

Liberty Bell Rings In Southern Pines To Promote Independence Bond Drive

The deep-toned note of the Liberty bell rang out over Southern Pines Tuesday morning, climaxed a program dedicated to the achievement of personal and family independence, through investment in U. S. Savings bonds.

The bell was not that of Revolutionary fame but it was near enough: an exact replica in size, material and tone, one of 52 cast and contributed by the great U. S. copper companies. The famous crack was even painted realistically down one side. Mounted on a Ford truck showing the colors of red, white and blue, it came into town under police escort at 10 a. m. and took up a three-hour stand in front of the city hall.

Maternal music sounded forth from an amplified recorder, and children and adults quickly gathered about. At 11 a program was presented as arranged by E. C. Stevens county U. S. Savings Bond chairman, emphasizing the Independence drive for bond sales which is under way on a nationwide scale this month.

Presented by Announcer Warren, Mr. Stevens presented Mayor C. N. Page; D. L. Madigan, representative of the Southern Pines Elks lodge; N. L. Hodgkins, president of the Citizens Bank and Trust company; J. W. Moore, principal of the West Southern Pines school; Garland Pierce, representing the Southern Pines Rotary club and also the post office, a bond sales agency; Mrs. Arthur Thomas, secretary of the BPO Does, and Garland McPherson, president of the Sandhills Kiwanis club.

All spoke briefly on the benefits of investment of savings in U. S. government bonds, the world's safest investment, paying dividends not only in cash but in security and peace of mind. Those who save regularly through acquisition of the bonds, they said, help both their country and themselves.

Local Boy Scouts did duty as guards during the visit of the bell. These were given the privilege of pulling the heavy blue cord which rang it, ending the half-hour program. Scout David Woodruff produced the first peal. Others, including several of the bystanders, then had their turn.

The city hall block was decked with flags for the occasion. The truck, one of a fleet loaned by the Ford company, departed with its unique cargo at 1 p. m., to tour through Aberdeen, Pinehurst and Carthage before stopping for an afternoon program at Sanford.

Accompanying the bell were Allison James, state U. S. Savings Bond chairman; C. E. McIntosh, of the publicity department, from the state headquarters office at Greensboro, and a driver.

New H & M Grocery Plans Formal Opening

The new H & M Grocery opened informally for business this week. Though the formal opening has been postponed for a couple of weeks, the buying public has been finding its way to the newly reopened store in increasing numbers.

H. A. McAllister, manager, said announcement of the official opening will be made within a short time. In the meantime the stock is being expanded, and redistributed on the shelves and in the display cases according to the needs of the new management.

Partner-owners of the establishment, formerly Johnson's Food store, are Mr. McAllister and J. D. Hobbs, owner of Hobbs Grocery at Pinehurst.

TENNIS MEETING

The monthly meeting of the Eastern Carolina Tennis association will be held Thursday evening at Dante's restaurant at 8 o'clock. All interested in tennis are invited to attend. Dinner will be dutch, by reservation only—phone Dante or Angelo Montesanti, Jr.

Representatives of all towns in the Eastern Carolina League are expected to be present. The meetings are held in the member towns in sequence.

Hat Sale

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Mass Jump And Display Set For West Point Cadets

Future Officers Train Next Week At Pope AFB

Three hundred cadets of the class of 1952 from the United States Military Academy at West Point will arrive Monday at Pope Air Force Base, Fort Bragg, to begin a week's training schedule with the Army and Air Force.

The training of the cadets, to be conducted by the 82nd Airborne division and the Tactical Air Force, will include demonstrations of tactical Air Force and Army cooperation, basic airborne training and orientation flights in gliders and Fairchild C-119 Packets.

Highlight of the week's training will be a demonstration of combined fire power by aircraft of the Tactical Air Force and airborne troops of the 505th Airborne Infantry regiment. The first battalion of the 505th, under command of Lt. Col. Ralph D. Burns, along with Battery A of the 456th Airborne Field Artillery battalion, will form into a battalion combat team Wednesday and made a routine training parachute jump for the future officers.

The latest techniques in heavy equipment parachuting will be used in the exercise when C-119s drop four 105mm howitzers, eight jeeps and four trailers, suspended under the Air Force's new 100-foot parachutes. Approximately 500 troops of the 505th and 30 C-119s of Col. H. L. Prindle's 314th Troop Carrier Wing from Sewart AFB, Tenn., will take part in the operation.

Following the jump, the troops will assemble and go through a ground training exercise. They will be escorted during the air phase, and supported after they are on the ground, by 24 Republic F-84 "Thunderjets" of Col. P. K. Morrill's 20th Fighter Wing from Shaw AFB, S. C. The Thunderjets will use live bombs and ammunition during the exercise.

Included in the instruction will be demonstrations of a Joint Operations center, a Tactical Air Control center and a Tactical Air Direction center. The TACC and TADC demonstrations will be conducted by the 502nd Tactical Control Group, commanded by Lt. Col. W. P. McBride.

Static displays will show the cadets the latest equipment used by the Army and Air Force in airborne operations.

The cadets are touring Air Force bases on the East Coast, and while at Pope AFB and Fort Bragg they will observe close cooperation between Air Force and Army units engaged in tactical operations.

The 82nd Airborne is under the command of Major General Williston B. Palmer, and the Tactical Air Force of Brig. Gen. W. R. Wolfenbarger.

The group of cadets is the first of two such groups which will tour Fort Bragg this summer. Another 300 will train here for the week of July 17-21.

Among the cadets arriving Sunday will be 15 from the Carolinas. They will go next to Eglin AFB, Florida.

COVER UP!

Mayor Page and the town board called attention this week to a city ordinance against uncovered garbage containers. With summer at hand, doubling the nuisance and dangers of the uncovered containers, this law will be invoked to the fullest, they warned.

Complaints have been received of a downtown block where several residents leave containers without coverings on the curb all the time, not removing them even on non-collection days. This violates town city ordinances, it was pointed out.

The uncovered garbage is unsightly and offensive, provides a field day for roaming dogs, breeds flies and carries the menace of polio and other diseases. "We won't put up with it in Southern Pines," said Mayor Page.

Demand for flue-cured and burley this year is expected to be fairly strong. Prices received by growers probably will be in line with those of recent years. Support levels probably will exceed those of last season.

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County Candidates Busy, Political Interest Stays High As Runoff Nears

More activity was discerned among the county candidates in two races this week than among the workers for Senator Frank Graham and Willis Smith, as the days preceding the June 24 runoff clicked by.

The main problem for both challengers and challenged, it was generally agreed, is to get out the votes. Vigorously waged county contests helped bring out a record vote all over the state May 27, but no one expects this feat to be duplicated.

Principal event in the senatorial contest in Moore was probably the announcement of H. H. Fry, Reynolds county manager, for Graham. If other Reynolds supporters should follow his lead, and the vote cast is proportionate to the first, this would edge Moore into the Graham column.

In the first primary Willis Smith had 2,548 votes, Graham 2,281 and Former Senator Reynolds 514. Even the 31 votes cast for Olla Ray Boyd could make a difference, in a close vote.

With the races for clerk of court and register of deeds still on in Moore, along with the junior senatorship for which Smith has challenged Graham, interest appeared to stay at a pretty high level. Politics is keeping its place in the conversational forefront.

Hubert McCaskill, challenger of Carlton Kennedy in the clerk of court contest, is conceded a good gain in the county, though whether he will be able to overcome a 500-vote differential is

problematical. McCaskill's friends are emphasizing his party record, an excellent one over the years. There is no quarrel anywhere over the qualifications of either man for the office. Kennedy is probably the better known of the two, in a countywide sense.

Mrs. Bessie J. Griffin, of Vass, who ran the first time "as if she was being shot at" is doing the same thing now that her 450-vote lead in the register of deeds race has been challenged by D. A. McDonald, Jr., of Carthage. Again, qualifications of each are accorded honor by both sides, and Mrs. Griffin's femininity—she was the only woman on the ticket—never entered into it as much as had been anticipated. After all, Moore is used to a woman as register of deeds.

Mrs. Griffin is making the rounds of the precincts, introducing herself to all hands and soliciting votes with the earnestness of a lady who really wants that job. "If I don't win," she says "at least I've met more people than I ever did before in my life—and I love it!"

In the senatorial race, work is certainly being done, but with far less heat and noise than was evidenced before the first vote. No events have been scheduled for Smith, as far as this paper has learned. Graham supporters are staging a rally at the local auditorium Monday night, with Rep. John Umstead of Wake county as speaker.

West End News

Bride-Elect Feted At Series of Parties

Beginning a series of parties honoring Miss Eva Ritter, bride-elect of Robert Curtis Clark, whose engagement and approaching marriage on June 24 has been announced, Mr. and Mrs. Allan McDonald entertained with a supper party on Monday night, June 5, for Miss Ritter and Mr. Clark.

Thursday evening, the Junior Woman's club, of which Miss Ritter is a charter member, entertained for her at its last meeting for the club year at the Methodist Youth building. A buffet supper was enjoyed, with Mrs. Bruce Mauney and Mrs. H. L. Gordan, acting hostesses. A long banquet table featured the bridal motif in the decorations.

Following a short business session several contests were enjoyed with Mrs. North Lewis and Mrs. Freeman Newton as prize winners. They graciously presented their prizes to the bride-elect.

A surprise miscellaneous shower was presented Miss Ritter, who opened the gifts and displayed them.

Friday afternoon, from 5 to 6, Mrs. M. C. McDonald, Sr., entertained at an informal seated tea. Roses, snapdragons, petunias and feverfew were used in the living room and hall. Ladies of the Ritter family and the Clark family were the invited guests. Mrs. McDonald presented Miss Ritter with a piece of crystal in her chosen pattern. A plate was served with dainty sandwiches, hot ham biscuits and party punch. Mrs. Allan McDonald, Mrs. M. C. McDonald, Jr., and Miss Ruth Beale assisted the hostess.

Continuing the pre-nuptial events, Mrs. Farley Lewis and her daughter, Mrs. Clarence Patterson of Carthage, honored her with a miscellaneous shower at the home of Mrs. Lewis. The house was decorated throughout with roses. Entertainment consisted of appropriate games and contests. Miss Treva Auman and Mrs. W. A. Johnson, Jr., the winners, presented their awards to Miss Ritter. Each guest was presented a card on which were directions for some charade. Miss Eva Ritter was directed to the dining room to "set a place" for Bob Clark. Upon entering the room, she found a shower of gifts under an open green umbrella. Mrs. Lewis and Mrs. Patterson served a party plate to 24 guests.

Church Society Meets

The Women of the Presbyterian church held its regular monthly meeting in the church sanctuary with Miss Mary Ritter presiding. Mrs. J. R. McInnis, secretary, called the roll, read the minutes of the May meeting and "thank you" cards from members who had been remembered during the past month. Reports from the treasurer, Mrs. Quinton Smith; Circle 1, Miss Bert McCrummen, and Circle 2, Miss Treva Auman, were heard. Mrs. R. B. Donaldson, chairman of the Board of Church Extension, reported on her cause. Mrs. Donaldson was elected as a delegate to the Home Mission conference at Montreat.

Miss Tressie Auman presented plans for a Bible school for the children of the community which will be held at the church the last week in June.

Mrs. J. H. Poole, program chairman for June, presented the Rev.

bers for their cooperation and work of some of the local artists. presented Mrs. Foy Horton an award for the most points earned during the year. Mrs. S. W. Wilson was recognized by Mrs. Martin Davis for her outstanding art display. The club was invited to view an art exhibit which included the Delicious refreshments were served during the social period.

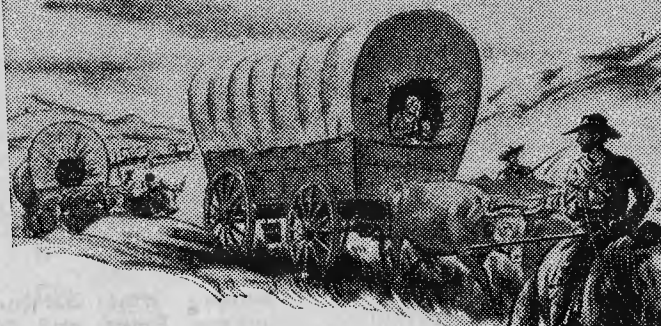
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