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Tennis Tourney For Young Folks Will Start July 31

Large Attendance At Recreation Events; Volunteers Assist

A tennis tournament for children and young people will be held starting July 31, sponsored by the Southern Pines summer recreation program and the Sandhills Tennis association. Registration may be made with A. C. Dawson, Jr., director of the recreation program, beginning at once.

Trophies will be offered for boys' singles, girls' singles, boys' doubles and girls' doubles in each of two age groups—up through 15 years, and 16 through 18. The tournament will last a week, possibly longer, depending on the number of entries.

Miss Sarah Ward has joined the summer recreation staff as a most welcome volunteer, and will keep the Foxhole open two nights a week, it was announced by Director Dawson. Young people may dance, play pingpong or other games or just "socialize" at the Foxhole, otherwise known as the high school club, from 8 o'clock until about 10:30 Monday and Wednesday evenings, under Miss Ward's friendly supervision.

She holds the position of child welfare worker with the county department of public welfare, is a Miami University graduate and NC postgraduate in social studies, and has had considerable experience in youth and recreation work.

Alex McLeod is another volunteer who is proving invaluable, said Mr. Dawson. He is assisting with all phases of the program.

About 150 young people are enjoying the recreation events each week, making this the most successful such program held here so far. This is the fourth consecutive year the program has been held, growing annually in scope and attendance.

A dance will be held tonight (Friday) for the teen-agers, at either the gym or the Foxhole (allow the crowd), and the usual program of swimming, story hour, cooking, sewing and tennis instruction, baseball and other games will be followed.

Forest Fire Mars Peaceful Holiday

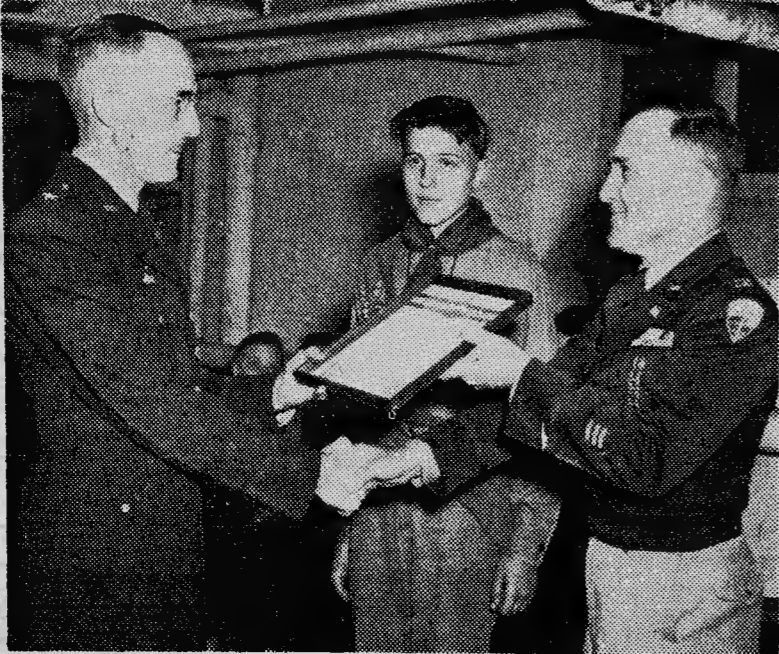
The use of firecrackers—now banned by law in North Carolina—was blamed for causing the only forest fire incident of a peaceful holiday here, a forest fire. The Forest Service crew was called out in the heat of the day to fight flames which spread through a half-acre of woods on a road, near Firligh farm. Fires of firecrackers were seen in the vicinity. A breeze was blowing and it took the men an hour to quell the flames. Otherwise, all was calm. One man was drunk and in the town. Drug stores and the book store were open for a short while, and closed up tight and during the afternoon hardly a soul was on the street, and few cars were seen.

Were there all the people? At Carthage, enjoying the county celebration; out fishing, in the ponds, on beach or on train trips or just staying at home. The holiday lasted for two days, and many businesses. Some were closed Monday and Tuesday and Wednesday to give their employees a real holiday.

BLOODSHED BOX SCORE

ON N. C. HIGHWAYS
LED June 30-July 4..... 23
URED Jun 30-Jul 4..... 218
LED thru July 4, 1950 439
URED thru July 4, '50 5,719
URED thru July 4, '49 4,389

Scout Troop Chartered In Germany



Capt. Ben. M. Bradin, right, of Southern Pines, now with the U. S. Army Engineers in Germany, is going right ahead with the Boy Scout activities in which he was a leader here.

He is scoutmaster of Troop 1, Bremerhaven Port of Embarkation, and is shown above receiving the charter at a Charter Night ceremony from Brig. Gen. Charles D. W. Canham, port commander. Looking on is his son Eagle Scout James Bradin, a former member of Troop 74 here, of which Captain Bradin was scoutmaster before going to Germany a year ago. (U.S. Army Photo)

Major Share of State Funds Allotted To Raise Standards of Negro Schools

West Southern Pines Gymnasium, School At Carthage Are Approved

State funds coming into Moore county from the school building bond issue voted by North Carolinians in June, 1949, will be used mostly for the improvement of Negro schools.

Organization plans for the use of the funds by both the Southern Pines and Moore County administrative units have been approved by the state board of education, and details are now being worked out.

Practically all of Southern Pines' allotment of approximately \$53,000 will be used for the building of a gymnasium at the West Southern Pines school, said Supt. P. J. Weaver. Blueprints are now being made by W. H. Dietrick, school architect of Raleigh. When completed these, too, must receive the approval of the state board of education, following

Deane Warned of Korean Tinderbox Many Months Ago

Eighth District Representative Charles B. Deane disclosed this week that on November 19 he sent a confidential memorandum to government officials in which he described the Korean situation as "explosive."

The analysis, which also included a survey of conditions in the other Far Eastern countries, was mimeographed and distributed to key Department of State personnel.

Meanwhile, several state representatives reported that letters they are receiving indicate a growing interest in the Korean situation, and general backing of the President's step ordering a "police" action.

At the same time, it was said, there is concern over what the international crisis will do to taxes.

Deane wrote a 33-page dissertation on Far Eastern problems after a tour of the area with a group of United States representatives.

He said specifically that the South Korean government does not have a stable grip on the republic, and that it and Southeast Asia are aflame with militant nationalism.

Unless we can make Korea stable, his memorandum said, we will be faced with continuing serious problems in the Far East.

About all that is respected there, Deane declared, is military force.

In the report seven months ago, he indicated colonial rule and asserted that in the long run only economic, educational, and social (Continued on Page 5)

Red Cross Forms Rescue Squad For Safety In Water

Phone Call Will Bring Swimmers, Rescue Equipment

Moore County is blessed with lakes, and hundreds of adults and young people are enjoying them every day.

Along with the pleasure there is danger. The Moore County chapter, American Red Cross, has equipped itself to meet a water emergency promptly.

A rescue squad of expert swimmers, especially trained, has been formed, it was announced this week by Dr. J. C. Grier, Jr., of Pinehurst, chapter chairman of safety services. Its members are ready to go to the scene of an emergency at a moment's notice. A phone call to Dr. Grier or the chapter office at Southern Pines will bring them in double-quick time.

Equipment Ready
Rescue equipment is being assembled. A boat on a trailer is ready to be rushed to any lake where there may be no way to reach a swimmer in distress. The chapter also has grappling irons. Resuscitators owned by the Southern Pines and Pinehurst volunteer fire departments are available for lifesaving work.

Dr. Grier asks that any case of drowning or near-drowning be reported immediately to the chapter office, so that investigation may be made of all circumstances in an effort to prevent their recurrence. He urges the memorizing and use of the fundamental water safety rules—they may save a life.

Water Check Asked
Also in line with the water safety program, Dr. Grier has requested the county health department to have an immediate check made of the water at Aberdeen lake, Crystal lake at Lakeview, Pinebluff lake, Johnson's and VonCanon's ponds at West End and Mayor Barnes' pond at Carthage (as soon as it is opened to the public). The waters are to be tested for contamination of any kind.

Concerning the danger of drowning, the safety services chairman reminded that most drownings occur among non-swimmers or swimmers who overestimate their ability. He urged that those who are not expert swimmers enroll in one of the Red Cross swimming classes.

For New Hospital Wing GENERAL WYCHE SHOWS THE WAY

Dear Citizens:

I have appealed to you in open letters several times for donations for the expansion of the Moore County hospital. The Committee is now in the process of turning over its affairs to the board of directors of the hospital.

To date the contributions received in cash and pledges total \$135,319. Of this amount the Duke Endowment gave \$40,000, the commissioners of Moore county gave \$25,000 and the remainder, \$70,319, was given by individuals, businesses and industry. This leaves us short of our objective of \$150,000, the sum of \$14,681. The records of the Committee indicate that there are about 19,000 grown-up citizens of Moore county who have not contributed and have done nothing to further the drive.

My long experience in operations has been mostly with the military. It is recognized in military operations, particularly in attacks, that when a unit is stopped before it reaches its objective, it is often necessary for the commander to get out and personally lead the further advance.

As a final appeal to you, I am attempting to comply with this principle of operation by placing a \$5 bill in an envelope and mailing it to Paul Dana, treasurer of Moore County Hospital. This is in addition to what I have already given. If everyone in the county would put at least \$1 in an envelope and mail it to Mr. Dana, we would go over the top in great shape. This appeal is to every citizen of the county and particularly directed to the 19,000 who have given nothing.

Don't be afraid about over-subscription, for the hospital still will need money after the \$150,000 has been collected. Any extra could be advantageously used to add equipment for the use of the extension of the colored wing, so generously provided for by a family of Moore county unusually interested in the welfare of all the citizens. If the response to this appeal isn't sufficient, we shall fail in the accomplishment of our mission. Sincerely,

I. T. WYCHE,
Maj. Gen. U.S. Army, Ret.
Chairman.

Special Election Will Be Held August 15 for Recreation Levy And Funds for Civic Promotion

BIDS OPENED

Bids on kitchen equipment for the new school cafeteria, also on dishes, flatware and other items needed for the serving of meals, were opened Thursday at 11 a. m. at the high school but none was immediately accepted, said Supt. P. J. Weaver.

A condition of the bids was that, if the lump sum was too large in either case, the school could "shop around" among them for separate items at the lowest prices. This is what will probably be done, he said.

Nine bids were received on kitchen equipment and eight on the other items.

New Classrooms Will Be Built At Elementary School

Two new classrooms for the Southern Pines Elementary school, which was completed just two years ago and is already bursting at the seams, have been approved by the county board of education and authorized by the county commissioners for immediate construction.

Authorization was also given for the securing of estimates on building four classrooms, as well as two, for a possible saving in meeting future as well as present needs.

Supt. P. J. Weaver said bids will probably be advertised within a week or 10 days. The drawing up of blueprints and specifications by School Architect W. H. Dietrick is not expected to take long, as the school was originally planned with an extension in mind. The new classrooms will be added to the east wing, extending toward New York avenue.

Facilities of the 10-classroom school building became strained last fall soon after the school opened, when additional first and second grades and a third-fourth combination had to be added to the standard eight grades. Indications are that enrollment in the primary grades will continue to mount in the next few years, Mr. Weaver said, and as the present large grades move up all the extra classrooms will be needed.

Mrs. Williams Is Fatally Injured

Mrs. C. E. Williams, 33, of Southern Pines, was a victim of one of the many fatal accidents in North Carolina over the holiday weekend.

Mrs. Williams died Sunday night at Pittman hospital, Fayetteville, following an accident Saturday afternoon on the Old Wire road, near Fayetteville, in which her spinal cord was severed.

Funeral services were held at 2 p. m. Tuesday at Bethesda church, Aberdeen, with the Rev. C. W. Worth officiating. Burial was in Old Bethesda cemetery. She was the former Miss Gladys Smith, of Rockingham, and had lived near Watson's lake, south of Southern Pines, since her marriage. Surviving are her husband; her father, Alex T. Smith, of Lakedale; three sisters, Mrs. Roland N. Stone, of Lakedale, Mrs. Sandy L. McLeod of Camp LeJeune and Mrs. Diana Erautt, of Durham; also a brother, Sgt. Alex T. Smith, Jr., who is stationed in London, England, with the U. S. Army Air Force.

Ms. Williams was motoring with friends from Fort Bragg when the accident occurred. According to reports reaching here, the driver, Arthur H. Davis, of Fort Bragg, lost control of the car as he swerved to avoid an oncoming vehicle. The driver, at first released on \$1,000 bond, was taken into custody by the law following Mrs. Williams' death and held without bond pending a coroner's inquest. It is expected that he will face manslaughter charges in Cumberland County court.

One Vote Requires New Registration; Town Books Will Be Opened Saturday

Southern Pines will have a special election Tuesday, August 15, for decision on two matters vital to this community: whether or not the Town can levy a special tax for recreation purposes, and whether or not it can appropriate from its general fund a sum for community advertising and development.

Limitations on both are set by law. The recreation levy may be not less than three cents, nor more than 10 cents, on the \$100 property valuation. Funds for advertising and development may be not less than one-fortieth nor more than one-tenth of one per cent on the total assessed property valuation within the Town.

The town board, meeting in special session Friday night, set the election date as early as possible for inclusion of the two items, if approved, in the budget currently being made up, said Mayor C. N. Page. Time allowance for advertising and registration precluded the setting of an earlier date.

Different Laws for Each Election

Though voting will be held at the same time on both issues, they are governed by different laws, alike only in that both require a vote of the people for decision by a simple majority.

The recreation tax requires a new registration. The advertising appropriation does not.

The recreation vote had to be called for by petition. The advertising appropriation vote requires no petition.

Books will be opened Saturday (tomorrow) for registration for the recreation levy tax, and will be kept open from 9 a.m. until 9 p.m. that day and each succeeding Saturday through August 5, also from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. each day (except Sunday) of the week July 31-August 5. Registration place is the firehouse; registrar, Mrs. Frank Kaylor. No one who does not register during this period may vote on the recreation levy.

The regular municipal books will be used for the advertising fund vote. New voters may register for this election at the times listed above.

A recent purging of the municipal books, with elimination of the names of those dead or removed, reduced the registrants to 466. This represents a minority of eligible voters. Those not sure they are on the books should check with the registrar, said Mayor Page.

Petitions Presented to Town Board

Petitions for the recreation levy were presented to the town board Friday night and checked with the municipal books under Attorney Pollock's supervision. Elimination of the non-registered reduced the list of more than 200 names to 129, well over the 70—or 15 per cent of qualified voters—required for the calling of a vote.

The town board by unanimous action agreed to include the vote on the advertising appropriation in the August 15 agenda. If approved, this will in effect be a restoration of powers exercised by the Town for years, until a ruling of the Attorney General defined them as illegal.

According to the ruling, which came to light at the time the 1949-50 budget was being prepared, ad valorem taxes may not be used for advertising and civic promotion without a vote of the people.

Present Program Called Inadequate

This has seriously crippled the advertising program by which, over a period of 25 years, the Town has helped build Southern Pines as a resort and business center. Allowed to draw only on special funds, the board has for the past 11 months turned over to the Chamber of Commerce, for advertising purposes, \$100 a month derived from rental of the ABC store. This has been considered far from sufficient, the mayor said.

If approved by the people, the August 15 vote will permit the appropriation of up to \$3,500 (based on present evaluation) for maintenance of an adequate promotional program.

Plans for such a vote have been in the making for approximately a year. For much longer than that, the board has studied the possibilities of a year-round recreational program, similar to those being successfully sponsored by a growing number of towns in the state and nation today.

Proceeds of the special levy—which would add only one cent to the established tax rate—would permit town sponsorship of a wide range of recreational projects or, with the amassing of funds, the development of playgrounds, purchase of recreational equipment, etc.

July 4 Festival Draws Happy Crowd To Carthage; Aberdeen Girl Is Queen

An estimated crowd of between three and four thousand visited Carthage Tuesday to celebrate Independence day at the annual holiday event sponsored by the Carthage Jaycees.

The traditional July 4 sunshine blazed down on the good-natured crowd of all ages which, in happy relaxation, came and went throughout the day as the well-planned program proceeded from one event to the next.

Mayor Archie L. Barnes opened the program soon after 9 o'clock with a short speech of welcome in the street. After a brief concert

by a unit of the famed 82nd Airborne band, street contests consumed most of the morning.

Bozo Kiser won honors in the pie-eating contest for white boys, while Olford Lesslie and Hugh Ellis Morgan divided honors for the Negro youths. Robbie Felton and Bobby Frye were the white youngsters who slurped their way to victory in the molasses contest, and two Negro boys, Harold Cole and Clarence Williams, showed good form in their competition.

A single lady, Miss Ruth Pelee, (Continued on Page 5)