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Highland Pines To Operate On Year-Round Basis

Brown Succeeds Garland Pierce In Management

Beginning May 1, the Highland Pines Inn, operated for the past few years strictly as a seasonal and resort hotel, entered on a new schedule of year-round operation under the management of W. L. Brown, a co-owner from Troy.

Garland Pierce, manager for the past five years and before that connected for 15 years with the Belvedere hotel, is retiring from hotel business, and will devote himself to the Paul T. Barnum insurance agency here, of which he is president, and also to a real estate development he has now under way.

A native of Leominster, Mass., he has lived here 20 years.

Brown is a member of a firm owning several commercial hotels in the state, at Troy, Carthage, Monroe and Durham. The Highland Pines, recently purchased, is the first of its type in the chain.

Largest hotel of this community, with features which have successfully appealed to resort visitors and conventions of all kinds, it is to be continued along the same general policies except for the year-round feature. In keeping with the progress of Southern Pines from a seasonal to a year-round town, it is believed, he said, that business will justify operation during 12 months of the year.

The dining room, however; closed May 1 for the summer, but it is believed will open earlier in the fall than heretofore, with conventions also booked earlier to make a more extended season.

During the summer extensive redecorating and refurnishing will take place, to maintain the standards of Highland Pines Inn as one of the section's most beautiful as well as largest hotels.

Insurance Men Meet At Carolina Hotel

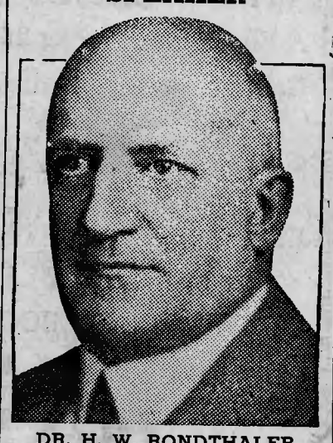
Some 600 insurance men of the state, members of the North Carolina Association of Insurance Agents, Inc., gathered at convention headquarters, the Carolina hotel in Pinehurst, Thursday evening for their four-day Golden Anniversary convention.

John Ruggles, of Southern Pines, president of the Moore County Insurance Exchange, made the welcoming speech at the opening session, immediately following the past presidents' dinner Thursday.

Numerous distinguished speakers included figures of national and statewide prominence in the insurance field. Saturday afternoon will be devoted to golf and fellowship, and the banquet will be held Saturday evening. The convention will end Sunday.

Historical Group Holds Carthage Meet, Tours Sites Of County History

SPEAKER



DR. H. W. RONDTHALER

Speech By Rondthaler Prizes Awarded In Student Competition

For the first time since its founding a year ago, the Moore County Historical association held its monthly meeting in the courthouse at Carthage, thus establishing a precedent for this anniversary meeting which, it was generally expressed, might well be followed in the future.

A gathering of well over a hundred included many students of the various schools of the county come to witness the prize-giving in the association's contest for historical articles and to hear the speaker of the afternoon, Dr. Howard Rondthaler, president of Salem College.

The prizes were given by Mrs. Ernest Ives, secretary of the association, in the absence of Struthers Burt, one of the judges, who was unable because of illness to be present. Mrs. Ives congratulated the winners on the excellence of their writing as well as the amount of research which each had made. Winners were:

High school division—first prize, $10, "History of Moore County," by Lewis W. Pate, 12th grade, Southern Pines; second, $7.50, "Union Church," by Viola Fore, 10th grade, Cameron.

Elementary school division—first prize, $7.50, "History of Pinehurst," by Ann Davis, eighth grade, Pinehurst; second, $5,

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Plans Made For Youth Recreation Summer Program

Miss Aline Todd Will Be Girls' Director; Campaign To Be Held

Miss Aline Todd has consented to stay here this summer as director of girls' activities for the city summer recreation program, it was announced this week by Director A. C. Dawson in revealing general plans for the program.

She is the girls' athletic director of the Southern Pines High school.

A campaign for financing the program is being initiated by the Council of Social Agencies sponsoring organization, to be carried forward under the aegis of the citizens' planning committee.

E. M. Gentry, industrial arts teacher of the West Southern Pines school, will be in charge of Negro youth activities, with Dawson in general supervision.

Under Dawson and Miss Todd, activities for the Southern Pines youngsters will last for 10 weeks during the summer, with the Men's Club building as headquarters.

A full sports program is being planned, with indoor games for rainy days, dancing (including dancing classes) and arts and crafts, with Glen Rounds instructing.

Activities will be scheduled from 10 a. m. to noon, and from 2:30 to 5 p. m. daily for 10 weeks. They will be open to all boys and girls from eight years old up, and will provide something for every youngster to do to fill in those idle hours.

This is the second year the Council of Social Agencies has sponsored such a program. Last year's was considered highly successful, and some enlargements and improvements are being made this year, the greatest being rated the addition of a director for the girls.

Carolinas Open Draws Golf Stars To Local Course

By Howard F. Burns

Carolinas Open golf championship, a 72-hole medal tournament to be played over the 6,401 yard Mid Pines course here today (Friday), Saturday and Sunday is expected to draw the top golfing talent from North and South Carolina.

The change in dates was made last weekend from Sunday, Monday, Tuesday previously announced.

George Corcoran, Greensboro, District P. G. A. president, and Purvis Ferree, Winston-Salem secretary, expect the strongest field ever to battle for the title, now held by Skip Alexander of Lexington, 1941 National Amateur medalist and former Duke university linksman, who will defend his crown.

Pros Strong

Dugan Aycock, of Lexington, chairman of the P. G. A. tournament committee, has announced the field of contenders this year will include Clayton Haefner of Charlotte, Johnny Palmer of Badin, and Orville White of Winston-Salem, all former title holders; Al Smith, Winston-Salem; Charles Farlow, Greensboro; Clarence Owen, Martinsville, Va.; Al Gering and Boyd Jaeger, High Point; Marshall Crichton, Durham; Dave Tinsley and James Orr, Charlotte; and Thurman Edwards, Winston-Salem.

Bobby Locke, the South African champion, who has been tended to Bobby Locke, the South African champion, who has been touring the southern circuit, has accepted President Corcoran's special invitation to attend.

Good Amateurs

Two top ranking amateurs are expected to give the pros a battle for the crown. They are: Felice Torza, Connecticut open champion and medalist in the North and South and George T. Dunlap, former National Amateur champion. Richard D. Chapman of Greenwich, Conn., runner-up last year, will not enter the tournament this spring, going to England on the Walker Cup team.

Frank Cosgrove, operator of the Mid Pines, is posting upward of $1,000 and states the course is in excellent condition for the tournament.

Howard Dupont, of Pinehurst, who served in World Wars I and II, will be in charge of the score board, as in previous national events.

Preceding the event was a pro-amateur match held Thursday, for which many of the entrants for the Open were on hand.

Southern Pines Glee Club Wins Picquet Cup

Three High School Groups Compete In Kiwanis Program

The Southern Pines High school's mixed chorus of 45 young voices sang themselves into winning the Picquet cup for the second year, at the annual county-wide glee club contest held Wednesday under auspices of the Sandhills Kiwanis club.

They had stiff competition from two glee clubs of proven worth, the Aberdeen Girls' chorus,, which won a 2 rating in its class in the state music contest at Greensboro last week, after passing the district contest with flying colors and a rating of 1; and the Pinehurst High school Glee club, which also scored well in the district contest and whose soloist, Frances Campbell, was a high ranking state contest entry.

The contest was held at Highland Pines Inn following the Kiwanis club's luncheon meeting there, and representer C. W. Picquet's program for the year. A number of special guests were present.

Professor Rheuter, director of music at Flora McDonald college, acted as judge, and the cup was presented by Mr. Picquet. A third successive victory will entitle the winner to retain it as permanent possession; otherwise, it will be passed to next year's winner.

The singing of all the groups was adjudged excellent, and much praise was given the three directors, Miss Hope Bailey, for Southern Pines; Mrs. D. O. Wooten, Aberdeen, and Paul V. Peck, Pinehurst.

Each group sang three songs, as follows:

Southern Pines—"As Torrents in Summer," from the cantata

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Funds On Hand For Signals But Delay Expected

Funds are on hand to instal automatic crossing signals as requested by the Southern Pines town board, though work may be delayed on account of shortages of material, according to information received this week by Howard Burns. town clerk, from R. M. Burns, Seaboard Air Line superintendent at Raleigh.

However, Stone wrote, he "very much doubts" that the citizens will like the plan as agreed on last month, since it provides for signals at four successive Broad Street crossings (Vermont, Connecticut, New Hampshire and Pennsylvania). He advocates instead that every other crossing be closed and said that he would come to Southern Pines within a few days to discuss the matter with the board.

As the plan now stands, the Maine and New York avenue intersections, at either end of the business district, are the only ones which are to be closed. This plan, he says, is all right with the railroad if the board will assure him it is still the one they want.

In any event, however, nothing can be done for several months, probably toward the end of the year, on account of the continuing lack of equipment.

County YDC Rally To Be Held May 23

The Moore County Young Democrats are getting together again—not for any purpose, in this off-political year, except fellowship and solidarity.

The occasion will be a banquet and rally, to be held at the Club Chalfonte in Pinehurst Friday, May 23. Capacity of the dining room is limiting to 125 the number which can be accommodated. Representatives from other counties of the Eighth district are to be invited.

Plans were formed at an executive committee meeting held Monday night, led by President Hugh McCaskill of Pinehurst, and McCaskill, Leland McKeithen and Paul C. Butler were named to a program committee to secure a speaker and attend to other details.

Sale of tickets at $2.50 each is in charge of T. Clyde Auman of West End.

TOWN CAUCUS HERE TONIGHT, VOTE IN SIX TOWNS TUESDAY

Vass, Pinebluff, Aberdeen, Carthage, Robbins Will Elect

Five towns in the county besides Southern Pines are going through election throes, with things in general very calm as May 6 approaches.

Vass caucus was scheduled for Monday night, but only three people showed up besides a few town officials. They just decided to skip it and it looks as though Mayor H. A. Borst and Commissioners S. R. Smith, A. M. Cameron and H. C. Callahan will go right back into office whether they want to or not.

There are no new nominees at Robbins, either, making reelection a sure thing for Mayor W. P. Saunders and the commissioners, E. M. Ritter, E. F. Laudermilk, F. H. Upchurch, T. R. Monroe and Dr. W. N. McDuffy.

At Pinebluff, David Packard and J. K. Mason have filed for mayor. R. F. Stewart, mayor for the past 10 years, has withdrawn from the race for any office. Three commissioners will be elected from the following: Luther Tyner, George Moger, James Smith, Lamont Brown, Douglas David and Craig Pickler.

Carthage and Aberdeen held caucus some weeks ago, producing a good many nominees, though some have since withdrawn.

At Carthage, things political are reported "getting warm" as election day nears, and a stiff contest is predicted between E. J. Burns, incumbent, and W. D. Sabiston for mayor. Five commissioners will be chosen from among the following: W. M. (Bill) Carter, H. F. Seawell, Jr., Tony Gilchrist, D. A. McDonald, L. A. (June) Lawhorn, D. Carl Fry, Wilton H. Brown and H. J. Hall.

W th just one nominee, Mayor Forrest Lockey, for reelection to the post he's already held for two terms, the contest at Aberdeen is centering on the race for commissioner. Five are to be named. Running are J. B. Edwards, E. O. Freeman, J. M. Taylor, N. A. Pleasants, W. H. McNeill, Jr., J. L. Blount, A. J. Smith, Dr. E. M. Medlin, Ralph Leach, Jr.

Your Ballot Is Important!

Last election only 80 people voted in Southern Pines; 80 out of a possible 480.

We don't know how that compares with other places, but for a town at boasts a citizenry as educated as ours, and as generally interested in local affairs, it seems a pretty poor showing.

Last time, of course, the war was still going on. People's minds were elsewhere and the affairs even of their home town seemed relatively unimportant. There was perhaps also the feeling, evidenced in the national elections, of wanting to keep the same good team in there playing till things were more certain.

That feeling is gone now and many are wondering if something else has come in its place. Many realize that good government begins at home; that our town is worthy of the best we can give it and that whether we vote for the same crowd or try to put in some others, the town elections are important and it is everyone's duty to take part in them. Many believe this feeling is general and there is no doubt of the increase in interest in the election this year. The question remains, however: will the people really follow through and come to the caucus Friday night, and the election that follows next Tuesday?

It is easy to say: they should, but anyone who prophesies that they will, will be sticking his neck out mighty far.

Why is it that folks will go to the movies every night of the week, but can't be bothered to attend a town caucus? It isn't altogether because the movies are more fun; part of it, we submit, is a sort of shyness about messing in things. It is so much pleasanter to sit back and let the other fellow take the responsibility of action. It is a confession of weakness in our people, but it is a fact that many actually prefer not to vote in a local election so that they won't feel uncomfortably responsible when things are not satisfactory. "At least," they congratulate themselves, "We had nothing to do with electing that prize bungler," and they can sit back and criticize to their heart's content.

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Other potential voters don't friend, and, in a small town like ours, we are all friends. Others feel, and with a good deal of reason, that the meetings are run by a few people who generally have their slate pretty well decided and are inclined to take charge and steam-roller it through. They don't like these tactics, yet few are rugged enough to try some counter measure. In the end it is just easier to stay home and let things take their course. All citizens suffering from such civic aenemia had better think twice. We hear a lot about communism and democracy these days. A lot of people are acting pretty scared as if democracy was really in danger. That is nonsense, but it **won't be nonsense** if Americans stop voting in town elections. The abdication by the citizen of his civic responsibilities is the greatest danger there is to democracy.

Prospects For Municipal Leaders Stir Discussion

A good turnout of citizens is expected at the town caucus at 8 tonight (Friday), for nominations for mayor and town commissioners preliminary to the Tuesday election.

The caucus will be held at the schoolbuilding, led by Mayor O'Callaghan until a chairman can be elected. Voting will be held at the city office from sunrise to sunset Tuesday.

A mayor and five commissioners are to be elected for a two-year term.

With no hot issues in the wind, and general satisfaction expressed with the way the town has been run, no crusades have developed, and no reformers have appeared.

In fact, almost no one has appeared who is even willing to run for office. With Mayor O'Callaghan and Commissioner Pat Patterson bowing themselves out early in the game, citizens have been doing a lot of thinking and talking about getting new men on the board.

For Mayor

For mayor, it is generally conceded that experience on the board is a desirable prerequisite. With at least two of the present commissioners, Gene Stevens and Charlie Patch, stating positively that they won't have the job, talk in the past few days has veered around to Chan Page, and at present writing it appears that the finger is on him.

Queried this week as to his sentiments, Chan said all right, yes, if the people want him.

"I'm not hunting the job," he declared, "and anybody who gets it will have a tough time trying to fill Mayor Cal's shoes. If he were running I'd certainly be for him. He's a fine leader and gentleman, and I've learned a lot just from working with him in my one term on the board.

"Everyone should give some form of community service, to return in some measure what he receives from a town, and if this is what the people want me to do, I'll do the best I can."

Veteran board members Stevens and Patch, and newer member Joe Steed—especially useful because he's a civil engineer ,and the board almost has to have one—have said that if they're elected to the board again they will serve. But Stevens, explaining his refusal even to entertain the idea of being mayor, said, "The job has changed a lot in the past few years as the town has grown. It's a full-time job now. Few people appreciate how much time it takes just to look after the housekeeping details, not to mention all the extra chores a mayor must take on. No, thanks!"

Young Men Wanted

He and Patch have each served around 15 years and O'Callaghan is leaving town government after 20 years as commissioner and mayor. All the members are promoting the idea of new young blood on the board—veterans or other young men with fresh ideas, who represent the coming business element of the community.

Of non-board members, John Ruggles and Sam B. Richardson,

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Entries From 14 NC High Schools In Tourney Here

Fourteen schools are entering teams of four in the North Carolina High School Golf tournament, which fill take place next Thursday and Friday on the Southern Pines Country Club course, with the Southern Pines High school host to the meet.

Teams have been entered from the Greensboro, Durham, Sanford, High Point, Badin, Mount Airy, Goldsboro, Reidsville, Mount Holly and Southern Pines High schools, Hugh Morson in Raleigh, Boyden in Salisbury and Central in Charlotte.

They will be accompanied by their coaches, who will meet for the pairings at 11 a. m. Thursday at the school, and play will take place Thursday and Friday afternoons. Eighteen holes will be played each day, for 36-hole medal play. There will also be individual play for the state championship.

Tommy Grey, Eugene Maples, Robert McLeod and either Bert Perham or Robert McClellan will compose the Southern Pines team, of which A. C. Dawson is coach.

Some fine play is anticipated from the youngsters, who may make their elders sit up and take notice. A few girls may be included in the teams.

The tournament, held annually under auspices of the North Carolina High School Athletic association, has been at High Point for the past few years. This is Southern Pines' first time to play host.

Sandhill Folk Turn Out to Glimpse Marshall, Home From Moscow Meet

The eyes of the world were on the Sandhills last week as Secretary of State George C. Marshall, newly returned from the Moscow conference, enjoyed a brief interval of relaxation at his Pinehurst home before flying to Washington to make his report to the President.

The grapevine was busy, and early Sunday afternoon the crowd began to grow at Resort airport, swelling to 1,000 as the scheduled time of departure, 2:40, came and went, and the special plane with its U. S. army star and bar showed no signs of warming up.

There was a false alarm soon after 3 o'clock when the Marshall car drew up at the side of the plane—to put on some luggage. Doubt as to whether Mrs. Marshall was flying too was dispelled as a hatbox flew open, revealing veils and flowers which meant feminine spring hats.

The car went away, to return at 3:30 with the Secretary of State, Mrs. Marshall and their Chinese maid.

Applause

The crowd burst into spontaneous applause at sight of them. A tray of pansies was presented to Mrs. Marshall by members of the Walter Hines Page Book club of Aberdeen, which was there in full force, along with citizens from practically every other town in the county. The applause continued as the Marshalls mounted the portable steps into the plane, and they turned at the top, to wave and smile in response.

Mrs. Marshall, who has waited alone at home during the agonizing conference months, looked radiantly happy and also very smart, in a navy sheer suit with perky grey straw hat.

Her husband, a big good-looking man with a permanent smile, appeared not to have a worry in the world. He showed no signs of the weariness that might be expected after the ordeal of Moscow, and a flight halfway around

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Citizens Ponder Postmaster Problem As Precinctmen Meet and Adjourn

There are hats in the ring for the Southern Pines postmastership—including an overseas cap and perhaps even a woman's bonnet.

Whether the owners tossed them in, or their friends did for them, is immaterial. An appointment is to be made, the precinct committee must make a recommendation to the county Democratic committee, the county committee must recommend to Congressman C. B. Deane—and Deane will do as he pleases.

And what any of them will do is a favorite topic for talk up and down Broad street.

As for Deane, he's evidently willing to let bygones be bygones. Indicating a strong desire to know who's wanted locally, he's let it be known that will be his guide—which throws the ball right back to the precinct committee.

Chat With Deane

It is learned that Deane, home in Rockingham last week, asked for, and got, an interview with John Ruggles, precinct committee chairman, to ask for action—and to pass on a few facts.

And these, it seems, are tending to crystallize the committee's growing sentiment toward recommending an acting postmaster from within the post office organization.

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