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Easter Holiday To Be Marked; Many Services Planned

Seven Pastors Will Take Part In Good Friday Rites Today

With observance of Easter in Southern Pines centered on religious services, the town will take a general holiday Monday when most stores and offices will be closed. The Citizens Bank and Trust Co. and other banks of this area will close Monday.

The post office, however, will follow its regular schedule Monday, with home delivery of mail and windows open for the usual hours.

Town offices will be closed and there will be no garbage collection on that day. The Monday garbage schedule will be followed on Tuesday.

The courthouse at Carthage will be closed Monday and there will be no session of recorders court. Court will convene on Tuesday.

Religious rites of the Easter period were to begin Thursday with Maundy Thursday communion services at 8 p. m. in the Church of Wide Fellowship and Emmanuel Episcopal Church, in observance of the anniversary of the institution of the Last Supper.

Seven ministers will take part in a Good Friday service from noon to 3 p. m. at Emmanuel Episcopal Church. Those attending may arrive or leave during musical interludes. The junior choir of the church will sing.

Taking part and each speaking on one of the seven words spoken by Christ from the Cross, will be: the Rev. C. V. Covell, rector of Emmanuel Church; the Rev. James Benjamin of Jackson Springs Presbyterian Church; Dr. T. A. Cheatham, rector emeritus of the Village Chapel, Pinehurst; the Rev. Hogan Yancey, of West

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Cancer Crusade In County, S. Pines Is Now Under Way

For the seventh successive year, David Ginsburg is serving as campaign chairman for the Moore County Unit of the North Carolina Division of the American Cancer Society. Mr. Ginsburg, a business leader from Carthage has been a volunteer for the unit since 1942.

Mrs. J. S. Milliken, a veteran volunteer in cancer crusades, will again head the Southern Pines campaign.

Mrs. Milliken said that she will send out appeal letters in Southern Pines this weekend. Persons who wish to contribute and who do not receive letters are asked to send checks to the local chairman at Box 55, Southern Pines.

The aim of the program in the Moore County unit is twofold: cancer control and relief of suffering. The money that is allotted to the County for local spending is divided between these two projects. As a result of the education program, since last April about 150 white people have attended the Detection Center at Watt's hospital in Durham and 135 colored people have gone to the Detection Center at Lincoln hospital. Equally as many have gone to local doctors. Those attending the Detection Centers are referred by letter to their local physicians. This arrangement has the approval of the Moore County Medical Society.

4 More Council Candidates File

Four more candidates filed for the town council election during the past week, bringing to eight the total number who have signified their intention to run.

In the order of their filing, this week's candidates are: D. G. Stutz, 180 N. Ashe St., Seaboard Air Line freight agent who is a veteran of local politics and served a number of terms as mayor.

Voit Gilmore, 700 E. Indiana Ave., a member of the present council and lumber firm executive.

Mrs. B. M. (Bunny) Harrington proprietor of the Southland Hotel, who said that she filed at the request of a number of friends who want to see a woman on the tick-



Pair of Winners from Sandhills

Repose (top photo), cocks his ears as Mrs. M. G. Walsh of Southern Pines, owner, receives the Carolina Cup from Lt. Gov. Ernest F. Hollings of South Carolina. At left is Mrs. Walsh's daughter, Mrs. Kathleen Healy. In lower photo, Mr. and Mrs. Vernon G. Cardy of Southern Pines smile as they look over Mrs. Cardy's Cammell Laird, with Jockey A. P. Smithwick in the saddle, after the local horse won the Springdale Cup, one of the events at Camden.

(Photos by Humphrey)

Repose Takes Carolina Cup At Camden In 5:38, Breaking Record For Event

Walsh-Trained Horses Win Five of Seven Races Last Saturday

Repose, 11-year-old bay gelding owned by Mrs. M. G. Walsh of Southern Pines, closed with a rush on the home stretch at Camden, S. C., Saturday, to beat out stablemate Erin's Cottage and win

FIREMEN'S BALL

One of the most popular annual events of the spring season is scheduled for Tuesday night when the 22nd Annual Firemen's Ball, for benefit of the Southern Pines Volunteer Fire Department, will be held at the Country Club.

For couples only, the dance will last from 9 to 1 and will feature the music of Carl Helms and his orchestra. Tickets may be obtained from any member of the fire department.

Amerotron Head Gives Press Look At Coming Events

Fashion Leaders' Visit, Local Job Openings Highlights of Meeting

The Amerotron Company is planning to consolidate all administration and accounting, for its four plants in this area, in Aberdeen.

The announcement was made by J. R. Huffines, Jr., president of the company, at a luncheon meeting, with the press of the area as guests, held at the Pinehurst Country Club Tuesday.

Mr. Huffines said that the proposed consolidation of the Robbins, Raeford, Red Springs, and Aberdeen departments will mean the creation of some 50 job openings here in the clerical field. It is hoped, he said, that these can be filled locally.

Work has already started on the office addition to the present Aberdeen plant and is expected to be completed by June 1.

Also under construction is a \$25,000 addition to the Raeford mill to make room for some new equipment, 36 Jacquard looms, recently purchased. Of brand new design, the looms turn out material of an elaborately patterned effect, reminiscent of the familiar "Jacquard print silk" much in use for lining material and women's dress goods.

Fashion Leaders Invited

A second announcement, of special interest to the women present, was that Amerotron is expecting some of the leading fashion editors of the nation to visit the four Carolina plants, next Tuesday.

In the belief that women only need to hear more about the new synthetic materials now being manufactured in these parts to go for them in a big way, the company has invited the fashion editors of Vogue, Harper's Bazaar, Mademoiselle, and a score of other leading women's magazines, to spend a day here. The visitors will arrive Tuesday morning, Mr. Huffines said, and tour the four plants during the day, being entertained socially by plant officials before taking the night train north.

Present at Tuesday's luncheon (Continued on Page 8)

Much More Needed In Seal Campaign

Only \$173 toward a goal of \$500 had been collected this week in the local Easter Seal sale, reports Mrs. W. P. Davis who, with Mrs. Harry Pethick, is co-chairman for the sale here.

Mrs. Davis said that seven Senior Girl Scouts will be selling Easter lily pins on the streets in Southern Pines Saturday morning. She urged that persons who have received seals in the mail return their contributions, as the sale ends on Easter.

There are handicapped children in Moore County who will not be able to get the care they need if the seal sale quotas are not met, points out Miss Blanche Monroe of West End, seal sale chairman for the Moore County chapter of the North Carolina Society for Crippled Children and Adults.

the 21st running of the prized Carolina Cup steeplechase and set a new record doing it.

It was the fastest Carolina Cup ever run, Repose's time of 5:41 1-5 set in 1935 by Paul Mellon's Drinmore Lad.

It was the fourth victory in this big event, second on the United Hunt program of the season, for Trainer M. G. (Mickey) Walsh of Southern Pines. He won in 1951 and 1952 with Gift of Gold and last year Repose turned the trick. Repose was in even better form today, although his stablemate gave him a great battle.

All in all, it was a great day for the Walshes. Their Tippsy Do won the first race, the Wateree; Another Hyacinth, owned by Charles W. Stitzer of Southern Pines and Walsh-trained, took the second, the Camden Plate; their Basilia captured the third, the Midwest; and then Repose made it four straight in the feature.

And Cammell Laird, owned by Mrs. Vernon G. Cardy of Southern Pines and trained by Walsh, won the Springdale Cup. This made it five (Continued on Page 8)

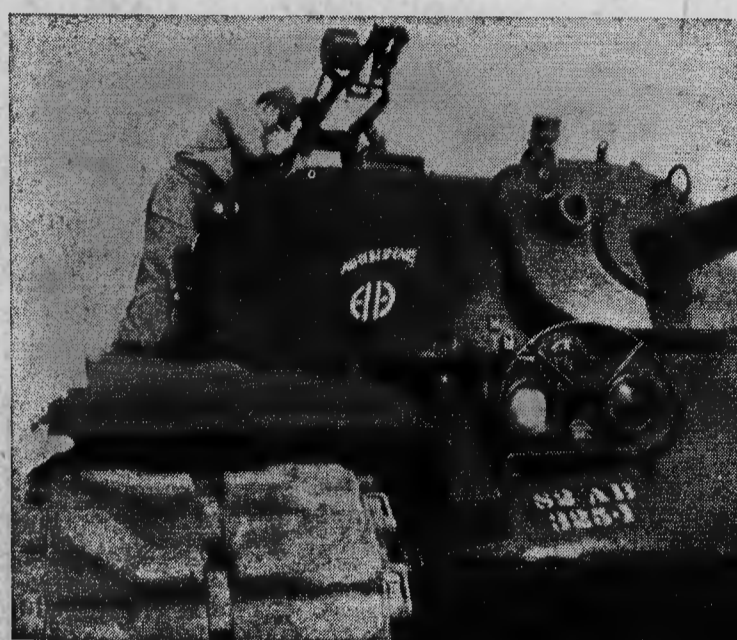
Music Group To Elect Officers

Officers and directors of the Sandhill Music Association will be elected at the annual meeting of the organization to be held at the Southern Pines Library at 8 p. m. Tuesday. The meeting was announced by Lawrence Johnson of Aberdeen, president.

Members of the nominating committee are Mrs. Ralph Chandler, Jr., Dr. William Peck and Bert Premo. The association budget and programs for the 1955-56 season will be discussed.

Progress Made In Effort To Keep USAF Air-Ground School At Inn

2nd Conference At Pentagon Is Termed Hopeful



THE REAL THING—National Guardsmen from this area were "checked out" on tanks recently in a class conducted by a unit of the 82nd Airborne Division at Fort Bragg. On the tank are Sgt. Pete Rapatas of Southern Pines (left) and Sgt. Daniel A. O'Quinn of Eagle Springs (head just visible).

Methodists Buy Lot For Church On Midland Road

Trustees of the Southern Pines Methodist Church announced this week that the church has bought four and a half acres on Midland Road as site for a new church building.

The tract, purchased from Mrs. Verdie Caddell Ferguson of Greensboro, fronts on the northeast side of Midland Road, on the curve not far beyond the point where Midland Road begins as an extension of N. W. Broad St.

T. T. Hayes of the local Hayes and Marshall architectural firm, is preparing plans for the structure and it is hoped that construction can begin about June 1.

Negotiations for acquisition of the tract were completed last week-end. The church, with the Rev. Robert Bame as pastor, is now holding services in the Civic Club.

Members of the board of trustees are Richard W. Boaz, Dr. J. S. Hiatt, Jr., and Dr. Malcolm Kemp. Vernon Maness is chairman of the building fund committee and Karl Bridges is the committee treasurer.

Gymkhana, Parade Set At Pinehurst

The annual Easter Gymkhana and Costume Parade will begin at 1:45 p. m. Saturday in the Carolina Hotel riding ring.

Prizes will be given for prettiest, funniest, and most original costumes in the parade. Classes in the gymkhana will include: Beginner's Horsemanship, Musical Stalls, Intermediate Horsemanship, Easter Egg and Spoon Race and Advanced Horsemanship.

Trophies for the entire year, computed on the point system, will be presented, together with championship and reserve ribbons to winners.

Reduction Ordered In Residence Phone Rates

Because of an order by the State Utilities Commission at Raleigh Tuesday, the bills of residential telephone subscribers at Southern Pines, Pinehurst, Carthage, Robbins, Vass and adjoining areas served by the United Telephone Company will be cut 50 cents per month, starting Monday.

The same order applies in other communities served by the company in North Carolina.

The Commission ruled that United Telephone Company is charging approximately \$50,000 a year too much and ordered it to cut residential subscribers' bills 50 cents a month.

A careful examination of the company's books and records showed, the Commission reported, that United's present rates are "resulting in a rate of return in excess of that deemed fair and

reasonable."

The reduction will take effect starting April 11 and will remain in effect, the Commission said, until "financial operating results warrant further revisions."

United Telephone is known officially as "United Telephone Company of the Carolinas, Inc." Before June, 1953, it was known as Central Carolina Telephone Company. It is owned by a mid-western holding company, United Utilities, Inc., of Kansas City, Mo.

United Telephone has its North Carolina headquarters at Southern Pines and serves Angier, Gibsonville, Bonlee, Marshville, Norwood, Pittsboro, Robbins, Vass, Goldston, Carthage, Fuquay-Varina, Kernersville, Siler City, Southern Pines and Pinehurst and several communities in South Carolina. Including both business and residential subscribers, it has

9,733 customers.

During 1953, United Telephone had one of the highest rates of return listed by a North Carolina public utility—a return of 8.88 per cent on an average net North Carolina investment of \$2,342,127.

Its operating revenues for 1953 totaled \$1,194,375.20. After deducting all expenses and taxes, it had a net income of \$208,164. A large part of the profit, \$63,105 went to United Utilities as dividends on stock. The payments averaged \$35 per \$100 share. The balance went for fixed charges and surplus.

The Commission said it was assigning the reduction to residential exchange rates because "the present differential between business and residential rates does not fairly represent the difference in value of the respective services."

W. Lamont Brown, chairman of a citizens' committee that is working to keep the USAF Air-Ground Operations School at the Highland Pines Inn, returned from Washington, D. C., Thursday morning to report to a meeting of interested persons. Thursday afternoon that a local delegation had been received "cordially and cooperatively" at the Pentagon Wednesday.

Mayr L. T. Clark, a member of the delegation, said he thinks "real progress" was made at a conference with Franklin G. Floete, assistant secretary of defense, and his aides on Wednesday.

Going to Washington from Southern Pines were Brown, Clark, George H. Leonard, Jr., vice-president of the Chamber of Commerce; and Jack Younts, a director of the Chamber of Commerce. The group was joined in Washington by John Lang of Carthage, administrative assistant to Congressman C. B. Deane.

Under discussion was a proposal that funds raised locally be added to government funds to buy the Highland Pines Inn for government use. The plan was initiated when the Air-Ground Operations School, like other government installations over the nation, last fall was ordered to move to a government-owned site—in this case Keesler Air Force Base, Biloxi, Miss.

If the Highland Pines Inn becomes government property, according to the reasoning behind the current effort, the school would not have to move.

The school has a \$90,000 per month payroll. Its lease at the Highland Pines Inn expires June 30.

While the exact terms of the proposal made to Secretary Floete have not been revealed, Brown said Thursday that the local men were informed that if the proposition made Wednesday is not considered economically feasible by the government, they will be notified immediately and given an opportunity to come back with another proposal.

If the government does decide the proposal is economically feasible, the government's share of the purchase price to the Stitzer Hotel Co., present owners, would be included in an amendment to the Military Public Works bill to be presented to Congress.

Secretary Floete told the local delegation, Brown said, that work on buildings for the Air-Ground School at Keesler Air Force Base had been stopped on February 19, after his first conference with a Southern Pines delegation.

With Secretary Floete at the conference was Henry Pike, a former resident of Tarboro and now attorney assigned to the assistant secretary's office, as well as two assistants.

The local men had lunch with the assistant secretary in a private dining room at the Pentagon and reported that throughout their conference they were hospitably and pleasantly received. The proposal discussed at the Pentagon includes a provision that the school would revert to community ownership if the government ceases to use it—after a reasonable waiting period which the local delegation said should not be more than six months.

Persons contributing to the fund that would go into the purchase price would receive shares of stock in a corporation to whose ownership the property would revert, according to tentative planning by the citizens committee.

TAX OFFICE HOURS

The Internal Revenue office in the basement of the post office will be open Monday through Friday, 8:30 a. m. to 5:15 p. m. Earl E. Hubbard, local representative, said this week. There will be no Saturday hours, but on Friday, April 15—deadline for filing Federal income tax returns—the office will be open until 8 p. m.