

Pleas For Negro Farm Agent, Dog Warden Are Made

Delegations Make Requests To Moore County Officials

Requests that have been heard before by the county commissioners were repeated at the board's regular monthly meeting at the courthouse in Carthage Monday—including a Farm Bureau delegation's plea for a county dog warden and dog pound and the request for a Negro farm agent by a group of 40 or more Negro residents of the county.

While no action was taken on either request, further investigation was promised. The Negro group was told that the board would query the State Extension Service to find out whether a Negro farm agent would be available.

Appearing for the Farm Bureau were Richard Matthews of Carthage, Route 3, president; R. L. Comer of Carthage; and Clyde Auman and Paul VonCanon of West End.

Auman and VonCanon had separate business with the commissioners in regard to the recently authorized special tax for fire protection which was voted by residents of the West End area in a referendum. The county is to collect the tax and the West End men wanted to work out with the commissioners how the money collected would be paid over to the fire district officials and other details of the program.

In the Negro delegation were representatives from various sections of the county. Their spokesmen maintained that the number of Negro farmers in the county and the interest of these farmers in improving their operations justify appointment of a Negro farm agent.

The only Negro Extension Service worker in the county at present is a Home Demonstration agent who was appointed more than a year ago. White Extension Service personnel include a Home Demonstration agent and assistant and farm agent and two assistants, one of whom resigned this week, but is expected to be replaced by another white assistant agent, since funds for such assistant are already budgeted.

If a Negro agent is appointed, he would probably be employed as of the start of another fiscal year July 1.

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TABLES TURNED—Completing their sale of light bulbs and netting nearly \$200 to help their work with the blind in Moore County, members of the Southern Pines Lions Club reversed the usual situation and sold their last bag of bulbs, rather than the first, to Mayor L. T. Clark, center. He is flanked by co-chairmen in the sale, W. O. Spence, left, and Walter Harper, right.

Stenhouse Will Address County Historical Assn.

James Allen Stenhouse of Charlotte, chairman of the State Historic Sites Commission and president of the Mecklenburg County Historical Society, will speak to the Moore County Historical Association at 8 p. m. Tuesday in the Southern Pines Library. The meeting will be the first since December for the Association.

A member of J. N. Pease and Company of Charlotte, the largest architectural firm in the Southeast, Mr. Stenhouse has made a study of North Carolina antiquities for many years. He has been deeply interested in acquisition of the Alston house, in Deep River Township of Moore County, by the State as an historic site and has done much to encourage the project.

Mr. Stenhouse is expected to discuss the Alston house and also the rapid growth of the Historical Society in his home county as an evidence of growing interest in the past. On his visit to Southern Pines, he will be accompanied by his wife and they will be the Tuesday night guests of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest L. Ives. Mrs. Ives is president of the Moore County Historical Association.

A musical program to benefit the Alston House restoration project will be held under auspices of the Moore County Historical Association at 3:30 p. m., in the home of Dr. and Mrs. Andrew M. Jamison, Jr., in Knollwood, with Mrs. Luther H. Hodges, wife of the Governor, as honor guest, it was announced by Mrs. Ives this week. (Continued on Page 8)

Naval Reserve To Be Discussed At Session Tonight

Naval Reserve personnel and all interested veterans of Navy service are invited to attend a meeting tonight (Friday), at 8 o'clock, at the Brownson Memorial Presbyterian Church, when Lt. R. B. Deadmond will explain formation of a Naval Reserve Composite Company here.

The Navy officer, who is from the U. S. Naval Base at Charleston, S. C., comes to Southern Pines at the invitation of Lt. Jg James I. Lawson who, with other Naval Reserve men in this area, has been working for several months on the preliminary steps in setting up a Company.

Former Navy officers and enlisted men, both men and women, are invited. Marine Corps and Coast Guard Reserve personnel are also invited as they can meet with a Composite Company on an associated basis.

HARNESS RACING

Following a meeting last week, the Pinehurst Driving and Training Club of which Percy Grey, Providence, R. I., is president, has set the following dates for harness horse matinees at the Pinehurst race track: March 27, and April 3, 10 and 17. In case of postponement, there will probably be a race on April 24. A date has been requested of the U. S. Trotting Association for a record meeting, or time trial, to establish a time record for young horses, on April 26, with alternate dates of April 27, 28 or 29.

Forest Fires Hit Throughout Moore County Wednesday

Local Truck, 4 Men Go To Carthage As Town Is Threatened

At least five separate forest fires ravaged a large acreage of Moore County land Wednesday, one of them near Carthage posing such a threat to the west edge of town that the Southern Pines fire department sent a truck and four men to help fight the blaze and guard the approach to a residential section.

Travis Wicker, warden at the Southern Pines fire tower, and other Forest Service personnel were out most of Wednesday night fighting fire and patrolling to prevent new outbreaks. Wicker was out again Thursday—so busy away from the tower that The Pilot could obtain no check on the extent of damage done and acreage burned, before press time Thursday afternoon.

Fires were reported at Hillcrest, between Pinehurst and Carthage, between West End and Eagle Springs and elsewhere in the west side of the county.

A general call for fire fighting volunteers was broadcast Wednesday afternoon.

Fire Service personnel warned against trash burning in windy weather. A pall of smoke from fires in this area and elsewhere hung over the Sandhills Thursday.

Lady Astor At Raleigh Events

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest L. Ives of Southern Pines and their guest in the Sandhills, Nancy, Viscountess Astor, drove to Raleigh Tuesday where they were luncheon guests of Gov. and Mrs. Luther H. Hodges and where Lady Astor spoke to members of the General Assembly and to the ladies of the Sir Walter Cabinet, an organization of legislators' wives.

The distinguished visitor from England (see another story and photo in today's Pilot for more about her Sandhills visit and her opinion) was unable to attend a Moore County Young Democrats rally, to which she had been invited, at Carthage Wednesday night.

Her appearances in Raleigh charmed her audiences. Many persons in this area heard with interest on Tuesday night a rebroadcast of her witty and spirited address to the General Assembly. She is staying at the Manor Hotel in Pinehurst, with her sister, Mrs. Nora Flynn of Tryon, who is ill.

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More Water For Same Rate Will Aid Town Beauty

The town council made some good news for Southern Pines water consumers Tuesday night when an amendment to the town water rate ordinance was adopted to establish a year-around rate of 10,000 gallons for the minimum charge of \$4.50 per quarter.

The rate goes into effect with the April, May and June quarter. The former rate was \$4.50 for 5,000 gallons in all except the summer quarter when 10,000 gallons was allowed by longstanding custom designed to encourage summer watering to preserve the landscape beauty of the town.

A similar aim guided the council to allow the new minimum of 10,000 gallons per quarter for the same money payment, the year around.

City Manager Tom E. Cunningham told the council that revenue in the water department was sufficient to "comfortably allow" the change, although it could mean a loss of up to \$5,000 per year in revenue as compared to the old scale. However, the manager said, increased water use, even over the 10,000-gallon minimum, may reduce this loss, once people begin to use water liberally.

Mayor L. T. Clark hailed the action as "a considerable relief to ordinary people in watering their gardens, lawns and shrubbery the year around" and said the new rate will tend to keep the town pretty.

Cunningham said the new rate "offers the most water at the lowest rate" since the water plant was built.

Another section of the same amendment ordinance cuts the water of consumers outside the city limits to 5,000 gallons for the minimum charge of \$7.50, the year around. Formerly, "outside" consumers were given the 10,000 gallon minimum in the summer quarter, for the 5,000-gallon "outside" rate, as were those in town.

The uniform rates, the year around, will simplify bookkeeping, Cunningham said. He said that, even with the cut in the minimum amount of water allowed the outside consumers in the summer quarter, it can be argued that the outside consumers are not paying a high enough rate.

Full text of the water amendment appears on page 20.

Election Called

The council formally called a town election for May 3, setting filing time, registration period and other details and appointing (Continued on page 8)

\$1,250 Given To Moore Heart Fund

A total of \$1,250 has been collected in the Moore County Heart Fund drive, reports Mrs. Voit Gilmore of Southern Pines, county chairman, who said that the committee is pleased with this response which came entirely from a mail campaign, except for collections on the street in Southern Pines.

Any person who wishes to contribute to the fund is asked to get in touch with Mrs. Nolley Jackson of Southern Pines immediately as the county committee expects to turn in its report soon to the State organization.

BASEBALL SCHEDULE

The Southern Pines High School Blue Knights will open their 1955 baseball season with an afternoon contest against Vass-Lakeview here Wednesday, March 23. The season schedule appears in full on page 18 of today's Pilot. Fans are advised to clip and save it for future reference. The squad is working out daily now and Coach Bunk Leonard says that positions on the team are "wide open."

Stoneybrook Races March 19 Will Be Best Yet

Steeplechasing and hunt racing officially enter the nationwide sports scene for 1955 with a one-day race meeting March 19 at the Stoneybrook course near Southern Pines.

This community, famous as the winter home of leading owners, trainers, riders and horses, has been assigned the opening date on the American hunt racing and steeplechasing circuit which extends from New York to the Carolinas. The races are sanctioned by the Hunts Committee of the National Steeplechase and Hunt Association.

Charles Stitzer, local resident, says seven races are on the program for March 19. Record entries for this 8th annual meeting are predicted by Stitzer, well known owner and amateur rider who won the Deep Run Hunt Cup in Virginia last year and has several horses training for this year's hunt racing season.

Already in Southern Pines for winter training, or arriving by March 19, are horses which will carry the colors of a score of well known sportsmen in the Stoneybrook races.

Sandhills Cup

The March 19 program is highlighted by the Sandhills Cup Race, about two and one-fourth miles over timber, and the Stoneybrook Open Hurdle Race, about one and one-half miles over hurdles. Trophies and a purse of \$500 are offered in each. Other events will be the Pink Coat Race for members of the local hunt club, the Moore County Hounds;

Stables Filled

Post time for the first race is 2 p. m. at the Stoneybrook Race Course, just off U. S. Highway 1. The course is on the property of M. G. "Mickey" Walsh, leading steeplechase trainer of 1953 and 1954. Walsh's training stables at Stoneybrook Farm are filled with top-ranking steeplechasers which have won first money and set new records on the steeplechase courses at Belmont, Saratoga and other racing centers. They include L. R. Troiano's King Commander, which turf writers voted best steeplechaser of 1954; and Rhythmhim, top hurdle horse of the past year. Also under Walsh's tutelage at Stoneybrook are the consistent winner Sun Shower and a number of imported chasers owned by Vernon G. Carcy, Canadian sportsman who makes his winter home at Southern Pines; and winners or prospective winners from a dozen other stables. Walsh serves as manager of the annual Stoneybrook race meet.

Other Trainers

Southern Pines is the home of a number of other leading trainers, in addition to Walsh, and of F. D. "Dooley" Adams, the nation's top steeplechase rider for the past five years. The Adams farm adjoins Stoneybrook. Adams' mother, Mrs. C. E. Adams, is a successful steeplechase trainer whose Southern Pines stables, like Walsh's, are the winter home of winning brush and timber horses.

Visitors are welcome to watch the horses in training for the Stoneybrook race work out between 2 and 5 p. m. each day.

On the morning of March 19, race fans can watch a formal hunt when the Moore County Hounds move off for a formal drag hunt at 10 a. m. On the day after the Stoneybrook races, March 20, an informal gymkhana and horse show will be held at Lakelawn Farms, the estate of Mr. and Mrs. Dwight W. Winkelman.

From Southern Pines, steeplechasing in North Carolina shifts to Tryon, where the Blockhouse races are scheduled for April 16.

Top Season Predicted

What looms as the most pretentious and richest steeplechase season in two decades will open with the Stoneybrook Races. It is estimated that over \$800,000 in prize money will be disbursed by (Continued on Page 8)

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New Booster Club To Make Annual Baseball Award

At the first meeting of the newly formed Booster Club for Southern Pines High School athletics, held at Holliday's Restaurant Monday night, members decided to make an annual award of a loving cup to the most valuable player on the baseball squad. Similar awards exist for other sports and the need was felt to extend this custom to baseball.

The club also decided to sponsor the sale of adult season baseball tickets. The tickets, to sell for \$1 for nine home games, six of which are under lights at night, represent a \$3.50 saving on the individual game 50 cents entrance fee. All club members have tickets or they can be obtained at Holliday's Restaurant.

The club plans to buy special caps to wear at home games. Temporary officers of the club were permanently elected Monday night: Carl E. Holt, president; J. B. Perkinson, vice-president; and E. J. Austin, secretary-treasurer.

Delbert Cobb Is Moore's 3rd Road Fatality Of 1955

Moore county's third highway fatality of the year, by official count, was tallied early Monday in the death of Delbert Cobb, 25-year-old Negro of Carthage, Route 3.

According to the State Highway Patrol, Cobb's car left a straight stretch of highway about a mile west of the airport road on the road to Niagara, swerved off on the left, back into the left lane and again onto the left shoulder, where it overturned.

John McLaughlin, a young Negro and Cobb's companion in the car, managed to get out and walked two miles for help. When help arrived Cobb was found to be dead, and it was believed he had bled to death from arterial cuts.

McLaughlin was taken to St. Joseph's Hospital where it was found he had suffered only a bad shaking-up. He was also found to be very drunk. In a short while the hospital summoned Southern Pines police, who took him to Moore County jail, booking him on drunk and disordered. (Continued on page 8)

COTTON ACREAGE

Moore County farmers are reminded by the Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation office in Carthage that March 25 will be the closing date for release of cotton acreage. Farmers who have an acreage allotment and who do not plan to use all or part of it are asked to go to the ASC office and release it, so that it can be used by another farmer, prior to March 25.

Valerie Nicholson's Pilot Feature To Go On 'Big Story' TV March 18

A Moore County news story which was used as the basis for a national network radio program last September will be seen as a nationwide television drama Friday evening, March 18. The program will show scenes in and around Southern Pines as background.

The true story about a typhoid carrier's cure, written in 1943 by Valerie Nicholson when she was news editor of The Pilot, will be used on the Pall Mall program "The Big Story" on NBC-TV. The program is seen at 9:30 Friday evenings over WTDV (Durham Channel 11) in this area.

Notified Last Friday

Mrs. Nicholson, who lives in Southern Pines, is serving as "pinch-hit" editor of the Sandhill Citizen at Aberdeen during the present session of the General Assembly for the editor and publisher, Moore County Rep. H. Clifton Blue. She was notified last Friday by long distance telephone call from New York City that her story had been selected from the "Big Story" file for TV presentation.

George E. Gore, NBC cameraman, was here Monday to make moving pictures of Broad Street, The Pilot, the library, Moore County Hospital and other places for quick "background glimpses" at the start of the program, with some shots worked into the drama itself. Mr. Gore also took some rural scenes on the Southern Pines-Carthage road.

Local Scenes Photographed

The cameraman took the films for Proctor Productions, producers of The Big Story program. (Continued on page 8)

Local People, Horses On Television

Sandhills horses and horse people are appearing on television shows this week and next week.

While George E. Gore, NBC cameraman, was in Southern Pines this week to make background films for "The Big Story" television program March 18 (see another story on today's front page), he became interested in horse training, and took a number of human interest movie films of M. G. (Mickey) Walsh and his riding daughters, with some of the horses in training at Walsh's Stoneybrook Stables. Appearing in the films also is Miss E. R. Sears of Prides Crossing, Mass., some of whose horses are stabled at Mrs. Reid Healy's nearby Firleigh Farms.

The films taken by the NBC representative were to be shown on the Dave Garraway "Today" show, from 7 to 9 a. m., either Thursday or this (Friday) morning. This television show reaches this area from Durham.

Program Next Week

Meanwhile it was announced that steeplechasing in the Sandhills, showing a number of local horses, trainers, riders and owners, will be the subject of the first of a new series of programs from WUNC-TV, the educational television station at Chapel Hill.

This program, first of 13 to be seen at 9 p. m. Wednesdays, will be seen Wednesday of next week, March 16. The program is timely, as it will precede the Stoneybrook Races here March 19.

Miriam Rabb of Raleigh, travel writer with the State Advertising Division of the Department of Conservation and Development—who is a frequent visitor to the Sandhills—will be master of ceremonies for the steeplechasing telecast.