

## 'Neighbor Aid' Funds Running Low at Hospital

The Neighbor Aid Fund at Moore Memorial Hospital, which gives or loans money to patients who are otherwise unable to pay their hospital bills, is nearly exhausted and a campaign will begin soon to raise it to an effective level, Robert S. Ewing of Southern Pines, chairman of the fund, said this week.

Almost \$10,000 was raised from voluntary subscriptions for the fund, about a year ago, the chairman said. Nearly all of it has been used to aid over 100 individuals and families with hospital bills in the past year. Some of this is being gradually paid back by persons who can make payments, Mr. Ewing said, but much more is needed if the fund is to serve its purpose.

Funds are allocated on a basis of need as determined by a committee of hospital directors. The money is used especially to help persons who are not receiving county welfare payments, but who are "medically indigent," that is, unable to meet medical expenses, above their normal living costs.

Mr. Ewing cited these typical cases in which Neighbor Aid Funds have been used in the past year:

1. A 16-year-old girl, supported by her widowed mother who receives Social Security payments, had an operation for appendicitis. The mother receives some financial help from two grown sons, but was unable to pay the hospital bill. Neighbor Aid paid part of the bill and the mother is paying the balance in small monthly installments.

2. An 84-year-old Negro woman whose husband owns a small farm and had paid previous bills for his wife's repeated hospitalization, but could not pay a \$740 bill that followed an operation. Neighbor Aid paid \$375 and the husband planned to pay as much of the rest as he could after selling his tobacco.

3. A 50-year-old man not regularly employed, because of a war injury, who receives a small government pension and whose wife works. Following an operation, his hospital bill amounted to \$144 of which Neighbor Aid paid \$88. The wife, with the help of her son, has cleared the account with periodic payments.

4. A 44-year-old Negro woman who was admitted to the hospital with acute pneumonia. Her husband is only partially employed because of ill health. Neighbor Aid paid \$200 of a \$254 bill. The family so far has been unable to make any further payments on the account.

## Commissioners Authorize Plans For Ag Building

The Moore County Commissioners, in a special meeting last week, authorized T. T. Hayes, Southern Pines architect, to proceed with drawing plans for the new proposed Moore County Agriculture building to be located in Carthage.

The proposed building is to be located on a site near the Carthage Presbyterian church across from the Moore County Health Center. It will house the county agent and home agent offices, ASC quarters, FHA and Negro home agent departments, as well as the Soil Conservation office.

## NEW POST OFFICE FOR PINEBLUFF

Pinebluff will have a new post office next spring. March 1 is the tentative completion date for the new building. Announcement of the new facility came from the office of the Postmaster General Arthur E. Summerfield at Washington.

The unit will be on the east side of the highway in the first block north of the present post office. It will be built by a private owner and leased to the Government.

Mrs. Ethel Edwards is postmaster at Pinebluff.



CONGRATULATIONS — Southern Pines Golf Carousel champions—Bill Harvey of Greensboro and Reid Towler of Raleigh, standing at left—are congratulated for their Sunday victory at the Pine Needles Country Club by Tom Ruggles, tournament chairman, right, and Charles Marcum, tournament director. (Humphrey photo)

## Harvey-Towler Team Wins Carousel

A Greensboro-Raleigh team won the men's championship and a Southern Pines team won the mixed division, in finals of the Southern Pines Golf Carousel Sunday.

The final round was played and trophies were awarded at the Pine Needles Country Club.

The field comprised 107 two-player teams—from 12 states, Canada and the District of Columbia, with a relatively small number of Tar Heels and very few local teams entered.

Bill Harvey of Greensboro and Reid Towler of Raleigh won in the championship flight of the 10-flight men's division. They defeated two University of North Carolina students, Raymond Floyd of Fayetteville and Peter Green of Franklin Hills, Mich., 4 and 3.

In the two-flight mixed division, Harry Chaffield and Mrs. Laura Lee Menoher, of Southern Pines, copped the prize and were medalists in the division with 38-37-75.

In the championship final, they defeated Mr. and Mrs. John J. Byrne of Wildwood, N. J., 4 and 3. Consolation winners in the mixed division championship flight were Mr. and Mrs. Ray Bassler of Toledo, Ohio.

A 10th flight of the men's division was composed of some men's and some mixed teams.

Trophies were awarded winners

and runners-up in all flights, including trophies in consolation flights, after the Sunday finals. The presentations were made by Tom Ruggles, tournament chairman for the sponsoring Jaycees, following congratulatory remarks by Dr. Joe Currie, Jaycee president, who issued a warm invitation to all participants to return next fall.

A Thursday night party at the

Southern Pines Country Club and a dance at the Armory Saturday night were highlights of what has come to be one of the most popular seasonal events in this part of the country. With two golf clubs participating instead of three as in former years, the entry list had to be limited, but even so this was the largest and most successful.

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## TOURNEY CHAIRMAN TELL THANKS

Tom Ruggles, chairman for the Jaycees of the four-day Southern Pines Golf Carousel which ended here Sunday after playing host to some 200 golfers, had high praise this week for his associates in staging the tournament and predicted an outstanding future for the annual event.

Ruggles said that Charles Marcum, of Whispering Pines, golf professional who was tournament director, "did a magnificent job."

He expressed appreciation for the services of Eddie Ervin, Jr., assistant chairman, and of other Jaycee chairmen: Bill McAdams, dance; Wilbur Creed, entries; and Jerry Frazier, invitations. He praised the hard work of all the Jaycees on various aspects of the event.

"We feel now that this tournament, which is being held this year for the seventh time, is made

—that its success is assured," Ruggles said. "And we feel we have accomplished our purpose of sponsoring an outstanding event, with large numbers of people coming here, at a slack time of the Sandhills season."

"There were around 200 visitors here for the tournament," Ruggles pointed out, "and they stayed in most of the hotels and motels of the area and ate their meals in local restaurants, for four days. If they all spent as little as \$50 per person, which is a low estimate, it would bring in \$10,000 while they were here. In addition, the Jaycees spent over \$3,000 in putting the Carousel on. Many of the Carousel players patronized local stores for other needs than food and lodging. You can see what all this means to the community."

## Theatre in the Pines Preparing for First Production Dec. 1-3

Tickets went on sale this week in Southern Pines, Pinehurst and Aberdeen for the first production of Theatre in the Pines, the newly organized Sandhills community theatre group.

Moss Hart's comedy, "Light Up the Sky" will be presented by the group—in which more than two dozen Sandhills people are working in various capacities—Thursday, Friday and Saturday, December 1, 2 and 3, in Weaver Auditorium.

Theatre in the Pines brings this area its first fully organized theatrical group in more than a decade. The cast includes persons with experience in the theatre and others who have joined enthusiastically in six months of planning, research and organizational work.

Tickets for the production are now on sale at Steed Realty, Courts and Company, Studio Book Shop and Mid Pines Club, in Southern Pines; Larry's Men's Shop in Pinehurst; and Bryan Drug Co. and Craig Walgreen Drug Co. in Aberdeen.

The cast of "Light Up the Sky" is going into its sixth week of rehearsals under the direction of Richard L. Castle of Fort Bragg, a graduate of the Drama Department of Northwestern University and experienced in several community theatres and in television and radio productions. Mrs. A. N. Derouin of Pinehurst is assistant director.

Mrs. Karl Stuart is stage manager, assisted by Mrs. J. Watt

Smith. Others in charge of various phases of the production are: Miss Garry Sutherland, lighting; Karl Stuart, scenery; Mrs. Hollie Sisk, sets and props; Mrs. Frank P.

Smith, costumes; Mrs. Al Brezinski, make-up; Mrs. John McPhaul, ushers; Dan Harvat, program.

Also: John McPhaul, ticket sales; Max Rush, box office; Mrs. Anne Mischke, telephone; Mrs.

Dan Harvat, secretary; and Mrs. C. Benedict, publicity.

All are of Southern Pines, except Mrs. Sisk, of West End and Southern Pines, and Mrs. Mischke, of Aberdeen.



REHEARSAL SCENE — Eight of the 13 persons in the cast of Moss Hart's comedy, "Light Up the Sky," to be presented by the Theatre in the Pines December 1-3, are pictured in this rehearsal scene. Left to right, they are: Mrs. Cedric Millsbaugh, Mrs. William Frantz, Jr., Paul B. Boroughs, Jr., N. Archie MacLeod, Jr., Miss Bettye McCaskill, Dan Harvat, Mrs. Paul Boroughs, Jr., and Tom Connolly. Miss McCaskill and Mr. Connolly are from Pinehurst; Mr. MacLeod is from Carthage and the others are from Southern Pines. Members of the cast not pictured are: David Sedberry, George Morrison, Harry McStravick, Robert E. Strouse and Mrs. Frank P. Smith, all of Southern Pines. (Humphrey photo)

## Youth Killed on NC 22 Saturday; Inquest Planned

A Negro youth, William Curtis Martin, 19, of Route 2, Carthage, was killed when struck by a car on NC 22, about a quarter mile beyond the Southern Pines-Pinehurst airport, shortly before midnight Saturday.

State Highway Patrolman T. S. Clark identified the driver of the car as David Ronald Eaton, 20, of Route 2, Carthage. With him was Billy Ray Hinesley, 19, same address. The car is owned by Billy Ray's father, Ted Hinesley. They were driving toward Carthage.

Eaton told the patrolman that he was meeting a car, dimmed his lights, then brightened them to see the dark figure just ahead, too late to put on brakes. The impact threw Martin 51 feet along the shoulder. He was dead—neck broken, skull fractured and one leg shattered—when the patrolman arrived some 20 minutes later.

Clark brought to the Southern Pines jail for questioning a group of four Negro youths who were standing beside the road, eyewitnesses to the tragedy. One of them, Henry Norris, 20, of Route 2, Carthage, he placed under arrest for drunkenness.

Some other Negroes are believed to have left the scene before the patrolman got there. Those he interrogated told him they had all been in two cars, and a fight had started between Martin and Morris, whereupon they stopped and put them out to let them "fight it out." In a few minutes they separated the pair, and Martin, they said, told them he "didn't want nothing more to do with them," and would walk home. He had started out along the highway just as the car came along.

No charges have been made, pending a coroner's inquest.

## OPENING HUNT

The traditional Thanksgiving opening hunt of the Moore County Hounds is being held today, (Thursday), with members meeting at Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Moss's Mileaway Farm for a drag hunt at 10 a. m.

Mr. Moss is master, with Gene Cunningham, Beverly Gray and Mrs. Moss as whips.

Morris Johnson will lead spectators in automobiles who wish to follow the hunt.

## Railroad Merger Won't Hurt Service to Area, Head of Seaboard Says

### THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY

As The Pilot went to press a day early on Wednesday afternoon, Southern Pines and Moore County were preparing for a holiday on Thanksgiving day, Thursday. Banks, post offices and public buildings, ABC stores, and most stores and offices were to be closed for the day, but were expected to reopen Friday.

School children throughout the county are having a longer holiday, leaving Wednesday afternoon to return Monday morning.

### 4th Division of 40 & 8 to Stage 'Promenade' Here

The Moore County Voiture of the 40 & 8 (La Societe des 40 Hommes et 8 Chevaux)—the American Legion's fun and honor society—will be host here Saturday to the Fourth Division of the Grand Voiture of North Carolina for the Fall Promenade, according to an announcement from Sam Hartsell of Carthage, grand chef de train of the division which includes Moore and a number of other central North Carolina counties.

Frank Jones of Winston-Salem, grand chef de gare for North Carolina, and other grand officials, are expected here to take part in the day's events.

The convening veterans, who use French railroad terminology for all their offices and procedures, will meet at 11 a. m. at Devil's Creek Lodge (former Pine Valley Club) off Morganton Road, between Southern Pines and Pinehurst, for sandwiches and coffee.

A formal meeting for business and a "wreck," or initiation of candidates for membership, will start at 1 p. m. in the National Guard Armory on Morganton Road.

Local voiture officials warn the public that the candidates for membership, known as "poor goofs," may be in town dressed strangely and be required to ask unusual questions of strangers, as part of their initiation. Courtesy treatment is asked for the candidates.

The members will assemble again at Devil's Creek Lodge for refreshments and recreation with a dinner dance for the voyageurs and their ladies to start there at 8 p. m. Lloyd L. Woolley of Southern Pines, grand chef de gare of (Continued on page 8)

## PTA Sponsors Magazine Sale

The annual magazine subscription drive sponsored by the East Southern Pines Parent-Teacher Association began Monday, to run through December 5. Mrs. Donald Denoff, chairman of the project, said this week.

High School and Junior High School students are taking subscription orders, she said, but the drive this year will be conducted independently of the school. PTA members, not teachers, will receive and process the subscription orders.

The sale is one of the PTA's major money-making projects. Proceeds go to help publish the school annual and for other school-aid projects.

## Bloodmobile To Be In Carthage Tuesday

The Red Cross Bloodmobile will be in Carthage next Tuesday at the High School gymnasium between the hours of 11 a. m. and 5 p. m., with a goal of 125 pints. This will be the second visit of the unit there this year. T. Roy Phillips is chairman of the program.

In a letter to Mayor Robert S. Ewing and the town council, John W. Smith, president of the Seaboard Air Line Railroad, tells local officials that the Southern Pines area would not be hurt, but could rather expect to benefit, from the proposed merger of the Seaboard with the Atlantic Coast Line.

The council, which had passed a resolution of approval of the merger, at its last meeting November 8 voted to rescind the approval, after a newspaper story was brought to the council's attention in which it was stated that most of the traffic between Richmond, Va., and Savannah, Ga., would be routed on the Coast Line's tracks. This statement, Mr. Smith's letter says, is not true.

The vote to rescind approval of the merger was made subject to direct assurance from the railroad that service to Southern Pines would not be reduced.

The resolution to rescind has not been forwarded to the railroad or to the Interstate Commerce Commission, Town Manager Louis Scheipers, Jr., said today. The letter will be considered by the council at its next meeting.

The text of Mr. Smith's letter to the council follows:

"I am writing you at the request of Mr. Warren T. White, our Assistant Vice President by Mr. J. D. Hobbs, a member of your City Council, to confirm information extended the citizens of the Southern Pines-Aberdeen community by Mr. White, who addressed members of the Kiwanis Club and guests at the Carolina Hotel on November 9.

"Mr. White's talk dealt with the merger of Seaboard and Coast Line, and was pointed specifically toward correcting certain erroneous impressions created by recent reports which fell short of giving a complete picture of just what is contemplated. I refer particularly to one statement to the effect that merger plans of Seaboard and Coast Line contemplate use of the Coast Line's track as the principal line between Richmond and Savannah. This statement seems to imply that the Seaboard main line through Hamlet will be relegated to a secondary status and nothing of this sort is contemplated.

"This use of the Coast Line's tracks between Richmond and Savannah, thence Seaboard tracks Savannah to Jacksonville, has reference only to that freight traffic originating or terminating Richmond and north and terminating or originating in the territory south of Savannah, principally in Florida. The reason for this is the more favorable grade line on (Continued on page 8)

## Electricity to Hospital Cut 45 Minutes Monday

St. Joseph of the Pines Hospital was without light and power for about 45 minutes Monday evening, when a transformer on the supply line burned out about 100 yards north of the hospital, causing a wire to fall to the ground and set the woods on fire.

Southern Pines firemen arrived to extinguish the woods fire and also to supply power to part of the hospital building with emergency generating equipment, while a Carolina Power and Light Crew repaired the line damage.

The hospital felt no adverse effects from the incident other than inconvenience.

Firemen were called out again about 1 p. m. Tuesday for a brush fire on Wisconsin Ave.

### CHRISTMAS VACATION

Schools Supt. Luther A. Adams said today his office has been receiving calls asking about the dates of the Christmas vacation for the schools. He reminded the public that vacation will begin with the end of school on Friday, December 16. Classes will reconvene Thursday, December 29.