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"AN IMPORTANT TRANSACTION"

Occasionally newspaper men do strike somewhere near the center of the target when making a prophecy. This bit of argument springs up from an old Southern Pines Tourist, dated February 18, 1904 and hinges around an entertaining article of Arthur Newcomb's, in last week's Pilot, wherein Mr. Newcomb describes the early development of the Boyd property and the important factor it played in the town's growth since the day of its purchase.

Nearly 38 years ago the town paper boasted a two-column editorial page and under the heading: "An Important Transaction," the editor in his forward glance, visualized what the huge transfer of land would mean to future Sandhill life when he wrote:

Beyond a doubt the most important event in the career of the territory about Southern Pines since the establishment of Pinehurst is the purchase by Mr. Boyd of the acreage of land from the Blue estate, immediately adjoining the corporation limits of the town. This deal insures the preservation of one of the finest bodies of the original timber in the vicinity. Henceforth the Blue pine timber will stand. It is so important as a factor in the surroundings of the town that the mere preservation of the beautiful forest is a matter of inestimable gain to everybody. The forests about Southern Pines constitute the life and future of the place. With the forests gone a Sandhill town would be a barren and unattractive spot.

The Boyd purchase is of great consequence because it put into the hands of an energetic business man of wide acquaintance a body of land big enough to make a hundred magnificent building spots, and makes of that sort of man an interested advocate of the virtues of the Sandhill region. He will be a more efficient and persistent representative of the place than any man who might be hired at a salary to advertise the town, for he will reach the people who are to follow his example, and he will reach them because he is known to them, and because he has the confidence of the commercial world.

Mr. Boyd's purchase puts the boundary of Southern Pines practically down at the property line of the Duncan Shaw estate, for whether the development of the purchase shall be swift or slow, it is certain, and one of the best features is that it will be on a scale and plane that are of the best. There is every reason to believe that the character of homes on the Boyd tract will make of the whole 500 acres a splendid park, surpassing anything yet attempted in this section.

CHRISTMAS GIVING

It is the thought of others that makes Christmas. We are all made happy in our giving.

Giving, in Southern Pines, has been unorganized for some time, with the result that some poor and needy families have received on Christmas Day more than one basket or collection of donations. Others have gone without. It is gratifying to hear that this year churches and civic clubs and individuals have taken steps to prevent this; that they are going to see, through the medium of a Christmas Gift Bureau, that no underprivileged family in this vicinity goes without a Santa Claus, and that none is oversupplied.

Individuals who have made a custom to provide Christmas cheer for certain families are asked to notify the Bureau to

THE POCKETBOOK of KNOWLEDGE

A RECORD OF PROGRESS—
IN 1882, THE AVERAGE AMERICAN WORK WEEK WAS 72 HOURS; IN 1890, 60 HOURS; IN 1929, 49 HOURS, AND TODAY, IT IS LESS THAN 40 HOURS.

WHY U. S. DEFENSE JOB TAKES TIME—
AT LEAST 8 FACTORIES CONTRIBUTE MAJOR PARTS TO A MODERN RAILWAY GUN

IN MYSORE, INDIA, THE HORNS OF CATTLE ARE PAINTED—COWS' HORNS ARE PAINTED RED—BULLOCKS, BLUE.

FRYING PANS AND COOKING POTS WERE CLASSIFIED AS CROWN JEWELS, IN ENGLAND DURING THE REIGN OF EDWARD III. (1327-1377)

MORE THAN 450,000 WORKMEN ARE EMPLOYED KEEPING U. S. RAILROADS IN REPAIR

whom they are giving, in order that the duplication may be avoided. The master list will be kept at the office of E. H. Lorrison, on East Pennsylvania avenue. A telephone call to him will be all that is necessary. Gifts to be delivered through the bureau rather than directly should be delivered to his office.

MAKE THIS A LIGHT CHRISTMAS

Dawn of Christmas Day will find the United States one of the few nations unshadowed by blackouts, unshaken by screaming dive bombers or the high whine of air raid alarms.

Of the major nations in the world, America is the only one this year, where the lights on the Christmas tree may burn throughout the night without violating a law, military or civic.

Blackouts are certain to rule in most countries. But in the land where the torch of Liberty has flamed through many periods of darkness, little children can greet again the ever new wonder of the tree that Santa brought.

Because this is the one land where electric lights burn on in the windows and on the Christmas trees let us all unite to make this a light Christmas. Whether it be in the expansive front yard of a mansion with trees bedecked by those who have plenty, or the tiny window of a small cottage, show a light at Christmas time. Holiday lamps of red and green strung like holly wreaths in the windows of the land will spread their holiday messages of greeting in honor of Him whose birthday is December 25.

Street after street, block after block, and mile after mile, let us make this a light Christmas. For this is the year of our Lord 1940 in America, and in America there is Peace.

INCOME AND SPENDING

The way the statesmen figure things in Washington, the returns from income taxes and other revenue are expected to total seven billion dollars the coming year. Even New Dealers haven't been able to find a way to pay the year's expenses, which will run about 13 billion dollars.

So the wise boys who are at the head of Government affairs are talking about putting all the National Defense items in one book and the non-defense items in another book. The big book would be left unbalanced. The little book is the problem. Senator George suggests that the corporation income tax be raised to 35 percent.

The Republicans are getting together on an "economy program" to save about two billion dollars during the coming year, and reduce non-military expenses, hoping to balance this

Grains of Sand

The Pilot's Anniversary Number has stirred up recollections. Jock Bowker of Pinehurst dug into an old trunk the other day and found this program, dated 1918:

MINSTREL SHOW AND VAUDEVILLE
Benefit of Southern Pines School and Starving Children of Europe.

Minstrels—Mr. Claude Hayes, Interoctor; Sam B. Richardson, Edwin Beach, Norman Sykes, Wm. Waldon, Jock Bowker, Oliver Redfield, H. B. Sanford, Tom Kelley, Max Backer, E. M. Poate, John Bloxham, Frank Euchan and J. Talbot Johnson; Mrs. H. A. J. Wilkens, soloist; Mr. Platt, musical director.

Vaudeville—Spanish Dance, Miss Anna Patch, Jules Morrell.

Monologue—A. S. Newcomb, Indian Dance—Miss Annie Oakley and Assistant.

Song and Dance—Miss Patch, Mr. Morrell. (Miss Patch's costume courtesy of Mrs. Hayes.)

Strength Test—Miss Annie Oakley. The Modern Mikado—Jock Bowker assisted by Master Swoope.

One of the amazing reports of the week in Washington, comes from the U. S. Department of Interior showing how many fishermen there are in the United States, and in each state. The report shows that 7,858,275 fishing licenses were issued to men, women and children during a fiscal year. Michigan issued more than 858,000 licenses and Minnesota, New York and Ohio issued more than 500,000 each.

The Anniversary Number of The Pilot carried a view of Southern Pines taken from the air. We learned only this week that this photograph was taken by Clyde Council, of Southern Pines, to whom go our thanks and appreciation.

The subject of the weather is always inexhaustible topic and one where comparisons are not without interest. Last week a Southern Pines resident had occasion to make a business trip into western Pennsylvania. He found 20 inches of snow on the ground, the mercury at ten below, and roads icy and driving conditions not of the best on the Keystone State's crack highways. When he drove into his Sandhill home at bed time on the return trip, the thermometer stood in the fifties. He had had a variation of 60 degrees, and while that is not as much contrast as you could find between the arctic and the tropics, 60 degrees is still 60 degrees and the difference be-

latter budget.

Of course that leaves the National Defense book entirely without help—or even slight "consideration." All of which means that the national debt limit will be greatly increased, taxes boosted, and public borrowing expanded to the very limit.

Finally, Uncle Sam is hopelessly in the red, even though there is no War of our own.

tween sharp freezing and the absence of frost.

The State Department of Revenue at Raleigh has made things more hopeful for little Lizzie to get her new jewelry early for 1941, as the new license plates are now offered for sale before Santa Claus comes and sweeps the till. New Year's resolutions are not always as remunerative as pre-Christmas currency.

Down in Maxton, the neighbor asks after the first sentence uttered by the stranger, "Where are you from?" In the Southern Pines Schools, with more than half of the states represented, no one is concerned over dialects, as there is no provincial mode of speech or one modified by local peculiarities.

The youngster growing up in the cosmopolitan atmosphere of the local schools finds his companions are not at all northern, or southern, eastern or western, and pretty soon experiences the advantage of not having his neighbors limited to one point of the compass. Association from all parts of his own United States and foreign worlds tend to free the student from local attachment and prejudices. And as he grows up unconscious of a difference in speech and various other habits in people made by geographical locations he no longer looks upon the new arrival as an oddity. The oddities vanish as acquaintance develops.

Industry spent \$215,000,000 last year to improve existing products and try to discover new ones. This year, because of defense needs, the figure will probably be much higher.

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