

Canasta Parties Are Fine Success

The last of the series of canasta parties for the benefit of the Moore County Hospital Building fund was held at the Ark Friday, March 3, when an enthusiastic group heard the report of the receipts read by Mrs. Millicent Hayes. During the series 93 persons participated in games or through contributions and a cheque for \$200 has been forwarded to the local chairman, John C. Barron.

Donations of cakes, sandwiches and other refreshments added to the enjoyment of the evenings, and special mention should be made of the unfailing presence and assistance of Miss Dorothy Bates who arranged tables, collected contributions and assisted in many ways.

Mrs. Sessoms Entertains Manly Church Circles

Circles 1 and 2 of Manly Presbyterian Women of the Church held their monthly meeting at the home of Mrs. James Sessoms Tuesday night, with good attendance. Mrs. John D. Chisholm presided and Mrs. Robert Hamilton led the Bible study, after which the hostess served refreshments. The Circles honored Mrs. Hamilton with a surprise shower of gifts.

Mr. and Mrs. Ives Back From Illinois

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest L. Ives returned last weekend from Springfield, Ill., where they have been visiting Mrs. Ives' brother, Governor Adlai Stevenson, for several weeks. They brought with them Edward Day, Governor Stevenson's administrative assistant, and Mrs. Day, for a five-day visit. Several informal social events have been held in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Day.

Richardson Baby Arrives March 8

Thomas Charles is the name which Mr. and Mrs. Eveleth Richardson of Manly have chosen for their first son, born Wednesday at the Moore County hospital. Tommy, as he is to be known, weighed eight pounds, nine and three-quarter ounces. The Richardsons have a daughter, Ann, six years old.

VFW Auxiliary Makes Plans

The Ladies auxiliary, VFW, held a special meeting Wednesday night to discuss plans for the installation of new officers, a March bingo party, and an amateur contest in which Moore County school children will compete. Details of the contest will be announced later.

Birth Announcement

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Martin of Delaware avenue are the parents of a baby girl, Rebecca May, born March 6 at Moore County hospital. Mrs. Martin is the former Miss Trace Monroe of Manly.

Alfred Moore Chapter To Meet At Shaw House

Daughters of the American Revolution, Alfred Moore Chapter, will meet at 3 p. m., Saturday, here later than usual hour being because of the funeral of Mrs. Foskins. Bridge will be played and tea will be served.

IN BRIEF

Capt. and Mrs. L. A. Des Pland spent Monday and Tuesday in Wilmington, combining business with the pleasure of visiting some of the beauty spots there.

Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Patterson, former Southern Pines residents, have recently moved from Jackson, Miss., to Hattiesburg, Miss.

Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Christman of New York City, married there last week, have been spending their honeymoon in the Sandhills, visiting Mrs. Christman's sisters, Miss Caroline Battley of Pinehurst and Mrs. Dan S. Ray of Southern Pines. Mrs. Christman was formerly Miss Gladys Battley.

Mrs. J. B. McClintock and daughter Susan of Charlotte were weekend guests of the former's brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Linwood Pleasants, at their home in Pinedene. Susan remained for a stay of two weeks.

Mrs. Ernest D. Crockett of Peterborough, N. H., is the guest of her brother, Frederic W. Lewis, at the Homestead apartments.

Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Robinson returned last week from a delightful trip to places of interest in Florida. They were in Fort Lauderdale for a week, visiting Mr. and Mrs. Robert Titus, who were local residents for a while a number of years ago when Mr. Titus was connected with activities on the Hoffman conservation project. They visited the Florida Keys and many other interesting points, spent some time fishing, and Mrs. Robinson accompanied Mr. Broley (who spoke to the Bird club here last season) on a trip to band an eagle.

Miss Carole Ann Prim is spending this week in Charlotte as a guest of her aunt, Mrs. W. H. Sittin, and putting in some extra time with her father, James Prim, who is working in Gastonia and boarding in Charlotte.

Stopping over on their way home from St. Petersburg, Fla., where they spent the winter, Mr. and Mrs. John Fitzpatrick of New York have taken an apartment at Mrs. Walter J. Brown's on South Ridge street for a month.

Col. and Mrs. P. G. Shearman left Friday for Cleveland, Ohio, on receipt of news of the death of a relative there. They will return this week end.

Miss Vera Chase and Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Chase motored to Wilmington Sunday, where they visited the Airlie gardens, Greenfield lake and other places of interest.

Sgt. and Mrs. Charles J. Gouger and Ben Steen attended the funeral of Mrs. J. W. Crowley of Ruby, S. C., sister of Mrs. Gouger and Mr. Steen, on Wednesday of last week.

Visiting in the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Holliday last week were Mr. and Mrs. Ellsworth Holliday, of Jamesville, and Mrs. Carroll Brown, of New York City. Mrs. Ellsworth Holliday and Mrs. Brown are sisters of John D. Mizell, science teacher at the Aberdeen High school, who is a patient at Moore County hospital with injuries sustained in an automobile accident near Lakeview Saturday, February 25. Mr. Mizell's condition is still regarded as serious and he will be in the hospital two or three weeks longer.

Mrs. S. O. Nicholson and daughter Winifred went to Richmond Wednesday to attend the funeral of their uncle, Maxwell Gordon Wallace, who died in a Baltimore hospital Sunday night. Mr. Wallace was well known in North Carolina, as he was attorney for the Federal Reserve district and frequently visited North Carolina towns in the handling of the bank's legal affairs. Miss Nicholson went from Richmond to Washington, D. C., to spend the weekend with Misses Amelia Willcox and Nelia Johnson, both of whom are employed by the FBI.

Mrs. Harry Pethick returned from St. Petersburg, Fla., Sunday and remained with her mother, Mrs. Grace Abraham, and sister, Mrs. N. L. Hodgkins, until Tuesday night before leaving for her home at Douglaston, Long Island, New York.

John S. Ruggles was in Greensboro, Winston-Salem and Chapel Hill Tuesday and Wednesday, conferring with members of the alcoholic committee and the advisory committee of the North Carolina Hospitals Board of Control.

DEANE FILES

Representative Charles B. Deane of Rockingham, member of Congress from the Eighth Congressional district, filed his notice of candidacy for re-election with the State Board of Elections Monday, subject to the Democratic primary of May 27.

Mr. Deane came to North Carolina from Washington last week end to file his candidacy for re-election. Sunday, he spoke at the All Souls Chapel in Monroe, Tuesday evening before the Laurinburg Lions club and Wednesday he returned to his duties in the nation's capital.

Carthage Boys, Aberdeen Girls Are Champions; All-County Team Named

Tournament Finals Tuesday Night Pack New Gym

Before a record-breaking throng of 1300-odd rabid, cheering, and somewhat violently partisan fans, Aberdeen's famed Red Devillettes and Carthage High's green clad warriors walked away with the Moore county basketball championship in their divisions Tuesday night here.

Paced by Cathryn Matthews who played perhaps her greatest game to close out a brilliant court career, Aberdeen took their game 57 to 40 from a Pinehurst team that was much better than the score indicated. The Pinehurst girls, using a man-to-man defense, played their forwards rather close, permitting the Aberdeen forwards to break by and under the baskets for layups. But all season this Pinehurst team has been a top defensive as well as offensive club, and in losing to Aberdeen they put up a great scrap to the final whistle. And brilliant as Aberdeen has been, they were hot as firecrackers on their shots Tuesday night.

Pinehurst won their way into the finals by victories over Southern Pines and West End girls while Aberdeen advanced to the finals bracket by dropping Farm Life and Robbins.

Carthage boys, picked as a tournament dark horse by the Pilot last week and the team to watch for upsets, advanced by defeating Pinehurst and Elise of Robbins, and in the finals with Southern Pines Tuesday night to win out 27 to 24. Previously Southern Pines had won from Cameron and Aberdeen.

Both teams played cautiously in the first two periods to end the half at 13 all. Sparring continued in the third period until Carthage broke the ice just before the whistle with baskets by Wallace and McGraw to take a third period 17 to 14 lead. Play opened up in the fourth and last period but Carthage added to their lead 10 to 9 to pull away from the Blue and White and take the game. The County Seaters richly deserved the win and proved to be the best team in the tournament. The simple secret of the Carthage team's success was control of the backboards both offensively and defensively throughout their play in the tournament.

The line up: Southern Pines boys—Page, Dickerson 2, Baker 9, Copley 10, Stuart 3, Kaylor, Newton, and Hamel. Carthage boys—Maness 4, Wallace 9, McGraw 10, Baker 3, and Wicker 1. (The scoring record and line up for the Aberdeen-Pinehurst girls' game was not made available. Ed.) In the semi-finals, Southern Pines defeated Aberdeen 26-27 and Carthage downed the fast Robbins quintet with a decisive score of 49 to 35.

Championship trophies were awarded the Aberdeen girls and Carthage boys, runner-up trophies to Pinehurst girls and Southern Pines, by J. F. Sinclair, chairman of the athletic committee of the sponsoring Educo club. Coach Sinclair of the West End school also had the pleasure of awarding the sportsmanship trophies, to winners chosen by a vote of all team members. The pleasure was enhanced by the fact that his own girls' team of West End was a winner of this coveted trophy, with Farm Life winning for the boys.

The All-County team chosen by the coaches, as 10 teams of boys and 10 of girls fought it out in the 22nd annual tournament was announced by Chairman Sinclair as follows:

All-County Team Girls—Catherine Matthews, Aberdeen; Carolyn Nelson, Pinehurst; Mary Baker, Aberdeen; Betty Hurst, Southern Pines; Isabel Phillips, Cameron; Laverne Brady, Robbins. Boys—Junior Wallace, Carthage; Bill Baker, Southern Pines; Bailey Lawrence, Aberdeen; Lloyd McGraw, Carthage; Earl Harvor, Cameron.

Second teams picked were: Margaret Williams, Farm Life; Morris Eifort, West End; Mary Cummings, Aberdeen; Faye Johnson, Cameron; Carolyn Black, Pinehurst; Jackie Williams, Aberdeen. Billy Nelson, Robbins; Jackson Smith, Aberdeen; Winford Williams, West End; Dickie Kelly, Pinehurst; Jimmy Dickinson, Southern Pines.

Boys' teams playing Thursday were: Aberdeen winner over Vass-Lakeview 24-45, Carthage winner over Pinehurst 34-48 and Robbins winner over Farm Life 30-39. Girls' games—Robbins over Vass-Lakeview 32-36, West End over Cameron 33-34.

Friday games—boys, Southern Pines over Cameron, 26-27; girls, Aberdeen over Farm Life 25-33 and Pinehurst over West End 25-33.

Quality Play Quality of the playing throughout

BUTLER WON'T RUN

Paul C. Butler, of Southern Pines, who was being widely promoted in this area as a candidate for county commissioner, said this week that he would not be able to run.

Pressure of business, he said, leaves him so little time that he is convinced he could not do justice to the job. Mr. Butler said he deeply appreciates the honor done him in that so many had asked him to run, and assured him of support.

All incumbent members of the county commission were planning to file this week for reelection, they said at their regular meeting Monday, in answer to a reporter's inquiry.

Norman Cordon At Music Meeting; Public Is Invited

When Metropolitan Opera star, Norman Cordon, Mrs. Annabelle Pearson, and Tom Cordon blend their vocal talents for the benefit of the newly formed Sandhills Music association at 8:15 Tuesday night at the Hollywood hotel, it will be "Old Home Week" for the three Tarheel artists.

Norman Cordon, who is doctor of music at the University of North Carolina and director of the music extension division of the University, is the only brother of Tom Cordon, baritone, of Southern Pines. Mrs. Pearson, soprano, was a music conservatory classmate of Dr. Cordon and studied with the famous Guitano De Lucca at the time that Dr. Cordon was being groomed for his Met debut by that maestro.

Dr. Cordon, who is a six-foot-five basso, was for 10 years a bright star of the Metropolitan Opera association. He left the Met to take the leading role in the Broadway hit, "Street Scene," two years ago. He is a well-known radio, concert and Victor recording artist, and is famous for his acting ability. He spends part of his time now at his home at Chapel Hill, but flits about the country to keep his operatic and concert engagements during the season. He relaxes in Linville, where his wife, the former Deane Van Landingham of Charlotte, has a summer home. His parents, Mr. and Mrs. Norman Cordon, Sr., are at Knollwood for the season and he has been a frequent guest in Southern Pines since Christmas.

His brother, Tom Cordon, is soloist at the Village Chapel, Pinehurst, and lives in Southern Pines. Mrs. Pearson, the former Annabelle Webb of Raleigh, is also a Southern Pines resident.

Mrs. Mary Hodgkins will accompany the local artists in the following hour of music to which the public is invited free of charge:

"Where'er You Walk," aria from Handel's opera, "Semele," and "When Love Is Kind," (Thomsa Moore), Mrs. Pearson.

"Ombra Mai Fu," aria from Handel's opera, "Xerxes," and "Love Me or Not" (Campion-Secondi), Tom Cordon.

"Mi-Chiamano Mimi," aria from Puccini's opera, "La Boheme," Mrs. Pearson.

"Beau Soir" (Claude Debussy) and "Goin' Home," largo, New World Symphony (Dvorak), Tom Cordon.

MRS. CLARKE

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employed in this capacity on recommendation of the American Legion in Moore county when the office was opened January 1, 1945, to take care of the needs of veterans and their families, and assist them with their manifold claims.

Though at that time the job was already assuming complex proportions, it was not then foreseen how large it would grow. During the five years of her service Mrs. Clarke has dealt with every veteran in the county in one capacity

or another, given them assistance in wide range and has traveled over every road in the county many times in assisting veterans and their families in their just claims on government benefits. At Carthage this week Mrs. Clarke expressed appreciation for the cooperation she had received from all county agencies, and bespoke a continuation for her successor, Miss Willcox. She said she is resigning in order to take a rest, and beyond that has no immediate plans.

She wrote in her letter of resignation to the commissioners: "Dear Sirs: "It is with much regret that I tender my resignation as Moore County Veterans Service officer, effective April 1, 1950. "It has given me untold pleasure and satisfaction to serve the Spanish-American, World War 1 and 2 veterans of Moore county, their widows and orphans, for more than five years. Words cannot express my appreciation for the complete cooperation and assistance I have received from the veterans, veterans' organizations, the press and radio, all civic organizations and those individuals interested in veterans' affairs, not only in the county but on a state and national level. It is something for which I am utterly grateful.

"There is an urgent need to continue, and even expand, the services of the Moore County Veterans Service officer and I sincerely hope that to this end all veterans and those interested in the welfare of veterans will lend active support.

"With very best wishes to all veterans and their dependents, to the future success of service to them in our county and to each of you, I am, sincerely yours, "LOUISE W. CLARKE."

MAIL DELIVERY (Continued from Page 1) It will be complicated also by the irregularity of train arrivals. The train schedule, even when adhered to, brings morning mail in pretty late. When the trains are late, as they frequently are, delivery will be late too. "That can't be helped—by the post office, at any rate," said Postmaster Pierce. "We will do the best we can and get the mail to you as quickly as possible. We'll get all the mail out on the first day, Thursday, if it takes till midnight."

Patrons wanting home delivery must have their mail boxes up or letter slots installed by Thursday, he reminded, or delivery cannot be made. They should also see that their incoming mail carries the street address, with East, South, West or North designations, remitting this to their regular correspondents as soon as possible. This will add greatly to the ease and rapidity of the service to the community.

Mail will be delivered twice daily to the business district, once daily on routes everywhere else. Parcel post will also go out once a day. Delivery will cover practically all of Southern Pines and West Southern Pines within the city limits, Weymouth Heights, the Country Club section, Sunnyside, Piney Woods and Pinedene, also down US Highway 1 as far as the Carolina Power and Light company's division office. Mail in outlying districts will be by "mounted" carrier—on a truck.

Carriers will be Harry Chatfield, a member of the regular staff assigned to this work on his request; Robert Kyle and Reid Bailey, temporary carriers. A Civil Service examination will be held at a later date for permanent appointments.

Eleven new collection boxes will be put up Thursday on sites already marked. Here's where you may mail your letters—note the nearest one to you:

In Southern Pines—West Pennsylvania at Bennett, North East Broad at East New Hampshire, North West Broad at West Vermont, North May at East Rhode Island, North May at East Connecticut, South May at East Massachusetts, Country Club drive at East Indiana, US Highway 1 at Bell avenue (near Jackson Motors). There is already a collection box at the post office. That at North May and Rhode Island will also be a "relay box" for the carrier to pick up a fresh bunch of mail for delivery.

In West Southern Pines—West Pennsylvania at South Gaines street, West Indiana at South Gaines, West Illinois at South Henley.

Collection hours will be posted on the boxes. Postmen will pick up letters handed to them, or those left in mailboxes when they are delivering to these mailboxes. They will not sell stamps. They can't wait for you to finish the letter you are writing, in order to take it along. They are not obligated to enter yards when there are vicious dogs, or any dogs at large.

Questionnaires Questionnaires submitted to post office patrons during the last two weeks indicate that about half want home delivery in whole

or in part, said the postmaster. About 1,000 patrons have not been heard from and he is issuing an urgent request this week that these let him know their wishes. Post office boxes are being marked with colored thumb tacks on the "staff" side to indicate (1) all mail in box; (2) all mail on routes; (3) parcel post delivery on routes; (3) mail to be delivered as addressed, to box or home address.

The fact that a good many boxes are serving from two to four or five families complicates matters considerably, said Mr. Pierce. "Doubling up" is against post office policy and, as boxes are released through installation of the routes, he said they will be restricted to one family only.

The inauguration of city carrier service is the fruit of almost two years' work by individuals and the Chamber of Commerce. A poll taken in February, 1949, by the Chamber showed an overwhelming public sentiment in its favor and has been directly responsible for the succeeding steps. In practice, however, far fewer people than had been expected are releasing their boxes. However, said Mr. Pierce, enough will be freed to care for the most urgent cases on the waiting list. It is expected that more will be released when box rent is due again, and also as time makes mail delivery a habit rather than a novelty.

ESSAY AWARDS (Continued from Page 1) Wellman, of Pinebluff, author of "Giant in Gray," Donald Parson, of Pinehurst, author of "Glass Flowers" and "Surely the Author," and Miss Virginia Simkins, of Pinehurst, radio writer, book reviewer and a former teacher of English and languages.

They will choose one winner from each of three groups. Competing in Group 1, grades 4, 5 and 6, will be the following who won in their class contests: Mike Lewis, Aberdeen; Max Livingood, Farm Life; Frazier Smith, Pinehurst; Shirley Watson, Cameron; Joe Martin Edwards, Vass-Lakeview; Michael Childs, Southern Pines; Ann McDonald, West Southern Pines; Frances Dowdy, Pinckney (Carthage); Lillie Williams, Shady Grove.

In Group 2, grades 7, 8 and 9, winners are: Fred Kellum, Academy Heights; Dot Jackson, Cameron; Ruth Oliver, Farm Life; Emma Kelly, Pinckney; Shirley Ann Graham, Pinehurst; Vernell Wallace, Robbins; Charles Covell, Jr., Southern Pines; Clyde A. Murphy, West Southern Pines; Moore, Vass-Lakeview; Paul Goins, Vineland; John Hubert McNair, Shady Grove.

In Group 3, grades 10, 11 and 12, the following class winners are listed: Ernestyne Rush, Academy Heights; Billie Fisher, Cameron; Esther May Palmer, Pinckney; Jean Watson, Pinehurst; Nancy Lee Snider, Elise (Robbins); James R. Gaddy, Jr., West Southern Pines; Norman Epler, Vass-Lakeview.

HUNTER TRIALS (Continued from Page 1) brook stables, Joan Walsh up. Second, Sak Coat, owned by Mrs. Eleanor O'Neal, Ed Daniels up. Third, Glider, owned by Mrs. Audrey Kennedy, Mickey Walsh up.

Class for thoroughbred hunters: first, Bright Light, owned by Mrs. Audrey Kennedy, Mickey Walsh up. Second, Reno, owned by Miss Eleanor Sears, Mickey Walsh up. Third, Sak Coat, owned by Mrs. Eleanor O'Neal, Ed Daniels up.

Class for non-thoroughbred hunters: first, Dark Victory, owned by Mile Away stables, Mrs. W. O. Moss up. Second, Katydid, owned by Lakelawn farms, Ed Daniels up. Third, Why Not, owned by W. J. Brewster of Hackensack, N. J., Happy Hoy up.

Class for hunt teams: first, Seven-Star hunt team. Second, Combination hunt team from Mile Away stables. Third, Moore county hunt team.

LEADERS MEET

(Continued from Page 1) would alter in any way the distinctive features of the Sandhills communities, carefully built up over the years. "It may be 10 years before we succeed in finding, and attracting, what we want and need," was the consensus, "and it will take the united efforts of us all—beginning now."

Decision was made to take steps toward formation of an industrial corporation among the Sandhills towns, set up to take care of requirements of such an industry or industries, when they are found. Present at the meeting and joining in the informal discussion were Mayor C. N. Page, Chamber of Commerce President Harry Fullenwider and Chamber Manager Col. P. G. Shearman; L. T. Clark, Merchants Association president; H. L. Brown, president of Rotary; Herbert N. Cameron, E. C. Stevens, C. S. Patch, Jr., Hoke Pollock, Joe Garzik, June Blue, Jack S. Younts, George Pottle, John Pottle, A. C. Reed, N. L. Hodgkins, and Town Clerk and Treasurer Howard F. Burns.

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