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Sale of Franklin Safford Home Is Announced Here

The Franklin Safford home on Midland Road, considered one of the most beautiful in this area, has been sold to Mr. and Mrs. Fred Mahoney of Newton Center, Mass., winter visitors in Southern Pines for many years, it was announced here this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Safford, prominent racehorse owners and trainers, have purchased a 110-acre tract of land that fronts on both Midland Road and the Airport Road on which they plan to build a home and develop a modern farm for breeding colts.

They will stay at the Mayfair Apartments on May Street until construction of their home, scheduled to begin this fall, is completed.

Sale of the 110-acre tract to the Saffords was handled by the Biddle Company of Pinehurst. Barnum Realty and Insurance Company of Southern Pines handled the sale of the home.

Mr. Safford, who maintains one of the largest stables in the Sandhills at Pinehurst, is nationally known as a trainer of trotting horses. In addition to the Pinehurst stables, he also has one in Southern Pines.

Page Strikes Out 16 In First Game In Tar Heel Loop

David Page, just back from Davidson College for the summer, pitched the Southern Pines Warriors to a 9-1 win over Fayetteville in Tar Heel League competition Sunday afternoon.

Page struck out 16, walked one and allowed just three hits in his first win of the season. Coach David Salmon said it was one of the best pitching jobs he had ever seen.

The warriors, currently in second place in the league with four wins against three losses, also defeated Fayetteville Saturday night 18-9. Lemon was on the mound with Bowen in the catching slot.

The Little Nine Indians also copped a double header over the weekend to take over top spot in the loop. They defeated Twin City 12-6 Saturday afternoon and 10-7 Sunday afternoon.

The team, sponsored by Tom O'Neal, joined the loop after Hillcrest dropped out two weeks ago.

The schedule this weekend calls for two games between the Warriors and the Little Nine. The first game will be played at Memorial Field Saturday night at 8 p. m. This is the first meeting of the two teams this year. On Sunday the action will shift over to the newly completed Little Nine field just off Midland Road.

Manager of the Little Nine is Tom O'Neil. F. Piccinini is the coach. The Southern Pines Warriors, sponsored by local merchants, are coached by David Salmon; the manager is Charles Lucas.

Current standings in the loop put the Little Nine on top with a 3-0 record, followed by Southern Pines with a 4-3 mark, Twin City, 4-4, and Fayetteville, 3-3. Hillcrest had not won a game when it severed connections with the league and had dropped four straight.

Keller Completes Training On Soil Conservation Work

Willard K. Keller, specialist with the Moore County Soil Conservation Service, recently completed a five weeks refresher course at the Athens Training Center of the Soil Conservation Service.

The training unit is maintained on the campus of the University of Georgia where the facilities of the university and the nearby Watkinsville Agricultural Research Station are used.

The training center is operated by the U. S. Department of Agriculture for training new CSC employees and bringing old employees up to date on research information and new techniques. Seventeen SCS employees of the southeastern states from North Carolina to Arkansas, and two from Puerto Rico, attended the session.

Courses of study were given in the fields of soils, agronomy, agricultural engineering, forestry, wildlife, and human relations. The studies pointed toward the assistance that is given the farmer so that he may develop and apply a workable soil conservation program suited to the needs of his farm.

Courses were taught by members of the U. S. Department of Agriculture and faculty members of the University.

Civil Defense Practice Alert Slated At Bragg

A practice alert in preparation for a forthcoming nationwide civil defense exercise will be held by Fort Bragg some time during the period 25 May to 5 June, Fort Bragg officials told the Pilot this week.

When the alert is given for the one-day exercise, sirens will sound throughout the post. Sirens will be sounded again at the conclusion of the alert.

Fort Bragg officials have stressed that this will be a practice alert with sirens used only to add realism and there will be no cause for alarm.

The exercise will be part of the preparation for "Operation Alert 1956," a nationwide alert scheduled by the Federal Civil Defense Administration to be held sometime between July 20-26.

When the sirens sound on the day of the Bragg alert, troops will move to dispersal areas and execute area defense to simulate actual attack conditions. They will remain in the dispersal areas until the all-clear signal is given.

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