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PARKING SPACES IN DEMAND FOR STEEPLECHASES

More Than Usual Interest
Shown in 4th Annual Race
Meet Here March 19

GOOD ENTRIES EXPECTED

Parking space reservations are now being received for the fourth annual race meeting of the Sandhills Steeplechase & Racing Association, on Saturday, March 19th, and Harry F. O'Hara, assistant secretary in charge of this end of the arrangements for the meeting states that from the early demand this year's event should top all previous ones.

The reserved parking spaces for members, which include tickets to the membership enclosure for five persons, are \$25.00 in past years. Ten dollar subscriptions admit car with one member and two guests to the clubhouse enclosure. The clubhouse enclosure this year has been entirely fenced in and admittance will be solely for members and subscribers. Public spaces around the course, outside the reserved section, will be sold as usual for \$1.00 a car.

Richard Wallach, Jr., racing secretary in charge of entries for the five events on this year's card, has been to Camden and Aiken within the past week and report brighter prospects for horses for this year's meeting than in the past. The \$1,000 purse offered in the Yaddin Steeplechase, two and one-half miles over brush, is attracting the pick of steeplechasers in training at both South Carolina resorts. Mr. Wallach also believes there will be a good entry in the three miles timber race, the Sandhills Cup. A new challenge cup goes into competition in this event this year, which must be won three times for permanent possession.

Noel Laing Memorial

In addition to these two feature races there will be a brush race of two miles for maidens and winners of one race, a hurdle race of a mile and one-half, and a flat race of a mile and a quarter. Purses in all races except the \$1,000 Yaddin Steeplechase will be \$300. A piece of plate, donated by Mrs. Almet Jenks, goes to the owner of the winning horse in the Yaddin, and Verner Z. Reed, Jr., has donated a trophy in memory of the late Noel Laing, former secretary of the Sandhills association, for the rider of the winner in the Sandhills Cup event.

The course on the Midland Road is in excellent condition. New brush fences are being erected this year, and the timber fences have been placed on the inside of the course, to permit the flat and hurdle horses to run over Bermuda turf which covers the outside of the track. The new jockey house near the paddock, just back of the judges' stand, was completed this week.

Farmers Club Hears Commissioner Scott

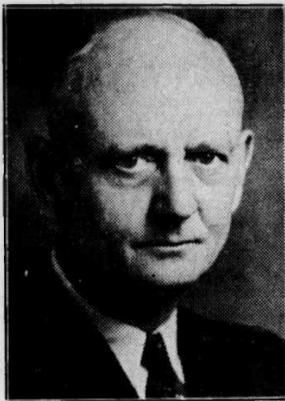
Head of State Dept. of Agriculture Addresses Enthusiastic Group at Jackson Springs

Kerr Scott, State Commissioner of Agriculture, was honor guest and speaker at an enthusiastic meeting of the Moore County Farmers Club held at Jackson Springs last Tuesday night. Some 85 farmers and their wives were present to hear the Commissioner tell of the Seed Law as it applies to North Carolina.

Farmers of the state buy annually around \$6,000,000 worth of seed, he said, and it is only fair that the purchasers of so great a quantity have some guarantee of what they are getting. Mr. Scott brought with him some samples which had been sent in to his department for inspection. Some of these samples, he stated, showed as much as fifty percent bad seed and mixtures of other things. He also pointed out that the fertilizer companies were coming up to the analysis shown on the bags and a little more, that the farmers in this way were getting about \$40.00 more in fertilizer than the analysis shows. The feed people are not do-

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Again President



ROBERT LEE HART

BOARD REELECTS ALL OFFICERS OF LOCAL CHAMBER

Hart Again President.—Funds Voted For Postoffice Planting and Golf Trophies

Directors of the Southern Pines Chamber of Commerce paid tribute to the work accomplished by their officers during the past year by reelecting them in toto for another year's service at the board meeting held Tuesday at Highland Lodge.

Robert L. Hart was returned to the presidency, Earl G. Merrill re-elected vice-president, Preston T. Kelsey national councilor and Hugh J. Betterley secretary and treasurer.

The board voted appropriations for the planting of the parkway in front of the new postoffice and for trophies for the forthcoming Women's Mid-South Golf tournament, to be held next month at the Pine Needles course.

Postmaster Frank Buchan reported at the meeting that Friday, March 25th had been set as a tentative date for the dedication of the new Southern Pines postoffice, and that plans for the ceremonies on that occasion were progressing favorably. It is expected that General Manus J. McCloskey will bring a detachment of troops and the Fort Bragg military band here for the dedication, and that a prominent government official will be the principal speaker.

Mayor Dorsey G. Stutz heads the committee on arrangements for the dedication, ably assisted by representatives of the Chamber of Commerce and the new Junior Chamber of Commerce.

Aberdeen P.T.A. Announces List Of Prizes for Commencement

Move Also Launched at Meeting to Build Gymnasium During Summer Months

The Aberdeen-Pinebluff Parent-Teachers Association held its February meeting in the auditorium of the Aberdeen High School on Wednesday afternoon, at which time Mrs. E. M. Harris, the secretary announced the prizes to be given at Commencement this year as follows:

1. A prize of \$2.50 to the boy in the Primary Grades making the most progress during the year.
2. A prize of \$2.50 to the girl in the Primary Grades making the most progress during the year.
3. A prize of \$2.50 to the boy in the Grammar Grades making the most progress during the year.
4. A prize of \$2.50 to the girl in the Grammar Grades making the most progress during the year.
5. A short scholarship to the music pupil making the most progress in music during the year;
6. A prize of \$2.50 to the Valedictorian.
7. A prize of \$2.50 to the boy winning the Declamation contest.
8. A prize of \$2.50 to the girl winning the Recitation contest.
9. A book to the eleventh grade student making the highest average

NO CHANCE FOR NATIONAL GUARD UNIT HERE NOW

Junior C. of C. Informed State's Quota Under War Dept. Allotments is Full

HEARS FROM GEN. METTS

Until allotments of National Guard units for North Carolina are increased by the War Department, there is no possibility of organizing a unit in the Sandhills section, according to advices received by the Southern Pines Junior Chamber of Commerce this week from the State's Adjutant General, J. Van B. Metts.

The newly organized Junior Chamber has been considering the possibility of a National Guard organization here as a major project, and recently took the matter up with the Adjutant General. General Metts' letter to J. N. Steed says:

"I have your letter of January 25th, expressing a desire to organize a unit of the National Guard at Southern Pines.

"The War Department allots to the State such units as may be organized within the State under the National Defense Act, and authorizes their organization at such time as the appropriation made by Congress for the maintenance of the unit we have organized all the units National Guard is available. At present, which have been allotted us and would, therefore, have no authority or opportunity to organize any new or additional units. This being the case, I am very sorry that we could not offer Southern Pines the opportunity to organize a unit of any branch of the service at this time.

"I appreciate very much indeed the interest of Southern Pines in having a military organization and wish that we were in a position to discuss the matter in details with you."

May Consider Later

If in the future a unit of the National Guard is available, the Junior Chamber of Commerce plans to again take the matter up.

The purpose of the Southern Pines Junior Chamber of Commerce is to promote the civic, commercial, and industrial interests of Southern Pines; to educate its members to a proper sense of civic duty and responsibility; to inform them of the civic, commercial, educational and industrial advantages of Southern Pines; to afford its members an opportunity to study the problems and processes of our city government; to work in close co-operation and harmony with the Southern Pines Chamber of Commerce, and other civic and welfare organizations engaged in similar work.

Moore County Organization in Fight For U. S. Veterans Hospital

The Southern Pines Chamber of Commerce, the Sandhills Kiwanis Club and other organizations in various Moore county towns adopted resolutions this week urging the locating of the \$1,500,000 U. S. Veterans Hospital in the Sandhill section of North Carolina. Moore county is cooperating with Scotland, Ioke and Richmond in an effort to land the coveted prize, and resolutions from various organizations are being forwarded to C. B. Deane of Rockingham, chairman of the Steering committee, to be sent on to the Federal Administration in Washington.

Announcement came from Washington yesterday that an engineer of the Veterans Administration would visit various cities in the state to inspect sites which may be available. The project was approved by the President February 1st, in order to make available to veterans in North Carolina, and adjoining states, general medical and surgical facilities comparable to those existing in other parts of the country.

Want It Near Big City

According to Washington despatches, it is the opinion of the administration that the requirements of the service best may be served by building the hospital in the vicinity of a city of at least 10,000 population, and within a radius of 125 miles of the center of population of the area to be served. The cities within the prescribed area are to be visited by the engineer include Charlotte, Winston-Salem, Greensboro, Durham, Raleigh, High Point, Wilmington, Rocky Mount, Gastonia, Salisbury, Goldsboro, Fayetteville, Wilson, Winston, New Bern, Concord and Statesville. The despatches state that sites which may be available at other places within the area will be inspected if such procedure appears desirable.

The Sandhills fits into one of the specified requirements of the government, that the hospital be located within a radius of 125 miles of the center of population to be served. If it not, however, in the immediate vicinity of a city of 10,000 population, unless Fayetteville is counted, Fayetteville is making a virile fight for the institution on its own behalf.

Despite the news from Washington, the Four-County group with which Moore county is affiliated will put up a stiff battle to bring the hospital to this vicinity.

150 Attend Educo Club Dinner at The Carolina

Lady Teachers of County Honor Guests, Supt. Hawfield of Cabarrus County the Speaker

Lady teachers of the county were honor guests of the Moore County Educo Club at a banquet at the Carolina Hotel last Thursday night, with approximately 150 men and women attending the annual affair. W. P. Morton, superintendent of Pinehurst Schools and president of the Educo club, acted as chairman for the largest attendance on record. The entire Crystal Room was filled and extra tables arranged in the adjoining room.

The program was opened in the ballroom with the singing of "America." Rev. A. J. McKelway, of the Pinehurst Community Church, led the invocation. A convincing welcome and a happy response were given by D. W. Gamble of the Southern Pines High School faculty and Mrs. E. A. West of Elise respectively. Special music by the Southern Pines High School Glee Club was directed by Frederick Stanley Smith. Miss Mildred Petway of Pinehurst High School faculty gave a delightful reading. The climax of the opening program was the Highland Fling by four girls from Flora Macdonald College under the direction of Miss Ethel Bateman. The guests adjourned to the Crystal Room where they were served a turkey dinner. Miss Mary Louise Jones of Flora Macdonald College entertained with two vocal numbers.

O. B. Welch superintendent of Carthage City Schools introduced Supt. Mrs. Herbert F. Seawell, Jr., of Carthage has been elected national committeewoman of the Young Republican Club of North Carolina. The annual meeting of the club was held at Greensboro last week, with Congressman Hamilton Fish of New York as the principal speaker.

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Broadcasts at

Mrs. Alice Bennett of Southern Pines on Air From Station at Jersey City

Mrs. Alice Bennett, a resident of Southern Pines for the past 20 years, took part in radio broadcasts over Station WHOM, Jersey City, N. J., on four different occasions last week, according to word received here. Mrs. Bennett is 85 years of age.

Enroute north to "Ward Lee," a delightful home for ladies of advanced years, at Red Hook, N. Y., Mrs. Bennett visited the Rev. and Mrs. Charles Hinman Gray. Mr. Gray broadcasts programs from the Jersey City station each morning and on Sunday nights, and Mr. Gray wrote friends here:

"I had Mrs. Bennett speak to the radio audience on three different mornings and then to the 'Back Home' audience on Sunday night. It was a novel experience for a little old lady of 85 to be doing that, and she sang one verse of 'Rock of Ages' Sunday night."

Reception to Faculty at Civic Club Monday

Southern Pines Teachers To Be Honored—Roman Carnival Planned for March 4th

Not only the parents of pupils and the Board of Education are included in this invitation, but all living in Southern Pines who are interested in its splendid schools, are cordially invited to a reception in honor of the teachers at the Civic Club at 8:00 o'clock on Monday night. Last winter, this faculty reception was one of the most enjoyable events of the season.

There will be the usual receiving line, to which each guest joins after having gone down the line, all meeting every one present. It will be an informal affair for the gentlemen, but the ladies are requested to wear some concession to the Colonial period, or Colonial dress if possible,—but do not stay away if you prefer 1938 dress. There will be dancing after 10:00 o'clock.

There will be hospital sewing and informal tea at the Civic Club this afternoon, Friday, and next week on Friday night at 8:00 B. W. Wells, professor of botany at State College, Raleigh will talk on "The Coastal Plains of North Carolina. The lecture will be illustrated with lantern slides. The public is invited.

On Friday, March 4th, the Civic Club is planning a gala event in the form of a Roman Carnival, at which time the new Junior Civic Club will play an important part.

Catholic Charity Ball at Pinehurst Monday

Augmented Orchestra, Bridge, Kenos and Floor Show at Country Club

The Charity Ball which the Catholic Church is sponsoring at the Pinehurst Country Club on Monday evening bids fair to be one of the social highlights of the season. This is the only dance which the church sponsors and a large crowd is expected.

The music is in charge of Karl Andrews of The Chalfonte, who is planning to augment the Carolina's Howard Lanin orchestra with some of his own Chalfonte band, and he's also putting on some of his floor show. In addition to dancing there will be Kenos and bridge on the balcony.

MRS. SEAWELL HONORED BY YOUNG REPUBLICAN CLUBS

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ROLAND BEASLEY TO MAKE STRONG CONGRESS RACE

Withdrawal of Nephew John of Carthage and Neighbor Vann of Monroe Reveals Plan

KELLY OUT FOR RECORDER

That Roland F. Beasley, in Union county, plans to make a real bid for the Democratic nomination for Member of Congress from the 8th District to succeed Walter Lambeeth is evidenced in the fact that his nephew, John Beasley, editor of the Moore County News at Carthage, has withdrawn in his favor, and that J. C. M. Vann of Monroe, who was expected to be a candidate, and a strong one, in his own behalf, is favoring the Beasley candidacy.

Roland Beasley, who is around 65 years of age, has issued no statement, but it is known that his supporters are busy building their fences. He was a candidate for Congress against the late William C. Hammer in 1924, Mr. Hammer winning. He later served as State Commissioner of Public Welfare and for several years was superintendent of Union county schools. He is publisher of the Monroe Journal.

Few formal announcements of candidacies for Mr. Lambeeth's seat have been made, but the list of prospects has narrowed down some since last week when Mr. Lambeeth announced his withdrawal. It is not expected that Miss Jane Pratt, Mr. Lambeeth's secretary, will be a candidate, nor M. G. Boyette of Carthage, who is out for the State Senate, nor Judge Clawson Williams of Sanford who, like Judge Don Phillips of Rockingham prefers to continue on the bench.

Other Candidates

Known to be definitely in the race are Gordon B. Rowland, for the past 12 years mayor of Raeford; George R. Ross of Jackson Springs, former manager of State Farms, and J. C. Pittman, well known Sanford attorney. It is also understood that C. B. Deane of Rockingham is sounding out sentiment and likely to declare in the near future. Mr. Deane has many friends in this section.

Meanwhile the race goes merrily on in the more immediate territory of Moore county for the post to be vacated by Mr. Boyette, that of county solicitor, in which Attorney Leland McKeithen of Pinehurst is pitted against Attorney E. J. Burns of Carthage. It is also understood that Recorder's Court Judge J. Vance Rowe of Aberdeen is to have opposition for a return to his bench in the person of Hugh P. Kelly of Carthage, former owner and editor of The Moore County News.

KIWANIS CLUB HEARS DR. J. ELWOOD WELSH

The ills of the modern world will be cured only by following "the provincial peasant of the Galilean hills," Dr. J. Elwood Welsh of Orangeburg, S. C., told members of the Sandhills Kiwanis Club in an inspiring and interesting talk Wednesday noon at the Highland Pines Inn. Only the development of social relationships under His guidance, the spirit of "as we give and serve and build, so shall we reap," will solve the problems which have humanity in its present state of turmoil.

"The Go-Giver must supplant the Go-Getter," he said. We must all view our occupations in the same light as the minister of the gospel views his. When we give this philosophy a chance, we will have found the answer to civilization's problems.

RECORD CROWD EXPECTED AT FIREMEN'S BALL TUESDAY

Tickets have been going rapidly for the annual Firemen's Ball for the benefit of the Southern Pines Volunteer Fire Department, to be held next Tuesday night, Washington's Birthday, at the Southern Pines Country Club. Dan Gregory and his Victor Recording Orchestra will furnish the music. One of the largest crowds of the season is expected. Tickets sell for one dollar.