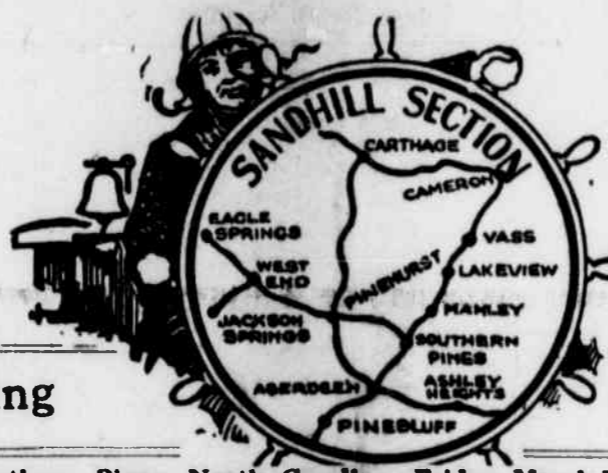


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SANDHILLS FIGHTS STATE VOTE ON LIQUOR QUESTION

Dr. T. A. Cheatham Speaks for
Delegation at Hearing in
Raleigh Tuesday

SEES CONTROL NECESSARY

The Sandhills played an important part in the hearing held in Raleigh on Tuesday before the House Committee on Propositions and Grievances on the question of a state-wide liquor referendum.

The Rev. Dr. Thaddeus A. Cheatham of the Village Chapel, Pinehurst, spoke on behalf of the Moore county delegation. "The question is not whether we are going to have liquor or not, but how we shall control it," Dr. Cheatham told the legislators. He condemned liquor "even for medicine," but expressed the opinion that it was better controlled under strict State surveillance than otherwise. He followed up his talk by reading a letter from James Boyd, Southern Pines author, who wrote:

"No law which affects the personal habits and beliefs can be enforced unless it has almost unanimous support," to which Dr. Cheatham added that prohibition would have almost unanimous support but would on the contrary promote lawlessness, as it had in pre-ABC store days.

Attending the hearing from Moore county were Chairman Wilbur H. Currie of the County Board of Commissioners, of Carthage; Mayor Dorsey G. Stutz and R. S. DuRant, president of the Chamber of Commerce, of Southern Pines; Prosecuting Attorney W. A. Leland McKeithen, James Tufts, I. C. Sledge, County Commissioner Gordon Cameron, Robert E. Harlow, George Wallace and Dr. Cheatham of Pinehurst.

The committee voted 11 to 11 on the question of reporting the bill favorably to the House, and the tie was broken in favor of the measure by Chairman C. E. Quinn of Duplin county. However, the matter is to be considered by the Finance Committee before House action, and it seems to be the consensus of opinion in the Capitol that with the State counting on nearly \$5,000,000 from liquor taxes, this committee will not report it favorably.

Pinehurst Ready For North & South Events

Mrs. Page, Ben Hogan, George Dunlap To Defend Titles Won in 1940 Tournaments

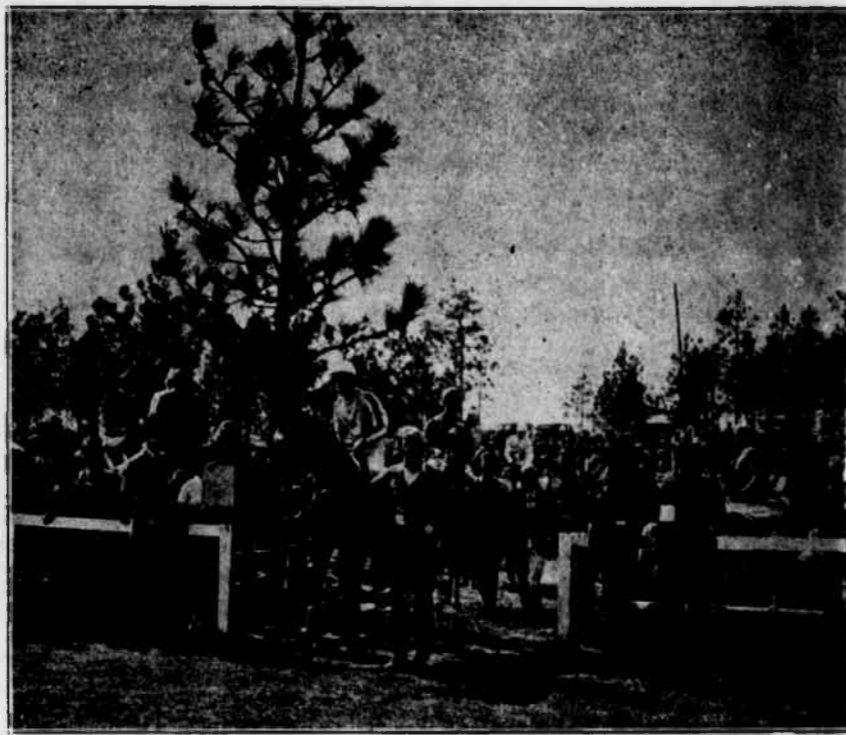
Pinehurst is prepared once again for the three North and South golf championships, the first of which will be the 39th annual open to be played over the championship course March 18, 20, with the usual field of crack professionals competing for the oldest of the winter tour titles.

Ben Hogan, winner in 1940 will return to defend the title against the leading tournament golfers who have made the winter tour and others from Northern clubs.

The 399th annual invitation championship for women, second in the North and South series, will be played on March 24, 28. This event draws the strongest field of the resort season. It is the only match play event on the winter tour in which Mrs. Estelle Lawson Page, former national champion, competes. There is a lively rivalry between the women who have played the circuit and Mrs. Page. Mrs. Page defeated Miss Dorothy Kirby in the final last year.

Oldest of all Pinehurst tournaments is the North and South amateur championship, which will be competed for the 41st time, starting April 8 with a qualifying round, followed by four days of match play. George T. Dunlap, Jr., won the event last year when he defeated Jack Ryerson in the final. It was Dunlap's sixth victory in this event. He will defend his title.

They'll Soon Be On Their Way to the Post



A Last Year Scene at Steeplechase Races Here

Radio Program Series, Conceived By James Boyd, on Air Sundays

Plays by Noted Authors and Playwrights Combat Hostile Propaganda in U. S.

Those who have been dialed to the coast-to-coast network of the Columbia Broadcasting System at 2:00 o'clock the past two Sunday afternoons have heard the first of the presentations of The Free Company, conceived by James Boyd of Southern Pines, national chairman of the project.

Several months ago Mr. Boyd was asked by the Department of Justice to come to Washington and advise them on a problem which is giving them concern. The effectiveness of hostile propaganda, so tragically demonstrated in various European countries, is greater here than generally realized, and may be expected to increase rather than otherwise—especially if favored by self-doubt and confusion in the nation's mind. From these meetings at the Department of Justice came the idea of The Free Company and a memorandum describing the project was approved by the Solicitor General and by the Attorney General of the United States.

Mr. Boyd's conception of his task was a voluntary group with the frank objective of sterilizing the effect of foreign propaganda in the country. He was convinced that the best defense against such hostile propaganda is a positive re-statement of fundamental American beliefs, using the full impact of America's greatest writers, America's greatest actors. In talking it over with other writers who had considered the problem, and who, too, wanted "to do something about it," The Free Company came to life almost spontaneously.

The writers realized that radio was the ideal vehicle to send their message into millions of American homes. They presented a tentative program to the Columbia Broadcasting Company and asked for technical assistance, time on the air. It was granted. Columbia saw in the series a great milestone in adult radio dramatics. (Please turn to page eight)

DR. MARSHALL TO TALK TO CHILD EDUCATORS HERE

Dr. Otis Marshall of the staff of the American Red Cross, who is now giving instruction in First Aid each week-day evening at the Powell Chapel in Southern Pines, will talk to members of the Sandhills Branch, North Carolina Association for Childhood Education, at the school building next Wednesday afternoon at 4:30 o'clock, and the public is invited. His subject will be "First Aid As It Concerns Young Children."

The purpose of the association is to further the cause of the education of young children through progressive training of both parents and teachers.

500 Monkeys

They Accompanied P. P. Pelton, Jr., Here on Visit, Home From India

Five hundred monkeys accompanied him home from India on his ship, Philip P. Pelton, Jr., of Southern Pines told his parents while paying them a visit here last week. They were part of the cargo of the S. S. Atlanta City unloaded at Wilmington, N. C., and they were shipped north for clinical work.

Young Pelton spent several days here on leave from his ship, in port at New Orleans. He flew back to New Orleans last Friday night from Greensboro and sails this week-end from Fort Arthur, Tex., for India and the Persian Gulf, a four to six months trip. He told his parents that the thermometer sometimes reaches 165 in the merchant marine for several years.

GIVES ARMY USE OF COUNTY LANDS FOR MANEUVERS

Board of Commissioners Votes "Trespass Agreement."—Gets \$15,000 ABC Money

Don't get scared if you suddenly run into some of the armed forces of the United States in your drives about the county during the next month or two.

At the regular meeting of the Moore county Board of Commissioners, held in Carthage Monday, Chairman Wilbur H. Currie was authorized to sign a "trespass agreement" giving the War Department permission to use county owned lands in the area of Moore county between Vass and Manley, and U. S. Highway No. 1 and the Moore-Hoke line for maneuvers and special field exercises.

The Board attended to many matters of business including the acceptance of \$15,000 from the ABC Board which was passed to the county auditor for proper distribution.

Monday, March 17, and Tuesday the 18th, were named as days when the Board will sit as a Board of Equalization and Review for the purpose of hearing complaints as to the valuation of property. Persons from McNeill, Mineral Springs and Sandhill townships will be heard on Monday and from Carthage, Bensalem, Sheffield, Ritter, Deep River and Greenwood on Tuesday.

ENTRIES POUR IN FOR \$3,600 RACE MEETING ON 15TH

Record Number of Starters, Record Crowd Expected For 7th Annual Steeplechases

MELLON SEEKS BIG CUP

With purses of \$3,600 at stake, entries poured in this week for the seventh annual running of the Sandhills Steeplechase races on the Barber Estate course, midway between Pinehurst and Southern Pines, on Saturday afternoon, March 15th, and the 1941 event bids fair to eclipse all its predecessors. And not alone in the number of horses entered in the timber, brush, hurdle and flat races, but in the crowd around the picturesque course, for this year the population of the Sandhills has been swollen by thousands of army officers and their families—the Fort Bragg overflow, and they're a pretty keen lot about horse races.

It looks like nine starters in the feature race, the Sandhills Cup, three miles over timber, with Paul Mellon of Pittsburgh running two from his Rokeby Stables in a valiant effort to take permanent possession of this coveted silver trophy. Mellon horses won in '38 and '39—need one more victory to clinch the sterling bowl. Last year Mrs. Eva Stillman's Postman Home nosed out the Mellon entry, Faction Fighter. Her stables are running Longitude this year, hoping for a second leg, a tie with Mellon.

Others who have horses entered in the timber race are A. A. Baldwin of Whitepoint, Va., Mrs. Marion duPont Scott of Montpelier, Va., Mrs. Fay Ingalls of Hot Springs, Va., W. Burleigh Cox of Warrenton, Va., Carter Brown of Tryon and W. O. Moss of Southern Pines.

Some of the leading brush horses in the country will face the starter in the Croatan Serial Steeplechase, two miles over the brush course. Both Paul Mellon and Richard K. Mellon of Pittsburgh have entries, and among others are Mrs. Esther duPont Weir of Wilmington, Del., Alvin Untermeyer of New York, Mrs. Marion (Please turn to page five)

Jonathan Daniels Tells Civic Club About South

Editor and Author Delights Large Audience, Autographs Recent Best Sellers

Jonathan Daniels, editor of the Raleigh News and Observer and author of two recent best sellers, "A Southerner Discovered the South" and "A Southerner Discovered New England," delighted a large audience at the Southern Pines Civic Club last Tuesday evening with a talk on the problems of the South. He tied up his subject to the international situation, showing that there is potential dynamite in every community which must be kept from exploding.

Mr. Daniels was a delightful speaker, and willingly answered many questions flung at him by those in the audience. After the meeting he spent some time at the Sandhill Bookshop autographing copies of his books and swapping stories with Claude Hayes. Mr. Daniels has a new book in the hands of his publishers. "The Southerner."

MUST HAVE PERMITS TO BURN OVER YOUR LAND

Permits to burn over lands are necessary before burning. This is a state law and will be enforced, local authorities announce. The permits may be obtained from the following: M. B. Pleasants, Aberdeen; L. B. McKeithen, Cameron; Clerk of Court's office, Carthage; Fullar Monroe, Eagle Springs; R. B. Donaldson, West End; A. L. Keith, Vass; Borden Ritter, Carthage R. F. D.; E. M. Ritter, Hamp; George Veno (Pinehurst Fire Dept.), Pinehurst; L. L. Hatch and John R. McCrimmon, Southern Pines.

Move Launched To Extend Corporate Boundaries of City of Southern Pines

Hunter Trials
To Be Held Here This Year
Over New Course on Scott
Farm, Youngs Road

BOARD TO MAKE STUDY

The annual Southern Pines Hunter Trials, held for the past three years at The Paddock, will be run this season over typical hunting country on the Scott farm on Youngs Road. The affair, for the benefit of the Southern Pines Library, is expected to attract the leading hunters and riders of the Sandhills. Some 60 horses took part in last year's trials.

The date has been set for Saturday afternoon, March 22d, the week following the steeplechase races. Four classes are on the card: Heavy—and Middleweight Working Hunters, Lightweight Working Hunters, Open Hunters and Hunt Teams of three horses. Thoroughbreds may not be shown in the Working classes. The first class will be called at 2:00 o'clock, and owners desiring to show their horses must be on hand at that time. No previous entry is required.

The committee in charge, headed by James Boyd, announces that the same rule enforced in previous years will again apply, that is, that a person entering a horse or horses, or one of his immediate family, must ride in the trials, though not necessarily in all classes.

Parking spaces will be arranged at the course to provide a view of the entire course for the occupants of the cars. They will be on sale at the entrance gate along Young's Road, at two dollars each. There will be no individual admission fee, and no entry fee for horses shown.

Van Paassen To Lecture at Flora Macdonald

Famed Foreign Correspondent, Author of "Days of Our Years," Coming March 11

Pierre van Paassen, author of "Days of Our Years," and famous foreign correspondent, will give a lecture at Flora Macdonald College on Tuesday evening, March 11, at 8:15, as the fourth number of the concert and lecture series.

Fresh from Europe's battlefields, this distinguished war correspondent and experienced observer of men and events will bring to his audience at Flora Macdonald a thrilling account of what is going on inside of Europe today and interpret its mighty consequences for the future.

GOOD DEMAND FOR TICKETS FOR JAY-CEE SPRING DANCE

Tickets to the Spring Dance to be held at the Aberdeen Community House on March 20th, are now on sale by all members of the Southern Pines Junior Chamber of Commerce, sponsors of this event. The brisk demand for tickets already evidenced indicates a fine crowd will attend.

Clarence Leonard's Collegians will play for this affair, and this popular High Point orchestra is sure to make a hit with everyone.

MARIONETTE SHOW

Next Thursday, March 20 at 12:45 p. m. the Senior Class of Southern Pines High School will present the Sue Hastings Marionettes in a new type variety show. This company is the largest and most active in the country. It has played at Columbia University, Brooklyn Academy of Music, New York Theatre Guild and at the New York Town Hall with extensive tours of Canada and South America.

Project Would Take in Territory
West of Bethesda Road to and
Including Pinedene

BOARD TO MAKE STUDY

A move to extend the corporate limits of Southern Pines was launched at a special meeting of the Board of Commissioners held at the Municipal Building on Wednesday night. The matter has long been under consideration, and action is being taken at this time to permit the introduction of the necessary bill in the General Assembly, now in session, should it be favorably voted.

As submitted to the board, the plan calls for the new lines to reach out Connecticut avenue from the present line in Weymouth Heights to Bethesda Road (at the Boyd packhouse), thence to follow Bethesda Road to the 9th hole on the old abandoned golf course of the Southern Pines Country Club, thence following a line westerly to the southern limits of Pinedene, which would take in the filling stations and Pinedene residences, and thence from Pinedene toward the Mount Hope Cemetery to the present westerly line of the town.

Pros and Cons

The reaction at the board meeting was both favorable and unfavorable. Present were Mayor D. G. Stutz, Commissioners Betterley, Hart, O'Callaghan, Patch and Stevens, and the following interested citizens: Jackson H. Boyd, W. Duncan Matthews, Alec Fields, J. D. Arey, Frank Welch and Dr. L. M. Daniels.

After a two-hour discussion pro and con, the board voted to refer the question of limits to a special committee, comprising O'Callaghan, Patch and Stevens, and to have the City Treasurer prepare a financial statement showing the potential revenue and potential cost of the project. Another special meeting will be held, probably this week, to consider these reports, and action one way or another will be taken at that time.

Dan A. Smith, Lifelong Resident of Vass, Dies

Head of Trucking Business and Esso Station Once Operated Taxis in Southern Pines

Dan A. Smith, 42, lifelong resident of Vass, passed away at his home at 7:30 Tuesday evening following a third stroke of apoplexy suffered late Sunday afternoon and from which he failed to regain consciousness. His going brought sadness to a host of friends throughout this and other sections where Mr. Smith was well known.

The body was carried to the Vass Presbyterian Church, with which Mr. Smith united in youth, at 2:00 o'clock Wednesday afternoon and was viewed by many prior to the funeral which was held at 3:00 o'clock.

The service was conducted by the Rev. A. R. McQueen of Dunn, assisted by the Rev. W. A. Brown of Olivia. Mrs. W. E. Gladstone was in charge of the music and the choir was composed of singers from the three churches in town. Burial was in Cypress cemetery.

The many beautiful floral designs and the large number of relatives and friends in attendance... more than the church could accommodate... bore testimony to the place Mr. Smith held in the hearts of the people.

Active pallbearers were M. M. Chappell and seven present and former employees, Paul Laubacher, Warren Wheeler, Archibald McGill, Claud Baker, Leon Keith, Malcolm Pope and Roy Pope.

Honorary bearers were Dr. R. G. Rosser, Vick Keith, A. M. Cameron, F. L. Taylor, C. L. Tyson, W. D. Smith and H. C. Callahan, all of Vass; W. Duncan Matthews of Southern Pines. (Please turn to page five)