



TO GIVE PROFITS OF STEEPLECHASE TO DEFENSE WORK

Annual Sandhills Event to Be Held, Pending Approval of Defense Authorities

DIRECTORS PLAN FOR MEET

The crowds at the Barbour Steeplechase course in March will be in part contributing to national defense efforts, if the preliminary plans made last Saturday by the Steeplechase Association's directors get final okch.

The directors decided that if defense authorities and others concerned approved the holding of the race meeting, all profits from the event would be turned over to some worthy, national defense organization, not yet determined.

Since this decision, similar action has been taken by other associations throughout the East concerning other scheduled steeplechases conducted under the National Hunt and Steeplechase Association.

At the meeting here Saturday, Richard Wallace, re-named racing secretary for the year, was instructed to go to New York to confer with Fred Parks, secretary of the national organization, to make final arrangements for holding the meeting and to set the date for the race, now tentatively scheduled for March 14.

"Substantial Profit" Seen

"Our decision was taken in view of the fact that the horses are already in training and available," said Almet Jenks of Southern Pines, president of the Association, "that all officials except for the racing secretary serve without pay, and that the Sandhills Racing Association has, after some years of intensive work in developing this meeting, now reached a point where it is believed that a substantial profit can be turned over to a worthy cause."

The first meeting in the South scheduled by the National association is set for March 21, so if the tentative date for the Sandhills Steeplechase holds up—March 14—the season will again be led off with the race here.

It was understood that officials were considering changing the purses for some of the major races, but final determination of this was to be made following the report of Mr. Wallace of his conference in New York. Participating in the meeting were Mr. Jenks, Mr. Wallace, James Boyd, Col. George P. Hawes, secretary-treasurer, and Sprigg D. Camden.

TIRE RATIONING BEGINNING HERE

Three-Man Board Meeting Regularly on Thursdays to Consider Applications

The Moore County Tire Rationing Board, composed of George H. Maurice of Eagle Springs, R. F. Tarlton of Southern Pines and J. L. McGraw of Carthage, held its organization meeting at 8:30 a. m. Monday in Carthage and elected J. L. McGraw as chairman.

The Board decided to meet regularly each Thursday afternoon at 2:00 o'clock in what was formerly the WPA sewing room in the basement of the court house, at which time all applicants should present their cases to the Board.

It was also decided to invite all tire dealers to meet with the Board in the court room at 8:00 p. m. Thursday, Jan. 8, to discuss methods for the classification of applicants.

The following inspectors were appointed with more to be appointed later if there is found to be a need for them:

Ernest Stewart of Carthage, for Carthage, Deep River and Greenwood townships.

Colin Monroe of Hemp, for Hemp, and Sheffield, Ritters and Bensalem townships.

Pinehurst Garage for Pinehurst, and Mineral Springs township.

Colton and Peterson for Southern Pines and McNeill township.

Mid-South Motors, Inc., for Aberdeen, and Sandhills township.

Inspections by duly authorized inspectors will be made without charge; however, a fee of not more than 50c may be charged under the rules and regulations issued by the Tire Rationing Bureau of Washington, D. C., in cases where it is necessary for the inspector to remove and replace the tire.

All who feel they are qualified for tires may obtain necessary application blanks from any of the inspectors at their places of business. Such applications must be completed in duplicate. The Board will not consider any application unless the applicant presents completed forms in person, nor will the Board consider application unless inspection has been made by a duly authorized inspector.

Red Cross Thermometers to Mark Progress of Local \$3,000 Drive

"Be Your Own Solicitor" Plan Being Used to Raise Southern Pines' Part in Moore County \$10,000 Quota; Markers Being Shown at Post Office and Bank

If your temperature is rising over the War with the Axis, you can cool off with a contribution to the American Red Cross and send its thermometer shooting up toward the \$3,000 goal.

That's what Red Cross officials planned this week as they erected in Southern Pines two large thermometers, one in front of the post office and one in front of the local bank, to indicate the progress of the drive to reach at least the \$3,000 mark, as Southern Pines' part of the \$10,000 Moore County quota for the Red Cross War Relief fund.

Watch these thermometers and if they rise too slowly, add your contribution to the pot and keep the red marker going up. The indicators will be in use by Friday morning.

Through Thursday morning, the Southern Pines drive had netted a total of \$1,740.96. Instead of sending around solicitors for the funds, the committee decided to use the "Be Your Own Solicitor" plan and asked all those who wished to contribute to bring their checks or cash to one of the following places: Citizens Bank and Trust Company, the Carolina Power and Light Company, the C. C. Telephone Co. office, the Town Clerk's office, the Library, or The Pilot office; or to one of the following committee members: Carl G. Thompson, chairman; Ernest L. Ives, vice-president; Mrs. Almet Jenks, Mrs. Reid Healy and Mrs. E. C. Stevens.

Those whose contributions total the present \$1,740.96 collected are as follows:

- James and Katharine Boyd, Mrs. William Kennedy, Mrs. Florence Ames, Claude Hayes, Mrs. Julia Chambers, Miss Mary Yeomans, Miss Margaret Bishop, Duncan Matthews, George C. Moore, Dr. M. G. Simpson, Walter T. Ives, Mrs. Anne Cox Hutt, Kenneth Trousdale, Thomas Barron, Gladys D. Reed, Gladys V. Millen, Mrs. Martha M. Emley, Mrs. Blanche F. Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Gage, Mrs. Laura L. D. Andrews, Dr. J. I. Neal, Mrs. Eleanor C. Wiede-seim, Mrs. Margaret Tilghman, Preston T. Kelsey, Elsie M. Korrmann, Jackson Boyd.
- Also Josephine McClellan, David S. Packard, Mrs. Ines Jennings, Miss Laura M. Jenks, Miss C. Edith Titus, E. C. Eddy, Mrs. Mary E. Blymer, Mrs. Flors Schmelzer, Geo. J. Jenks, Miss Blanche Sherman, Mrs. W. W. Olive, Gordon Brown, Mrs. Creighton Withers, Mrs. Lina R. Sweeney, Mrs. T. W. Boykin, Miss Mary Alexander, Walter Olive, Eugene Woodward, A. S. Cureton, C. E. Crowell, Cecil Robinson, C. T. Patch, Mrs. Wellington Woodworth, Mrs. Sarah W. Causey, John M. Howarth, Mrs. U. G. Bowlers, Mr. and Mrs. Hargreaves Heap, Frank Welch.
- Also Ethel S. Jones, Chan Page, Andrew I. Sherman, Dante Montesanti, Lawrence Grover, Mrs. Ollie Fields, Miss Violet McLeod, Mrs. Ola Hatch, Mrs. Odelle McLeod, Mrs. Annie Hensley, Mrs. Sarah Lorenson, Mrs. Mattie Moffett, Norman M. Shenk, W. E. Cox, Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Lewis and Fred H. Roberts.

Klenz Concert Delights Hearers; Yale Glee Club to Appear Here

University Singers Scheduled for March 21; Opening Library Concert Successful

William Klenz, cellist from the Music Department at Chapel Hill, assisted by William Gant, pianist, played to a well-filled house at the Southern Pines Library Monday night. The audience heard a program suited to a varied taste and the enthusiasm was sincere.

This was the opening number of the Library Concert series for the season, which is to include an appearance by the famed Yale Glee Club, according to an announcement made this week.

This singing organization, under the direction of Marshall Bartholomew, will make its appearance at the Library Saturday, March 21, and its booking completes the concert series. Mrs. Sylvia Kahn Berke, whose piano concert was originally scheduled for March 16, will fill the last date in the series, April 6, in order that the Yale Glee Club can fill its only available date for an appearance here.

Klenz Has Wide Range

The opening number on Monday's concert, sonata composed by Boccherini in the ancient manner, served as little more than an introductory piece. Both artists seemed nervous and not in the mood for its light, delicate, rather stilted phrases.

It was not until they returned to the stage for the second group that the performance seemed really under way. Here in the deep somber melodies of Bach the cello sang under Mr. Klenz' hands as it does only for the real musician. It is in his rendition of these great compositions that this young artist excels. The variety of his art was well set forth in the contrasting numbers of this second group, ranging all the way from Bach and Handel to Ravel. He played the latter's Habanera with rare understanding. This is a composition whose unusual irregularity of tempo and tonal interval demands a considerable virtuosity. Mr. Klenz brought out to perfection the haunting witchery of Ravel's style. Vocalise by Rachmaninoff was a singularly beautiful air, written originally for the voice, a song without words. The closing number of this group was a Haydn minuet. With its artificial solemnity and gaily saucy air it brought to mind the absurdly pompous bowings and scrapings of fat old courtiers and their bedizened partners in the antique dance.

Before the final number on the

SLACK NO LONGER DEPUTY SHERIFF

McDonald Confirms Fact that T. N. Slack is No Longer Connected with Force

T. N. Slack, deputy sheriff who recently was object of much public criticism concerning the arrest and blackjacking of a soldier at Hemp, is no longer a member of Sheriff C. J. McDonald's force, it was confirmed this week.

Rumors of his resignation and removal had been current for some time, and they were confirmed this week by Sheriff McDonald. Slack has been a deputy for about 12 years and a law enforcement officer in the county for some time prior to that.

Considered a fearless officer by his colleagues and attributed with rendering excellent service in "breaking some of the outstanding law violation cases in recent years. Slack was upheld in his actions concerning the arrest of the soldier in Hemp. Nevertheless, a petition was circulated for his removal by many who thought that undue force had been used in making the arrest.

Dan Cameron Writes Parents from Hawaii

The D. D. Camerons of Niagara had cheering Christmas news. On Christmas day they received a letter from their son, Dan, who is stationed at Schofield Barracks, Hawaiian Islands, written on December 16, declaring that all was well with him. This was the first word the parents had received from their son since the outbreak of the war.

Miss Paxson to Give Series of Talks Here

Before the final number on the (Please turn to page 5)

Miss Ruth Paxson of Hendersonville, who for 20 years was a missionary to China, will begin a series of talks at the Baptist Church here Friday, January 9, at 8 o'clock. Except for Saturday, she will speak each night through Thursday, January 15.

Her appearance is sponsored by the Women's Missionary Union and her talks will be centered about Bible study.

ALFRED YEOMANS TO HEAD LIBRARY DURING NEW YEAR

New Officers and Trustees Elected; Mrs. Walker Begins 21st Year as Treasurer

LIBRARY GETS HEAVY USE

Alfred Yeomans, who for years has devoted much time and effort to the upbuilding of the Southern Pines Library, was Tuesday elected president of the Board for 1942 at the annual meeting of the Southern Pines Library association in the Library building.

Annual reports of committees and of the librarians were heard at the meeting and other officers for the new year elected. They are as follows:

The Rev. F. Craighill Brown, first vice-president; Mrs. James Boyd, second vice-president; Miss Ruth Burr Sanborn, third vice-president; Mrs. James Swett, secretary; and Mrs. J. K. Walker, treasurer.

Only Treasurer

Unusual tribute has been paid to Mrs. Walker for her work in her office, for she was completing her 20th year of service as the library's treasurer at the time of her re-election. She is the only treasurer the library has ever had, having held that office since the organization of the association.

Six trustees were also named, several of them re-elected. Following are those elected Tuesday and the year their terms expire: Mrs. N. L. Hodgkins and Miss Mary Yeomans, re-elected, 1944; John Barron, 1944; Mrs. Frank McCluer, 1944; Almet Jenks, 1943, succeeding Mrs. Boyd, and Carl G. Thompson Jr., 1942, filling the term of M. F. Grantham.

Other trustees are Miss Eleanor Valentine, Miss Laura Kelsey, Philip J. Weaver, Miss Birdilia Bair, the Rev. Voigt O. Taylor and Mrs. W. E. McCord.

Library Active During Year

The report of Mrs. Louis G. Scheipers, Jr., librarian, showed that during the year there had been 10,158 adults and 3,519 juvenile users of the library for a total of 13,677 visits. This does not include the extremely busy season with the soldiers during the maneuvers.

Concerning the circulation of the books, Mrs. Scheipers reported the following: fiction 4,766, juvenile 1,779, biography 445, history and travel 625, miscellaneous 411 and special service department 881, a gift of 8907 volumes. Magazines circulated totaled 377. There were 267 gifts of books, the library was open 313 days during the year and 37 1-2 hours a week.

Actually taken in by book fees and fines were the following amounts: fees \$212.07; fines \$70.92; and special service \$108.54.

New Fort Bragg Road Routed Through Vass

Date of Beginning Construction Not Yet Set; Map at Court House

A map of the route of the proposed Vass-Fort Bragg defense highway on display in the court house shows that the road will leave Highway 1 just north of Keith's filling station and take a straight course through town, running in front of the Corbett residence, through the rear of the original Leslie store building and across the railroad a few yards north of the upper overhead bridge. It will run between the Methodist church and the Alexander house, and a distance to the rear of the homes on the left side of the street leading out the Lobelia way.

When work will begin is not known locally.

The Mystery of Hospital's Room Or A Christmas Story Told Late

This is a Christmas story that didn't come out of hiding until Wednesday. It is a Christmas story about the ladies of the Moore County Hospital Auxiliary and how they surprised Dr. Clement R. Monroe, resident physician.

The story came out this week when all the ladies of the Auxiliary paid a visit to Dr. Monroe's bedroom. Let it be said here, Dr. Monroe is away on a brief, well-deserved vacation.

Two days before Christmas the ladies told Dr. Monroe his room should be painted, so he moved out and was informed he could move back in Christmas Eve.

Meanwhile, Mrs. Preston T. Kelsey and her helpers flew at the room. Hospital furniture gave way to beautiful mahogany pieces, purchased with the cooperation of the Colonial Furniture Company at West End. Mrs. Priscilla B. Scofield presented a rug for the floor and Clarence Thompson of Sco-

Second Blackout Is Set For This Friday Night; To Seek 100% Darkness

Flaws in First Trial to Be Corrected; Council Asks Full Cooperation in Town

ALMOST SPOILED

Southern Pines first trial blackout was almost spoiled last Friday night when, just before the blackout alarm was supposed to have sounded, a fire was reported to the Fire Department. Instead of blowing the siren for a fire—and probably bringing on the blackout ahead of schedule, the fire department rounded up about a half a dozen of the firemen standing around and sort of sneaked off to the blaze. It was a minor brush fire at the far end of North Leak street, just over in the Knollwood section. No damage was done.

MORE REGISTER AS VOLUNTEERS

Registration of Civilian Defense Volunteers Already Being Used to Advantage

Many volunteers for civilian defense work in this community have already been called upon to take part in such things as the practice blackouts, the Red Cross first aid work and similar activities of the defense council.

The Pilot recently published names of those who had registered for Civilian Defense work, but since then there have been many additional names added to the card file in the office of E. C. Stevens on Broad street. Registration still is taking place and it was urged that any who have not registered do so at once.

In the original list of volunteers, the following were inadvertently omitted from the list published in The Pilot: Annie M. Muse, Mrs. A. Nesbitt, Catherine Newton, C. E. Newton.

Since that date, the following additional persons have filled out civilian defense registration cards:

Jack Ament, D. A. Blue, Jr., Prudence Giles Blue, Mrs. James Boyd, P. Frank Buchan, Eloise C. Church, P. W. Croate, Irene C. Dale, E. C. Eddy, Mrs. James J. Hesson, Lovisa B. Hill, Gertrude H. Jay, Charles A. Kinder, Miss Josephine McClellan, W. H. McNeill, O. D. Michael, Lillian B. Miles, J. I. Neal, Mrs. J. I. Neal, Dorothy A. Rorie, Bernice M. Sadler.

Also W. E. Starnes, Helena V. Straka, George R. Straka, Charles S. Fatch, James Boyd, Daniel B. Tew, Clarence O. Thompson, D. H. Turner, J. M. Windham, Birdilia Bair, Mrs. R. C. Ray, Dixie Battley Ray, Dan Shaw Ray, Millicent A. Hayes, Mrs. L. E. Grover, H. A. Lewis, F. B. Pottle, M. L. Palmer, Mrs. George Little.

Also Frank Talbert, J. A. Holt, N. E. Andrews, Lenora Busick, Jane D. Gibbs, Duncan E. McDonald, T. H. Wilson, Edward F. Green, Mrs. Howard N. Butler, Mrs. F. B. Pottle, Cephas T. Patch, Mrs. George E. London, William E. Schult, Jack Freeman, Carl G. Thompson, Jr., Paul Van Auman.

TEAGUE INSTALLS CLUB'S OFFICERS

Kiwanis Lieutenant Governor Visits Sandhills Organization for Installation

New officers of the Sandhills Kiwanis Club were inducted into office Wednesday by Lieutenant Governor D. B. Teague of Sanford, who emphasized the service possibilities of the club during the wartime emergencies.

The speaker recalled that the local Club had sponsored the formation of the Sanford Kiwanis Club, of which he is a member, and had made a record of achievement and progress during its lifetime. He told the new officers that their job was to carry on the work of the past officers and to strive to devote the club's efforts to advancing national defense efforts.

Taking the directors first, Mr. Teague last inducted O. Leon Seymour of Aberdeen as the new president. Other officers installed were I. C. Sledge, immediate past president; R. F. Tarlton, treasurer; Carl G. Thompson, Jr., secretary; W. D. Sabiston, Jr., vice-president, was absent. Directors are A. L. Burney, Paul C. Butler, W. A. Leland McKeithon, H. F. Seavell, the Rev. J. Fred Stimson and Jack M. Taylor.

The Club voted a resolution of sympathy for the family of the late Frank W. McCluer, Jr., a former active Kiwanian, and authorized its transmission to the McCluer and his father Dr. McCluer.

George C. Moore of Southern Pines and B. Anderson of Providence, R. I., were guests.

FIRST ONE DECLARED GOOD

Despite the silvery beams of the Carolina moon, reflecting ghost-like from the town's white homes and buildings in the near complete darkness, the first practice blackout for Southern Pines last Friday was declared 98 percent perfect. But that's not perfect enough in case of an air raid.

So the defense council has scheduled another trial blackout for Friday, January 9, between 7 and 10 p. m., to see if the flaws of the first practice can be ironed out.

John Howarth, coordinator of the Defense Council, with Chief Air Raid Warden, A. E. Patterson, did a quick survey of the town last Friday night during the blackout, and both were well pleased both with the completeness of the blackout and with the alertness of the various wardens working in conjunction with the warning.

Weakness in Trial

However, Howarth pointed out the following flaws and asked that every effort be made to correct them for the blackout this Friday:

1. In many homes, lights were left burning, while the occupants went out. In some cases, these were homes of Army officers.
2. The same was true of some stores. Noted particularly last Friday were Melvin Bros. store here and Mack's Five and Ten Cent store. In both of these, lights burned throughout the trial blackout.
3. No matches should be lighted on the streets during blackouts. One of the chief complaints during the trial blackout was that many people were lighting cigarettes and other smokes, the match flames glaring in the blackness.
4. No automobiles should be driven except official cars, with dimmed lights. Last Friday several unofficial cars were driving with no lights whatsoever. At the sound of an air raid warning, all cars should be parked and lights completely extinguished.
5. Curiosity seekers should keep off the streets. Many people gathered in clumps during last Friday's trial. Only official wardens should be out.

Quick Action Last Week

After the sounding of the air raid warning by the fire siren, and automobile sirens throughout the town, the blackout was effected in quick time. Howarth said, except for those lights which never blacked out. In the check up of the town lights were seen emanating from windows of some homes. At one place, two porch lights were burning and the family out of the house. Lights of the two stores previously mentioned were burning. The signal lights of the Seaboard Railroad kept burning, naturally, although the ticket office was blacked out. In West Southern Pines a red pilot light on the transformer of the Carolina Power and Light Company shot its beam into the darkness. Many cases of matches being lighted on the streets were reported. And, of course, there was the train which went through the town during the blackout, its headlight sending out its beam.

No Traffic Allowed

As far as could be ascertained, however, not an automobile passed through town. All roads into town were manned by air raid wardens who stopped cars at the edge of town and blacked them out. Officials felt that the volunteer wardens working during the blackout were on their job and on their toes.

One big flaw, which is being worked on, is the inability of many persons to hear the air raid warning from the town's fire siren. This problem is not limited to Southern Pines. In Raleigh this week the siren for air raid warnings was tested and about the only response was that "we couldn't hear it." This was true in Southern Pines, although the traveling sirens on police and other cars helped in some of the more distant parts of town. Telephone warnings to other points that the alarm had sounded also assisted in bringing the blackout.

All Clear Not Heard

What was true of the warning was also true of the all-clear signal. That could not be heard throughout the town. These problems have been worked on since the last practice, and it is to remedy these flaws that the practice blackouts are being held now—so that if the real thing comes—well, then there can't be any flaws.

And if you ever hear the air raid warning without being given notice, at least two days ahead of time that it is a practice, then it's the "real McCoy." This was emphasized by Howarth who said that henceforth practice blackouts will be made known to the public at least two days ahead of time. Any other sounding of the warning will be a genuine caution.

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