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Antique Show Said To Be Successful; Sixteen Exhibiting

Dealers Showing Huge Collection Of Varied Wares

With visitors coming from many miles away and dealers happy with the amount of purchases being made, the first annual Antique Show sponsored in the National Guard Armory by the Moore County Historical Society was termed today a "tremendous success."

More than 400 people, many of them from out of the state, have already visited the show and more are expected before closing time tonight. Sixteen dealers from North and South Carolina and several other states are exhibiting thousands of pieces, ranging in price from fifty cents to \$12,000.

Mrs. Lawrence McN. Johnson of Aberdeen, general chairman of the show, said yesterday that she was pleased with the large number of visitors and the quality of merchandise being shown. "We have exhibitors from as far away as Syracuse," she said, "and I have heard only good comments about the calibre of the antiques."

Assisting Mrs. Johnson are Mrs. W. F. Hollister of Southern Pines as co-chairman, with committee members Mrs. Tom C. Darst, Mrs. Ernest L. Ives and Miss Allie McIntosh, all also of Southern Pines.

Proceeds from the show will be used for various projects of the Historical Association, of which Mrs. Ives recently commented, "there are many things we can do, and a show of this nature will, we hope, provide us with some of the funds that will be necessary to do them."

Along with the standard items one usually finds in such a show—copper, brass, pine and Victorian furniture—there are a number of oil paintings by the English artist, William Hogarth, being exhibited by a Georgetown, Washington, firm. The firm also has several oils by Francesco Guardi, Venetian landscape and architectural painter, and some exquisite miniatures representing the best that comes from Sweden.

Elsewhere in the show, there are pieces of Wedgwood, Bohemian glass, samplers, pewter, fine antique jewelry, early American tin and brass, and cut glass.

One exhibitor, busily showing her wares to a group of visitors from New York who are staying in Pinehurst, said the show, as far as she was concerned, was "even better than the one held annually in New York City. The atmosphere here is so happy and relaxed," she explained.

Through yesterday bad weather had failed to cut down on the crowd, and some people working

Chub Seawell Easing Toward Democrat Vote

Herbert F. "Chub" Seawell, a self-described "ex-Republican," said this week that he was going to register to vote in the Democratic primary in May, a statement construed by those present that he had definitely changed his allegiance.

Seawell, who polled more votes than any other Republican in the state in modern times when he ran for Governor against William B. Umstead in 1952, has been increasingly critical of the Republican party in recent months (see a letter this week on the editorial page) but has steadfastly refused to say whether he would join the Democrats.

"I have gone underground," was all he would say until this week.

W. Lamont Brown of Southern Pines, chairman of the county's Democratic Executive Committee, notified of Seawell's intentions, said he was delighted to offer him a welcome into the party.

"We are always glad," he said, "to welcome lost souls into the ranks of the righteous."

Seawell, who ranks high on the public speaking circuit, said he had been invited to speak in Albany, N. Y., next October. "Mr. Tom Dewey, who lives there, will know that I've been around," he commented.



STARTING GATES are something that frisky two year olds have to get used to and this one, named The Sharper, is taking his lessons from owner Billy Franz, at left, and M. G. "Mickey" Walsh. The horse will race in the two-year-old trials at the Stoneybrook Steeplechase here Saturday afternoon. (Photo by Humphrey)

SANDHILLS CUP FEATURED

Biggest Field In History Expected For Stoneybrook Races On Saturday

Attracting the best field since thoroughbred racing returned here 11 years ago, Saturday afternoon's program sponsored by the Stoneybrook Hunt Racing Association looms as one of this area's major spring sports events. Featuring the 11th running of the Sandhills Cup, the diversified seven-race program starts at 2 p. m. on the thoroughbred training grounds owned by M. G. (Mickey) Walsh. All entrances to the race course are off old route one and general admission (\$1.50) may be obtained at the gate. Operating for charity this year,

the one-day session benefits the Ladies Auxiliaries of the St. Joseph-of-the-Pines and Moore Memorial Hospitals.

Carrying a \$1,000 purse, with a \$500 assist from the United Hunts Racing Association, the Sandhills Cup is contested over two and one-quarter miles. Luring the finest field since its inception, the feature has 10 nominees, including Mrs. Henry Obre's Coup-de-Vite, last year's timber racing champion. A winner of three important timber fixtures last year and placing in other events, the "chaser from Monkton, Md., won the United Hunts Racing Association's \$1,000 timber division award. Trained by John Bosley, 3rd, Coup-de-Vite will be ridden by Kenneth Field who rode him in all of his winning races last year.

Rain Cancels N&S Qualifying Rounds Yesterday Morning

Postponed yesterday because of rain, the 57th annual North and South women's amateur golf tournament got underway this morning with a field of 59 contestants jockeying for the medal won last year by Marge Burns of Greensboro.

By a process of playing two rounds Saturday instead of the one originally scheduled, the tournament will end Monday as planned. Weather for the week end is predicted as "good."

Yesterday's postponement was the second in the past three years for the tournament. At tee off time, the rain, reduced to a drizzle, was accompanied by a 39-degree temperature and a chilly wind. Many spectators showed up to follow their favorites but officials decided to hold off on the qualifying rounds until today.

The low 32, comprising the championship division, move into match play Friday. The next 32 will make up the Vice-President's division, and the defeated 16 in the first round of match play in the championship bracket will comprise the President's division.

Barbara McIntire of Lake Park, Fla., and Toledo, Ohio, seeks to become the first defending champion to repeat since the 1950-51 sweep by Pat O'Sullivan of Orange, Conn. Previously, back to back victories were achieved by such great golfing names as Dorothy Campbell Hurd, Glenna Collett, Maureen Orcutt and Estelle Lawson Page.

Curtis Cup
Four members of the 1956 U. S. Curtis Cup team that lost to Britain's best are in the field. They are Polly Riley of Fort Worth, Tex.; Mary Ann Downey of Baltimore; Mrs. Barbara Romack Porter of Sacramento, Calif., and Mrs. Philip Cudone of West Caldwell, N. J.

Mrs. Adam Casey Jonstone of Mason City, Iowa, 3 and 2 loser to Miss McIntire in last year's finals, is on hand as are the losing semifinalists of a year ago, Miss Downey and Anne Richardson of Columbus, Ohio.

ANNIVERSARY

This week marks the first anniversary of the announcement by the A. & M. Karageusian Company that it had purchased the mill in Aberdeen formerly operated by Amerotron Corporation.

The company, one of the nation's top manufacturers of fine carpeting, is considerably beyond expectations in its first year of operation, according to J. Cecil Beith, plant manager. Currently employing slightly more than 300 people, the company is approaching its top production mark and only needs a few more pieces of machinery, which will be added during this year, to make the original plans complete.

Beith has said publicly on many occasions that his firm was "sold" on the area and is more than pleased with its operation to date.

Democrats Propose Change In Method Of Picking Senator

Members of the Moore County Democratic Executive Committee have approved a resolution calling for a better tenure of office for State Senators from this district.

The resolution, adopted within the past few days, would do away with a practice that has been in existence for many years which, in effect, is a "swap-off" between the four counties in the 12th Senatorial District, composed of Moore, Hoke, Randolph and Harnett. Under such a practice, Senators were elected from two of the counties (Moore has one at the same time as Harnett) and then in the next election, the two other counties would have the Senators.

Many people have long complained that such a practice did

Two-Footed Vie With Four-Footed In Stratton Exhibition Now On View

Time for the race meet each year means time for the exhibition of horse portraits and hunting scenes that Patricia Herring Stratton, (Mrs. W. J. Stratton) is always so busily at work on out there at her studio near Niagara.

This painter of horses and dogs, of hounds and foxes and country scenes, whom the Sandhills happily claims among its leading artists, has this year added a third dimension to her show now on view at the Library Gallery. Or perhaps it should be a fourth dimension.

Not only are there horses and dogs hanging on the walls, but houses, and, most importantly, people. During recent years, Mrs. Stratton has included portraits—portraits of humans—along with

her studies of the animal kingdom and, in this exhibit, she has chosen to feature some of these and to confine her other showings to photographs of the many animal portraits she has done.

It must be noted that this part of the exhibition is indeed impressive. And doubtless it covers nought but a fraction of the many canvases the artist has executed along this line of riding and hunting sport. The portraits shown in the photographs date back in the days when her husband, W. J. Stratton, lived in Princeton and was whip to the Stoneybrook Hunt there, to hunting days in Millbrook and on to last year's fine painting, a human portrait this time, of the Sandhills' Dooley

Municipal Center Bond Proposal Is Rejected 298 - 159

Less Than 25 Per Cent of Voters Turn Out

A proposed bond issue of \$100,000 to complete the new Town Hall was turned down here Saturday by a vote of 298-159, almost two to one. Less than 25 per cent of the registered voters participated in the special election.

The issue had been proposed earlier this year to secure funds for completion of the building as it was originally designed by Thomas T. Hayes, local architect. Included in the \$100,000 would have been funds for a firewing, cells in the jail area, air conditioning throughout the single story structure, and several minor items.

Louis Scheipers, Jr., town manager, said after the election that work now underway would be completed, hopefully by the middle of summer. He added that, contrary to impressions held by some people, the building would not be left uncompleted on the outside. "The contracts now in effect were carefully planned," he said, "and on behalf of the Council I would like to assure the public that the building will have a completely finished appearance both inside and out."

What defeated the issue? There's a variety of reasons, some say almost as many as there were people voting. One of the biggest reasons given to date, however, centered around the displeasure held by a large segment over the location of the building and the type architecture. Also, some suggest, the possibility of a tax increase in the near future in order to pay off the bonds, had caused many "no" votes.

Scheipers told the Council several months ago that a tax increase might be forthcoming in the next few years. At the time, (Continued on page 8)

Capacity Audience Attends Opening 'Scandals' Show

An enthusiastic audience turned out last night in the Pinehurst school auditorium for the opening performance of "Scandals of the Sandhills," an amateur stage show being presented for the benefit of the village's recreation field.

With a cast composed almost exclusively of residents of the area, the show will play again tonight (Thursday) and tomorrow night.

In rehearsals for three weeks, the show is considered by those who saw the opening performance better than last year. The skits are new, dances different and the costumes are more colorful . . . and plentiful.

One of the most unusual ideas this year was the introduction of a six-foot champagne glass with living bubbles and "Sputnik," a space ship that mysteriously appears.

Appearing in the show are Pat Starnes of Southern Pines, a former Radio City "Rockette," Nancy Spencer, also of Southern Pines, who does a Calypso number, Jean Bushby of Southern Pines, ballet, Sheila Riley of Carthage, tapdancer, Dr. Bruce Warlick and his "sagebrush quartette," and Nick Crotty, master of ceremonies.

Others are Dr. and Mrs. Charles Phillips, Helen Alexander, Charlie Garrett, Martha Currie, Libbie McKenzie, George Mahoney, Walter Allen, Sallie Coles, Tirza Ison, Barbara Elliott, Margaret Frye, Dora Wedlock, Wendell Wathen, James and Helen Picou, Delamar Mann, Pinehurst Police Chief J. T. Sheppard, Mary Rucker, Veta Gorman, Reva Marie Tonnele, Gertrude Page, Frances White, Betty Howe, Frances Conlin, Helen Vail, Florence O'Brien, Caroline Battley, Christine Page, and Nancy Sweet-Escott.

In charge of scenery designing are Dorothy Sneed, Nancy Boatwright and Tom Garneau, William Latta is directing the show.

Contract For Building Of Lace Plant Readied

\$111,000 Turned In On Pledges; \$60,000 Needed



HUBERT McCASKILL

Hubert McCaskill Files For Sheriff

J. Hubert McCaskill of Pinehurst this week became the first person to officially announce his candidacy for Sheriff of Moore County in the May 31 Democratic primary.

McCaskill is well-known throughout the county and has long been active in the Democratic party. For the past few years he has served as a member and secretary of the Moore County Board of Elections, declining another term a few weeks ago when he became interested in the sheriff's race.

For the past 25 years he has been in the administration department of Pinehurst, Inc. For the past 20 years he has served as treasurer of the Pinehurst School Board, and for 25 years he has been a member of the Pinehurst Volunteer Fire Department. He was the main organizer of the Pinehurst Lions club several years ago.

A lifelong Presbyterian, he is a member of the Pinehurst Community Church, has served as Sunday School superintendent and is now president of the Men's Bible Class. He has been active in Boy Scout work in Pinehurst and Moore County, and served as chairman of the Moore District Boy Scout Executive Committee.

In the Democratic party he has been secretary and president of the Moore County Young Democratic Club, and later as secretary and then as chairman of the 8th district YDC. At the present time he is a member of the 8th District Democratic Congressional Committee from Moore County.

He is married to the former Miss Neva Carter and they have three children: Jimmie, now in the U. S. Army stationed in Germany; Donnie and Betty of the home.

In making his announcement for Sheriff, McCaskill said:

"If the citizens of Moore County see fit to nominate and elect me their Sheriff, I assure them that I will attempt to discharge the duties of the office in a fair, diligent and impartial manner, which has characterized the office under the direction of Sheriff McDonald. Win or lose, I shall continue working for good government and will support the nominees of the Democratic party."

WEEKLY POLITICAL REPORT

McCaskill's Filing Could Cause Interest To Pick Up

It shouldn't take long for things to start shaping up politically in the county now that Hubert McCaskill of Pinehurst has definitely placed himself in the position of running for sheriff.

That office, some think, will be the one most sought after and the one that will bring more people to the polls than any other come the Democratic primary in May.

McCaskill had indicated about a month ago that he was seriously thinking of making the race but had never said so publicly. Now, with Archie Dees out feel-

Approximately \$111,000 had been collected at noon today on the \$180,000 pledged through local subscription towards construction of a \$350,000 lace plant here, according to members of the Southern Pines Development Corporation.

The funds, which represent about 62 per cent of the total pledged, came from 99 of the 195 original subscribers.

Robert Ewing, president of the corporation, said that bids on the general contract for the building would be opened next Thursday in the Durham offices of John Latimer, architect for the building.

"We would of course like to have all the pledges in by that time," Ewing said, "and certainly not later than one or two days after the contracts are let. We understand that the building will get underway as soon as possible after the bids are in and contracts signed, but that will not be possible unless we in Southern Pines have our money ready at that time. The sooner the funds are all collected, the sooner we have the building and the payroll that goes with it."

For the past week and a half, members of the development corporation have been visiting individual subscribers urging them to effect their pledges. They have found that some funds came from people who did not pledge originally, and, one happily pointed out, several people have increased their pledges.

With the "shrink-out" that is sure to come in fund raising of that nature, due usually to sickness or other hardships encountered by those who pledged originally, the committee voiced a great deal of satisfaction in the number of people who had increased the amount of funds they will put into the construction of the modern building.

Ewing said the door was still not closed on those who wanted to make pledges. "We must have the funds in this drive if we ever expect to get other plants to locate here," he said. "It's the best way I know of to indicate to companies of good reputation that we are desirous of industry in this area."

Cost of the building has been estimated at approximately \$350,000, of which the North Carolina Business Development Corporation has put up \$175,000. It will be operated by Southern Laces, Inc., of which Charles Mozur of Trenton, N. J. is president. He is also president of a lace company in Trenton.

Several people from Trenton who will come here to get the plant into operation have already visited the area looking over the housing situation.

COUNTRY SHOW

Company "D" of the National Guard will sponsor the "Ozark Country Show" for one night only, Friday, March 21, in the armory on Morganton Road. Several television stars and radio personalities will appear in the two hour presentation, beginning at 7:30 p. m.

ing around and Herman Grimm doing the same, McCaskill is undoubtedly going to start politicking in a hurry.

Why haven't more people filed? is a question going around in various places where political speculators congregate. Sam Riddle, chairman of the elections board, asked the question this week, replied that, quite the contrary, he was surprised, of sorts, that so many people had filed this early.

"Usually the candidates wait until the new elections board is (Continued on page 8)