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Jonathan Daniels. Authors Article On Southern Pines

"My Favorite Town"
Illustrated With
Bye's Watercolors

Jonathan Daniels, editor-in-chief of the Raleigh News and Observer, well-known author and a leader in state affairs, has taken time off in his busy existence to write a first-rate article, published in the December issue of Ford Times, called "My Favorite Town—Southern Pines."

A copy of the slick-paper pocket-size magazine arrived in the mail this week for Mrs. James Boyd, editor of The Pilot, with a note from Mr. Daniels, saying, "I hope I didn't do too badly by your town in this piece."

He has, as it happens, done most handsomely by the town, in a four-page article in warmly personal vein, sketching the past, the present and the personality of Southern Pines with colorful detail.

The story is filled also with very real color, as it is illustrated with five brilliant watercolor paintings by Raulph Bye. One shows a pine-bordered road in the Sandhills; another makes the Southern Pines pharmacy, McConnell's Feed and Seed store and the Masonic temple look most artistic. Then there is a scene of golfers on the Country Club course; horses at pasture at Mile-Away Farm, and the railroad station, quaintly depicted in the days B. R. (before remodeling).

Mr. Daniels accompanied President Truman on his pre-election cross-country tour by train, and his post-election holiday at Key West.

Political prophets have him slated for a high post in the administration, possibly in President Truman's cabinet.

Assault, Hold-up Are Reported

Adrian Donnelly, maintenance man at St. Joseph of the Pines hospital, is in a serious condition at the hospital, possibly with a fractured skull, as the result of an assault and robbery which he reported took place Saturday night on the Laurinburg road below Aberdeen.

Returning late at night from Laurinburg to the hospital, where he lives, Donnelly said he noticed a car following him and endeavored to shake it off. However, the car passed him at a lonely spot and blocked the road, forcing him to stop.

He said two men got into his car and beat him to unconsciousness. He came to in broad daylight Sunday morning, and managed to drive himself to the hospital, where it was said he showed evidences of having been beaten severely about the face and head.

His wallet and papers were missing. The case has been turned over to the sheriff's department.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE BARBECUE—

More Than 200 Enjoy Fine Evening, Plenteous Food At Mile-Away Farm

Fair weather, excellent cooks, wonderful food and plenty of it and more than 200 guests in happy mood all combined to make one of the finest events of the season of the Chamber of Commerce barbecue and chicken fry, held Wednesday evening at Mile-Away Farm.

It was cool but not too cool—just enough to make attractive the warmth of the fire in outdoor grill and barbecue pit, and a bright bonfire nearby. Crowds started arriving at 6 on the dot, and for two solid hours cooks and serving lines were busy helping the hosts live up to their promise of "all you can eat."

Many guests passed and re-passed along the serving line, receiving generous helpings until—almost—the very end. The barbecue gave out slightly in advance of the guests' appetites. Chicken lasted as long as there was anyone able to eat.



The Moore County Hounds dive joyfully on the meat which rewarded them for their good work of Thanksgiving morning. That's MFH Moss in the center, calming them down a little. (Photo by Humphrey)

Chamber Offices Are Moving To Belvedere Hotel

Thursday was moving day for the Chamber of Commerce, which started its move from the Community building to the Belvedere hotel, and expects to get straightened up over the weekend to continue business with scarcely an interruption.

Tangible assets of the Chamber—a desk, a filing cabinet, mimeograph machine, typewriter, a ton or so of papers and literature and Tom Wicker, secretary—are to be housed in a large room in the Belvedere lobby, formed by partitioning off the rear half. The room adjoins a smaller room with lavatory facilities. Double doors open onto a rear terrace. Cabinets have been built in, and the partition and other woodwork have been freshly painted, while the walls have been left papered. E. L. Perkinson, contractor, did the work.

Chamber of Commerce signs pointing east on Pennsylvania avenue are to be reversed, to point west, and a sign will also be placed outside the hotel to indicate to the general public the Chamber's new downtown location.

Hoke Pollock, president, appointed John S. Ruggles, chairman, A. A. Howlett and L. T. Clark to a committee to see that the Community building, home of the Chamber since its reorganization in 1945, is turned back to its owners, the Civic club, in as good condition or better than when it was taken over. The three were all members of the old reorganization group.

The move is expected to effect a saving to the Chamber, besides giving it a more convenient location. Operation of the Community building, with heat, light, janitor service and upkeep, constituted one of the largest budget items. Rental of the new office will amount to considerably less during the year, without extra operational expense.

John Ferguson had spent the day barbecuing a whole pig to a delicious turn. The cooks who fried 100 chickens into golden hunks included Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Moss, Jerry Ashton, Mrs. John Ferguson, Mrs. Morris Johnson (whose husband, slated to be head cook, could not be there on account of illness).

They also fried mounds of hush puppies and corn dodgers, which were most gratefully received. Culinary talents among the restaurateurs were brought into play for other "trimmings" as R. A. Hamel made the potato salad, Chick Holliday the slaw. Chick also brought a huge pot of coffee from his restaurant, and when this gave out Leland Daniels, Jr., refilled the pot and made coffee in the old-time way over the bonfire, for a total of 24 and a half some 35 employees altogether in the departments.

Thanksgiving Hunt Opens Season For Moore County Hounds; 42 In Field

GARDEN FRESH!

Here's an item for Ripley—or the Chamber of Commerce—bearing witness to as fine an Indian summer as ever the Sandhills knew (and that's saying a lot).

Charlie Patch had plenty of cause for Thanksgiving, when he went out to his vegetable garden Thanksgiving day and gathered:

Cauliflower, brussels sprouts, new potatoes, green peppers, hot peppers, head lettuce, collards, cabbage, mustard greens, turnip greens, spinach, broccoli, white turnips, rutabagas, tomatoes, eggplant, radishes, spring onions, endive.

Believe it or not!

CP&L Division Offices Moving To New Location

Division offices of the Carolina Power and Light company are moving this weekend from East Broad street to their new home in the former Scotties Tavern, on Highway 1 south.

The remodeling of Scotties, one of the south's largest night clubs, has been under way for the past two months under supervision of Alton Scott, owner and lessor. The result is one of the most unusual of office buildings, combining space and good looks with an intricate design necessitated by the shape of the building.

The large circular ballroom has been halved with a partition, with office space on one side, warehouse space on the other. On the office side rooms for the various department heads are inset about the perimeter, each of them vaguely wedge-shaped. The spacious section contains the accounting department.

Offices and other essential rooms extend into the wings, connected by corridors in which, it seems, one could easily get lost, and wander about for weeks just as in the Pentagon.

The entire interior is newly painted and fluorescently lit. Floors have been sanded and refinished. A large new oil furnace has been installed, and some of the offices have electrical units for supplementary heating.

A nice feature is a room where linemen may rest while awaiting a call to duty, or when they come in out of snow or storm. The room will have a shower, facilities for coffee-making and other comforts for the repair crews.

The CP&L has taken a 10-year lease on the building, with option of purchase or renewal. Mr. Scott is maintaining his office and workroom there for the present.

Division departments, serving some 14 counties, which are moving to the new location are the line department, Joe N. Steed, superintendent; engineering, W. F. Harper, engineer; sales, J. M. Howarth, department head; personnel, J. A. Phillips; O. H. Rawlinson, relay engineer. There are some 35 employees altogether in the departments.

Best Of Weather For An Excellent Drag

The fairest of weather, climaxing a succession of perfect fall days, and a drag hunt rated as excellent in every way opened the season Thanksgiving Day morning for the Moore County Hounds.

A field of 42 gathered at Pick-ridge for the start of the hunt, and followed the hounds over a course of several miles which included much new country.

A large group of children was in the field. Many greetings were exchanged as members of the hunt had been arriving all during the previous week, some only the day before. The pack was keen and ready to go, with youngsters acquitting themselves as veterans after their weeks of training by MFH Ozelle Moss and Honorary Whip Mrs. Moss, of Mile-Away Farm.

Drawing Adkins woods, hounds found in the hollow beyond, circling the Willis Young place and crossing the Noel Laing field. All new country lay beyond this—through Grover McCrimmon's pasture lot, across Bob Walden place and through the hunter trial grounds, to kill at Scotts Corner.

Following the hunt, the Mosses and Charles Stitzer, Jr., were hosts at breakfast at Highland Pines Inn, where country ham and other hearty viands met appetites as hearty.

Rained out Saturday, the second hunt took place Tuesday, again with the finest of weather and an excellent field.

They will be held Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday of each week through the winter season. (Continued on Page 8)

CHRISTMAS NOTES

Plans of the Chamber of Commerce for Christmas-lighting of the downtown district dwindled sharply as it was found that hundreds of outdoor bulbs would be needed, and that they just aren't available in quantity. With much cord left over from pre-war days, the Chamber felt it could not buy new cord to fit the bulbs it can get—but can't get the ones it needs. So it looks as though perhaps just one tree, a large cedar near the Seaboard station, will be lit.

One Sandhills town will glitter and sparkle, at any rate. Aberdeen Jaycees are undertaking a Christmas-lighting project which will cost several hundred dollars, to set their town a-twinkling for the shopping season.

Word comes that Santa Claus will visit Southern Pines, stopping over at the Elks lodge sometime in the week before Christmas. As soon as the date is definitely arranged with the old gentleman, public announcement will be made and a general invitation issued to all children to come to a Christmas party in his honor.

I. F. Chandler, Lighting Pioneer, Succumbs At 86

Came To Sandhills
In 1894. Was a
Builder Of Business

I. F. Chandler, "the man who brought light to the Sandhills," died at 2:30 a. m. Tuesday at Miss Chase's convalescent home, where he had been a patient for several months.

Funeral services were held at 3:30 p. m. Wednesday at the First Baptist church, conducted by the Rev. J. Fred Stinson, of Ridgecrest. Burial was in the family plot in Mt. Hope cemetery.

Pallbearers were Herbert N. Cameron, C. E. Holt, L. L. Woolley and Robert McCormick, of Southern Pines; Davis Bruton, of Chadbourn, and Bruce Jenkins, of Star.

Mr. Chandler was 86 years old, a native of Muskegon, Mich., whence he came to Southern Pines December 16, 1894, to become one of the pioneers of this community.

He built a small factory on the corner of Wisconsin avenue and South Bennett street for the manufacture of peach and berry crates to accommodate the growing fruit industry of the section, then in December, 1897, used the surplus power generated there for Southern Pines' first street lights.

These were 12 23-candle-power lights placed on Page, Bennett and Broad streets. They marked the advent also of electricity for other uses here, as he then went into the power business, purchasing sites on Little River and erecting three dams for the purpose. Southern Pines, Aberdeen, Car- (Continued on Page 8)

Sandhills Chapter DeMolay Awarded Highest Honor

The Sandhills DeMolay chapter, organized last spring, was awarded a gavel for being "the outstanding chapter of the state," at the North Carolina DeMolay Conclave held at Charlotte last Saturday and Sunday.

Joe Gullede, of the local chapter, was elected state Junior Councillor, and Herbert Dietenhofer, adviser, was appointed a member of the state advisory council.

Eleven boys of the Sandhills chapter, with Mr. Dietenhofer, attended the Conclave, which included a banquet, at which Nat White, U. S. Commissioner, was the speaker; a dance Saturday evening, a church service and business meeting Sunday.

Sandhills members present were Reggie Hamel, Bobby Craft, Bob McCormick, Jack Stancil, George Hodgkins, David Atherton, Bill Baker, James Marks, William Marks and Joe Gullede.

ANN AND "JUNEBUG" ELOPE—

Casual Couple Strolling Here Were

Just Nation's Best-Known Newlyweds

A young couple driving north stopped their car in Southern Pines Monday morning about 10:30, bought gas and oil at Brown & Clark's, got out and strolled up and down the street while a minor repair was being made.

Window-shopping at the Southern Pines pharmacy, they met Tom Cordon, who knew the young man from old days in Blowing Rock. They chatted a while and Tom turned to the extremely personable young lady in a leopardskin coat, at his side. "Isn't this little Ann Cannon?" he said. "My, honey, I haven't seen you since you were so high!"

The young man grinned shyly. "This is my wife," he said.

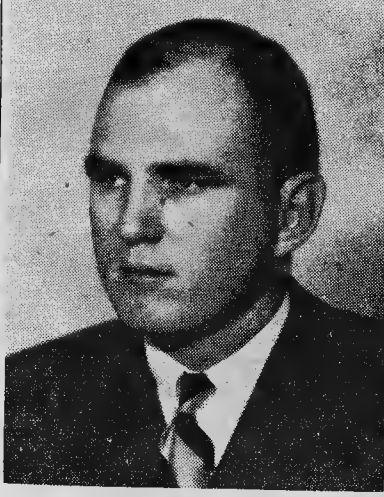
"Well, that's nice. Congratulations!" said Tom, and went on his way, feeling a nice sentimental glow over two nice young folks. That was just the way a lot of other people felt, too, later on. Others were frankly curious, and

School Building Bids Far Exceed Estimates

TO WASHINGTON

Plans For Separate
Auditorium, Gym
Must Be Revised

Soaring Costs Cause
Keen Disappointment



J. D. McCONNELL

McConnell Will Go To Washington As Broughton Aide

John D. McConnell, Southern Pines attorney, has been appointed by Senator-elect J. M. Broughton to serve as his administrative assistant, it was announced by Mr. Broughton at his office in Raleigh Wednesday.

The \$10,000-a-year post is the top staff job of the senatorial office, highest in his power to bestow.

Mr. McConnell, who was appointed in January, 1946, to the post of assistant U. S. attorney for the Middle district, said that he will relinquish this office about the middle of December, and plans to take up his duties in Washington, D. C., when Mr. Broughton is sworn in by the 81st Congress.

He plans to maintain his home in the Country Club section here, coming back as frequently as his duties will allow him.

The appointment is a signal honor for the young (38) attorney, a native of Davidson and son of the late J. Moore McConnell, dean of the faculty of Davidson college for many years.

He graduated from Davidson in 1932 and received his law degree from Duke university in 1937. He practiced law for five years in Durham as partner of Victor S. Bryant, now secretary of the State Democratic Executive committee. He left a growing law practice to enter the U. S. Navy, in which he served throughout World War 2, emerging with the rank of lieutenant commander.

On his appointment to the federal court post two years ago, he moved to Pinehurst, and opened a law office in Southern Pines. He bought his home here a year ago.

He is married to the former Margaret Gorrell of Winston-Salem, and they have three children, John D., Jr., aged eight, Robert Gorrell, five, and Molly, two.

Buckets of icy water were thrown on Southern Pines' aspirations for a new high school auditorium-cafeteria and separate gymnasium when bids for the two buildings were opened at the high school Tuesday morning.

With \$195,000 to spend, school representatives totaled the low bids to find the sum well above \$300,000.

The exact total of low bids for general contracts, plumbing and heating came to \$308,369, more than one-third higher than the hoped-for cost.

Present with the group of contractors submitting bids were Dr. G. G. Herr, chairman of the school board, John Howarth and N. L. Hodgkins, members; Supt. P. J. Weaver, and A. C. Dawson, Jr., of the high school faculty; William H. Deitrick, architect, who presided, assisted by H. W. Moser, of his Raleigh office.

\$100,000 Question
As the bids were opened and pencils got busy, faces fell and smiles died away. Executive session which followed the opening centered about one question: where to get another \$100,000?

There were no answers to this question.

Reluctantly, the schoolfolk faced a compromise which, in all their planning, and with community support, they have rigorously avoided: a combination gymnasium and auditorium.

For this, or for the auditorium alone, including a cafeteria in the basement, the county commissioners granted \$150,000. The additional \$45,000 accrued from a bond issue voted by the district, to make possible a separate gymnasium.

Only now, with inflation making previous estimates look puny, this appeared to be no longer possible.

Conference Asked
On advice of Mr. Deitrick, the three low bidders were to be asked to confer further regarding specifications, to see how the combination could be most advantageously worked out, and economically. (Continued on Page 8)

State YDC Meet At Mid Pines January 29

The annual meeting and banquet of the North Carolina Young Democratic club will be held at the Mid Pines Saturday January 29, it was announced this week by H. Clifton Blue, of Aberdeen, state YDC president.

The meeting, which is open also to all members other than those of the committee, annually draws a gathering of from 100 to 200 Young Democrats from all over the state, for a gathering in which business is combined with social pleasure.

A number of leading Democrats of the state are to be invited, including Governor W. Kerr Scott and Senator J. M. Broughton. It is hoped also to have some dignitaries from other states and there is a strong possibility that among these will be the governor of Oklahoma, said Mr. Blue.

The meeting will begin with a business session lasting from 3:30 to 5:30 p. m. Dinner will be served at 7:30 and will be followed by a few brief speeches. The rest of the evening will be devoted to fellowship among the members and guests, with the Moore County YDC members acting as hosts.

It is anticipated that a large number will stay overnight, for golf and relaxation Sunday.

SANDPIPERS

The Sandpipers' tournament, rained out last Sunday, will be held next Sunday instead on the Pine Needles course, it was announced this week. It will be best ball of four.