



PARTY LEADERS—As Moore County Democrats gathered with distinguished guests at the Carolina Hotel in Pinehurst Saturday night for a 1954 victory rally, the speakers' table in the background revealed, left to right: U. S. Senator Kerr Scott; W. Lamont Brown of Southern Pines, chairman of the Moore Democratic Executive committee; Adlai E. Stevenson, former

governor of Illinois and 1952 Democratic presidential candidate; N. C. Gov. Luther H. Hodges; Voit Gilmore of Southern Pines, president of the Moore County Young Democrats; and U. S. Rep. C. B. Deane of Rockingham. In the foreground, are, left to right: Mrs. Brown, Mrs. Ernest L. Ives who is Stevenson's sister; Mrs. Hodges; and Mrs. Gilmore. (Photo by Hemmer)

Democrats of County Host To Group Of Distinguished Party Members

Gov. Hodges Greets Adlai Stevenson At Pinehurst Dinner

The Moore County Democratic Victory Rally last Saturday night, planned for some time as a simple event for post-election fun, was lifted into the realm of historic occasions by last-minute developments.

It became the scene of the first official meeting and greeting of the nation's first Democrat, Adlai Stevenson, and the State's chief executive, Luther H. Hodges, who was sworn in as

Governor less than two weeks ago.

First, Stevenson, vacationing with his sister, Mrs. Ernest Ives, and her husband at their farm home near Southern Pines accepted the invitation to attend on the premise that it would be a "simple, informal affair" and that no extra fuss would be made over him.

Governor Hodges also accepted, on condition that there be no advance publicity nor fanfare, in view of the fact that heavy burdens of State and the period of mourning for Governor Umstead were causing him to turn down all other invitations for a month or more.

Stevenson Says Goodbye To 'All My N.C. Friends'

Adlai Stevenson left Tuesday morning, following a nine-day Sandhills vacation, with a general goodbye to "all my North Carolina friends, and my thanks for letting me have the kind of rest and vacation I wanted and needed."

The period spent visiting at Paint Hill Farm, his sister's home, with hunting and seeing friends as his main occupations, was, he said, "a truly delightful one." He says he intends to return next year, probably in the spring.

The Democratic party leader went with his brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Ives, Tuesday morning to Raleigh, where he took a plane at the Raleigh-Durham airport to return to Chicago. He is setting up his law office there, with plans to enter the practice of law, "as I have been unemployed long enough and have to get back to making a living."

On his last day he spent the morning at Paint Hill Farm working on his papers. Mr. and Mrs. Fielding Frye of Greensboro were luncheon guests. In the afternoon he went duck hunting in Cumberland County with June Johnson, John McCain and a Mr. Upchurch and his son. Again their quarry proved elusive—he has bagged just one wild duck, in a week of hunting—but, he said, he had a wonderful time anyway. "I saw a

COURT OF HONOR

A court of honor for all Boy Scout units of Moore County will be held at the High School auditorium in Robbins Monday at 7:30 p. m. It was announced this week by Lawrence Johnson of Aberdeen, advancement chairman for the Moore District. Award of merit badges and advancements in rank will be made. Parents are urged to attend with Scouts. There will be two Eagle Scout awards.

THANKSGIVING

Thanksgiving highlights:

General holiday here and throughout the county, Thursday.

Church services — Union services at Church of Wide Fellowship 8 p. m. Wednesday, and at Pinehurst Community Church Thursday, 10 a. m. Communion service at Emmanuel Episcopal Church here, 10 a. m. Thursday.

Schools — Out Wednesday noon, with students due back Monday morning.

Post office—one window open, 10 to 11 a. m. Thursday. No city delivery. Mail distributed to boxes as usual.

Town — offices closed, no garbage collection Thursday. The Pilot—out Wednesday, closed Thursday.

New Christmas Lights Program Being Planned

A more beautiful Christmas lighting program, calling for participation of all downtown merchants, is being sponsored this season by the Southern Pines Chamber of Commerce, with Mrs. Jean Edson as chairman.

The first stage is already under way, with the stringing of Christmas lights along three central blocks of the business district. These will be turned on early next week, ushering in the holiday season.

The second stage, in which merchants will cooperate will call for the placing of small Christmas trees along the curbs of the business blocks, to be decorated with colored lights. These are to be placed in the four flagpole holders along each block, and lighted. Extension cords may be used to attach the lights to the decorative strings above.

The third stage will be the installation of a beautiful and unusual lighted display on the town park. This is now being readied by John Tullett, talented director of training aids at the USAF Air Ground Operations school, and is expected to be one of the most

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Gen. Jenkins To Speak To Lions

Brig. Gen. Daniel W. Jenkins, commandant of the USAF Air Ground Operations School, will address the Lions Club Friday when it has its regular bi-weekly dinner meeting in the Country Club at 7 p. m.

Making his first appearance before a Southern Pines civic club since he assumed command at USAFAGOS last summer, General Jenkins will speak on the Air Force's role in national security.

County Home Is Closed As 'Poor House' Facility

7 Persons Formerly There Now Living In Boarding Homes

The Moore County Home between Southern Pines and Carthage has been closed as a "poor house" type of institution for the aged and infirm and the seven former occupants are now established in several boarding homes over the county.

Gordon M. Cameron of Pinehurst, chairman of the board of county commissioners, said this week that the board hopes the new arrangement can be permanent. It has been well received at the start, he said, and the commissioners feel that it will be more acceptable than the old system to the general public, as well as to the persons involved.

The action followed months of debate and study touched off by this newspaper's investigation of the home that revealed a number of bad conditions and pointed out that operation of the home at a cost of \$12,000 or more annually was economically unsound and afforded poor value for the funds spent.

At the August term of Superior Court the grand jury, in its report to Judge Francis O. Clarkson, termed the cost of operating the county home excessive, in view of the number of inmates, and recommended that a member of the board of commissioners appear before the grand jury at its next regular session—which would be in January—to discuss the problem.

The State Welfare Department has for some years been recommending that counties abandon the poor house system of care for the aged and incompetent and use privately operated boarding homes. The proposal had been made in Moore County before this year, but had previously brought no action by the commissioners.

In recent months, the commissioners investigated possibility of renovating the county home so that it could be leased to an individual for operation as a boarding home, but rejected the plan as costing more to make the improvements than could be provided in this fiscal year's budget, although the county home budget of \$15,000 contained about \$3,000 extra for this purpose. Bringing the structure up to meet State standards for nursing homes would cost \$7,000 or \$8,000 it was estimated.

Then followed the plan to put the inmates in several small boarding homes over the county. Occupants Moved

Last week the five white occupants of the home were moved.

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Blue Knights Win Eastern Title; Playing For State Championship

Defeat Bath 28-18 In Rough Game

Two lightning strikes through the air, plus a running attack little short of brilliant enabled Southern Pines to defeat a rugged Bath High team here Friday night 28 to 18 to win the Eastern six-man football title.

Outweighed 15 pounds to the man in the line and spotting a weight advantage of 10 pounds to the Bath team in the backfield, the Blue Knights looked to be in for a rough evening at the hands of the visitors.

Although the locals won by a two-touchdown margin, the game was in doubt until the last two minutes and the victory cost the Blue Knights their triple threat star tailback, Johnny Watkins, and Garland Pierce, outstanding lineman, due to injuries. Watkins was injured early in the first quarter and although he came back to throw two touchdown passes, later reports indicated he had received a knee injury.

Pierce received a bad knee injury late in the first period and was used only sparingly the remainder of the game.

Coach Bunk Leonard said late Tuesday that Watkins and Pierce "would see limited action, if any" in the State championship game with Old Town at Winston-Salem (Continued on Page 5)



PASTOR—Newly assigned to the Southern Pines Methodist Church is the Rev. Robert L. Bame, a native of Rowan County who has been in the ministry 11 years. With his wife, the former Helen Butler of Kinston, and son, Bobby, he is living at the church parsonage, 435 North Ashe St.

Injuries Are Handicap In Wed. Contest

(Editor's note: Although this newspaper is dated Friday, it is published Wednesday afternoon this week because of the Thanksgiving holiday, making it impossible to carry a report of Wednesday night's state six-man football game at Winston-Salem.)

Coaches Irie and W. A. Leonard took their Eastern six-man champions to Winston-Salem Wednesday to play Old Town High School for the state title under lights in Bowman Gray Stadium.

The Blue Knights go into the contest, said Head Coach Irie Leonard Tuesday, "in the worst physical condition we've been in for a game in several years—but we'll show," he added with determination in which the Southern Pines squad members shared, "and we'll play a ball game, too."

A large contingent of local folks were planning to be on hand at Winston-Salem to root for the Blue Knights in the top six-man contest of the year. One group of 30 or more fans chartered a bus for the trip.

The Panthers of Old Town won their berth in the Stadium with a 26-18 victory over Scotts High School last Friday—while the Blue Knights were slugging out a 28-18 win over Bath on Memorial Field here.

Old Town is a rural and suburban school near Winston-Salem, with a student body of some 300, about twice the number of students here. Old Town defeated Southern Pines for the state six-man championship last year, 44-30.

An interesting sidelight on the game is that Old Town High School is due to be consolidated with another school at the end of this school year. Its team is playing its last contest of this or any other year on Wednesday.

As noted in another story in today's Pilot Johnny Watkins and Garland Pierce are the worst injured local first stringers. Billy Cox, with a charley horse, is "on the doubtful list," coaches say, for participation in Wednesday's game.

3 Killed Friday Night In Crash Of Helicopter

An Army helicopter crashed in the Black Rock community, about five miles southwest of Carthage, last Friday night, killing the three occupants, including one of the Army's first paratroopers.

Ft. Bragg authorities identified the dead as Col. James A. Bassett, 39, a member of the Army's first airborne organization; W. O. (J. G.) James Thomas Hampton, 23, pilot, and W. O. (J. G.) Lewis Heinrichs, 27, co-pilot.

The officers were returning to Ft. Bragg after Col. Bassett had represented Maj. Gen. Joseph P. Cleland, Ft. Bragg commanding general, at the dedication of a \$110,000 National Guard Armory in Lexington.

Heard Explosion

Alvin Williams, a farmer, said he heard the helicopter pass over (Continued on Page 8)

Basketball Gets Started; Lions To Push Ticket Sale

With the girls working out for the past week and the boys due to start practice Monday, Southern Pines High School is swinging into its basketball season.

Coach W. A. Leonard said that the teams will face Farm Life School, at Carthage, Thursday, December 2 in the season opener.

First home games will be with Robbins December 10.

Ten home games are on the season schedule which will be published in an early edition of The Pilot.

Lions Selling Tickets

The Lions Club will take over sale of adult season tickets, starting Saturday. Tickets for the 10 home games will be sold for \$3—a saving of \$2 over the admission price for the 10 games on an individual basis of 50 cents per game.

Student season tickets will be sold at the school for \$1—a saving of \$1.50 over the \$2.50 it would cost students to see the 10 games at 25 cents each.

The Pilot will again this year carry weekly round-ups of all Moore County basketball contests.

License Plates To Go On Sale

North Carolina auto license plates for 1955 will go on sale Wednesday morning, December 1, at the office of the Southern Pines Chamber of Commerce in the Southland Hotel, 155 W. New Hampshire Ave.

Southern Pines town tags, required by law for every resident motorist, will also be sold there, through an arrangement made with the Chamber by the Town.

Extra help has been secured by the Chamber to serve during the next two months, so that everyone may be served promptly. Miss Susan Chatfield will assist Miss Alice Baxter, Chamber secretary, in the sale.

Hours will be 9 a. m. to 4 p. m. daily except Wednesday and Saturday, when a half-day closing is observed. The office will close from 4 to 5 p. m. for the making up of the daily report, under state regulations.

J. Earle Parker, Chamber chairman of the auto license sales bureau, suggests that 1955 car tags be purchased early, for better service. "Get yours early and you won't have to wait in line," he said.

Two plates are being used in North Carolina this year, instead of one, for the first time since the days of the wartime steel shortage. They must be on every car, truck, trailer and motorcycle by February 1.

Horse Shows To Open Sunday With Pinehurst Event

Gymkhanas and schooling horse shows, which are becoming increasingly popular in the Sandhills, will open for the 1954-55 season with the Annual Gymkhana and Pet Show at the Carolina Hotel riding ring Sunday at 1:30 p. m.

Pets of all descriptions may be entered, while the gymkhana will follow regulations drawn up last Friday at an informal meeting of several members of the Mid-South Horse Show Association at the Brewster Stables near Southern Pines.

Coming events on the show schedule are a show in the ring of Mrs. Mary Doyle of Southern Pines December 12 and the Mid Winter Horse Show at the Carolina Hotel ring December 26.

At the Friday meeting, tentative rules for children's classes were drawn up and a point system was (Continued on Page 8)



'Bob' Is Safe As Hunting Begins

"Bob" pet quail at the R. C. (Cliff) Johnson home, Highway 1, north, prepares to nibble a Thanksgiving feast of grass seeds, while perched on his owner's shoulder, secure in the knowledge he is one bob-white that isn't going to be shot at when the quail season opens Thanksgiving Day (November 25).

One of several tame quail Mr. Johnson has raised. Bob is a privileged character who has the run of the house and follows his owner around responding intelligently and affording much amusement with his antics.

Also opening Thanksgiving Day are hunting seasons on rabbit (through January 31), squirrel (through January 15), wild turkey and pheasant (both to run through January 31). Hunting hours are from sunrise to sunset each day except Sunday.

CAUTION URGED

Cpl. M. S. Parvin, Highway Patrol chief in Moore County, said that all patrolmen in the county would be on duty over the Thanksgiving holiday, using mechanical speed checking equipment and patrolling highways in an all-out effort to prevent motor vehicle accidents. The patrol corporal urged motorists to watch out for children who will be out of school for the week-end and to use extra caution on the highways. Servicemen hurrying home or back to their posts in automobiles are an added highway hazard, he pointed out.