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A WELCOME TO THE TOBACCO MAN

Another year has rolled around for the tobacco grower in this neck of the woods, and on this coming Tuesday he will start hauling his bright leaf to the warehouse floors in Aberdeen. Our tobacco town is ready for the influx, ready with a long record of fair and courteous treatment for the farmer, ready with two well managed warehouses, with a full set of buyers from the big manufacturing companies and ready as always with a genuine welcome to its shops and its homes.

The Pilot believes it safe to say that over the period of years Aberdeen has conducted its annual auctions, the farmer who brought all his leaf here has fared as well — or better — on his financial return as he would have had he shopped around among the numerous markets open to him. Aberdeen has a splendid record for average price paid. It expects to maintain this record during the 1940 season.

We extend, for Aberdeen and the Sandhills section, a cordial welcome to the grower of our biggest money crop.

A WARNING TO SCHOOL CHILDREN

The opening of schools throughout the state drew this week from Ronald Hocutt, director of the Highway Safety Division a reminder that pedestrian fatalities among school-age children have taken an upward trend in North Carolina in the past few years.

"As a matter of fact," the safety director stated, "the percentage of pedestrian deaths in the school-age group in this state is more than double the percentage of pedestrian fatalities in all age groups."

During the 1937-38 school year, he pointed out, a total of 91 school-age children were killed on North Carolina streets and highways. Of these, 58 were pedestrians, that is, they were walking to and from school, playing in the street or roadway, and running into the street. This was approximately 64 per cent of the total fatalities in that age group.

During the 1939-40 school year school-age children were killed. This was a 13 per cent reduction from the 91 killed the previous school year. But—67 of the 79 fatalities were pedestrians, this representing 84 per cent of the total number.

During the 1939-40 school year, 56 of the 71 school-age children killed in traffic accidents were pedestrians, this being 80 per cent of the total.

"This high ratio of pedestrian fatalities among school-age children is most alarming," Safety Director Hocutt said, "especially in view of the fact that only about 35 percent of all traffic accident victims in the state and nation are pedestrians."

"These figures speak for themselves," he added, "in challenging parents of all school-age children to train their children not to play in the streets and not to run into the street or road or attempt to cross without first looking both ways to be sure the way is clear."

OCTOBER CCC QUOTA OF 17 BOYS FROM COUNTY

Seventeen boys will be sent from Moore county the first week in October for CCC service and those desiring to enroll should report at the welfare office during the last week in September, Mrs. Brown announced.

Grains of Sand

North Carolina will have 15 additional State Highway patrolmen after September 15th. And the state is also acquiring some machine guns, tear gas guns and gas masks for its force. This because the Highway Patrol will have to assume some of the responsibility of the National Guard when the boys in khaki are away in training camps.

The Sandhills had two qualifiers in the 44th National Amateur Golf championship tournament on Monday, with Richard D. Chapman tied for second with 71 and George T. Dunlap Jr. shooting a 73.

A local youngster was reading the newspaper and came across this headline:

OLD GOLD MINE TO BE REOPENED

"Daddy, I don't know cigarettes came from mines," he said.

Business must be picking up locally. The Pilot sold out its complete issue last week.

And speaking of the selling power of Pilot Want ads, an advertiser came in and told us that he had disposed of \$25 worth of goods from one 25-cent want ad. That's one ad we should have taken on a commission basis.

Congratulations to the Albemarle Junior American Legion ball team, new World's Champions. A crowd from the Sandhills saw the game Saturday when the Tarheel lads took San Diego, Cal., into camp in that thrilling fifth and deciding contest.

A survey just completed by The American Press magazine among editors of country newspapers reveals that Wendell Willkie leads Roosevelt 52 percent to 48 percent in the rural sections of the country.

An illustrated booklet entitled "National Forests in the Southern Appalachians" describing the Pisgah and Nantahala National Forests in North Carolina, the Cherokee in Tennessee, the Chattahoochee in Georgia, and the Sumter in South Carolina has just been released by the United States Forest Service and is now available for free distribution. These five national forests embrace one of the most scenic regions in America, the favored summer playground for millions of Southerners and visitors from every state in the Union.

Copies of the booklet may be obtained by writing the Regional Forester, U. S. Forest Service, Atlanta, Ga.

The boys at the Boyd Stables think it may be some kind of a record, but in any event, they are boasting of the arrival there of eight kittens in one litter. The Boyds, nonetheless, plan to continue the use of hounds for fox hunting.

A great many weekly and monthly periodicals have added interest for Sandhill residents because a number of our author-citizens take an active part in producing articles and works of fiction that make up a proportion of their pages. Today the screen boasts of a local tie-in. Last week Southern Pines looked over the actors of the Sea Hawk for Neville Wilson son of Mrs. Emilie Allen Wilson and sister of Miss Emilie Mae, popular teacher in the primary grades. Neville, former resident, will be remembered by many friends in the town as he grew up in Southern Pines and attended the local school.

While his name hasn't so far blazed out in headlines, he has been cast in many prominent parts where his identity is heralded with enthusiasm by his family and friends in Moore county. Along with the Sea Hawk and others, he has appeared in the Fire Fly, Gunga Din, Man From Dakota, Suez, and Coming Round the Mountain. The Wilsons modestly maintain that their movie actor is only an extra, but as he was closely associated with Alan Hale and Earl Flynn throughout the long galley scenes in the Sea Hawk, it seems to Sandhill fans that he is well along the cellulose trail.

R. S. DuRant is a kindly soul who gets a whale of a lot of satisfaction in lightening the burdens of the unfortunate. When the hurricane struck at Beaufort, S. C. and all but swept the telephone company's business away, the men from the local office put in several days of strenuous labor in restoration of the South Carolina branch and its connections. When lines were tied in once more

Mrs. Omer Williams Dies at Home Here

Resident of Southern Pines for 15 Years Had Been Ill Some Time

Mrs. Mary Etta Williams, wife of Omer Williams, died in her home on Vermont avenue, Southern Pines, on Monday night following a long illness. Mrs. Williams, the daughter of Thomas Welch and Rebecca Dick Welch, was born at Sherran, Md., April 8th, 1891, and with her husband had been a resident of Southern Pines for the past 15 years.

Requiem high mass conducted by the Rev. Father T. A. Williams was held in St. Anthony's Church at 10:00 o'clock on Wednesday morning, and also by the Rev. Father Welch at Pylesville, Md., later. The body going north on the night train for Pylesville for interment.

Mrs. Williams is survived by her husband and two daughters, the Misses Mary Iona and Martha Jean.

and the tension somewhat lifted Mr. DuRant had time to look about him. The plight of the forlorn darkies caught his eye. As the sea had claimed many of their huts and their fishing boats, their worldly goods and zero were about on the same footing. With his observing glance, Mr. DuRant could see that those standing on the arbitrary point on the scale from which measures are counted, were in an unenviable position. So the hand that knows the art of helping dropped a few coppers where they would do the most good, and his habit of inquiring into things opened up an interview with a small darkey boy, one of his friends repeats.

Not wanting to see anyone hungry, the Boss began: "Have you had anything to eat today?"

"Yassah. We had grits fo' breakfast."

"And how about dinnertime?"

"Yassah. We had grits."

"And for supper?"

"We had grits."

"Did you have enough to eat?"

"Yassah, but we don't overeat."

When the connoisseur in the delicacies of the table looks over his complicated menu and finds little that appeals to a pampered appetite, he might stop long enough to consider the simplicity of the black boy's rations.

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