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THE REVITALIZED COUNTRY CLUB

The revival, if you want to call it that, of the Southern Pines Country Club is most gratifying. During the depression years the club drifted along. There was a lack of interest in golf, Doubtless due to necessary economies on the part of adherents of the game, and this naturally resulted in a letting down at the club. Revenues were insufficient for proper maintenance and the necessary stimulation of activities.

About two years ago an experiment was decided upon. The club ownership, hard pressed to carry on, agreed to turn the management and operation over to the Town of Southern Pines, to see what it could do. The Mayor, Board of Commissioners, and City Clerk Howard Burns went to work to make the clubhouse and golf courses what they should be, the gathering place of townsfolk and visitor—not only for golf, but for social affairs, bridge parties, teas, dances, banquets. There had been talk of need for a community house of some kind; the new management decided the Country Club should fill that need. It was ably supported in this program by organizations allied to the club, the Thistle Club of women, the men's Sandpipers group. New blood came into these organizations; new organizations such as the Pine Dodgers, a club of women golfers, sprang up; and new spirit came into the Country Club.

That the experiment has proven successful is becoming more apparent every day. The clubhouse is a beehive of activity now. The revamped golf course, with its new grass greens installed by the town with its own employes and at surprisingly little outlay, is busy every day of the week, not just on week-ends as was the custom a few years back. There are meetings, parties, gatherings of all kinds out there regularly. It's the place to go and get acquainted—and have a good time.

The grassing of the greens, completed during the past summer, was followed up this fall by the removal to the Country Club property of the horse show ring for the winter's series of gymkhanas. This has proven a wise move. The old course, near the baseball field, was out of the way, not particularly attractive scenically, difficult of upkeep. The new course is an excellent layout, and the two events which have already been held have attracted more horses, riders and spectators than at any previous gymkhanas. These events are staged every two weeks, and the only worry of those in charge at present is that there won't be parking space enough for all comers as the popularity of the shows increases.

Continued patronage of the activities of the Country Club means a self-supporting asset for Southern Pines in the near future. And given good service, well kept golf courses, enjoyable social events and equestrian programs, patronage will continue, and will increase.

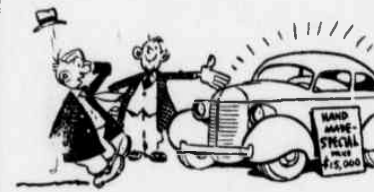
SALVATION IN NEW UNDERSTANDING

The year just closed was a momentous one, not only for the United States but for the entire civilized world. It was a year of crises, of dramatic and far-reaching changes in the structure of governments and peoples. By the narrowest of margins, a world war that seemed certain was averted. Yet, at the same time, major, though undeclared wars are in progress on two of the continents, brute force has become the principal weapon of modern

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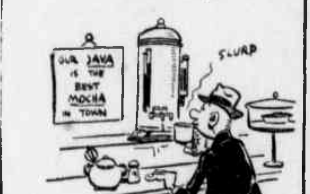
AN AMERICAN FACTORY WORKER CAN BUY WITH ONE HOUR'S WAGES, FOUR TIMES AS MUCH FOOD AND CLOTHING AS A GERMAN WORKER; NINE TIMES AS MUCH AS AN ITALIAN AND NEARLY TWELVE TIMES AS MUCH AS A RUSSIAN!



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THE AMERICAN DIPPER, A BIRD, DIVES UNDER THE WATER AND WALKS ALONG THE STREAM BEDS IN SEARCH OF FOOD!

diplomacy, and there can be no real stability in the world, no permanent rest for the nerves of the troubled billions who inhabit it, so long as this is true.

Coming home to our own country, 1938 opened with business declining on every hand, and with depression deepening. At the year's end, one of the sharpest improvements in business in our history was registered over a period of five months, and the immediate prospects favor a continuation of this trend. Some of the grave differences between industry-at-large and the National Administration seem to be nearing reconciliation. The inevitable deduction to be made from the important off-year elections in November is that the thinking of the electorate is turning toward the consecutive side. Spokesmen for manufacturing industry publicly express confidence. All this is highly encouraging. It gives great cause for hope that a depression a decade long may be at last nearing its end. But, even though this is true, it would be folly to overlook, or underestimate, the many vital and unsettled problems that the American people still face.

Our largest single industry, railroading, finds its condition growing steadily worse. Better business during recent months has naturally resulted in some increase in railroad traffic. But the basic difficulties facing the lines—rate problems, excessively stringent regulation, heavy taxation, and direct and indirect subsidization by government of their principal competitors—remain the same. There can be no real prosperity in America so long as an industry which spends a billion a year for supplies in normal times, which employs hundreds of thousands of well-paid workers, and on which we great bulk of the products of our farms and factories, can look forward to the transportation of the ward to nothing save increasing deficits.

The political problems affecting the public service industries are similarly unsolved. There has been much talk, for instance, of "accords" and "conciliations" whereby the Federal Government would modify its socialization program of subsidizing publicly-owned gas and electric systems. But there has been no definite action. Such agencies as the TVA continue their astounding policy of refusing third-party arbitration of the prices to be paid for private properties they wish to purchase, and to hold the threat of building duplicate plants and transmission lines over the heads of utilities which refuse to sell at prices which would entail serious losses to their bond and stockholders. As a result, utility spending remains at a web and this great industry, which could do so much toward revitalizing America, must mark time, while its owners and workers wonder what an unpredictable future will bring.

A cloud of price-boosting legislation hangs over that field in which the consumer is most directly involved: retail distribution. The mass distribution agencies of the nation which have made such notable strides in reducing costs of almost every necessity and luxury of life are under attack. Should these agencies be destroyed, as some extremists in Congress and elsewhere seem to desire, the effect will be to reduce the standard of living of every

one of those millions of families to which the budget problem is an ever-present worry. Here, then, is another great issue, directly affecting us all, that must be settled before national stability can become a fact instead of a hope.

The related problems of debt, taxation and fiscal policy are likewise a drag on progress. Though we are carrying the heaviest tax burden in our history, the national debt goes steadily higher. Investors are frightened, money needed for industrial expansion cannot be obtained in adequate amounts—and again depression is furthered. The average individual does not yet realize that when a treasury check is signed in Washington it is in effect drawn against his own savings and income.

In spite of our vast expenditures for relief, in spite of improvement in business, little if any debt has been made in the number of the unemployed. Not until private business is able to absorb a majority of relievers, thus reducing the weight of the relief millstone on productive industry, can genuine recovery and stability be possible.

This brief summing-up can touch on but a few of the great domestic problems that confront us. We may take heart from the progress we have made in the year just closed, but we must bring new understanding to bear if we are to make needed progress in the future.

PINEBLUFF

Mrs. Ralph Leach, Jr. and children of Aberdeen and Mrs. M. F. Butler spent the week-end in Siloam and Winston-Salem with relatives.

Mrs. Mary Campbell and Mrs. Bell Pleasants of Aberdeen were dinner guests Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Suttonfield.

Misses Virginia and Helen Little left Wednesday for Palm Beach, Fla., where they will spend the winter.

Mrs. Lawton Foushee and children returned to their home in Sanford Sunday after spending the past week with Mrs. Foushee's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Lampley.

Miss Ella Backus returned to her home here Sunday after spending several weeks with relatives in Norfolk, Va.

The Rev. L. Lewis and Andy Alcroft spent Sunday and Monday at Mr. Lewis' home in Morehead City.

Mrs. J. J. Folley and son James Folley left Monday for Florida to spend the winter.

Mrs. Groland McCaskill returned to her home in Candor Sunday after spending several days with her parents Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Lampley.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Trollinger of Laurinburg were guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Shannon on Sunday.

The Rev. and Mrs. Loui Lewis of Pinebluff announce the birth of a son, Walter Owen on Tuesday January 3rd at the Moore County Hospital.

THIEVES GET \$400 HAUL AT FILLING STATION

The W. H. McNeill filling station near the Aberdeen park was robbed last Monday night of 650 gallons of gas, 290 gallons of oil, and 275 lbs. of grease, the loss appraised at around \$400.00. Car tracks were seen around the station, but no definite clues have been discovered.

Editor Writes of Visit To The Ark School

Praises Tennis Instruction of Children by Coaches King and Sherrerd

"While in Pinehurst in November visited a school in Southern Pines called The Ark," writes S. W. Merriew, editor of American Lawn Tennis Magazine in the current issue. "It had come to my knowledge that twice a week two lawn tennis enthusiasts, Edward King and Don Sherrerd, put a selected group of children through a course of sprouts, i. e. teach them the rudiments of the game. The Ark has a very fair court and when we arrived the pupils were ready and waiting. They went on the court two or three at a time and the ball was batted back and forth, now one stroke and then another being made, forehand, backhand, serves, and occasional lobs, the 'feeding of the ball being in the hands of King or Sherrerd or both. Then actual games were played and the score kept.

"The children ranged in age between nine and twelve, girls predominating. Some of them played better than others, of course, and a few appeared to have a real talent for the game. Most impressive, however, was the keenness of all and their concentration on the task to which they were addressing themselves. When they made faulty strokes they frequently knew the cause of them and made it plain that they were determined to do better. In concentration they were all really remarkable. Their interest never flagged.

Mrs. Hayes, the principal of the school, was on the side lines and took great interest in the play. She is most appreciative of the fine work being done by the amateur coaches, Messrs King and Sherrerd, and each visitation is waited for eagerly by her and their pupils."

TO MEET TUESDAY

The Willing Workers of the Southern Pines Baptist Church will meet Tuesday, January 17, at 3:00 p. m. with Miss Anne Huntington at Huntington Lodge. All women who are interested are cordially invited to attend this meeting.

Pilot Want Ads are becoming increasingly popular because advertisers are getting results. They are one cent a word, minimum 25 cents.

GRAINS OF SAND

To date it's a tie in the 1939 Governor's Stakes. A tie at Pinehurst 1, Southern Pines 1.

Pinehurst had Governor Harry A. Moore of New Jersey for a nice visit over New Year's. He had a grand time, loved the place, had his picture taken, and departed saying he'd be back.

Southern Pines has had Governor A. B. "Happy" Chandler of Kentucky this week, a guest at the Pine Needles. He had a grand time, loved the place, had his picture taken, and departed saying he'd be back.

The only difference in the set-up was this: Governor Moore had his picture taken on a horse; Governor Chandler had his taken swinging a golf club.

Last week's Colliers had a good story by Struthers Burt, "Guns in the South."

No, it wasn't a Civil War story, but about a house party in the shadow of the Pyranees.

The Outlook, published in Asheville by S. R. Jellison, brought out issue No 1 of its 43rd volume last Saturday. We understand The Outlook is the oldest resort magazine in the United States. One of the interesting stories in the current issue was a tale of goings-on here 20 years ago, taken from Outlook files.

This is the first January we can recall when shorts were seen on the streets of Southern Pines. The girls took advantage of the clement weather all this past week to give freedom to the knees. The last January that it was mild enough here for shorts was prior to Dame Fashion's liberation of the limbs of the ladies.

Senator Bailey has been made chairman of the important Committee on Commerce of the United States Senate, which probably means a lot of fun for the newly appointed Secretary of Commerce, up for confirmation. Mr. Bailey is not one of Mr. Hopkins' admirers.

"Bob" Reynolds has been appointed to the Senate Committee on Foreign Affairs, for which his travels fit him. "Bob" is one of those who thinks Germany isn't as bad as we paint it over here.

Sales of 1939 automobile license plates have passed the 400,000 mark, which leaves 192,000 of last year's registered cars in the state still travelling under '38 plates, or parked behind the barn.

Some seven roads come together at the entrance to the Southern Pines Country Club, where Roy Grinnell suffered a broken collarbone recently. We asked Roy about this danger spot the other day:

"Say, you got to be a Rhodes scholar to get by," was his comeback.

Eddy the photographer took a picture of a foursome at the Pine Needles recently, former Congressman Walter Lambeth, Emmett E. Boone and a couple of others. It was so good of Mr. Boone, Pine Needles manager, that a friend sent it to one of the leading hotel trade journals with instructions to cut out the others and use the picture of Mr. Boone.

The magazine came out. There, in bold relief, stood Walter Lambeth, with Mr. Boone's name beneath.

Now bald Mr. Boone is getting letters from his friends around the country asking him what hair tonic he's been using.

A big Buick with Kentucky license plate No. 1 on it attracted considerable attention around town during the past week, not only because it belonged to the Governor of that state and was unusually accompanied by State Highway Patrol cars, but for another odd reason.

The car has nine lamps in front, three in the rear.

KIWANIS CLUB SPONSORS SPRING MUSIC FESTIVAL

In an endeavor to stimulate interest in music and music appreciation throughout the community, the Sandhills Kiwanis Club is sponsoring a spring festival in the form of an Easter cantata.

It is expected that more than 100 voices will be heard in the cantata which will be directed by Charles W. Picquet. The music has already been selected and ordered.

The first rehearsal was held at the Church of the Wide Fellowship, Southern Pines, last night.

They Are Going Rapidly

From Southern Pines Notes in the Sandhills News-Press Friday, January 6

The Struthers Burt estate has been leased for the season to Mr. and Mrs. Karl F. Scheidt of Norfolk, Pa. * * *
Dr. and Mrs. H. W. Lang of Pensacola, N. H., have leased the Rudolph C. Decker of Madison, Conn., on Massachusetts avenue. * * *
Mrs. William Foulds of Manchester, Conn., has leased the Pushee home on Valley Road, and Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Mann of Simco, Ontario have taken the Hunt home on Illinois avenue for the winter. * * *
Mr. and Mrs. Murray D. Smith of New York city have leased the Schwarberg house on New York avenue. * * *
Mrs. F. S. Beidon of Hartford, Conn., has leased the Edgar T. Chapman home on Indiana avenue. These rentals were all announced yesterday by the Paul T. Barnum agency.

Demand for Cottages and Apartments in Southern Pines is Revealed in the News Columns. But the Supply is not exhausted. Several attractive winter residences still available.

Paul T. Barnum