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INFORMATION HUT ERECTED TO HELP DIRECT SOLDIERS

Southern Pines Library to Re-
main Open in Evenings for
Army Men in Area

"REC" CENTERS OPENING

Erection of a special information booth, the making available of the Southern Pines Library facilities, and the opening of recreation and lounge centers were among advances made in Southern Pines during the week for accommodation of maneuvering soldiers.

Manned by volunteer citizens, the information booth is located on the railway parkway, across from the Welch building on Broad street and Pennsylvania avenue. Under direction of Mrs. Almet Jenks, efforts have been made to collect all information of interest to soldiers.

During the maneuver period, the public library will be open evenings, especially for use by soldiers, it was announced by Almet Jenks, president of the Library board. Directors also ruled that soldiers may, upon a deposit of \$1.00, draw out books without charge for the first week and at a rate of two cents a day for overtime.

Several daily papers, magazines, writing equipment and other such facilities will be laid at the disposal of soldiers using the library.

At the information booth, soldiers may learn where recreational centers are, schedules of movies and other entertainments, where tourist homes and rooms are available, the times of church services, the location of any friends of theirs who may be in this section, and similar pertinent information. The booth also has a telephone, number 8981, and will be a clearing house for any families who wish to entertain one or more soldiers at their homes.

Town Helps Out

With most of the local efforts coordinated through the town officials, the Town itself contributed by building special sanitary latrines in strategic locations for use by the soldiers. Drinking fountains have also been installed at water outlets, lining the parking areas on the Broad street boulevards. Reinecke and Company is building the information booth.

To centers of churches and other organizations, the Town distributed attractive stationery, printed in green, with the heading "Written from Southern Pines, the Mid-South Resort, and figures of sports players."

Two hundred and 10 soldiers were served breakfast and coffee and doughnuts by ladies of St. Anthony's parish at the opening Sunday of their recreation center. Showers and dressing rooms are now being installed at the Parish house.

The Church of Wide Fellowship has welcomed a large number of soldiers at its center, with reading room, dressing room and showers. The American Legion hut also has been a recreation place for soldiers. It is expected that the Civic Club and the High School auditorium will be opened soon for their use.

Harold Buckminster Dies at Malden Home

Harold Chase Buckminster, since 1925 one of Pinehurst's regular winter resorters, died last Saturday at his home near Boston, Mass. He was 67 years old.

A retired mining man and industrialist, Mr. Buckminster was well-known in Pinehurst and Boston club circles and owns a home in Pinehurst. A graduate of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, he had been president and director of several manufacturing establishments and was a director of the Malden, Mass., Trust Co. He retired from active business 22 years ago.

Surviving are his widow, Mrs. Elizabeth Wright Chase Buckminster, and three sons, Harold, Jr., W. Bradley and Edmonde W. Buckminster.

The Pilot Also Goes to Parties And Sees Two Sides to a Story

There's More to These Parties
Than Eats and Music; What
the Woman Thinks

PURELY FEMININE:

Slightly cooler nights have stirred people out of their summer slump, at least to the point of showing a little more interest in dressing up and going places. While you can't exactly say that the Season has opened with a bang, the early openings have been well attended and lots of fun.

The Gray Fox served dinner to more than seventy-five guests last Saturday night and furnished a grand bill of more or less impromptu entertainment. A group of boys from Fort Bragg came over and volunteered their services. In this case it was for by no means amateur performances.

Dinner guests were enthusiastic about the French chef, Daniel Serp. Mrs. Clara Pushee, the hostess, gave a cordial welcome to all-comers and is an important member of the regular staff. There were quite a few Army people there, apparently delighted to have things livening up a bit.

Late in the evening the whole crowd gathered around the little red piano and joined Earl in singing familiar songs.

Mr. and Mrs. Chester I. Williams entertained Mr. and Mrs. Chester I. Williams, Jr. and Mrs. James Walker; guests of various other parties included Mrs. Alice Burt Hunt, Mrs. John R. Drexell, Mr. and Mrs. James Tufts, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Tufts, Mrs. George Fletcher, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Leland McKelthen, who were enthusiastic about moving into their new home, Mrs. Timothy Halbert, Mr. and Mrs. John P. Stockton, Lt. Col. and Mrs. H. R. Pierce, Capt. James Fargo, Mrs. George Miller, Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Chatfield, Lieut. Donavan, Lloyd Shearer, Otto Helvig, Capt. and Mrs. Mulford and Capt. and Mrs. George S. Orran.

Dinner at Pine Needles

Wednesday night when The Pine Needles opened with a dinner party the atmosphere was a little more formal than that at The Gray Fox opening, but none the less enjoyable.

Guests gathered in the Green Room before dinner and sat around in small groups chatting. It was a grand way to renew friendships and meet a few new people, including Mr. and Mrs. John F. Sanderson and Mr. and Mrs. John J. Walsh. Mr. Sanderson and Mr. Walsh are both newcomers to The Pine Needles staff.

The beautiful lobby of the inn gives one a feeling of coziness despite its

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Red Cross Chapters To Meet in Pinehurst

Central Carolina Conference on
Annual Roll Call Scheduled
for October 15

Moore County Red Cross chapter will be host October 15 to all Central North Carolina chapters, meeting in Pinehurst for the annual Red Cross roll call conference, it was announced by Mrs. Alice Burt Hunt, following a county meeting in Southern Pines Tuesday.

Conference sessions will be held at the Holly Inn, beginning at 10 o'clock, with prominent Red Cross officials scheduled to address the group. Mrs. James Tufts Jr., of Pinehurst is chairman of the arrangements committee for the meeting.

Pinebluff Resident Passes at Age of 71

Abram Lucas Van Boskerk, for 25 years a resident of Pinebluff, died early Wednesday morning. His age was 71.

A retired painter, Mr. Van Boskerk was born in Yonkers, N. Y., February 9, 1870. Surviving are his widow and five sons.

Funeral services will be conducted at 4 o'clock Friday afternoon in the Pinebluff Baptist Church.

Not to Be Outdone by Life, The
Pilot Takes in Couple of
Season Openers

THE MALE REPORTS:

Joe Louis leads with his right and out goes Nova; the Yanks lead Brooklyn off the brink in the first of another World Series; the boys from the Palmetto State lead the Tar Heels into what may be a sticky season; but these really great events fade into obscurity come the evening when a woman leads a man to a party.

There were two season openers this week—and not on any sports arena. They were in Southern Pines and Pinehurst as The Gray Fox restaurant and The Pine Needles in threw parties to celebrate an early beginning of another resort season for the Sandhills.

Although men may like to think that the woman takes the lead in these events doesn't she? The males themselves got into the game quickly enough at The Gray Fox last Saturday when they landed in the convivial spirit of impromptu entertainment.

And Wednesday night at The Pine Needles another bunch of men slyly patted their tummies after the five course dinner, featuring thick steaks, served in the spacious dining room, after a sort of family gathering in the Green Room. Few of the men visited the marvelous kitchen, which should be appealing if you can believe the old saying about "every good man is a cook" or "every good cook is a man" or however it goes, it doesn't matter.

Back to the Gray Fox

At The Gray Fox maybe it was the pleasingly impromptu entertainment of some soldier boys who proved to be more than "bucks" that made the males slide easily into the new season. Or maybe it was the way Chef Daniel—pronounced like the French would pronounce it, because Chef Daniel Serpe is French—broiled his steaks over the adjustable broiling oven.

The way Earl Oxford sang made the women forget that he is now playing an army game of "Life Begins at 5:40 a. m." instead of the Broadway show, "Life Begins at 8:40" of which he was the star. Oh! the men liked him, too, but they probably enjoyed more the dizzy fingers of Ken Brown on the little Red piano at the Gray Fox and the sweet notes from Jimmy Elder's sax. Both of these boys used to be with Jimmy Dorsey's orchestra before they went with Uncle Sam's band and with the guitar of Bill Dudley, formerly with Paul Whiteman's orchestra, they turned out sweet music to sooth the savage breast of a male led to a party. And that is not to mention the singing of Madame Adel Serpe, who'll be featured throughout the season.

Just as there's a difference between a close horse race and a smooth tennis match, the party at The Pine Needles differed from The Gray Fox party. The Dunlaps—George senior and junior—and O. Harrison Stutts had things in pretty good shape to turn over to the new manager, John F. Sanderson, when he gave an opening party Wednesday.

Judge H. F. Seawell, who fits in whether he's up with his neighbors in Ritters township or down among the Sandhills crowd, enjoyed his chats with Dorsey Stutz and "Dunc" Matthews as much as his dinner, and Will Blue from Aberdeen and Bob Harlow from Pinehurst were chummy in another corner.

Talbot Johnson and Morris Hodgkins didn't seem at all out of place surrounded by charming ladies, while others of the fair sex chatted with Dr. Jim Milliken, Howard Burns, and A. S. Newcomb, every-ready with his fund of stories about the Sandhills and its folk. Mr. and Mrs. Ed S. Biodgett of Pinehurst's Berkshire might have been discussing their summer season with Mr. and Mrs. Harry F. Norris, who are back for the new season at the Carolina, Mr. and Mrs. Sanderson and Mr. and Mrs. John J. Walsh of The Pine Needles were looking after all the guests.

Army Fire!

No incendiary bombs from the "enemy" were reported, but the mess hall of the 152nd Observation Squadron's newly established camp near the Airport burned Wednesday night, about 8:45 o'clock.

Southern Pines Volunteer Fire Department rushed to the rescue of the Army property; but the truck was stopped at the junction of the hard surface road and dirt road leading to the encampment with a report that the fire was extinguished.

Under command of Major Paul Smith, the squadron came from Fort Devens, Mass., and the remainder of the air and field forces due to encamp at Knollwood Airport are expected this week.

CHURCH REUNION SET FOR SUNDAY

Old Bethesda to Celebrate 151st
Anniversary of Founding on
October 5

Old Bethesda Church, around which is centered much Old Scottish History and traditions of the Sandhills, will be the scene Sunday, October 5, of the annual home-coming, commemorating the 151st anniversary of its founding.

The Rev. W. I. Howell, coordinator of soldier work for the Synod of North Carolina, and a former pastor of the First Presbyterian Church in Hamlet, will fill the pulpit at 11 o'clock, after which the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper will be administered, as this Sunday has been set apart as World-Wide Communion.

Sons and daughters of this old church, many of whom have gone out to make names for themselves, will be returning with their families and friends, to worship at Old Bethesda and to mingle with their friends.

Dinner will be served picnic style in the old oak grove on the church grounds, and the public is invited. Those attending are urged to bring well-filled baskets to help serve the crowd expected to be present.

Jaycees Plan Drive for Numbering Houses

Directors of the Junior Chamber of Commerce met Wednesday night and voted to launch an effort to improve the marking of streets and houses in Southern Pines.

Directors also will submit to membership of the Jaycees a proposal to establish an award for scholarship and citizenship for West Southern Pines School, to provide \$15 toward refreshments for soldiers at dances to be given here, and elected Mayor Duncan Matthews, Norman Day and B. C. Doyle as honorary members of the organization.

M. F. Grantham, who, because of his change in residence resigned from the Jaycees, has been elected a "Key Man" and awarded a special Jaycee "Key-Man" medal for service to the organization while a member here.

Mrs. Barbara Lansing Dies in New York City

Mrs. Barbara Farrington Lansing, a frequent visitor with her sister, Mrs. George W. Johnson, at her home in Southern Pines, died last Friday at Harpers Pavillion in New York City.

She was the widow of the late Charles T. Lansing of Englewood, N. J. Her sister, Mrs. Johnson, of 147 Chestnut St., Englewood, about three years ago purchased and extensively remodeled the former Arkell home at Highland Road and Connecticut Avenue, and Mrs. Lansing spent much time with her here.

Funeral services were held at the Church of the Ascension, Fifth Avenue and 10th Street in New York City, Monday afternoon, and interment was in Hackensack Cemetery. One daughter, Miss Shirley King Lansing, survives.

Fair Prizes Being Held For Shooting and Alleged Fixing of Lottery Awards

HEMP WILL HELP ENTERTAIN ARMY

Community Facilities to Be Made
Available for Soldiers;
Committees Named

Recreational and community facilities of Hemp are being made available to soldiers in the maneuver area, as a result of a meeting between Army and U. S. O. officials and citizens of Hemp.

Committees have been appointed by Mayor W. P. Saunders to provide special shower and sanitary arrangements for the soldiers as well as to organize existing facilities which may be used by the Army boys.

An information clearing house was established this week, with D. D. McCrimmon, local druggist, in charge. The \$60,000 Community Center, equipped for basketball, pool, billiards, bowling, ping pong, library and reading room, lunch counter, shower baths and rest rooms will be open to the soldiers, under direction of W. S. Evans. During maneuvers, informal dances will be given in the ballroom by young ladies of the community.

Local Committees

Following are the committee members appointed by Mayor Saunders. Comforts and community: W. S. Evans, chairman; F. H. Upchurch, G. E. Walker, Roy Harris and C. B. Brooks.

Home and Church hospitality, the Rev. L. A. McLaurin, chairman. Commercial recreation: E. C. McSwain, chairman; T. H. Rowan and Kirk Thayer.

Entertainment and athletics: W. S. Evans, chairman; Roy McSwain, James Culbertson, Mrs. Bill McLaurin, Mrs. W. S. Evans, Mrs. W. P. Saunders, Miss Helen Meacham, and W. H. Jackson.

Information: D. D. McCrimmon, chairman; Colon Monroe, Frank Upchurch, G. E. Walker, and Mrs. C. C. Frye.

Publicity committee: E. A. West, chairman, Faye Brewer and E. C. Brady.

Farmers Will Meet to Name Committees

AAA Committeemen for New
Growing Year to Be Elected
at Meetings

Annual election of community committeemen for the agricultural program in Moore County will be conducted next Tuesday and Wednesday, October 7 and 8, at 7:30 o'clock in meetings throughout the county, it was announced this week.

For functioning of these committees, Moore County is divided into seven communities, and in each of these, three men are to be elected to assist in administering the Agricultural Conservation program.

To be eligible for election as a committeeman, a farmer must have three qualifications: he should have participated in the 1941 AAA program; he should not hold political office at the present time; and the major portion of his income should be derived from farming.

At these local meetings, also, delegates will be named to attend a county meeting, slated for a later date, to elect three county committeemen.

Following is the schedule of meetings for 7:30 Tuesday night: Carthage and Deep River Community, Carthage Court House; Greenwood Community, Cameron High School; Sandhills Community, Roseland School house. For Wednesday at 7:30, meetings are as follows: Bensalem Community, Bensalem Community House; Mineral Springs community, West End High School; Sheffields and Ritters Community, Putnam School House; McNeill Community, Eureka school house.

Lester Scott Held Without Bond
for Shooting Showman;
Others Out on \$500

SAY STOOGES GOT PRIZES

Report from Moore County Hospital late Thursday was that Jimmy White, injured showman, was in "favorable" condition, considering seriousness of wounds. "Tremendous reserve strength" was credited with helping White through crisis. He is still in "serious" condition but not so critical as earlier in the week. Audrey Scott, with broken vertebra, reported improved.

The shot-gun shooting of one showman, the suspected sleight-of-hand selection of automobile prize-winning tickets and an auto wreck involving some principal characters, all on Saturday, brought an unexpected bang-up ending of the Sandhills Fair in Aberdeen last week and landed several outside promoters under the protection of the law.

After smooth running since Tuesday, the explosions started about 6:15 Saturday evening when Lester Scott of Burlington, husband of Mrs. Nina Scott, primary promoter of Fair activities, pumped a 20-gauge shotgun load into the stomach of Jimmy "Tarzan" White, Monarch showman, after an argument involving five others.

Scott is being held in Carthage jail without bond, pending the outcome of White's injuries, said to be critical.

Fair Goes On

After the shooting the Fair proceeded calmly far into Saturday evening, until time came for announcement of winners of brand new automobiles or \$750 in cash. The young lady who had sold the most tickets was to be named "Queen of the Sandhills." Bone fide Sandhills girls awaited the announcement.

The winner? A young lady who came in about the time the show promoters came in—a Mrs. Harvey Hanford of Burlington, now under \$500 bond.

Still the show went on. There was some grumbling; but the crowd awaited the drawing of a prize-winning number. A stranger, Jack Purcell from Gainesville, Fla., took the winning ticket from a little girl who had pulled it from the hat. Purcell called a number. No response. Again he called it. No response. Where was the winner?

Who Is Second Winner?

Who is this man? Where is he? No response. The money or the car would be held for him.

It wasn't until Sunday morning that matters began to clear up. McBryde Albright of Kernersville showed up in town. He had been in an automobile accident near Mt. Gilead, while on his way to Aberdeen to win the car or cash. But he had a passenger in his car. It was Audrey Scott of Burlington, daughter of Lester Scott, the shooter. Miss Scott suffered a fractured vertebra in the accident and is now in Moore County Hospital.

Also, it was not until Sunday morning that the Aberdeen Firemen, who sponsored the Fair, but had nothing to do with the lottery of the automobiles, began to get some facts about the drawing. Albright, held by Chief Lamarr Smith allegedly admitted that he received \$50.00 for being the prize-winner.

Off On a Trip

Before warrants could be served, Mrs. Scott and Albright had left Aberdeen, had been to Carthage, where she saw her incarcerated husband, and were in Sanford when local officers caught them, and brought them back to Moore to be placed under bond, pending specific charges.

Shooting Stopped in Time

The alleged frame-up of the prize awards and the shooting were unrelated except for principals involved. According to witnesses, Scott became involved in an argument with

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