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## MANICE TRUSTEES SUE ROBIN HOOD FARMS FOR LAND

### Claim Purchasers of Property for Projected School Have Not Abided by Contract

#### 2,200 ACRES INVOLVED

The project of an agricultural school for underprivileged young farmers of the state, utilizing the Manice Farm a few miles out of Pinehurst, appears to have failed of realization, despite its admirable intentions.

Dorothy J. Manice and James M. Kerr, as trustees of the will of Edward A. Manice, deceased, have this week filed a complaint in Moore County Superior Court against Robin Hood Farms, Inc., and Elliott S. Poole, in which they ask that a decree be made in favor of the plaintiffs decreeing that the agreements copied in the complaint as Exhibits A and B be declared null and void.

The plaintiffs allege that they entered into agreement with the Robin Hood Farms, Inc., for the sale of the Manice Orchard property, consisting of approximately 2,200 acres situate near Jackson Springs, together with the buildings thereon, for which the Robin Hood Farms, Inc., was to pay \$40,000, in several payments to be made at stated times; that notwithstanding the fact that the defendant corporation has failed to comply with the terms of the agreement, it is still in possession of the property although possession thereof has been demanded.

## Yadkin Golf Club Plans Active Summer

### Meeting To Decide Tournament Days To Be Held Wednesday at Pinehurst

The Yadkin Golf Club, summer counterpart of the famous Tin Whistles, is planning an active season of golf at Pinehurst this summer. A drive is under way by the tournament committee to stimulate interest in the various competitions, and summer residents of neighboring towns are invited to join.

A meeting will be held at the Pinehurst Golf Shop next Wednesday at 5:00 o'clock in the afternoon. All members and those interested are urged to attend this session at which several questions regarding the coming tournaments will be discussed. An important point to be brought up is the question of whether Wednesday or Saturday afternoons would be the more suitable day for the summer tournaments.

The club dues are \$2.50 for the summer season. Everyone in the Sandhills community is urged to join up.

## KIWANIS ELECTS DELEGATES TO INTERNATIONAL MEETING

Roy F. Grinnell and Louis Schelplers were elected delegates and Leo C. Fuller alternate to represent the Sandhills Kiwanis Club at the Kiwanis International convention to be held June 18-22 in Boston, Mass. The election took place at Wednesday's weekly club meeting, held in the Pinehurst Community Church.

The speaker at Wednesday's meeting was Miss Julia D. Mann, a resident of Southern Pines during the past winter, who gave the members an interesting picture of conditions in India where she has spent the past four years in medical work.

## COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES HERE THURSDAY, JUNE 1ST

Seniors of the Southern Pines High School graduating class sent out invitations this week for their Commencement exercises in the High School auditorium on Thursday evening, June 1st, at 8:00 o'clock.

A more detailed schedule of Commencement exercises here will be published in next week's Pilot.

## Twenty-Nine Win Diplomas From Aberdeen High School

### Many Prizes Awarded at Commencement Exercises Held on Monday Night

A record number of 29 students received diplomas at the Commencement exercises of the graduating class of Aberdeen High school, held before a crowd that overflowed the Page Memorial Church on Monday night. Those receiving diplomas were the Misses Helen Batchelor, Jeanne Batchelor, Carol Bowman, Kathryn Brasington, Mary Margaret Burney, Letha Creel, Louise Cole, Evelyn Ellis, Lanie Ruth Gunter, Christine Honeycutt, Opal Mays, Mabel Moss, Hilda McFarland, Edna Earle Ricks, Kathleen Rhyne, Mildred Smith, Eula Thompson, Cora Wallace, and Henry Addor, Frank Creel, Junior Dees, Harry Howie, Courtney Huntley, James Little, Alton Lowder, W. H. McNeill, Jr., Robert Page, III., Larry Ponder and Bill Smith.

Twenty-four prizes and awards were presented at the Commencement exercises; seven went to students in the Elementary School, while 17 went to High School students.

A prize of \$2.50 to the boy in the Primary grades making the most progress during the year, given by the Standard Store, went to Eugene Wright of the Second grade.

A prize of \$2.50 to the girl in the Primary grades making the most progress during the year, given by Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Maynard, to Rebecca Edge.

A prize of \$2.50 to the girl in the Grammar grades making the most progress during the year, given by Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Burney, to Myrtle Alice Shamburger, 6th grade and Ruth Hearn, 5th grade.

A prize to the boy making the most improvement in writing in the Seventh grade, given by Miss Vanessa McLean, to Belton Jernigan.

A prize to the girl making the most improvement in writing in the Seventh grade, given by Miss Vanessa McLean, to Margaret Starnes.

A prize of \$2.50 to the girl making the most improvement in music, given by the Sandhill Citizen (H. Clifton Blue) to Doris Garner and Mildred Garner.

High School prizes of \$2.50 to the student in the Tenth grade making the highest average in Mathematics over three years, given by Mr. (Please turn to page four)

## Priscilla Scofield Buys Building in Pinehurst

### Former Bank and Insurance Company Office Structure Acquired by Interior Decorator

A highly important real estate transaction was made in Pinehurst this week with the purchase of the red brick building located between the General Office Building and the Bank of Pinehurst by Priscilla Scofield, interior decorator. The building, formerly occupied by the Bank of Pinehurst before the banking institution moved to its larger quarters next door, and later by the Mid-South Insurance Company, was owned by Pinehurst Garage, Inc. The sale was made through L. L. Biddle.

Several decorative alterations will be made on the building before it is opened as one of the most attractive shops of Pinehurst next September. Changes will include the construction of two bay windows on the bank side of the building. A number of the trees around the building will be removed to provide more light for the interior, which is to be remodelled. A new office and workshop will also be another part of the alteration plans, and a new fire-place will enhance the indoor scene.

Mrs. Scofield has been doing interior decorating in Pinehurst for twelve years. For the past two years her establishment has been located in the Village Court Building. She is known for her work in the homes of the Sandhill cottage colony members and is also noted for work outside of Pinehurst, especially in New York and in other parts of North Carolina.

## Re-Elected



DR. GEORGE G. HERR

Dr. George G. Herr, chairman of the Southern Pines School Board, was re-elected to the Executive Committee of the North Carolina State School Board Association at a meeting of the organization held last week in Chapel Hill. This will be Dr. Herr's third term on the committee.

Attending the meeting, from Moore county, were County Superintendent H. Lee Thomas of Carthage, County Chairman John W. Graham of Aberdeen, Superintendent Frank W. Webster of Southern Pines, Superintendent J. W. Harbison of Pinehurst, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas R. Cole and Mrs. Herman Campbell of Pinehurst, and Dr. Herr of Southern Pines.

## DEWBERRY MEN ORGANIZED FOR SALES PROMOTION

### Committee Headed by C. H. Teague To Set Up Headquarters in Hamlet

Faced with increasing competition and a poor price outlook for the coming season, between 50 and 75 dewberry growers met in Cameron last Friday and formed a grower's organization designed to increase the sale of berries and in general promote the welfare of the industry.

As directing group for the organization, called the Carolinas Dewberry Growers' Association, a committee composed of representatives from principal berry producing points in North Carolina was elected and provision made for a secretary.

C. H. Teague of Hamlet, probably the largest dewberry grower in this section, was named chairman of the committee. Other members are: J. D. Jerome, Stedman; Mr. Vinson, Autryville; W. P. Seward, Vass, and L. D. McKeithen, Cameron.

Although the organization was not formally chartered, all members have agreed and new members are expected. (Please turn to page four)

## MRS. CATHARINE BAILEY BUYS MERRILL COTTAGE

Continued interest in Southern Pines as a home location is evidenced in real estate circles by the recent purchase of the Merrill cottage on Massachusetts avenue at Weymouth Road, by Mrs. Catharine A. Bailey of Porter, Maine.

Mrs. Bailey and her husband, the late W. C. Bailey, were for many years winter residents of Southern Pines and their many friends will welcome her back as a permanent resident.

Mr. and Mrs. Percival Marks of Ridgefield, Conn., have stopped over to visit Mrs. Bailey en route from a winter in California. Mrs. Marks is charmed with her sister's choice of home location in the Mid-South and plans to spend much time with her here in the future.

## DRAMATIC CLUB TO "CARRY ON" DURING SUMMER

### Three Arts Group Members, After Successful Winter Season Plan Presentations

#### INVITE ALL INTERESTED

Having concluded a most successful season with the Three Arts Group, and believing that the Sandhills will continue to support a Little Theatre Group, year in and year out, those few persons who have comprised the nucleus of the casts of the Three Arts Group's presentations during the past season have come to the decision that a year 'round enterprise of a similar character is not only a much to be desired supplement to the cultural and social life of this area, but also is a medium through which the latent dramatic talents, so often evidenced by the younger set hereabouts, can be brought to light.

Accordingly several members of the group have taken the initiative in the formation of a summer, amateur theatrical group to be known as the Sandhills Dramatic Club, the purpose of which will be to uphold the standard of dramatic excellence shown by the parent group in its three productions this season, and to offer an opportunity to the youth of the Sandhills to benefit accordingly in the realm of dramatic art.

Under the direction of Jackson Lee, the Three Arts Group, during this past year, made for itself a reputation that can be challenged by few, if any similar groups.

J. B. Priestly's "Laburnum Grove" was the Group's first offering; "Night Must Fall" was the intended second presentation, but casting difficulties made necessary the cancellation of that production, and finally, after due deliberation and utmost consideration, the Group decided upon Sidney Howard's "The Late Christopher Bean," one of the outstanding comedy successes of the New York theatre season of 1932-33.

### Honors at Chapel Hill

Far more than entertaining the Sandhills with its dramatic presentations, the Three Arts Group, evidencing the confidence inherent in an organization so youthful, took a one-act play (Job's Kinfolks) to the Carolina Playmaker's annual Dramatic Festival at Chapel Hill and, after a hairline decision by the judges, took second among all the Little Theatre Groups in the South.

The Sandhills Dramatic Club plans to produce several during the summer months. The idea behind it, however, is such that it invites inquiries from anyone and everyone interested in dramatics in any way, shape or form.

There will undoubtedly be youthful characters to be cast in most of the plays scheduled and the club trusts that the children and their parents will address any and all inquiries to Beverly Walter, Southern Pines, if interest in such a program is aroused.

Upon receipt of sufficient inquiries, a general meeting will be called to discuss the matter in the near future.

## S. P. HIGH SCHOOL ENDS BALL SEASON VICTORIOUSLY

The Southern Pines High School baseball team wound up a successful season yesterday by defeating the strong Carthage High team 10 to 5 in a game featured by the hitting of Newton and the pitching of Morrison, both of Southern Pines. Newton had three hits in five times at bat, and Morrison kept the Carthaginian safeties sufficiently scattered to prevent danger.

During the past week Southern Pines also defeated Laurinburg, thereby getting revenge for a previous licking, taking a 6-5 decision. Starnes pitched for the locals, and Dunn led in the hitting with three on top five. During the season the Mid-South resorters accounted for eleven wins against only three defeats.

## Jay-Cee Head



M. F. GRANTHAM

## ELISE GRADUATES HEAR PRIVILEGES OF U. S. CITIZENSHIP

### Attorney Willis Smith of Raleigh Compares Opportunities Here With Those Abroad

#### 35 AWARDED DIPLOMAS

In a well-delivered and inspiring address before the 1939 graduation class of Elise Academy at Hemp on Tuesday morning, Willis Smith of Raleigh made the assertion that the young men and women finishing school today should go out into life and do all they can to live up to the traditions that have made this country the greatest nation in the world.

Speaking on "American Citizenship," Mr. Smith admonished the 35 Seniors that the privilege of being an American citizen is the greatest privilege that any person in the world can have. Being an American citizen, the Raleigh attorney stated, affords every person freedom and liberty and an equal opportunity to go out into the world and follow the dictates of his conscience and carve his own destiny.

Introduced by Senator M. G. Boyette, Mr. Smith compared the opportunity offered the young people graduating from the schools in free America with that of the young boys and girls in Germany, Italy, Japan and other dictator nations where the people have not individual freedom and liberty.

### "Land of Liberty"

Comparing the educational advantages of the young people today and those of the past, Mr. Smith explained that the great progress in educating the youth of the country today was such as to insure the continued advantages in this nation of freedom, liberty and free expression of opinion by every one, regardless of his or her station in life. "In this country, Mr. Smith said, "we can say what we want to about any public affair or matter because we are American citizens and enjoy the privilege of a free people."

The Raleigh attorney gave high praise to Elise Academy for the great work it has been doing for the past 35 years in education of the (Please turn to page four)

## Wednesday Closing

### All But Two Southern Pines Merchants Agree To Mid-Week Holiday

All but two of the merchants of Southern Pines, exclusive of drug-gists, signed an agreement this week for the closing of their stores at 1:00 o'clock on Wednesday afternoons from May 17th until August 30th.

## FIRST J. C. GOLF TOURNAMENT IN U. S. BIG SUCCESS

### Southern Pines Host at Inaugural Event of Junior Chambers of Commerce

#### TAYLOR, RALEIGH, WINNER

Wyatt Taylor, crack golfer of the Raleigh Junior Chamber of Commerce, came from behind on the last nine holes to nose out Hermann Grover of Southern Pines by two strokes and win the first Annual North Carolina Jay-Cee tournament held at the Southern Pines Country Club this past week-end. Taylor posted an 82-77-159, shooting a par 36 on his final nine, to edge out Grover, who had 80-81-161.

S. L. Stromburg, of the Greensboro club, was the winner of low net, where a Southern Pines golfer was again just nosed out, Emmett Golden being a close runner-up in this department.

The attendance plaque was captured by the Raleigh delegation, while Raleigh placed still another member in the winner's circle as Wisner Chamblee, newly-elected president of the North Carolina Junior Chamber of Commerce, and a member of the Capital City club, found himself the winner of low net for the first round. Jack Berry of Greensboro was low for the second round.

### Banquet Sunday Night

A rather small field was on hand for the inaugural tournament, but a large crowd, including quite a few non-golfing members of other clubs throughout the state, was present for the banquet on Sunday night, which followed the final round of the golf. E. C. Stevens, chairman of the golf tournament committee for the Senior Chamber of Commerce of Southern Pines, presented the trophies to the winners. John Marshall, Demon sports scribe of the Raleigh Times, accepted the attendance trophy for the Raleigh club. M. F. Grantham, president of the host Southern Pines club presided. Brief talks were made by the winners and also by President Chamblee and Secretary-Treasurer Eddie Hough of the state organization.

All of the entrants in the tourney were loud in their praise of the town, the course, and the local club for their initiative in inaugurating this the first Jay-Cee golf tournament in the country, and for the way Chairman Roy Grinnell and his aides handled the event, and it is certain that a much larger group of entrants will be on hand for next year's renewal of this tournament.

## Banks in State Sound, Assets Up \$36,000,000

### Bankers Hear Good Reports, Elect Officers at Meeting in Pinehurst

The North Carolina Bankers Association held its 43d annual meeting in Pinehurst this week, heard talks by prominent men in financial circles, elected officers, and played golf.

W. H. Woolard of Greenville was moved up from first vice-president to the presidency, according to custom. Ben R. Roberts of Durham advanced to first vice-president, R. C. Lewellyn of Mt. Airy to second vice-president, and R. P. Holding of Smithfield elected third vice-president. Gordon C. Hunter of Roxboro was reelected treasurer.

The healthy condition of banks in the state drew praise from Robert H. Hanes, president of the Wachovia Bank and Trust Company of Winston-Salem, who becomes president of the American Bankers Association in September, and from R. L. Pope of Thomasville, retiring president of the State association. Bank assets in the state increased by over \$36,000,000 during 1938, Mr. Pope reported, predicting further increase during 1939. Hanes patted the backs of his fellow members with: "If banks have been sound during the past six years, it is largely because good management has made them so."