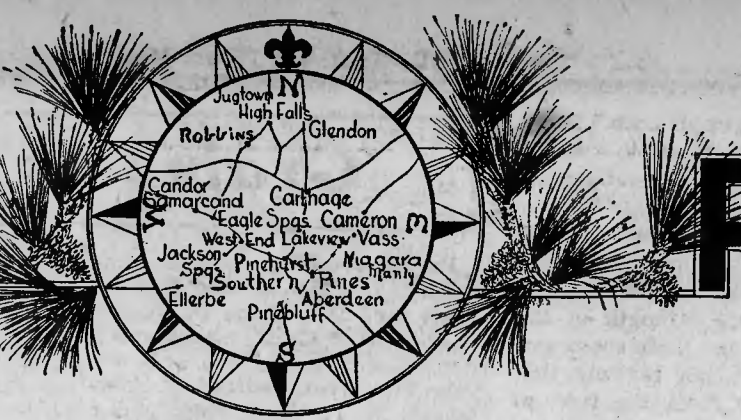


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Many Candidates In Primary Lineup; Jim Pleasants Files For Commissioner

Contests For Clark And Register Attract Large Fields

Saturday, last day for filing for county office under the Democratic primary, saw several new candidates enter the ring, one of them being Jim Pleasants of Southern Pines for county commissioner. Late in the afternoon of the day Mr. Pleasants yielded to the urging of civic leaders and others here, who have long felt that the county's largest community should produce a commissioner.

After long considering entering the race for clerk of court, Mr. Pleasants announced for this of last week, then shortly thereafter withdrew for business reasons. Pressure continued on him about let-up to enter the race for county commissioner, to which he yielded.

He is seeking the office purely for public service reasons," he said, "and if elected will do my best to serve the county as fairly as I can in a fair and just manner." He opposes T. L. Blue of the Eastern community as representative of the board, and is the sole candidate for the county commission outside of the incumbents.

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Precinct, County Meetings Are Set

Precinct, county and state Democratic meetings will be held during the next three weeks, leading up to the Democratic primary of May 27. V. O'Callaghan, Southern Pines precinct chairman, announced this week that the local precinct meeting will be held Saturday, April 29, at 2 p. m. at the American Legion hut. Officers to be elected, also delegates to county convention and other matters to be presented at the meeting will be taken up following Saturday, May 6, to be the date of the county convention, according to M. G. G. Carthage, chairman of Moore County committee. The meeting will be held at 2:30 p. m., the place of meeting will be election of officers and delegates to the convention to be held Thursday, May 11, at Raleigh.

New Golf Course Will Mean Eight For Sandhills

The Sandhills, already holder of a world's record total of seven first-rate golf courses within six miles, will have eight by the opening of the season next fall. A new nine-hole golf course will be opened at Pinehurst in addition to the three 18-hole courses now already operating there, according to an announcement made by Pinehurst, Inc., last week. The new course will be made by reopening nine holes of the old No. 4 course, which has been closed for more than 15 years. It is not merely a reopening job, however, according to the announcement. A complete new watering system will be put in, the greens (which were sand) will have to be built new and there will be some alteration in the layout to create a course measuring a little over 3,000 yards. The course will start and end in the vicinity of the 18th green on the No. 1 course and practice grounds.

OP CANDIDATES

Republican candidates for several county offices were named at a meeting at Carthage as follows: For county commissioner—Hert Hussey, Sheffield; for clerk of court—Ed H. Cox, Deep River; for sheriff—Homer F. Seay, Carthage; for coroner—Dr. W. N. McDuffie, Carthage; for assessor—W. Clement Barlow, Carthage; for treasurer—Arthur Atkins, Cameron.

ROTARY CHIEF



E. J. Austin Is Elected President Of Rotary Club

E. J. Austin, local building contractor, was named president of the Southern Pines Rotary club at the annual elections held last Friday at the Village Inn. Russell Lorenson was reelected secretary-treasurer. New directors are Will Wiggs, L. V. O'Callaghan, Jr., Garland Pierce and Herbert N. Cameron. By Rotary custom the retiring president, H. L. Brown, will assume the office of vice president. The new officers will go in July 1.

Attending the Friday luncheon meeting was a record number (for this season) of visiting Rotarians—22 of them, exactly equaling the number of club members who were present.

In addition to Junior Rotarian Richard H. Kaylor, visitors were W. G. Thomas, Charlotte; E. E. Potter, New York City; E. E. Morgan, Boston, Mass.; S. S. Shafer, South Plainsfield, N. J.; H. Lee Thomas, Carthage; H. O. Reed, Gloucester, Mass.; Fred B. Howland, Titusville, Pa.; Dr. Harold E. Small, James M. Acheson, Homer E. Robinson, all of Augusta, Maine; Ralph L. Higgins, Rockland, Maine; Chester B. Lord, Binghamton, N. Y.; L. M. Tate, Blowing Rock; Earl Sprague, Bridgeport, Conn.; Dallas Holland, Burlington, Vt.; Ken Berwick, Clare Dryden, both of Montreal, Canada; Bob Blackburn, Clairton, Pa.; C. L. Douglas, Pittsburgh, Pa.; Bob Davis, Lewistown, Pa.; George Mieske, Meirian, Conn.; Dick Hellman, Scarsdale, N. Y.

FOR THE BOYS

Magazines and comic books, the servicemen's favorite reading matter are badly needed at the Red Cross field headquarters at Camp Mackall, according to information received this week by the Moore County chapter office from Richard N. Hart, field director.

No recreation program has been set up this time for men on the maneuvers, whose numbers will reach 50,000 within a few days. Reading matter, also playing cards are badly needed and will be gratefully received.

Children and adults can all help fill this need. The books and cards may be left at the Red Cross chapter office on South Broad street, whence they will be promptly delivered to the field office set up for Exercise Swarmer.

Sandhill Peach Crop Is Casualty Of Brief Freeze

The commercial peach crop of the Sandhills and nearby areas was virtually wiped out by a hard freeze last Thursday night, and any peaches which escaped were taken care of by even colder weather Friday night.

Temperatures went down to the middle twenties for the two coldest successive April nights on record, as an unseasonable "cold front" with high winds cut a shivery path all along the eastern seaboard.

The freeze caught the peaches at their tenderest stage, immediately following pollination of what had shown signs of being a bumper crop.

Surveying the wreckage of his large Moore and Hoke orchards, and also those of his neighbors Friday, J. Hawley Poole of West End declared it "as complete a washout as I've ever seen." T. C. Auman, another large West End grower, estimated damage at 95 to 100 per cent.

The peaches had come through an unseasonably warm winter, followed by several cold spells, in excellent condition, and had looked like "a million-bushel crop—the best in years," according to Mr. Poole.

Prime Minister And Lady Will Be Barbecue Guests

Sir Basil and Lady Cynthia Brooke, distinguished guests of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest L. Ives, will attend a barbecue supper to be given at the Ives home, Paint Hill Farm, for the Moore County Historical society Thursday evening.

Invitations have been sent to members of the Society on the 1950 active list, also to several friends in other parts of the state. Lieutenant Governor W. P. Taylor will attend as a special guest of J. Talbot Johnson, president of the Society.

This is just one of the interesting events which will highlight the stay of more than a week to be made in the Sandhills by the Prime Minister of Northern Ireland and his lady. They are coming for a rest and a vacation with their old friends, Mr. and Mrs. Ives, whom they knew in Belfast a dozen years ago when Mr. Ives was U. S. consul general there, and Sir Basil was minister of agriculture.

Arrangements have been made for them to do and see several things in which they are interested. Sir Basil will play some golf, and Lady Cynthia will see something of the rural life. They will visit some farm homes of the county in company with Miss Flora McDonald, county home demonstration agent, and will also appear on the program of the district meeting of home demonstration clubs to be held at Sanford Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ives will go to Richmond to meet them Saturday on their way south from New York City, and will take them to Williamsburg for the week end. They will check in briefly at Paint Hill Farm, then go for a look at Charleston, S. C.

Postal Cuts Force Curtailment of Local Service

No More General Delivery or Late Mail Distribution

Insufficient Address Will Cause Return of Mail To Sender

The drastic cut in postal appropriations announced this week will have immediate effects on the mail service in Southern Pines, as in other communities all over the country.

The Postmaster General's directive cutting down residential deliveries to one a day will not cause any change here, as that is all that is being made, said Postmaster A. Garland Pierce. However, the reduction in auxiliary help will necessitate elimination of some services, consolidation of others, effective at once.

Directives received Wednesday brought the following important announcements.

No more general delivery service will be rendered except to transients. Persons living here, or staying 30 days or longer, must secure post office boxes or get on the carrier service list. (Plenty of boxes are now available, and carrier service covers practically all areas of the town.)

No mail will be distributed to boxes after 6 p. m. This cuts out distribution of mail from the evening trains—chosen in preference to suspension of service on Saturdays, as recommended by the Postal Department. A change in train schedules expected shortly may mean that distribution of late mail can be resumed.

Directory service will cease on all except perishable and insured mail. Unless the postal clerk handling your mail just happens to know where it should be delivered, if it doesn't have your street or box number it will be returned to the sender at once. This is by direct and imperative order of the Postmaster General.

When two or more people are using the same box, those who are not members of the family which originally signed up for it must move out, getting a box of their own, or listing themselves for carrier service.

Consolidation of window services means that at slack times of day only one man may be on duty, and service may be slow. The full cooperation of the public will facilitate matters greatly, and Postmaster Pierce urged that this be given.

Distribution of mail on Sundays will continue, but it may be slow, and not always complete. Every effort will be made to put up first class mail and the Sunday papers.

The list of instructions from Washington is lengthy, said Mr. Pierce, and other adjustments may be necessary, to be announced from time to time.

The reduction in services, tho it may cause inconvenience, was considered essential in view of the Postal Department's huge operating deficit, and in hopes of balancing the postal budget.

SWARMER SPEAKS

The maneuver public relations staff, which will practically take over the Hollywood hotel next week, on Tuesday of this week took over the breakfast disc-jockey program at Radio Station WSTS.

Every day, from 7 to 8 a. m., "The Voice of Exercise Swarmer" will be heard until conclusion of the maneuvers early in May. Listeners to the program can keep right on listening—it remains a platter-and-patter program but the patter concerns the maneuvers and the men who make them, designed to inform and entertain the men and also the listening public. A staff of five enlisted men has been assigned to the program, to alternate as script writers and announcers. An evening program may also be arranged.

Exercise Swarmer, Film Company Combine For World Premiere At Carolina Theatre Tuesday Night

Public Relations Headquarters For Maneuvers Set Up At Hollywood Hotel

Clacking teletypes, clicking typewriters and ringing telephones this week gave a first-floor wing of the normally peaceful Hollywood hotel the air of a big-city newsroom, as headquarters were set up for public relations for Exercise Swarmer, the giant Army-Air Force tactical maneuver soon to get under way at Camp Mackall.

From the headquarters set up by Lieut. Col. Barney Oldfield, former Lincoln, Neb., newspaperman now heading all Air Force public relations, the nation will be briefed on the progress of the exercise and also of the part played in it by each of the 60,000 men. Releasés and photographs are pouring out in a steady stream to all metropolitan newspapers and the men's home towns.

The military staff started moving in this week, with Colonel Oldfield, Lieut. Warren Morgan

and Lieutenant Kirk as the vanguard. The full staff consists of 19 officers and 42 enlisted men of all branches of the service, who will be in and out as they cover the whole maneuver area. Three teletypes connecting directly with field headquarters and four special telephones were installed Tuesday. Two direct wires were installed by Western Union.

Next Tuesday the civilian reporters will start arriving—a star-studded list of more than 50 representing the nation's big newspapers, the press services, radio networks, magazines and photo syndicates, on special invitation of the Secretary of Defense. Among those from whom acceptances have come are, from New York City, Austin Stevens, of the Times; C. B. Allen, Herald-Tribune; Johnny Hughes, Daily (Continued on page 5)

Airlift Drama Will Be Shown As Part of Maneuver Briefing

Southern Pines will have a film premiere with all the trimmings Tuesday night, when Twentieth Century-Fox will present "The Big Lift" at the Carolina theater to a selected audience of Army and Air Force top personnel, veterans of the Berlin airlift now on maneuvers at Camp Mackall, newsmen from the metropolitan dailies and press services, mayors and newspaper editors of Southern Pines and surrounding communities.

The Carolina has been taken over for that evening by Twentieth Century-Fox and admission will be by invitation only.

Floodlights will mark the pathway of the honor guests from the Hollywood hotel, and flash on the front of the theater as they enter in the best Hollywood tradition. A cavalcade of 10 jeeps bearing the airlift veterans, some of whom appear in the movie, will be preceded by the 82nd Airborne Division band. After all have entered, a portion of the band will follow them into the theater and play an introductory concert of four or five numbers.

Mayor C. N. Page will give a greeting from the stage, and present Maj. Gen. William H. Turner, who headed the Berlin airlift and is in charge of the airlift operation which will climax Exercise Swarmer, the maneuvers at Camp Mackall.

George Seaton, author and director of "The Big Lift," will come from Hollywood to be in Tuesday night's audience. He will be accompanied by several representatives of Twentieth Century-Fox's public relations office in New York City.

The parade of premiere arrivals will be filmed by Army newsreel cameras and probably also by Fox Movietone. It may also be transcribed by Mutual for later presentation over the MBS network.

The film was made in Germany during the Berlin airlift, and shows the airlift in full operation. It shows the actual men and planes of the "lift" and contains (Continued on page 5)

Six Fire Alarms Set Record For One Day Here

Resident Fireman Frank Kaylor issued a reminder this week that it is against the law, at any time, to burn trash or brush in the city limits without getting a permit from the fire department. This is especially important at this time. Just call him up—he'll tell you if it's okay.

Besides producing a record number of forest fires, the dry windy weather gave the Southern Pines fire department its busiest weekend in a long time. Six alarms on Friday made this a record day in the department's history. Two more calls came Sunday, and one on Monday. Except for considerable damage to a West Southern Pines home, the total loss was small.

Fire breaking out at 3 a. m. Friday in the home of Rev. J. C. Flowers, 835 West New Hampshire avenue, gave the firemen a real fight in confining damage to (Continued on page 5)

Keith Files Two \$25,000 Suits vs. Chemical Company

Two suits were filed in Moore superior court last week by Gordon Keith, of Pinebluff, each asking recovery of \$25,000 damages from the Taylor Chemical company of Aberdeen.

One suit, filed by Keith individually, lays the blame for the death of his small daughter April 24, 1949, on fumes exuded from the plant, at which insecticides are manufactured. The Keith home was formerly in Aberdeen, near the Taylor plant.

The other suit was filed by Keith as next friend of his young son, Glen Gray Keith, who, it is claimed, was made ill and has suffered permanently impaired health as a result of inhaling the fumes.

Both civil papers tell substantially the same story, and request, besides the damages, that the Taylor plant be permanently restrained and enjoined from permitting the dust and fumes of (Continued on page 5)

Forest Fires Flourish In Dry, Windy Weather; Crews Work Night And Day

Forest fires driven by high winds through tinder-dry woods have kept the N. C. Forest Service crew of Moore county working without let-up for three weeks, and praying for rain.

Twenty reportable fires, liberally interspersed with "spot fires" in brush or woods, constituted a record in the first 17 days of this month, said Forest Warden E. W. Davis Monday. The dry condition unusual for April, prevails throughout the state, and all brush burning permits have been indefinitely revoked. People burn

off anyway, Davis said—and when they do, the law takes its course. Responsibility has been fixed in eight Moore county cases this month, and investigation is still going on in others. Handled through the Forest Service law enforcement department, suppression costs are charged and in several instances fines, for carelessness, disregard of the law, and in one case, a child playing with matches.

Thanks to Volunteers The crew of six men have had (Continued on page 19)



Here are the N. C. Forest Service men who protect Moore county's woods, photographed against some of their equipment with the Southern Pines fire tower beyond. They are, from left, Odell McCrimmon, helper; Herman Caviness, Eagle Springs towerman; W. G. McCrimmon, assistant warden; V. E. McCrimmon, Southern Pines towerman and smoke tracer; Colin L. Jones, Eagle Springs helper; County Forest Warden E. W. Davis. (Photo by Emerson Humphrey)