

Workers Continue Efforts To Meet Quota As Polio Drive Is Extended

Several Novel Benefit Projects Are Scheduled

With only a few of the smaller communities in the county reporting their March of Dimes quotas raised, other workers are continuing their efforts, determined to bring up the full amount by the close of the drive, which has been extended two full weeks over the state, to the middle of February.

Many novel money raising projects are already planned and others will be, if necessary to meet the county's \$7,360 goal.

First on the list reported to this paper is a repeat performance of a successful March of Dimes event of last year—a dog show which Johnny Cornwell and Donald Fobes will hold at 3 o'clock this Saturday afternoon at the Fobes home in Knollwood.

Last year's show, a neighborhood affair, aroused considerable interest, and this year the boys are inviting everyone who will to enter one or more dogs, thoroughbreds or mongrels. Judging will be done by S. G. Allen of Pinehurst, and prizes will be given. There will be no entry fee, but a small admission will be charged.

Saturday night, February 4, basketball games will be played at the Pinehurst school gym for the good of the cause. Two outstanding high school teams will clash first, this to be followed by a game between teams made up of college stars and expert amateurs.

Tuesday night of next week, (Continued on page 5)

Webb Is Building Large Motor Court

One more place to put people up over night is good news for this section.

This is the story behind the big operations, bull-dozers and trucks plowing up the hillside on old Sugg Farm, on the Highway 1 below Southern Pines.

The project is a 20 room Motor Court and it is being built by H. D. Webb of Aberdeen.

"It's going to be called Homers Court, without any apostrophe," said Mr. Webb, whose first name happens to be Homer, but he says "that has nothing to do with the court's name." The name comes from homing pigeons. . . you know: the birds who go away but always come back again.

The court will be built in the form of an E, with the back part divided into eight buildings with 18 foot space between. Twenty renting units will be provided, in all, each to include a double room and bath, the latter tiled, while the living quarters will have steel corner windows, to let in the greatest amount of Sandhills sunshine, and the best in carpets, metal furniture and comfortable beds.

The office and apartment for the manager will be in the courtyard facing the highway, and the whole will be landscaped, with grass and flowering shrubs, while pines and other evergreens are to be planted behind the buildings.

Construction, of cinder blocks, stuccoed and tinted cream, is going ahead fast under the supervision of another Webb. Theo Webb of Rockingham, no relation to the owner. Work was started leveling the land about January 1st with a hoped-for finishing date of April 1st.

"I will be spending around \$70,000 on the place," Mr. Webb said. "There will be, in all, 13 buildings on the four acres, and I hope to have it ready for occupancy in the spring. If this fine weather will hold we ought to make it."

Mr. Webb, who now lives in Aberdeen, came here from Augusta, Ga., where he was employed by the Georgia Pacific Plywood Lumber Co. His first job in the Sandhills was cutting the timber on the Ft. Bragg reservation. With this completed, he sold his plant in Aberdeen and the Motor Court, for long a wished-for dream started to become a wish-fulfillment. Former owner of the land where the court is going up is Karl Andrews, who, in turn, purchased the property from the Sugg estate.

MANHUNT ENDS

A manhunt which lasted almost five years ended this week with the return of John Henry McCrimmon to Moore county from New York City.

The FBI notified Sheriff C. J. McDonald two weeks ago that the Pinehurst Negro, sought since August, 1945 on a charge of attempted rape, had been apprehended in New York and was being held under \$50,000 bond. After some delay in finding out just who had custody of the man, Deputy Sheriff A. J. Dees was dispatched to New York for him last Saturday morning.

The FBI was called in when McCrimmon eluded arrest following an alleged attack on Mrs. Esther White, near her home between Pinehurst and Aberdeen. Mrs. White has since moved to Scotland county.

Sercy Child's Father Bound To Superior Court

In a hearing before Magistrate W. B. Finison of Carthage Monday, Clinton Sercy, 25, was bound over to Superior Court for trial on a charge of beating and abusing his 10-months-old daughter, Rebecca Sue Sercy, January 10.

Bond was set at \$10,000. It is not thought likely that Sercy can make bond. He remained in jail at Carthage this week.

The child was under treatment in Moore County hospital until Saturday when she was removed to the family home on Cameron, route 1.

The charge against Sercy is beating and abusing the child, causing serious and painful injuries. He is also charged with assault on his wife, threatening her life and assaulting other children in the family "at divers other times."

At the Monday hearing, Dr. Michael Pishko of Moore County hospital testified that Rebecca Sercy's skull sustained an "egg-shell fracture"—a type of injury, the physician said, that might cause further complications as the child grows older.

"A Very Strong Blow" As quoted by officers attending the hearing, Dr. Pishko also testified. (Continued on Page 5)

Boy Scout Week Fetes Scouting's Fortieth Birthday

"Strengthen Liberty" Theme Of National Crusade

Boy Scouts of Southern Pines and Moore county will participate fully in the nationwide observance of the 40th anniversary of Boy Scouting in America next week, February 8-12, according to W. Lamont Brown, Moore District chairman.

Each troop will present a special display or project, many with cooperation of their local merchants in the use of store windows. If good weather continues encampments will be held by some troops, while some are planning Parents' Nights or other special events.

A major project in which all will take part will be a house-to-house canvass to be held Saturday, February 11, to collect old shoes to be sent overseas. All householders are asked to help in this collection by getting their old shoes together next week, and having them ready when the Boy Scouts come for them Saturday. This will be the "good turn" of all the units working together.

The shoes will be brought by the scouts to a central collection place. They will go to countries overseas where U. S. occupation forces are stationed, and the oc-

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Three Little Girls In White



They are smart as well as pretty, for these are selected girls—winners of the Sandhills Veterans Association nurse training scholarships, financed by an annual campaign of which the fourth will start Monday.

Left to right are Betty Cleaver, of Pinehurst, who is in her first year of training at Rex hospital, Raleigh; Betty Teeter, Jackson Springs, in her second year at Presbyterian hospital, Charlotte; and Leatrice Simpson, Lakeview, who will graduate in June at High Point Memorial hospital and return, according to the conditions of the scholarship, to practice her profession in Moore county. She will be the first to do so. After that, a new one will be coming home each year as a full-fledged registered nurse.

This is the contribution of this group of 16 young veterans of Southern Pines, Pinehurst and Aberdeen to the good health of Moore county, and the welfare of her sick—made possible by contributions of citizens in all communities, making this truly a countywide project deserving of support.

Sandhills Veterans' Drive To Bring More Nurses To Moore Co. Starts Feb. 6

ONE HOUR!

The one hour parking rule will be enforced on Broad street from now on, Police Chief Newton stated this week.

On West Broad, hourly parking is the rule from New York avenue north to Connecticut, while on East Broad it is from Pennsylvania to Connecticut.

Strict enforcement is the rule, says the Chief!

Telephone Co. Again On Spot

The Central Carolina Telephone company, which serves Southern Pines and some 17 other communities in the state, was on Wednesday ordered by the State Utilities commission to explain why its customers' calls for service have gone unanswered.

Included in the order was the Central Telephone company.

Both firms, owned wholly by out-of-state interests, have been called on the carpet on similar charges in the past.

The commission held they have "failed and refused" to serve residents of their areas who are "entitled to and demanding . . . service."

Central Carolina was charged specifically with failing to provide satisfactory service at Gibsonville, Siler City and Pittsboro, and dates for hearings were set. It was also warned its franchises may be revoked if its explanations are not satisfactory.

In five nearly identical orders the commission wrote it had received "from time to time many complaints relating to the inefficient, inadequate and discriminatory service being furnished and provided" by the two companies. The orders said the complaints "particularly" stressed the two firms "failed and refused to expand . . . facilities and services so as to reasonably serve all residents of their areas . . . who are entitled to and demanding such service."

The orders noted the Commission "was of the opinion" that the charges were justified and that the companies should be cited to show cause, if they could, why they should not be required to improve their facilities "forthwith" and with "all reasonable dispatch."

Central Carolina has been in and out of hot water with the Utilities Commission and its subscribers for some time. Two years ago a hearing was held before the Commission at Raleigh, as a result of complaints from many of the towns served, at which the company's job was to show why its franchise should not be revoked on the grounds of poor service. (Continued on Page 5)

Appealing For Funds To Add To Roster Of Local Candidates

Next week the familiar letter with the dollar bill in it will go out through the mails to those many citizens of this section who have backed the Sandhills Veterans in their endeavor to build for better nursing in the county.

The Veterans Drive, starting February 6th, will swell the fund, collected yearly which goes to pay the tuition of Moore County girls in a nursing school, tuition which, it is understood, will be returned many times over in nursing service here in the county upon graduation.

Tom Shockley is chairman of the Veterans' drive this year and expects to get his letters out on the dot, with the fervent hope that they will come rolling back again, dollar intact and more, too . . . much more, if past quotas are any indication. For that the Sandhills community is strongly back of this enterprise to raise nursing standards and numbers in the county is clearly proved by the whole-hearted support given these young men in this service to the public.

Tragic Accident Kills Mrs. Jerread

A freak accident which occurred at Farmington, Del., early this week claimed the life of Mrs. William Jerread, 17, a niece of L. L. Woolley and Mrs. Charlie Faris of Southern Pines.

Mrs. Jerread was visiting a neighbor, Mrs. Jeanette Fisher, when they heard a rat running around on the second floor of the farm home. They grabbed the Fisher baby and ran downstairs, then called to Mr. Jerread, 23, to try to catch the rat. He borrowed the Fishers' automatic pistol and ran upstairs.

A moment later, State police reported, he fired at the rat.

"Billy, I'm shot," screamed his wife.

He hurried downstairs, found his wife dying from a bullet wound in the abdomen. The bullet had torn through the ceiling of the living room.

Funeral services for the young woman were held Thursday, but details are not known here as local relatives could not attend.

Mrs. Jerread was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. G. Preston Woolley of Salem, N. J., who lived in Southern Pines for a while around 20 years ago, Mr. Woolley being employed by the Carolina Power and Light company. She spent a week here in October, visiting relatives.

In addition to the husband and parents, Mrs. Jerread is survived by a 17-months-old son, Allen; a sister, Mrs. Allen Thompson of Badin, and a brother, George Woolley of Salem, N. J.

School Bus Survey Stresses Need For Frequent Checking

Finds Repairs Needed In County Fleet; Marks Many "Fair"

The 29 defects reported by the Highway Safety Division as having been found in Moore county school buses on their last inspection were minor ones, and have now all been repaired.

O. D. Griffin, of Southern Pines, field supervisor for the division, made this report after checking with W. C. Carroll, head mechanic at the county garage where the bus repairs are made.

Though the number of 29 seemed high, 11 of these defects were in the lights, he said, most of these being in one or both headlights. By state school laws, headlights must be in good condition, though as a matter of fact they are seldom needed.

One bus of the Pinckney school, Carthage, was found to have no brakes; one at Eureka was found to have brakes only "fair"; and the brakes on a Southern Pines bus were given a new lining. The old lining was actually in pretty good shape, said Mr. Griffin, but the brake "worked hard."

Three buses had bad or defective switches. Tires were marked "OK" for all buses except one at Eureka, on which two were slick.

Steering was "bad" on the Cameron bus. The horns were "OK" on all except one bus of the Carthage Negro school. A Robbins and a Westmoore school bus had no windshield wiper, and six buses had glass broken or cracked in one place, or two. The "Stop" sign on a Highfalls bus was not working, and that on a Vass-Lakeview bus was "bad."

Overloading was found on four buses, as follows: West End, one eight-pupil overload, one two-pupil overload; Pinehurst, one 10-pupil overload; Pinehurst Negro, one four-pupil overload. Buses vary in size and loads range from 15 (Carthage Negro) to 72 (Carthage white).

General condition of the buses (Continued on Page 5)

Town Will Build Two Tennis Courts As Funds Permit

The committee appointed by Mayor Page from the town board, to study the question of building more tennis courts, recommended last week the construction of two additional courts in the town park.

The plan for the courts, as sketched out on the ground, showed that several fine trees would have to be sacrificed. Two large pines, a number of smaller ones, and the old mulberry, perhaps one of the oldest trees around here, would have to be destroyed.

The need for more courts has been stressed by the newly organized Tennis Association, two of whose officials, Francis De Costa and Harry Lee Brown, appeared to speak for the move at the last board meeting. They stated that in order to have state tournaments here it was necessary to have four courts, and that they felt the children would enjoy the courts more and play more if they were centrally located.

Opposition to the move to use any more of the town park for this purpose is based on two points. First that the courts, if placed in the park, will be badly crowded, allowing little space for spectators and no room to enlarge the sport area; second, that the park should be preserved. It is the only park in town; it is a vitally necessary town asset, say these citizens.

Hope has been expressed that further study of the question, including that of other, more spacious sites in town, will bring these two groups together on common ground.

Meanwhile, according to the mayor, the problem of finding funds wherewith to build the courts, estimated to be from \$1500 to \$2,000, presents an insuperable problem. Latest report is that nothing will be done until town budget is made for summer.

Election Board Finds Primary Date Causes New Delay In Beer-Wine Vote

JANUARY SCOOP

It always seems as if the song about the flowers that bloom in the spring tra-la was written hind-end foremost. It ought to be the merry sunshine that promises the flowers.

But if Gilbert and Sullivan had it the other way round, the Sandhills certainly changes the order. It's the sunshine that brings the flowers, here, and no spring, tra-la, about it.

It's a dangerous venture to write about anything that depends on the weather. Sometimes it seems a sure way to start the mercury dropping. But when it comes to flowers that bloom NOT in the spring: japonicas, daffodils, violets, flowering crabs, even the iris, white and fair, blooming in January, we can't let a piece of news like that get past us, tra-la or no tra-la.

Deane Says Bomb Should Be Used To Build Peace

Representative Charles B. Deane, was among congressmen from the state who expressed themselves on the subject of the construction of the hydrogen bomb.

Queried last week by the press, the Eighth District representative said that, while he was not opposed to the construction of this most deadly missile of all time, he was deeply concerned over the possible effect of such a move on public opinion as regards this country.

Deane said we should clearly define the financial impact of such an undertaking on the nation and on the world, but, even more important, was the moral question. He believed, he said, that in many parts of the world there was skepticism of the West and doubt as to the motives of this country. It was vitally important, he felt, that the United States should show that it was not seeking world control.

Representative Deane recently returned from a tour of the East, where he came in close contact with public opinion in those parts. His statement regarding construction of the bomb is in line with that of Senator Frank Graham who, also, stressed the international aspect. Senator Graham said that he favored construction of the bomb only so long as international control was strengthened. "I hope this gives momentum to the movement for strengthening the United Nations," was Graham's comment.

Dean Brown Installed At Sewanee



Dean Brown, a man in a suit, standing next to a woman. The woman is wearing a dark dress and glasses. They are both smiling at the camera.

John Ruggles Resigns; Allied Church League Retracts Accusation

John Ruggles last week sent in his resignation from the Moore County Board of Elections.

As was the case when he resigned from his position as town commissioner, Mr. Ruggles stated that he had found he could not retain his membership in the state Hospital Board of Controls if he continued on the county board.

The resignation was received at the meeting of the Board of Elections held at the office of the chairman, Sam C. Riddle, in Carthage Friday night. It was attended by S. W. Shields and Mr. Riddle with Mr. Ruggles sitting in.

Main subjects up for discussion were the arrangements for the approaching primary election in May, and the beer and wine election which has been the subject of much county agitation.

Friday's meeting, the subject of keen conjecture, resulted in another stalemate on this critical point. The board found that be-

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Wiley Phillips Loses In Battle Against Leukemia

Funeral services were held at Robbins Thursday for Wiley Phillips, aged 11, who died at Memorial hospital, New York, Tuesday about noon, despite the most modern aids of science and the hopes, prayers and generously given funds of his fellow townsmen.

The child had been under treatment for 10 days at Memorial hospital. Administration of the new hormone ACTH had at first appeared to be bringing about a remarkable recovery. Injections given two successive days had splendid results and Friday he was pronounced "off the critical list."

Sunday he suffered a relapse and his father, who on doctors' advice had returned to Robbins Friday night, immediately returned. Transfusions were given but Wiley died two days later, with his father by his side.

His death occurred suddenly. The news came to Robbins about an hour after an encouraging bulletin, in which it was said he had seemed to rally.

Funeral services were held at the First Baptist church in Robbins, conducted by the pastor, Rev. Reed Harris. Wiley's classmates of the fifth grade at the Robbins school were pallbearers. (Continued on page 5)