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Smyth Appoints Committee Heads In C. of C. Work

Letters About Move Of USAFAGOS Sent To Deane, Cooley

Chamber of Commerce President Harry K. Smyth announced his appointments of chairmen of operating committees for 1955 at the regular meeting of the board of directors held at the Southland Hotel Tuesday night.

All holdover directors were given back their last year's jobs. There were: J. Earl Parker, auto license bureau; George H. Leonard, better business bureau; H. L. Brown, house committee; Virgil P. Clark, streets and highways, liaison with town in highway and parking matters; Jack S. Younts, golf and resort committee; Mrs. Jean Edson, Christmas lights; Hoke Pollock, constitution and by-laws, legal adviser; George Pottle, hotels and conventions.

New directors were assigned jobs as follows: John C. Ostrom, membership; Mark King, special events; Mrs. Oscar Holtzclaw, retail division; Jerry V. Healy, finance; and Harry K. Smyth, industrial. Mr. Smyth said he would ask J. Graves Vann, who has headed the committee for the past two years, but who is not now a member of the board of directors, to serve as a member of the industrial committee.

By vote of the directors on President Smyth's suggestion, the immediate past president was made an ex officio member of the board for one year. This returned Mrs. Valerie Nicholson to the board in a non-voting capacity. She was returned also to her former job of chairman of publicity and promotion, with Mrs. Holtzclaw, the board's US Highway 1 Association director, as co-chairman.

The list of chairmen is incomplete, and there may be some revisions, with the setting up of at least one new committee, according to discussion held Tuesday.

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County Tourney Pairings Drawn; Starts Tonight

Moore County basketball coaches met at Carthage Tuesday afternoon to draw up pairings for the annual Moore County tournament which opens at Robbins, at 6:30 p.m., with Carthage and Farm Life girls playing in the opener.

In the girls' division Robbins (15-1) is seeded first and Aberdeen (7-1) drew the second seeded position. Aberdeen (8-0) was given the number one seed in the boys' league and Carthage (14-3) was ranked in the second position.

Anticipation is that this will be the strongest field of participants in Moore County tournament history and one of the best tournaments ever. The winner of the boys' championship will advance to the state district playoffs at Red Springs where the Moore Champions will play the winner of the Richmond County - Lee County Champions on Wednesday, March 9.

The tournament will be played February 18, 19, 21, 22, 23, 24 and 26. The semi-finals will be on Thursday night, February 24, and the finals will be played on Saturday night, February 26.

Schedule for the tournament follows:
Friday, February 18—6:30, Carthage vs Farm Life girls; 7:30, Westmore vs Cameron girls; 8:30, (Continued on page 8)

Hunter Trials, Hunt Ball Saturday

Saturday afternoon, at 2 o'clock will find a large audience of Sandhill residents and visitors at the Scott farm, beyond Notre Dame Academy on Young's Road, to witness the 23rd annual Hunter Trials of the Moore County Hounds in which leading local and visiting hunters and riders will take part.

The afternoon event will precede dinner at the Pine Needles Country Club at 8 p.m., to be followed by the hunt ball, with dancing from 9 to 1, with Clyde Watson's orchestra providing the music.

Panel On Youth To Be Featured At PTA Meeting

A "panel on youth" will be conducted at the regular monthly meeting of the Southern Pines Parent-Teacher Association, to be held in Weaver Auditorium Thursday, February 24, at 8 p. m.

The discussion panel will be composed of three adults and three High School students, with Dr. Bruce Warlick as moderator. Adults to take part are Mrs. Joe Marley, a parent and former teacher; D. E. Bailey who has had 30 years of experience as justice of the peace and police court judge; and Dr. W. C. Timmons, pastor of the Church of Wide Fellowship.

Six students have been chosen by the Student Council as candidates to take part in the panel and three will participate. Extra students were chosen because the meeting comes during the Moore County basketball tournament and some of them may not be able to appear at the meeting.

Students from whom the three panel members will be picked, according to availability on the meeting night, are: Patti Woodell, president of the Student Council; Bobby Cline, vice-president of the Student Council; Garland Pierce, president of the Senior Class; John Ray, president of the Junior Class; Jimmy Menzel, president of the Hi-Y Club; and Kay Davis, president of the Beta Club.

The unusual PTA business session will be held. Dr. Timmons will lead the devotional.

Light Bulb Sale Will Aid Blind

With all members of the club talking part, Southern Pines Lions plan to call at nearly every house in town next week, selling \$2 bags of assorted light bulbs to help the club carry on its work for the blind, sight conservation and other civic projects.

Walter Harper and W. O. Spence, co-chairmen of the sale committee, this week solicited the cooperation of local residents. Most of the house calls will be made at night, Monday through Saturday of next week.

"See that you can see, so the blind can see," has been adopted by the club as a motto for the sale.

12 Above Recorded As Snap's Coldest

Lowest temperature recorded here in the past week's cold snap which covered the South was 12 above zero during the night of last Saturday-Sunday, according to the Weather Bureau observation station records at town hall. The Friday-Saturday low was 15.

Temperatures in this area rose this week. Wednesday, sunny and mild, was as pleasant as last week's cold was unpleasant.

Parking spaces on the hilltop at the start of the course may be reserved by calling the hunt secretary, Mrs. Ozelle Moss, at Southern Pines 2-7252, or Joan Bowden at Pinehurst 5982. Hunt ball tickets may also be reserved. Many out-of-town reservations have been received.

Robert Fairburn, MFH of the Spring Valley Hunt, Mendham, N. J., will judge a series of classes for hunters. The Moore County Hounds will parade to open the event and there will be a short drag over the trial course later in the afternoon.

N. C. Little Symphony Plays Today In Afternoon And Evening Concerts

Hundreds of School Children Expected; Swalin To Conduct

The North Carolina Little Symphony, composed of 25 musicians under the direction of Benjamin Swalin, will present two concerts in Southern Pines in the Weaver Auditorium today (Friday). Appearance of the Little Symphony here is sponsored by the Sandhills Music Association as an attraction in its 1954-'55 concert season.

Miss Vivian Morrison, champion bagpiper and sword dancer of Baddeck, Nova Scotia, Canada, and a freshman at Flora Macdonald College, will be guest soloist with the Little Symphony at the children's concert. Miss Morrison, who has been greatly in demand for dancing Scottish dances and playing the bagpipes since coming to Flora Macdonald in September

Clinic Scheduled For Children To Enter 1st Grade

A pre-school clinic for white children who will enter first grade in the Southern Pines school this fall will be held at the elementary school building between 9 a. m. and noon on Thursday, February 24, it was announced this week by Supt. A. C. Dawson.

Children who can enter the first grade this year are those who reach the age of six on or before October 15.

Parents and children are asked to go to the elementary school library at any time between 9 and noon. Each child need remain at the school only about a half hour.

Children who are in private school first grades this year and will enter second grade in the fall need not attend.

The clinic consists of a short and simple examination—which may, however, be made at another time by the family physician; an orientation program; a visit to a first grade room; and refreshments. Each child is given a number and data about parents is recorded.

and who has previously appeared in Southern Pines, will play the pipes in the Scotch Song Round-up which features music of Scotland and pays homage to the Scots who settled along the Cape Fear River almost 200 years ago.

Young Soloist

Soloist for the adult concert at 8:30 p.m. will be Dixon Thomas, pianist, from Statesville. A Symphony audition winner many times over in the Children's Concert Division, Thomas is making his first appearance this season as an adult soloist. He is currently working toward his Bachelor of Music degree at Rollins College, Winter Park, Fla., where he is studying with John Carter. He will play Liszt's Concerto No. 1. Thomas attended Columbia University in the spring of 1952 and summer of 1953 and the Juilliard School of Music for one term. He is a member of Lambda Chi Alpha fraternity and Pi Kappa Lambda.

Persons who enjoyed Loewe's music throughout the movie, "Brigadoon," can hear the following excerpts by the Little Symphony tonight: "Sword Dance," "Down on MacConnachy Square," "The Heather on the Hill," "I'll Go Home With Bonnie Jean," "Come To Me, Bend To Me," "Almost Like Being in Love," and "Brigadoon."

Other numbers on the program include Beethoven's Overture to the ballet THE CREATIONS OF PROMETHEUS, Roman's Symphony No. XVII, in D major, Strauss' "Village Swallows," Rachmaninoff's "Vocalise," Copland's "Celebration Dance," from the ballet BILLY THE KID, Anderson's "Sandpaper Ballet," and Weber's Overture to the opera OBERON.

Children's concert will be pre- (Continued on page 8)

HONORABLE MENTION

Southern Pines received honorable mention, which carries a cash award of \$100, in the 1954 Fine Arts contests, it was announced by the sponsoring Carolina Power and Light Co. this week. Voit Gilmore was chairman of the 1954 contest which involved five civic projects. Competing were towns served by the company in North and South Carolina, in three population classes.

Tragedy Strikes Family 3rd Time In Recent Years

Mrs. Purvis Thomas and her seven children on Saturday saw their farm home, two miles from Vass, go up in flames.

The fire was discovered when some of the children started upstairs to bed.

The Vass Fire Department responded, but the blaze was out of control before they could arrive. They were able to keep the barn from burning. Practically nothing was saved except the furnishings from one bedroom.

This is the third tragedy to strike this family in a little over three and a half years. The father was killed in a tractor accident when the youngest of eight children was about a month old. Last November the second oldest child, Emma Deane, was accidentally killed by a shotgun blast.

Mrs. Thomas and the children are temporarily staying with relatives. Friends and neighbors are giving aid, and it is hoped that a move can be started to enable them to get settled again. The family includes boys aged 13 and 6 and twin girls 11, and others aged 9 and 3 1-2. The oldest daughter is married and she and her husband were living with Mrs. Thomas.

Second Fire Saturday

Vass firemen were called out around 7 p.m. Saturday to extinguish a fire at the home of Arch Frye, and this was accomplished with slight damage.

Chamber Office Closes At 4:30

Closing hour of the Chamber of Commerce office has been moved up from 5 p. m. to 4:30, effective immediately, according to Chamber House Chairman H. L. Brown.

Mr. Brown said the change was necessary because of reports on license bureau operations which Secretary Alice Baxter has to make up and mail to Raleigh at the close of each day. This has been taking a half-hour or more daily in overtime work.

The office opens at 9 a. m., and is closed from 1 to 2 p. m., the secretary's lunch hour.

Work Begins On 2nd Unit Of High School

Total Cost of Structure Is \$138,225.39

POSTPONED CARDY SHOW SET SUNDAY

The schooling horse show scheduled last Sunday at Mr. and Mrs. Vernon L. Cardy's Vernon Valley Farm was not held because of cold weather, but will take place Sunday afternoon, February 20, it was announced this week.

With eight classes for adult and younger riders, including a costume lead line class, the show will be judged by Gen. Tupper Cole of the American Equestrian Horse Show team. The public is invited and there is no admission charge. Vernon Valley Farm is east of the Bethesda Road, near Southern Pines.

Investigation Of Woman's Death On Highway Continues

A temporary verdict of accidental death, with inquest pending, has been rendered by Coroner Ralph G. Steed in the case of Mrs. Betty Jean Brown Williams, 25, of Robbins, Route 1, who was run over by a car while lying on the highway one-half mile north of Southern Pines Saturday night.

Absolved of blame was James Wayne Griffin, 17, of Vass, who told the coroner that he did not see the woman's body on the road until too late to avoid hitting her. He stopped at once and summoned an ambulance and highway patrolman.

The young woman was pronounced dead on arrival at Moore County Hospital. However, Steed said, investigation is continuing, with questioning of persons known to have seen or been with Mrs. Williams Saturday evening. Though no marks appeared on her body other than those which might have been made by the car, the possibility that she was already lifeless has not been excluded.

There is evidence that she was drinking earlier in the evening, the coroner said. She and her young son had been living with her parents while her husband was away in service.

Funeral services were held at 2:30 p.m. Tuesday at Pilgrim Holiness Church, Robbins, with burial in the Robbins Cemetery. Officiating was the pastor, the Rev. Benny Maness. Surviving are her husband, James (Bud) Williams, formerly of West End, now stationed at Beal AFB, Calif.; one son, Ricky; her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Brown, Robbins, Route 1; two sisters, Mrs. T. A. Davis, Robbins, and Mrs. Charles Vines, Bessemer, Ala.; three brothers, R. G., Robbins, Route 1; E. L. Ashboro, and Swanson, Washington, D. C.

By this time the high school has grown to need all the rooms in Phase A and Phase B, it is hoped that the Phase C portion can be built as a junior high school for the sixth, seventh and eighth grades.

Contracts Let

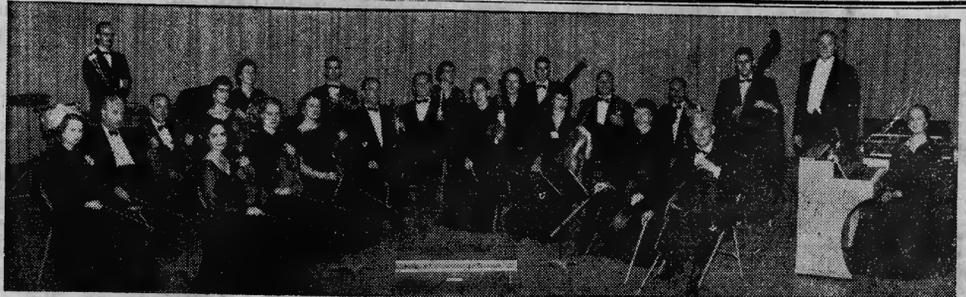
Contracts let for the Phase B building are: general, O. W. Godwin, Dunn (the same firm that had the general contract on Phase A), \$112,868; electric, Starr Electric Co., Greensboro, \$4,896; plumbing, Whiteville Plumb Co., \$5,563; heating, Robeson Sr. Inc., Lumberton, \$7,040 (the heating plant for both Phase A and Phase B was installed in Phase A building, so this contract is only for connecting the new building with the already existing heating plant, including the connectors, and other equipment necessary).

Total of the above contracts is \$130,367.35. With the addition of the customary six per cent architect's fee, which is \$7,858.04, the total cost of the building is \$138,225.39. Total cost of the Phase A unit was \$126,644.

Assisting in the tag day collection Saturday will be: Mrs. R. E. Rhodes, Mrs. Jack White, Mrs. R. M. McMillan, Mrs. Lamont Brown, Mrs. Maxwell Forrest and Mrs. Gilmore.

Girl Scouts of Southern Pines and other troops in Moore County are continuing through this week their door-to-door sale of specially packaged cookies, to raise funds for their Scouting activities.

Stationed At Bragg
Pvt. Borden Stevenson, son of Adlai E. Stevenson, reported to the Psychological Warfare Center, Fort Bragg, last week and was assigned to Headquarters and Headquarters Company of the Center's 6th Radio Broadcasting and Leaflet Group. He was inducted into the Army in November, 1954, and took his basic training at Camp Chaffee, Ark., before being transferred to Fort Bragg. He is a nephew of Mrs. Ernest L. Ives of Southern Pines.



CHILLY PARADE—Though the sun was shining brightly, Boy Scouts of Moore County and other units in last Saturday's Scout Week parade here marched in freezing weather that cut the size of the column from a planned 50 units to about half that number. Shown here are Cub Scouts of Southern Pines Pack 7, with Den Chief Lee Garvin, a Boy Scout of Troop 224, at the left. Residents who braved the chilly day to witness the parade saw a good show, however, led by the 82nd Division band from Fort Bragg, with the bands of Southern Pines and West Southern Pines schools also providing music. The parade was the final event in the National Boy Scout Week celebration in Moore County. (Photo by V. Nicholson)