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Ernest Morell, Noted Horticulturist, Succumbs at 78; Funeral Here Friday

Little Symphony To Give Concerts Tonight, Friday

Tonight the North Carolina Little Symphony, under the direction of Benjann Swalin, will present a concert at 8:30 o'clock in Weaver Auditorium. The program will feature two guest artists, violinist Kenji Kobayashi and mezzo-soprano Sophia Stefan.

Special feature of tonight's program will be Noel Sokoloff's "Canticle for Strings." Mr. Sokoloff is known in Southern Pines as the husband of Nancy Boyd, daughter of Mrs. James Boyd. He now resides in Princeton, N. J., and is a member of the faculty of Mannes College of Music.

Son of Nikolai Sokoloff, young Noel had ample reason to choose music as a career. His father was founder and first conductor of the Cleveland Orchestra. His brother Boris is manager of the Minneapolis Symphony and brother Martin is administrative assistant to the director of the Manhattan School of Music.

Two children's concerts are being given while the state orchestra is in Southern Pines. Children heard the orchestra today at the West Southern Pines School Gym and tomorrow morning a second concert will be given at Aberdeen School. Selections at the children's concerts include excerpts from the following works: Strauss' "The Gypsy Baron"; Haydn's "Clock" Symphony; and Delibes' ballet "Coppelia"; the ballet music from Schubert's "Rosamunde"; three Debussy numbers: Snow is Dancing and Golliwig's Cakewalk from "Children's Corner" Suite; and Cortège from "Petite" Suite. The children join the orchestra in singing "Marching to Pretoria," a song from the South African Veld, and Haydn's "Oh Worship the King."

Bloodmobile to Visit in Moore

The Red Cross bloodmobile will be in Moore County on Tuesday and Wednesday, March 8 and 9, from 11 a. m. until 5 p. m.

On Tuesday March 8 it will be at the school gymnasium in Robbins.

On Wednesday, March 9, it will be at the school gymnasium in Carthage.

People from all sections of the county are urged to go to the bloodmobile and give blood as Moore County is lagging behind its quota in the Piedmont Carolinas blood program.

Both of Moore County's hospitals get blood for patients through the program's blood bank at Charlotte.

Physical Therapy Department to Be Set Up by Moore Memorial Hospital

At a meeting of the Moore Memorial Hospital board of directors Tuesday night, approval was given to the establishment of a physical therapy department with a registered therapist available for both in-patients and out-patients. The department will be activated immediately.

It was announced that the Easter Seal fund for crippled children had set aside \$500 for the purchase of equipment for the department.

Paul Dana, treasurer, reported that the Grace Whittemore and Parker Whittemore Trusts, established in October 1923, one month before the hospital officially opened, left approximately \$26,000 out of the two trust funds for Moore Memorial Hospital.

Upon recommendation of D. K. Bullens, chairman of the hospital finance committee, the directors referred to the executive committee the problem of the misuse of the hospital's emergency facilities. The discussion following this recommendation revealed that many patients who are treated in the hospital's emergency room should not be classified as real

Funeral services will be held at the Church of Wide Fellowship at 11 a. m. Friday for Ernest Morell, noted horticulturist and owner of the Holly Tree Nurseries on Midland Road. The Rev. Carl Wallace, pastor of the church, will officiate, assisted by the Rev. James H. Lighthouse, Jr., of Atlanta, Ga. Burial will be in Mt. Hope Cemetery.

Mr. Morell was stricken unexpectedly Tuesday morning and died that evening at Moore Memorial Hospital. Today, February 25, would have been his 79th birthday. He was born in Germany on that day in 1881.

During his more than 50 years as a horticulturist, Mr. Morell worked in his native land, in England, in other European nations, in Egypt and at various places in the United States.

He first came to Southern Pines to supervise landscaping at the newly constructed Highland Pines Inn on Weymouth Heights in 1912, at the invitation of the late John Y. Boyd. Some years later, he returned to become a permanent resident, going to Peace Dale, R. I., with Mrs. Morell in the summers, for many years.

Mr. Morell graduated from a college of horticulture in Germany and gained practical experience there and in England where he was with the famous Kew Gardens for about five years, studying and working with experts in horticulture and landscaping. His work there stimulated his interest in Oriental plants and trees—a field in which he became expert, introducing Oriental plants to this country and to the Sandhills. Among these were the Japanese holly and the deodar which are frequently seen in the private and public landscaping projects he supervised in this area.

Mr. Morell spent three years in Egypt and was one of the men associated with landscaping the gardens of the famous Mena House, a hotel near the Pyramids.

In this country, before coming to Southern Pines permanently, (Continued on page 8)

Honor for Garden Club Announced

The Southern Pines Garden Club has been nominated for a Certificate of Commendation from Governor Hodges and the Keep North Carolina Beautiful Executive Committee.

Mrs. B. F. Kraffert and Mrs. L. T. Avery will receive the certificate, for the club, at a meeting of the Committee at the Washington Duke Hotel in Durham March 7.

Announcement of the award came to Mrs. Norris Hodgkins, club president, who will be unable to attend the March 7 meeting.

Dr. Allen On Staff

Dr. William W. Allen, who recently joined the staff of the Pinehurst Surgical Clinic, was formally made a member of the hospital's associate staff, to assist Dr. Michael Pishko.

The directors passed a resolution wishing for George H. Maurice of Eagle Springs, honorary president of the board, who is now 88, a speedy recovery. Mr. Maurice is a patient in Moore Memorial Hospital.



LITTLE TRIP — This reproduction of a portrait painted by Patricia Herring Stratton of Southern Pines shows Dwight W. Winkelman on his Little Trip, an 11-year-old dark chestnut thoroughbred that was reserve champion and was awarded the new Field Hunter Cup trophy at Saturday's Hunter Trials held here. Little

Trip was champion hunter at the Trials in 1955 and 1956 and has been chosen reserve champion the past three years. He won the thoroughbred class trophy for several years including 1958 and 1959. The Little Trip challenge trophy, given each year in the thoroughbred hunter class, is named for him.

1,000 Persons See Hunter Trials

About 1,000 persons braved a brisk wind Saturday afternoon to watch performances by some of the finest hunters in the land at the Scott's Corners course, off Young's Road, the site of the 28th running of the Moore County Hunter Trials.

Cars were lined up three deep across the hilltop parking area, and their occupants hung over the fence or roamed from car to car, greeting friends at this traditional opener of the spring equestrian season. Picnics were served from the back of many station wagons.

For four hours as the shadows of the pines grew long, down the hill and over the valley, over the fences and along the ridge went horse after horse in six classes. The three judges took notes, and the voice of Dennis "Nick" Crotty, announcer, sounded over a loudspeaker, describing the ac-

Permit Required For Installation Of Gas Facilities

No gas appliance or gas facility can be installed in the corporate limits of Southern Pines without first obtaining a gas permit from the gas inspector. This will include L. P. gas (bottle gas) as well as natural gas, according to Joel Stutts, gas inspector, who has been receiving training with the Fayetteville gas inspector.

A city gas serviceman's license is required before any company can install a gas facility in the town. This license will be issued by a board of examiners consisting of the fire chief, city manager and gas inspector, according to the gas code.

Gas inspection for all installations will include an air pressure test on the gas piping to test for possible leaks; correct venting for appliances (types A, B, and BW only are approved); correct type piping used; proper type shut-offs and correct location as well as compliance with other parts of the gas code, Stutts said.

Stutts indicated that the gas code will be strictly enforced to insure safety in all homes in the corporate limits of the town which install gas appliances and facilities.

Stutts, who is also plumbing inspector, requires all plumbers to fill waste lines and vents with water to check for possible sewer gas and water leaks according to the plumbing code, before they are approved.

All companies installing gas facilities or plumbing in town now receive a written inspection report indicating whether a job is approved or disapproved by the inspector.



CHAMPION — Blessington, owned by Ray Firestone and entered in Saturday's Hunter Trials here by his Lauray Farms of South Carolina, is shown with Max Bonham up, receiving the Stoneybrook Perpetual Trophy from Mrs. Michael G. Walsh, donor, as champion of the trials. Blessington won the Thoroughbred Hunter class and went on to take the championship in competition with first and second placing horses in other classes. (Humphrey photo)

Champs: Carthage Boys, Robbins Girls

Two mild upsets featured the finals of the Moore County Basketball Tournament when the Robbins girls and Carthage boys won games played in the Robbins gym Saturday night.

The Robbins girls, seeded No. 2 in the tournament, defeated Carthage's top-seeded girls 44-37 and Carthage's second seeded boys downed topseeded Vass-Lakeview 42-36.

The Carthage girls, who were defending champs, failed in their repeat bid.

Ruby Williams tallied 21 points and Delores Baxter 13 to lead the Robbins attack with Frances Wil-

DISTRICT PLAYOFFS

The District 4 basketball playoffs will take place Friday night in the Elise School gym at Robbins, with two games scheduled. The winners will advance to the State playoffs next weekend at Red Springs.

In the first contest at 7 p. m., the Carthage boys, Moore County champions, meet Star, winner in Montgomery County. The second game at 8:30 pits Laurel Hill against Ellerbe.

Vass, which won the regular season title in Moore, drew a bye and will play in the Red Springs event.

liams of Carthage claiming high scoring honors with 24.

Archie Kelly paced Carthage's boys with 16 points as he led the close win. Carthage led by only two points, 18-16, at halftime and could never gain more than a six-point lead, the final margin. Tom Jessup was high for Vass-Lakeview with 14.

Semi-Finals

In Friday night's games at Robbins, Cameron's girls lost a hard-fought battle to Carthage's unbeaten girls team by the score of 58-54. The Cameron girls played by far their best game of the season in their near upset of Carthage. The game was not decided until the final minutes in the contest.

In the second game of the evening Vass-Lakeview boys took a 56-40 victory over the Robbins boys. The Vass-Lakeview team took a commanding first-half lead and coasted to their win.

Blue Knights Edged Carthage's boys eked out a 36-35 win over Southern Pines in the final game of the evening. Southern Pines cut a 13-point halftime advantage held by Carthage to the final margin of one point.

All-County Teams Boys

One Southern Pines player was named to the all-county teams which were picked by the coaches. (Continued on page 8)

Young People Injured In Traffic Accidents

Heart Fund Sets Drive

Sunday, February 28, is Heart Sunday and inaugurates a one-week campaign for gifts to the Heart Fund in Moore County. No door-to-door canvassing is to be made, but contributions toward the county's quota of \$3,000 are requested of all citizens by the Heart Association.

Gifts may be made by mailing or handing contributions to local treasurers, or by placing donations in red plastic containers which have been placed near cash registers of 66 business concerns or gathering centers in the county.

Community treasurers are Mrs. Garland McPherson for Southern Pines and Pinehurst. Mrs. Jere McKeithen, Aberdeen, Richard James, Robbins, and T. Roy Phillips, Carthage.

The Moore County Chairman is Dr. Emily Tufts of Pinehurst. Dr. Cheves Ligon of Southern Pines is county fund-raising chairman.

Contributions are forwarded to the N. C. Heart Association and are disbursed throughout the state for research, education and community services. With the support of the Heart Association, medical science has made dramatic progress in saving lives of thousands of heart victims. Research has provided the knowledge needed to prevent rheumatic fever, to control most cases of high blood pressure, to repair damaged heart valves and to correct congenital defects through heart surgery and to develop heart-lung machines.

Memorial contributions are received by the community treasurers throughout the year. Much of the total given in Moore County is made up of memorial gifts.

Phillips Answers Nickens's Suit, Asks for Damages

Contrary to committing a malicious unprovoked attack on Cameron Mayor H. W. Nickens as alleged, Cameron Town Board Member J. A. Phillips was himself the victim of such an attack, with blows which laid his head open, necessitating six stitches, states Phillips in a pleading filed at Carthage in Moore Superior Court.

Phillips, answering Nickens' \$10,000 suit filed last December, presents a denial of Nickens' charges, plus answer and defense, plus further answer and defense and plea in bar, along with a counterclaim for the same money Nickens is asking—\$5,000 actual and \$5,000 punitive damages.

Hardly any of the leading citizens queried after Nickens filed his suit had heard of any trouble between their longtime mayor, an upholsterer, and board member Phillips, a businessman and hardware merchant.

Nickens claimed Phillips came into his place of business November 3, and committed an unprovoked assault upon him, choking him; refused to leave when asked, and on the contrary ran Nickens out of his own business place; and that in the course of the assault Nickens' left hand was fractured and he was unable to use it in his business for several weeks.

Nickens gave no reason for the (Continued on page 8)

25 Attend First Lutheran Service

Twenty-five adults and children attended the initial Lutheran Church service held in the Civic Club on Sunday, Pastor Lester Roof, of Sanford, reports.

Future services will be conducted on the first and third Sundays of each month at 7:30 p. m., in the Civic Club.

Luther A. Adams was elected treasurer of the group at a short business session following the service.

Mishaps Occur Saturday after Tournney Games

Three traffic accidents involving young people, one occurring in Southern Pines, the other two near Robbins, followed the Moore County High School Basketball Tournament finals held at Robbins Saturday night.

The accident occurring in Southern Pines about 12:35 a. m. sent three boys to the hospital with serious injuries. One boy, June Jackson, 18, of Route 1, West End, was rated in critical condition with fractures of both legs, and head lacerations. The driver, Roy Stanley Ritter, 19, of Eastwood, June Jackson and the other passenger, Wesley McQueen Garrison, 17, of West End, Rt. 1, are in St. Joseph of the Pines hospital.

An attending nurse at St. Joseph's said this morning that all three boys are much improved. Jackson is off the critical list, she said, and Ritter will be able to go home in a few days. Ritter's teeth were knocked out and his right leg and jaw were broken. Garrison suffered a fractured pelvis and lacerations of face and head.

The other two accidents both involved rear-end collisions in the long line of traffic extending southward from Robbins on NC 705 after the game. The cars were filled with high school boys and girls, and two of the girls suffered injuries in each collision, Paulette Dietenhofer of Pinehurst and Phyllis Bolton of Carthage, both 16 years old, in the first one, and Connie Grier Pierce and Frances Harper, both 17, of Southern Pines, in the second.

The collisions occurred about 11:25 p. m. as lead cars stopped at the intersection with NC 27, two miles south of Robbins, causing other cars to stop for several hundred feet back. Some 400 feet back, according to Patrolman T. S. Clark, investigating, Larry Atkins Edmonds, 17, of Pinehurst, stopped his car, which had had the Bolton girl among its passengers, and Paulette Dietenhofer, just behind, stopped hers. Robert Douglas Upchurch, 17, of Highfalls, drove into the rear of Paulette's car, knocking it into the rear of Larry's.

As other cars behind them stopped, some 200 feet back the car driven by Connie Grier Pierce ran into the rear of that driven by Owen Tracy (Topper) Parks III, 16, of Southern Pines. Connie and Frances Harper, both on the front seat of Connie's car, received head and knee injuries as they were jolted forward. Both were treated at Moore Memorial hospital and released.

Paulette Dietenhofer and Phyllis Bolton both had neck injuries, and both were retained as patients at Moore Memorial with braces on their necks.

Paulette's mother, Mrs. Herbert J. Dietenhofer, said this morning that her daughter, and also the Bolton girl, had been released from the hospital Monday, but that both are still wearing neck braces. She said that x-rays appeared to show no fracture in Paulette's neck. Her daughter has been going to school part-time since returning home, but still has considerable pain.

All five cars involved in the collisions sustained damages ranging from an estimated \$200 to \$400.

Southern Pines police investigated the accident to the Ritter car, which occurred close to the intersection of NC 22 with NC 2 (the Midland Road) when the car ran off on the right hand side and hit a tree. Sgt. L. D. Beck, investigating, said the Ritter boy told him he had been taking the other boys home to West End after the game. He apparently had missed the road and did not know he was in Southern Pines. His 1953 Ford two-door was demolished by the impact with the tree, which drove the right front wheel up into the floorboard.

Ritter was recently discharged from the Army, while Jackson and Garrison are West End High School students.