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Schools To Open Wednesday With Short Schedule

Regular Classes To Start Friday; New High School Ready

School bells will ring Wednesday morning of a day that promises to be the largest number of children ever attend the schools here.

Supt. A. C. Dawson, said that the elementary and high schools will open at 9 a. m. Wednesday and Thursday and will close early on both those days, letting out about noon.

Bus schedules will be adjusted to the later opening and earlier closing, he said.

Friday will be a regular school day, with opening at 8:25 a. m. The regular schedule calls for first and second grades to be released each day at 1:45 p. m., third and fourth grades at 2:30 and the remaining elementary grades and the high school at 2:45.

The school cafeteria will not operate on Wednesday and Thursday but will operate Friday. Again this year, the Pilot will carry cafeteria menus one week in advance to help mothers plan meals at home. The Friday lunch menu is: tuna fish salad, french fried potatoes, garden peas, fruit-ed gelatin, rolls, butter and milk.

In West Southern Pines, Principal J. W. Moore said that the schedule also calls for a 9 a. m. opening on Wednesday and Thursday with a regular school day, opening at 8:25 on Friday. The West Southern Pines cafeteria will not operate for a couple of weeks, he said.

Supt. Dawson said that the pre-school registration was the largest ever held in the white schools and that an increase in attendance is expected. Principal Moore said also that an increase in pupils at West Southern Pines is likely.

The "Phase A" unit of the new Southern Pines high school is completed, furnished and ready for use Wednesday, Supt. Dawson said. The entire high school will be accommodated in the new building, he said, by using for classrooms rooms that will be used for other purposes when the "Phase B" unit of the school, to be built on an adjoining site, is completed.

The elementary school is short four classrooms. One class will be held in the teachers' lounge, two in the home economics cottage and one in the gymnasium office.

Eighth District Rally October 12

The 8th Congressional District's Democratic rally, to be held at the Lee County Courthouse, Sanford, will take place Tuesday, October 12, it was pointed out this week by W. Lamont Brown, chairman of the Moore County Democratic executive committee. An announcement in last week's Pilot incorrectly listed the meeting for October 8.

Exact hour for the rally, to which State party leaders, nominees and office holders have been invited, has not yet been announced, but it is presumed that it will be an afternoon meeting as customary. Democrats of this county are urged to attend.

LABOR DAY

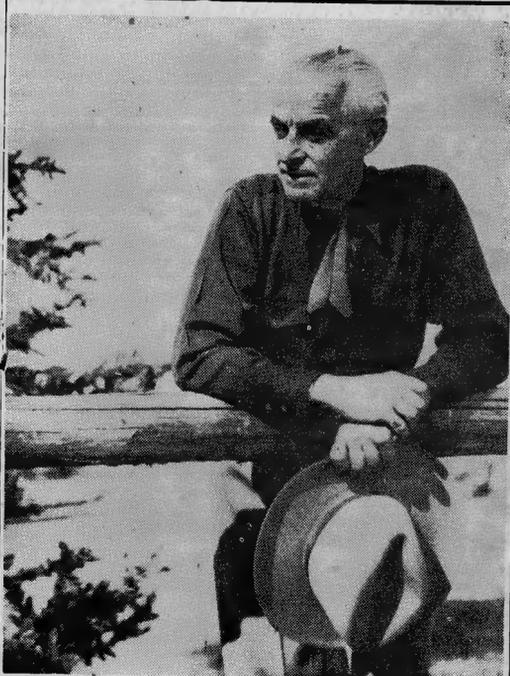
There will be a general closing of stores and offices here Monday in observance of a Labor Day holiday.

The post office stamp and parcel post window will be open from 10 to 11 a. m. Mail will be distributed to boxes and dispatched as usual, but there will be no home delivery.

The Citizens Bank and Trust Co. and other banks throughout the county will be closed.

The courthouse at Carthage will close. The regular meeting of the board of commissioners will be held Tuesday. There will be no session of recorders court next week. Judge J. Vance Rowe has announced.

The Southern Pines Library will be closed Monday.



MR. BURT . . . at ranch in Wyoming several years ago.

Struthers Burt, 71, Dies In Wyoming After Long Illness

Noted Writer Had Spent Much of Life In Southern Pines

Struthers Burt, novelist and poet, who was for some 30 years a beloved part of Southern Pines community life, died Saturday at a hospital in Jackson, Wyoming, after a long period of declining health. He was 71.

Mr. and Mrs. Burt spent last winter and spring in Southern

Pines, planning to return this fall. Mr. Burt, whose health had seemed to improve in the spring, became ill on the train going to Wyoming in June and was taken directly to the hospital when they reached Jackson. Mrs. Burt stayed in a hotel to be near him. He never saw again their Three Rivers Ranch at Moran, near Jackson, as he remained a patient at the hospital until his death.

Funeral services for the distinguished author were held Wednesday afternoon at St. John's Episcopal church in Jackson.

The Burts were to have returned to Southern Pines September 13, planning to make their permanent home here.

Maxwell Struthers Burt was born in Baltimore, Md., October 18, 1882, the son of Horace Brooke and Hester Ann Jones Burt. He grew up in Philadelphia and graduated from Princeton University in 1904. He studied for a year at Merton College, Oxford, England, also at the University of Munich in Germany and was a reporter for a short while on the Philadelphia Times.

He returned to Princeton as instructor in the English department. It was there a close friendship formed between the instructor and one of his pupils, the late James Boyd, which led in later years to visits here and then the purchase of a winter home in Southern Pines, adjoining Weymouth, the Boyd estate.

The families were closely associated during the most productive years of the two authors' lives, the 1920s and 1930s, when each reached fame in the American literary world. They published novels and poems, and their short stories appeared in leading magazines. The families formed a nucleus for a literary circle which brought to Southern Pines, as visitors and residents, many others among the leading literary figures of their time.

Struthers Burt and Katharine Newlin of New York were married February 9, 1913. They homesteaded in Wyoming, undertaking

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Carthage Voters Reject Beer Sale

With 311 of about 600 registered voters going to the polls, Carthage citizens voted against legalized beer, 245-166, in a referendum held Saturday.

Carthage has not had legal sale of beer since 1951 when a county-wide referendum outlawed both beer and wine sales. Towns of 1,000 or more population may vote on beer and wine sales after the county in which they are located votes dry. Beer and wine sales have thus been restored in Southern Pines and Pinehurst.

Education Board Accepts Clerk's Fund Allotment

Commissioners To Consider Decision Of Row Arbitrator

The Moore County board of education has accepted "with reluctance" the decision of Clerk of Court Carlton Kennedy, statutory arbitrator in the school capital outlay fund dispute, that gives the board \$277,359.50 for the coming year.

The board had asked for \$422,471.43 but \$269,000 had been appropriated by the county commissioners when the budget was made up. The school board rejected this allotment and put the matter before the clerk as arbitrator, as provided by law.

Gordon Cameron, chairman of the county commissioners, said this week that he had not discussed Mr. Kennedy's decision with the other members of the board and that he could not say whether or not the commissioners would likewise accept the decision.

The commissioners have opposed an increase in the tax rate that more capital outlay funds would require if no other school or other county appropriations are cut. The additional \$8,359 allowed the board of education by Mr. Kennedy would increase the rate a fraction over two cents per \$100 of property valuation. However, the amount might be absorbed in the budget as it stands, if revenues do not fall.

Members of the board of education, which is headed by J. A. Culbertson of Robbins, went on record with the statement that: "It is the feeling of the board that any amount of increase that could be expected through a favorable court decision, in an extended and expensive court action, would not be sufficient to compensate for the delay and confusion that would result therefrom."

Mr. Kennedy said that capital outlay funds for the county system and also the Southern Pines and Pinehurst units will remain frozen until the matter is settled either by acceptance of the decision by the commissioners or further court action.

The board of education formally asked the clerk to make capital outlay funds available as soon as possible.

AT LIBRARY

During the month of September, Mrs. Elliott Shearon will assist Miss Elsie McKenzie at the desk of the Southern Pines Library, it was announced this week.

250 Persons Expected For 8th District YDC Meeting Tonight



GILMORE



BALLENTINE

IN DISTRICT RALLY—L. Y. (Stag) Ballentine, State commissioner of agriculture, will be the guest speaker during the 8th District Young Democrats' rally at the Country Club tonight (Friday). Voit Gilmore of Southern Pines, general chairman for the event, is being promoted for YDC national committeeman, a post to be filled by election at the State YDC convention in Charlotte, Sept. 16-18. Assurances of considerable support for Gilmore's candidacy were being received here this week from throughout the state.

Lions To Gather For Ladies Night; Broom Sale Set

Two top events of the year with the Southern Pines Lions Club are scheduled for next week—a Ladies Night supper meeting Monday at the Country Club and a broom sale starting Tuesday, to run through Saturday, for benefit of Lions work for the blind and sight conservation.

Herbert F. Seawell, Jr., of Carthage will be the featured speaker at the Ladies Night gathering which will include a chicken supper, with wives of club members and other guests invited.

Also on the program will be a film in color, with Sam Beard of Raleigh as narrator, showing various activities in rehabilitation of the blind throughout the state.

Mr. Seawell, who was Republican candidate for governor in 1952 and for the past year has been at odds with the administration in Washington in regard to treatment accorded individuals and the party in this state, is known as one of the most entertaining speakers in the state.

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Negro Girl, Shot Accidentally In Mouth, Recovering

A 14-year-old Negro girl, Carol Wells, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Wells who live in the 1300 block of West Indiana Ave., was in good condition at St. Joseph of the Pines Hospital Thursday after she was shot in the mouth, apparently accidentally, at her home Wednesday morning.

The attending physician said Thursday that the girl was "very much alive" and recovering satisfactorily.

Police Chief C. E. Newton, who investigated, said the shot was fired from a .22 calibre rifle in the hands of the girl's cousin, Sandell Howerton, 15, of Baltimore, Md., between 10 and 10:30 a. m.

The boy, a visitor in Southern Pines, was sitting on a bed in the Wells home, while the girl was seated about 15 feet from him, shelling peas, Chief Newton said he was told.

Reenacting the incident for the police chief later, the Howerton boy showed how he picked up the rifle, loaded and unloaded it several times and how it fired during this procedure. Only one bullet was fired.

Chief Newton said that the shooting appeared to be an accident and that no charges had been made.

17 Farmers On Newly Organized Farming Board

Seventeen farmers from the nine townships in Moore County have been selected to become members of a "Board of Agriculture" for the county.

They are: Carthage, Clinton Campbell, James Fulk; Greenwood, L. B. McKeithen, J. B. McLeod; McNeill, J. M. Davis, Richard Matthews; Mineral Springs, T. C. Auman, W. M. Thompson; Bensalem, H. R. Harrison, Cranford Hussey; Sandhill, Paul Troutman, Lane Kirk; Deep River, Carr Paschal; Sheffield, D. A. Dunlap, Fletcher Ritter; Ritters, G. H. Purvis, Norman Purvis.

These men, along with the county agents and Gordon Cameron of the county commissioners, will meet the last Monday night in each quarter, beginning in January. The purpose of this Board of Agriculture is to help develop the kind of agricultural program in Moore County that the farmers want.

Dr. D. S. Weaver, director of the North Carolina Extension Service, was speaker at a meeting held Monday night when plans for the board of agriculture (Continued on Page 5)

Ballentine To Speak; Supper, Reports Slated

About 250 persons from the 12 counties of the 8th Congressional District are expected at the Southern Pines Country Club tonight (Friday) for the annual gathering of Young Democrats from throughout the district.

Voit Gilmore, newly elected president of the Moore County YDC, who is general program chairman, said that large delegations are expected from Richmond, Scotland, Anson and Wilkes counties, as well as groups from the other counties of the sprawling district that runs from the coastal plains to the mountains.

Tickets to the affair are available on an advance sale basis from the office of W. Lamont Brown, local attorney.

The program will open with a social gathering at 6:30 p. m., to continue with an outdoor supper at 7 on the Country Club grounds, using the facilities of the Southern Pines Elks Club.

Featured speaker of the evening will be L. Y. (Stag) Ballentine, State commissioner of agriculture. Mr. Gilmore said he is expected to talk about YDC political activities in North Carolina.

Pat Taylor, Jr., of Wadesboro, district chairman, will preside.

Invitations to attend have been extended to a number of Democratic office holders of the state and state YDC officials. It is anticipated that several out-of-district visitors and high-ranking party members will be present.

Two committee reports are expected at the gathering—one from H. Clifton Blue of Aberdeen who heads the group planning the 8th District YDC's part in the State YDC convention to be held in Charlotte; and another from a committee planning 8th District activities for the year ahead.

A native of Varina, Commissioner Ballentine has served as a State senator and as lieutenant governor, 1944-48, and is one of the state's most familiar political figures. He is frequently mentioned as a gubernatorial candidate in 1956.

Sandhills folks on an arrangements committee for tonight's event include J. A. Phillips, R. N. Page III and Paul C. Butler.

On a reception committee are W. Lamont Brown, J. Hubert McCaskill, J. Douglas David, Mrs. Ruth Swisher, Miss Dorothy Swisher, John Beasley, Jr., Mrs. Mary Grover, Mrs. W. Lamont Brown and Mrs. Voit Gilmore.

Bob Priest is expected to provide some entertainment with his little "Democratic" donkey and wagon, details of which have not been revealed.

Butler Heads Local YDC Organization

Meeting Thursday night of last week, the Southern Pines Young Democrats Club elected Paul C. Butler president, succeeding W. Lamont Brown. Other officers chosen were Dorothy Swisher, first vice-president; J. Graves Vann, second vice-president; Louis Scheipers, Jr., secretary; and Bert Premo, treasurer.

The group unanimously endorsed Voit Gilmore for president of the county YDC, a post to which he was elected the following night at Carthage.

PRICES GOOD AS MARKETS REOPEN

Tobacco markets of the Sandhills Warehouse Association, including markets at Aberdeen and Carthage, opened Tuesday after a sales holiday pending arrival of full sets of buyers.

Prices were good at both Moore County markets as sales were resumed. Sales continued heavy this week with farmers bringing in tobacco cured while the markets were closed.

The market will suspend sales for Labor Day on Monday and thereafter will continue selling daily except Saturday.



AT EASTER SEAL CAMP—Two Route 1, Cameron children are shown during a handicraft period with their counselor, Miss "Dan" Frazer of Asheboro, while they were spending two weeks at the First Annual Easter Seal Camp for Crippled Children at Camp New Hope near Chapel Hill. They are, at left, Doris Jean Medlin, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Curtis Medlin, and Mary Oakley, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. M. S. Oakley. Fifty-five children attended the camp which placed special emphasis on physical and recreational therapy. The camp, designed to introduce children who have had to spend much time indoors or in hospitals to a healthy and friendly outdoor environment, is made possible by funds from the annual sale of Easter seals by the North Carolina Society for Crippled Children.