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Southern Pines 42, Old Town 14 — Undefeated During Season

Blue Knights Win State Six-Man Football Title

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Trailing 12 to 14 at halftime, an inspired Southern Pines football team stormed back in the second half with a spectacular offensive display and an airtight defense to cop the state six-man football championship from Old Town High in Bowman Gray Stadium, Winston-Salem, the night before Thanksgiving Day.

It was the third time that a team from Southern Pines had won the coveted championship cup; the first time in 1947 from the Lexington Orphanage, and in 1949, again in Winston-Salem, from Clemmons High.

But this time the victory was doubly sweet for Southern Pines fans and their favorite team, the Blue Knights. Last year, this same Old Town High smashed a good Southern Pines team 44 to 30 for the state championship in a game played at Southern Pines on Thanksgiving Day.

And if the victory was a double sweet portion for the Blue Knights, it was much more for their coaches, the Leonards, Coach Irie (Bunk) and Coach W. A. (Dub). It was their first championship team, although several times they have sent teams knocking at the door.

Both coaches were smiling broadly in the dressing room after the game; both declared it was a team victory. And it was just that, plus a superb season's coaching job done by the Leonards, and some neat scouting of Old Town in their final game by Coach Dub.

Old Town's Panthers took the field first and went through spirited warm-up drills. Although it had rained intermittently all afternoon in Winston-Salem, the Bowman Gray Stadium turf was in excellent condition.

When the Old Town squad retired to the fieldhouse, their high school band, led by a bevy of high stepping majorettes, paraded onto the turf, snapped to attention and everyone arose as they played the national anthem.

As the Old Town band retired the Southern Pines High band came marching smartly on the field and to this observer the Blue Knight majorettes appeared to be outdoing the struttin' Old Towners. The band formed a double lane down near the field house, and the Blue Knights raced out behind Southern Pines' flying girl cheer leaders. It was colorful; all a part of a great American fall festival, and a wonderful show our high school kids were putting on too—a thrilling spectacle even (Continued on Page 21)

Two From Moore On All-Eastern

James Humphrey, Southern Pines back, and Gerald Cribb, Aberdeen end, are assigned berths on the All-Eastern six-man football team chosen this week by the News and Observer, Raleigh newspaper.

Players were selected by a poll of 20 coaches in the area. Humphrey, 155 pounds and standing 5-10, is a Junior. Cribb, 175 pounds, 5-11, is a Senior who scored 15 touchdowns during the season and rates highly on defense.

Others picked for All-Eastern are Tommy Stanton of Stantonsburg, end; Billy Wallace of Clarkton, center; and John Frazier of Rowland and Ray Tuten of Bath, backs.

Navy, Marine Reserve Unit Here Proposed

All persons interested in starting a Navy and Marine Corps Reserve unit here are asked to send a card with name, rank or rate, serial number, address and telephone number to Box 1177 or Box 571, Southern Pines.

The nearest Naval Reserve unit now is at Durham, pointed out Jimmie Lawson of Southern Pines who brought this proposal to the attention of The Pilot. If enough Reserve members show interest, he said, a meeting will be held to work out plans.



PORTRAIT OF VICTORY—The camera caught a variety of expressions on faces of the Southern Pines Blue Knights, just after the Old Town game ended last week in Winston-Salem—but it's evident they didn't lose the contest. This candid shot of the brand new State Six-man champs shows, left to right: Billy Cox,

Charles Watkins, David McCallum (partly visible), Johnny Watkins, John Van Benschoten, James Humphrey, Bobby Cline, Bill Kessler (in rear), John Ray, Lynn Van Benschoten, Joe Diggs and Bobby Parker. At right is R. W. (Pap) Tate, a loyal booster of the team. (Photo by Humphrey)

Elks To Fete Squad Tonight

The Football banquet for members of the Southern Pines High School state championship squad, given annually by the Southern Pines Elks Lodge, will be held at the Country Club tonight (Friday) at 7 o'clock.

Carl Goerch of Raleigh, radio commentator and writer, will be the principal speaker. Bryan Poe, exalted ruler of the lodge, will preside.

Gold footballs will be presented by the lodge to first team members and medallions to other squad members. Letters also will be presented.

Tonight's event will be the ninth staged by the Elks for local squads.

Dancing for students and guests will follow the program.

Morris Johnson is chairman of the Elks arrangements committee whose other members are C. N. Page, Ike Woodell, W. B. Holliday and John S. Ruggles.

Tickets for the public, up to capacity, are available from committee members or by calling 2-8911.

Students To Sell Basketball Season Tickets Saturday

High school student volunteers will sell season basketball tickets in the business section Saturday morning, cooperating with the Lions Club which is sponsoring their sale.

It is expected that a table will be set up in front of the Citizens Bank and Trust Co., and the tickets will be sold by students at other locations. The Lions will give three cash prizes—\$5, \$3 and \$2—to the three students selling the largest number of tickets.

Season tickets, at a saving of \$2 over admission prices to the 10 home games individually, are also on sale by all members of the Lions Club. Each game will feature both a boys' and girls' contest.

HOSPITAL OPEN HOUSE

Many residents of this area visited Moore County Hospital Sunday afternoon for an open house and tea that marked the 25th anniversary of the institution. A special radio broadcast, telling the story of the hospital, was made on Station WEEB at 1 p. m. Visitors were conducted on tours of the building during the afternoon. Details of the hospital's history and expanding services were reported in last week's Pilot.

'WONDERFUL' Event Last Week Opens Promising Season For Hunt

"It was a wonderful season," Coach Irie Leonard of the Blue Knights summed up this week, after the local boys had copped the State six-man football championship. "We had to rebuild an entirely new team and we got 100 per cent out of all the boys." Already looking ahead to the 1955 season, the coach noted that only one squad member, Garland Pierce, would be lost by graduation. "It looks like a good team next year," predicted the coach, "but other teams we play have young squads, too. There'll be some tough competition and some great games next year."

Recorders Court Adds Second Day

Recorders Court at Carthage next week will begin holding a session on Friday, in addition to the Monday court, Judge J. Vance Rowe and Solicitor W. Lamont Brown announced this week.

The second session will be held each week on Friday for a month, to see how the machinery of operating the court is affected, and will then be continued on Friday, if satisfactory, or on some other day.

The change was necessary in order to handle the increased number of cases coming before the court.

SCHOOL COMMANDANT SPEAKS TO LIONS CLUB

Hydrogen Bomb Seen As Deterrent To War

Speaking to the Lions Club last Friday night at the Southern Pines Country Club, Brig. Gen. Daniel W. Jenkins, commandant of the USAF Air-Ground Operations School at the Highland Pines Inn, said that long-range strategic bombers and the hydrogen bomb may well be the restraining force that can bring peace to the world.

Introduced by C. S. Patch, Jr., program chairman, General Jenkins was making his first address to a local civic club since he became commandant at USAFAGOS a few months ago. National security, with emphasis on the role of the Air Force, was his topic.

"Even the maddest perpetrators of aggression have rarely in history started a war in which they didn't calculate their chances of winning were at least 50-50," the speaker pointed out. "Today, on the other hand, there seems to be a moral certainty that whoever ventures to attack this country assures the obliteration of his own nation."

"Will anyone knowingly take this risk? I don't think so." For the first time in history, said General Jenkins, there has emerged in the form of the hydrogen bomb and the bomber that can take it anywhere in the world, "a growing, compelling deterrent to general war, of such

Event Last Week Opens Promising Season For Hunt

The Thanksgiving Day hunt officially opened the season for the Moore County Hounds, according to tradition of many years' standing.

Starting at Refugio Farms, home of Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Adams, the opening meet unofficially marked the 40th anniversary of one of the most famous winter hunts in the nation.

The hunting horn was sounded by W. O. Moss, joint MFH, who served as huntsman, as the field started off on a winding course through five miles of woods, meadow and valley—across the Collins and Healy estates, a portion of the Notre Dame Academy grounds, over Mile-Away Farm and to Lakelawn Farm, scene of the kill.

Whipping in were Mrs. W. O. Moss, Dennis Crotty, Kirk Dutton and Jack Goodwin, while L. P. Tate served as fieldmaster. There were 20 in the field—a number due to increase weekly from now on as members of recognized hunts in northern and midwestern states journey southward to pursue their favorite sport in Moore. At the peak of the season, the field will reach 60 to 75.

The pack is in first-rate condition, according to Master Moss, (Continued on Page 5)

PTA May Sell Subscriptions To Raise Funds

Meeting Advanced To Thurs., Dec. 9, Due To Christmas

A program of raising funds through selling magazine subscriptions will be considered at the December meeting of the Southern Pines Parent-Teacher Association to be held Thursday, December 9, in Weaver Auditorium at 8 p. m.

R. R. Doak of the Curtis Publishing Co., will speak on this method of fund raising. The school glee club, directed by Miss Nancy Mackie, will sing several Christmas songs.

Starting with next week's meeting, two attendance prizes will be given—one for a high school grade having the highest percentage of parents of its pupils present and one for an elementary grade, on the same basis.

One purpose for which funds might be raised is to buy additional visual aids for the school. Proceeds of an October box supper purchased a biscope for the science section.

There was no November meeting because of the conflict with Thanksgiving. Regular meeting date of the PTA is the last Thursday of each month, but the December meeting was advanced to avoid the Christmas rush.

Urgent Request Made For Early Holiday Mailing

An urgent request to patrons of the Southern Pines post office to do their Christmas mailing early was made this week by Postmaster Garland Pierce.

Pointing out that the local post office has been cut further on clerical and carrier allowances—and so will not be able to hire any extra help for the Christmas rush—the postmaster asked that packages for out-of-state destinations be mailed not later than December 11; that packages for North Carolina destinations and also out-of-state Christmas cards be mailed not later than December 16; and that local cards be mailed by December 20.

"In order to give the needed service, we shall have to distribute the work load over a longer period of time," Postmaster Pierce said. "The cooperation of patrons will be appreciated."

Another result of the personnel curtailment is that there will be no Saturday or Sunday opening of post office windows. However, additional windows will be opened for package mailing during the regular post office hours. (Continued on page 5)

R. L. Brooks Shot In Back At Rural Store

Youths Held; Victim Has 'Good Chance'

POPPY SALE
"Buddy poppies" will be sold all day Saturday on the streets of the business section by members of the Auxiliary of John Boyd Post, Veterans of Foreign Wars. Proceeds of the sale are used for charitable purposes in aiding needy veterans and their families.

Great-Nephew Of Col. Alston To Attend Meeting

Other Kin Invited; Historical Assn. Will Meet Tuesday

Three descendants of Col. Philip Alston, owner of the Deep River township "House in the Horseshoe" and participant in a Revolutionary War skirmish there, will be introduced to members and guests of the Moore County Historical Association Tuesday night at the Southern Pines Library. The Association will convene at 8 p. m. for its first meeting since last Spring.

Mrs. Ernest Ives, president of the Association said this week that Lacy Alston of near Pittsboro, a great-nephew of the patriot colonel, is expected and also Mrs. W. E. Futrell of Sanford, a great-great niece of Colonel Alston, and her daughter, Alston Futrell.

The Alston House, slated to become a state-owned historic site, is now owned by the Moore County Historical Association which has begun restoration work with funds contributed for that purpose. A report on the project will be made at next week's meeting.

The meeting was announced by Mrs. Ernest L. Ives, president of the Association, who will preside. She said that no formal program had been planned but that general discussion of Association projects will be invited, with all present urged to take part.

Pethick Talks To Kiwanis; Goerch To Speak December 10

At this week's meeting of the Sandhills Kiwanis Club, Harry H. Pethick of Southern Pines told fellow Kiwanians of his experiences in Indo-China where he represented the Standard Oil Company for many years. His descriptions of the country and stories of hunting and shooting where game and birds are prolific were greatly enjoyed. He was presented to the club by Dr. Bruce Warlick.

It was announced that Carl Goerch, co-publisher of The State magazine, will be the speaker at the annual Kiwanis Ladies Night meeting to be held Friday night, December 10 in the Mid Pines Club.

Mink From Moore Given Mrs. Scott At Washington

A large delegation of Moore County residents joined the crowd of over 1,000 Tar Heels who gathered at Washington, D. C. Monday for the swearing in ceremonies of Senator W. Kerr Scott and Sam J. Ervin, Jr.

Included in the Moore County delegation were: T. Clyde Auman of West End, who presented a mink scarf to Mrs. Scott (made from mink skins trapped and processed by Mrs. R. B. Jarvis of Carthage, Route 2), John D. McConnell of Southern Pines, T. Roy Phillips of Carthage, who presented Senator Scott with a twist of tobacco, R. H. Hyman of Deep River township, R. N. Page III and C. A. (Tony) Huntley of Aberdeen, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Stanley, Jr., of Carthage, Route 3, Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Monroe of Cameron and others.

Arrested and held for further investigation are two teen-age Negro boys, cousins who live within sight of the store, Alvis Faulk and Irvin McLeod. They are in jail at Raeford.

While the motive for the shooting was uncertain, it was apparently robbery. The boys fled when Brooks, though shot twice with .22 calibre bullets through the right lung, walked to his nearby home before he collapsed.

According to reports from neighbors in the community, the boys entered the store and bought some cheese, with Faulk carrying a single shot .22 calibre rifle. They then asked for rifle cartridges and, when the manager turned to get them from the back of the store, he was shot in the back. He was shot again in the back as he left the store for his home, it was reported, both bullets passing through the right lung.

"That fool Alvis Faulk has shot me," Brooks' wife quoted him as saying as he entered their home. He recognized both boys and gave their names to investigating officers. The attending physician at Moore County Hospital said Thursday morning that Brooks was improving though still in "rather critical" condition. He was given "an excellent chance of recovering" by the doctor Thursday.

Brooks was in profound shock when he entered the hospital, the physician said, but has come out of it well, after many blood transfusions.

Both bullets are still in his body, the physician said, but are not in dangerous places, so surgery for their removal will probably not be undertaken at this time.

The doctor said that it is hoped the lung wounds would heal themselves and not require surgery. This, he said, is possible.

The store where the shooting took place is owned by N. M. McKeithan of Aberdeen who also has a business establishment at Vass.

VFW Renews Its Appeal For Toys

Fred Hall, chairman of the Christmas Cheer committee of the John Boyd Post, Veterans of Foreign Wars, this week repeated an appeal to the public for broken or old toys which can be repaired or painted for Christmas gifts to children in needy local families. Toys may be left on the porch of the post home opposite the post office on New York Ave.

Hall said that the committee is preparing barrels to be placed in grocery stores for food gifts to go in Christmas baskets the post will distribute, working in cooperation with the county welfare department.

The chairman also said that Drove 42, BPO Does, will aid in the Christmas basket project this year.

CAP CADET DANCE

There will be a dance at the Civic Club tomorrow (Saturday) night beginning at 8 o'clock, sponsored by Civil Air Patrol cadets, who are seeking to raise funds for the purchase of uniforms. Dance music will be furnished by Jim Hatch and The Downbeats. There will be refreshments.

MEMORIAL SERVICE

The public is invited to attend the annual memorial service for deceased members of the lodge, to be held Sunday at 2 p. m. in the Country Club by the Southern Pines Elks Lodge. The service is one of the major ceremonies of the lodge's year.