

Variable March Ranges 20 To 82

A variable March, whose temperatures ranged from a low of 20 to a high of 82, was recorded on the Weather Bureau instruments of Mrs. T. A. Kelley, official observer here.

While March provided over six inches of rain to gladden the hearts of farmers and gardeners,

it also gave residents of the Sandhills 23 rainless days. The high temperature of 82 on the 25th came three days after the low of 20 on the 22nd. The mercury went below freezing on seven days of the month and rose to 65 or warmer on seven days. Low temperatures, of course, are usually recorded during the night.

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Division Of ABC Profits Discussed At Joint Meeting Of Three County Boards

No Decision Made As Groups Confer At Carthage Monday

The annual joint meeting of the boards of County Commissioners, Education, Health, and Alcoholic Beverages Control was held in the commissioners' room at the Carthage courthouse, Monday.

Attending were, besides the five county commissioners, H. Lee Thomas, T. Roy Phillips and Jere McKeithen of the board of education, Dr. Willcox, representing the board of health, and L. L. Marion, and James Tufts, chairman, of the ABC board, and L. J. Hinson, manager of the stores.

J. V. Healy, member of the ABC board from Southern Pines, whose term had expired, was not present. First order of business was his re-election to membership on the board by unanimous vote.

Mr. Hinson reported that total sales during the past year amounted to \$1,587,437.70 of this amount \$134,256.34 was paid in state taxes and \$715,000 in federal taxes.

The profits turned over to Moore County from the stores total \$145,000. This brings the sum accrued to the county, since the establishment of the ABC board in 1938, to \$1,978,500.

Yearly profits have risen as high as \$185,000 in 1946 and again in 1951, with recent slight decreases. Profits for 1952-53 were \$179,000 (after deductions for law enforcement, the law requiring that not less than five per cent nor more than 10 per cent should be thus expended.)

Allocation of ABC funds coming to the county during the 15 year period since establishment of the stores has been as follows: schools, \$1,225,500; county general fund, \$573,500; poor fund, \$43,000; health \$112,000; welfare, \$19,500; highway, \$5,000.

Southern Pines Asks For Larger Share

The questions raised by a Southern Pines delegation which had met with the joint boards a month ago were then placed before the group by Mr. Cameron. He said they had been asked to take up two points: what immediate help could be given Southern Pines to compensate somewhat for what seemed to be a drastic decrease in the town's recent allocation; and would the board consider increasing the town's share of profits to 25 per cent.

It was voted to split the cost of the recently installed police radio equipment and its maintenance, with the county assuming a greater share. This would give them, yearly, it was estimated.

The second question provoked long discussion, as Mr. Cameron requested opinions from each one present.

A list, prepared by Southern Pines, giving the record of similar arrangements in other counties, with sums allocated to towns, was studied. It showed the towns receiving a far larger share of ABC store profits than is the case in

Moore County. However it was felt that Southern Pines profits from the stores in several ways not indicated by the figures: in taxes paid on the stock, and, especially, in increased business coming to the town in general because of the presence of the stores. Also, as J. C. Muse of Sanford, auditor for the county and ABC board, stated, "Southern Pines schools have profited by as much as 36 per cent."

"But, undoubtedly," put in Jere McKeithen, "the town has much higher law enforcement costs and other expenses because of the stores."

Carthage mayor, Arch Barnes, Mr. Phillips and Commissioner Pleasants were among those who felt that it was better to let the present arrangement stand. "They should be glad to have the store"

"Once you start trying to change this thing, you upset the applecart." "You might lose the whole thing" were some of the sentiments expressed.

However, interest was shown in the suggestion that the law enforcement costs be met by the county and the towns with ABC stores. (Southern Pines and Pinehurst) given a flat 10 per cent share in the profits. On this note the meeting closed, with nothing settled, but a decision to meet again before the week was out. At that time a fuller study of all suggestions will be made, it was stated, and the boards will be ready to give their answer to the Southern Pines request.

ABERDEEN HOMECOMING

Judge W. A. Leland McKeithen of Pinehurst will speak at the Aberdeen High School homecoming program to be held Sunday from 2 to 5 p. m. He is a graduate of the school. A picnic supper will be served on the grounds after the program.

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Boyd Paintings To Be Seen Next Week At Library

An exhibition of drawings and paintings by Dan Boyd, who grew up at Southern Pines and now lives in San Francisco, Calif., will continue the series of exhibitions at the Southern Pines Library art gallery, opening Monday of next week and lasting for two weeks.

The current exhibition of portraits and paintings by Mrs. Emily Forrest will close Saturday.

Daniel Lamont Boyd, 30 years old, attended Southern Pines schools and received a B.A. degree in modern history at Princeton University in 1947. The exhibition to be seen here begins with a drawing done in 1946 in representational style and unfolds from that to the abstract painting he has been doing recently.

Mr. Boyd continued his study of art and received an M.A. from the University of California in 1952. He also studied at the California School of Fine Arts. He has exhibited at the San Francisco Art Festival, 1952-'53, the Alexander Rabow Galleries, the Salon des Refuses and the Richmond (Calif.) Art Center. He also has done sculpture and it is expected one piece of sculpture will be included in the show here.

"A sense of conviction," he feels, is the most important attribute of the artist.

"The artist must feel that everything he does, every stroke he paints, is supremely important," he recently wrote. "If he does not have this sense of conviction, his work will never rise above the level of the sophisticated. Only when his work successfully communicates this feeling of consummation will it acquire significance."

Emotional quality, he believes, is the aim of artistic expression: "In the last analysis, style is secondary in a work of art and the work is valuable as a work of art only when it has successfully expressed that hard-to-define emotional quality which is the primary ingredient of all great paintings."

Mr. Boyd, son of Mrs. James Boyd of Southern Pines, has lived in California for the past three years. His wife is the former Rhoda Whitridge of Salisbury, Conn., and New York City. They have three children, Chris, seven, Jamie, four, and Wendy, 15 months old.

Sandhills Entries Expected In Races At Tryon Saturday

Horses will be jumping from one state to another on Saturday, April 10, when the eighth annual race meeting is held on the picturesque Block House Steeplechase Course at Tryon.

The course lies in two states and three counties, with one jump situated so that steeplechasers take off in North Carolina and land in South Carolina.

The North Carolina Hunt Cup, three miles over timber, and the Block House, two miles over brush, are featured events on a 1946.

program which also includes the March Hare, two miles over brush, and the Tryon, five-eighths mile on the flat. All four races will be run under sanction of the Hunts Committee of the National Steeplechase and Hunt Association. Post time for the first race is 2:30 p. m.

As one of the most colorful events on the nation's hunt racing circuit, which opened at Southern Pines, March 20 the Block House races will again draw top ranking horses and riders from many states, including entries from the Sandhills.

Exercise Flash Burn is the seventh large-scale Army field maneuver in which the 82nd Airborne division has participated since brush, are featured events on a 1946.



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