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TEN CENTS

Southern Pines Boys Named County Champs Following Tourney Finals

Blue Team Bests Pinehurst 29-23 In Title Contest

Forcing their own cool and deliberate game through four hotly contested quarters, Coach Dawson's basketball team of Southern Pines clinched the Moore County Championship by downing Pinehurst 29 to 23 in the tournament finals played at Robbins on Friday, March 8th. High scorer for the home team in taking the title clash was forward Gene Maples with 11 points, while Drennan Mann, guard standout, turned in a bank up performance, both on the floor and under the basket.

Twice, when the locals were in need of points to maintain a precarious lead, Mann broke straightway down court, eluding all defense to sink his shots square with the backboard.

Southern Pines drew first blood as Page sank a foul shot after several minutes of indecisive play. Corbett and Whit Thomas racked up three in succession giving Pinehurst the lead until Maples came through with a basket, Grey and Mann feeding the ball. Later with the Red team again in the lead, Harrington, local center, played smartly off the backboard to give Southern Pines a 5-4 margin.

With the score at 15-10 Southern Pines, five minutes to go in the half, Veno, Currie, and Thomas broke from hitherto effective guarding to garner a goal apiece. The half ended 16-15, Pinehurst.

Coming a second time from behind, the locals rode on Worsham's foul shot and baskets by Grey and Mann for a lead in the third, totaling 7 points for the period and holding their opponents to 2. Wild shooting by Pinehurst in the final quarter, and the aggressive floor play of Southern Pines guards, kept the ball with (Continued on Page 5)

LIBELOUS

Hey, Carl!
How come you to tell that story in your "State" magazine about the traveller who thought Southern Pines was in South Carolina? Don't you know publicity like that is liable to mean the downfall of our mid-south . . . or shall we say: of THE mid-south resort? South Carolina! My goodness me, what a libel!

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Chemicals Explode As Laundry Fire Rages



Silhouetted against the night, illuminated by flames and exploding chemicals, is the blackened shell of Carter's Laundry, gutted by fire on Thursday night, March 7th. (Photo by Humphrey)

Carter's Laundry Burns In Worst Fire Of Year, New Extension Damaged, Much Equipment Lost

REMEMBER . . .

. . . the meeting to be held next Thursday night, March 21st at the Southern Pines Library at eight o'clock, to talk over the purchase and restoration of the Old Shaw House, (described in an adjoining column.)

Among those who will probably speak is Mrs. R. L. McMillan of Raleigh. Mrs. McMillan, as former head of the North Carolina Garden Clubs, has had considerable experience with this sort of undertaking. She has made a study of old gardens of the state and has supervised the restoration of several old houses.

This is a Moore County home, and its restoration should be a Moore County project. It is hoped that many from all over the county will attend.

African Big Game Film Will Benefit Red Cross Drive

The big game of Equatorial Africa will come to the aid of the current Red Cross Fund Drive at the Carolina Theater, Pinehurst, on Monday, March 18th. The Pinehurst Committee, headed by W. A. Leland McKeithen, will sponsor presentation of a colored motion picture record of a journey across the Dark Continent along the equator from the Indian Ocean to the Atlantic. Center of interest will be the great East African big game country and its lions, rhinos and other species of wild animals.

The movie will be presented by Captain George F. Shearwood, who will accompany it with a talk on the country, and the scenes as they unfold. Entitled "Leaving Them There Alive," the movie was made a year before the recent war began, in the course of a cross-continental trip arranged by Captain Shearwood.

Lions of the Serengeti Plains are shown in their everyday lives, in utter disregard for the camera, sometimes yawning in close-ups, cubs playing with their mothers, full-grown lions actually doing circus tricks for their dinner, and other unstaged and completely natural pictures of zebra, giraffe, impala, and antelopes. Climax of the film is perhaps the only picture ever made of two rhinos fighting to the death.

Captain Shearwood, who contributes the show for the benefit of the drive, has lived many years in central Africa, where he has commanded native troops and once ruled one of the most primitive tribes in the interior. He is acknowledged to be the outstanding authority in this country on travel in Africa.

The show will be presented at 8:30 p. m. at the Carolina Theater, March 18th. The committee in charge of the program is composed of Charles A. Warren, chairman, Mrs. Chester I. Williams, Robert E. Harlow, Francis T. Keating, Charles W. Picquet, who has donated the use of his theater, and Mrs. George F. Shearwood.

SWEET SINGING

Several who heard the Duke Glee Club concert at Duke last week report that it was a truly delightful musical experience. The program was the same as that to be given in Southern Pines at the Schoolhouse on March 23rd. Tickets for this concert, (reserved seats; \$1.50, admission: \$1.00) are being sold in advance by Mrs. Hodgkins, (tel. 5042,) and Mrs. Tucker Humphries, (tel. 8089) and can be secured by telephone.

Linen Loss Leaves Hotels and Hospital Seriously Handicapped

The most disastrous fire in the business district of Southern Pines for many years raged with fierce intensity for more than an hour Thursday night, leaving in ruins the plant of Carter's Laundry, despite the best efforts of the fire departments of Aberdeen, Pinehurst and Southern Pines. Fighting the flames with seven powerful streams of water, the fire teams were able to eliminate hazards to surrounding property from wind driven sparks, and worked on until early Friday morning to subdue smoldering fires in the ruined structure.

As in the destructive fire in the Southern Pines Warehouses, just a week previous, the older building of the plant was well ablaze when the glow was noted by policeman Irvin Morrison and Jack Tesh from the police station two blocks away. Firemen on the scene following the alarm found the front and east side with its many windows a mass of flames already spreading to the new and as yet unoccupied building. The origin of the fire is unknown. Superintendent H. I. Cranfill, following the cessation of work at ten o'clock, had gone through the entire building closing windows and locking doors, leaving everything in apparent good order a scant 25 minutes before the alarm sounded at 10:40 p. m.

The laundry was the largest commercial plant in Southern Pines, employing 35 employees. (Continued on Page 8)

Mrs. J. M. Guthrie Seeks House Seat

Mrs. J. M. Guthrie, well known in Moore, Harnett, and Hoke counties for her long and outstanding services on many boards, seeks the honor of being the first lady to be sent from Moore county to the lower legislature.

Declared Mrs. Guthrie: "After having talked with a number of friends and community leaders, I have decided to announce my candidacy for the House of Representatives, subject to the action of the Democratic primary of May 25th, 1946.

"Various counties have sent women to the General Assembly in the past and their services have been commendable and pleasing to their counties.

"Should I be accorded the high honor of representing Moore county as her first woman legislator, I shall do all within my power to render a good accounting to both my county and state."

In 1944 Mrs. Guthrie served as a member of the Moore County AAA, and a few years past was awarded the Collier's Award for the "best rural correspondent in North Carolina."

Among other services, from Yeomanette in World War I to active "Gray Lady" at Ft. Bragg in this war, Mrs. Guthrie has been an officer of the Democratic Executive Committee of Moore county; Secretary of the Precinct Committee; member of the County Library Board; and vice-president of Moore County Farm Bureau.

With this enviable record behind her, Mrs. Guthrie stands well qualified to be chosen "first lady legislator" from Moore county.

QUICK WORK

Good news for laundry customers is the fact that Carter's Laundry has been able to secure the Judy Shop on Pennsylvania avenue for the receipt and delivery of laundry, until further notice.

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Fast Competition In Hunter Classes At Sunday Showing

Record Gathering Lines Riding Ring For Gymkhana Here

by Howard F. Burns

Thirty-five hundred spectators surrounded the picturesque hunting course here last Sunday afternoon to see "Clifton's Glory", owned by Miss Nancy Johnson, Englewood, N. J., with William McCullough up, lead a string of sixteen hunters to capture first place in the class for light and middle weight hunters, the feature event in the spring horse show and equestrian gymkhana held at the Southern Pines Country Club.

"Clifton Ferry", brilliantly ridden by Miss Roberta Frye, Washington, was judged a close second. "Star Dust," a dark brown mare owned and ridden by Miss Jean Overton of Southern Pines came in for third place.

"Zebra", owned by the Stonybrook Stables, with Miss Shiela Walsh of Southern Pines up, captured the blue ribbon over twelve entries in the class for maiden jumpers, which provided a special thrill for spectators. "Blackjack" owned by L. Tate, Pinehurst, with his young son, (Continued on Page 5)

Irish Gymkhana At Pinehurst Sunday, St. Patrick's Day

The riding ring at the Carolina Hotel will go Irish as the Pinehurst St. Patrick's Day gymkhana, slated for Sunday, March 17th, emphasizes the wearing of the green.

Leading off the afternoon's entertainment will be a pet show with prizes for the most unusual and appealing pets. Any creature that lives may be entered, from a pet pussy to an elephant. All pets should be brought into the ring by their exhibitors at 2:30 promptly.

Following the pet show, there will be a Costume Class with prizes for the most artistic and humorous turnouts. Entrants will parade the ring to the accompaniment of Irish music. Any costume goes and, though not obligatory, green should be the dominant note. Entrants may ride horses, mules, or donkeys, or in any of the collection of oldtime horse-drawn vehicles owned by the Pinehurst Livery Stables.

The equipages, or horses, will be lent to anyone wishing to enter. Arrangements for mounts or carriages, which include the carryall, buggy, victrola, and similar old-style vehicles, should be made with David W. Roberts, Equestrian Director, at the stables, or by calling 5341.

PAPER!

If you see Boy Scouts running around town on Saturday and hear them shouting: "Paper!" it doesn't mean the Pilot has a new set of newspapers. It means that old paper-collector, Paul Butler, and his eager helpers are on the job again in the scrap paper drive.

Saturday is collection day. Tie up your papers in bundles and, if it is not raining, put them out on the curb. The collectors will come by sometime during the morning and carry it all off.

Dr. R. M. McMillan Assumes Practice Of Dr. Mudgett

Of great interest to Southern Pines and the Sandhills in general is the announcement, made this week by Dr. W. C. Mudgett, of the arrival in town of Dr. Robert M. McMillan. Dr. McMillan, who is a son of the late Dr. John M. McMillan of Candor, will take on Dr. Mudgett's practice while the latter is away and will assist at the Moore County Hospital.

The new doctor is well-qualified. He graduated from the University of North Carolina in 1934, and received his M. D. degree from John Hopkins four years later. Serving his internship at the Geisinger Hospital of Danville, Pa., he completed his medical residency there and served in the same capacity for a year at Massachusetts General in Boston. From there he went to the Mayo Clinic, where he was awarded a fellowship in medicine in 1942. He has a diploma from the American Board of Internal Medicine.

Inducted into the army as a 1st Lieutenant, he served as Assistant Chief of Medical Service with the 10th Station Hospital in Ireland and England. He returned to Ft. Bragg for three months last fall as Chief Medical Examiner of the Induction Center. He (Continued on Page 5)

Dr. Stutz Opens Office

Old patients and his many friends will be delighted to hear that Dr. Greer Stutz is back home, out of uniform, and in the medical groove once more. He announces, this week, that he will open his office in the Manor Building, on East New Hampshire avenue on Monday, March 18th.

Dr. Stutz enlisted in the Navy in 1941 and spent most of his war service in the Pacific Theater. While in the Navy he also served at the naval hospital in Memphis and Philadelphia. Prior to his work in the service, Dr. Stutz, who is the son of Mr. and Mrs. D. G. Stutz, practiced for five years in Southern Pines.

Basketeers Play State Finals In Aberdeen Tonight

Win Over Morehead In Cl. C Semi-finals Brings Locals To Top

by Jack Bilyeu

A scintillating brand of basketball play, coupled with accuracy from the floor and on free shots, gave Southern Pines basketeers the nod over Morehead City at Chapel Hill Tuesday night, as the home boys, championship bound, tallied 29 points to 20 for the easterners. Now Class C Eastern Conference titleholders, the Blue and White are slated to meet Kernersville at Aberdeen tonight, Friday 15th, at 8 o'clock, for the State championship.

At mid-quarter, first period of the contest on neutral court at Chapel Hill, after both teams had threatened without scoring in fast and rugged competition for control of the ball, Guthrie, opposing forward, shook loose for 2 points from the floor. As Harrington, a scoring threat all evening, sank one from the side court, the period closed at 2 up.

In the second the locals lead on baskets by Harrington and Worsham—the latter hooking one into the net from over the shoulder—until crisp shots by Nelson and Guthrie, with Baldree's field goal, gave Morehead the (Continued on Page 5)

Little Theatre Group Holds Meeting Here

The Little Theater Group, which is being organized in Southern Pines, held their initial meeting Tuesday night, March 12th in the High School reception room. The following officers were elected: Mrs. E. J. Austin, president, Mrs. Mack Alspaugh, secretary and treasurer, and Mrs. Mabel McDonald, Publicity Chairman.

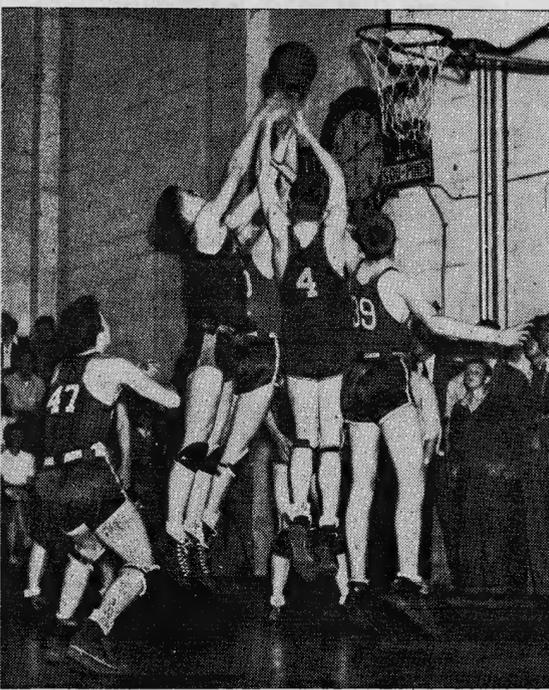
The next meeting will be held March 26th, at 7:30 p. m. in the High School reception room, at which time a play will be selected. (This organization is open to the public and anyone interested is invited to become a member.)

NOT "BY REQUEST"

March 8, 1939. "A grass fire ignited the stables of the Webster Knight property located near the Paddock. Firemen save part of building."

March 9, 1946, a repeat performance again caught the stables. This time the firemen were notified in time and their prompt arrival saved the building with but slight damage though the fire in the grass and brush covered quite an area. Once again, Mr. Knight's prized vehicles reminiscent of early coaching days were preserved.

Title Holders In Action



Grey, No. 36, Southern Pines guard, sinks one from a scramble of opposing players in the second period, upping the score 15-11 for the Blue and White. Mann and Harrington, No.'s 47 and 39, appear with backs to the camera. (Photo by Humphrey)

HELP YOURSELF!

Housewives intent on Monday marketing registered dismay as they confronted the sign in Pender's window announcing that the store would be closed until March 21st. However, patience will receive its reward; the market will reopen with a complete "self service" installation, a convenience rarely found in towns of the size of Southern Pines.

FIREMEN'S BALL

The Firemen of Pinehurst are reviving their annual dance this year. The Department announces that the party will take place in the Pinehurst High School Gymnasium on Thursday night, March 21st, from nine to one. There will be a thirteen-piece orchestra led by Johnny Leonard; admission will be \$2.00 a couple.