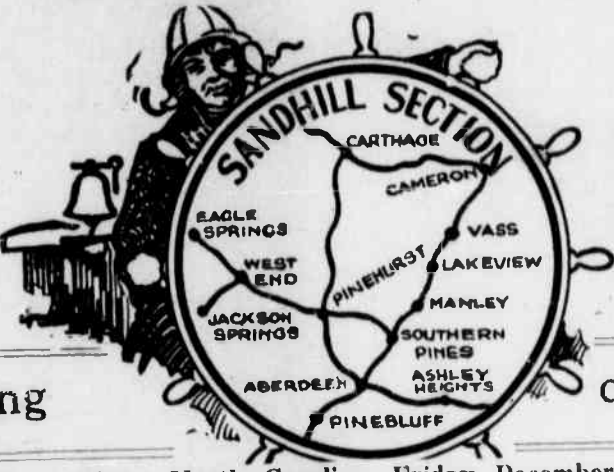


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P. T. KELSEY TAKES OVER GAVEL OF KIWANIS CLUB

John M. Howarth Winds Up Successful Year as President.—Donald Grant Is Speaker

SEES HITLER CHECKED

Preston T. Kelsey of Southern Pines became the 19th president of the Sandhills Kiwanis Club on Wednesday, taking over the gavel at the final meeting of the year, held in The Gray Fox in Pinehurst. The President's button which has been passed on each year since the club's organization at the Mid-Pines Club in 1922 was placed on Mr. Kelsey's lapel by the retiring president, John M. Howarth. The members gave Mr. Howarth a rising vote of thanks for a successful year.

Donald Grant, of Dornoch, Scotland where the Sandhills' own Donald Ross came from, was the speaker at the meeting and gave heart to the Kiwanians and their guests on the subject of the war. Mr. Grant believes that Germany is well checked in England by the Royal Air Force, that Spain's trade alliance with Britain has Mr. Hitler checked in the direction of Gibraltar, leaving the East for his battleground. And there, due to the stubborn resistance of Greece, the friendship of Turkey toward Great Britain, the fact that the feeling in Egypt is on the side of the British, and that Italy doesn't want to fight, never did, and has no love of Germany, Mr. Grant believes Hitler will find his hands full.

"The eastern countries have taken great courage from the victorious march of the Greeks; they now have hope of successfully retaining their sovereignties with the aid of Britain. They prefer British friendship to Nazi domination; they know which side their bread is buttered on."

Mr. Grant talked also last night before the Pinehurst Forum, following a buffet supper at the Country Club.

Committees Named

President Kelsey's first act as 1941 head of the Kiwanis Club was the appointment of his committees to serve during the coming year. He named the following chairmen:

Agriculture, George C. Burke, Attendance and Reception, Roy F. Grinnell; Boys and Girls Work, J. Vance Rowe; Finance, I. C. Sledge; Inter-Club Relations, R. L. Chandler; Kiwanis Education, Dr. W. E. Overcash; Publicity, Howard F. Burns; Membership, Robert L. Hart; Music, Charles W. Picquet; Public Affairs, G. C. Seymour; Roads, J. Talbot Johnson; Sandhilleers, W. D. Sabiston; Support of Churches, E. C. Stevens; Underprivileged Children, John F. Taylor; Venereal Disease Control, J. T. Overton; Vocational Guidance, John M. Howarth; Program, G. E. Horne. The next meeting of the club will be on January 1st at the Southern Pines Country Club, at which time Ovan Tuttle of Selma, lieutenant governor of this district, will pay an official visit.

Generals Devers, Crane Attend Reception Here

Tea Dance Honoring Army Officers and Wives of Sandhills at Mid-Pines Saturday

Army officers and their wives residing in the Sandhills will be the honored guest of the Southern Pines Chamber of Commerce at a tea dance to be given tomorrow, Saturday afternoon at 4:30 o'clock at the Mid-Pines Club. Officers of the Chamber and their wives will act as hosts, and also in the receiving line will be Major General John L. Devers, commanding officer of Fort Bragg, and Mrs. Devers; Brigadier General and Mrs. J. A. Crane, Mr. and Mrs. James Boyd, Mr. and Mrs. Struthers Burt, Mr. and Mrs. Preston T. Kelsey, Mayor and Mrs. Dorsey G. Stutz and Jackson H. Boyd.

GYMKHANA, HORSE SHOW, 100-MILE RIDE DATES SET

Southern Pines Plans Busy Schedule for the Equestrian During the Winter Season

DEC. 31ST FIRST DATE

Dates for horse events in Southern Pines during the winter season were set at a meeting of the Horse Show Committee held in the Municipal Building on Monday, at which Frederick H. Burke, chairman, presided.

The first big gymkhana and "jumperee" is to be held the last day of the year, on Tuesday, December 31st, and will provide a card of six or seven events of a varied nature, featured by jumping both inside the ring and over the outside course. A preliminary, or "warm-up" gymkhana was held last week, but this was an informal event, though a great success.

The annual Southern Pines Horse Show was set for February 21st, and will be an all-day affair, with classes for all types of horses and riders. Luncheon will be served at the Country Club between the morning and afternoon events. Mr. Burke appointed Mrs. George B. Johnson, Miss Ellen Vale and Ralph K. Trix to assist him on the Executive committee for the show, and other committees will be headed by E. C. Stevens, Miss Nancy Johnson, Howard Burns, Nick Crotty and the Rev. J. Fred Stimson.

Novelty in South

At the same meeting a decision was reached to hold, for the first time in the South, a 100-mile ride during the week of April 3d. This event has been successfully staged in the north and west and has attracted horses and riders from far afield, as well as hundreds of spectators. Horses entered must do 40 miles the first day, 40 miles the second, and 20 the third, and are judged for their condition as well as for completing each day's course within a prescribed time.

All local horse events, including the Hunter Trials to be held at the time of the annual steeplechase race meet, should draw record entries this winter due to the large number stabled in the Sandhills at the present time. A large turnout is expected for the gymkhana which starts off the schedule on the 31st of this month, with similar events to follow periodically. Reserved parking spaces for the season are now on sale by E. C. Stevens.

BANKS IN COUNTY CLOSED ON CHRISTMAS AND DEC. 26

The Citizens Bank and Trust Company, Southern Pines, and the Bank of Pinehurst, with branches in Aberdeen and Carthage, will be closed all day next Wednesday, Christmas Day, and also on Thursday, December 26th, which has been declared a legal holiday by Governor Hoey.

Closed on Christmas

But Postoffice Will Be Open Late Christmas Eve for Package Deliveries

The Southern Pines postoffice will be closed all day on Christmas, delivering only special delivery mail and perishables. First class mail will not be placed in the boxes. On Christmas Eve, the postoffice will remain open late that all packages may be called for. Mail will be despatched on Christmas Day as usual.

Postmaster P. Frank Buchan announced last yesterday that arrangements had been made to open the postoffice this Sunday afternoon from 2:00 until 5:00 o'clock for the receipt of outgoing parcels and mail. "This will permit the public to mail their Saturday purchases Sunday in time to reach their destinations by Christmas," Mr. Buchan said. Mail for local residents will not be handled on Sunday afternoon, he stated.

Santa's Ride

By R. C. Lawrence

Old Santa dwells in Smokies park
In cabin much like Noah's ark.
Now once again he rouses up—that's queer?
"Oh yes!" says he "the YULE it's here!"
So then he dons his suit so red
With cap of fur upon his head.
His sleigh he builds up Mitchell's way,
His deer on Pisgah munch their hay.
From bounteous stores his pack he fills
With goodies for his Jacks and Jills.
Then fares he forth to Chimney Rock
To practice there until the clock
Strikes twelve!
Back to Murphy now he'll go
To start from there for Manteo,
And visit every home and child
From mountain peak to ocean wild.
In Gaston's town he'll surely pause
The cripples must see Santa Claus;
And for its precious Tiny Tims
Awaiting cure for little limbs,
He'll have an extra pretty toy
For every single girl and boy.
And at the orphan's home he'll stop,
To leave a dollie or a top,
Or a pretty for each lass or lad
Taking the place of Mother and Dad.
The hospitals, too, he will not fail,
He'll even stop at every jail;
For when one is ill or very sad
Old Santa wants to make them glad,
GRAND MAN!

Then like a flash away he bounds
Only six hours to make his rounds!
A mile per tinkle is his slowest gait
And then through all the countryside,
He dives into each chimney wide,
Or through the keyhole in the door,
Of every home, both rich and poor,
What glee!
But help my soul! 'tis almost day!
With another visit yet to pay
To Raleigh's town to bless the State,
My! my! 'tis growing very late.
So just as day begins to dawn,
As squirrels scamper on capitol lawn
Old Santa cracks his whip once more
And reins his reindeer at the door.
'Ray for Christmas!' he merrily cries,
And out comes Governor, all surprise
To see St. Nicholas standing there
While spreading gladness everywhere.
The Governor bows in grand salute,
Old Santa gives his horn a toot.
Then pulls a string that ope's his pack,
And what do you think, like a jumping jack,
Comes tumbling out of Santa's sack?
Just listen!

For every person, old and young,
The grandest story ever sung,
'Peace on earth, good will to man,'
Happy contentment for kith and kin,
Health and prosperity in fullest measure,
Bounteous joy and wholesome pleasure.
This was his gift for Carolina.
Now could there anything be finer?

Christmas Gift Bureau Solves Problem of Needy

Churches, Schools, Civic Bodies Cooperate To See That Santa Claus Visits All

Southern Pines' first "Planned Christmas" is working out very well, according to those responsible for the Christmas Gift Bureau. This bureau, or clearing house, for gifts for the poor and needy, is sponsored by all local churches, civic organizations, schools and clubs. Its purpose is to see that no deserving family goes without a Santa Claus on Christmas Day, and, too, that there is no duplication of giving. Its headquarters is the office of E. H. Lorenson.

Those desiring to give to the poor should do so through the Bureau. Should they have certain families to whom they wish to give directly, they should let the Bureau know. Such information will be treated in strict confidence.

Money and gifts given through the Bureau are given to families whose needs are known. Giving cooperatively protects families from the embarrassment of receiving from many sources.

The Christmas Bureau is maintained by volunteers, giving gladly of their services to provide Christmas in a kindly and helpful spirit for those in the community unable to provide for themselves.

You Can Laugh Again

All Disney Program, With Snow White, Three Pigs et al, on December 28

If you like Walt Disney's cartoon films—and we don't know anyone who doesn't—there's a treat in store for you at the Carolina Theatre in Pinehurst on Saturday night, December 28th. It will be an all-Disney program, with "Snow White" featuring the bill, and with these shorts you have undoubtedly already laughed over and have been wanting to see again: "The Three Little Pigs," "Ferdinand the Bull," and "Donald Duck."

The evening is for the benefit of the Moore County Maternal Welfare Committee, which has done such a fine job in the county that maternal deaths have been reduced from 16 per 1,000 in 1935 to none in 1939. Tickets for the performance are on sale at the Franjean shop in Southern Pines, Madame et La Jeune Fille and Colony shops in Pinehurst.

On Christmas Eve from 7:30 until 10:45 o'clock, and again during the same period on Christmas night, Christmas carols will be sung from loud speakers placed on two buildings on Broad street, Southern Pines, sponsored by the Junior Chamber of Commerce.

Wins Gold Watch



PAUL C. BUTLER

PAUL C. BUTLER WINS J. C. AWARD FOR CIVIC SERVICE

Retiring President of Southern Pines Junior Chamber of Commerce Presented Watch

ANNUAL BANQUET MONDAY

For service and devotion to his community and his organization, Paul C. Butler was awarded the 1940 trophy of the Southern Pines Junior Chamber of Commerce at its annual banquet held last Monday evening in The Dunes Club. Mr. Butler is the retiring president of the organization, and has successfully guided it through a year of progress for itself and for Southern Pines.

The award was in the form of a gold watch, and was presented in fitting words by R. N. Hassell, secretary-elect of the organization. Mr. Butler responded with due appreciation of the honor conferred upon him.

The banquet was a glowing success. Opened with the singing of "God Bless America" led by B. C. Doyle, the invocation by the Rev. F. Craighill Brown followed. President Butler welcomed the ladies and other guests of the evening who were introduced by the incoming president, J. D. Arey, Jr. M. F. Grantham presented the principal speaker of the evening, George D. Lentz of Winston-Salem, president of the North Carolina Junior Chambers of Commerce, who gave the local group a picture of what the organization was doing throughout state and nation. There are now 1,200 Junior Chambers in the country, he said, with 125,000 members. He told of the numerous worthwhile projects of these groups, in charity, church, civic, Boy Scout and other lines.

Dancing to the music of the Dunes Club orchestra followed the dinner, and the club's floor show was presented and greatly enjoyed.

Rotary Organizes in Carthage; 20 Members

Rev. W. L. Warford Elected President; Horne Speaker at First Meeting

Moore county has a second Rotary Club. With the Southern Pines organization acting as sponsor, a club has been formed in Carthage and held its organization meeting last Friday night, its first regular meeting Wednesday noon of this week. Charter memberships are to be accepted up to January 1st.

The Rev. W. L. Warford was elected president, and Principal Beasley of the Carthage School is secretary. The club has close to 20 members to date. At the meeting on Wednesday, G. E. Horne, manager of the Holly Inn in Pinehurst, was the speaker and during the course of an interesting talk he took occasion to welcome the new service club on behalf of the Sandhills Kiwanis Club, oldest of these national organizations in the county.

SOUTH APPEALS TO PRESIDENT FOR AID TO BRITAIN

Regional Conference Here Adopts Strong Resolution in Face of "Military Crisis"

URGE NECESSARY HELP

Asserting that "it is both foolish and fatal to half protect our interests," the Southern Regional Conference of the Southern Policy committee in session at the Mid-Pines Club last Saturday, urged "immediate full capacity mobilization of all necessary resources to aid Great Britain."

The declaration, addressed to President Roosevelt and Congress and signed by a group of 30 southern educators, newspaper publishers, industrialists, economists, and authors, warned that the United States must "choose and choose quickly" or events may "take the choice away from us." The declaration read:

"We believe that our country is faced with a crisis almost impossible to exaggerate. The head of the German Government has declared that government's intention to destroy democracy. Before the march of that government and its partners fourteen free nations have already fallen. Only the British Commonwealth of Nations remains in arms against it."

"If they go under, there is no reason to suppose that, flushed with victory, the German government will give up its declared intention. Whether immediately attacked or not, we shall at best live on suzerainty in a world triumphantly dominated by a government contemptuous of all that we believe and eager to destroy it either from within or from without."

"On the other hand, if Germany's aims should be frustrated, is there any American who would not feel a sense of relief, of freedom to live in our own way, to fulfill our democratic destiny without threat, attack or interference?"

Must Choose Quickly

"Between these two possibilities we must choose and choose quickly or events may take the choice away from us."

"We have seen this slowly and dimly, have abandoned the illusory safety of isolation, begun to appreciate not only the courage but the value of the British Navy and Air Force, and agreed to sell a large amount of war material."

"But events move faster than we do. If some assistance to the British Commonwealth is to our interest and in harmony with our sense of right, then all assistance necessary to check the menace is more so. It is both foolish and fatal to half protect our interests. The British cannot be expected to win or to be particularly heartened by what we are able to sell them out of even our present production."

"To preserve ourselves and the British Commonwealth in spirit and in truth demands that we recognize that these two remaining strong democracies have a common enemy as well as common institutions of freedom."

"It demands that, wherever required, every activity shall be subordinated to immediate full-capacity mobilization of all necessary resources."

"It demands that we recognize that we are faced by a military crisis and that speed and coordination are the essence of military effectiveness."

"We cannot see the future. But we know that no easy road lies ahead. Political, economic and military decisions of the gravest sort will have to be made. For them the people will have to rely on their responsible leaders and firmly support them. But there is one thing the people can do. That is prepare. Here we believe that our leaders—perhaps unduly impressed by the busy minority groups, some of which are deluded, some financed by individuals hostile to our way of life or by foreign governments—have as yet failed to gauge the temper of the people."

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