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Peaches Improving Recent Returns Show Bigger Sales

Fruit Sold Direct To Trucks Brings Better Prices

It is welcome news to all interested in the welfare of this section that peach prospects are better.

Truckers have been buying up a great deal of the crop at the orchards. Fully ripened fruit, ideal for canning and preserving, is being bought and while the great quantity generally shipped north is much reduced, the outlook is far brighter than seemed likely last week.

For some reason, which appears to be unexplainable, the quality of the fruit has improved. There are fewer worms and the size and appearance is better. Once more, as so many times past, nature seems to be coming to the rescue, if rather belatedly, of the Sandhills.

Last week's Pilot article, outlining the current peach situation contained a misstatement in respect to the Lovering orchard at Jackson Springs. The editor includes the correction in this week's news story in order to insure wide notice.

Correction

The Pilot wishes to retract the statement published in the issue of July 20 to wit:

"One of the few orchards reporting a good crop is that of Richard Lovering near Jackson Springs."

Mr. Lovering writes: "In the first place I have just about 600 peach trees left out of my old orchard . . . hardly enough to call an orchard, and in the second place I had worms a plenty. Fortunately, however, with so small a number of trees to care for we were able to do the necessary work properly with the help of families who live on the farm. I was therefore able to ship a high percentage of the fruit."

We are glad to correct any false impressions our article may have made in the minds of our readers.

Local Delegation Attends Hearing On Super-Highway

Mayor L. V. O'Callaghan, P. F. Buchanan and Howard F. Burns, made up a Southern Pines delegation appearing before the State Highway Commission at a public hearing Wednesday at the State Capitol, in reference to the proposed Super Highway System, slated to be one of the principal Post War projects sponsored by the Federal Government.

J. C. Pittman, Sanford attorney, and W. E. Horner, also of Sanford, were the speakers for the towns along U. S. Highway 1, namely Sanford, Southern Pines, Pinehurst, Aberdeen and Rockingham.

Mr. Pittman pointed out that the proposed highway would cost \$200,000, per mile and one-half of the cost would be borne by the State of North Carolina, the remaining half to be paid by the Federal Government. Continuing his argument, he stated that the Interregional Highway Commission, appointed by the President of the United States, in its three year study of the proposed highway system recommended following U. S. Highway 1 through the State of North Carolina. He further stressed that the State was badly in need of more secondary roads, or farm-to-market roads, and felt that funds could be better spent on them than in running the proposed highway over a much longer distance in order to pass near some of the larger cities of the West Piedmont sections. The argument was further developed, by the Sanford editor, who presented in book form the Federal Interregional Highway plan showing maps of the Federal

McDONALD STARTS WORK ON FORCE

Southern Pines' new policeman started work on Monday, July 23. It is confidently expected that the new man Ray McDonald, a native of this section, will prove a welcome addition to town force, both in the way of extra man power and experience.

Bronze Star: A Tribute To Bravery



Mrs. Lena R. McFarland of Southern Pines, is shown receiving from Colonel L. R. Hathaway, commanding officer of Camp Mackall, the Bronze Star medal, awarded posthumously to her son, Cpl. Tryan C. McFarland, Jr., for distinguished service and heroic achievement against the enemy. The presentation was made Monday afternoon at the post chapel at Camp Mackall.

—(Photo by Signal Corps).

General Says Local Help Needed if Vets Are to Benefit from G. I. Bill of Rights

Large Gathering Hears N. C. Adjutant General at Kiwanis Meeting in Pinehurst

Brigadier General J. Van B. Metts, Adjutant General of North Carolina and State Director of Selective Service spoke before the Sandhill Kiwanis club at its weekly luncheon held Wednesday at the Holly Inn in Pinehurst, to a gathering of some sixty members of the club and about thirty visitors including many army officers.

General Metts, told the group of the opportunities offered the returning servicemen by the G. I. Bill of Rights, and pointed out that local and state agencies worked hand-in-hand with the Federal government for the assistance of the returning veterans. About 65 per cent of the counties of North Carolina have organized local agencies to serve the discharged servicemen, he explained.

"If the veteran is going to be aided or taken care of, it is going to be at the local level," General Metts said, emphasizing that it would take local cooperation to carry through the plan. "Without the aid of the people, our returning veterans will not get that which they should have," he continued.

The speaker was introduced by John Ruggles of Southern Pines, program chairman. In the absence of A. L. Burney, club president.

TOWN STREETS TAKE ON ORIENTAL HUE

Creating considerable excitement wherever they appeared were a group of oriental-appearing persons seen on the streets of Southern Pines on Sunday afternoon. Clad in turkish fezes, the men, with their black beards, looked like Indian potentates, while the woman was majestic in turban and flowing robes.

Upon inquiry it developed that the group were representatives of the Mohammedan religion, calling themselves Moorish Americans. The headquarters of their organization is the Moorish Holy Temple of Science in Philadelphia, and these delegates have come to West Southern Pines "to teach" in the words of the leader, "our people who they are and those things necessary to make them better citizens." The leader further stresses the point that they teach racial pride, saying that they are descended from the inhabitants of Africa, the Moabites, who inhabited the north western and south western shores of Africa.

They are holding informal meetings in West Southern Pines.

Aberdeen Gives Bank Of Pinehurst Seven Month Trial

Loan Committee To Be Appointed Now, Citizens Group To Continue

The Citizens' Committee of Aberdeen which has been investigating the banking situation with the idea of improving Aberdeen's facilities, has decided to give the Bank of Pinehurst a period of seven months in which to carry out the recommendations made to the directors by the committee. This will bring the date to that of the annual stockholders' meeting in January, the first occasion when the directors would be able to take up several of the points in question, notably that of changing the name of the bank.

It is expected, meanwhile, that the directors will proceed immediately to put into effect such of the Aberdeen committee's requests as do not require a stockholders' meeting for approval. These would include appointment of the loan office in Aberdeen and the Aberdeen loan committee; also whatever plans are decided on for improving the quarters of the Aberdeen branch.

The Aberdeen Committee, of which E. O. Freeman is chairman, will remain in existence to represent the people and accept or reject whatever is the outcome of the seven months trial.

Diner In Vass Is Leased By Fields

Robah Fields of Aberdeen has leased from Vick Keith his service station and diner in Vass on highway 1 and is operating it under the "Fields Service Company" trade name. Mr. Fields for the past several years has been with the Mid-South Motors in Aberdeen where he has made many friends. The Fields family plan to move to Vass as soon as they can find a suitable house there. Your attention is called to the Fields advertisement elsewhere in this issue.

C. P. AND L. MEETING

Operating employees of the Central Division of the Carolina Power and Light Co. held an all day meeting on Monday, July 23rd, at the Park View Hotel, in Southern Pines.

At the meeting a discussion of the different phases of the operation of the company was held under the direction of M. T. Dunlap of Raleigh.

Seiger Herr Saves Life of Drowning Girl at Lakeview

9-Year-old Daughter Of Doctor G. G. Herr Rescues Her Friend

"Is two weeks too late to put news in the paper?" said a voice over the telephone.

"Depends on the news. What is it?"

"It's one little girl saving another little girl from drowning."

"Two weeks or two years wouldn't be too late for news like that. Start talking . . ."

It appeared that Dr. G. G. Herr, of Southern Pines, took his nine-year-old daughter, Seiger, and two friends, Peaches (really Mary Johns) Cameron and Louise Johnson, up to Lakeview to swim two weeks ago. He found the lake deserted except for a fisherman by the pier. Louise who could not swim had an inner tube with which she was enjoying herself close to shore. The doctor had also offered a tube to Peaches, but had been assured that she could get along without it. However he cautioned her to stay in within her depth. For Seiger he had no fear, as she is an expert swimmer.

After a while he suddenly noticed the fisherman drop his rod and run out to the end of the pier. He roused up and went to see what was happening.

It turned out that Seiger had started to swim out into the lake and Peaches had tried to follow. Seiger looked back to find that her friend had disappeared. She turned back, saw her come up again and start down again, and just about then she grabbed her. The child, filled with water and terrified, clutched her rescuer with both hands and pulled her down, forcing Seiger to let go in order to escape her grasp. But she stuck to it and caught hold of her again, and herself half-full of water, managed to half-pull, half-push her friend into shallower water.

Commenting on the incident, Seiger's father said that his daughter had never taken life-saving lessons, but that, in school, under Miss McIntyre, she had learned the first things you must do. She had apparently kept her head and done them, with great courage and unusual steadiness for one so young. Adding to her difficulties was the fact that she was about thirty pounds lighter than the

Soliloquy

For the second time since 1943, Bessie Cameron Smith, managing editor of The Pilot, last week missed press day. And the other time was because she was having mumps, which hardly counts. But now she's doing it again and the situation is growing serious.

It seems to us that this is a clear dereliction on duty. (Is that the right word? Somebody go and ask Bessie. . . oh no, of course, we forgot: she's not here. Well then, find the dictionary instead. What? I'm sitting on it? Well, well, so I am. What was that crack Mr. Mac got off last week? 'Somebody's going to end up by hatching out that dictionary one of these days!' Well, it won't be him . . . or it is he . . . Bessie? Bessie! Oh heck, forgot again. Anyway, there is one person who is no sinner, dictionary or otherwise. In fact, we see very little of that scoundrel . . . gentleman around here: 'out and at 'em Come again, gone again, hit 'em again!' are his mottos and he certainly lives up to them.)

But about that dereliction of Bessie's. She went to Oronoco, Va. for a week. And we are getting to the point when we are considering putting up a sign over the door: 'Closed for Repairs', or something, till she gets back. Might at last save us the humiliation of seeing the expression on people's faces when they hear she's not here. They just say: 'Oh' and turn around and go away. And that may be one reason why we're sitting on the dictionary. A person in such a fix just has to have something to elevate the mind. (We repeat: 'mind', and no more cracks, please.)

SHE HEARD!

If the prime requisites for a public speaker are self-possession and a desire to be heard—and sometimes we think they must be—it is likely that Sunday night saw the debut of a future orator.

At that time thirty or more two, three, four, and five-year-olds took part in the Commencement exercises of the Presbyterian Vacation Bible School. Lined up with them was young Johnny Ormsby, while his mother, slightly nervous over what the evening might have in store, sat as far back as she could. Ready to cut and run, we suspect.

Her fears were unnecessary. With a calm and critical eye, her son stood, watching the others, listening judiciously to their delivery. When his turn came he stepped forth majestically and, in clear tones, spoke his piece. At the end he peered intently over the congregation. Then he took a deep breath and called cheerfully: "Could you hear me, Mama?"

Two Soldiers Pick Conspicuous Spot For Altercation

Hayble Advised To Close Temporarily At Twelve O'clock

Ex-Mayor D. G. Stutz' front yard was the scene of considerable excitement late Saturday night, when two soldiers chose to use it as their evening boxing ring.

The two in question as near as could be learned, had started the evening at Scottie's and came from there to Hayble's Sandwich Shop. When it was suggested that the outdoors offered more space for their midnight exercises, they strolled up the hill to the corner of Ashe St. and New Hampshire Ave. and flew to it. It was not long before telephone calls began to come into the police station. Ex-Mayor Stutz and Mrs. Lawrence Grover, from opposite vantage points, being the first to call. Response was immediate and police and M. P.s, soon brought a measure of order. The ambulance from Mackall was summoned to take the contestants home and recent reports are that neither is much the worse for wear.

This recent interruption to the peaceful night, has brought considerable complaint from the folks around. The town authorities have advised Hayble, the owner of the Sandwich Shop, being the only place open in town after midnight, which is the focal

Legion Head Talks to Rotary Club

At Friday's Rotary luncheon at the U. S. O. Club, Lloyd T. Clark, program chairman, introduced L. Van Fossen, Commander of the Sandhills Post of the American Legion. Mr. Van Fossen gave a very interesting talk on what the Legion is doing and urged all veterans of World War II to take an active part in Legion affairs.

"All night trains are met by a representative of the local Legion Post to aid and direct soldiers and their wives," stated Mr. Van Fossen, "and if they need transportation or a place to spend the night we see that they get it."

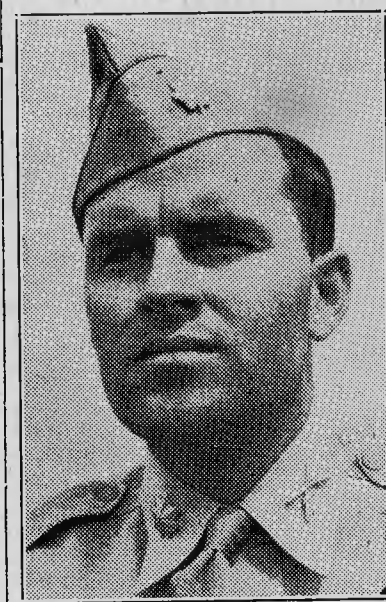
In conclusion Mr. Van Fossen asked the Rotary Club to get together with other civic bodies in town for the promotion of a band stand in the park in order that Sunday afternoon concerts could be held.

NURSE'S AIDES UNIFORMS

Mrs. Stuart Wood has asked The Pilot to make the following announcement: The Nurse's Aides uniforms have been here for some time and she would like those who ordered them to contact her personally, or by telephone number 8834. Those who owe bills are asked to pay as soon as possible. Mrs. Wood is now carrying, personally, several outstanding accounts.

New Chamber of Commerce Is Voted At Meeting In Southern Pines Big Gathering Welcomes Plan

Ready To Go Ahead With Ruggles as Chairman Of Committee



LT. COL. ALWIN FOLLEY

Home after two years service with the famous Third Army of General Patton, Lt. Col. Alwin L. Folley is spending a thirty-day furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. H. Folley of Aberdeen. Col. Folley entered the service in March, 1941, and went overseas last October, serving for twelve months on the staff of the 87th Division. He saw action all through the European campaign, receiving his lieutenant colonel's commission on the field. Besides his battle stars, Colonel Folley was awarded the Bronze Star for exceptionally meritorious service. He reports at Ft. Benning at the end of his leave.

Aberdeen Lions Club Investigates Cold Storage Unit

The Aberdeen Lions Club, business men's organization of Aberdeen, which is interested in the progress of this section, held a meeting Friday night to investigate the idea of a cold storage freezing unit for the Sandhills.

The meeting was held at the Coffee Shop and was attended by many of the leading citizens, including representatives from the Southern Pines Rotary Club in the persons of Virgil Clark, president, Dan S. Ray and Harry Lee Brown, directors.

The gathering was addressed by J. L. Madlin, specialist of the Bonitz Insulation Company of Greensboro, who described the type of plant which he would suggest as being most suited to this community. He recommended its capacity be from 250 to 300 lockers, 16x24x36 inches in size, which would rent for from \$12.00 to \$15.00 a year. The cost of such a plant would be about \$28,000.00.

Madlin said that storage plants of this type had been uniformly successful, showing from nine to eighteen percent profit and in many cases having to be enlarged to accommodate more families. The advantages of freezing units, Madlin said, was that they eliminated one season butchering and allowed meat to be kept the proper time before being eaten. It was to the latter fact, he said, that the western meat owed its superior flavor and quality over local, newly butchered meat. In the case of the former, about thirty days elapse between the butchering of the meat and the time it reaches the consumer. The plants contain everything needed to process meat: a place where the body heat is eliminated, an aging room, a processing room, where pork, for instance, is cut into desired sizes and wrapped in airtight packages, and a quick freezing room. A charge of 3c per pound is made for processing the meat.

Besides caring for meats, the freezing plant will take care of all surplus vegetables and fruit, eliminating the work and expense of canning.

TOTS' TOGGERY REOPENS

Tots' Toggery will reopen on Wednesday, August 1, following their closing for the month of July. They are showing back to school clothes.

At a meeting held at the Schoolhouse, Tuesday night, about ninety citizens of Southern Pines voted to organize a Chamber of Commerce for the town.

The meeting was opened by Mayor O'Callaghan, who, after stating the purpose of the gathering, assured the audience of the interest of the Town Board in their project, and vouched for their cooperation as well as his own.

The appointment of a temporary chairman followed, the Rev. Thompson Davis winning the election from Postmaster P. F. Buchan. Will Wiggs was elected temporary secretary.

The main question on the agenda was then taken up: whether the meeting favored the organization of a Chamber of Commerce, and E. C. Stevens, saying he was of the opinion that the old Chamber of Commerce had been of great benefit to the town, offered a motion that a new chamber be established. After a slight discussion in which Paul Butler urged that nothing be done to block the possibility of returning young men forming a Junior Chamber, the motion was carried.

It had been suggested on the agenda that a nominating committee be appointed to select names for a board of directors, but on this proposition being advanced, John Howarth gave it as his opinion that the actual forming of the organization would have to be completed, and members signed up, before directors could be elected. This proving to be the general opinion, it was agreed that the original committee, with the addition of five members appointed by the chair, be authorized to complete the organization and sign up members. The chairman appointed: L. D. McDonald, J. T. Overton, Mrs. George C. Burns, L. Van Fossen, and Dr. L. M. Daniels as additional members to the original organizational committee consisting of John Ruggles, Morris Johnson, C. S. Patch, Virgil Johnston, and G. H. Buttry.

Following a short discussion in which several former Chamber of Commerce members, Claude Hayes, P. F. Buchan, C. N. Page, former president, and A. S. Newcomb, secretary, took part, the meeting was adjourned.

The general impression gained was that Southern Pines citizens were overwhelmingly in favor of some such move. Those leaving the hall voiced unstinted praise of John Ruggles and Morris Johnson, who were felt to be largely responsible for the idea and instrumental, with the other members of the committee, in bringing such a large audience together at the meeting, one of the best attended the town has seen in some time.

BATTLE RECORD BRINGS MAJOR HOME

Major James H. Quello has returned to Southern Pines, after 31 months overseas, serving with the Ninth Infantry Division in Tunisia, The Seventh Army in Italy, the 45th Infantry Division of the 7th Army in France and Germany. As an Infantry officer he took part in the action which checked the Siegfried Line and stormed the Rhine crossing north of Worms. He commanded the 1st battalion of the 180th Infantry in the fighting for Nuremberg to Munich and made an assault crossing of the Danube. He had previously landed in Southern France on "D-Day". Major Quello has seven major campaign stars, The Infantry Combat Badge, The Bronze Star, and the Croix De Guerre with palm.

With 149 points accumulated, Major Quello expects to receive a discharge from the Army. He will return to Detroit, Mich., where he will be employed by the Blue Network and WXYZ as a promotion manager.

Mrs. Quello has been a resident of Southern Pines since early 1941. They have two children, Jimmy, 7, and Dickie, 2 1/2, who for the first time became acquainted with his father.