

### Peach Farmers Eye Weather As Critical Months Approach

#### Bumper Crop Is Forecast If No Freeze Develops

Sandhill peach growers, with some 370,000 trees capable of producing more than a million end a quarter bushels of fruit, are fast approaching the critical month of their operation and are asking themselves the perennial question: will frost destroy the crop?

April, which has its ups and downs in temperature, has been that critical time in most years. It's too early to tell now what the month will bring; growers can only hope the comparatively cold days and nights that have been experienced since pruning and spraying started several weeks ago will continue.

Last year some growers reported about 50 per cent of their crop had been destroyed by late freezes. The year before the entire crop of the Sandhills was destroyed as were most crops in South Carolina.

Some growers have decided this year could mean the difference in whether or not they will continue in the business which, admittedly, has a high profit potential if everything goes right.

To make sure that everything does go right, at least those things that can be controlled by scientific methods, growers are turning to the Sandhills Research Station at Jackson Springs. The station, superintended by Clarence Black, has contributed a great deal to peach development since its establishment.

#### Many Problems

W. H. Rummage, who succeeded W. C. Capel of Candor as president of the N. C. Mutual Peach Growers Society, said recently that peach growers are facing many problems in addition to the ever-present "freeze" possibility.

He said that conversations with other growers throughout the country had indicated that most farmers were caught between rising production costs and selling prices.

#### Promotion

One of the best ways to combat that particular problem, he pointed out, was to educate the public to eat more peaches. And to that end, North Carolina growers have already started on an ambitious program of promotion. Last year, members of the society voted to tax themselves one penny for each bearing tree, the net proceeds to be used for peach promotion.

There should be some \$3,700 collected for that purpose this season.

Frost and the price squeeze are not the only problems faced by peach growers; the only problem that has been pretty well licked is insect destruction above ground.

#### Old Land For New

Right now Superintendent Black and his fellow workers are working on the problem of why old peach land can not be successfully replanted. Black said the answer is not complete yet but that a great amount of headway had been made. Nematodes are part of the answer. In addition, it takes almost five years to see whether old peach land will support a new crop, five years being the length of time a tree must grow before it will bear fruit.

Some growers, like the experiment station, are trying now to use old peach land for new crops. Results, however, are not conclusive yet.

Here's another problem that peach growers must face each year: what variety to plant?

The trend is for growers to plant several varieties so he will have fruit getting ripe from June throughout the summer.

The experiment station is cooperating with farmers in trying to help with varieties, but not taking sides. It maintains almost 200 kinds of peaches and anyone can look them over, hear the pros and cons on each variety, and then make up his own mind.

#### Canners

Canning peaches, a painful subject with some farmers, is also receiving much consideration by several of the larger growers. The area has built a reputation for "fresh peaches." To veer from that, some maintain, would be to lose part of the reputation.

On the other hand, some growers are maintaining that additional canneries (there is already one) are a necessity to take up the excess crop in good years,

### Local Jaycees Bid For State-Wide Net Tournament

Southern Pines may be the scene of the state-wide Junior Tennis Tournament in 1958, if a bid made by the Junior Chamber of Commerce is received favorably by the state organization.

The bid, which was presented at the third quarterly board meeting of the state group in Durham this past weekend, was the only one received. Norris Hodgkins, Jr., the local club's chairman of activities, extended the invitation, and later said he thought it had an excellent chance of being acted on favorably.

Others attending the state meeting from Southern Pines were James Baird, president of the local chapter, George Wilcox, Austin Sauls, and Vance Derby.

### Amateur Talent For Follies Show Invited To Party

A talent party next Monday night to select the cast for an amateur show, "Scandals of the Sandhills," will be held at the Pinehurst School auditorium Monday night at 8 o'clock.

Some 200 prospects, from Southern Pines, Pinehurst, Aberdeen and other sections of the country have been contacted and are expected to be present. It will be the first opportunity for the show's director, who arrives Sunday from New York, to size up the talent.

The show will benefit the Pinehurst Recreation Association which is presently raising funds to complete an athletic field and fieldhouse.

Mrs. L. C. Burwell, Jr., is chairman of the talent committee, assisted by Mrs. A. N. Derouin. Anyone who can sing, dance or play an instrument, whether approached or not by the talent committee, is invited to the party Monday night.

### Dr. John Young, Retired Physician, Died Here Sunday

Dr. John Hichnor Young, 77, a former resident of Montclair, N.J., died suddenly at his residence in Southern Pines Sunday.

Dr. Young was a graduate of Montclair public schools, Amherst College, and the Homeopathic Medical College in New York City. He interned at Flower Hospital in New York City. He practiced both medicine and surgery in Montclair for 50 years.

Funeral services were held in the Powell Funeral Home here Tuesday morning. He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Gertrude Bellis Young, of Southern Pines, a brother, Cullis M. Young, of Philadelphia, another brother, Edgar P. Young, and one sister, Mrs. John Roder, of Hollywood, Fla.

### WEIMAR JONES

(Continued from Page 1) Franklin editor, "65,000 people able to outvote a million, and by more than two to one, that's serious. As things are at present, one group of senatorial districts containing only one-tenth of the population elects one-quarter of the senators, and another group containing one-quarter of the population elects only one-seventh of the senators."

Speaking of the general public apathy on this subject, Mr. Jones said he thought it could only come from lack of information. "The people," he said, "do not realize what a very serious thing it is."

Mr. Jones, who is a native of Franklin, has been in newspaper work all his life. A graduate of UNC, he started work on the Greensboro Record, then went to Charlotte for a year on the Observer, following this with a spell as an Associated Press reporter. Until he took over the Franklin paper, eleven years ago, he had spent the previous 18 years on Asheville papers.

and even to take some of the so-called "fresh" variety.

The growers still feel, however, that come what may, the business is a good one.

"Even in the bad years when you can see thousands of dollars freezing on the trees, you think of next year," one grower near West End said. "It's a good business, maybe a little risky, but worth it."

### Insurance Law Is Hit At By Agents

A compulsory insurance law is not the answer to North Carolina's need for liability protection in automobile accidents, members of the Moore County Insurance Agents Association were told here Tuesday.

Joseph Scott of Southern Pines, president of the association, told the agents that the "best" course for North Carolina is to strengthen the present Safety Responsibility Law. We recommend that the law be amended to conform to the so-called model security type safety responsibility law now in effect in most states."

Contrary to popular belief, Scott said, compulsory liability insurance is not a safety measure and, in the opinion of many, actually diverts attention from safety. He said that, due to limitations inherent in compulsory insurance, such a law does not necessarily provide monetary relief in cases of damage and injury in automobile accidents.

The enactment of strengthening laws which would make it mandatory for motorists to take out liability insurance has been the subject of much discussion in the present General Assembly.

Scott said that the insurance agents in this county stood solidly against any compulsory law.

### Baseball Schedule For Blue Knights Lists 13 Contests

A 13-day baseball schedule for the Blue Knights was released today by Irie Leonard, coach. The schedule, which begins March 20, calls for nine home games, six of them at night.

Opening practice sessions started today with seven returning lettermen. Leonard said daily sessions would start next week and continue throughout the season.

The team, which compiled a 14-2 win-loss record last year, will open with West End on a home-and-home basis.

Returning lettermen are Lynn van Benschoten, John van Benschoten, Tony Parker, Billy Hamel, George Reers, Kenneth Creech and Roger Verhoef. Several promising freshmen and sophomores are expected to fill the big gaps left when Johnny Watkins, Bobby Cline, Billy Cox and Bill Marley graduated.

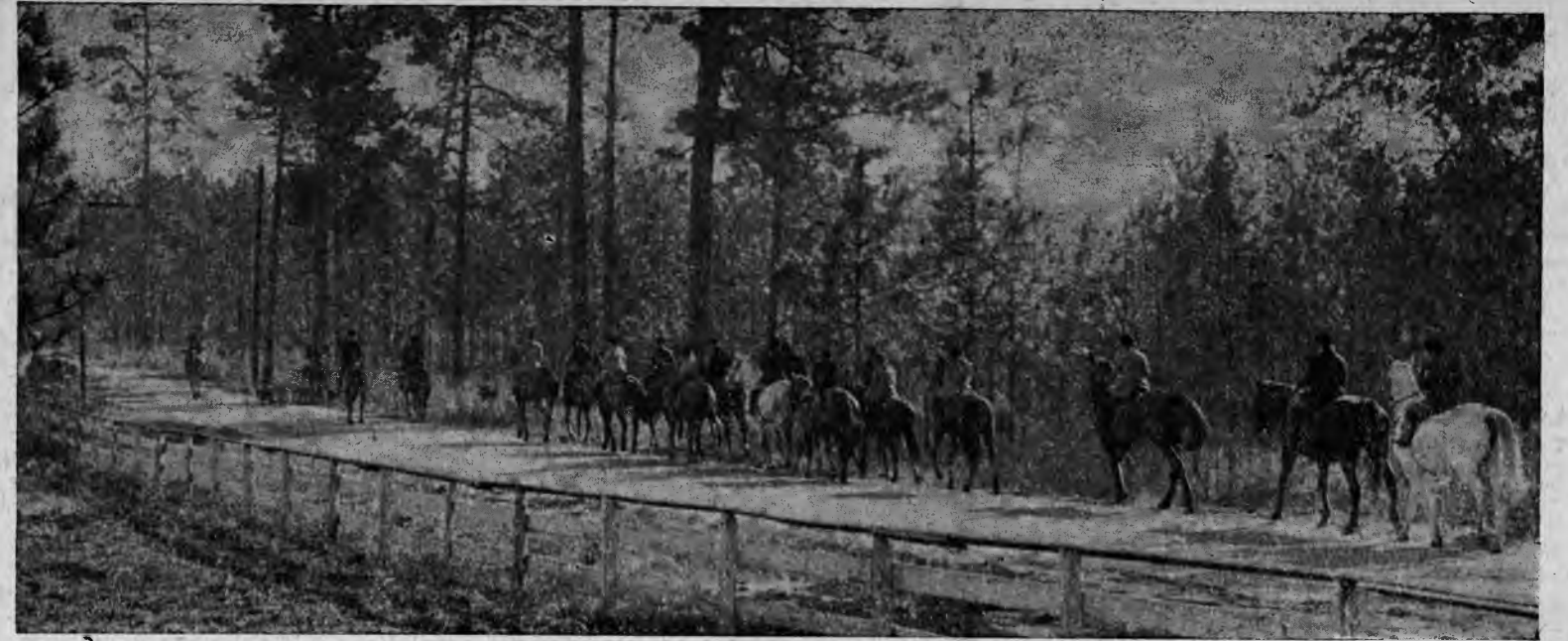
Here is the schedule: Wed. Mar. 20, West End, there. Thurs. Mar. 28, Hamet, here. Fri. Mar. 29, Pinehurst, there. Wed. Apr. 3, Sanford, here. Fri. Apr. 5, Vass, there. Tues. Apr. 9, Cameron, here. Thurs. Apr. 11, Aberdeen, there. Tues. Apr. 16, Vass, here. Thurs. Apr. 18, West End, here. Tues. Apr. 23, Carthage, here. Thurs. Apr. 25, Aberdeen, here. Fri. May 3, Robbins, here. \*Night Games—8 p. m. Afternoon home games—3:30 pm.

### LIONS

(Continued from page 1) West End dance trio composed of Julia Hanner, Nancy Auman, and Angelina Von Canon, accompanied by Mrs. Lamarr Smith; solo by Melvin Williams, Aberdeen; Graham Farrell, accompanist; majorette ensemble, Southern Pines High School; song and dance number by Jay Frances Fisher, Aberdeen; vocal solo, Mrs. Frank Yandell, Southern Pines; dance duet, Bonnie Bryant and Babs Arey, Aberdeen; piano solo, Dorothy Von Canon, West End; dance solo, Becky Markham, West End; and vocal solo, Roger Gibbs, Southern Pines.

Trumpet solo, David Duke, Southern Pines; piano solo, Graham Farrell, Aberdeen; vocal solo, Diana David, Pinebluff, accompanied by Mrs. Ina L. Bullock; dance solo, Judy Upole, West End; piano solo, Carolyn Petty, Pinebluff; vocal solo, Jean Franklin, Southern Pines, accompanied by Mrs. Bullock; dance trio, Clara Harper, Nancy Tate and Annadelle Smith, Southern Pines; piano solo, Mrs. Wilbur Currie; song and dance, Mary Lou Troutman, Pinebluff, accompanied by Carolyn Petty; vocal solo; Sylvia Thompson, Pinebluff, accompanied by Mrs. Wilbur Currie; vocal solo, Mrs. Frank Yandell, Southern Pines; and the final number, "The Lord's Prayer," sung by Frank Yandell of Southern Pines.

Mr. Coleman will present the awards immediately before the final number. Tickets may be secured from any member of the Lions Club in either West End, Southern Pines, Pinebluff or Aberdeen.



FOX HUNTING ON YOUNG'S ROAD

### Horse Training Centered On Young's Road

(Continued from page 1) The buildings are of contemporary design and employ a roof treatment that greatly increases inside area.

Another paddock and more clearing for pastures are in her plans. Right now she has about a dozen horses, most of them Welsh ponies.

Walsh, biggest operator on the road, recently bought the log cabin and stables, originally owned by Mr. and Mrs. John Tonnele. The Walshes have remodeled the house and are now living there. The stables add 17 more stalls to his already extensive establishment.

Other owners in the mile

stretch are F. D. "Dooley" Adams, one of the country's top steeplechase riders, who has three paddocks. He recently remodelled his home, adding a wing, and has improved his pastures.

R. D. "Dickie" Webb, who rides for the pleasure of it, has a small house and stables behind the Adams' layout where he keeps two horses, both jumpers.

Father Milton, a Catholic priest from New York, also has stables between Walsh's Stoneybrook Stables and the Adams place which he rents out during the season.

And Ozelle Moss, joint master

of the Moore County Hounds and one of the biggest operators in the area, has acreage along the road which he is constantly improving. He also has stables, which he rents out to owners who do not have their own facilities.

To the south of Young's Road, beyond the Healy and Kennedy estates, one of the most intensive developments in recent years is transforming the old Olive and Goldsmith farms into what will be one of the biggest training grounds in the South.

W. H. Franz, Jr., who has made a name for himself in steeplechasing (he was one of the top

riders in the annual Stoneybrook last year), started this past summer and has already remodelled several houses and stables.

His plans call for the eventual construction of a three-quarter mile track on the Goldsmith place, and enough facilities on both farms to take care of perhaps 100 or more horses.

Already he has fixed up the old house on the Goldsmith place, out Connecticut Ave., where he and Mrs. Franz live. He has joined the two farms, which have a combined acreage of more than 250 acres, and plans to have a complete horse training-farm operation ready next year.

### Kiwanis To Lead Drive For County-Wide Polio Shots

Intensive efforts to have every person in Moore County, from one day to 45 years of age, inoculated with Salk polio vaccine have been undertaken by the Sandhill Kiwanis Club, it was announced following the regular meeting Wednesday.

Jimmy Hobbs, club president, said the club had voted unanimously to spearhead the drive after hearing that the number of people who had not been vaccinated had reached "alarming proportions."

The club, which has members from almost every community in the county, has the full cooperation of the county's physicians in the drive.

"We want everyone vaccinated," Hobbs said. "The doctors, who are also alarmed at the seeming disinterest in the program, which is now nationwide, are offering their full cooperation by charging the minimum fee for providing and administering the shots."

The club's Public Affairs Committee, of which Dr. C. Robert VanderVoort of Southern Pines is chairman, will be in charge of the Kiwanis program and will attempt to persuade every citizen in the area to get the shots.

### PLANS ANNOUNCED

(Continued from Page 1) sation, Law Enforcement Officers association, Sandhills Kiwanis club and numerous other civic and church groups in the county.

Initial steps toward organization have been taken under leadership of a temporary group of officers consisting of Dr. R. M. McMillan, Southern Pines, chairman; Clinton W. Areson, Southern Pines, secretary-treasurer; John S. Ruggles, Southern Pines, membership chairman; meetings and publicity, Dr. Fred W. Langner and Mrs. Valerie Nicholson, Southern Pines; and other directors Rev. John A. Brown, Dr. J. C. Grier, Jr., S. D. Sherrard, Rev. Thomas Young, Pinehurst; Rev. F. Eugene Deese, Lawrence M. Johnson, Aberdeen; C. J. McDonald, Rev. W. S. Golden, Carthage; W. S. Scoggin, Robbins; Mrs. James Boyd, Miss Alma Chalker, Rev. Peter M. Denges, W. H. Fullenwider, Voit Gilmore, Dr. Vida C. McLeod, J. M. Pleasants, John L. Ponzer, Dr. J. W. Wilcox, Southern Pines.

An entirely new slate of officers will be presented Monday night for election by the membership to guide the organization through its first year.

As stated by the temporary president, Dr. McMillan, the Moore County Health association has no connection with any other organization, of similar name or purpose, which has ever existed previously in this area.

Everyone interested is invited to attend the organization meeting, to become a member if he wishes or just to "find out what it is all about."

### Theatre Group To Present "Blithe Spirit" Tonight

The Caravan-Pinehurst Theatre group, obviously pleased with the response to last week's production of "Bell, Book and Candle," will present another comedy this week end, with the opening performance tonight at 8:40.

The play is "Blithe Spirit," Noel Coward's farce that tells the story of a novelist who persuades a medium to hold a seance in his home so that he might study her as a character for a novel. Fred Carmichael, Barbara Willoughs and Peggen Rose will be seen in leading roles with Carol Arata and Steve Dunn in support.

Two guest performers will also have roles: Marian Baer of Rye, N. Y., who will play the role of the medium, and Judy Prince of Pinehurst, who has a supporting role. Miss Prince appeared in "The Common Glory," first as a soloist and later as a member of the cast, for the first five years of its run. An informal coffee hour will be

### RED CROSS

(Continued from Page 1) Gifts, \$4,200; Pleasant Hill, Mrs. Leon Howard, \$20; Robbins, J. A. Culbertson, \$700; Roseland, M. T. Ball, \$35.

Spies, Dan Dunlap, \$15; Taylor-town, Mrs. R. B. Crutchfield, chairman, Mrs. Rosa Watlington, vice-chairman, \$200; The Horse-shoe, Mrs. W. G. Caldwell, \$25; Union Church, James Shaw, \$25; Vass Woman's Club, Mrs. Howard Gschwind, \$350; West End, G. A. Munn, \$400; Westmore, Clinton Comer, \$70; West Southern Pines, Felton Capel, \$200; and White Hill, Mrs. Arthur Gaines, \$55.

The Weigh-a-day-a-month milk recording plan is the latest arrival to the national dairy production testing family. This makes a total of three plans sponsored by the Dairy Husbandry Research Branch, USDA, through the State Agricultural Extension Service for use by dairy farmers.

All high school students attending the play will pay full price for the first ticket purchased and only half price for the second one," said Fred Carmichael, co-producer. The offer applies only for Saturday and is good only in the balcony.

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