

## Women's Activities and Sandhills Social Events

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**BLUE KNIGHTS BOOSTERS**—Brimming with youthful good looks and spirits are the 1964-65 cheerleaders, who will be on hand to boost the Southern Pines Blue Knights teams to victory at all the games this season. From left to right, they are: Janet Fullenwider, Linda Williamson, Dee Matthews, Maureen Hassenfelt, Binky Rawlinson, captain; Linda Link, Jill Forsyth, Jane McGoogan and Karen Wright. (Humphrey photo)

### GOV. SANFORD TO SPEAK

## Luncheon, Conducted Tours, On Day's Program For Penick Home Dedication

Gov. Terry Sanford will speak at the dedication of Penick Home Saturday, and Mrs. Sanford will attend, with her husband.

Other distinguished guests, who will also be speakers at the ceremonies are the Rt. Rev. Richard H. Baker, D. D., bishop of the diocese of North Carolina, and the Rt. Rev. Thomas A. Fraser, D. D., bishop coadjutor.

Gen. A. D. Bruce of Southern Pines, in charge of over-all arrangements, heads a committee composed of Col. Hayden Sears of Whispering Pines, Mrs. O. Leon Seymour, Norris L. Hodgkins, Sr. and James Harshorne of Southern Pines, Mrs. Stuart Patterson and Hugh Carter of Pinehurst, and John Hayden of Greensboro.

Preceding the dedication ceremonies, a luncheon will be given in honor of the board of directors, by H. T. Cosby, board president, Norman L. Cocks, finance chairman, and R. H. Bouligny.

Mrs. Donald R. Scott is chairman of arrangements for the

luncheon; Mrs. Nicholas Chaltas is in charge of floral and Mrs. Sherwood Brockwell and Mrs. John L. Ponzer, of hostesses for the luncheon.

Heading a committee of hostesses who will conduct tours of the home during the day is Mrs. Norris L. Hodgkins, Sr. Tour hostesses are: Mrs. Lehman Miller, Mrs. Ed Schumacher, Mrs. Alfred M. Koster, Mrs. Garland McPherson, Miss Sara Longcope, Mrs. Ronald Christie, Mrs. Powell Alexander, Mrs. Albert S. Tufts, Mrs. James Parks, Mrs. Howard C. Broughton and Mrs. C. Robert VanderVoort.

Also, Mrs. Peter Katavolos, Mrs. Edison Willis, Jr., Miss Polly Dix, Mrs. James Boyle, Miss Doris Sweet, Mrs. Bertie Allen, Mrs. L. T. Avery, Mrs. James S. Milliken and Mrs. David Drexel.

Members of the home will be identified by corsages of fresh flowers, for the ladies, and boutonnieres for the gentlemen.

### SPEAKS AT SADA MEETING HERE

## Researcher Reports On Efforts To End Pesky Gnat Pest In Sandhills

The days of the gnat, one of the Sandhills' greatest pests, may be numbered, thanks to a project now under way under State College auspices. The project originated with the Sandhills Area Development Association two years ago.

The life story of the pestiferous little insect, also known as the "eye-gnat," was fascinatingly told at the monthly SADA supper meeting here Tuesday night by Dr. Richard Axtell, young researcher in entomology.

Dr. Axtell, State College staff member with the primary interest of insects affecting man, was put in charge of the gnat project after the 1963 General Assembly approved it and appropriated funds for research.

With Dr. Clyde Smith, former head of the N. C. State entomology department, and Dr. Ed Smith, his successor, who heads it now, Dr. Axtell was a special guest at the meeting held at Howard Johnson's Restaurant. Also a special guest was H. Clifford Blue of Aberdeen, who as Moore's representative helped introduce the "anti-gnat" legislation.

They were presented by Clyde Auman of West End, who first proposed that SADA "do something about gnats" in the interest of better rural and town living conditions and greater tourist comfort, at an SADA meeting in the fall of 1963. Auman, SADA area agriculture chairman and members of his committee, pushed the project by consultations with State College staff specialists, and the association then sponsored a special bill, introduced by Rep. Blue, Senator W. P. Saunders of Southern Pines and other legislators from the Sandhills counties. An appropriation of \$30,000 to get the research under way was approved. **Wide Benefit**

This was the finest kind of research project, said Dr. Axtell—"a need, pointed out by the people, in an area which has been neglected, the success of which will benefit not only this immediate section but the whole State and the Southeast."

For this is the area which is home to the gnat. Of course there are gnats in wide variety everywhere, but Dr. Axtell referred particularly to those which

through nuisance value have economic importance. Of five varieties of the genus Hippelates prevalent in this State, especially the eastern sections, only two, the pallipes and the pusio, bother people very much. One other, the bishopii, most common of all, is not such a pest since it is not attracted to man, but since it occurs along with the others has to be studied with them. Two other kinds, particeps and plebius, are not rated as pests.

Of the really pesky pests, the female is the peskiest and she is the one rating most of the study. Work is being done through lab containers where gnats are bred for all-year-round research; through permanent traps set outdoors in the Sandhills, at Clayton and at Faison, and others moved about in temporary locations throughout the State; and through mesh tents placed over sites seeded with larvae or pupae of the gnats.

Gnats go through their larval and pupa stages in loose fresh-turned earth, in warm weather, thriving best under conditions of humidity, followed by rainfall which gets them out of the pupa stage in a hurry. When conditions are ideal, the cycle from egg to birth of the adult gnat takes only 15 to 18 days. More adverse conditions—cool or dry weather—can slow it to as much as 40 days. How the insect actually makes it through the bitterest cold of winter has yet to be discovered.

Dr. Axtell, working with two graduate-student assistants, has marshaled an impressive array of facts concerning the gnat, but emphasized that "we are only at the beginning." The main problem is emerging: to discover a strong "attractor," some chemical approximating what the pests seem to love so much about humans and animals, and to combine it with some other chemical which would be lethal to them. How long this will take, he can't now say.

To inoculate the soil itself is impractical, he said, since this would involve literally millions of acres. But the prospect appeared good for discovering a gnat antidote before too long.

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### AT ELK'S CLUB

## Does To Present Fall Fashion Show Wednesday

Fall Fashion Fantasy is the appropriate title of the annual showing of fashions to be presented Wednesday at 8 pm at the Elk's Club under sponsorship of the BPO Does, Drove 42.

Local models will show fashions from Lee Powers, Mrs. Hayes Shop, Franjean's and Cato's in Southern Pines, and from Belk's and McLean's Shops in Aberdeen.

A door prize will be given during the evening. All Does members have tickets for sale now, and they will be on sale at the door Wednesday night.

### Legion And Auxiliary Hold Joint Meeting

At a joint meeting of the American Legion and Auxiliary Tuesday night at Legion Hall, reports of Girls' and Boys' State were given by Nancy Tate and Charles A. McLaughlin, who represented the Unit and Post in June, Nancy at UNC-G and Charles at UNC-CH.

During the business session, presided over by the new president, Mrs. Vernon P. Doughty, she appointed committee chairmen for her term of office; also, committees for the coming Area Conference, to be held in the Southern Pines Methodist Church here on October 13 at 10 a.m.

Next meeting of the Auxiliary will be on October 9.

### St. Catherine's Guild Holds Annual Picnic

Members of St. Catherine's Guild of Emmanuel Episcopal Church and their husbands, enjoyed their annual fall picnic Wednesday evening.

The party was held at The Corral, home of Mr. and Mrs. John C. Ostrom.

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## Council Awards \$11,000 Paving Job; Complaint Heard On Landfill Smoke

Meeting for its regular monthly session at the town hall Tuesday night, the town council awarded a street surfacing contract to the low bidder, Riley Paving Co. of Carthage.

Bids had been received from four paving firms in the area, on approximately 25,000 square yards of one-inch-thick asphalt surfacing. The Riley company was low with a bid of 43 cents per square yard, two cents per yard under the nearest bidder.

The contract, said Town Manager F. R. Rainey, will use about \$11,000 of \$15,000 budgeted this year for paving work. The other \$4,000, he said, will go largely for the town's own street repair program, including purchase of asphalt.

Rainey said exact location of the work to be done had not been decided, but that portions of Bennett St. would be among those surfaced. He said he would submit the list of locations to be paved for the council's approval before work begins.

In an action that involved "just a change on paper," Mrs. Mildred McDonald, heretofore nominal clerk of the Southern Pines Recorder's Court, was made assistant clerk of the court, and Mrs. Carolyn Wicker, the former assistant clerk, was given the clerk's title.

It was explained that the town charter calls for the town clerk, a position held by Mrs. McDonald, also to be clerk of the Recorder's Court, unless the council appoints someone else. As Mrs. Wicker is regularly doing the actual work of the clerk of court, the titles were switched. Mrs. McDonald was given the assistant's title so that she can fill in in the absence of Mrs. Wicker.

All the councilmen were present except Harry H. Pethick—Mayor Norris L. Hodgkins, Jr., Mayor Pro Tem Fred Pollard and Councilmen C. A. McLaughlin and Felton J. Capel. As usual, Town Attorney W. Lamont Brown, Manager Rainey and Mrs. McDonald, clerk for the council, were on hand.

**Fire Station**

Mr. Pollard said that a com-

mittee, named by the mayor to study possible locations for the proposed new fire station and other fire department matters was to meet Wednesday night and that a report would be made at the October meeting of the council. Other members of the committee are Councilman McLaughlin, Fire Chief Joe Garzik, Asst. Chief Harold Fowler and Fred Hall, Jr.

### Resolution on Mr. Page

The council directed that a resolution of sympathy from the council be sent to the family of C. N. Page, former mayor of the town, who was killed recently by explosion of a water heater at Ocean Isle Beach.

### Water Heaters

The council discussed the water heater hazard. Manager Rainey said that all plumbing work in town must conform to the state code which has now been changed to outlaw the plastic dip tubes that have been the cause of heater explosions after the tubes melt and put both thermostat and relief valve out of working order. He said that Joel Stutts, town plumbing inspector, checks all new plumbing work and is ready at all times to give advice on water heaters. However, actual inspection of heaters already installed should be carried out by a licensed plumber.

### Complaint on Landfill

Michael Valen, a resident on Murray Hill Road, south of Southern Pines and outside the town limits, about a half mile from the town's trash disposal landfill area opposite the armory on Morganton Road, complained to the council that smoke from the burning trash and garbage in the area was making his life "just about unbearable."

He said that apparently garbage was not being buried according to the landfill system and that the smoke and odor nuisance had continued for the past year. He said plastic waste, old tires and "everything" are being burned at the landfill area and that the odor is acrid and sickening. He said the smoke and odor had continued at his property

### REGIONAL MEET

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Workshops will be held Saturday afternoon to discuss matters of interest to local clubs as well as to conduct business of the International organization of the Junior Chamber of Commerce.

The fashion show at the Whispering Pines Motel pool will feature Southern Pines High School girls modelling fashions contributed by several Sandhills stores.

Voit Gilmore of Southern Pines, Democratic nominee for the State Senate from the 18th District, will speak to the Jaycees and their wives during dinner at the Whispering Pines Dobbs House Restaurant Saturday night. A dance will follow the evening dinner program. William R. McDonald, III, of High Point, president of the North Carolina Junior Chamber of Commerce, will be a guest at the regional meeting.

Sunday's agenda will consist of a breakfast for presidents of all attending clubs to be followed by the closing general business meetings.

without interruption since last Friday.

Manager Rainey said that the biggest problem at the landfill was trash and garbage dumped by out-of-town residents, accounting, he said, for more than 60 per cent of the material there. He said that recently the tractor used at the landfill had been broken down for about a week and had been used some for road work.

Mayor Hodgkins said the town doesn't have either the men or the machines to do the landfill job properly, unless some financial help is obtained from the county, as was requested, but denied this year, from the county commissioners.

The mayor told Valen that the council knows the landfill is a "problem we have to face" and that they would "keep his comments and thoughts in view."

The mayor said later the entire council plans to inspect the landfill area and determine what is best to be done.

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