



Plans Announced For Reopening Of Community Center

Weaver Heads New Committee To Back Teen - Age Program

Plans are now underway for reopening of the Southern Pines Community Center, it was announced on Wednesday by Rubin C. DuBose, president of the local Chamber of Commerce, which organization has sponsored the operation of the center.

Occupying the Civic Club building, the community center project has been temporarily discontinued since January 16th, due to the furnace's having been out of order. For the time being the furnace has been repaired, but it is now planned to install an oil heating system in the building. Since closing of the building, Mrs. Eugene Shaefer, director of the center, has resigned. DuBose expects shortly, however, to announce Mrs. Shaefer's successor.

The community center was gotten off to an apparently satisfactory start early this fall after closing of the U.S.O. Among its purposes were to continue hospitality to soldiers remaining in this area, and to provide a long needed meeting place and recreation room for the 'teen-aged set. To serve as a public reading room, accommodate bridge games and other activities of older citizens and tourists, and to provide a bureau of local and travel information for tourists.

Future operation of the center will be on a somewhat different basis than in the past, DuBose (Continued on Page 8)

Scotch Foursomes Sandpiper Tourney In Week's Golfing

Shooting to best advantage from alternate drives, Russ Birch and Mrs. Lorraine Johnson paired off to card low net score of 70 on the country club course last Sunday, taking first honors in the annual St. Valentine's Scotch foursome play. A second low ball of 72 was turned in by P. V. Hatch and Mrs. Elmer Harrington, who teamed in the seasonal competition arranged for men and women golfers of the Sandpiper and Pinedodger golfing associations.

With both partners driving on the approach to a green, each team, in the novel selected drives plan, was given an option of playing through from either drive. Enjoyment, rather than low shooting, characterized the play. Prizes of golf merchandise were presented the winners.

The fourth of eight Sandpiper tournaments scheduled for the season was played through last week, in match play against par. Winners announced on Monday by Manager Billy Wilson of the Southern Pines Country Club was P. V. Hatch, with two up on par for a net 69. Russ Birch of the club posted a second low card with 71.

Medal play with handicaps will be the order for Sandpiper competition next week, beginning Monday, February 25, it was also announced.

Following the Pinedodgers' luncheon at the country club on Wednesday, Miss Birdilla Bair turned in a low card from among fifteen contestants to win the Pinedodger Flag Tournament.

FIRST AID

A. M. Goodwin of the North Carolina Department of Revenue announces that he will be in Southern Pines on Monday, February 25, for the purpose of assisting tax payers of the town in filing their State tax returns. Goodwin's assistance will be available to citizens at the Broad Street Pharmacy from 9:00 a. m. until 5:00 p. m. on the 25th.

WHOA!

A number of citizens, including Broad Street merchants, have suggested that horsemen about town be asked not to bring their mounts onto the sidewalks, where a bolting or kicking steed may endanger elderly pedestrians and children. And so, to young riders... we pass the request hopefully along.

Varsities Win Two Here On Tuesday from Alumni Teams

Local Basketball Will Meet Jonesboro-Aberdeen Winner In Title Play

Upwards of a score of alumni once more donned basketball jerseys for a return engagement with the local varsity squads on the school court here on Tuesday night, February 19th.

Substituting freely to give the reserves game experience, Coach Aline Todd saw her squad of girls best the alumni 26-23 for a third straight win. The recent list of uninterrupted wins for the girls includes, also Pinehurst and Aberdeen. Beginning the third period for the school team was the reserve combination of Milliken and Murphy, first year forwards, and guards Chester and Willcox. Asking no odds from the old grads, the reserves held a definite edge in speed, and showed their guarding and ball handling much, improved.

Leading the attack for the alumnae in scoring 23 points were forwards Joyce Bailey and Emily Fowler Gunter, and center Jackie Worsham, while Eleanor Eddy Smith and Ruth McFarland McRae turned in good performances at guard.

Outstanding for the school in a 38-30 win over the returnees were Gene Maples, forward, and Tommy Grey, guard, whose accurate shooting was a decisive factor. Figuring in the line up for the old grads were Ed Newton, Hermann Grover, and Bobby Dunn, forwards; Spring at center, with Jimmy Pate and Austin at guards. Throughout the roughshod affair, Coach A. C. Dawson substituted his second and third stringers frequently.

On Friday night the Blue and White teams journey south for a non-conference encounter with Rockingham, while a clash on Wednesday with the victor of Aberdeen-Jonesboro fray will determine the 4th District title.

SHORT LIVED FURORE

For a few moments just before six o'clock Monday evening East Broad street and Connecticut avenue was a conglomeration of fire trucks, cars, firemen, policemen, last minute shoppers, homeward bound folks and what else have you. Cause, a temperamental oil stove located in the work shop of Howlett's establishment.

Taxi Driver 'Taken For Ride' Escapes and Points Out Bandits

Query: Is there a jinx on the corner of West Broad street and New Hampshire avenue?

At that corner, from which, just over two years ago taxi driver Oscar Michael was taken for a ride, never to return alive, two Negroes at about 9:30 Thursday night, hired the Ward taxi, driven by Clyde Seawell, for a trip "just past Niagara." Fate, however, was far kinder to Seawell than to Michael.

Seawell, new to Southern Pines taxi driving, suspected no foul play when, past Niagara, he was ordered to turn down a side road where no Negroes lived, in spite of the "friend" the two Negroes were on their way to see. They were later identified as William Robert McKeithen, 22, and Luther McKeithen, 19, from Vass. Here is the story in Seawell's own words: "They weren't drunk, but you could smell liquor on their breath. When I stopped off up the side road," said Seawell, "where they told me to, they got

Valentine's Ball Proves Gala Event For Younger Set

Teen-Agers From Three Schools Join In Pinehurst Affair

Highlighting social events for the 'teen-aged sets of three high schools was the first annual Valentine ball, sponsored by the junior and senior classes of Pinehurst High School, and held in the school gymnasium in the evening of Saturday, February 16th. Nearly a hundred couples of young people from the Pinehurst, Southern Pines, and Aberdeen schools danced to sweet music from eight-thirty until twelve, with long dresses in order and a silver-blue canopy of stars overhead.

A Queen of Hearts beauty contest preceded the figure. After a long deliberation by the judges, Miss Pauline Lewis was crowned as queen and enthroned. Winsome contestants representing Southern Pines and Aberdeen were respectively, Miss Becky McHugh, escorted by Alton Blue, and Miss Geneva Wooten, escorted by D. I. Aldridge. J. Talbot Johnson, representing the judges, presented the Queen with an armful of red roses as she ascended her throne. Other judges were Mrs. Harold H. Cartwright of Pinehurst, and H. P. Bilyeu, Jr. of Southern Pines.

Completing the decorations, with the Valentine motif apparent throughout, were hearts and streamers, greens, and white latticed gardens enclosing the tables each side of the floor. Decorations for the gymnasium were planned and carried out by a committee of students from the Pinehurst school. Faculty adviser (Continued on Page 8)

Army Families Buy In Southern Pines

More army families bought homes in Southern Pines last week, carrying out the hope, and the prophesy, that many prospective good citizens for our town would materialize through our invasion by the army.

The last to buy were the Rigglemans and Knauerhases. Captain E. H. Riggelman has bought the R. C. Johnson home on New York Avenue, while the Henry Silver house has been sold to Captain Carl O. Knauerhase, who has also bought the Van Camp lot on Illinois Avenue.

The Anne H. Munson house on Orchard Road has been bought, by Frank A. Stith of Winston-Salem, for the use of his daughter.

These sales were made through the Barnum Agency.

"Where Credit's Due"

The '46 edition of the Victory Clothing Drive in Southern Pines has collected more than a ton of shoes and clothing, of all sizes and for all ages. It was announced on Thursday by Tucker G. Humphries, local chairman for the drive. In giving credit where credit is due, Chairman Humphries expresses his thanks and appreciation to Dick Sugg and A. C. Dawson for the use of the Sports Shop as a collecting station; to Dwight Hoskins, Dick Sugg and other Rotarians for assistance in packing and shipping the collection last Tuesday night; and to the whole of the community for a most generous response.

Congressmen Reply To AVCs Telegram Urging More Homes

Hoey and Burgin Tell Vets They Will Back Emergency Housing Bill

Senator Hoey and Representative Burgin, North Carolina congressmen, were prompt in assuring AVC's Moore County chapter that they intend to support the emergency housing program. This program calls for the building of 2,700,000 new homes in '46 and '47.

On February 14th the Moore County AVC's wired the North Carolina congressmen urging support of the program. Hoey's and Burgin's answers were in the mails the day after the wires were sent.

Said Senator Hoey: "I thank you for advising me of the views of the Moore County members of the American Veterans Committee and I assure you I shall do everything possible to help in the bill..."

Representative Burgin wrote: "I am very much in favor of any legislation looking toward additional housing facilities, first for veterans, and for the others who are in need of the facilities, and shall give my support to such legislation."

The Moore County chapter of the AVC's, Councilor James Boyd stated in an interview this week, is made up of World War II veterans who believe that the fight for their country only started when they laid aside their uniforms and guns. It is their intention, he further asserted, to keep in close touch with local and national affairs so that they can back the good and fight the bad. Such an organization, it is believed, should do Moore County a great deal of good.

An AVC meeting has been announced for each Friday for the purpose of discussing such local problems as employment, health, and education. Details as to the time and place for the meeting may be had upon telephoning Southern Pines 6521, Boyd said.

Arey Confirms Sale Of Homesites Here

Several more sales of real estate have been reported in Southern Pines, though only two transactions have been confirmed at this writing. Robert F. Arey has purchased from Dr. A. D. Perry of Durham "Comfort Corner," located at May street and Rhode Island avenue. He has modernized and redecorated the dwelling which was erected before 1900 by E. M. Fulton, who, a little later, built the present Struthers Burt home, then and for several seasons, the show place of Southern Pines. "Comfort Corner" became the home of the Bloxham family for a number of years. Recently it has been leased as a tourist home, also housing the McIntosh antique shop.

Mr. Arey also reports the sale of bungalow number 91 S. Ashe street to H. S. Wilson who is associated with the Paul Van Camp office.

Stoneybrook Entry Sunday Stand-Out In Pinehurst Show

Jumping Events Are Feature Of Spring Gymkhana

Youthful Katherine Walsh, daughter of Mickey Walsh of the Stoneybrook Stables, Southern Pines, rode off with top honors in the second of the spring series of gymkhanas held at the Carolina Hotel riding ring in Pinehurst last Sunday when she rode to victory atop Pot Luck in the Open Jumpers class, and teamed with her sister Joanna, on Chance, to win the Pair Jumping event. Sister Joanna also came in second in the open event when she won a jump-off for second place with Roberta Frye on Clifton's Ferry.

In the Junior Horsemanship Class, limited to riders of sixteen and under who had not won a blue this year, places were taken by Roberta Frye, Jean Overton, Fay Caddell, H. Hobson, Jr., and James Beattie, in that order. Winner of the musical stalls was Mary Ann Tate.

First place in the Class for Paired, Working Hunters was taken by Mrs. W. O. Moss, of Mile-Away Farm, on Little River, and Mrs. James Elliott Mechling on Henry's Dream. Jean Overton up on Star Dust and Roberta Frye on Clifton's Ferry took the red, with H. Hobson on Black Jack and L. M. Tate on Sail On in third.

Winning the potato racing event was the team of four men and herself captained by Mary Ann Tate, opposed by Miss Colores Stanton's similar team. Up on Smoky, Miss Tate came back for first in the Class for Bridle Path Hacks, followed by Jean Safford on Chance and Renee Razook on Bourbon. Honors in the ribbon race also went to Miss Tate.

Placing second in the spectacular (Continued on Page 8)

College Chaplain Will Conduct Service Here

The Rev. Robert Emmet Gribbin, Jr., Episcopal Student Chaplain at Chapel Hill, will conduct the services and preach at Emmanuel Church this Sunday, February 24th. Mr. Gribbin, eldest son of the Bishop of Western North Carolina, is one of the most widely known and successful college chaplains in the Episcopal Church. He will speak on "The Church's Work in Colleges."

While Mr. Gribbin is here the rector of Emmanuel Church, the Rev. F. Craighill Brown, will be engaged in assisting in college work as he is frequently called upon to do. Mr. Brown goes on Friday to Greensboro, where he will serve as chaplain to a three day Vocational Conference for Women at Woman's College. The conference is sponsored by the Commission on College Work of the Province of Sewanee which comprises the fourteen dioceses of the southeastern states. Meeting place of the conference is St. Mary's House, Episcopal Students' Center at N. C. C. W.

Second Pro-Amateur At Mid Pines Monday

A fifth in the series of Sandhills amateur-professional golf tournaments will be held at the Mid Pines Club on Monday, February 25, it was revealed as we go to press. Manager Frank Cosgrove of the Mid Pines states that Monday's competition over the club course will be on the metropolitan plan as in the past. No green fee will be charged, but amateurs will pay an entry fee of \$5.00, all of which will go into prizes.

The pro-amateur competition slated for the Mid Pines will be the second of the recent series of similar tournaments to be held at the club.

Raging Flames Impossible To Quell As Late Bion H. Butler Home Burns In Most Destructive Blaze of Year

Former Pilot Editor's Collection of Books And Manuscripts Lost



Bion H. Butler, pictured above, first editor of The Pilot, built "Valhalla" in the winter of 1904-05. Destruction of the home by flames marked the passing of a venerable landmark of the Sandhills.

Spring Gymkhana To Benefit Polio Fund Here Sunday

The initial gymkhana of the spring season has been scheduled for 2:30 p. m. on Sunday, February 24, with a card of six sporting and novel events arranged for the show ring and outside hunting course at the Southern Pines Country Club. Events of never-flagging interest in the realm of serious horsemanship will be the class for working hunters, to be held over the outside course, and the spectacular knock down and out class for jumpers slated for the inside ring.

A Maiden Jumping Class will be open to jumpers one and all who have never taken a blue. A large field is anticipated for the Children's Horsemanship Class, and ribbon and potato racing events will lend novelty to the Sunday showing. Many participants and spectators from among leading horse enthusiasts of this section are expected to be on hand, as well as visitors from other communities.

James Conway, equestrian enthusiast of Pinehurst and New York, has been named as judge. Ribbons will be presented to the winners by Mrs. J. T. Wells. The spring gymkhana will be held as a benefit for the polio drive. Louis Schepers, chairman of the Southern Pines equestrian committee, has announced.

"Though I Speak..."

Rep. Hall introduces a bill: to prohibit the export of grain from the U. S. to assure American consumers the present amount of white bread."

Sen. Butler asserts: "the nation's health and diet must be protected." But Sen. Hatch exclaims: "I was shocked when I heard it said that this (sending food overseas) would be a political blunder. Have we come to such a pass that the President cannot make an appeal for the hungry and the starving without being besmirched with the taint of party politics? I wish to say that I do not want to give merely out of our surplus... to send only the wheat which we do not need to feed our livestock and our poultry and to keep our bread white. I am willing to share with the starving nations of the world out of the abundance which Providence has given us as a nation."

BURGIN

Moore County should feel proud of its man Burgin, who filed a bill last week to bar the manufacture of atomic bombs until the UNO completes effective control machinery.

Another landmark of the early days of Southern Pines perished in flame and smoke as "Valhalla", long the home of the late Bion H. Butler, burned with most of its contents last Friday morning.

The fire, originating either in an unoccupied corner room on the second floor, or from spark-ignited shingles above the room, had made some headway before the pungent odor of smoke alarmed the household gathered in the dining room. Unable at first to get through the local telephone for a few moments Miss Helen left it to her mother to call Mrs. Howard Butler in town, who, in turn called the firemen, whose truck was actually rolling before the echoing call of the siren died away.

In the meanwhile, Miss Helen gathered a few personal effects from a room on the second floor, her mother doing the same downstairs, and with two cats and the dog made their way to their neighbor's, the Goldsmiths, but finding no one at home met Mrs. Howard Butler on their return trip. Miss Helen then left her mother and returned to the burning home.

Arriving with the firemen were a number of spectators who rapidly cleared the lower floor of furniture and personal effects, the firemen, in the meanwhile, exhausting the water in the light truck, stretched a thousand feet of hose up the hill from James Creek in a valiant though futile effort to save the house, which despite the powerful stream of water thrown by the pumper was doomed to the outset.

Built in the winter of 1904-05, on a knoll, once an emplacement for a battery of Kilpatrick's advancing troops, the house was a sturdy structure with a poured concrete lower story over a basement, the walls surmounted by a story and attic of seasoned pine, which once well started made an (Continued on Page 8)

Capital of Resort Airline Set At Million Saturday

Capitalization of Resort Airlines, Inc., was raised to a total of \$1,000,000 at the first annual meeting of corporation stockholders held at the Knollwood field headquarters here on Saturday, February 16, Major Lewis C. Burwell, president of the line, stated early this week.

Approximately twenty stockholders present at the meeting authorized the board of directors to issue an additional \$100,000 as immediate working capital for the line, which heretofore has been a \$100,000 corporation. Following a highly successful business session, stockholders and officers of the organization adjourned to the Dunes Club for an evening's entertainment.

Major Burwell also announces this week that the first of the line's twenty - one passenger Douglas planes has been completely converted for service as a civilian transport. The big Douglas ship will be available immediately to pre - arranged parties for flights to any point in the Northern Hemisphere.

ATTENDS SEMINAR

Graham Culbreth, of the Southern Pines Pharmacy, has returned from the professional seminar for druggists held at the University of North Carolina February 17th through the 20th. The session featured lectures on modern pharmaceutical practices, and was the first such seminar ever to have been held in North Carolina.