

Women's Activities and Sandhills Social Events

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Church of Wide Fellowship Notes

Tonight (Thursday) at 6:30 p.m., the regular Church Night covered dish dinner will be held, following which the program of the Church Council will be conducted. The Council will be presided over by the moderator, Dr. Amos Dawson, with special review and preview of the church's work by the heads of departments and committees. The devotional service will be conducted by Dr. Timmons and the Ruth Burr Sanborn Circle will be the hostess in charge of the dinner.

Circles of the Woman's Society will meet next week according to the following schedule:

Ruth Burr Sanborn Circle, Monday at 8 p.m. at the home of Mrs. Page Choate on Maples Road.

Margaret White Circle, Thursday, 3 p.m., at the home of Mrs. Marshall Palmer, Sr., 130 West Connecticut Avenue, with Mrs. Walter Daake as co-hostess.

Loyalty Circle, Thursday at 3 p.m., at the home of Mrs. E. M. Poate, 380 South Ashe St.

Friendship Circle, Thursday, 3 p.m., at the home of Mrs. William H. Beers, Fairway Drive, Knollwood.

Lena Sweezy Circle, Thursday, 2:30 p.m., at the home of Mrs. Louis Scheipers, Sr., 340 E. New Hampshire Ave.

The Women's Welfare Service is again collecting used nylon stockings and any other nylon material, to be sent to the Japanese Missions. These may be left in the Sandhill Office Supply Co. on West Pennsylvania Ave.

Morning Worship Service

By both national and municipal proclamation, this Sunday is designated throughout the United States as "Race Relations Sunday," which is also the prelude to World Brotherhood Week. As this Sunday is nearest the birthday of Abraham Lincoln, the message of Dr. Timmons will be focused upon one of the outstanding characteristics of the great president: "Reverence—The Essence of Religion." Music will be presented by the chancel choir as follows: Anthem, "Come to Me, All Ye that Labor," by Roff. Roger Gibbs, the director, will sing as an offertory, "The Greatest of These," by Ware. David Paddock will be at the organ.

BEST EVER!

"Best ever" are the words used to describe the annual buffet dinner and card party given at St. Joseph's Hospital Wednesday night under Guild sponsorship as a benefit for the elevator fund. Returns were incomplete this morning, but the figure had reached the "best yet" figure of \$1,100.

Mrs. Nancy Cushman's number was drawn by Joe Montesanti III and she received the door prize, a \$25 U. S. Savings bond.

Presbyterian Circles Meet

Mrs. Fred Patton was enrolled as a new member and Mrs. Howard Butler was a visitor, bringing the attendance to 11, when Circle 4 of Brownson Memorial Presbyterian Women of the Church met Monday evening at the home of Mrs. Harvey Horne. Mrs. George Nevens conducted the Bible study and Mrs. Mel Johnson presented the program article from Presbyterian Women.

Circle 8 met Monday night in the ladies parlor of the church with Mrs. Joe Currie as hostess. Mrs. Dan S. Ray conducted the Bible study and a panel composed of Mrs. Davis Salmon, Mrs. Ira Turner and Mrs. Mattie Baker discussed "The Lord's Prayer." Miss Lessie McNeill gave the program article from Presbyterian Women. Mrs. Ted Klingenschmidt reported on the recent meeting of the executive board. Thirteen members attended and there was a guest, Mrs. John Williams. Mrs. Ray invited the circle to her home on Friday night for an intensive Bible study.

Circle 1 was entertained by Mrs. Charles Loup Tuesday afternoon, with 14 members present and two visitors, Miss Jane Leach and Mrs. D. P. Morrison. Mrs. R. P. Brown led the Bible study and Mrs. W. E. Blue discussed world missions.

Looking Ahead

YOUTH FEDERATION

The Youth Federation of Southern Pines will meet at Brownson Memorial Presbyterian Church Sunday at 6 p.m. for the monthly supper meeting. All young people are invited to attend and bring a bag lunch. Drinks and dessert will be provided. A worship service will follow the supper. Mrs. H. C. Bleckschmidt of St. Louis, Mo., a member of the Presbyterian Board of World Missions, will be guest speaker.

PREBYTERIAN CIRCLES

Three of the Brownson Memorial Circles will meet next Tuesday morning at 10 o'clock: No. 3, with Mrs. Bruce Warlick; No. 5, with Mrs. Daniel Jenkins; and No. 10, with Mrs. R. M. McMillan.

CIVIC CLUB

The Southern Pines Civic Club will meet at 3 p.m. Monday at the club building with Dr. John E. Elmendorf, Jr., as speaker. Visitors will be welcome.

SCHOOL BAND BENEFIT

The Band Boosters Club will sponsor a rummage sale on February 8 and 9 at the Page Motor Company place, 239 N. E. Broad St., to benefit the School Band fund. Donors are requested to get their items in Thursday afternoon or Friday morning. Mrs. George Thompson is sale chairman, and Mrs. C. D. May or Mrs. Broadus Smith will pick up items if notified.

BAPTIST MEETINGS

The First Baptist Church lists the following meetings for the coming week:

Circle No. 4, Tuesday night at 8 o'clock at the home of Mrs. Ned Bushby, Bennett street.

Circle No. 6, Tuesday morning at 10 o'clock, at the home of Mrs. L. T. Hall, 470 East Indiana ave.

The Sunbeams, children's group, Tuesday afternoon at 3 o'clock at the church.

E. L. Finch, Badly Hurt In Accident, Slightly Improved

Edwin L. Finch of Vass, Route 2, who was seriously injured early Saturday afternoon in a wreck which took place on the Vass-Carthage road, was reported this morning as showing slight improvement at Moore County Hospital.

His injuries are said to consist of multiple fractures of the pelvis; three fractured vertebrae, two broken ribs, and a third degree burn from the exhaust together with skid burns and bruises.

Meager information given by the injured man, who has been in no condition to be questioned, is that as he started to pass another car the driver put out a hand and in his effort to avoid a collision his car went out of control and overturned, pinning him beneath it.

First to reach the scene were some soldiers, as yet unidentified, who jacked up the car and extricated the injured man, who never lost consciousness during the ordeal. Mrs. Finch would like very much to know the identity of her husband's benefactors and would appreciate this information.

Mr. Finch, assistant scoutmaster for the Vass troop of Boy Scouts, was on his way to a scoutmasters' meeting in Glendon when the accident occurred. He is a retired lieutenant-commander of the U.S. Navy and since his retirement a few years ago has resided on a farm near Lakeview. For a time he was an instructor in the agricultural veterans' training program, and is active in Masonic work and in the work of the Vass Methodist Church.

Hunter Trials Plans Continue

Plans are going forward and entries are coming in for the annual Hunter Trials, sponsored by the Moore County Hounds, which will be held at Scotts Corner on Youngs Road Extension Saturday afternoon, February 16.

The event will be followed by the hunt ball at the Southern Pines Country Club that night.

Parking space along the route of the trials may be obtained from Mrs. Dwight W. Winkelman, or Mrs. Ozell Moss, secretary.

A LITERARY SCOOP?

John P. Marquand, Writer and Golfer, Plans Spin No More Mr. Moto Tales

Living in Pinehurst, John P. Marquand is enjoying his winter in the Sandhills.

The author of many best-selling novels is spending his second consecutive season in Nandina cottage, planning to stay, as he did last year, to May 1.

He is still playing golf—"very indifferently" he says—and he is still writing, working on a novel.

The Pilot may have a literary scoop in Mr. Marquand's statement this week that he doesn't think he'll go on writing about one of his most famous imaginative characters: "Mr. Moto," the Japanese secret agent who was greeted with pleasure by critics and the public on his first appearance since before World War 2 in Mr. Marquand's recently published "Stopover: Tokyo."

Readers of the new volume, as well as Saturday Evening Post readers of pre-war days who used to be fascinated by Mr. Moto's operations, will mourn this decision for which Mr. Marquand assigned no reason in his conversation with The Pilot this week.

A New Englander who doesn't like northern winters but still appreciates a little crispness in the



MR. MARQUAND

air, the writer visited friends in Pinehurst three years ago—and liked it. He came back for another visit in 1955 and last year rented a house.

"I'm still happy here," he said, adding slyly, "Do you think I'd be any happier in Southern Pines?"

Basketball Summary

(Southern Pines games reported more completely in separate story elsewhere in today's Pilot.)

By GEORGE A. SHORT, JR.

The sharpshooters of Coaches Robert E. Lee of Aberdeen and Rex Gordon of Robbins continue to march toward the top seeded positions in the Annual Moore County Tournament which will get underway February 15 in the Carthage High School gym.

The Robbins Bearcats had a narrow escape, however, Friday night when Carthage's battling Bulldogs pushed them into a double overtime before the Bearcats won 56-47. Aberdeen's Devilettes didn't find the going quite as rough as they do in Southern Pines' Blue Maidens 76-64.

Unless Robbins' girls can upset the Red Devilettes and Aberdeen's boys can do likewise to the Bearcats at Robbins gym Friday night, these two strong and capable clubs will enter the tournament pairings with clean slates.

The Devilettes and Bearcats are both 12-0 in Moore County play with the Bearcats sporting a brilliant 18-0 record and the Devilettes a torrid 17-0 reading in all contests.

The Bearcats have a toughie coming up February 13 with Pinehurst's Rebels but this contest would have no bearing on the tournament schedule since the tournament schedule will be drawn up on Saturday, February 9, and include contests through Friday night, February 8, only.

In the Bearcat-Bulldog exciting double-overtime duel Friday night at Carthage, Jimmy Freeman dumped in 16 points, Jackie Hussey scored 12, and a great team effort by the Bearcat five powered the win. Pacing the gallant Bulldogs were Robbie Felton with 16 points and Mose Boyette with 12.

Carthage-Pinehurst

Carthage's girls anchored down the second spot in standings as Pinehurst's boys also increased their second place stock in the boys' division Tuesday night. However, a Pinehurst loss to Southern Pines boys in their Friday night clash could leave these two strong fives in a tie for second.

Carthage's girls trimmed Pinehurst's Rebelettes 66-36 as Pinehurst's boys outfoiled the Carthage Bulldogs 54-35 in the Carthage gym.

Southern Pines' girls decisioned Vass-Lakeview 72-60 and the Southern Pines Blue Knights trounced the Twins 71-30.

Clara Matthews, brilliant Carthage forward poured in 30 points to lead the Green and White offensive thrust over the Rebelettes. Barbara Hunt garnered 18 markers to lead the Rebelettes.

Pinehurst's Rebels, with their scoring pretty evenly divided, overpowered the Bulldogs after holding a 26-19 halftime spread. John McKenzie dropped in nine points to take high scoring honors for the Rebels. T. Frye was the game's high scorer as he netted 13 tallies for the Bulldogs.

Standings

Boys: Robbins, Pinehurst, Southern Pines, in that order, lead both Conference and All-Games standings.

Girls: Aberdeen, Carthage, Farm Life, in that order, lead the Conference standings. In All-Games standings, Aberdeen leads. Carthage and Robbins are tied for second place and Farm Life is third.

Robbins boys and Aberdeen girls are undefeated in all contests.

Highfalls' girls won a hard

earned 61-59 overtime thriller from Vass-Lakeview Friday night at Vass-Lakeview but the Twins' boys took out revenge on the Highfalls boys as they ground out a 56-40 triumph.

Pinehurst-Farm Life

Farm Life girls pulled a 50-40 reversal on Pinehurst's Rebelettes as the Rebels trounced the Farm Life five 69-47. Doris Matthews pumped in 22 points and Barbara Matthews tallied 18 to spearhead the offensive for Farm Life. Barbara Hunt netted 25 markers and Alice Garrison totaled 15 to lead Pinehurst.

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Farm Diversification Spotlighted As Commissioners Hear Agents' Reports

Resolution On Soil Bank Tobacco Aid Approved By Board

Plans and progress in Moore County agricultural diversification were heard with interest by the county commissioners at Carthage Monday and the board recognized the plight of the small tobacco farmer by endorsing a resolution which asks that the 20 per cent 1957 reduction in the flue-cured allotment be made eligible to be placed in the acreage reserve of the soil bank.

Farm Agent Fleet Allen and Assistant Thomas Hall told the commissioners that Moore County stands to lose three quarters of a million dollars in farm income because of this year's 20 per cent tobacco acreage reduction. They said that five meetings have been held over the county to acquaint farmers with problems of tobacco production, especially the need to plant varieties of tobacco acceptable to foreign buyers who take about one-third of the U. S. flue-cured crop.

The farm agents informed the commissioners of varied efforts to work with farmers in diversifying production and taking up the slack in income lost by reason of tobacco cuts. They reported:

That dewberries and strawberries offer possibilities, quoting Leighton McKeithen of Cameron as saying he can market the production of 200 more acres of dewberries than those now producing in Moore County. Strawberries set out this year (by March at latest) will not produce until next year.

That irrigation systems bought for use on tobacco could be advantageously used for berry and truck crops.

That State Agriculture Department officials believe more strawberries can be marketed in North Carolina.

That 4,600 laying hens on four different farms are now producing and that 8,000 more chickens are being placed on farms for egg production.

That two farmers in the upper part of the county have teamed together to plant an acre of aromatic or air-dried tobacco, a crop that requires much labor and a clay soil but that brings from 60 cents to \$1.25 per pound.

That late snap beans and squash, grown with an irrigation system, offer good truck crop possibilities in this area.

That a spray program is being worked out with several farmers having neglected apple trees, to see what success is possible in apple production in Moore.

That in all new agricultural projects, most farmers have a "wait and see" attitude, wanting to see how others make out before they launch their own experiments. But good attendance was reported at the 41 meetings held by the agents during the month of January.

Soil Bank Resolution

The soil bank-acreage resolution that the board endorsed was sent to them by the Lee County board of commissioners which has drawn it up and approved it recently. The same resolution has also been endorsed by the Moore County Farm Bureau.

In addition to asking that the 20 per cent acreage reduction be placed in the Soil Bank reserve, the resolution asks:

That the maximum partici-

ation in the case of flue-cured tobacco be returned to five acres or 50 per cent of allotment, in contrast to the status to which this participation was cut this year: three acres or 30 per cent of allotment.

Also that the rate of payment for flue-cured tobacco placed in the Soil Bank be raised from 18 cents per pound to at least 50 per cent of parity—which is a comparable percentage to that for other farm commodities under the Soil Bank program.

And that the Congress now in session appropriate the necessary funds for these needed soil bank requests.

"Our farmers have been seriously hurt by the way in which the Soil Bank program has been administered," says the preamble to the resolution. "If we unite in this effort, we can be successful."

The Moore board directed that copies of its endorsement be sent to Reps. Kitchin and Cooley and to Senators Ervin and Scott. Kitchin is Congressman for this district and Cooley is chairman of the House Agriculture Committee.

USAF Personnel Leaving; Inn Site Is Being Cleared

The Highland Pines Inn property on Massachusetts Ave., where the old resort hotel burned to the ground recently, was officially abandoned by the Air Force last Friday afternoon.

The USAF Air Ground Operations School, which had occupied the building since 1951, is moving to Keesler AFB, Biloxi, Miss.

Some Air Force personnel have gone to Mississippi. Others are temporarily at Pope Air Force Base.

Brig. Gen. Daniel W. Jenkins, commandant, has been in and out of town this past week, visiting the new home of the school and winding up affairs here.

Big moving vans have been rumbling through Southern Pines as the Air Force families packed up their belongings for a long journey to their new home.

At the fire site, workers of the Textile Iron and Metal Co. of Greenville, S. C., have been removing metal scrap from ashes of the structure, hauling it to a freight car on a siding here.

James Hartshorne, resident manager of the hotel who is maintaining an office in an undamaged building on the property, said that bids will be asked on leveling the site after the scrap is removed.

The metal company's contract calls for removal of all scrap by February 16.

The standing east wing of the hotel, which was not burned, has been checked by the town building inspector, Mr. Hartshorne said, and pronounced safe, but there are no definite plans as to what will be done with the structure.

The Air Force radio relay station on the property, which was operated independently from the Air Ground School, will continue in operation, paying no rental, until another location for it is found.

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--- In and Out of Town ---

Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Campbell of Raleigh spent the weekend with her parents, Mr. and Isaac A. Woodell, coming especially to offer congratulations and good wishes to Mr. and Mrs. Woodell whose 20th wedding anniversary was Tuesday the 5th.

Misses Ginger Aden, Judy Parker, Lillian Bullock and Ginger Woodell spent last weekend at Peace College in Raleigh as guests of the Student Council, the occasion being the annual hospitality weekend at the college.

Mrs. J. M. Overton of Mt. Gilead is spending some time in the home of her son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Overton. Also at the Overtons' during the weekend were their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Michael Smith of Winston-Salem.

Mr. and Mrs. Voit Gilmore and daughters, Katy and Gerry, returned this week from a Caribbean cruise.

Mrs. Joe C. Thomas has returned from Moore County Hospital.

Mrs. Louis Scheipers, Mrs. Walter Coffin, Mrs. C. N. Page, and Mrs. W. M. Johnson spent Wednesday in Sanford.

Mrs. James C. McLeod of Florence, S. C., spent several days last week with her sister, Mrs. Harold A. Collins. Mrs. Collins entertained a party of 12 in her honor at the Pinehurst Country Club's buffet supper prior to the Forum concert Thursday night.

Mrs. Lillian Miles Raymond is spending this week in New York City. While there she will select spring merchandise for Patch's, Inc.

Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Johnson returned recently from a motor trip to Florida. During their stay they visited Mrs. W. A. Rose, the former Nella Johnson, and Mr. Rose and their three children at Key West. Another stop was made in Miami where they visited Mr. Johnson's brother and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Lee Johnson, and his sister and her husband, Mr. and Mrs. E. O. Henderson.

Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Blue, Jr., have had as guests this week Mr. Blue's sister and husband, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Habel of Suffolk, Va. Mr. and Mrs. Habel left Wednesday for Macon, Ga., where they will visit the camellia gardens.

Mrs. Ella Chatfield entered Moore County Hospital last Saturday and in the early part of the week underwent surgery.

Mrs. Magruder Dent of Knollwood is in Miami, Fla., where she has horses running in the races at the Hialeah track.

Mr. and Mrs. George H. Leonard, Jr., accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. John C. Ostrom, left Thursday on a Caribbean cruise.

Mrs. Florence Perham and Miss Mary Scott Newton left by automobile Tuesday for a vacation of two weeks or more in Florida.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Miller of Newnan, Ga., spent last week with their daughter, Mrs. Mel Johnson, and family.

Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Graham and Miss Janice Graham of Asheboro were in Southern Pines from Friday until Sunday, visiting Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Graham, Jr., and the Misses Kate and Eva Graham.

Vance Derby, news editor of The Pilot, and Mrs. Derby are vacationing in New York this week. They left last Thursday night and plan to return Sunday.

Mrs. C. E. Newton, who entered Moore County Hospital last Friday, was able to return home Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin F. Kraft, Jr., of Southern Pines and Mr. and Mrs. Donald Cooke of Pinehurst have recently returned from a Florida vacation.

Miss Prillaman Heads Fund Drive In Area

Duke University has announced the appointment of Miss Mary Jane Prillaman to head the 1957 Duke Loyalty Fund campaign in the Southern Pines area.

The over-all goal of the Fund this year is \$250,000 from 10,000 contributors, Miss Prillaman said, and Southern Pines comprises one of 234 areas in 29 states and two foreign countries. Plans call for the campaign to begin on February 12.

ATTEND FUNERAL

Mrs. J. M. Davis of Carthage, Route 3, went to Norfolk, Va., last week to attend the funeral of her sister-in-law, Mrs. B. I. Barber, and remained with the family for a few days visit. She was accompanied on the trip by her sister, Mrs. W. Ellington of High Point, and niece, Mrs. Fred Seward of Laurens, S. C.

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Basketball Games

The West Southern Pines High School Yellow Jackets have a seasonal record of 10 wins and two losses.

The Jackets dropped a contest to Laurinburg, going into two overtime periods, at Laurinburg Tuesday night. The local team was playing without its regular forward, Robert Lewis.

The other loss was to Mineral Springs High of Ellerbe, 62-50, here at 7:30 tonight (Thursday).

Tuesday night of last week. The previous night, the Jackets gave Rockingham its first defeat of the season on its home court, 54-49.

The West Southern Pines High girls have won nine and lost four.

They were defeated 31-30 at Laurinburg, beat Rockingham 59-22 and lost to Ellerbe, 45-38.

The West Southern Pines teams play Pinckney school of Carthage here at 7:30 tonight (Thursday).