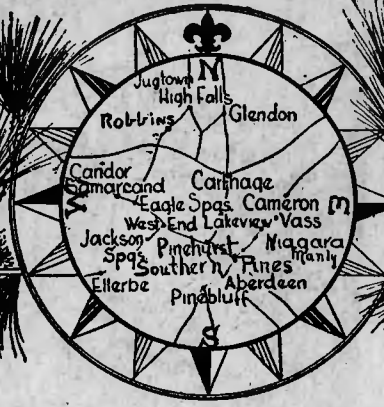


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Forestry Officials Visit Millen Park, Offer Suggestions

Seen As Good Field For New, Simpler Development Plans

Southern Pines' Millen park is well worth salvaging, and can be salvaged at reasonable cost, following new ideas in park development, "provided everything is not attempted at once," according to some knowledgeable visitors in town who went out to take a look.

And there is no reason to try to clean it up all at once, said Tom Morse, head of the parks division of the North Carolina Forest Service, and J. B. Claridge, assistant state forester. In fact, approved practice today would be against it. You clear a space here, and a space there, other spaces later according to plan, leaving the connecting woods in their natural condition.

In fact, just clearing and widening the entrance path, they said, would make the park look entirely different, as most of the jungle-like growth of vines appears concentrated along this path, where the sun strikes down through the separated trees.

Open Up Trails

Then to open up a few trails through the trees, clear out the stream-bed, build a few picnic spots—"Your town would be mighty lucky to have a place like that," Morse said. "In many towns the only park areas are far out, inaccessible to the ones who need it most."

Standing on the edge of the ruined dam, Claridge kept looking around and through the trees. "What beautiful woods!" he exclaimed. "My, but this place has possibilities!"

Down from Raleigh on quite different business, in company with District Forester J. A. Pippin of Rockingham, the forestry officials had become interested in the story of Millen park and gladly took time from their busy schedule to visit it, and express an opinion. Your reporter promised to stick right with what they said—if they thought it unclaimable, after 20 years of neglect; if they thought the area worthless as a park; or if they should consider the project too expensive for a modest municipal budget.

Their first remarks, as they walked down the thickly overgrown entrance path, were disheartening. "It surely would be expensive to fix this place up. It would cost a mint."

Possibilities Seen

Then, standing at the edge of the eroded ravine where a dam once held back a beautiful lake, they looked and looked, and studied and studied; they saw potentialities unseen at first glance, visualized a plan.

Morse is the man who planned and developed Morrow Mountain State park, at Albemarle, carving (Continued on Page 8)

They Line Up To Watch Line Marker



Everywhere John Finch demonstrates his traffic-line marker, the onlookers gather. Saturday morning strollers who stopped to watch with interest in front of the Pilot were, at Finch's right, Dr. T. E. Davis; at his left Dorothy Thomasson and Joe Montessanti. They all wanted to know, "Is that as easy as it looks?" Yes it is! (Photo by Humphrey)

Club Leaders Support Millen Park; Plan Outlined By Chamber Committee

Help From Several Organizations Foreseen

The Chamber of Commerce committee appointed to study the practicality of reclaiming Millen park followed a practical policy in so doing.

They consulted the women heads of three important local organizations: Mrs. Cecil Robinson, president of the Bird club, which has used the park (also known as the Bird Sanctuary) for 25 years; Mrs. R. P. McCain, president of the newly organized Garden club; and Mrs. L. D. McDonald, president of the Civic club, formed many years ago for the promotion of civic improvements by women of the town.

Tuesday night Herbert N. Cameron, chairman, Philip J. Weaver, and Hoke Pollock, of the committee named to the project by President John S. Ruggles, reported these ladies' opinions to the Chamber directors in regular session: all were interested in revival of the park; all thought this could be achieved simply, reasonably and without frills; and all felt their groups could, and would, help in constructive ways, provided other organizations of the town would also lend support.

Plan is Presented

Chairman Cameron summed up the plan evolved from their discussions: to ask the town board to clear out the vines and underbrush, build a spillway and install culverts to take care of street drainage, and provide some picnic tables and an open fire-place or two. Restoration of the (Continued on Page 8)

TEEN-AGERS TOO

Members of the Teen Age club, at their weekly meeting last Wednesday night, unanimously approved a resolution asking that the town board keep Millen park and restore it to usefulness as a recreation spot.

They voted also to offer their own physical labor in clearing out the park, except for the members who are holding summer jobs and would be unable to take on extra work.

President Wyndham Clarke, presiding, appointed Janet Cornwell to draw up the resolution for presentation to the town board. Much enthusiasm was expressed for the project by the young people, who were in agreement that a recreation place so close in town would be highly desirable, and worth working for.

Discussion was also held of another summer project, renovation of the High School Club building (the former Men's club) which is being used as headquarters for the current teen-age recreation program.

Woman Found Dead by Railroad Track

A body identified as that of a Negro woman, Rosa Lee (King) Wilson, was found in a mangled condition beside the Seaboard Air Line railroad tracks, a quarter mile south of Addor late Saturday night.

A Negro man, Johnny Johnson, of Addor, was said to have found the body. County authorities were summoned, and Coroner Hugh P. Kelly rendered a verdict of accidental death.

Presumption was that the woman had been killed by the northbound Silver Meteor, which had passed that way shortly before the discovery of the body. She lived about 200 yards from the track with a grown daughter, Louise, and was the mother of two other daughters, one of whom, Rebecca Wilson, lives at Aberdeen.

Investigation of the death was made both by the sheriff's department and the railway authorities. At last report the sheriff's department was still on the case, with the woman's personal life under close scrutiny.

She was buried Tuesday afternoon in a cemetery near Addor.

Truman Nominates Pierce

The nomination of Acting Postmaster Garland F. Pierce for the permanent postmastership of Southern Pines has been sent to the Senate by President Truman, according to a press dispatch from Washington Wednesday.

Action on the nomination, as on a number of others, will await the re-convening of the Senate in regular or special session.

Mr. Pierce said this week that he had received no word concerning the nomination and "knows nothing about it except what he reads in the papers." It was learned, however, that he and Lansing T. Hall, of the post office staff,

were the only two applicants who passed, out of several who took the civil service examination, for the job. His standing was first, Mr. Hall's second, by a very slight difference in grade.

Post office regulations calling for preference for candidates with veteran status are thought also to have had weight in the selection, also the fact that he is the acting incumbent.

He was inducted into the acting postmastership April 30, following the resignation of Mr. Hall, to return to his regular staff duties.

School Buildings Delayed

It will be several weeks before spadework can begin on construction of the Southern Pines school's new gymnasium and auditorium-cafeteria, the building of which was assured by a decisive vote of the citizens in the special election of June 15.

With the official canvass postponed by the commissioners until June 29, 30 days must then elapse before the bond issue becomes legal. The bond issue must then be certified and advertised, and bids for the buildings advertised for and canvassed, and contracts let.

With the best of luck, it will be the end of summer before ac-

tual work can begin—maybe later, if bids are not satisfactory, or if plans have to be changed in conformity with changing costs.

Plans have been completed for the auditorium-cafeteria, as it is hoped this unit can be built, and some work is still being done on the gymnasium plans, Supt. P. J. Weaver said this week.

Workmen are putting finishing touches on the new elementary school, to prepare it for occupancy by September 1. The new buildings are to be built in westward sequence from it, connected by cloister-walks, with main facades toward Massachusetts avenue.

Holliday's Fire Damage \$17,000

Damages of the Holliday's Restaurant fire of June 16, may run around \$17,000, according to general estimates made by W. E. Blue, part owner of the building, and W. B. (Chick) Holliday, restaurant proprietor, this week.

Insurance adjusters have been inspecting and checking the building and equipment and are still working to get a definite total of the damage.

Mr. Blue said it appeared that repairs on the building, which he owns with C. L. Worsham, will cost between \$10,000 and \$12,000. He said he hopes to keep it within the figure of \$12,000, the amount of insurance carried.

Fire damage seems to have been confined to the lower floor. Smoke damage will necessitate complete renovation of the upstairs apartments, which the tenants have continued to occupy. The entire building, which includes the Shaw Paint and Wall-

paper company and Roth's Barber shop, will have to be re-wired.

Mr. Holliday faces a differential between the actual value, allowing for depreciation, of his furnishings and equipment in the Coffee shop, and their current replacement cost. With insurance of \$6,000, he expects to receive only between \$4,000 and \$5,000 for goods he figures it will take \$7,000 to replace. These include such heavy items as the deep-freeze unit, which, while not entirely new, normally would not have to be replaced for many years.

Mr. Holliday was able to move practically his entire staff to the Jewel Box, which he bought only a week before the fire, and where regular meals are now being served daily to good crowds of patrons. The soda fountain and sandwich bar are also being kept busy.

Three Accident Suits Filed For Total Of \$50,000

Three civil suits resulting from two automobile accidents of last winter were filed this week in superior court, for a total claim of \$50,000.

Standish McKenzie, of near West End, and William F. Chatfield, of Southern Pines, are suing for \$30,000 and \$10,000 respectively as the result of an accident January 19 when Chatfield's car, with McKenzie as passenger, was involved in collision with a Helms Motor Express truck.

Chatfield was cleared of charges of careless and reckless driving brought in recorders court after the accident.

McKenzie claims serious and permanent physical injuries, and Chatfield's claim is for personal injuries and also the total destruction of his car in the wreck, which took place in early morning darkness on the Carthage-Sanford road. Liability is said to be that of the truck driver for parking on the highway without lights. Defendants are Mabel D. Burton, doing business as Helms Motor Express, of Albemarle, and Fred E. Honeycutt, driver of the truck.

In the third suit, L. D. Jones is suing B. C. Doyle, of Southern Pines, for personal injuries said to have been sustained when the Doyle car, in which Jones was a guest, skidded from the highway and struck a tree between Pinehurst and Southern Pines January 25. Doyle is accused of driving at a dangerous and excessive rate of speed and failing to exercise due care on the ice-covered highway.

Royalton Pines Restaurant Sold To R. A. Hamel

Royalton Pines restaurant, widely known as "Mrs. Olive's place," will become Hamel's restaurant with the official transfer tomorrow of the business from Mrs. W. W. Olive to R. A. Hamel. Mr. Hamel took over early this week, with Mrs. Olive standing by to assist in making the adjustments incident to the change.

The new owner comes to the business after 25 years' affiliation with hotels in the Sandhills and in Florida. He was also manager of the Manchester, N. H. Country club before returning to the Sandhills two and a half years ago.

He said this week he plans to continue the general policies set by Mrs. Olive at the Royalton Pines, also catering to banquets and packing picnic lunches on short notice. Delicatessen specialties may be featured later.

He is retaining the present staff.

The Royalton Pines was opened 12 years ago as an outlet for surplus products from the Olive dairy. Following the spring exodus there was more milk than could be sold on the routes, so it was made into ice cream, cottage cheese and butter. Mrs. Olive had been selling home-baked pies and cakes on the farm curb market here, so she added her baked products to those from the business flourished.

The lunchroom came into being to meet the need for a place to serve meals to the teachers, and from that modest start soon became an "institution."

POLIO STRIKES SIX, CLAIMS ONE LIFE

LISTEN!

Arrangements have been made by county health and Foundation chapter authorities to give bulletins and special information on the polio situation in Moore each Friday at 6 p. m. over WEEB.

As long as the present situation lasts, Dr. Willcox, Paul Butler or some person designated by them will speak at this time, presenting latest developments and ways in which citizens can cooperate.

All county residents, especially parents, are requested to dial 1380 at this time, Mr. Butler said.

This evening's broadcast may be slightly delayed by the baseball game.

Restrictions Remain On Voluntary Basis; Cooperation Urged

County Is Hardest Hit

Moore county's incidence of polio took a sharp upcurve this week, as six children, from four months to 10 years of age, were taken to out-of-county hospitals within a five-day period.

Lacy Fred Yow, 18-month-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Yow, of Steeds, Rt. 1, died Wednesday afternoon of polio at Rex hospital, Raleigh, where the little fellow had been taken only the night before. This was the second polio death for Moore county this year.

With 18 cases now recorded since mid-May, Moore county this week reached the point of being the hardest hit in the state in proportion to population. In actual number of cases, Guilford and Burke are leading, and state authorities say the chief concentration is still in the western and piedmont areas.

Dr. J. W. Willcox, county health officer, and Paul C. Butler, county chairman of the National Infantile Paralysis Foundation, repeated this week that parents should not be unduly alarmed; that they should not lose their heads nor cause their children to be frightened, but only to exercise common sense rules, with a voluntary quarantine, for their protection.

Spray Campaign

The DDT-spraying and cleaning-up campaign, started at Robbinston last week, was this week extended to two more communities, Carthage and Aberdeen, with a trained crew assigned to each of these towns. Two are at work at Robbinston, where they will clean up within a 10-mile radius. The county chapter of the Foundation is paying the bills for this (Continued on Page 5)

Speedboat Races At Crystal Lake Sunday Afternoon

Some of the speedboat drivers who thrilled Sandhills spectators at race events last summer, with a number of new additions to the list, will return to take part in the race program scheduled for 3 p. m. Sunday at Crystal lake, Lakeview.

The Sandhills post, American Legion, is sponsoring the event, which Jimmie Allen, lake proprietor, says will be the best to be held yet.

With fine drivers on hand with both hydroplanes and runabouts from many parts of the state, it may be hard for Sweeny Prosser, ace driver of Charlotte, to steal the show. However, he did it here last year, and has done it at race events all over the state, where he has become known as a big prize winner, and he is apt to do it again this time.

Prosser has been boat-racing for 26 years and knows all the tricks of showmanship as well as smart racing.

Returning also will be the Abrams brothers of Wilmington, last year's southeastern champions, O. L. Lackey, of Trinity, and Charlotte's Sonny Carter. Also in the field, expected to include some 20 drivers, will be Hugh Bell and "Hot Shot" Charlie Blake, of Wilmington; the Parks brothers, Lexington; and groups of newcomers from Lexington and New Bern.

Speedboat racing is rated as sports in thrills among spectator sports, and an exciting afternoon is foreseen.

SWEENEY PROSSER AND HIS HYDROPLANE

