

Big Week-End Crowd Visits Southern Pines

All-Expense Tourists and Champion Football Team Spend Night Here

One of the largest overnight crowds ever to be entertained in Southern Pines unloaded here last Saturday night, and was whisked away by automobile to the several hotels to which the members had been assigned.

While here the members of the group were guests at the Highland Pines Inn, the Park View Hotel, the Mid-Pines Club, the Pine Needles Inn, and the Hollywood Hotel.

In a second group arriving at the same time was the Elmira, N. Y., state championship high school football squad of 25 players and six non-players, undefeated and untied representatives of the North in this year's Christmas Day North-South championship classic at the Coconut Bowl, who spent the night at the Park View Hotel, making an overnight rest stop before proceeding on to Miami Sunday.

Among those making the trip to Miami with the team was Howard Tryon, amateur golfer well known here. He stated to a reporter his intention to return here next spring to play in both the North and South Open and the North and South Amateur tournaments, and says he is eager to try the new grass greens on the No. 2 course of the Pinehurst Country Club.

An interesting bit of news picked up in conversation with a railroad official was that the special train carrying this group made an average speed of 66 miles an hour between Richmond and Southern Pines. The lateness of the train in arriving here was due to weather conditions north of Washington.

Milk Bottles Not Allowed as Weapons

Affray Among Pinehurst Colored Folks Lands Sextet in Court

A disturbance staged by a group of colored people of Pinehurst ended with a verdict of guilty of engaging in an affray as to Leitha George, May Bell Roberson and Nellie Brown and they were given 30 days in jail to be suspended upon payment of one-third the costs. Leitha and May Bell gave notice of appeal to Superior court and bond was fixed at \$100 each.

The court ordered that a case against Vergil Deaton and D. G. Morgan, white, charged with hunting with a gun and dog on another person's land without permission and without license, be remanded to Justice H. C. Stutts for proper judgment in regard to the payment of costs.

A. B. Maness, white of Hemp, charged with an assault on a female entered a plea of guilty of simple assault, which plea was accepted by the State. His 30-day road sentence was to be suspended upon payment of the costs and upon condition of good behavior for twelve months.

Execution is to issue next Monday on a three months road sentence imposed upon Amos Broadway, colored of Southern Pines, on two charges of drunken driving.

JURORS DRAWN FOR TERM OF CRIMINAL COURT HERE

The following list of jurors was drawn at the County Commissioners' meeting last week for service in the January term of criminal court: G. H. Hartsell, D. W. Brewer, M. M. Pool, D. J. Blue, J. T. Dunlap, E. G. Williams, J. B. Crabtree, A. J. Cameron, N. A. Moore, N. C. McKenzie, N. H. Williams, R. C. Deaton, Archie Davis, A. C. Carter, J. D. Williams, John E. Callicutt, J. W. Currie, A. P. Thompson, F. C. Hall, H. C. Dunlop, K. W. Leach, C. L. Hayes, Patrick Williams, Albert Caviness, M. L. Ponder, A. M. Swinnerton, J. R. Caviness, A. J. Crabtree, John W. Stuart, G. G. Shields, L. H. Davis, L. W. Edwards, J. L. Fields, Edgar Bowman, L. L. Laton and W. R. Wilson.

Big Improvement in County in Teacher Scholastic Standing

Better Trained Personnel in Schools Gives Moore Ranking Near Top in State

The public schools of Moore county have made notable improvement in scholastic standards of the teaching personnel in the past seven years, as indicated by statistics revealed recently by the County Board of Education. The statement showed that in 1928-29, there were not any teachers of either race holding certificates or diplomas equivalent to five years of standard college or university training, whereas in 1935-36 the number had increased to eight white teachers.

In the same period, the number of teachers with four years of standard college training increased from 46 to 75 white and from 6 to 19 colored, or an increase of 65 percent white and 217 percent colored. Teachers with three years of standard college education increased from 11 to 26 white and from 8 to 27 colored, in the six year period, representing increases of 136 percent and 238 percent respectively. It is noticeable that a decrease begins to set in when the lower levels of scholastic training are reached, for those with two years of college training decreased from 20 to 18 white and increased from 5 to 15 colored. This was a ten percent decrease for the white and a 200 percent increase for the colored. The greatest improvement of all took place by the decrease in the number of poorly prepared teachers with one year of college training from 35 to 3 white and from 14 to 1 colored, or 91 percent white and 93 percent colored.

All teachers with less than one year of college training were eliminated from the county's service at the end of the year 1933-'34. The average scholastic training of the 152 white teachers of Moore county in 1928-'29 was 1.5 college years, whereas that of the 130 employed in 1935-'36 is 3.5 college years, an average increase of two years of college training. The improvement of the colored teachers shows a greater increase, the figure for 1928-'29 being an average of .5 of one college year and that for 1935-'36 a little more than three college years, an average gain of 2.5 years.

Statistics on file in the office of the State Department of Education, according to information given out by the local County Board of Education office, show that in the professional training of the teaching personnel in the past seven years, Moore county has risen from a position near the bottom of the list of all the counties of the state, to a prominent place among the highest counties.

PINEBLUFF

Miss Sylvia Jane Newell arrived in town December 19th and will make an indefinite stay at the home of her parents, the Rev. and Mrs. C. O. Newell.

Many Pinebluff young people are at home for the Christmas holidays: Cadwallader Benedict from Princeton, N. J.; Margaret DeYoe, Charlene Parker, Morrison Howie and Hoover Adcox from Pfeiffer College; Sally Allison from Flora Macdonald College; Elizabeth Fletcher and Hazel Adcox from Raleigh; Edith Howie from Pittman Hospital, Fayetteville and Lacy Adcox from Cresswell.

Miss Alberta Fletcher spent the first of the week in Raleigh as a guest of her sister, Elizabeth Fletcher.

Miss Frances Austin is in the Moore County Hospital recuperating from a recent operation.

Guy Mosely of Washington, D. C., was a guest at the home of William Fiddler last Wednesday.

Mrs. M. A. W. Cadwallader entertained in her usual gracious manner on Christmas Day the following friends: Mrs. Erith Roberts, Charles Hooper, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Warner, Miss Florence Fowle, Miss Eleanor Cadwallader, Mrs. M. C. Benedict.

JOHN PORTER, FORMER CARTHAGE RESIDENT DIES

Funeral services were held last Friday afternoon from the home of W. E. Porter in Carthage for his father, John Porter of Rocky Point. Mr. Porter, formerly a Carthage resident, died at his home in Rocky Point on Thursday following an illness of several weeks. Services were conducted by the Rev. T. Sloan Guy of the Carthage Baptist Church, interment was made in Cross Hill Cemetery.

Mr. Porter is survived by his wife of Rocky Point, three sons, W. E. Porter of Carthage, Charlie Porter of Charlotte and Elijah Prter of Richmond and Mrs. Claude Way of Henderson.

Seeks State Post



M. R. DUNNAGAN

Macon Rush (Mike) Dunnagan, newspaper man and candidate for Secretary of State, is opposing Stacey W. Wade, Morshead City, incumbent, and Thad A. Eure, Winton, Hertford county, for the Democratic nomination next June. He is a native of Yadlow county and has done newspaper work in Winston-Salem, Charlotte, Asheville, Durham and now in Raleigh. Mr. Dunnagan is a graduate of the State University and of the Cosmos, New York. He moved to Raleigh eight years ago as personal secretary to the late Governor A. W. McLean and was publicity director for State Democratic Headquarters in two campaigns, 1928 and 1934. Mr. Dunnagan has been The Pilot's Raleigh correspondent for several years.

70 Enjoy Christmas Tea at Civic Club

Gaily Decorated Tree, Santa Claus, Ice Cream and Everything at Jolly Party

About seventy guests were present at the Civic Club Christmas tea on Friday, two-thirds of whom were winter guests who expressed themselves as being delighted with having such an attractive central meeting place to exchange greetings and become acquainted. The decorations of holly and pine and a gaily decorated Christmas tree gave an atmosphere of warmth and jollity to the festivities.

Mrs. W. E. Cox read a most interesting Christmas story which was followed by the singing of Christmas carols in which all joined, led by the president, Miss Cook and under the expert direction of Mrs. Lucy Cameron at the piano. The remainder of the program was in charge of Mrs. Hutt. An exchange of gifts was made which was provocative of much merriment and good feeling. Twenty children, the guests of Mr. Woolnough, Mrs. McCord, Miss Emily and Mr. Hutt were called upon for voluntary songs and recitations and they contributed greatly to the afternoon's entertainment. Miss Dorothy Phillips and Master Stephen Bush receiving special prizes for their efforts.

Santa Claus appeared unexpectedly and gave each of the children a present after which they were invited to a special table to enjoy ice cream and Christmas cakes, while the "grown ups" drank tea and enjoyed the hot Southern biscuits and bran muffins prepared by the colored chef. The hostesses, Mrs. W. E. Cox and Mrs. Hutt were warmly thanked by the guests upon leaving and expressed the wish that the club house would be opened frequently for social afternoons.

185 FOREST FIRES IN 55 COUNTIES OF STATE

North Carolina's 55 counties cooperating in forest fire control had 185 fires in November, burning over 4,185 acres and doing damage estimated at \$8,751, about two thirds to young growing timber, W. C. McCormick, assistant State forester, reports. The average fire burned over 22 acres and did damage of about \$2.09. Smokers hunters, fishermen and campers are charged with 97, or more than half the fires; 42 were of incendiary origin, 13 miscellaneous causes, 12 from railroads, nine by brush burners, eight from unknown causes and four from lightning.

HOLLY INN OPENS FOR ITS FORTIETH SEASON

The Holly Inn, Pinehurst's first hotel, opened for its fortieth season Sunday. It is again under the management of Harry W. Norris, who is starting his 13th season here. He is also manager of the Bald Peak Colony Club at Melvin Village, N. H., in the summer.

Five in County Win Better Sight Prizes

Three Thousand Youngsters Take Part in Carolina P. & L. Company Contest

Five prize winners in the Better Sight Christmas Gift contest sponsored by the Carolina Power & Light Company were five from Moore county:

- Frank MacFayden, Cameron. Louise Crain, Southern Pines. Ruth Hearn, Pinebluff. Louise Martin, Aberdeen. Kathryn Page, Aberdeen.

Approximately 3,000 boys and girls under 18 years of age entered the contest, T. B. Smiley, director of lighting for the company, announces. The Sandhills was well represented and the contestants from this community were highly commended for the excellence of their entries.

The grands prize went to Ragland Medicus, of Asheville, 11 years old, for the western division; Miss Elizabeth Dickman, Florence, S. C.; aged 14, for the southern division, and Miss Mary C. Bower of Warrenton, nine years old for the eastern division.

CAMERON

On Saturday afternoon Mrs. Jewell Hemphill and Mrs. Will Wooten were joint hostesses at a bridge party in honor of Miss Flora May McFadyen, whose approaching marriage to Marshall Beaty of Elizabeth City was recently announced.

There were three tables of bridge and three of rook. A table prize was given high scorer at each of the six tables. These were won by Miss Margaret Gilchrist, Mrs. W. G. Parker, Miss J. E. Snow, Mrs. M. McL. McKeithen and Miss Lucille Loving. High score in bridge was won by the honoree, Miss McFadyen. At the conclusion of the playing a ribbon was pulled from under a huge red ball, and a shower of gifts tumbled on the table in front of the bride.

Those playing bridge were Mesdames Tally, McLean, O'Brian, Parker, Guthrie, Snow, and the Misses Margaret and Effie Gilchrist, Kate Harrington, Annie Borst, Jackie Muse, Flora May McFadyen, Mrs. N. C. McFadyen and Miss Katherine McDonald. Those playing rook were Mesdames McNeill, McKeithen, J. A. McPherson and the Misses Mary Emma Thomas, Lucille Loving, Lela Thomasson and Minnie Muse.

The hostesses were assisted in serving by Misses June Hemphill, Margaret McLean, Jeanette Wooten and Johnnie Cameron.

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