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TEN CENTS

Frank Welch Sells the Belvedere Hotel to New Corporation

Transaction Is Said to Involve \$75,000; Hockett Is Manager

A business transaction of outstanding importance is the sale of the Belvedere Hotel in Southern Pines by Frank Welch, long-time owner, to Sidney B. Allen, J. Addison Smith and W. E. (Bill) Hockett, who have formed a new corporation entitled The Belvedere Hotel, Inc. The transaction is understood to have involved around \$75,000.

Mr. Hockett, who has had wide experience since entering the hotel business in 1909, will be resident manager, and will continue the policies instituted by Mr. Welch which have made the Belvedere an outstanding commercial and family hotel of the resort section. He will be joined soon by Mrs. Hockett.

Mr. Hockett constructed and operated the John Marshall and William Byrd hotels in Richmond and others in Fredericksburg, Va., Hickory and Charlotte, and is now owner and operator of the Virginian Hotel, St. Petersburg, Fla.

Mr. Allen is president of the Guilford Mortgage Corporation of Greensboro and Mr. Smith is a prominent building contractor there.

The property acquired by the new corporation runs 62 feet on West Broad Street and 254 on Pennsylvania Avenue. The building contains seven stores, the most prominent of which is Mrs. Welch's Gift Shop, which she will continue to operate in the same quarters. The purchase also includes a small frame building on Pennsylvania Avenue.

The original building on the Belvedere site was erected by D. F. McAdams in 1904 and the comparatively small structure was bought by Mr. Welch in 1917 and has been gradually enlarged to meet the needs of his expanding business.

The building housed the post office for 33 years: from 1905 to 1923 on Broad Street in the rooms now occupied by the Red Cross and part of the Gift Shop, then on the Pennsylvania side until 1938. The corner occupied by the Gift Shop since 1926 was for years the home of Broad Street Pharmacy.

Mr. and Mrs. Welch will continue to occupy their 6-room apartment facing the garden.

THE TOWN BEAUTIFUL

The Civic Club, which through the years has done much to beautify Southern Pines and to promote civic pride, and the Town are making an effort to keep the streets as attractive as possible, and the hearty cooperation of all permanent and temporary residents will be greatly appreciated.

Garbage is collected every Tuesday and Saturday, and householders can aid in keeping the streets clean by not leaving their garbage cans out where dogs can turn them over and spill the contents, to be scattered by the wind. The business streets are swept every morning. Care in the disposal of waste paper should make it easy for them to stay tidy all day. Cooperation along this line will keep Southern Pines the town beautiful.

Grinnell and Kelsey Are Golf Winners

Roy Grinnell and Luara Kelsey led a field of thirty-odd golfers in the Leap Year Scotch foursome at the Southern Pines Country Club Sunday afternoon in posting a 44-40-84-14-70 to win first place. Lt. Col. Ducat McEntee and Mrs. Stuart Wood posted a 41-42-83-12-71 for second place. Dan Farrell of Aberdeen and his partner, Miss Katherine Wiley turned in a 47-45-92-20-72 for third place.

Following the tournament the ladies entertained at a buffet supper on the club grounds.

ARMY AND NAVY WOOL

Mrs. Kaylor has plenty of Army and Navy Wool available for Red Cross knitting. It can be had by going to the Fire Station.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Mrs. O. A. Dickinson, surgical dressings chairman replacing Mrs. J. T. Overton who served one and one half years, and Miss Helen Butler, vice chairman, need many more volunteers than are now working if the present quota of dressings is to get out on time—and on time means when they are needed in army hospitals caring for the wounded in battle. The surgical dressings department has arranged with the Motor Corps to pick up volunteers living at the hotels whenever six or seven, no less, workers can come in for a three hour work period.

If there are trained surgical dressing supervisors here who formerly served in other chapters they are asked to report. They are needed.

The Surgical Dressings Rooms are located in the Straka building next to the Carolina Power and Light Company on north East Broad Street.

Shenk Resigns Post As Telephone Head

George M. Thompson Is Promoted from Plant Superintendent to Manager

Norman M. Shenk, vice president and general manager of the Central Carolina Telephone Company, has resigned his position effective immediately, it was disclosed Wednesday, and George M. Thompson, who had served as plant superintendent for the past several years, has been promoted to general manager.

Mr. Shenk came to Southern Pines in 1937 and has resided here continuously since that time with the exception of one and one-half years when he was with an associated company in Iowa. He returned here in 1941. While Mr. Shenk has not revealed his plans for the future, it is hoped that he and his family will continue to live here, where they own a home on North May Street.

A Statement

By E. H. Garrison, Jr. Chairman Moore County Chapter American Red Cross

The American Red Cross, conscious of its great accomplishments during the past year, awaits with complete confidence the response of the American people to its 1944 War Fund.

Oversubscription of last year's goal enabled the Red Cross to meet the greatest challenge in history. In response to the unprecedented demand for Red Cross services, we expanded our facilities, increased our activities. These services, which now girdle the globe, were undertaken at the specific request of the Army and Navy. What our work has meant to the armed forces in terms of morale, is exemplified in the spirit of our troops. It would warm your hearts to see how our soldiers, sailors and airmen abroad really appreciate what the American people are doing for them through the Red Cross. From commanding officers to privates enthusiasm for the Red Cross is universal.

While the Red Cross already has undergone the greatest expansion in its entire history, our world-wide program continues to grow and keep pace with the armed forces. In recent months few days passed that we did not open a new service club, or extend our facilities and personnel in military hospitals and at camps, airfields and naval stations.

The American people have entrusted the Red Cross with the gravest responsibility since its inception. To discharge that responsibility it is essential that the 1944 Red Cross War Fund be fully subscribed.

Fateful days are ahead for our nation and our people. To keep faith with our men in uniform we on the home front must carry the Red Cross appeal through to a successful conclusion. No sacrifice is too great.

HOME FOR WEEKEND

Lloyd Woolley, musician 3c of Bainbridge, Md., spent last weekend with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Woolley.

Carter Is Owner of The Jefferson Inn

J. F. Carter Buys Interest of E. H. Mills; The Giffords Are New Managers

The Jefferson Inn, purchased last July from its long-time owners, Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Reynolds, by J. F. Carter and E. H. Mills, is now owned solely by Mr. Carter, who this week bought Mr. Mills' interest.

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Gifford will manage the hotel, continuing the standard of excellence which the hotel has long maintained. Mr. Gifford has had experience in hotel work in Southern Pines, Thousand Island Park and Potsdam, N. Y.

The Jefferson Inn, a name familiar to generations of residents and visitors to Southern Pines and a winter home to a host of patrons from all over the United States, has recently been modernized in many ways. New furniture has been installed and the building has been redecorated. The dining room service, an attractive feature this season, will be continued.

The Kids from Home

They may be fighting men to a world at large, but every mother and father in Moore County with a boy in khaki knows that those men out there on a battle field crouching in a foxhole, or standing watch on a pitching destroyer in mid-ocean are the same warm-hearted, happy kids who only yesterday were playing marbles in the back yard or scooting around town in a paint-dobbed old flivver.

You saw them here just the other day—delivering papers, working after school at the filling station, mowing the front lawn under protest, or building a shack in the vacant lot.

How many times recently we've heard some dad say, "I wish I could be right with that boy of mine to cheer him up and keep him from getting homesick", and, if there's been a tight feeling in your throat, dad, its only natural.

But, even though you can't go out with that lad yourself, rest assured there's a fellow along with your boy's outfit to buck him up when he's down-hearted, to take any message he wants sent along home, or to just talk. That fellow is the Red Cross field director, sent along with your boy by the American people.

That's why its important now for all of us to do our part in the American Red Cross War Fund. Let's keep the Red Cross on his side!

Drive officials today pointed out that President Roosevelt has issued an official proclamation proclaiming March as "Red Cross Month" and urging all Americans to observe it by answering the Red Cross appeal for funds.

In the proclamation, the president cites the Red Cross as an auxiliary to the United States armed forces which is providing indispensable service to troops throughout the world as well as to the families at home, and states that the organization is wholly dependent upon individual support and personal participation. The President urges all his fellow Americans to observe Red Cross Month "By opening their hearts to this humanitarian appeal in order that we may keep the Red Cross at the side of our fighting men and their dependents in their hour of greatest need."

SOMETHING NEW IN FIRES

Southern Pines Fire Department was again called out at 11:45 o'clock Wednesday morning to extinguish a fire in a gas pump at McNeill's Filling Station located at the southwest corner of West Broad Street and Vermont Avenue.

REGISTRATION DATES

Effective March 1 the Moore County ABC Board will be permitted to register applicants for permit books only on the second Tuesday in each month.

James Boyd, Novelist and Publisher of The Pilot, Is Suddenly Stricken at Princeton, New Jersey, Thursday



JAMES BOYD IN CHARACTERISTIC POSE

Harry Lee Brown, Jr. Receives High Honor

Outstanding High School Senior Is Selected As First Junior Rotarian

Harry Lee Brown, Jr., was presented to the Rotary Club at Friday's luncheon at the Highland Pines Inn as the first Junior Rotarian selected from the Southern Pines High School. The selection of a Junior Rotarian is made by the high school principal on the basis of merit alone.

Harry Lee is in the 12th grade and is an all "E" student. He is a member of the Student Council, Glee Club, Dramatic Club, and the basketball team, and is very popular in his group. For four consecutive meetings he will attend the Rotary luncheons as a full member, and then will be followed by another junior Rotarian selected from the high school.

The Club president, Joe DeBerry, had as his guest his son, Naval Aviation Cadet "Jimmy" DeBerry. Jimmy has been studying mechanical engineering in a V-12 class at Stephens Institute of Technology, Hoboken, N. J. His work there drew a letter of commendation from the dean of Engineering, as well as praise for the Southern Pines High School. For Jimmy's accomplishment was outstanding, since the course is designed for men in college, and he sailed through it fresh from high school.

Jimmy has been transferred to the Aviation Cadet School at Bunker Hill, Indiana. He will spend three months there, and then will return to Chapel Hill for six months of Navy pre-flight training.

The Rev. Tucker G. Humphries presented as his guest Clifford Rod of Long Island.

N. M. Wells of Fillmore, N. Y. was a visiting Rotarian.

W. A. JOHNSON HEADS WEST END CAMPAIGN

In last week's announcement of local chairmen and quotas in the Red Cross War Fund Drive, West End was inadvertently omitted. This town's quota is \$900, and the drive there is under the able leadership of W. A. (Arch) Johnson.

VICE CHAIRMAN

Mrs. H. E. Bowman of Aberdeen was elected 2nd Vice-Chairman of the Moore County Hospital Auxiliary at the regular meeting of the organization on Wednesday.

ARRIVED SAFELY

Mr. and Mrs. Henry W. Dorn have just received a cablegram from their son, Lt. Robert F. Dorn, telling of his safe arrival on foreign shores.

FUNERAL PLANS

In a telephone message from Princeton, N. J., Thursday afternoon, Mrs. James Boyd said that her husband's funeral would be held there Sunday or Monday, and that Thursday at 5 p. m. was set tentatively as the time for a memorial service to be held in the Boyd home in Southern Pines. If it is necessary to make any change in the date for the service here, the announcement will be posted in the Post Office.

Mrs. Boyd begs that no flowers be sent. She suggests that money which friends would otherwise give for flowers be donated to the hospital.

J. Durwood Creech Is Kiwanis Speaker

J. Durwood Creech, lieutenant governor, Fourth Division, Carolinas District, speaking before the Sandhills Kiwanis Club at its weekly luncheon Wednesday at the Pinehurst Country Club, stressed the important part that Kiwanis must play in the post war planning program set up by Kiwanis International. He informed the club that 800,000 men had been released from the armed forces, with the number being increased monthly. "Many," he said, "are returning injured in body and spirit." Our duty, he contended, is to plan now to take care of these men. Our government has set up plans for their rehabilitation and we must see that they and their families are given every opportunity to adjust themselves to civilian life. Those that wish it, must be given the opportunity of continuing their education and must be given the chances of employment.

In conclusion, Mr. Creech said there is a definite program for Kiwanis. It was born in 1918 during the last war with the motto, "To Build." We must not be satisfied to live in the past, but must keep a keen vision not only to build with materials, but to build in character. The speaker was introduced by John Ruggles.

SUPERVISORS MEETING

Mrs. O. A. Dickinson, Chairman of Surgical Dressings, has called a meeting of all surgical dressing supervisors Monday, March 6, at 12:15 at the Red Cross Surgical Dressing Workrooms on north East Broad St.

R. GREGG CHERRY TO SPEAK

R. Gregg Cherry of Gastonia will give an educational address to teachers of Moore County at 8:00 o'clock (March 7th (Tuesday) at the Carthage school auditorium. The public is invited.

Mr. Boyd Faints at Dinner for British Officers and Dies 2 Hours Later

By CHARLES MACAULEY

James Boyd, long a resident of Southern Pines and one of its leading citizens, died at Princeton, N. J., shortly after midnight of Thursday, February 24th. The announcement of his death, which reached here early Friday morning, shocked the entire community in which he had so long been a familiar and greatly esteemed personality.

Mr. Boyd spent a part of January at his home here and was happy to have the three children, James, Jr., of the Coast Guard, Dan, of the Army, and Nancy, a student at St. Timothy's School, Catonsville, Md., here to make the family circle complete. He attended the North Carolina Press Association meeting at Chapel Hill January 21, returning to New York that night. He had prepared a lecture on the South to be given at Princeton University as a part of an "Americanization Course" for British officers, and had just finished dinner with the group of officers, apparently in his usual health, when he fainted, and died painlessly two hours later.

Born in Dauphin County, Pennsylvania, July 2, 1888, the son of John Yeomans Boyd and Eleanor Gilmore Herr Boyd, he came with the family to Southern Pines in 1904.

Graduating from Princeton in 1910, he studied at Trinity College, Cambridge, England. As a first lieutenant serving with the AEF during World War I he saw action at St. Mihiel and in the battles of the Meuse-Argonne.

He was married in October 1917 to Katherine Lamont, daughter of the late Daniel S. Lamont. In addition to his wife and three children, a brother, Capt. Jackson Herr Boyd of the U. S. Marine Corps, and two sisters survive.

A contributor to many of our leading magazines, his great gift as a man of letters fully flowered with the production of "Drums" in 1925. The accurate historical perspective and fidelity to location not only brought him fame, but gave his adopted State of North Carolina national publicity which was further enhanced by the publication of "Marching On" two years later. He was the author of "Long Hunt," "Roll River," and "Bitter Creek," also.

Modest and unassuming but with a mind fully attuned to the needs of the growing community now his home, Mr. Boyd was an active, public spirited and useful figure in the growth of not only the town, but the entire Sandhill area. With his brother, Jackson Herr Boyd, he was largely instrumental in the founding of the Moore County Hospital, in which institution he served in many capacities, as a member of the original Building Committee in 1928, then as a director, then on the Executive Committee, and later as president of the Board of Directors 1937-1938. He was noted as one of the ablest and most interested directors, as a splendid president, as an active member of several committees as well as the present Executive Committee.

Among his State-wide activities was a membership in the North Carolina Literary and Historical Society in which he was honored with the presidency. Locally as MFH of the Moore County Fox Hounds he followed a hobby which he enjoyed to the fullest extent and in so doing gained the admiration of every horseman. He won further admiration by his interest in the Steeplechase Association of which he was president. Three years ago Mr. Boyd entered the publishing field with the purchase of THE PILOT.

To give a complete story of all of Mr. Boyd's activities, products of his brilliant mind, is impossible. Sorrow in his passing will long abide with those who knew him. His family, his friends and associates, his town and his state have suffered an irreparable loss.