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HOPE TO REVIVE BASEBALL LEAGUE; MEETING TUESDAY

Southern Pines, Pinehurst, Aberdeen and Vass May Be Made Up For Summer Season

SIX TEAMS POSSIBLE

Plans for the Moore County Baseball League for the season of 1934 are rapidly coming to a head and a definite decision regarding the set-up of the circuit is expected to be forthcoming next week.

At the present time only three clubs are definitely lined up for the start. These are Southern Pines, Pinehurst and Aberdeen.

Plans for reorganizing the league will be considered at this meeting. Several ideas have been submitted for consideration.

All clubs would have the privilege of bringing in any players from other towns who played in the league last season.

The reduction of the circuit was necessitated by the almost certain withdrawal of the Cameron entry.

Efforts are being made to have a combined Southern Pines-Aberdeen team, or possibly, a team made up from the entire county, enter the revised Interstate League.

SOUTHERN PINES LIBRARY HAS TREAT FOR CHILDREN

The Southern Pines Library has on display a most interesting and varied collection of juvenile books.

Monday afternoon, May 7th, the parents and patrons of the library have a cordial invitation to look them over and discover for themselves what a rich fund of pleasure and of profit they will be on tables in the reading room for the children to enjoy.

It is hoped that all booklovers will avail themselves of this opportunity not only to enjoy the books upon display but to become better acquainted with the equally fascinating ones upon the shelves.

Tea will be served on Monday afternoon from four until five o'clock.

MISS WILL FRANCES JOURNEY TO WED TENNESSEE MAN

Mrs. Ethel M. Journey of Pinehurst has announced the engagement of her daughter, Miss Will Frances to D. W. Sanders of Cornersville, Tenn.

Miss Journey has lived in Pinehurst for the past ten years. She was educated in the local schools and at David-Lipscomb College, Tenn.

Murdoch Johnson, Ex-Senator in N. C., a Candidate in S. C.

Former Aberdeen Attorney, Moore Representative at Raleigh, Out for Upper House

Back in Politics

Murdoch M. Johnson, former resident of Aberdeen, now practicing law in Camden, S. C., has announced his candidacy for the State Senate of South Carolina in the Democratic primary in June.

Mr. Johnson served in the Legislature of South Carolina before moving to Aberdeen to join the law firm of Johnson and Johnson, his uncle and cousin, several years ago.

Murdoch Johnson played a leading part in civic and political life while here. He was president of the Chamber of Commerce in Aberdeen for some



Murdoch M. Johnson

time, served one year as president of the Kiwanis Club and was a leader in Democratic councils in the county.

Brilliant Display in Sky as Forest Fire Sweeps Reservation

Extensive Area Burned But Danger Kept at Nil by Wardens and Artillerymen

For several days a fire of magnitude has been burning in the Fort Bragg area, but well down in the reservation. On Tuesday it had worked westward into the Piney Bottom section, and the dense smoke pouring up over a rather extended range gave the appearance on the Weymouth hill of a big fire working toward Southern Pines.

But toward evening Tuesday the wind veered to the westward and in brief time the whole west front was a lively sea of fire from the James Creek boundary to Rockfish. Harry Goldsmith, who keeps the frontier under his eye out his way, gathered up three or four hands and they went up to the new fire land and backfired for several miles, with the effect of stopping the westward extension, but the line eventually ran down well toward the Aberdeen-Raeford road.

The spectacle late Tuesday night was about as striking as is often seen, and with the peculiar cloudy condition of the sky the effect of the smoke as it piled up against the soggy sky was about as weird and lurid as is ever seen in connection with a forest fire.

CAMERON COMMENCEMENT TO START ON SUNDAY

Commencement at Cameron High School starts Sunday with the following program: Sunday, 8 p. m., Senior Vesper Service, the Rev. W. S. Golden of Carthage; Tuesday, 8 p. m., Music Recital; Wednesday, 8 p. m., Elementary Exercises; Thursday, 8 p. m., High School Class Day Exercises; Friday, 11 a. m., Address, R. B. House, Executive Secretary of the University of N. C.; Friday, 2:30 p. m., Baseball game, Cameron High School vs. Southern Pines; Friday, 8 p. m., High School Play, "Aunt Jerushy on the War Path." Admission, children, 10 cents and 15 cents, adults, 20 and 25 cents.

Baseball Tomorrow

Southern Pines and Pinehurst Will Play Off Third Game in Series

Southern Pines tackles Pinehurst in the third contest of their scheduled five-game exhibition series tomorrow, Saturday afternoon at 3:30 on the Southern Pines field.

HIGH SCHOOL TEAM BEATS WEST END AT BASEBALL

Hard and timely hitting by Bill Wilson, Bob Beck and John Hewitt enabled the local high school team to trounce the West End boys by 13 to 4 on Tuesday.

DR. GEORGE HERR REELECTED TO LOCAL SCHOOL BOARD

Dr. George G. Herr has been re-elected a member of the Southern Pines School Board for a full three-year term by the Mayor and Board of Commissioners.

BOWMAN EXONERATED OF BLAME IN GADDY DEATH

Wimberly Bowman of Aberdeen, driver of the Express Agency truck which collided with a Ford automobile in Lakeview on April 21, the accident resulting in the death of Austin Gaddy, was completely exonerated of blame by the coroner's jury when it met on last Friday.

ANGUS KELLY AND WALLACE JOHNSON ARE LAID TO REST

Well Known Citizens of Southern Pines Leave Wide Circle of Friends in County

KELLY WATER ENGINEER

Death claimed two well known residents of Southern Pines this week, casting a pall of gloom over the large circle of relatives and friends of both.

Angus R. Kelly, night engineer of the Southern Pines water system, died suddenly in his home on Bennett street on Tuesday morning, May 1st.

Funeral services were held in Bethesda Church at 2 o'clock on Wednesday, the Rev. C. A. Lawrence of Vass, and the Rev. M. D. McNeill of Cameron, lifelong friends, officiating.

Wallace A. Johnson, thirty-one years old, died in the Duke Hospital, Durham, where he had been under treatment for several weeks, on Monday night, April 30th.

Mr. Johnson, a resident of Southern Pines for several years leaves a widow, Myra J. Johnson, and five children, Delores, Wallace, Jr., Shirley Ann, Janet Lee and Betty, and is survived by his mother, Mrs. Lillian Johnson, two sisters, Mrs. A. C. Turmyer, and Mrs. William T. Huntley, Jr., and four brothers, Raymond, Clifton, Herman and Bass.

Rev. B. C. Thompson Dies in His 70th Year

Prominent Methodist Minister Was Native of Cranes Creek Section of County

The Rev. B. C. Thompson, prominent Methodist minister of the North Carolina Conference, passed away at 11:45 o'clock Tuesday morning at Duke Hospital, where he had been carried on last Friday for treatment.

Mr. Thompson was a son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Bryant Thompson, and was reared in the Cranes Creek section of Moore county near Vass.

The funeral service was held from the Methodist church at Mt. Gilead at 2:00 p. m., Wednesday and interment was at Mt. Gilead.

Surviving are his wife, three daughters and the following sisters and brothers: Mrs. W. D. Hunter, Sanford; Mrs. W. D. McCraney, Vass; E. B. Thompson, Cameron route; John Thompson, Ellerbe; R. H. Thompson and H. L. Thompson, Hamlet; A. K. Thompson, Vass.

Those from this section who attended the funeral were Mr. and Mrs. A. K. Thompson, Mr. and Mrs. W. D. McCraney, Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Thompson and son, Clary Thompson.

NICHOLS KIWANIS SPEAKER

"The Months Ahead" was the topic of a talk at Wednesday's Kiwanis club meeting by M. G. Nichols of Southern Pines, who gave the latest political and economical developments as gleaned by the Kiplinger agency in Washington.

Over Quarter Million Dollar Building Program Launched in County on Federal Funds

Government Approves Loan of \$221,500 for New Schools and Improvements

Time to Register

Registration books for the coming Primary Election will be open for public registration at the Municipal Building in Southern Pines on May 5, 12 and 19 from 9:00 a. m. to 6:30 p. m.

WATER MAIN AND SEWAGE WORK TO COST \$45,093.75

Contracts Let in Southern Pines Subject to Approval of State and PWA

Letting of contracts, subject to the approval of State and federal agencies, for the Southern Pines water and sewerage system project, was held in the City Clerk's office on Tuesday night.

The contracts were let as follows: Sewage Disposal Plant, to the Elliott Building Co., Hickory, \$25,203.75.

Dr. H. G. Baily, State P. W. A. Engineer, and his examining engineer, Stanley H. Wright, were here from PWA headquarters in Chapel Hill to supervise the awarding of the contracts.

Pinehurst Wins Ball Game, Evens Series

Mixes Timely Hits With Southern Pines Errors to Take Second Contest, 7-2

Pinehurst profited by Southern Pines errors and hit hard with men on bases to take the second game of the five-game exhibition series by a 7 to 2 score last Saturday.

Again the contest was a battle of southpaws. This time Frank McCaskill bested Willie Myrick, although the local lefty gave up only seven safe blows and walked on man.

The fielding of the locals, with men on bases, left much to be desired. Pinehurst played good snappy baseball throughout the contest.

Ralph Wallace, Ruby Lawhon and Webb led the hitting for the winners. Webb's home run with two men on in the sixth was the most potent blow.

DEMONSTRATION CLUBS HEAR MISS ESTABROOK

A well-attended leaders' school for home demonstration club women was held in the court house on Monday afternoon with Miss Helen Estabrook, Extension Specialist in Home Management, present as the visiting speaker.

GOVERNOR SPEAKER HERE

Governor Ehringhaus addressed the State Medical Society in Pinehurst Wednesday evening.

WATER CONTRACTS LET

With the approval of the Moore county school building program this week by the government and the letting of contracts in Southern Pines for water main extensions, new hydrants, new 200-gallon tank and sewage plant improvements the way was paved for immediate launching of construction work in the county involving the expenditure of more than a quarter million of dollars and the employment of many idle hands.

Word was received at Carthage last Friday in the form of a telegram from Congressman Walter Lambeth that the Public Works Administration at Washington had approved the federal loan of \$221,500.00 for the erection of new school buildings and the repairing of old ones in various parts of the county.

The following projects are involved in the county's school construction program, work on which will begin immediately:

- The School Program
Southern Pines colored school, 4 additional rooms, \$2,500.00; Southern Pines High, renovating, \$3,000.00; Aberdeen, auditorium for Grammar School, \$3,500.00; West End, six additional rooms; Carthage, four additional rooms and fireproof staircase, old Grammar School building, \$5,000.00; Hemp, six additional rooms, \$4,750.00; Pinehurst, renovating Grammar School Building \$6,500.00; Eureka, ten classrooms, one auditorium and furniture, \$31,000.00; Southern Pines, eight classrooms and furniture, \$34,000.00; Bensalem Township, ten rooms, one auditorium and furniture, \$34,000.00; Upper Sheffield Township, ten classrooms, auditorium and furniture, \$34,000.00; Aberdeen, col., eight classrooms, one auditorium, furniture, \$25,750.00; Carthage, col. eight classrooms, one auditorium, furniture, \$25,750.00; Total \$251,500.00.

The federal law governing the Public Works Administration requires that plans and specifications for these projects be carefully worked out by approved architects, and each project advertised and let by contract.

TENNIS TEAMS ACTIVE AT S. P. HIGH SCHOOL

The tennis teams of the local school are in action every week and the girls have triumphed in three of their four matches, losing only to Winston-Salem. In two straight matches, against Asheboro on Tuesday and Pinehurst on Wednesday, the local misses won by six matches to none on both days.

SEABOARD OFFICIALS HERE TO PLAN BLOSSOM FESTIVAL

C. H. Gattis, general passenger agent, and C. Z. Phillips, passenger traffic manager of the Seaboard Air Line Railway are expected in Southern Pines today to discuss with the Chamber of Commerce directors the plans for next year's Spring Blossom Festival.