

Alcohol Education Program Begins; Wide Variety Of Material Available

Educational materials for "putting the facts before school children concerning the effects of alcohol" are in abundant supply for Moore County and will be used extensively in a program expected to get underway in the near future.

At a meeting Tuesday night the Rev. Robert Bame pastor of the Methodist Church here and director of a new program aimed at educating the public on the effects of alcohol, discussed some of the material already available and the methods planned for getting it before the public in the best form.

The county has a \$5,000 fund to be used in the program. Mr. Bame, together with Miss Mary Logan, supervisor of elementary education in Southern Pines schools, will be in charge of the program and will be assisted by several teachers. Two met with them Tuesday night.

Also at the meeting was Dr. Norbert Kelly, executive director of the North Carolina Alcoholic Rehabilitation Program, and George Adams, the program's educational director.

Both spoke on the work the state is now doing and urged the local committees to set up an effective program. They also promised any assistance the State might be able to offer.

Dr. Kelly said that "if we are ever going to do anything about alcohol education, we must do it through families and schools." He added that there were 64,000 court convictions in this state last year involving whiskey, 45,000 arrests made for public drunkenness, 10 to 12 thousand people lost their drivers license because of drunken driving convictions, and 4,000 accidents on the highways where inebriation was involved.

He said there were 52,000 cases of alcoholism in the State at present, "an appalling figure, but one that we have seen reduced in the past few years."

Moore County has 15 scholarships for study at Eastern Carolina College this summer and it is the hope of the committee that a teacher from each of the schools will make use of them. Details may be obtained from Mr. Bame or from John Ruggles in Southern Pines, or from Miss Logan.

Mr. Bame said at the meeting that he hopes to take the program to the public through civic and church groups as well as private meetings with anyone wishing to learn more about the effects of alcohol.

Workers Laying Gas Lines Commended For Efforts In Completing Neat Job

"People have been extremely cooperative and patient with us and we haven't experienced any trouble at all," an official in charge of laying natural gas pipelines in Southern Pines said this week.

Andy Anderson, inspector for Porter Barry and Associates, the engineers handling the laying of some 40,000 feet of pipes here for the North Carolina Natural Gas Corporation, said that, barring any unforeseen troubles, the job should be completed this week with the exception of one or two points.

"We have found the relationships here very pleasant," he said, "and would like to report to the people that we have not been forced to take out a single tree while digging these miles of lines. We have, to the best of our abilities, put the land back in as good a condition as we found it."

Mr. Anderson, a pleasant fellow who has a dual job—diplomacy and inspection—said that two crews with as many as 50 workmen employed during the peak of the construction, had completed laying a six inch line from Aberdeen to Morganton Road; a four inch line from Morganton Road up Broad Street to New York Avenue; a three inch line down New York to Page, then to Vermont and Leak, and then out Crestview to the site of the new Trimble plant.

Workmen have now dropped back and are laying a two inch main line and will be going out Bennett Street to Morganton Road.

The workmen have gained the friendship of many people who thought that bringing natural gas to town would also bring plenty of trouble.

Mr. Anderson said he had "leaned over backwards" when the occasion demanded it, once having crossed the street when a woman objected to the pipelines in front of her house.

He has also directed the workmen to take up sod and where possible replace it after the pipe has been laid, and to fill in ditches as well as possible.

"Digging a ditch in the Sandhills is easy," he said, "but it does present one difficulty: we frequently had cave-ins that were bothersome, but by no means something that we couldn't overcome."

He said the only two pieces of construction of any major importance still needed to be completed were the laying of lines under the railroad at two points: New York Avenue and Vermont Avenue.

The company, he said, expected to begin laying the service lines within two weeks and gas would be available by the middle of the summer.

Dominick Defatta, who is the local representative for the company, said this week that he had about 150 customers, both residential and commercial, signed up for gas when it is available.

The project started in Southern Pines April 6.

Alaska has the highest birth rate and the lowest death rate of any state.

Automobile-bicycle collisions during 1958 injured 59,300 persons.



ICE CREAM AND CASH were the awards presented to winners of the Howard Johnson Invitational Ladies Golf Tournament held at Mid Pines Club last weekend and the ladies in the above photo are enjoying a little of each. Handing the winner's check for almost \$1,000 to Joyce Ziske of Milwaukee, second from left, is Howard Johnson, president of the restaurant and motor lodge chain, while Mary Lena Faulk of Thomasville, Ga., at left, and Beverly Hanson, of Indio, California, enjoy a generous helping of ice cream from a sterling punch bowl. Miss Faulk and Miss Hanson tied for second in the tournament.

JOYCE ZISKE

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Gloria Fecht, 223; Fay Crocker, 223; Peggy Kirk Bell, 224; Betty Jamison, 226; Mickey Wright, 226; Kathy Cornélius, 227; Murlie McKenzie, 228; Marlene B. Hage, 232; Betty Bush, 232; Mary Ann Reynolds, 234; Gloria Armstrong, 234; Bonnie Randolph, 235, Wanda Sanches, 235.

Prizes were presented on the 18th hole following the tournament. A large contingent of local people and others who came from points throughout the state to witness the tournament were on hand.

One of the big features of the tournament was the dispensing of free ice cream to any and everyone who wanted it.

For the first year of the tournament, sponsoring officials said it was a whopping success, with the possible exception of the rain on the concluding day.

Youngster, After Visit Here, Killed In Auto Accident

One person was killed and five others injured when a car skidded on a rain-swept highway near Hamlet Sunday and smashed head on into another vehicle, the State Highway Patrol reported.

The dead victim was Lee Ella Ellison, 4-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Hubert Benton Ellison of Route 4, Taylors, S. C. Ellison, his wife and 7-year-old daughter, Emily, were carried to the Hamlet Hospital.

Also injured and hospitalized were Carlisle Morrison Smith and James Willie McDowell, both of Hampton, Va. The accident occurred five miles south of Hamlet on N. C. 77.

Patrolman J. B. Pierce, who investigated, said Smith told him his car skidded on the slippery highway and struck the Ellison vehicle.

The Ellisons had been to Southern Pines to visit Mrs. Ellison's mother and were on their way back home. Pierce said Ellison sustained severe lacerations of the face and head and possible broken ribs. His wife, Patricia, suffered a broken back and broken hip. Emily received minor injuries. Pierce said Smith has a dislocated back, while McDowell sustained a dislocated hip.

Mrs. Ellison is the sister of Mrs. Joe Woodall of Southern Pines. Mr. Woodall is the Moore District Boy Scout Executive.

COUNCIL

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pointive and elective members would serve the best purposes of the town. Harry Pethick, returning to the Council this term after failing for re-election two years ago, said he had been in favor of an appointive board, when the question came up before, but now believed that the majority of the people in town wanted an elective board.

"For that reason," he said, "I am in favor of making a change."

It was Mr. Pethick who suggested that a post card survey of opinion be made.

Mayor Ewing several times during the conversation injected a plea for avoiding hasty action and allowing time for a complete study of the matter. While insisting throughout that if the people wanted a change they were entitled to vote on the matter, he stressed the point that, due to the legal requirements involved, immediate action was impossible, even if desirable.

As to who would be eligible to vote, it was brought out at the meeting that, according to a survey made by a town-appointed precinct study committee two years ago, some 2,700 people live in the school district which would take part in the voting.

To pleas made from several in the audience for "action" and, "a public meeting," the council turned a subduingly deaf ear. Councilman Pethick, backed by W. Harry Fullenwider from the audience, suggested that to hold a public meeting would "turn neighbor against neighbor, and that's something we want to avoid. There is enough tension now without creating more."

Mr. Pethick was referring to the controversy created when it became known that Superintendent A. C. Dawson, Jr. had notified High School Principal Irie Leonard that his name would not be included in the list of teachers submitted to the School Board for re-appointment and that the board concurred in the decision—a controversy which has created wide divisions in town.

Only positive action taken at the Council meeting, besides the decision to hold the post card survey of public opinion, was the reappointment to the School Board of P. I. York, for a four-year term. Mr. York is the first Negro to serve on the Board.

ENEMY FORCES

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and, something unusual, the reserve units will be called to duty immediately from their homes and immediately take up their military missions.

The use of the Air Force National Guard and reserve forces in a major exercise is a new test of the nation's Armed Forces' ability to marshal for a "brush fire" war.

Here's what will happen in Southern Pines:

Two fictitious countries, North Salada and Mountania, are at odds with each other. The "Bramac" strip is the heart of the problem because its vast oil reserves have made the area, a part of North Salada, a tempting prize. The strip takes in the Camp Mackall Reservation and Fort Bragg with all land in between. Southern Pines is the principal town in the area.

The strip becomes the object of much tension and finally the United Nations (theoretically) answers an appeal from North Salada for help. The UN agrees to provide aid and requests the United States to furnish military help.

Vigorous fighting results in the strip, including parachute jumps and the movement of heavy equipment, but Southern Pines is taken over by the invading forces of Mountania.

That's where the real role of the town comes in. After being invaded and the town government, newspaper and radio station confiscated by enemy troops, there are pitched battles and the town is liberated.

After that a special team

MATERNAL

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of Mrs. J. Talbot Johnson, co-chairman of the county committee, raised \$110.00, with probably more to come. Mrs. Carl Wynne, Mrs. D. P. Troutman and Mrs. H. J. Edge, of the Senior Woman's Club, assisted Mrs. Johnson.

In Pinehurst, Mrs. Alfred M. Derouin had as her helpers Mrs. Michael Pishko, Mrs. J. Watson Smith, Mrs. True Cheney, Mrs. Melvin Wicker, Mrs. Journey, and Mrs. Lela De Garve. Pinehurst exceeded its usual amount, raising \$130 this year.

Carthage also added to its last year's total by a slight margin, turning in \$89.28. The drive was in the hands of Mrs. Fred Beck, president of the American Legion Auxiliary, with Mrs. Worth McLeod assisting.

From Cameron came a check for \$25. Mrs. Warren Ferguson is the chairman for this neighborhood.

Pinebluff's contribution this year is \$41.00. Pinebluff's major effort, as always goes into the fine work carried on now for many years by the volunteer committee which works closely with the county welfare and health departments under the leadership of Mrs. Walter MacNeille, secretary of the Maternal Welfare Committee.

Helping Mrs. MacNeille were Mesdames Walter Davenport, John Fiddner, Clarence Durant, Timothy Cleary, M. K. Lausten, John D. Mangum, Mrs. Gustafson, and Miss Polly Sproul.

Vass remains to be heard from, as do the Community Chest towns of Robbins and West End, always yearly contributors, and the churches of West Southern Pines.

HUBBARD

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to formulate plans for next year's program.

At the meeting Friday reports from the various chairmen of chapter activities indicated that a great deal of work had been accomplished during the past few months. Reports were received from Father Francis Smith, pastor of St. Anthony's Catholic Church on home nursing; General Hill on home service; Dr. John C. Grier, Jr., on safety services; Mrs. Vance Wilson on Junior Red Cross; Donald Kennedy on the blood program. Mr. Kennedy was not at the meeting but John Buchholz, reporting for him, said that \$10,176 has been collected towards a goal of \$13,684 for Red Cross activities.

General Hill reported on various activities during the past year, congratulating the various committee chairmen for their untiring efforts in behalf of the program. He said the base of the chapter's work must be broadened so that more people could avail themselves of Red Cross services, and also for more people to take an active part in the activities of the chapter.

The guest speaker was Mrs. Marion Ritzert, assistant director of Volunteers of the Southeast Area, Atlanta. She told of the many Red Cross projects which are continually expanding.

The nominating committee for new officers was composed of A. L. Burney, chairman; Mrs. Ira T. Wyche and Frank Shamburger.

General Hill announced that the annual meeting of the Red Cross would be held in Atlantic City June 1-3, and that Mrs. Audrey Kennedy, executive director of the chapter, has been appointed a member of an eighteen member committee on resolutions. She will leave for the convention May 26.

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