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VISITORS WELCOMED — Pictured on the Seaboard Air Line station platform Saturday morning are members of the Southern Pines High School Band as they provided a rousing and colorful welcome for executives of the Esso Standard Oil Co. arriving here en route to a meeting at Pinehurst. At right, Director Lynn H. Ledden leads the music, with Chief Majorette Betty Jo Britt in the right foreground. Other majorettes standing in front of the band are, left to right, Jacque Davenport, Margaret Thomas and Barbara Thomas. A fourth majorette, Elizabeth Harriss, could not take part in the Saturday welcome because of illness. The visitors were highly pleased by the demonstration. (Photo by V. Nicholson)

Urgent Need For Bigger Hospital Related To Club

Kiwanis Hears About Plans To Renovate, Expand Institution

The urgent need for expansion and renovation of Moore County Hospital, for which funds are now being raised, was outlined to the Sandhills Kiwanis Club on Wednesday by Dr. Clement Monroe, dean of the medical staff, and Thomas R. Howerton, administrator.

"The demands on the hospital are greater than the present staff can handle, and the staff cannot be increased until we have more space, more beds, additional facilities," Dr. Monroe told the Kiwanis members. He listed as urgent the renovation of the children's ward, enlarged and improved laboratory space, and an increase of 75 in bed capacity.

"If we could reach that goal," he said, "we could be approved for internships and for a training school for nurses, of great benefit to the institution."

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BENEFIT BALL

The ball sponsored by the Moore County Hospital Auxiliary for benefit of the building fund, to be held at the Pinehurst Country Club Tuesday night from 9 to 1, with the Woody Hayes orchestra of Raleigh playing, is expected to be sold out to its limit of 300 reservations. Co-chairmen of the event are Mrs. John C. Ostrom, of Southern Pines and Mrs. James W. Tufts of Pinehurst. Mrs. Arthur J. Lacey of Midland Road, Pinehurst, is general tickets chairman.

RECEIVE 'GOLD PALMS'—Sgt. Jerry Laude, left, scoutmaster of Troop 224, Southern Pines, and Parks Garrison, Aberdeen Boy Scout of Troop 68, were given Eagle Gold Palms in recognition of additional achievement beyond the rank of Eagle Scout, during the Moore District court of honor held at Pinehurst. Mrs. J. P. Garrison pins the award on her son as Mr. Garrison, center, and J. Douglas David of Pinebluff, a member of the district commissioner's staff, looks on. (Photo by Hemmer Shop)

Smyth Is President Of C. of C.

Harry K. Smyth, a leading industrialist of this section, was elected president of the Southern Pines Chamber of Commerce by the new board of dirctors in regular session Tuesday night.

Mr. Smyth, vice-president of the Saco-Lowell Co., and general manager of the Saco-Lowell Shops, Sanford division, has lived in Southern Pines for about four years. He is a former president of the Sanford Chamber of Commerce, and served as a director for several years.

He accepted the office "with reluctance," he said, as his business interests lie mainly elsewhere, and he frequently has to go on long business trips, some of which take him as far as South America. The directors, however, insisted that he serve, on the basis that his experience in business and industry would be of benefit even on a part-time basis.

To secure him as president, the board reached a compromise solution, creating a second vice-presidency. (The Chamber has previously had only one.) George H. Leonard was elected first vice-president, with Mrs. Jean Edson as second vice-president. Though out-of-state interests also keep Mr. Leonard out of town a good deal, the directors said one or the other of the three would be on hand to lead the meetings, while with the fuller expansion of the committee system that is planned, Chamber projects can go forward satisfactorily at all times.

MR. SMYTH

To Appoint Chairmen

President Smyth said he would appoint committee chairmen within a few days, with the help of his vice-presidents, and would ask them to set up their operating committees, ready to go to work by the next meeting.

Already elected as officers were Mrs. Oscar Holtzclaw, secretary and Jerry V. Healy, treasurer. The board reappointed Miss Alice Baxter as executive secretary for the coming year.

The board favorably considered meeting only once a month, instead of twice a month as heretofore. Action was postponed until the committees are set up and work is under way.

On motion of Mr. Leonard, the directors voted to hold membership meetings quarterly instead

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Library Meeting Set February 15

The annual meeting of the Southern Pines Library Association will be held on Tuseday, February 15, at the Library, at 4:30 p. m. This was the decision taken at a meeting of the trustees held in the North Carolina Room of the Library on Friday. The meeting is open to all members of the association.

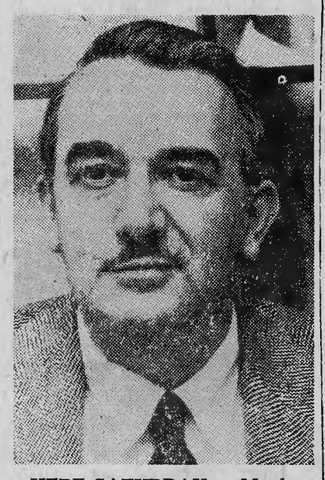
Called by the president, George H. Leonard, 14 trustees and officers met to hear reports and discuss plans for this season's administration. Present were: besides Mr. Leonard, Mesdames J. Reid Healy, L. T. Avery, Wallace Irwin, James Boyd, and Misses Lockie Parker and Laura Kelsey and Messrs. Lamont Brown, Clyde Council, John Ostrom, C. H. Bowman, Thomas C. Darst, Jr., and the Rev. Charles V. Covell. Mrs. John Dundas, librarian, was also present.

A nominating committee composed of Miss Kelsey, Miss Birdilia Bair, Miss Parker, and Mrs. Avery was appointed to submit names of officers and trustees to be elected at that time.

The president appointed a new committee, to be called the House and Steering Committee, with duties of assessing the needs of the library building from the standpoint of regular running expensies aside from library services, also maintenance and redecoration. The committee will submit such an estimate to the town council, such costs to be met by the town in lieu of its yearly contribution of $600 currently being paid. Chairman of the committee is Mrs. L. T. Avery, with Mrs. James Boyd, Mrs. R. E. Rhodes and Mr. Leonard serving as members.

FUNDS AVAILABLE

Requests for cost-sharing are still being accepted in the ASC office at Carthage even though the initial sign-up period ended on January 19. Funds are still available that may be used by other farmers in the county who have not yet requested any cost-sharing on needed conservation practices under the Agricultural Conservation program.



HERE SATURDAY — Manly Wade Wellman, prolific and versatile writer who moved from Pinebluff to Chapel Hill a few years ago, will return to the Sandhills Saturday—the publication day of his latest book, "Dead and Gone"—to meet the public at the Country Book Shop, corner of Pennsylvania Ave. and Bennet St., from 3 to 5 p.m. He will autograph copies of his new book, which relates the stories of 10 murders which occurred in North Carolina between 1808 and 1914, as well as copies of his other books, including his latest in the juvenile field, "Rebel Mail Runner."

200 Expected At Disaster Course Here Next Week

Public officials and American Red Cross executives of nine North Carolina counties will attend a Disaster Institute here Tuesday and Wednesday.

More than 200 men and women are expected at morning and afternoon sessions in the Brownson Memorial Presbyterian Church. The Institute will be primarily an advanced course of training for members of the American Red Cross which would enable them more effectively to cope with death and destruction from the elements should disaster occur.

The Moore County chapter of the American Red Cross, which has headquarters in Southern Pines, will be the host with Garland McPherson, chapter chairman, calling the first meeting to order. The Chapter's executive secretary, Mrs. Audrey K. Kennedy, is in charge of arrangements.

Anson, Cumberland, Harnett, Hoke, Lee, Montgomery, Rockingham and Scotland Counties will be represented. All mayors, chiefs of police, and heads of fire departments in Moore County have been invited, along with other public officials and citizens active in civic affairs.

In charge of the Institute will be Robert T. Sheplar, assistant director of disaster service for the southeastern area of the American Red Cross with headquarters in Atlanta. Topics for discussion are: survey, rescue, evacuation, hospitalization, food, shelter, clothing, budget, supply, registration, information, welfare inquiries and general planning.

The American Red Cross construes as a disaster any death or destruction from the elements involving five or more families.

Dr. Langner To Head SPHS Band Boosters Group

Officers and directors were elected, committee chairmen were appointed and an encouraging outlook for community support was revealed as the new Band Booster Club—composed of parents and friends of members of the Southern Pines High School band—met Monday night at the school.

The officers are: Dr. Fred Langner, president; Mrs. Charles Rowe, vice-president; and Mrs. Norman Calcutt, treasurer. Directors are Lynn H. Ledden, director of the band, and Fred Chappell.

While committee chairmen have not all been appointed, John D. McConnell was named to head the by-laws and constitution committee; Mrs. Broadus Smith was named chairman of ways and means; and Mrs. Thomas Vann heads publicity.

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AUXILIARY TO AID MARCH OF DIMES

Members of the Auxiliary of John Boyd Post, Veterans of Foreign Wars, will receive contributions to the March of Dimes on the street in the Southern Pines business section all day Saturday, it was announced this week by Paul Butler, local drive chairman.

Play Will Start Sunday In First Golf Assn. Event

At least 12 tournaments for 1955 are planned by the Golf Association at the Southern Pines Country Club, it was announced this week by Harry Davis of Carthage, president, starting with a best ball of pair event that partners can play any day, February 6 through 17. Other events are planned for March and April.

Mr. Davis invites golfers to join the association and points out that a person does not have to be a member of the Southern Pines Country Club to join. The association is now in its third year.

Further details may be obtained from Roy Grinnell, pro at the club, or Don Madigan.

J. B. Perkinson Named President Of Rotary Club

James B. Perkinson was elected president of the Southern Pines Rotary Club and other officers and directors were chosen when club members gathered for their regular luncheon session at the Country Club last Friday.

Mr. Perkinson headed a slate of officers and directors presented by E. J. Austin, chairman of a nominating committee and unanimously approved. Others elected were: Johnnie A. Hall, retiring president who by Rotary custom becomes vice-president; Harry W Chatfield, secretary; and E. W Smail. treasurer. New directors are: Col. Philip P. Green, Carl E. Holt, James Hartshorne and Harry Lee Brown.

Speaker for the meeting was the Rev. Charles V. Covell, a member and past president of the club, who discussed the geography of the Holy Land, showing colored slides of the Sea of Galilee and adjacent regions.

He cited especially the mountains, which became a symbol of God's care for Israel ("I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills. . ."); the rivers; the seas, including the Dead Sea which is 1,292 feet below sea level and the Sea of Galilee with its fishing and sudden storms; and the towns—Capernaum where Jesus lived, Jerusalem Bethlehem and Nazareth.

Guests included George Casey of Sanford, Ed Simmons of Abilene, Kan., William Norden of New York City, A. J. Dixon of Raleigh, Dr. Ray Cooper of Duke Hospital, Durham, and H. J. Voorhees and John E. Wood, both of Baton Rouge, La.

Accident Takes Life of Worker On Highway Job

Donald Marsh Young, 19, of Burnsville was fatally crushed in a road construction accident about 10:15 a. m. Wednesday in the Juniper Lake area between Pinehurst and Carthage.

Young, who was an employee of the Young Brothers Construction Co. of Burnsville, fell from a tractor he was driving and the "sheep-foot roller" the tractor was pulling passed over his body, killing him almost instantly.

His father, Jack L. Young of Burnsville, though not an eyewitness, was working nearby.

Coroner Ralph Steed of Robbins, called to the scene, rendered a verdict of accidental death. Steed said that Bill Hyde, another worker, saw the accident. The tractor and the roller it was pulling swerved and continued driverless, it was reported, until they ran into an obstruction.

The construction crew was grading the roadbed for the new location of Highway 15-501 from Pinehurst to Carthage. The roller that killed the young man is a metal drum from which protrude thickly-placed blunt nosed lugs that tamp loose earth down as the roller tuns over.

How Young happened to fall from the tractor was not explained.

The body was sent to Burnsville. Funeral plans were not learned here.

COUNCIL TO MEET

Regular meeting of the town council will be held at town hall Tuesday at 8 p. m. All meetings of the council are open and the public is invited to attend.

4 Moore Girls In Nurses' Training On SVA Scholarships

As the Sandhills Veterans Association this week launched its ninth annual nurse scholarship drive, SVA Chairman Watson G. Scott pointed out that, since the program began in 1947, six Moore County girls holding scholarships have graduated as registered nurses and four are now in training in accredited North Carolina nursing schools.

Contributions made during the annual drive enable the SVA to give a full three-year nurse's training scholarship to one or more Moore County High School graduates each year, with the understanding that each scholarship holder, after graduation, will return to work at least a year at Moore County Hospital, or elsewhere in the county.

Of the six graduate nurses, two are still working at the hospital—Ida Martin McDonald and Dorothy McNeill, both of Carthage. The four other nurses who had previously worked at the hospital are Mrs. Leatrice Simpson Beasley, Mrs. Betty Teeter Kerr, Betty Cleever of Pinehurst and Peggy Ann Cole of Pinehurst.

Two of the four girls now in training are the 1954 winners when amount of contributions made possible the award of two scholarships. They are Lila Marie Wicker of Aberdeen, at Watts Hospital, Durham, and Geneva

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MARIE WICKER

GENEVA BLACK

VELMA RICHARDSON

MARY STEWART

Revenue Office Open On Fridays

E. Earl Hubbard, local Internal Revenue representative, said this week that the office in the basement of the post office would be open for filing returns only on Fridays, until further notice. Office hours are 8:30 a. m. to noon and 12:45 p.m. to 5:15 p.m.

There is an April 15 deadline this year for filing federal income tax returns. Hubbard said that the local office will be open on other days later. He urged all taxpayers to have information readily available when going to the office for help in filling out returns.

Hubbard will be at the Robbins Mills plant in Aberdeen Wednesday and Thursday of next week to aid employees there in completing tax returns.