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Pinehurst Hotel Guests Robbed Of \$19,500 In Jewels

Officers Believe
Florida Ring May
Be Implicated

Jewelry valued at \$19,500 was stolen from the room of a retired Cleveland, Ohio, couple in the Carolina Hotel in Pinehurst Saturday evening.

Daniel O. Delany, hotel manager, said the missing jewels, all diamond pieces, were only a portion of the gems in a trunk in the room of Mr. and Mrs. Henry P. Rankin.

Included among the missing articles were three bracelets, two rings and two pins. The most valuable piece, Delany said, was a pin containing a 60-carat diamond and worth about \$6,000.

Mrs. Rankin discovered the theft while dressing for dinner Saturday evening. Police theorized that the thief entered the room between 2 and 4 p. m. Saturday when the Rankins, regular visitors to Pinehurst, were absent.

There was no indication why Mrs. Rankin kept her jewelry in her room rather than the hotel safe. Delany said the theft appeared to be a professional well-cased job. Local police, the Moore County sheriff's department and the State Bureau of Investigation are working on the case.

Police theorized that the theft could have been the work of an interstate ring, operating out of Florida, which made a lightening grab then carried the jewelry north for disposal.

The fact that it was a well-planned job was also given some credence because officers discovered the key to Mrs. Rankin's jewelry case in the trunk in the pocket of her coat, which was hanging in a closet.

The Rankins have been guests of the hotel since January. It is their sixth winter at the hotel.

Officers said a jewelry robbery at the Carolina March 20 last year netted a fairly large haul. There have been several others, including one at the Holly Inn.

'SUPER HIGH SCHOOLS' BEING TALKED

County School Board Gets Initial Briefing On Future Building Needs

The Moore County Board of Education this week was highly commended for its "pay as you go" plan for school building construction which, in the opinion of a special educational survey team, has given the county schools that rank "very favorably" with the best in the state.

A special five-man team, headed by W. L. Latham, Director of the School of Planning of the N. C. Department of Public Instruction, made the comment during a meeting of the Board of Education in Carthage Monday night. The team has been requested by the Board to make a study of the county school system and come up with recommendations to help the Board with planning both now and for the future, particularly in reference to high schools.

Members of the team, in addition to Mr. Latham, are Leon S. Thompson, an engineer with the Department of Public Instruction; James P. Sifford, superintendent of the Stanley County Schools; Dr. W. A. Stumpf, member of the Department of Educa-

Newspaper People Are Garden Club Guests On Weekend

Reporters from several of the state's larger newspapers will be in the Sandhills Saturday as guests of the Southern Pines Garden Club.

The reporters will get a preview of the homes and gardens which will be on view in the club's annual tour and will also be guests of the club at the Stoneybrook Steeplechase.

COUNCIL TO RATIFY NEW LEGISLATION

Three File For Council Seats, One More For Judge Of Recorder's Court

A total of five men have filed for town offices in the general municipal elections scheduled May 5.

Last Friday John S. Ruggles, a real estate and insurance man who has previous service on the town's governing board, paid his \$5 fee and thus became the first candidate for the Town Council. His filing was followed shortly

by that of Dante S. Montesanti, proprietor of Dante's Restaurant, and George W. Tyner, who operates a painting business.

Neither Montesanti or Tyner has served previously in town government.

D. E. Bailey's filing for the position of Recorder of the Town's Municipal Court has been followed by the filing of William I. Barber, a justice of the peace who also holds a position at the Southland Hotel.

Town authorities, incidentally, have asked the Pilot to explain the procedure of electing the Judge and Solicitor of the Recorder's Court. Even though those two officials may come from outside the corporate limits, but within the territorial jurisdiction of the court, only those qualified voters who live inside the corporate limits may vote on their candidacies.

The Council will meet Monday morning at 8:30 to ratify recent legislation which allows the Judge and Solicitor to come from outside the town. The legislation, which passed both bodies of the General Assembly last week, also allows the Council to appoint an assistant clerk and deputy clerks of the Recorder's Court, and provides that any request for a jury trial in the court will automatically send that case to Moore Superior Court.

PEACH BLOSSOMS

Peach trees in the West End-Candor-Elberbe triangle, popping out in blossoms because of the past few days of sunshine and showers, could give this area a "pink Easter."

The first blossoms opened over the past weekend and more are opening daily. With continued good weather, growers think the orchards should reach their peak of bloom about Easter weekend, just 10 days away.

Growers are keeping their fingers crossed, however. If the blossoms bloom early there's always a chance that a killing frost, a chance that exists at least until mid April.

Episcopal Bishop Named Rector Of Pinehurst Chapel

The Rt. Rev. Louis C. Melcher, D. D., until recently Episcopal Bishop of Central Brazil, has accepted a call to serve as minister of the Village Chapel in Pinehurst.

The announcement was made yesterday by the Pinehurst Religious Association.

Bishop Melcher will take over the pastorate May 1. It was formerly held by the Rev. Adam Weir Craig, who is now headmaster of Mt. Herman Boys School in Northfield, Mass.

The pulpit has been filled on an interim basis by the Rev. Dr. Thomas S. Roy since the resignation of Dr. Craig.

Mrs. Spence To Head League Of Women Voters

At the League of Women Voters' annual meeting, held at the home of Mrs. John Elmendorf Tuesday morning, Mrs. W. O. Spence was reelected president for the coming year.

Other officers also re-elected were Miss Lockie Parker, vice president, Miss Irma Fish, treasurer. Mrs. Fred Chappell was elected secretary.

The meeting was conducted by Mrs. E. O. Brogden who heads the program committee. Following the close of the business meeting, Mrs. Brogden, who is the wife of the solicitor of the local recorder's court, described the series of bills that have been presented to the legislature to date. Action in regard to one in particular was taken by the local league in voting to go on record, with the state league, in favoring passage of the Bell bill for court reform.

As a focal point for study among local questions due to come up for discussion during the coming year the group chose a survey of the schools of Southern Pines; as to financial structure, curriculum, and administration.

The hostess served coffee and sandwiches before the meeting.

Raeferd Native Purchases Local Funeral Home

The Southern Pines Funeral Home on S. W. Broad Street underwent a change of ownership this week and is now being operated by J. D. McKeithan of Raeferd. The firm will be known as McKeithan Funeral Home.

The establishment has been operated the past few months by Frank Watson of Rockingham, while still under the ownership of Mrs. Lloyd T. Clark. It was operated many years by the late Lloyd Clark.

Mr. McKeithan was associated with the McDiarmid Funeral Home in Raeferd for some 13 years prior to taking a position with Taylor Chemical Company in Aberdeen four years ago.

Since assuming ownership earlier this month (he opened officially Monday of this week), Mr. McKeithan has directed a large scale remodeling of the inside of the building and plans a complete remodeling of the outside.

He said he would offer a complete funeral service and also maintain a 24 hour ambulance service.

Quarters Sought For Visiting Glee Club On March 30

Concert To Be
Final Event For
Music Association

Accommodations in private homes for members of the Furman University Glee Club, on the night of Monday, March 30, are being sought by the Sandhills Music Association.

The glee club, which is directed by DuPre Rhame, will present a concert at Weaver Auditorium, Southern Pines, that night. The concert will be the fourth and final event in the winter series sponsored by the Association, except for the annual Young Musicians concert at the Pinehurst Country Club on May 2.

Norris Hodgkins, Jr., president of the Music Association, said this week that the Furman group will consist of about 85 students and two faculty representatives. Early this week accommodations had been located by the Association for about 50 of this number.

Persons able to provide sleeping quarters for one or more of the visitors are asked to get in touch with Leonard Muddimer or Mr. Hodgkins.

The Furman group will be entertained by the Music Association at dinner in the Southland Hotel, prior to the concert.

Special assistance in the matter of housing has been requested through the Baptist churches of Southern Pines and Aberdeen, Mr. Hodgkins said.

The Glee Club, which comes from Furman University at Greenville, S. C., gave a concert at Southern Pines a few years ago, sponsored by the First Baptist Church. It was well received at that time.

Tickets for the March 30 concert are available at the Southern Realty and Insurance Co., Southern Pines.

Two-Way Tie For Medalist Honors In N-S Tourney

Playing their qualifying rounds together Barbara McIntyre of Lake Park, Fla., and Doris Phillips of Belleville, Ill., went three over par yesterday to share co-medalist honors with 77's in the North and South Women's Golf Tournament being played over the No. 2 course at Pinehurst.

Both had scores of 42-35 against par of 37-37 for the 5,900 yard course.

Miss McIntyre and Miss Phillips were one stroke ahead of Joanne Goodwin of Haverhill, Mass., who turned in a pair of 39's.

A score of 92 was the cutoff point to gain a place in today's match play. Four women played off for the last two positions in the 32-player championship fight. Mrs. Laura Lee Menoher of Southern Pines was one of them.

Six players posted 79's in the qualifying rounds: Marge Burns of Greensboro; Mrs. Alice Dye of Indianapolis; Mrs. Ann Casey Johnstone, Mason City, Iowa; Betty Kirby, Akron; Lanny Cranston, San Marino, Calif.; and Polly Riley, Fort Worth, Tex.

All alone at 81 was Carol Mann of Flossmore, Ill. Bracketed at 32 were Pat Tiernan of Manhasset, N. Y., and Mrs. Helen Sigel Wilson of Philadelphia. Bunched at 83 were defending champion Mrs. Philip Cudone of West Caldwell, N. J., Mrs. George K. Conant, Jr., Clayton, Mo., Mrs. Maurice Glick of Baltimore, and Tish Preuss, Pompano Beach, Fla.

Landing a spot in the championship bracket with Mrs. Menoher in the sudden death playoff was Mrs. Holbrook Platt of Pinehurst. Losers were Mrs. Fran Emerson of Dayton, O., and Shirley Woodley of Toronto.

First round matches got underway this morning at 10:24 with Miss McIntyre playing Katherine Helleur of Thornhill, Ont., who had an 84 qualifying score and Miss Phillips playing Mrs. Joseph A. Nesbitt of Greenwich, Conn., who had an 85.

Stoneybrook Steeplechase Saturday To Open Nation's Hunt Race Season



STONEYBROOK STEEPLECHASE profits this year will be divided equally between Moore Memorial and St. Joseph's Hospitals. M. G. (Mickey) Walsh, at right, on whose track the steeplechase will be held, and Carlyle Cameron, general manager, are hoping the profits from the event will be as large, or larger, than last year's.

Annual Antiques Show Begins Next Wednesday In Armory; Many Exhibits

Everything's ready for a "repeat" next Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday of the highly successful Antiques Show held by the Moore County Historical Association last year—except said Mrs. Ernest L. Ives, general chairman, "We expect it will be a great deal better this time."

She added, "Last year was our first effort in this field and we learned a great deal. This year we have been much more selective in our exhibitors." The list, strictly invitational, includes many of the same dealers who exhibited last year, also some new ones from as far as Washington, D. C.

They include some of the leading names in the antique field, who will bring collections of their rarest and loveliest items for show and for sale—a veritable antique lover's paradise, to be held Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday at the National Guard Armory in Southern Pines.

At last report nearly all spaces had been taken and sufficient inquiries were on hand to assure that the Armory would be entirely filled. The huge room has been divided into 26 exhibit spaces, but some dealers are taking two, while others are sharing with colleagues.

The show will be open from 10 a. m. to 9 p. m. daily, and refreshments will be available for those who like to stay and browse for hours while mealtimes come add go. At night, guards will be posted over the exhibits, which will contain many items of rare value.

Antiques will be for sale, however, to fit every pocketbook and to suit the casual taste as well as that of the confirmed hobbyist and expert.

Glassware, china and silver are expected to predominate, with chests, chairs and many large furniture items. Pewter utensils, old pictures and ornaments and antique jewelry will be present in extensive variety.

Those who just love to look, as well as those wishing to buy, will be welcomed at the show, which has already in one short year of life as an annual event become a leader in similar events in the State. It is the only such Show scheduled during the year in this section of the Carolinas.

Mrs. Lawrence M. Johnson of Aberdeen is assistant chairman in charge of booths, with Mrs. Edward Schneider of Southern Pines in charge of food, while Mrs. Norris L. Hodgkins, Jr., of (Continued on page 8)

Blue Knights Open Baseball Schedule Against West End

The Southern Pines Blue Knights open their 1959 baseball schedule against West End tomorrow (Friday) and Coach Irie Leonard is still not of a definite mind as to who he will start at the pitching assignment. Game time is 3:30 on the West End field.

He has a choice of three: Bobby Watkins, Steve Smith or Dickie McInnis. If either Smith or McInnis gets the nod Watkins will probably start as catcher, a position he held off and on last year between pitching jobs. If Watkins is the pitcher, however, Joe Garzik will start behind the plate.

Leonard said other members of the starting line-up in the infield would be Ted Ward at first base, Robert Woodruff at second, Melva Hall at third, and Jimmy Carter at shortstop.

Outfielders will be selected from Bill Seymour, Jesse Williams, Kenny Reid and Jack McDonald.

The Knights play their first home game against Sanford next Tuesday. Time for that game is 3:30. Next Thursday they travel to Carthage.

Grand Chal Given Edge In Running For Sandhills Cup

What looms as the most successful session since steeplechase racing was introduced in the Sandhills in 1935 will be held Saturday afternoon at M. G. (Mickey) Walsh's Stoneybrook Stables.

Never in the history of local racing has the one-day meeting, which opens the United Hunts steeplechase racing season, attracted the quality and quantity of entries which will go to the post Saturday, sponsors believe.

Operating for the benefit of the Moore Memorial and St. Joseph's Hospital, Auxiliaries, this meeting of the Stoneybrook Hunt Racing Association features the 19th running of the Sandhills Cup. Contested over two and one-quarter miles and 12 timber fences, the race carries a \$1,000 purse and has lured 10 entries, including last year's timber racing champion.

Currently training here, under Joseph L. Aitchison, Sr., Grand Chal, owned by Alfred H. Smith, Upper Marlboro, Md., finished second to Mrs. M. G. Walsh's Mummer's Knot in last year's race. Following this he went on to win the Carolina Cup at Camden, and six more timber tests to emerge as the timber racing champion of 1958. His several victories and other performances won him the United Hunts Racing Association's \$1,000 timber racing award.

Seeking a consecutive victory in the Sandhills Cup, Mrs. Walsh has a quartet of nominees in Star Venture 2nd, Bin Junior, Barge Toter and Secant. Although all are untried over timber jumps, Secant rates high consideration. A half-brother to the famous Nashua, the 10-year-old gelding has won over hurdles and brush, including last year's running of the Springdale Cup at Camden.

Aside from the Walsh hopefuls, contention is promised the champion by Robert M. Brewer's Mary March and William H. Turner, Jr.'s Carolina Hills. The latter, currently training at Camden, won last year's Spring Maiden 'Chase at Media, Pa., and a week later captured the coveted Connecticut Cup at Purchase, N. Y. In both triumphs the gelding was ridden by his then 16-year-old owner of Unionville, Pa. Also training in Camden and best of the midwest timber-toppers last year, Mary March won four races under the training of C. V. B. Cushman, Jr.

Others named for the Sandhills Cup are: Fairview Farm's Allan Adale, Saxon Woods Stable's Navy Talk, and Randolph D. Rouse's Ranchild.

Preceding the 2:00 o'clock post-time for the first of six races the gates to the race course, just off U.S. Highway 1 north of Southern Pines, will open at noon to accommodate the many groups planning picnics under the pines. Early arrivals will be entertained by various sports attractions in the infield and music supplied by the 82nd Airborne Division's band. Governor Luther H. Hodges and Mrs. Hodges, along with many state officials, will be among the early arrivals.

Aside from the timber feature, other races will be conducted over the turf and hurdle courses with a trial for two-year-olds on the regular training track as a fillip. The Yackin, a maiden hurdle test, has attracted a record-breaking number of 21 nominees, while The Stoneybrook, for experienced hurdlers, closed with 16 entries. A field of 25 is eligible for the Silver Run, a six furlong turf test. Should this number of eligibles prevail on Saturday, some of the races will have to be split and run in divisions.

General admission may be obtained at the gates to the course, with children under 12 admitted free and soldiers in uniform admitted for \$1. A few remaining parking spaces may be had by contacting Donald D. Kennedy, general committee chairman at Oxford 2-2152.

H-J TOURNAMENT

A national ladies invitational golf tournament will be held at Mid Pines Club May 8-10 under the sponsorship of the national Howard Johnson Motor Lodge and Restaurants chain.

Top ranking professional lady golfers will complete for a total purse of \$6,500.

A special golf clinic will also be a part of the tournament, scheduled for Mid Pines the afternoon of May 7.

Names of those who plan to enter were not available today.