

Town Will Wage All-Out Safety Drive In March

First In Series Of Sponsors For Accident Prevention

A safety campaign during the month of March, sponsored by the town of Southern Pines, will be opening gun in a war against accidents—the year-round safety program of the newly organized Southern Pines Safety Council. Particular emphasis will be placed on safe driving and "motor manners."

Cooperation of all local agencies and all citizens will be asked in the campaign. Mayor C. N. Page and other members of the town board will go on the radio on WEEB at 4:30 p. m. Tuesday with an introductory program. The time is also to be scheduled on WSTS. A month as nearly free as possible of highway and traffic accidents will be the goal.

The Southern Pines schools will lead a campaign during April. The Red Cross has tentatively accepted the leadership for May. Through the year, local organizations will take their turn. Each month's program will be different, though the object—a safer community—will be the same.

Such were the plans laid at the second meeting of the Safety Council, held Tuesday afternoon at the high school, led by Chairman Pro Tem Otto B. Edwards, and Executive Secretary Pro Tem O. D. Griffin.

Accident Reports

The Council will meet monthly, was decided. Each upcoming safety campaign will be previewed at these meetings. Another important feature will be reports by enforcement officers of accidents and arrests of the preceding month, with emphasis on accident causes and suggestions for preventive measures.

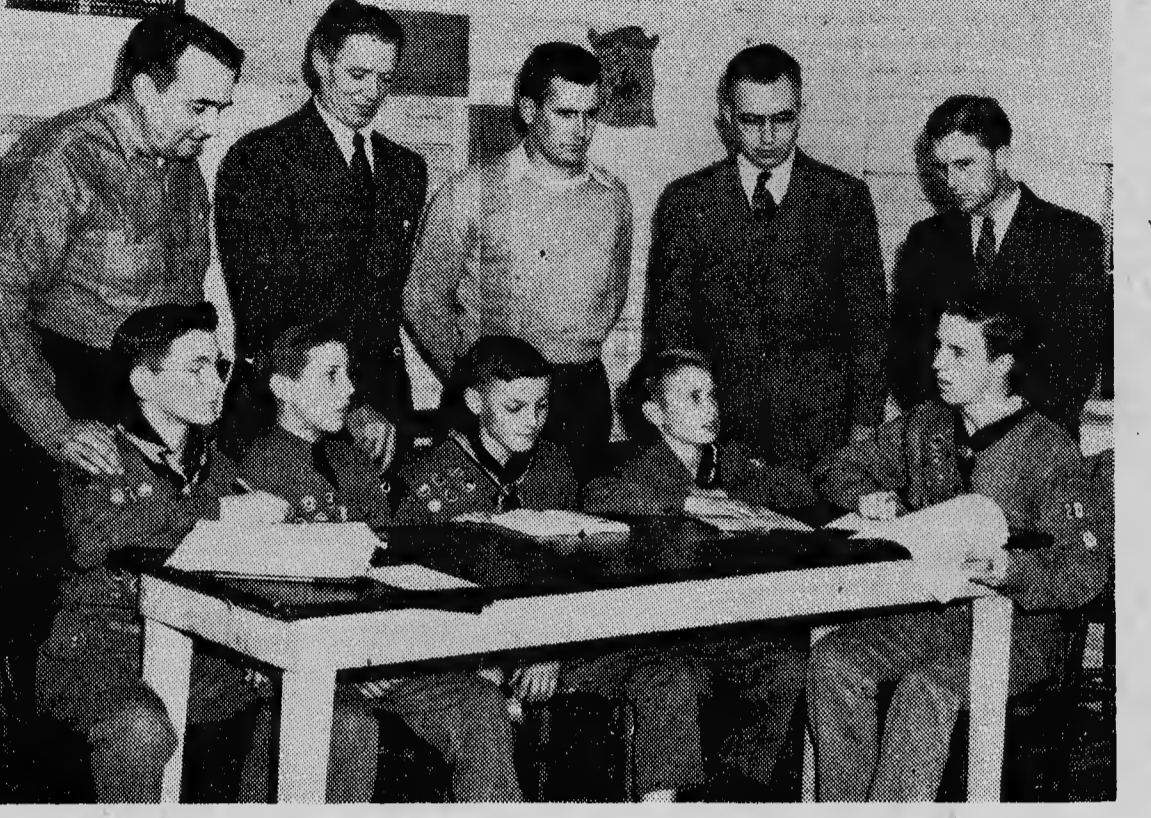
Police Chief Newton and Highway Patrolmen Rhyne and Parrish expressed their willingness to cooperate in this way.

Discussion was held as to the contribution each agency could make—some with services, some sponsors of the monthly campaigns and some as assistants in these campaigns. The possibility of extending the movement to other Sandhills towns was favorably discussed.

Participants

Those attending the meeting, and the agencies represented, included Mayor C. N. Page, Town of Southern Pines; Chief C. E. Patton, police department; State Highway Patrolmen J. P. Rhyne and Wesley Parrish; Mrs. Audrey Kennedy, Red Cross executive secretary, and Dr. John C. Grier, first aid and water safety chairman of the Moore County chapter; C. Stevens, Sandhills Kiwanis Club; Woodrow Davis, N. C. Forestry Service.

Boy Scouts Give Pinebluff Town Board Good Advice



Troop 206 of Pinebluff took over their municipal government for one day during Boy Scout week, then returned at a later meeting of the regular board to report on their findings and make some recommendations. They suggested putting a combination lock on the firehouse; police supervision of the Pinebluff lake area; retiming of the stoplight on Highway 1; surfacing of the lakeward street and rebuilding of the town hall.

Mayor E. H. Mills, himself a Boy Scout not so long ago, took courteous note of the temporary city fathers' suggestions, thanking them without committing himself, after the fashion of public officials. Some commissioners, though, pointed out that the state bond issue will take care of the road to the lake, a local bond issue of the town hall improvements.

Above in serious conclave are seen, standing, Mayor Mills (right), Town Clerk Manly Wellman (left) and between them Pinebluff's all-GI board: Walter Alpert, Harry Howie and Clay Parker.

Their Boy Scout prototypes are seated directly in front of each: right, Mayor James Smith; left, Town Clerk Buster Keith; between them from left, Ray Smith (fire chief for a day), Dick Gates and Frederick Schnell. (Photo by Emerson Humphrey)

Cardy Summoned On Currency Law Violation Charges

Summonses were issued at Montreal February 7 ordering Vernon G. Cardy, retired Canadian hotel magnate, to appear in court to answer charges of violating foreign exchange control board regulations, according to an Associated Press dispatch.

The four summonses, returnable the following Monday, were signed by Judge Gerald Almond on Royal Canadian Mounted Police complaints charging violations involving a total of more than \$500,000.

Mr. Cardy, 60, disposed of his controlling interest in five eastern Canadian hotels to the Sheraton Corporation of America early in February. Assets of the corporation, which he had headed, were said to have had a book value of \$15,000,000.

One complaint charges that between February 9, 1947 and last January 28, Mr. Cardy unlawfully dealt with, or caused to be dealt with, \$200,000 in United States currency. The second complaint charges that while he was a resi-

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Moore County Basketball Tournament Starts Tuesday In Local Gymnasium

ON IRIS

Mrs. Frederick Wilcox, nationally known garden author, formerly famed also as a delightful and informal speaker, will make a talk on "Iris" at the Southern Pines library at 8 p. m. Monday.

The Southern Pines Garden club is sponsoring Mrs. Wilcox's visit as an event open to the public. Though there will be no admission charge, the Red Cross will benefit by the program. A silver offering will be taken to help the Garden club defray Mrs. Wilcox's usual fee, which she turns over intact to the Red Cross.

The program is expected to contain much of interest to non-gardeners as well as gardeners. Mrs. W. D. Campbell is president of the Southern Pines Garden club.

Weymouth Award Will Be Made At Kiwanis Meeting

The Tree Farm award of the N. C. Forestry association and the Southern Pine Association of New Orleans will be presented to the James Boyd estate, Weymouth, at a program sponsored by the N. C. Forest Service at the Sandhills Kiwanis club Wednesday.

Receiving the award jointly will be James Boyd, Jr., representing the Boyd family, and Don Traylor, Jr., resident forester in charge of forest management at Weymouth. The coveted award recognizes the carrying out of a model forestry program, with rigorous observance of approved forestry practices, forest management and fire control.

James A. Pippin, of Rockingham, district forester of the N. C. Forest Service, has prepared a program of speakers distinguished in forestry and related fields. Appearing briefly with him on the program will be F. H. Claridge, assistant state forester; Walter E. Fuller, administrative assistant of the state department of conservation and development; Dr. R. J. Preston, director of the N. C. State College school of forestry; William Edmunds, of Wananish, executive director of the N. C. Forestry association; John D. Chalk, executive vice president of

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ON TO RALEIGH!

Folks from all over Moore county will join a caravan which will leave the Aberdeen school Monday at 4 p. m., headed for Raleigh where the Aberdeen Devilettes will meet the Benhaven girls' team of Harnett county at the new Coliseum at 7 o'clock.

This will be a long-anticipated meeting of champions. Both teams have won statewide attention for their fighting spirit and remarkable records—no defeats in three years for Benhaven, only three defeats in 104 games over a four-year period for Aberdeen.

Aberdeen girls may be dread enemies on Moore County courts but in a statewide championship they're Moore's favorite girls. Mayor Forest Lockety of Aberdeen has proclaimed a half-holiday Monday so everybody in town can go. Many in the caravan will decorate their cars. Police escort will accompany the procession of cheering fans.

Pingpong Tourney Set For Saturday; Many Entries Seen

Fast, Exciting Spectator Event At New Gymnasium

An event as exciting to spectators as to players is anticipated in the pingpong tournament to be held at the Southern Pines school gym tomorrow (Saturday) evening starting at 7 o'clock.

Six tables will be in play right on up to the finals, in men's, doubles and singles, women's, doubles and singles and mixed doubles. About 40 entries are in hand or expected, said Frank de Costa, president of the sponsoring Sandhills Tennis association. Some of those playing are already known as topflight tennis players, and are expected to display some of the same skills at the pingpong table.

Entries have been made from Southern Pines, Aberdeen and Sanford, and are expected from other towns. Deadline for entries is 3 p. m. Saturday. They may be made at the H. L. Brown agency on West Pennsylvania avenue and must be accompanied by entrance fees—50 cents per person per event, 25 cents for high school students.

Proceeds will be used to help (Continued on Page 5)

Local Attorney Recommended For Elections Board

Chappell Is Alternate; Riddle, Shields Are Renominated

Two members of the county board of elections whose three-year terms expired this month have been recommended for reappointment, according to their respective party chairmen, and a new member, W. Harry Fullenwider, has been proposed to succeed John S. Ruggles of Southern Pines, who recently resigned before the expiration of his term.

Names of Sam C. Riddle, of Carthage, who has been serving as chairman of the three-man board, and Mr. Fullenwider, a Southern Pines attorney, with Monroe Chappell of Vass as alternate, have been transmitted by M. G. Boyette, Moore Democratic Committee chairman, to State Democratic Chairman Everett Jordan. The three were nominated at a meeting of the county committee, composed of precinct chairmen, held at Carthage February 11.

L. S. Shields, of Carthage, has been recommended for the lone Republican spot on the three-man board, it was learned from F. L. Trotter, of Robbins, Moore Republican chairman. His name has been sent to Sim DeLapp, State Republican chairman.

All the recommendations are subject to the approval of the State Board of Elections, which is expected to announce the appointments for all counties within a few days.

Big Crowd Expected For Stonybrook Races

Seven Events Present Outstanding Horses And Riders Sunday



REV. C. V. COVELL

CHAIRMAN Rev. C. V. Covell Will Head Local Red Cross Drive

The Rev. C. V. Covell, rector of Emmanuel Episcopal church, has accepted the chairmanship for the Red Cross fund campaign in Southern Pines, it was announced by T. R. Phillips, of Carthage, county campaign chairman, this week.

Mr. Covell has this week assembled an organization of workers to go into action at the first flash of the green light Monday, March 8. One of them, in fact, will move into action before then. That is Preston T. Kelsey, advance gifts chairman, who is already on the job.

Assisting with the canvass which will take place week after next for a community quota of \$4,000, will be Maxwell G. Rush and June Blue, in the business district, and Mrs. S. T. Wallis, residential.

Mrs. Wallis has divided the town into two parts and handed over half for canvassing purposes to her assistant, Mrs. Margaret Mills Cameron. Mrs. Cameron is getting her group together and says they will be made known next week.

Actively canvassing with Mrs. Wallis will be Mrs. Bryan Poe, Mrs. J. W. Causey, Mrs. George Leonard, Mrs. E. Nolley Jackson, Mrs. J. J. Spring, Mrs. F. E. Stubbs, Mrs. J. R. Marsh, Mrs. E. C. Stevens, Mrs. Ruth W. Swisher, Mrs. Harry Menzel, Mrs. W. E. Cox, Sr., Mrs. Sydney Evert, Mrs. R. L. Chandler, Mrs. Frank Buchanan, Mrs. Roy Newton, Mrs. J. H. Childs, Mrs. Fraser Knight, Mrs. Jack Goodwin, Mrs. Fred Chappell, Mrs. A. C. Dawson, Jr.

Red Cross Services Told As Chairmen Meet At Carthage; Quota Is \$14,672

PEACH QUEEN

A little college freshman this week laid aside her books and took off for five glamorous days at Fort Lauderdale, Fla.

There Miss Janet Menzel, of Southern Pines, is receiving the honors due her as royalty. The gala trip is her big prize for being chosen Queen of the Sandhills Peach festival at Rockingham last July.

She was given a silver cup at the time—dates of the Florida trip were indefinite, as they were to be those of the Orange festival for which the time had not been set. Last week she received the summons. Authorities at Woman's college, Greensboro, gladly let her go—Janet is smart as well as pretty, and her marks won't suffer.

She will take part in another beauty contest—and they'll have to be mighty pretty to beat golden-haired Janet. Her mother, Mrs. Harry Menzel, is with her. Both are guests of the Rockingham Merchants association for the week. They will return Saturday night.

Seven Events Present Outstanding Horses And Riders Sunday

Flat. Hurdle. Timber. Junior Events Listed

A big crowd looking for thrills—and finding them—is expected to turn out Sunday for the Third Annual Race event sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce, which will be held on the one-mile Stonybrook course starting at 2 p. m.

A rearrangement of parking space will assure room for all, and with three entrances this year no congestion is anticipated. However, race officials asked that spectators arrive as early as possible to facilitate the handling of so many cars.

Reserved parking spaces have been going fast this week, said Col. P. G. Shearman, Chamber manager, who is in charge of this phase of the preparations. Space has already been reserved for some invited guests. Among these will be Brig. Gen. A. L. Sneed, Maj. Gen. I. T. Wyche, both of Pinehurst; Charles J. Parker, director of the State News Bureau at Raleigh, and his assistant John G. Hemmer, of Pinehurst, all bringing parties. George L. Ross, director of the state department of conservation and development, has also indicated his intention of being here if possible.

Virgil Clark is in charge of the parking committee. E. Nolley Jackson is general Chamber chairman for the event. H. L. Brown is in charge of ticket sales, and has announced that tickets are available at all local drugstores and his office on West Pennsylvania avenue. Jack S. Younts has handled the publicity job. Other Chamber of Commerce members, including Harry Fullenwider, president, have been working hard to make his the finest race event in Sandhills history.

Horses taking part in the seven events include some of the finest of the eastern seaboard, from stables known wherever horsemen gather. Riders match the horses in excellence, to make a topnotch show for race lovers.

The events are: first race, "The Pines," quarter mile on the flat, catch weight, five entries; second, "The Shelton," riders 18 years of age and under, quarter mile, catch weight, five entries; third, "The Silver Run," 3-8 of a mile on the flat, catch weight, five entries; fourth, "The Manly Hurdle," mile and a half hurdle race, catch weight, six entries; fifth, "The Woodbury," quarter mile on the flat, catch weight, five entries; sixth, "The Oklahoma," half-mile flat race, catch weight, two entries; seventh, "The Broad Hol-

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Fire Crews Fight Five Fires In Two Days; Worst One May Be Firebug's Work

HISTORIANS

William S. Powell, of Raleigh, will be the guest speaker at the February meeting of the Moore County Historical society, according to an announcement by J. Talbot Johnson, of Aberdeen, president.

The meeting will be held at 8 p. m. Tuesday at the Southern Pines library, and will be open to the public.

Mr. Powell, who is only 30 years old, is chief researcher for the Department of Archives and history, working in close cooperation with the director, Dr. C. C. Crittenden. His work carries him to all parts of the state in search of background material and all-but-forgotten items of historical lore. He has also done considerable writing along historical lines.

Plans are being made to show color film of Orton plantation in azalea time as an additional program feature. The board of directors will meet at the close of the program.

A 14-hour battle against fire which spread over about 800 acres of T. C. Auman's land near West End Monday was laid to incendiary action, according to County Forest Warden Davis of Southern Pines. He said an investigation is under way.

The fire, termed by Warden Davis the "biggest and toughest" he has seen in his three years of service here, was one of five answered by the N. C. Forest Service crews in two days. On both Sunday and Monday, the blazes doubled up in a way to tax both men and equipment to the fullest. Volunteers aided in all four fires.

Sunday, two alarms came five minutes apart. The first called the men to the Eagle Springs section, where fire threatened the Eagle Springs Branch church and nearby Negro community. A three-hour fight brought it under control after about 85 acres of the Graham property had been burned over.

Jumps Two Roads
The second alarm took the rest of the men and apparatus down Highway 1, where fire starting on (Continued on page 8)