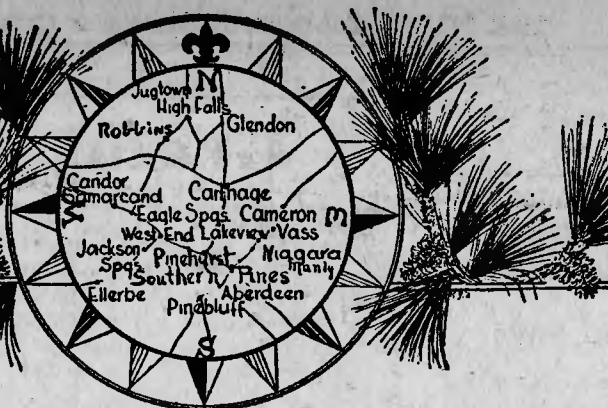


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Safety Council Recommends Ban On U-Turns Here

Accident Reports, School Plans Told At Lively Meeting

A recommendation to be handed to the town board that all U-turns be banned in the business district—or on all city streets, at their discretion—was unanimously approved by the Southern Pines Safety Council, holding its third and most productive meeting to date at the high school Wednesday afternoon.

Another recommendation, which will be made to the proper state authorities, will be that signs be erected along all main highways calling motorists' attention to the law that they must stop when a school bus is loading or unloading children; also that all school buses be equipped with the latest safety devices, with special attention to the flashing red light which means "Stop." Many suggestions were made from the observations of those present of bad—and dangerous—highway manners, with particular attention to school buses. The discussion was led by Otto B. Edwards, chairman, and the suggestions referred to O. D. Griffin, executive secretary, who is also field supervisor for the Highway Safety division in charge of safe school operation in this area.

Plans were completed for the (Continued on Page 5)

Spring Junior Horse Show At Pinehurst Sunday

The Annual Spring Junior horse show will be held Sunday 2 p. m. in the riding ring at Carolina hotel, Pinehurst, presenting some aristocrats of the saddle in eight classes, of them for children.

The show is called "junior" to distinguish it from the American Horse Show association registered shows. While it will present a number of horses regularly seen in outstanding shows, it is "just fun"—no entry fees, no admission charges and no stakes. Residing judge will be Mrs. William J. Barney, of Fairfield, N. C., a member of the Fairfield Hunt club and a well known rider and Madison Square International Horse Show exhibitor. Several assisting judges are being sent.

Children's horsemanship classes will be (1) 12 years and under; 16 years and under. Other classes scheduled are: jumping, pairs; open jumping, pairs; knock down and out; green hunters, five years of age and under; working hunters.

Entry may be made at the post.

Prison Starts Fire In Jail; Another Shinnies Down Blankets To Escape

A tragedy similar to that which took place last Friday at a Spray, N. C., prison where six prisoners were asphyxiated by smoke in their jail cells, may have been averted by the neighbors of the city jail Wednesday night, and prompt action

AT FORUM



Lady Christians, famous stage screen star, will give readings in her plays at the Pinehurst forum Thursday night. Story on page 15.

Local Police Now Radio-Equipped



Station KIB, FM short wave, went on the air at 1 p. m., Monday following a 24-hour test period, furnishing two-way communication between the Southern Pines radio station and the police car. Range of the station covers the whole Sandhills area and in fact on Sunday was successfully checked 20 miles away.

Above are seen Malcolm Fowler, police office assistant, at the control board and "Mike," Mayor C. N. Page (center) and Chief C. E. Newton. The Motorola equipment, most modern of its type, was installed at a cost of approximately \$1,275. (Photo by Humphrey)

Riddle, Fullenwider, Hussey Named As New County Board of Elections

Sam C. Riddle, of Carthage, was reappointed to the Moore County board of elections by the state board of elections, according to an announcement from Raleigh Sunday, with Harry Fullenwider of Southern Pines as the new appointee succeeding John S. Ruggles.

Riddle and Fullenwider are Democrats. The Republican appointee is Franklin E. Hussey, of Carthage, Rt. 2. Though it was previously announced that the Republican county committee had recommended L. S. Shields for reappointment, this is one of the cases, it appears, in which the state board is disregarding county committee choices in favor of unrelated ones of their own—an action which is causing a stir in several counties about the state.

A. H. Trotter, of Robbins, county Republican chairman until last week, said Shields, Hussey and F. H. Trotter were all on the recommended list, according to the policy of submitting three names from which the state board may make a choice. Any of the three, Mr. Trotter said, would have been satisfactory, though Mr. Shields, as incumbent, whose service was considered highly satisfactory, had been considered as the preferred man.

Mr. Trotter was succeeded as chairman of the Republican county committee last week when at a meeting held at Carthage Weldon Hennings, of Carthage RFD, was elected to this post.

FOR CLERK

Hubert McCaskill, of Pinehurst, announced his candidacy this week for the office of clerk of court, subject to the Democratic primary of May 27. He is the first to announce for this office.

Mr. McCaskill is accountant and assistant office manager of Pinehurst, Inc., which he has served for 22 years. He is a member of an old Scotch family of the Sandhills and is a graduate of the Pinehurst schools. He is active in county and community affairs, assisted in organization of the Pinehurst Lions club, was formerly Moore County YDC president and is currently Eighth District chairman of the YDC. He is on the Pinehurst Boy Scout committee.

Easter Seal Drive Chairmen Named

Easter Seal letters were in the mail this week, inaugurating the 17th annual campaign by which proceeds of the sale of the cheery little seals are used to aid crippled children and adults.

Miss Millie Montesanti and the BPO Does are heading the drive in Southern Pines, with a goal of \$200 to be achieved by Easter. County chairman is Mrs. Sherwood Brockwell, Jr., of Carthage, and the quota is \$750.

Volunteer workers and members of Carthage civic clubs have been helping prepare the seals and letters for mailing at campaign headquarters, Carthage, for the past several weeks. The seals will also be sold through the schools and by volunteers in each community.

Mrs. Brockwell said the funds are necessary for the care and rehabilitation of crippled persons. There are 79 crippled children now on Moore County welfare department lists receiving such aid.

Community chairmen and quotas are: Pinebluff, Mrs. Ethel Edwards, \$25; Lamont Brown, \$25; Addor, Mrs. Clyde Addor, \$10; Vass, Mrs. H. A. Borst, \$35; West End, Mrs. T. C. Auman, J. F. Sinclair, \$50; Eagle Springs, Mrs. Neille Kennedy, \$15; Cameron, Miss Vera McLean, \$25; Carthage, Mrs. Webb Davis and Mrs. James Woodell, \$75.

Robbins, Carl Scoggins and Mrs. Blanche Smith, \$200; Southern Pines, Miss Millie Montesanti and BPO Does, \$200; Pinehurst, Frank McCaskill and Mrs. Edna Taylor, \$200; Aberdeen, John Sloan, Mrs. P. B. Lewis, \$150; Westmore, J. Caesar Phillips, \$15; Highfalls, Thaddeus Frye, \$25; Glendon, Mrs. Eugene Street, (Continued on Page 5)

Safety Parade Saturday

Bands—cars—decorated bicycles—yes, it's a Parade!

It will be held downtown at 2 p. m., Saturday, winding up at the city hall. Emphasizing Safety, it will climax the month-long traffic safety campaign of the town board in cooperation with the Southern Pines Safety Council.

Included will be members of the police department, the highway patrol, the town board; eight selected bicycle riders from the Southern Pines and West Southern Pines schools, with safety slogans; and Howlett's wrecker pulling an Object which will show what an accident does to a car.

It will have also the crack marching band of the West Southern Pines school; four new model cars loaned by Jackson Motors, Cherry Motors, Southern Pines Motor company and McDonald-Page; and other units.

The Southern Pines band will meet them at the city hall, and both bands will play. At 2:30 p. m., a braking demonstration will be staged by O. D. Griffin, field supervisor of the Highway Safety division, showing how long it takes to stop a car.

Contrary to previous announcements, the car will not be shown at top speeds, as the space of one block is not sufficient. Normal speeds will be used.

Horner Files For Eighth District Seat In Congress

W. E. (Bill) Horner, publisher of the Sanford Herald, filed his candidacy last Saturday for the Democratic nomination as Eighth District congressman, running against incumbent C. B. Deane of Rockingham, who beat him for the nomination in 1946 by 354 votes out of 29,000.

This week, he announced, he started on the business of resigning from various positions he has been holding. First on the list was his resignation as lay leader of the Fayetteville district of the Methodist church, a place he has held for about two years. "I told the nomination committee last spring that I should not be re-elected, as I would probably run for Congress, but took the place with the understanding that I would resign if and when I filed for office. I do not consider it fitting for a candidate for political office to hold a church place such as this," Mr. Horner said.

Second on the list for resignation was the place as chairman of the Lee County savings bond committee, and next, that of chairman of the Democratic county executive committee.

He said he had received numerous letters and phone calls from various places in the district since his announcement, pledging support in his behalf.

He added, "The incumbent is a fine man, but I have an ambition to go to Congress, and the only (Continued on Page 5)

Prime Minister of Northern Ireland Will Visit Here

Sir Basil Brooke, prime minister of northern Ireland, and Lady Brooke will be visitors in Southern Pines for a week or 10 days in April, on their first visit to the United States.

On their arrival in this country they will go directly to the British Embassy in Washington, then come by train—a daytime trip, so as to see the country—on April 22 to visit their friends Mr. and Mrs. Ernest L. Ives, of Paint Hill Farm. They became friends of the Ives in 1938-39, when Mr. Ives was American consul general at Belfast.

Sir Basil Brooke was at that time minister of agriculture. He and his lady have maintained their interest in all types of agriculture and while in Moore county will do a good deal of sightseeing of the rural areas, through arrangements made by the Ives with Miss Ruth Current, of the state home demonstration office.

Moore County folk will have an opportunity to meet the distinguished guests when Mr. and Mrs. Ives are hosts in their honor at a barbecue supper at Paint Hill Farm April 27 to members of the Moore County Historical society. They will also be taken to Charleston, S. C., for a look at the gardens, and to other places about the state which may interest them.

On leaving here they will spend a day or two in Fayetteville with another friend, Hector McGeachy, who was an officer with the Army stationed in Belfast during the war.

"Big Four" Will Play Golf Tuesday For Hospital Fund

The "Big Four" of professional American golf will be seen Tuesday on the Pinehurst No. 2 course when Sam Snead and Cary Middlecoff meet Johnny Palmer and Clayton Heafner in a special exhibition match for the benefit of the Moore County Hospital building fund. The match is being sponsored by the Sandhill Veterans association in cooperation with Pinehurst, Inc. It will start at 2 p. m.

A big gallery is expected to watch the game, a best ball of pair match by four men who among them probably have the greatest aggregation of golf honors of any pro foursome which could be gathered together on an American course.

Snead—"Slammin' Sammy," always a gallery favorite—is the current PGA champion and "Golf-er of the Year" for 1949. He was last year's top moneymaker, and won the Miami Open just last week.

Cary Middlecoff, the golfing dentist from Memphis, is the National Open champion.

Palmer and Heafner, tops in golf among native-born North Carolinians, were runners-up, respectively, in the two big events last year. Palmer was close on Snead's heels in the PGA event at Richmond while Heafner was a close second to Dr. Middlecoff in the National Open at Chicago.

Palmer and Heafner were U. S. delegates last year on the Ryder Cup team to England.

This will be the second benefit exhibition match to be played on the No. 2 course within a week, as Thursday a pro-amateur foursome was seen composed of Ben Hogan, Jimmy Demaret, Dick Chapman and Harvie Ward, playing for the Red Cross.

Gen. Marshall Gives Contest Awards



Winners of the countywide essay contest on the subject "Why Every Citizen of Moore County Should Give All He Can Afford to the Hospital Drive" and General of the Army George C. Marshall who presented letters from the campaign committee.

Left to right: Shirley Ann Graham, eighth grade, Pinehurst school, winner of Group 2; Max Livengood, sixth grade, Farm Life school, winner of Group 1; General of the Army George C. Marshall; and Billie Jean Fisher, 11th grade, Cameron High school, winner of Group 3. Story on Page 5 (Photo by Hemmer)

State Survey Group Urges Consolidation of Schools In Moore

EXALTED RULER



M. G. (Doc) McRae was elected exalted ruler of the Southern Pines Elks lodge last Thursday night, succeeding Don L. Madigan, who was elected a trustee. Installation will be held April 6. Other new officers are Howard Hoffman, leading knight; John Ormsby, loyal knight; Ted Barrow, Jr., lecturing knight; Walter Coffin, secretary; Mark King, treasurer.

Slick Thieves Net Costly Haul From Pinehurst Shop

Possibly the largest robbery ever to take place in the Sandhills was the haul of an estimated \$10,000 to \$12,000 worth of men's and women's apparel netted early last Friday morning by daring thieves at Ray's Sportswear, in Pinehurst.

Chief J. T. Shepherd said leads in the case are scanty and indefinite. The SBI was called in immediately to work with the local force toward a solution.

The loss was discovered by Mrs. Norfleet Ray, proprietor, when she unlocked the shop Friday morning, to find the place stripped of the choicest items of the newly acquired spring stock. Only the finest and costliest merchandise had been taken, indicating that the coup was carefully planned and the robbers knew exactly what they wanted.

Mrs. Ray said the amount of the loss could not be definitely determined until an inventory could be taken. No burglary insurance was carried.

Officer C. R. Frye, night police (Continued on page 5)

Pupil Population Has Decreased In Eight-Year Span

A long-range program involving considerable consolidation, especially of the white high schools and the Negro high and elementary schools, was presented to the board of education and superintendents of all school districts by a state survey committee meeting with them Thursday evening at Carthage.

The program, a recommendation one looking forward to development over 10 or 20 years, was discussed, without approval, by the Moore school people, and no action was taken.

It was made plain that the dis-bursing of state school bond funds would not depend on acceptance of the committee's plan, though it will depend on approval by the state board of education of any plan locally made for use of the money. A plan already submitted was not approved.

Dr. A. M. Proctor, of the Duke University school of education, led last week's meeting, presenting the proposals made, following a survey made in January by his panel group of the state division of school surveys.

Three High Schools
He recommended reduction of the number of white high schools to three, to give each the enrollment of 300 or more considered essential for an effective school program. These should be at Robbins, with which the high schools at Westmore and Highfalls should be consolidated; at Carthage, with which the Eureka High school should be consolidated (beginning next year) and (eventually) those at Cameron and Vass-Lakeview; and one to serve the Southern Pines-Pinehurst-Aberdeen area.

The West End territory, he thought, should be divided so that part of the pupils will go to Carthage, the rest to the Southern Pines-Pinehurst-Aberdeen school. (Continued on Page 5)

Birch Seeks New Lease On Links; Grinnell Leaving

Russ Birch, co-proprietor of the Pine Needles Golf course and club, conferred Thursday morning with Bishop Vincent Waters of the Catholic diocese of Raleigh relative to a continued lease. Results of the conference were not known at press time.

Mr. Birch said he hoped to come to an understanding with the Bishop that will permit him to continue operation of the course and club, which is part of the grounds of St. Joseph of the Pines hospital, bought by the diocese when it took over the former Pine Needles hotel.

Roy Grinnell, longtime resident and well-known pro of Southern Pines, has been Birch's partner in the operation since June 1, 1948. He has, however, accepted a position as pro at a country club at Clarksville, Va., recently taken over by the Robbins Mills, N. C., for the use of its employees there, and will move to Clarksville June 1.

Mr. Birch said that if he and Bishop Waters can reach an understanding whereby he can continue to operate the Pine Needles alone with expectation of profit, that he will do so. "I have several propositions to offer him and hope very much that we can make a deal," said the popular pro.

Bishop Waters was here Thursday for a meeting of the hospital board and a report on its affairs for the year just past.

SWEET SPRING

Spring sloshed in on wet feet Wednesday, with rain that lasted all day and into the night.

Through the rain, however, were visible budding trees indicating that nature was doing her best.

At Aberdeen, Pinebluff and Pinehurst a small amount of hail was reported.