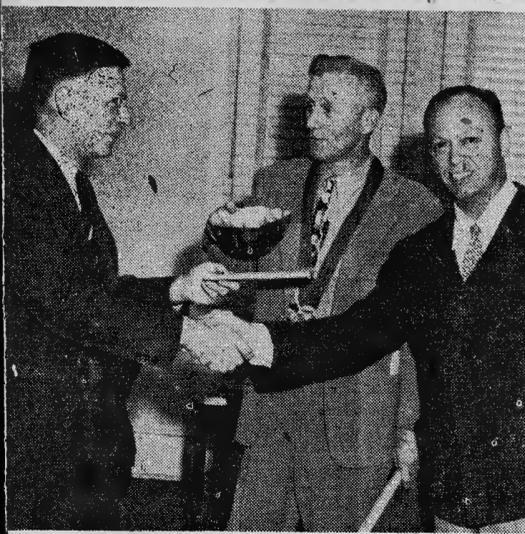


Elks Enjoy Mortgage-Burning Rite



At the Southern Pines Elks lodge last Thursday night, the pleasurable ritual of burning the mortgage was indulged in by the trio, to the accompaniment of cheers from their fellow Elks. Exalted Ruler Don L. Madigan, center, holds the copper bowl, inscribed, in which the mortgage was reduced to ashes. Jack Carter, right, turned over the deed to Chan N. Page, left, chairman of board of trustees, signifying the turning over of the clubhouse to spacious grounds to the lodge on a debt-free basis. Carter was vice president of the corporation formed in 1946, when the lodge was organized, to handle the financing of the purchase and paying off of the debt. John E. Cline, president, was unable to attend Thursday night. Louis Scheipers was second vice president. Colonel Madigan secretary-treasurer. They worked themselves of a job in just four years. (Photo by Humphrey)

Leaders' Meeting Held To Discuss Industry For Area

SAL, State C & D Representatives See Outlook As Good

The securing of suitable industry for the Sandhills was the theme of a luncheon meeting held at the Hollywood hotel last Wednesday, at which representatives of the town board, the Chamber of Commerce and other interested businessmen conferred with two specially invited guests—D. T. Daly, chief industrial agent of the Seaboard Air Line, and Paul Kelly, of the industrial division of the State Department of Conservation and Development.

It was a meeting of minds. Mr. Daly and Mr. Kelly, pledging their cooperation, said that they had had the matter in mind for some time and felt optimistic concerning the outlook. They expressed their faith in the advantages the Sandhills have to offer, and their help in presenting them effectively.

Cooperation among all the Sandhills towns would be vital, they emphasized, as all stood to gain through a constructive program designed to attract the right type of industry, suitably located in outlying areas.

Agreement was general that no industry should be sought which (Continued on Page 5)

Are YOU Guilty?

What are the commonest infractions of "motor manners" seen on the streets of Southern Pines?

That's easy, said Chief C. E. Newton, naming four: (1) Not looking when you back out into the stream of traffic; (2) "Cutting the corner" when turning off one street into another; (3) Failure to observe parking lines—parking to one side or the other instead of evenly between the lines, which forces the fellow parking beside you off center too and throws the whole line out; (4) Jaywalking—oh, yes, pedestrians have bad manners, too.

These may not be causes of fatalities, but among them they cause frayed tempers, bumped fenders, bad frights, and much loss of the love man feels for his fellowman—and they're all bad manners.

The accidents they cause may seldom be great, but they are many. "If the Southern Pines Safety Council's safety campaign can start right with those things for every driver, our streets would seem a heaven in comparison," said the Chief.

The Town of Southern Pines, headed by Mayor Page, is sponsoring this month's safety drive. "Mind Your Motor Manners!"

Board Sets March 25 As "Safety Day"; Braking Demonstration Will Be Held

Safety Chairman Helps Plan For Accident Prevention

Saturday, March 25, was set as "Safety Day" by the town board in regular session Wednesday night, to climax the month-long traffic safety campaign now being headed by Mayor Page and other members of the board.

Otto B. Edwards, chairman of the Southern Pines Safety Council, was a guest at the board meet-

ing, at which plans were made for a braking demonstration to be held both morning and afternoon of "Safety Day" and of emphasizing the matter now in the forefront of their minds.

Traffic problems were discussed, and Mr. Edwards, who is post safety engineer at Fort Bragg, expressed the opinion that both the parking and general traffic congestion will be helped by a change in the parking method on Broad street. He said that parallel parking on the business side of broad, with 30-degree rather than 45-degree angle parking on the railroad side, will give far better clearance than is now obtained. Grim Photographs

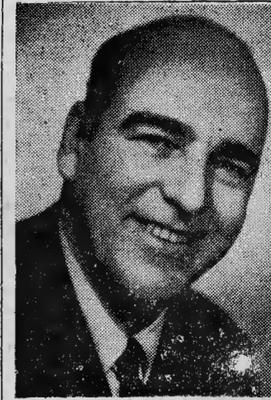
Under sponsorship of the board, posters have been placed about the town emphasizing the grimness of death in automobile accidents. Lettering on the posters was done by schoolchildren of the Southern Pines and West Southern Pines elementary grades. The posters show unusual photographs, not before released to the public, of cars involved in wrecks within a 50-mile radius of this community. They also picture victims of these accidents, photographed in a morgue.

While few such accidents have ever been known to take place within the actual Southern Pines city limits, they are held to be the immediate concern of this community as they occur with frequency on US Highway 1 and other important arteries of traffic in and out of the town. They are immediate local news.

Speed Demonstration
The braking demonstration of (Continued on Page 8)

Citizens Asked To Cooperate In First Mail Delivery Here

HERE TUESDAY



NORMAN CORDON, only North Carolinian ever to sing top roles with the Metropolitan Opera, will be a guest of the Sandhills Music association at an informal evening, open to the public, to be held at the Hollywood hotel at 8 p.m., Tuesday.

Mr. Cordon is director of the community programs service of the music department, University Extension Service, Chapel Hill.

Presenting a song program Tuesday night will be Tom Cordon and Mrs. Annabelle Pearson, of Southern Pines.

See story on page five.

Postmen Will Start Next Thursday On Unfamiliar Rounds

What Every Patron Should Know

A strange new sight will be seen on the streets of Southern Pines next Thursday—postmen.

Their appearance on three carrier service routes will mark another big milestone of progress in this community's history.

The progress will be even more marked, said Postmaster A. Garland Pierce this week, if citizens

If you want to know whether your block will be served by the city carrier service, look on Page 10 where The Pilot is this week publishing the full list of blocks and streets covered.

If you want carrier service, do not live on a route but live near one, see the Postmaster. Arrangements can in many cases be made for a mailbox for your family to be set up on the route.

will cooperate fully during the first few days. They are asked not to delay the postmen with inquiries and conversation, as all will be learning their new routes and will have a hard time getting around to everyone.

They are asked also to exercise patience in the opening days. The change-over is a drastic one for the post office and cannot be accomplished without many initial difficulties.

Routine of the first days, or even weeks, will be complicated first in the sorting of the mail, so that all mail goes out on the routes that should, while other mail goes into private or general delivery boxes; then in the delivery, as the postmen learn the streets, and who lives where. With the season at its height and the town filled with visitors, this will take much time. (Continued on Page 5)

Red Cross Drive Canvass Opens; \$4,000 Is Goal

Business and residential canvassers for the Red Cross membership campaign started out this week in their effort to secure 100 per cent membership, and surpass a \$4,000 quota.

Business district canvassers June Blue and Max Rush, starting out in the rain Tuesday, turned in a good number of reports before the weather halted their activities. These were only a beginning, however, they said—not enough for a detailed report this week.

A small regiment of ladies of the town, captained by Mrs. S. T. Wallis with Mrs. Margaret Mills Cameron as assistant, started out Wednesday on a comprehensive canvass of the residential districts. A report will be made by them next week.

In the meantime, P. T. Kelsey, advance gifts chairman, after one week of work reported the splendid sum of \$1,559 given—more than 75 per cent of his \$2,000 goal.

The Rev. C. V. Covell, community chairman, addressed a meeting of workers at the chapter headquarters here last Friday morning.

SYMPHONY MAY 3

The visit of the N. C. Symphony orchestra here will be on May 3, postponed from the date previously set of April 12, reported Voit Gilmore, president of the Sandhills Music association, this week.

The full symphony will be heard as opening event of the new school auditorium, which is rapidly nearing completion. It will present a free concert for all school children of the county, with a concert for the public that night to which tickets will be sold.

Mrs. Clarke, First Woman Service Officer, Resigns

Miss Willcox Is Named As Successor

Mrs. Louise W. Clarke, of Southern Pines, tendered her resignation as Veterans Service Officer Moore county to the county commissioners in regular session Thursday Monday, the resignation to take effect April 1.

The county commissioners, expressing regret at Mrs. Clarke's resignation, unanimously entered a resolution of appreciation for her service over a period of more than five years.

She was appointed as her successor, Miss Catherine Willcox, who has been her secretarial assistant almost four years. Miss Willcox is a Moore county native, is a veteran of war service, having served in the Women's Army Corps.

Mrs. Clarke was one of the first Veterans Service Officers in the state, and is believed to be the first woman to hold such a post in the entire United States. She was (Continued on page 5)

All-State Tournament Here

The first All-State Girls' Basketball tournament for North Carolina will be held at the Southern Pines gym next week, starting Monday night and running through to finals on Saturday.

Sixteen girls' high school teams chosen by sports writers of the big state dailies as tops will compete for the state championship trophy.

The event is an invitational one, sponsored by the joint Southern Pines and Aberdeen Athletic associations for the promotion of girls' basketball in all high schools. Regarded by sports writers and coaches as a "topflight competitive and spectator sport, basketball for the fair sex has been generally "kicked around" and not rated anything like the eminence given the same sport among the boys.

The first statewide tournament will present girls' teams from the following high schools: Aberdeen, Ayden, Allen Jay (Guilford county), Cool Springs, Fairmont,

Franklinton, Hillsboro, Lincolnton, New Bern, Pinehurst, Salem, Smithfield, Windsor, Wakeleton (Zebulon) and Washington.

A few teams invited to attend were unable to do so. Especially disappointing was the fact that Benhaven and Lillington High schools could not, for various reasons take part.

Unofficial
The tournament is perforce held on an unofficial basis as there is so far no organized set-up, as in boys' basketball, to determine the best team and official champion. However, it is felt that interest shown in next week's tournament may be the first step toward an official program in the state.

In the expressed opinion of the sports writers, few will question the right of next week's tournament winner to be acclaimed as state champion, in view of the method of selection of the teams, and their proven records.

All have excellent records of (Continued on Page 8)

Scott Corner Is Handsome Setting For Hunter Trials; "Bright Light" Shines

Several hundred hunt-loving people gathered Wednesday afternoon on the Scott Corner course for the 13th Annual Hunter Trials of the Moore County Hounds, which presented more than 50 fine hunters and jumpers in various events over natural hunting terrain.

Outstanding among the hunters was Bright Light, bay gelding of the Seven Star stables, who was adjudged champion hunter. Bright

Light was winner in the class for open hunters, leading a field of 20 over the stiff mile-and-a-half hunting course; also in the class for thoroughbreds, and as a member of the winning Seven Star hunt team of three.

The beautiful course, in use for the first time in several years and greatly improved, formed a perfect setting. The whole course with its woods and natural jumps is in view from the parking areas, for full enjoyment of the thrilling sight of hounds, horses and riders at work.

The panoply of the hunt was revealed at its finest in the parade of hounds and miniature drag which preceded the classes.

Weather Test
Rain which continued the full day before the event, and up until noon just before the trials began, gave a perfect test of Sandhills hunting conditions. With a two-hour interval, in which the weather fared and the sun came out, the ground was in excellent shape by starting time. A bright spring-like afternoon, though with considerable wind, gave zest to the show.

One untoward incident marred the trials, when Mrs. Peggy Ewing Meehling, riding a hunter from the MacBride stables, took a bad spill. She was taken to the Moore County hospital where she was given emergency treatment but was not retained as a patient.

Winners Listed
Summary: Class for green hunters: first, Dula, owned by Stoney- (Continued on page 5)

WANTED: A PIANO

The Pilot is glad this week to pass on an appeal which which we are sure will meet response in some sympathetic heart, somewhere.

Dear Friend:
We are looking for a "stray piano." Anyone knowing the whereabouts of a piano that would need a new Home please contact us.

We need a piano for our Auxiliary meeting room and we thought there may be some kindhearted person generous enough to give one to our Auxiliary just to "get it out of their way," at the same time, making a much appreciated contribution.

Please call 7265 if you can help us.

Sincerely,
VFW Ladies' Auxiliary
JENNIE GARTY, President.
MARY MORGAN, Secretary.
If you can help, let Mrs. Mrs. Louis Garty, Mrs. Alexander Morgan or some other lady of the auxiliary know.

New Dial System Definitely Slated, Is Cline's Pledge

The new telephone book delivered to Sandhills subscribers this week will be obsolete in about six months and will be replaced by a new one, according to John E. Cline, executive vice president of the Central Carolina Telephone company.

Installation of the new dial system here, to take place during the summer, will mean the changing of all Southern Pines telephone numbers, necessitating a new book. Equipment for the new system is expected to arrive in May, and the work of installation will take several weeks.

Called on the carpet again Monday by the State Utilities Commission on complaint of subscribers in Gibsonville, Cline is reported to have admitted, "It seems we have been making too many promises, and not fulfilling them."

That is not the case in Southern Pines, he assured The Pilot, Tuesday. The promise of a new dial system, made in October, 1948, will be kept at the time predicted. It would have been kept earlier, he said, except for unavoidable delays in manufacture of the equipment for which the order for the local office was placed some two years ago.

Agreements made with the Utilities Commission Monday for improvement of the Gibsonville situation will also be kept to the best of the company's ability, he said. This includes a new dial system for Gibsonville also.

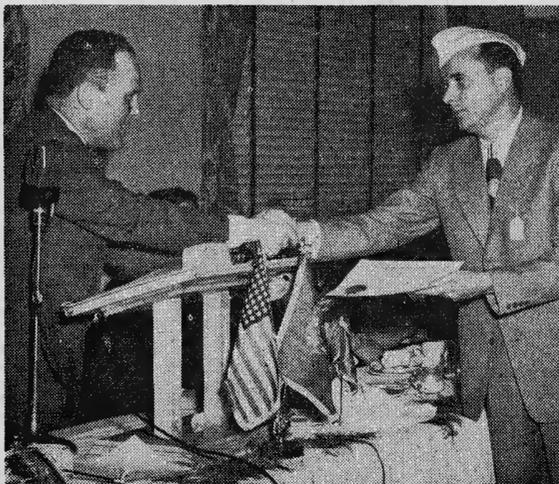
The new telephone book became obsolete in some respects even as it rolled from the presses. For one item, Mr. Cline gave up his private office number, listed as 7252, to Mile-Away Farm. His office is now on a party line with that of the business office, and has the number 5332.

REVIEW OF 82nd

General of the Army George C. Marshall will review 10,000 troops of the 82nd Airborne division at the Division Review field, Fort Bragg Saturday at 11 a. m. Following the review General Marshall will present several awards won by members of the Division in their everyday training.

The former Secretary of State will arrive from his home at Pinehurst at 10:45 o'clock. His arrival will be heralded by a 17-gun salute of artillery, and four ruffles and flourishes played by the 82nd Airborne Division band.

WEEB Wins VFW Gold Certificate



Presentation of the VFW national Gold Certificate of Merit to Radio Station WEEB, of Southern Pines, was made at a state VFW banquet held at the Sir Walter hotel, Raleigh, last week. Above are shown, left, National Commander-in-Chief Clyde A. Lewis, of Plattsburg, N. Y., and Jack S. Younts, president and manager of WEEB, who accepted the certificate in behalf of the station.

Two Certificates of Merit were presented by the National VFW commander during his two-day visit to North Carolina. The other went to John Whitaker, president of R. J. Reynolds Tobacco company, Winston-Salem, for the company's service to hospitalized veterans in providing them with free cigarettes.

WEEB's award honored "outstanding service to the welfare of all veterans, and the meritorious performance of broadcast service to the Veterans of Foreign Wars during the observance of their Golden Jubilee." This is the first such award to any North Carolina radio station.