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## LOCAL SCHOOL SCORES AGAIN

Southern Pines High School, and especially its instructor in physics, is to be congratulated on the showing of local students in the first annual physics contest for North Carolina high schools, conducted by the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. Southern Pines has previously won top places in music and in dramatics in competition with schools of the state; it is now showing itself just as efficient in classroom curricula.

Word came from Chapel Hill this week that one Southern Pines pupil had tied for first place, that another had tied for second honorable mention, and that two others had tied for third honorable mention. The report of the results is printed elsewhere.

One hundred and sixteen students in 12 high schools participated in the contest, which called for the answering of 40 questions within 60 minutes. The local boy who tied for top honors had 34 of the 40 correct.

We doff a cap to the students and to Superintendent Webster and Physics Instructor Marvin N. Hunter.

## HUNTER TRIALS ARE REVIVED

The plan to have hunter trials the day before the annual races of the Sandhills Steeplechase & Racing Association is an excellent one. The two-day affair should bring a lot of people here for a week-end, and it is already creating great interest among owners of hunting horses, both here and in the nearby cities.

Hunter trials were held the first year of the local steeplechase races, in March, 1935, and proved a great success. At that time they were run off on the morning of the race meet, on a course laid out inside the Midland Road race course. This year the plan is to run the trials over a natural course rather than one "set up" for the occasion, and the committee has selected a spot at The Paddock, near Southern Pines where there are some eleven jumps of varied type, all visible from vantage points inside the course. There will be ample parking facilities for those desiring to witness the trials.

With hunter trials Friday afternoon and the races the following day the Sandhills section should have one of its largest crowds of the season that week-end.

## A WORD ABOUT OUR BOY SCOUTS

What are we, as citizens, doing to promote the Boy Scout movement in this section?

This is the gist of a letter received by The Pilot this week, a communication which calls for serious thought. For though there are no two sides to the question of the values of Scouting, there is an apparent lack of active interest in the work in some sections of Moore county.

"We wonder," says the letter, "if the people of Moore county realize the importance of proper training for our boys in the development of future citizens." And continues:

"Many parents have visited Scout noble sayings by great men regarding the Scout movement of the world. In his Christmas message to the Boy Scouts of America our President, Franklin D. Roosevelt, gives us in simple words the importance of scouting, saying: 'Membership in the Boy Scouts is one of the most

important ways in which a boy may develop desirable traits of character and personality, practice citizenship, and secure valuable information in an interesting way, which combines fun and enthusiasm for worthwhile work.'

"Many parents have visited Scout halls to learn for the first time just what the organization means and what the boys will gain by being connected with the Boy Scouts of America. This organization is made possible by the full cooperation of each and every citizen, officer, committee-man, Scout master throughout the world. Are you doing your part to cooperate with these officers?"

"Recently a meeting was called by J. E. Steere, district commissioner, to be held in Pinehurst for the election of officers for the County Council. The meeting was opened with an attendance of eight members and the chairman, Duncan Matthews, presided. At that time we had a very interesting report from Mr. Steere. He invited a committee from the county to attend a meeting and banquet in Charlotte to forward the program in Scouting. We failed to produce a single delegate to attend.

"On Thursday night, March 3, there is to be a meeting of the County Council in the Community Church in Pinehurst. Dinner will be served by the Pinehurst Girl Scouts. Mr. Steere will be the principal speaker.

"Are you interested in Scouting and the efforts put forth by the few who are carrying the organization along? Why not give a few hours of your time to encourage the leaders and who are anxious to promote this great work? They need you, and you need them, to help mould our boys into ideal citizens."

## Grains of Sand

The biggest price ever paid by the movie industry for a short story to film was \$40,000, and it was given to a former Sandhills peach grower.

Clements Ripley, who struggled with peaches in the early days of the "boom" down here, wrote "Gold Is Where You Find It," which is playing today in Pinehurst and coming next week to Southern Pines. Clements wasn't a writer until he'd had a few crop failures at his Samarcand orchard and had to turn to something else. He started with mystery stories, and has written many good ones since. His "Gold Is Where You Find It" appealed to Warner Brothers and they took him off his feet by meeting his asking price. Strangely, he got more for his short story than Hervey Allen got for his long novel, "Anthony Adverse." We understand Ripley is now a regular and highly paid scenario writer in Hollywood.

And of course you know that Katherine Ball Ripley, Clements' wife, has written a number of good books, her first being "Sand in My Shoes," a story of the peach days in this section.

"More smiles per gal is a need in Southern Pines," a visitor remarked the other day. He said he'd been in several stores but the "gals" failed to register much happiness.

"They'd sell more goods if they'd smile once in a while."

It's always a bad thing for a Congressional district when it loses a Representative who's been in the House for several terms. The new man has to start at the bottom.

Mr. Lambeth had heached the chairmanship of an important committee, was fourth ranking Democrat on the powerful Foreign Affairs committee. His successor will start at the bottom of whatever committees he is assigned to, and it takes a long time to work up. Seniority rules in House and Senate.

## CARD PARTY AND TEA TO BENEFIT PINEBLUFF LIBRARY

A card party and tea for the benefit of the Pinebluff Library will be held at the home of Mrs. A. J. Jannaris on New England avenue, Pinebluff, on Tuesday, March 1 at 2:30 o'clock. A prize will be awarded to each table, and tea will be served at 4:30 o'clock. Reservations may be made by telephoning Mrs. Jannaris. Tickets for cards and tea are fifty cents; for tea alone, twenty-five cents.

## CARD OF THANKS

I take this means of offering my sincere thanks to all my friends and neighbors; to Mr. Stimson for his kindness; to the Wilting Workers of the Baptist Church; the members of the Townsend Club, and all who helped to lighten my sorrow in my recent bereavement.

—MRS. MARTHA C. CHURCHILL.

# The Week in Carthage

## Music Club Meets

Mrs. M. G. Dalrymple was hostess to the members of the Carthage Music Club at her home Friday evening. The president, Mrs. M. J. McPhail presided. Ten members were present. The following patriotic program was rendered: Piano duet, "Bugle Calls," Mrs. J. K. Roberts and Mrs. J. G. Downing. Readings, "Music in Washington State," by Mrs. H. Lee Thomas. Vocal quartet, "Our Glorious Liberty," Mrs. Lella Cox, Mrs. I. W. Williamson, Mrs. R. L. Burns and Mrs. J. G. Downing.

## Birth Announcement

Mr. and Mrs. Edison McCaskill of the Eureka section announce the birth of a daughter, Alice Potts McCaskill, at the Moore County Hospital, February 10th.

## Bible Class Meets

The Rev. L. A. Watts, pastor of the Carthage Methodist Church talked on the subject of "Professors and Believers," at a meeting of the Thursday Bible Class, held at the home of Mrs. H. F. Seawell, Thursday afternoon.

## Men of Church Meet

At a business meeting of the men of the Carthage Presbyterian Church Sunday evening the following officers were elected: John Currie, president, E. H. Garrison, secretary, and W. G. Caldwell, treasurer.

## Evangelistic Services

The Rev. James Appleby of Maxton will conduct a series of Evangelistic services at the Carthage Presbyterian Church beginning Monday evening, February 28th and continuing through March 6th.

## Birthday Dinner

Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Willcox entertained at dinner Sunday in honor of Mrs. Mary Jane Cole, who celebrated her 86th birthday. Covers were laid for the honoree, Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Willcox, Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Cole, Mrs. D. A. Shields, D. A. Shields, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Hough, Mrs. Carrie McIver, J. D. Shields of Durham, Dr. and Mrs. J. F. Davis of Hemp, Mr. and Mrs. James Bonkenyer of Jonesboro, Miss Julia McIver of Raleigh and T. A. Cole of Columbia, S. C.

## Book Reviewers

Mrs. James A. Davis entertained the Book Reviewers Thursday evening at her home. Taking part on the program were Mrs. J. L. McGraw, who read the "Ballad of Reading Goal," and Miss Mary Currie who read Sidney Lanier's "Marshes of Glynn."

At the regular business session the Reviewers elected as program committee for the coming year, Miss Mary Currie, chairman; Mrs. James Davis and Miss Maida Jenkins, assistants.

## Contract Club

Mrs. John Baker, Jr. was hostess to the members of her bridge club Thursday evening. Mrs. Quentin Reynolds won high score prize and second high was awarded Mrs. Ted L. Frye.

## Personals

Mrs. George Massey of Norton, Va., is visiting her mother, Mrs. H. M. Caviness. Mrs. Caviness, who underwent an operation at the Moore County Hospital last week has returned to her home and is recovering satisfactorily.

Mrs. A. E. Woltz of Raleigh spent last week with her daughter, Mrs. W. H. Currie.

Charlie Jenkins returned Thursday morning from a business trip to Baltimore, Md., and other northern cities.

John Willcox, Sheriff C. J. McDonald and Herman H. Grimm have returned from a business trip to Montreal, Canada.

Mrs. Augusta Dabbs of Lilesville spent last week with her daughter, Mrs. Joe Allen. Mrs. Dabbs left Sunday for Charlotte, where she will spend some time with relatives.

Mrs. T. L. Gee left Sunday for Timmonsville, S. C., after an extended visit with John Willcox and family.

Miss Lorraine Willcox has returned to Flora Macdonald College after spending the week-end with Miss Anne McCree Roberts in Charlotte and at her home in Carthage.

Miss Lucille Farrell of the Carthage school faculty was called to her home in Pittsboro, Thursday due to the serious illness of her father, who suffered a stroke of paralysis.

John Holmes McCrimmon, who is a student at Campbell college, spent the week-end with friends here.

Miss Annie McKeithen of Sanford

spent the week-end with her mother, Mrs. N. A. McKeithen.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Sheffield visited Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Holt in Tory Wednesday.

J. D. Shields, who is a member of the Durham School faculty, spent the week-end with his mother, Mrs. Ella Shields.

Mrs. A. McN. Blue has returned to her home from Newberry, S. C., where she visited her sister, Mrs. Earl Summer.

Miss Emma Muse Burns of Greensboro College was the week-end guest of her mother, Mrs. R. L. Burns.

## TWO STILLS, THREE MEN CAPTURED BY POLICE

Three white men whose names were given as John Michael, Lewis Seward and Robert Freeman were captured by officers Monday afternoon as they fled from a distillery plant just across the Cumberland county line below Lobelia. They were carried to the Cumberland county jail.

The distillery, a twin outfit consisting of two "stills" of 60-gallon capacity each, was in operation when the officers surrounded it. The raid netted 28 gallons of the manufactured product and three barrels of beer.

Participating in the raid were Moore county Officers T. N. Slack, G. R. Dunlap, A. W. Lambert and C. A. McCallum and three ABC officers from Cumberland county.

Michael and his brother-in-law, Seward, have been residents of Moore county for a number of years and Freeman, who was originally from South Carolina, is said to have served time in Moore county.

## 200 ATTEND CIVIC CLUB RECEPTION TO FACULTY

An outstanding social event of the past week in Southern Pines was the reception given on Monday night by the Civic Club, in honor of the teaching force of Southern Pines schools, and about 200 were entertained. Mrs. E. Levis Prizer, Mrs. James S. Milliken and Miss Florence Campbell received the guests and introduced the faculty and members of the Board of Education, and those dispensing hospitality at the beautifully appointed refreshment table were Mrs. Carleton Wicker, Mrs. Frederick Stanley Smith, Mrs. Clyde Wilson, and Mrs. Hugh Betterley. These ladies and many others, were in Colonial dress in honor of George Washington's birthday, and his picture hung between two crossed American flags. The hatchet and cutdown cherry trees made a background for the supper table with its red carnations and tall candelabra with lighted red candles.

## SOUTHERN PINES DEFEATS ELLERBE AT BASKETBALL

The Southern Pines School basketball team defeated the Ellerbe team Tuesday evening in the Ellerbe gymnasium by a score of 19-12. High scorer for Southern Pines was Arthur Pate with eight points; for Ellerbe, Hunsucker with six points. This victory makes the eleventh win for the local team.

Previous to the boys' game the so-called "midgets" from each town played a most exciting game. Competition was so close that three extra periods were played before the Ellerbe "midgets" could be declared winners by a score of 16-14. Both Spivey and Snuggs of Ellerbe scored six points while Whittington of Southern Pines scored eight points.

## CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION COMPETITIVE EXAMINATIONS

The U. S. Civil Service Commission announces an open competitive examination for the position of fireman-laborer in the Custodial Service, Postoffice Department, entrance salary \$1,260 per year. Applications must be on file with the Manager, Fourth U. S. Civil Service District, Washington, D. C., by March 1st. Blanks may be obtained at the Southern Pines Postoffice.

An examination for the position of chairman in the same service, starting at 50 cents per hour, is also announced, with the same conditions prevailing.

## NO RECORDER'S COURT; HIZZONER HAS MUMPS

The mumps recently invaded the Hall of Justice in Carthage and attacked His Honor, Judge J. Vance Rowe, with the result that no Recorder's Court session was held on Monday of this week.

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