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## NEW SPORT FOR MOORE COUNTY

Drag Hunting Has Proved Popular at Southern Pines and Will Be Followed More Generally Next Winter. Polo Also Is Gaining.

Another big addition to the amusement features of the Moore county winter colony is to be the expansion of polo and drag hunting. Last week the News told of the purchase of the Outlook farm by Maddison & Peabody. Mr. Maddison, in talking of the scheme that is ahead of this purchase, said that the Moore County Hunt Club has made such progress that it gives all promise of being one of the most widely recognized organizations south of New York and New England. Virginia likes to follow the hounds, but the weather is such there that in winter it is not possible to have a schedule that can be maintained. Days when a hunt is announced may be so inclement that it is impossible, and that kills all the interest. But Southern Pines, Mr. Maddison says, is ideal for the chase every day of the season, and the people are realizing that they can come to Moore county and depend on getting out whenever the hounds are given a date. The hunts this winter have drawn a considerable number of riders, and with the horses that Mr. Maddison has provided the status of the sport has reached a firmer place in the approval of the winter visitors than it ever had before. With the larger number of horses next winter the real existence of the hunt club will have become a certainty.

The hunts will take place in the Southern Pines neighborhood, as the character of the territory over that way allows a good range of wild country as well as a satisfactory number of fields for jumping and open work. The Maddison stables this year has had a bunch of the best jumping and hunting horses in the country. They are valued at from \$1,000 to \$5,000 each, and they are thoroughly trained for the work. When they go north after the winter work is over in the county, they go to the big meets in the north and east where they have no hesitation in facing all comers.

Polo is more of a Pinehurst institution, and while polo ponies will be trained and kept at the Maddison and Peabody establishment, it will be for work in the Pinehurst games. Polo is gaining a popularity among the winter visitors, and it is also making a hit over at Camp Bragg. A new polo field is now in course of construction over there, and a close bond will be extended between the camp and the Moore county polo ground.

Mrs. Maddison and Mrs. Peabody are both enthusiastic riders, and Miss Ivy Maddison is said to be the best amateur rider in America. They all regard this section as the best they have seen anywhere for winter hunting, and Mr. Peabody thinks this move will make Southern Pines one of the best winter hunting centers in the United States. Mr. Peabody is the president of the Peabody Coal Co., of Chicago.

Mr. and Mrs. Peabody are the owners of the famous Ballemooney kennels of Irish terriers located at their home at Hinsdale, Ill. They will keep many of their show dogs in Moore county henceforth during the winter, adding that to the other features of interest in the community, and will make the eastern shows from here. While they have a winter home at Pinehurst, the Peabodys are considering the disposal of it and the establishment of a permanent home on the farm they have bought with Mr. Maddison.

## TOWN ELECTION FOR CARTHAGE ON MAY 10

The election for mayor and five commissioners for Carthage occurs Tuesday May 10th, and the registration books will be open from April 13 to 23. All women who want to vote must register.

In all probability there will be at least two tickets in the field, although no announcements have as yet been made.

J. E. Waddill left Tuesday on an extended trip through western North Carolina in the interest of the Tyson-Jones Buggy Co.

## HEN KILLS HAWK ON THE R. L. TYSON PLACE.

A Blue Darter chicken hawk was attacked and killed by a Rhode Island Red hen on the place of R. L. Tyson last Friday.

The hawk had succeeded in getting away with five of the chicks but with his next attempt was killed by the hen after a plucky fight.

He measured 31 inches from tip to tip and was one of the largest of the kind seen in this section.

## SELLING WHITEHOUSE LAND

J. M. Windham has been appointed selling agent for the land owned by W. A. Blue and M. N. Sugg, on the Aberdeen road near Southern Pines, formerly known as the Whitehouse property. It contains about 500 acres and is one of the best located tracts in the county. Southern Pines and Aberdeen are within easy reach north and south, and it is not far to Pinehurst on the west. The property is situated on a broad ridge, and is traversed by roads to all three towns and cross roads besides. The prices are moderate, running from \$500 for the best locations on the Bennett street extension, down to \$100 for the farm sites farther back from the towns. Lots of various sizes from a couple of acres up to farm size have been plotted, and roads reach all of these lots. This property will make fine homes for somebody, and the price is an incentive.

## NEGRO ATTACKS SAWMILL MAN

Will Tyson Becomes Enraged Over Debt and Attacks James Williams With a Club, Rendering Him Unconscious—Black Escapes.

James Williams, a sawmill man of McConnell, was struck on the head with a heavy piece of wood Tuesday morning by Will Tyson, colored, and dangerously wounded. The trouble arose over a debt the negro owed Williams, and it was when the sawmill man tried to secure payment that the negro attacked him.

Sheriff D. Al. Blue was notified, and he phoned Raeford for the bloodhounds. In about an hour L. B. Cockman arrived with his dogs and Sheriff Blue accompanied him to the scene of the assault. The dogs took the trail and followed it about two miles to the side of the road, where they stopped at a log. As they could not pick up the scent it is supposed that the negro sat on the log until an automobile passed, when he begged a ride and thus escaped.

James Williams was knocked unconscious by the blow, and he was taken to a hospital at Sanford for treatment.

While hunting for Will Tyson, Sheriff Blue captured Tyson's son-in-law, Lawrence Lucas, who is wanted in Lee county for shooting another negro. Moore county officers have been after this negro for some time, but he has managed to elude them until Sheriff Blue captured him Tuesday.

## SKULL FRACTURED WHILE PLAYING GAME OF BALL

Archie McDuffie, of Bensalem township, while playing baseball in Jackson Springs last Saturday, was struck on the head by the ball and his skull was crushed. He was taken to Charlotte for an operation, and after a hole had been drilled in his skull, he rallied, and at last accounts was getting along nicely and hopes were entertained for his complete recovery. Physicians state that the youth had an extremely close call.

## MORE DIVERSIFICATIONS

Tiers and Kahler over at Southern Pines have been doing some diversified farming. A year ago they planted a lot of asparagus which they had been nursing along carefully, and this spring they have been cutting enough every day and selling it for a price that enables them to meet their grocery bills with a smile fully as haughty as the grocer flings at them when he presents it. They have a couple of acres of the plants, and it is making a bigger hit with them than tobacco did with the last crop.

## SOUTHERN PINES MASS MEETING

Municipal Improvements Will be Chief Topic, Although Ticket For Mayor and Town Commissioners Will be Discussed.

Southern Pines is mapping out a big program. On Friday night a meeting of the business people of the town will be held to consider municipal affairs, and to discuss a strong ticket for mayor and for town commissioners. Much talk is heard about S. B. Richardson for mayor. It is said that he will consider such a proposition only if a strictly business board of commissioners is chosen, and if a strictly business policy is to be pursued.

This meeting will be far from political. It will have for its aims the welfare of Southern Pines, and it will sponsor some decided forward moves. One of these is a new water works system capable of taking care of Knollwood and the Mid-Pines development. This will mean the enlargement of present facilities so that a population many times the size of Southern Pines will be held in mind. Already Gilbert White, the Durham engineer, has been on the ground and made plans that cover a big scheme sufficient for the purpose, and this or some similar project will be a feature of the meeting.

Along with the water works will be a system of street paving. Broad street will be first proposed for pavement, then two or three of the cross streets, with a substantial hard surface that will actually stand the traffic. The plans call for no temporary scheme, but for a real system of paving. With new water works will have to go an enlarged system of sewers and other public service. The whole amount involved will run up to three or four hundred thousand dollars, and can be done only by the issue of bonds for a considerable part of the total sum. Street paving will be borne by property holders and the town jointly, so that the bond issue will not fall wholly on the tax payer, but partly on the property fronting on the streets to be paved.

It may be imagined that the meeting will be an interesting one, for when figures like this for plans of this character are involved the time has passed for palaver, and the hour has arrived for serious discussion of big things. Business men of the town acting with the commissioners have had blue prints made of the proposed improvements and will present to the meeting the proposition in intelligent shape, and a big attendance of men and women is asked. The women are registering in the town to vote at the forthcoming election, and never in the history of Southern Pines has such an important affair come up.

This is one of the direct results of the big stimulus the Knollwood movement is having on the Southern Pines section.

## Says Moore County Land Is Assessed Too High

The Board of Commissioners and the County Board of Appraisers and Review, meeting jointly as a County Board of Review, Monday, decided that the average assessed value of all real property in Moore County, except town property, is 25 per cent in excess of its actual value; and that the averaged value of all real property in incorporated towns and all real property situated in unincorporated towns to the extent of the streets laid off and established therein, is 10 per cent in excess of the real value. These findings will be reported to the State Tax Commission, and if adopted, mean that farm lands will be reduced 25 per cent and town property 10 per cent.

On account of lack of space the proceedings of the County Commissioners, the County Board of Education, an article by Capt. Hutchins; one by J. F. Cole; one by Miss Frye, as well as various news items, are omitted from this issue and will be printed next week.

## MRS. DAVIS HAS TAKEN NEW WORK

Moore County Woman Has Returned to America After Many Months in European Countries Teaching Domestic Science.

Two interesting visitors in Moore county this week were Mrs. Clyde Davis and Madame Devouge, of the National School of Domestic Science of France. They dropped in for a day and then Mrs. Davis went to South Carolina, where she has a business engagement, and Madame Devouge went to Washington on her way back to Paris.

Mrs. Davis has been in this country a few months and Madame Devouge has been here about the same length of time. When Mrs. Davis had pretty well established in France the domestic science schools she went there to establish, she was sent to other countries in Europe, and among the other interesting places where she worked was Jerusalem, where she taught the Jewish people the mysteries of the American way of preparing things to eat. Through Palestine and Egypt, as well as in other corners of Europe and Asia, she carried on her work, and then came back to the United States to look after her Moore county farm and lend a hand with American industry again.

Madame Devouge came over to the United States to study American methods, and has put in about three months in the various states from the Atlantic to the Pacific, and from the lakes to the gulf. She goes back to France to continue her domestic science work in that country and to make use of ideas and experiences she picked up over here.

Mrs. Davis has joined the educational forces of the Hazel-Atlas Glass Co., of Wheeling, W. Va., and is helping the domestic science classes and organizations of the United States to get familiar with the modern methods of canning fruit in glass jars. She has her office at the factory in Wheeling, but the whole United States is her field, and she is not at the home place much of her time. Her work consists in the most complete illumination of the virtues of glass jar work, and the best method of preserving food by the help of this agency. When she was in France she put up such a plea for help in her French work that the concern she is now with sent her a carload of glass jars, and they said later that a woman who could pull a car of jars out of them could earn her salary working for the company, and they hired her.

Mrs. Davis has had a remarkable experience in Europe. Three times she went to France, on the later expeditions under the directions of the French government, and she made a decided success of introducing American practices into the land of those defenders of Europe. But she never meant to stay away from home very long, and she is well content to have the foreign task off her hands.

She has a farm between Pinehurst and Southern Pines on which she is planting a peach orchard, and in the future she will give more of her time and attention to this section in which she left many friends when the Davises went to New York from Moore county. She can talk French like the mistaken genius who invented that funny language, but she likes the roominess of Texas and the rest of the U. S. A.

## MAIL BAG RUN OVER BY NO. 1 AT CAMERON

Saturday when the Carthage mail bag was thrown from No. 1 at Cameron it was drawn by suction under the train and cut in twain.

No. 1 is the fast through train from New York to Jacksonville, Fla., and at Cameron the mail bag is thrown off to be sent on to Carthage.

When the mail finally reached its destination in came in scraps at various times. It was with some difficulty the pieces reached the intended recipient—the mail force having to do much puzzling and guessing work in connecting names, circumstances and parts of communications.

Nearly all the bank mail was mutilated. It was not uncommon to hear: "I would like to find the other part of my letter."

## CARTHAGE WOMAN'S CLUB MET LAST THURSDAY

The Carthage Woman's Club met last Thursday in the Library and after the transaction of routine business, the hostesses Mesdames Festus Cole and Frank Blue and Miss Crafts served refreshing iced drinks.

The club is alert and progressive thinking out ways and means for its own and community good. From the recent D'Esta Rhoades entertainment given under the auspices of this club over \$46 was realized.

## THE BIGGEST YET.

Last week Sam Richardson surprised himself, and probably the rest of the Knollwood stockholders by selling three lots near the Mid-Pines club house. These lots are about three-fourths of an acre in size, and they sold for \$1,500 each. This is probably the biggest price ever received for Sandhill lands outside of any corporation, a mile or more from a railroad station, and wholly in the black jacks. William Bloodgood, of Montclair, New Jersey, was the buyer, and he also bought a membership in the Mid-Pines club for \$2,500 through Mr. Richardson at the same time. He will build a winter home on the lots, and he expects to bring some of his friends with him to settle for the winter in the Knollwood section. Mr. Bloodgood and his wife have been winter visitors at Southern Pines and Pinehurst for several years.

## EXPLAINS PLIGHT OF R. & C. ROAD

Judge McConnell Says Although the Randolph & Cumberland Is Operated at a Loss, Creditors Will Be Satisfied Before Date of Sale.

In this issue of the News will be found a legal advertisement of the sheriff's levy against the Randolph & Cumberland Railway. In regard to this advertisement, Judge McConnell has issued the following statement, which gives an understanding of the situation in which the road is placed:

"To the public:

"There appears in this issue of the paper notice of the sheriff's levy on the property of the Randolph & Cumberland Railway Company.

"This action is due to the impatience of some of our creditors. I have no fault to find with them as they are proceeding within their rights.

"We have due to us from the government under the transportation act an amount ample to pay all debts. Due to the war; to high prices of labor, material and fuel and particularly to the slump in business which began in October, we have been running at a loss. Our obligations as a common carrier prevented us from shutting down and waiting for better times. We realized too, that the business situation locally would be much worse if we did shut down and good times be much longer delayed in returning.

"Our friends may feel assured that before the sheriff is obliged to act further, our creditors will be paid."

"S. P. McCONNELL, Pres."

## STATE SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION IN RALEIGH

Many Sunday School leaders of North Carolina are on the program for the State Sunday School convention, which will be held in Raleigh April 12-14. The program for the convention is said to be very strong.

The railroads of the state have granted a special rate of one and one-half fares, certificate plan, provided as many as 350 certificates are presented for validation.

## SEASON ENDS MAY 1.

The season at the hotels will end about May 1 at Pinehurst and Southern Pines. The business this year has been good, with all facilities filled. Many new comers were among the visitors and the fine winter and spring made a big hit with the strangers. They will go away to act as good missionaries for the Sandhill country and to bring their friends back with them next time.

## JOHNSON TELLS SCOTCH JOKES

Relates Yarns He Heard While His Party Was Touring Scotland—He Also Gives Some Inscriptions on Tombstones in Graveyards.

"Why don't you tell some Scotch jokes?"

This question was asked me by a lady who has been reading this series of letters, but was doubtless tired of the "little old sorry things" I have been writing about. And, although I had intended to go to church in this letter, it is better—or, rather not so bad—to tell a joke before going to church than after returning from church. So I promised this lady I would try my hand on a few Scotch jokes this week; but since we are speaking of church and jokes in the same sentence, we will just strike a compromise and tell such jokes as may in a measure relate to churches, preachers and presentors.

The presentor is a disappearing institution in Scotland, but not yet so completely disappeared as with us. I, still a young man, remember when the presentor at Union church was an important dignitary. Fifty years ago, if a newspaper writer volunteered to tell his readers what a presentor was, he would be accused of "carrying coals to Newcastle," too common to be interesting; but I doubt if half the younger readers of the Moore County News today ever heard of a presentor. For the benefit of these, I will mention that a presentor is the man who "raised" the tunes and lined out the hymns, reading in a sonorous, sanctified voice, two lines at a time, so the people could remember and sing without a book. The presentor's station was in the very forefront, with his back to the pulpit. The church organ has been the supplanter of the presentor; but in his day he was often a greater man in his own estimation than the minister himself, and the like has been known that the presentor often felt himself equal to the task of "correcting" the minister in matters of doctrine.

They told me a story of an insolent presentor who had been heard to criticize his pastor rather uncharitably, and the matter was brought to the pastor's ears. The presentor's name was Sandy Johnston. The pastor went directly to Sandy with the report, and Sandy boldly admitted the charge in a general way, but denied the specific language.

"Don't let us quarrel, Sandy," said the minister. "We may each benefit by the other's criticism. Now tell me candidly what the chief faults of my preaching are?"

"Ou, I'm no sayin' I hae ony fauts till't, but this—that I've noticed—that is to say—ye exaggerate a wee."

"Well, Sandy, if I exaggerate the truth in the pulpit, I am certainly not aware of it."

"Ye do't. a' the same, though," insisted the presentor.

"Sandy, I respect your opinion," said the minister, "but I am satisfied that I am innocent of the charge you have preferred against me, and I now call upon you, if ever on any future occasion you shall hear me exaggerate in the pulpit you will call me down there and then just by whistling a low, thin whistle."

Sandy agreed to the arrangement. Several Sabbaths passed and there was nothing out of the ordinary, but Sandy kept his watch, and at length his patience was rewarded. Lecturing one day on that chapter in the book of Judges which describes Samson as catching 300 foxes, tying them tail to tail, casting firebrands in their midst, starting them among standing corn of the Philistines and burning it down.

"My friends," said he, "you will be wondering in your minds how Samson could tie so many foxes tail to tail, for the best man in Scotland couldn't tie two of our foxes tails together. Samson, however, was the strongest man the world has ever seen, and these eastern foxes, travelers tell us, had very long tails—tails, indeed, 40 and 50 feet long (the presentor emits a whistle); I should have said," continued the preacher, "that that is the account given by the earliest travelers to the east, and that recent investigations have proved its inaccuracy, and that these

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