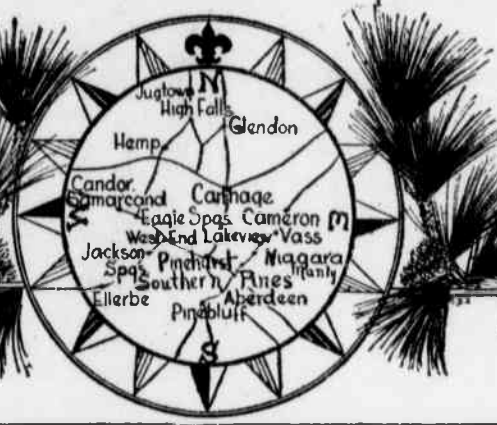


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FIVE CENTS

COVETED TROPHY WON 'FOR KEEPS' BY PAUL MELLON

Close and Exciting Finishes Thrill 5,000; Castletown First in Yadkin

Exciting finishes and a remarkable record of one spill for the five races of the Eighth Annual meeting of the Sandhills Steeplechase and Racing Association Saturday more than made up for the off-and-on showers which kept large numbers away from one of the most interesting of the race meetings in this section.

As fitting climax to the longest and toughest race, Paul Mellon's Rustic Romance, a favorite from Rokeby Stables, J. Clyburn up, making his best time on the flat stretches, finished first in the three-mile timber race, to give Mellon permanent possession of the Sandhills Challenge Cup, presented by Verner Z. Reed, Jr., in memory of the late Noel Laing.

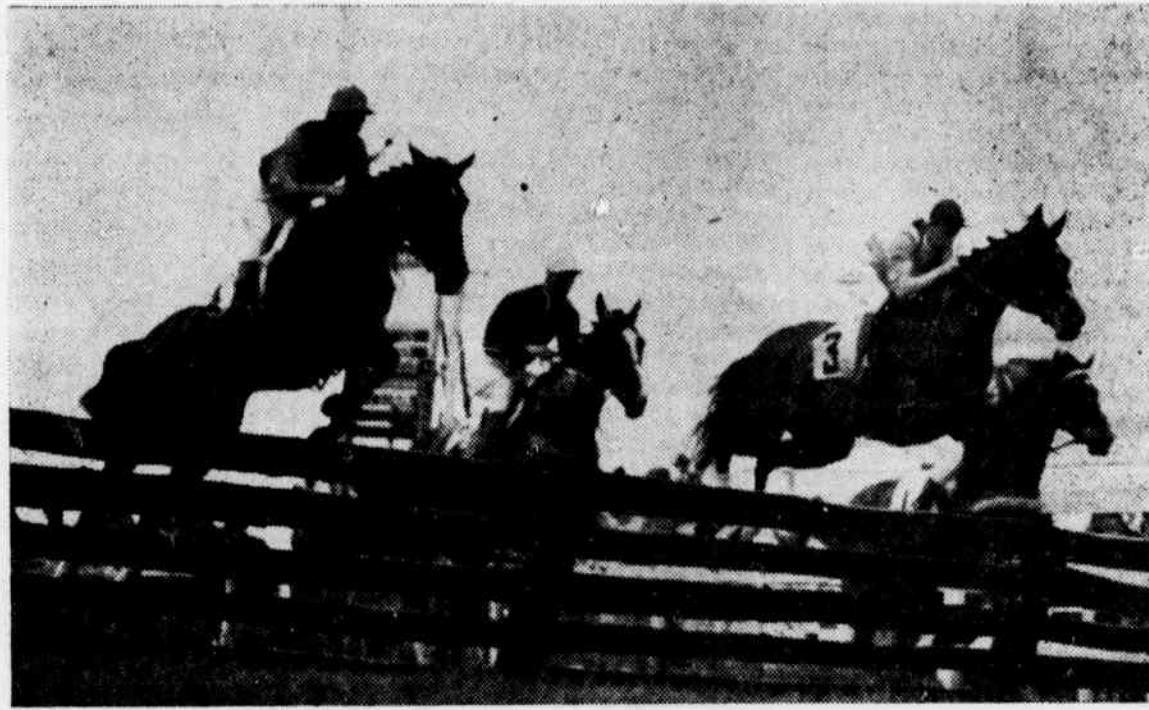
In winning this year's Cup race, "Rustic Romance" made up for his futile effort last year, when he tried to capture permanent possession of the trophy for his owner. The first two legs on the cup were won for Mellon by Corn Dodger in 1938 and Faction Fighter in 1939.

Richard K. Mellon's Southern Soldier, J. Basle up, taking the timbers swiftly, came in a heartbreaking second. Pushing the leaders closely was Mrs. Fay Ingalls' bay mare, Sauntering, with J. Harrison up, racing over timber for the first time and proving herself nicely.

Castletown Wins Again

Fleet Castletown, owned by F. Ambrose Clark, F. Bellhouse up, for the second year in succession won the Yadkin Steeplechase, carrying the largest purse of the races, but the winner strained down the homestretch to keep his lead from Mrs. Clark's Royal Archer, F. McMillan up, and (Please turn to Page 5)

Four Start Timber Race---One at Left Wins



Two of the most thrilling races of this year's Sandhills Steeplechase and hunt meeting are shown above. (Top) Rustic Romance, left, with J. Clyburn up starts almost along side

of Southern Soldier, Sauntering, and Cornet's Court. (Bottom) At right is Castletown, F. Bellhouse up, showing how he took the brush jumps to win the \$1,200 Yadkin

Steeplechase. Castletown, owned by F. Ambrose Clark, was hard pushed by Royal Archer and Jacket. (Photo by Kinder)

FISHER REPORTS TO WASHINGTON ON FAR EAST WAR

Major "Bill," Southern Pines Product, on Leave from Battle Front in Pacific

Major William P. "Bill" Fisher, popular young Southern Pines man, has been called to Washington from the Far East front to talk with President Roosevelt and high-ranking War Department officials on conditions and progress of the air war in the Far East.

"Bill," as he is unanimously known here, should know all the answers, for, since December 7 he has experienced the full fury of the fighting. As a pilot of one of our famed "Flying Fortresses," Bill has seen action in the Philippines, where he was stationed at Clark Field on that fateful December day, through the bitter Battle of Java, and since then in the daily forays against the Japs from bases in Australia.

In a letter today from Florida, where Major Fisher is enjoying a well-earned rest with his wife and family, his close friend, to Bynum "Pat" Patterson, manager, Sandhills Funeral Home, Bill said he hoped to be able to stop over in Southern Pines for a couple of days before reporting back to active duty.

In an interview given out in Washington to the Associated Press, Major Fisher said:

"The Japanese are good pilots and fighters, but they fire on our pilots that have bailed out all the way down.

"Our pilots are careful now," he added, "and get very close to the ground before pulling the ripcord. We have lost some by the Japanese shooting them."

The (AP) article stated that Major Fisher has, since leaving the Philippines, been transferred from a heavy bombardment squadron to an interceptor command, and that he would form another group in the States before returning to the scene of action. However, no change in his status was indicated by Bill's letter.

SEA OTTER BOATS READY FOR WORK

Navy Officers in Charge Tell James Boyd, Namer of New Type Vessel, About Run

By JAMES BOYD

Charleston, S. C., (Special)—The "Sea Otter" boats are now ready for the sea.

Her officers with whom I talked are delighted with her performance in a test trial here, in spite of many structural defects as the ship was originally built in Orange, Texas. These defects have now been rectified by the Navy here, and may be attributed to the fact that none of the original sponsors were allowed to visit the shipyard while she was building.

(Editor's Note: Mr. Boyd last winter met with Roland Redmond, New York lawyer backing Sea Otter experiments, and Lieut. Commander Hamilton Bryan, U. S. N., one of the designers of the new ship. Mr. Boyd suggested that because of the hull form and the smoothness with which it would slip through the water, the ships should be called "sea otters." The name was adopted. Mr. Boyd has followed with interest the fortunes of the Sea Otter, which at first was scorned by "authorities" and rejected as "impractical" by conventional ship designers.

(Recently, however, there was great insistence that the Sea Otter at least be given a trial; for the ease with which it can be built and because she draws only 10 feet of water, the Sea Otter can be of great value in replacing our lost merchant ships. She has a 10-foot freeboard, only, and is nearly invisible. With (Please turn to page eight)

Dental Examinations Planned For Schools

Moore County Dental Society to Assist in Health Work in 10th and 11th Grades

A schedule for the examination of the teeth of all tenth and eleventh grade boys in Moore County was planned by the Moore County Dental Society at a meeting held Friday evening at Oak Point Inn near Carthage. Pupils will be instructed as to the corrections needed.

Dentists taking part and the schools which they will serve are as follows: Dr. E. M. Medlin of Aberdeen, Aberdeen, West End and Berkeley Negro school; Dr. G. G. Herr of Southern Pines, Vass, Lakeview, Pinehurst and West Southern Pines; Dr. L. M. Daniels of Southern Pines, Southern Pines, Cameron, and Academy Heights Negro school at Pinehurst; Dr. F. H. Underwood of Carthage, Carthage, Sandhills Farm Life, and Pinckney High School, Negro, at Carthage; Dr. McManus of Hemp, Hemp, Westmoore and High Falls.

Dr. B. M. Drake with the assistance of local physicians has completed about three fourths of the physical examinations in the two grades. County Supt. H. Lee Thomas and Dr. Drake were special guests of the dental society at a steak supper.

Moore Election Board Headed by John Fry

John A. Fry of Carthage this week was named chairman of the County Board of Elections for the forthcoming democratic primary in June and general elections this fall. With Mr. Fry on the board are Frank McCaskill of Pinehurst and Coy Lewis of Hemp.

Nine Divorces Given In Opening Session

Nine divorces, each based on two years' separation, were granted in Carthage Monday on the opening day of a two weeks' term of Superior Court for the trial of civil cases. The cases were as follows: Lester Vill Rives versus Estelle Rives; Ruby Ferguson versus Martin Ferguson; William V. Carter, Jr., versus Lou Martin Miller Carter; J. A. Connelly versus Mabel Jones Connelly; Flossie Frye Medford versus William Hiram Medford; Fred B. Frye versus Hallie Newkirk Frye; W. E. Smith versus Ruth Smith; Ella Meade Kelly versus Everett Lee Kelly; Robert B. Capel versus Marie S. Capel.

Little Salesman Is Reminder That Peach Blossoms Are Due

He was a little fellow, shiny black and naturally somewhat ragged.

Clutched in each black fist were several sprigs of peach blossoms. He had just walked past the postoffice.

She was a tall, well-dressed woman, with distinguishing gray hair. She walked past the little black boy. She stopped, turned around.

"O, are those peach blossoms?" she said, turning around.

He stretched out his slender arms and held them up for her to see.

"They're lovely," reaching into her purse, "I'll take both bunches."

She went on to the post office, her white hands now clutching the peach blossoms.

He also turned back and went off, out of town, along Broad street.

Later, quite a bit later, the little black fellow was again in town. This time he walked past the post office,

Power Off Sunday

Electric power service will be temporarily off in Southern Pines, west of the railroad tracks, Sunday afternoon from 2:30 to 5:30 p. m., it was announced this week by R. C. DuBose, local Carolina Power and Light Company manager.

"We regret the inconvenience of this temporary shutting off of power," Mr. DuBose said, "but it is necessitated by certain repairs and improvements. We attempted to select a time for the work which would be of least convenience to most of our power users."

COURT TRIBUTE PAID McCLUER

Testimonial to Young Lawyer, Killed in Polo Accident, Goes on Court Record

This week's term of Moore County Superior Court, which is being presided over by Judge Clawson L. Williams, paused on the opening day to pay tribute to the memory of Frank W. McCluer, Jr., whose death in December came as a shock to the entire Sandhills.

With the request that "these words be spread upon the permanent records of this court as a testimonial of our love and esteem and our respect of Frank W. McCluer, a former member of this Bar and of the State of North Carolina," the following tribute prepared by a committee composed of H. F. Seawell, Jr., M. G. Boyette and W. D. Sabiston, Jr., appointed at the January term for this purpose, was read:

"Frank Wilson McCluer, Jr., before his tragic and untimely death was a distinguished young member of the Moore County Bar. He came to Moore County in January 1932 and became a partner in one of the County's oldest and best law firms and was associated as partner in the firm with Mr. J. Talbot Johnson, the new firm taking the name of Johnson and McCluer. During the existence of the firm, Mr. McCluer was actively engaged in the trial of many important cases involving many and varied questions of law, and argued many interesting questions of law, both in the Superior Court of this county session, and in the Supreme Court of North Carolina. During his short time of practice in North Carolina, Mr. McCluer rendered valuable service on committees of the Bar in the County and in the State Bar meetings. He was known to have a high sense of understanding of legal ethics and in every way cooperated with the bar association both locally and in the State with the view of always maintaining the respect and dignity of the Bar.

"Mr. McCluer was a native of Virginia, born at Lexington, Virginia, February 13th 1909. He received both his Academic and his legal education at Washington and Lee University, from which institution he received both B. S. and L. L. B. degrees and was admitted to the Bar of Vir. (Please turn to page eight)

SHOOTING BEN HOGAN WINS IN NORTH-SOUTH

Course Record Completely Smashed with 271; Sammy Snead Second; Two Tie Third

Sizzling down the home-stretch with a 67-69, Ben Hogan yesterday added the North and South Open crown to his list with a record-breaking total of 271—unheard of until today on Pinehurst's tough championship No. 2 course.

It was the finest 72-hole stretch in Hogan's brilliant career and his total set a North-and-South record that will probably stand for years to come. His card included two 67's, a 68, and a 69, which is winning golf in any kind of tournament and 17 strokes under the course par.

Tied at the start of this morning's play with Chandler Harper, youthful Portsmouth, Va. star, the blazing Hogan finished six strokes better than his hot 277 of 1940 and led runner-up Sammy Snead, defending champion, by five strokes. Snead fired a last-round 68 to go ahead of Byron Nelson, who finished with 281 in a tie with Lloyd Mangrum.

Par Golf No Good

Anybody had to be shooting better than just plain old par golf this week to come out in the big money end of the 40th North and South open. There were 10 contenders who shot at least a par score for the 72 holes or under.

Les Kennedy, the unknown from Lynn, Mass., who set the pace for six-under-par shooting the opening day, couldn't keep up his under 70 shooting and yesterday's 73-73-146 dropped him back to a tie for fifth place.

Although Hogan never touched 66 on the 18-hole number two, he proved his mastery of the trade by shooting consistently under 70, even as the teeing distance became longer. Many who started off hot the first day or two, added strokes to their play during the final 36 holes.

Hogan Leading Winner

The North-South was Hogan's third tournament triumph this year and his ninth since he came out of nowhere two years ago and went out to pile up a two-year record as the country's leading scorer and money winner.

On the last round, it became apparent that there was no stopping the sober-faced little money maker. In the whole tournament he had only four bogies—and he took three of them in yesterday's 36 holes, but took them in his stride, making calm comebacks with birdies. In the 72 holes of play he accounted for 21 birdies—or almost 30 percent of the holes. His \$1,000 first money at Pinehurst puts his total earnings for this season at \$7,158, over \$1,000 ahead of Snead, who is in second place as a money winner.

Early challenges during the first days of play didn't worry the steady little Benny. The amazing 66 of Rookie Kennedy the first day, followed by another 66 by Harper didn't disturb the regular pace of the winner. Lloyd Mangrum made a great bid for 36 holes and Snead came up after 49 holes.

Local Stars Out

Purvis Ferree, Aberdeen and Pinehurst pro who looked as if he were going to finish in the money, took one stroke too many in yesterday's play and carded a total 295—just out of the final money class. Purv was one of those whose score crept up on the final day.

Mel Demarias, Beverly, Mass., shooting money golf finished low among the amateurs with 294. Pinehurst's Horton Smith picked up on his game but carded a total 298, far out of the money field.

It was Hogan's third major tournament win of the current season and sent him further ahead of Snead in the race for leading money winner. Hogan pocketed \$1000 today to Snead's \$750.

The cards of Hogan and Snead: Ben Hogan—135; Snead—135.

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