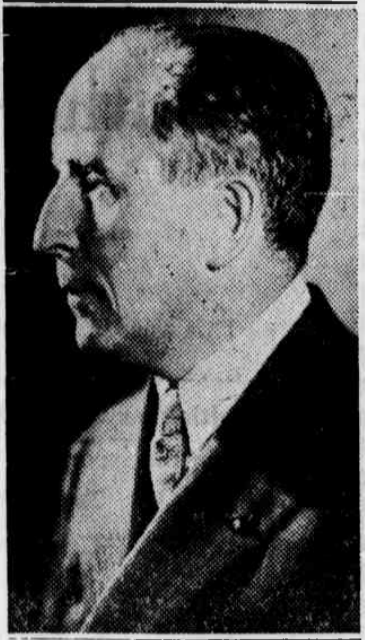
Surviving, in addition to Mrs. Jenks, are two daughters, Mrs. Randall Morgan of Philadelphia and Mrs. Lawrence Wilbur of Haverford, Pa. Funeral services were held in Haverford on Wednesday.

### SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT

At the regular monthly meeting of the Southern Pines school board, Frank W. Webster was re-elected superintendent of schools for the Southern Pines school district to serve until 1939.

Mr. Webster has been re-elected three times and is now serving his sixth year in that capacity.

## Acquires Property



JOHN J. RASKOB

## J. J. RASKOB BUYS BARNSDALL HOME IN KNOLLWOOD

Former Chairman of Democratic National Executive Committee in Immediate Possession

### WELL LANDSCAPED

The Barnsdall residence in the Knollwood section was sold this week to Mr. and Mrs. John J. Raskob, of Wilmington, Del., and the eastern shore of Maryland, through the Paul T. Barnum and L. L. Biddle, II, agencies of Southern Pines and Pinehurst, respectively.

Mr. and Mrs. Raskob, who have been members of the Mid-Pines Club of Knollwood since its inception, made their winter residence this season in the Van Keuren house in Knollwood and became so enamored of the community as a permanent winter abode that they determined to purchase. The Barnsdall house on Grove Drive, Knollwood, overlooking the Pine Needles golf course and near the Pine Needles Inn, appealed to them and the purchase was consummated this week. The property acquired includes a most attractive house and approximately one acre of grounds, well landscaped. They are taking immediate possession.

The Raskobs, in addition to their newly acquired estate here, are interested in a shooting preserve in the northern part of the county, along Deep River, property which they purchased several years ago.

Mr. Raskob is former chairman of the Democratic National Executive Committee and was for many years closely affiliated with the duPonts in the E. I. du Pont de Nemours Company and the General Motors Corporation.

### GYMKHANA COMMITTEE HAS SUCCESSFUL SEASON

Chairman Fred Stimson of the Gymkhana committee of the Southern Pines Chamber of Commerce reported this week that after the series of seven gymkhanas and one rodeo staged here this winter the committee found itself "in the black," thanks to donations of prizes during the season by merchants of the town and to the sale of season parking spaces. The Directors of the Chamber at a meeting Tuesday voted to have the honor roll of donors published in an early edition of The Pilot. A vote of thanks to Mr. Stimson and Herbert Cameron, who arranged and managed the shows, was unanimously passed.

### KIWANIS OFFICIAL LUNCHEON GUEST HERE

Franklin Keane of Washington, D. C., field secretary of Kiwanis International, was the luncheon guest at Park View Hotel, Southern Pines, Wednesday noon of officers and directors of the Kiwanis Club of Aberdeen. Mr. Keane, here on an inspection trip, found the local organization in "A-1" condition and spoke in high praise of its accomplishments.

## NEW GREEN PINES CASINO SWEEP BY SUNDAY BLAZE

Night Club on Aberdeen Highway Furnishes Most Spectacular Blaze in Many Years

### PARTIALLY INSURED

The most spectacular fire since the burning of the old Southern Pines Hotel six years ago drew a throng of spectators from their Sunday dinners in Southern Pines, Aberdeen and Pinehurst to the recently completed Green Pines Casino, located on the Southern Pines-Aberdeen road opposite the Sugg Dairy.

Responding to an alarm turned in at 20 minutes past 12:00 o'clock the firemen found heavy smoke issuing from the roof and flames showing vividly, apparently fiercest in the part of the kitchen nearest the dance hall. The firemen, breaking in through the doors fronting on the highway, were unable to penetrate the dense smoke. Two streams from the tanks of the booster apparatus were turned on the blaze in the kitchen, but the fire, spread by the stiff southwest breeze, swept through the doomed structure so rapidly that it was down to the foundation within 30 minutes. Not one article of the furnishings, valued at \$900, was saved. The nearest hydrant to the building is the one nearly one-half mile distant, and it is doubtful that the outcome would have been any different, could that great length of hose have been put in use.

The boiling column of thick black smoke bursting through the roof soon gave way to bright flames, shot with green, from the roofing material which spread an intense heat that forced the removal of cars parked on the highway in front of the building, though they were to windward of the fire.

Started last summer by Harold Green, Frank Ritter and Nick Rapatas as a new feature in Southern Pines entertainment, the building was of frame and stucco construction with a metal roof, and included among other features was an excellent dance floor. Finished in the late fall it was operated until quite recently by Green and Ritter but was leased about a month ago by D. F. Benefield of Moncure. The loss is reported as partially covered by insurance.

## Chamber to Extend Broad St. Planting

Appropriates Fund For Beautification of Parkway Opposite Postoffice Site

At the Chamber of Commerce held last Tuesday at Jack's Grill in Southern Pines the sum of \$300 was appropriated for the Committee on Planting and Beautification to be used for a concentrated planting program on West Broad street between New York avenue and Pennsylvania avenue, in connection with the erection of the new Postoffice building there.

Present plans call for the commencement of work on the Postoffice building this summer, with its completion hoped for before the end of the year. The planting program is to begin at once with the preparation of the special clay base soil that will be required and, when that is ready, massed banks of azaleas will be planted with a background of earlier flowering shrubs and a foreground of daffodils that will also blossom before the azaleas. All of these shrubs and bulbs will be in blossom to greet the opening of the new building.

It is also proposed to extend this same principal of planting along West Broad Street from Pennsylvania avenue to Vermont avenue and the committee requests that anyone who is interested in the project forward his donation to the Chamber of Commerce to augment the fund for the continuance of the same planting program further afield. The Planting Committee, of which Dr. G. G. Herr is chairman, has pressed into service in an advisory capacity A. B. Yeomans and E. H. Mcrell, who will supervise the planting program.

## Green Pines Casino Fire



Photo by Boyd

## Southern Pines High School Wins Music Honors at Durham

Girl's Glee Club and Mixed Chorus Repeat Victory in District Contest

### ENTER STATE SING

The Southern Pines High school girl's glee club and the mixed chorus, under the direction of Frederick Stanley Smith, again returned victorious from the annual district music contest at Durham last Friday.

The Southern Pines singers were entered with Class B. schools of Chapel Hill and Braggtown both of the latter having an enrollment of more than two hundred students.

The Southern Pines school with an enrollment of around one hundred and thirty belongs to Class C. according to classification by number of students but due to its excellent performances in previous contests it has been allowed to compete with schools with from two hundred to six hundred students.

The Southern Pines closest competitor was Chapel Hill, which also gave an excellent performance but lacked the spirit with which the winning club's numbers were rendered, though approaching them in excellence of tone quality and interpretation.

The girl's glee club and the mixed chorus will compete in Greensboro at the state music contest scheduled for April 21 and 23.

### HIGH SCHOOL BALL TEAM TO TRAVEL TO HICKORY

The Southern Pines High School baseball team leaves today for Hickory to play the high school baseball team there. This will be the longest trip and one of the most important games on the local high school's schedule and the boys claim that they have an excellent chance to come home with the victory.

The full squad of players and coaches will make the trip and Frank Buchan and Alex Fields will go along to keep a weather eye on any likely candidates for the Junior American Legion team that Southern Pines will put in the national field as soon as the High School schedule is completed.

### MISS SWETT A HOSTESS AT STUDENT CONGRESS

The Woman's College of the University of North Carolina is hostess to the eighth annual congress of the North Carolina Federation of Students this week. Among students at the Woman's College who are serving as committee chairmen for the convention is Miss Susan Swett, of Southern Pines.

## LOW GOLF RATES URGED BY WINTER RESIDENT HERE

Canadian Visitor Tells Chamber of Commerce Move Will Bring Guests

### URGES NEW OFFICE

Fred C. Elford of Ottawa, Canada, past president of the World's Poultry Science Association and a winter resident of Southern Pines, told directors of the Chamber of Commerce here on Tuesday that all Southern Pines needs to make it ideal as a winter residence is "more effort to make people feel at home a common meeting place for visitors to get acquainted with one another, and a lower golf rate at the Country Club."

He told of his first stop here several years ago. He and his wife were so impressed with the town as they drove along May street headed south that they decided to stop over. They have been coming regularly since. Mr. Elford spoke in high praise of local hotels and shops, but said he found a "lack of civic wish for people to come here." The visitors need a better reception than is accorded them, he said. He thought the Chamber of Commerce should have a downtown headquarters, that there should be more guidance of visitors, more things for them to do. The shuffleboard courts, roque and tennis courts are a good start, but they are not enough, he thought, citing what is done for visitors in St. Petersburg, Miami, and other southern resorts.

"If you would advertise golf at a reasonable fee, say \$1.00 a day, you wouldn't be able to accommodate the people who would come," he said, citing a number of instances where friends of his from Canada had wanted to come down but did not feel they could afford the golf rates.

Mr. Elford spoke in high terms of the cordial relationship existing between his country and the United States. Lack of acquaintanceship, he said, was an obstacle to peace. We should do more visiting back and forth between the two countries, acquire more information about each other. "The more information, the less confusion," he said. Mr. Elford, a former official of the Canadian government, has been traveling through the states for some time in the interest of the forthcoming World's Poultry Congress.

## SALES, BUILDING AND RENTALS AT HIGH LEVEL HERE

Barnum Agency; L. L. Biddle and R. F. Potts Report Continued Interest

### ONE NEW COTTAGE

By Charles Macauley

Activity in the building and real estate market still keeps the steady pace started last fall. Without a vestige of a boom, progress has been continuous as has been chronicled in The Pilot. Reports this week include the important sale of the Barnsdall house, in Knollwood to Mrs. John J. Raskob by Paul T. Barnum and L. L. Biddle, II. Other sales of the Barnum agency include the A. I. Sherman house, on Orchard road, to Lacy B. Bradshaw, of Orange, N. J. Mr. Lacy plans to take immediate possession. The Stroud house on Massachusetts avenue to Colin P. Osborne, of Southern Pines; and a 9 acre tract of land on U. S. Route 1, in the Pine-dene section, to J. D. Arey. Leased for next season are the Bernstein house "Crescent Lodge" on Massachusetts avenue and the Lachine house on Pine Grove road. Mr. W. Irving Glover, of Englewood, a seasonal resident has leased the former, and Reginald Roberts, of Princeton, the latter.

Also in Southern Pines, through the R. F. Potts agency, the sale of the H. S. Knowles Ridge street house, to Earl D. Sprague, of Bridgeport, Conn. Mr. Sprague and his mother, Mrs. Lucy Sprague have been seasonal residents of Southern Pines for several years. E. C. Stevens has sold the Baker house, Ashe street and Indiana avenue to W. G. McAvoy of the Telephone company. He plans to improve and add to the property.

C. J. Austin has the contract and has commenced construction of a Cape Cod type cottage for Mrs. Virgil Lee, of Baltimore. Located on Country Club drive, between Indiana avenue and Morganton road, the residence will be of frame, one and one half story, 25 by 35 feet with attached garage, field stone terraces on the south and west sides. When finished, about July 1st, will contain 6 rooms and bath. Mrs. Lee has been a guest of the Hollywood this season, and Mr. Lee a frequent visitor. They were formerly seasonal residents of Southern Pines.

## No Date Set For School Bond Vote

District Referendum Will Not Be Held Until After Town Election

According to an announcement made on Tuesday by Dr. George G. Herr, chairman of the Board of the Southern Pines School District, the election on the question of a special bond issue to finance the proposed new buildings for the Southern Pines schools, will not be held until after the regular town elections.

Dr. Herr stated that the School Board felt that, inasmuch as the Southern Pines school district is more extensive than the corporate limits of the Town of Southern Pines, the combining of the two elections would confuse the issue and that a special election, called for the sole purpose of voting on the bond issue recently authorized by the state Legislature at Raleigh, would better serve the purpose.

The date for the special election will be made public in the near future.

## MINISTERS HERE TO AID IN DRIVE CAREFULLY CAMPAIGN

The Sandhills Ministers' Association, at its regular meeting April 6th, went on record as endorsing the movement of the Carolina Motor Club in making April 18th "Safety Sabbath" and will assist in the "Drive Carefully" campaign. The resolution was introduced by the Rev. E. M. Harris, pastor of the Baptist Church in Aberdeen.