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NOW FOR OUR BUSIEST SEASON

March came in like a lamb on Tuesday, with a warm sun and a cloudless sky.

March introduces the Sandhills busiest season of the year. There is little in the way of sport that we do not offer from now through the latter part of April.

There'll be major golf tournaments for both men and women, amateurs and pros, at both Pinehurst and Southern Pines. There'll be the annual steeplechase races on the Midland Road course, preceded the day before by hunter trials. There'll be the annual Pinehurst Horse Show, the annual North & South tennis tournament.

All this in addition to the regular run of excitement, the trotting at the Pinehurst race track, the gymkhanas, the fox and drag hunts, activities at the Gun club, possibly a dog show.

If this weather holds we're going to wind the season up in a blaze of glory.

WATCH THAT CIGARETTE!

A cigarette which costs three-quarters of a cent can cause as much damage as a bomb in the hands of an anarchist.

A thousand or more acres of timber land just south east of Southern Pines was burned over this week. Fanned by a brisk wind the flames swept across a wide swath, and it was only because there were no buildings in their path that greater damage and possible loss of life did not result.

The origin of the fire was traced to the side of U. S. Highway No. 1 a mile or so north of Manley.

A passing motorist had tossed a live cigarette butt from his car.

NORTH CAROLINA'S FINE TAX RECORD

Proof positive that state governments can function efficiently, solvently, and with full service to the people, without invading the field of property taxation is found in North Carolina's record, according to the article "North Carolina Has Arrived!" in the current issue of Holland's, "The Magazine of the South." The Tar Heel State, Governor Hoey declares, has not levied state taxes on real property since 1921, and it levies only a small tax on intangible property.

As a result, the governor points out, the field of property taxation is left almost exclusively to the counties, cities, and towns. At present a large proportion of the property-tax revenues received by these subdivisions in North Carolina is used for debt service and the bonded indebtedness of these subdivisions is being steadily reduced. As an example, he cites the fact that from July 1, 1932, to the same date in 1937, the state and its subdivisions paid off approximately \$50,000,000 of bonded indebtedness over and above all new borrowings, and paid all interest charges.

"During this same period," Governor Hoey writes, "the counties, cities, and towns have been given a saving of more than \$35,000,000 in interest charges alone, as a result of refunding and refinancing operations carried on through the good offices of the Local Government Commission. Since January, 1933, the State of North Carolina has not had to borrow a single dollar on short-term notes for operating expenses, so that it has saved hundreds of thousands of dollars in interest charges formerly incurred by having to borrow in anticipation of taxes. It

has finished every fiscal year since July, 1932, with an increasingly large credit balance of surplus, despite steadily enlarged budgets for various state services."

All this has been achieved, the governor emphasizes, in face of the fact that the state maintains all public schools for a term of eight months annually calling for a yearly appropriation of some \$25,000,000—and has since 1931 been responsible for the maintenance and improvement of one of the nation's finest systems of public highways.

Governor Hoey goes on to discuss the consolidated schools of North Carolina, and the state's agriculture, industry, natural resources, and tourist trade.

"With it all," he concluded, "I covet a continuation of the North Carolina spirit."

Grains of Sand

Attorney W. Duncan Matthews likes to go rabbit hunting.

The other day he put his four dogs, his gun and shells in the back of his car and started out.

When he arrived at a likely looking spot to start his quest he let the dogs out, reached for his gun and shells.

Nineteen of the shells had been eaten by the dogs.

The hunt was off. Duncan was afraid to fire off his gun for fear of exploding his dogs.

The new booklet on "Golf in North Carolina" by O. B. Keeler, noted Atlanta sports writer, has been issued by the State Department of Conservation and Development. Pinehurst and Southern Pines are well represented in picture and copy.

Charlotte, it seems, is pretty sore at the Sandhills. The Sunday Observer registered wrath and jealousy that Southern Pines and Pinehurst got the "Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs" picture ahead of the largest city in the state.

But the Observer couldn't have been very angry at that. It ran three or four pictures of sports nappenings in and about Southern Pines.

Incidentally, 1,800 persons saw "Snow White" at Charlie Picquet's Southern Pines theatre, 800 of whom were children.

John Brown, white, of beyond Hemp, pleaded guilty in Recorder's Court Monday to a charge of drunken driving. The Judge gave him 30 days on the roads, to be suspended upon payment of the costs, but failed to add the customary "driver's license revoked for twelve months."

Brown was driving a horse.

Shame on your Postmaster!

The Southern Pines postoffice recently sent a remittance of a customs collection of \$1.26 to the U. S. Collector of Customs, Buffalo, N. Y. This week Postmaster Buchan received a letter from the collector. With a remittance in return.

One plugged dime fell out. The letter very formally stated that the Treasury Department could not accept counterfeit or mutilated currency.

NOAH JACKSON, SURVIVOR OF SLAVE DAYS PASSES

Funeral services were held Sunday afternoon at the Carthage Colored Methodist Church for "Uncle" Noah Jackson, 83, who died suddenly Monday, February 21.

Uncle Noah was a highly respected colored citizen of Carthage, and was one of the few old slaves left there. He was a carpenter by trade and helped to build many of the town's homes. He was considered one of the best informed persons in town concerning older days and events.

Last year Noah attended the annual Old Slaves' Day celebration in Southern Pines and The State magazine published his picture, in a group photograph taken at the celebration, along with an article about the remaining Moore County slaves.

IN RECORDER'S COURT

James McCoy, colored of Southern Pines, found guilty of larceny, was given six months to run concurrently with a former sentence, and Vernal Shas, convicted of receiving the stolen goods, received a similar sentence.

For public drunkenness at the club house at Pinehurst and trespassing on the property of Pinehurst, Inc., Buster Crutchfield, colored, was given a 60-day sentence.

The Week in Carthage

Dessert Bridge

Mrs. Charles T. Grier entertained her contract club and additional guests at her home Friday afternoon. Bridge was played in the living room which was filled with spring flowers, and Mrs. U. L. Spence won high score prize for club members, Mrs. H. F. Seawell the guest prize.

Guests of Mrs. Grier were Mrs. Seawell, Mrs. F. H. Underwood, Mrs. John Currie, Mrs. W. D. Sabiston, Mrs. W. H. Currie, Mrs. U. L. Spence, and Mrs. R. G. Wallace.

Mrs. H. G. Poole

Mrs. H. G. Poole entertained the members of her contract club and additional guests at a lovely party Friday afternoon. The home was attractively decorated with quantities of early spring flowers.

High score prize was awarded Mrs. S. H. Miller and Mrs. Charles Cox won the guest prize. Those playing were Mrs. R. W. Pleasants, Mrs. J. A. Davis, Mrs. S. H. Miller, Mrs. M. G. Boyette, Mrs. L. R. Sugg of Sanford. Special guests were Mrs. Joe Allen, Mrs. Charles Cox and Mrs. Eldon Adams.

Celebrates Birthday

Mrs. Mary Kennedy celebrated her 90th birthday Wednesday, February 23. Mrs. Kennedy received many lovely gifts and a number of her friends called on her during the day. She is the mother of six children and is in her usual good health.

To Play for Dance

Lew Gogerty and his 13 Go-Gos will play for the dance to be held in the Carthage High School gymnasium Thursday evening, March 10. A large crowd is expected to attend.

Personals

John Barnes, who has been visiting his brother, C. F. Barnes, has returned to his home in Des Moines, Iowa.

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Wilmer of Charlotte spent several days last week with Mrs. Wilmer's mother, Mrs. R. L. Phillips.

Mrs. Nan Massey, who has been visiting her mother, Mrs. H. M. Caviness, returned to her home in Norton, Va., Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Polish of Maxton were week-end guests of Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Barnes.

Miss Daisy Conder visited her mother in Tramway Sunday.

Miss Fay Brewer, who is a student

at Flora Macdonald College, was the week-end guest of her grandmother, Mrs. Annie Frye.

Miss Mildred Cross of the Carthage school faculty, spent the week-end at her home in Sanford.

Miss Esther Seawell spent the week-end at her home in Brick Haven.

Mrs. Joe Nally of Asheville is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Myrick.

Miss Anne McCree Roberts has returned to Queens College after spending the week-end with her mother, Mrs. J. K. Roberts.

Miss Elsie Whitlock of Charlotte was the week-end guest of Miss Clara Whitlock.

Miss Mary Fowler Spencer, of the Huntersville school faculty spent the week-end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. G. Spencer. Miss Peggy Mullen accompanied her home and spent the week-end.

Mrs. Lydie Parks of Hallison spent the week-end at the Carthage hotel with her daughter, Mrs. P. K. Kennedy.

Mr. and Mrs. Hubert Womack of Columbia, S. C., were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Womack Monday.

Mrs. R. L. Phillips, who has been visiting Mrs. W. A. Wilmer in Charlotte, returned home last week.

Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Smith of Columbia, S. C., and Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Holt of Troy were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Whitlock Tuesday.

Miss Pearl Adams of Charlotte spent the week-end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Turner Adams.

Mrs. John Beasley, Jr., has been ill at her home for the past week. Mrs. John Beasley of Monroe is visiting her.

Misses Bess McCaskill, Elizabeth McCaskill and Myrtle McCaskill were week-end guests of Mr. and Mrs. John McCaskill in Durham.

Mr. and Mrs. Erwin Frye and son have returned to Asheboro after a week-end visit with Mr. and Mrs. R. G. Frye.

Miss Nancy Butner of Elon College spent the week-end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Butner.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Gardner of Greensboro were week-end guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Lang.

Mrs. Colin G. Spencer and Mrs. J. K. Roberts spent Thursday with Miss Anne McCree Roberts and Miss Fowler Spencer in Charlotte and Huntersville.

First Annual Banquet Enjoyed by Service Club

Seventy-Four Members From Three Counties Gather at the Carthage Hotel

The first banquet of the Moore County Service Club was held in the Carthage Hotel last Thursday evening.

The Service Club was organized a year ago by the county home agent, Miss Flora McDonald and is composed of unmarried boys and girls between the ages of 16 and 28 years who are not in high school. It is interested in hobbies and recreation open to anyone in the county who is Seventy-four members representing Richmond, Montgomery and Moore counties, attended the banquet.

Wesley Caviness, president of the Moore County Club, presided. Mrs. Gertrude Lamb of Carthage welcomed the guest to which the president of the Richmond County Club responded.

Outstanding features of the dinner were an address by M. G. Boyette on the use and appreciation of natural resources, and greetings from L. R. Harrill, State 4-H Club leader and Mrs. Esther G. Willis, district home agent, both of State College.

A patriotic color scheme of red, white and blue was used in the decorations. The speakers table was centered with a large blue cellophane bowl filled with red and white stars. On each side of the bowl were light blue candles. Seated at the speakers table were Mr. and Mrs. R. S. Thornton, Mrs. Esther Willis, L. R. Harrill, M. G. Boyette and Wesley Caviness.

Following dinner the guests assembled in the Woman's Club room for the recreation hour. Featured in this part of the program was a quartet composed of Moore County boys and a delightful little play, entitled "the Fairy Shoemaker," which was presented by little Miss Kay Boyette and Tommy Stewart. Following the program Mr. Harriss lead the group in folk dances and games. The bouquet was arranged by Miss Flora McDonald and Mrs. P. K. Kennedy.

WILLING WORKERS

The Willing Workers will meet Tuesday, March 8, at 3:00 p. m. at the Baptist Church.

Public To Hear of Work of Maternal Welfare

Program To Be Given in Court-house at Carthage Next Thursday Morning

Mrs. Wilbur Currie of Carthage will preside at a meeting of the Moore County Maternal Welfare Committee which will be held in the court room at Carthage on Thursday, March 10th at 10:30 a. m.

The following program will be presented: Presentation of Plan of Organization of the Maternity Welfare Committee Work, Mrs. Currie; Report and Blackboard talk, Miss McQueen, R. N., county nurse; Report of clinic chairman; New program of Health Departments in Moore County, Miss V. Markham, R. N.; Introduction of New Maternity Nurse, by Mrs. Currie; "Plans for the Future," Mrs. Edith B. Harris.

The county may well be proud of the work that is being done by the Maternity Welfare Committee of the county, despite the fact that the workers are hampered by lack of money, lack of equipment, and by lack of helpers. There is much yet to be done.

The public is urged to go to Carthage next Thursday morning to find out ways and means of aiding in the work and to learn what is being accomplished with the right kind of instruction and the right kinds of care, for the mothers and babies of Moore county.

CIVIC CLUB ORGANIZED IN HEMP; MRS. FRYE PRESIDENT

At a meeting held in the city hall in Hemp last Wednesday afternoon, Mrs. J. Talbot Johnson, district president of the N. C. Federation of Women's Clubs, organized the first civic club in Hemp. Officers of the club are Mrs. Charlie Frye, president; Mrs. W. L. Dawson, vice president; Mrs. Fred Chappell, secretary, and Mrs. J. F. Davis, treasurer.

TRAVEL TALK

The Women's Society of the Church of Wide Fellowship will meet in the Church Parlor on Wednesday, March 9 at 3:30 p. m. Group II will have charge of the program. Mrs. Gage will give a travel talk.

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