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SCHOOL BOARDS ASKING SUPPORT FOR AMENDMENT

Dr. George Herr Sets Forth Issues to Be Decided by Vote on Education Set-Up

GAINING WIDE SUPPORT

A call for support of the constitutional amendment to consolidate the five boards of school authority in the State into one body was issued this week by Dr. George G. Herr of Southern Pines, chairman of the Southern Pines School Board and president of the Central District Association of school boards.

"All of the forces supporting the movement for greater and better public school education in this state are behind the Governor in his determination to encourage voters to support the constitutional amendment passed by the 1940 Legislature," Dr. Herr said. "Headed by the N. C. State School Board Association, ably backed by the Parent Teachers Association, this amendment will have the support of parents and teachers and principals and superintendents."

"The North Carolina State School Board Association, which is really the only body which represents all the people in public educational matters. This association wants to bring this matter of the amendment to the attention of the public and I quote from an editorial written by Julian Miller, which sets for the fundamental issues," Dr. Herr added.

Excerpts from the editorial are as follows:

The amendment "upon which voters will pass judgment . . . involving a unification of educational control in Raleigh deserves the thoughtful interest and intelligent decision of the electorate."

"At present there are five boards with public school authority in the State. These are the State Board of Education, the State School Commission, the State board of Vocational Education, the State Textbook Commission and the State Board of Commercial Education."

"The amendment upon which the people of the State will pass proposes the consolidation of all these five separate and distinct authorities into ONE SINGLE BOARD to administer all of the various functions of the State school system . . ."

"Manifestly, both in the interest of simplicity of administration, in economy and of efficiency, the voters of the State should make sure that they give sanction to this amendment and thus eliminate the confusing, frustrating and general cross-cutting of official control of the public schools which are inherent in the present diversified and decentralized control . . ."

"Indeed there should be no honest opposition to the passage of this amendment."

Army Phones Change Knollwood Numbers

Combining of Private Lines with Party Ones Necessitates Check on Each Call

Heavy communication demands by the U. S. Army Air Force Technical Training Command, setting up headquarters in Knollwood, has resulted in the reclassification of some of the private telephone lines in that section, Norman Shenk, local manager, Central Carolina Telephone Company, said last night.

To give the Army full service has necessitated the combining of all private lines into party lines, with a resulting change in telephone numbers. The company manager said that all numbers in the Knollwood area should be checked with the "Operator" (Dial 'O') before a call is made.

"We are sorry for the inconvenience to many subscribers," Shenk said, "but feel that they understand that defense and war needs come first." He added that new lines were being strung up as quickly as possible to relieve the situation.

Whoops! That Pair Didn't Make It Last Year!



Just to show it isn't all sugar and honey trying to take those hurdles, brush and timber jumps on the Barber Estate Course, Photographer Vance McMillan last year "shot" this rider and his horse just after they didn't clear a jump. Action scenes like this one are not infrequent at Steeplechase meetings.

Wilbur Currie Announces For State Senate; Talbot Johnson Reluctantly Withdraws Name

Chairman of County Commissioners to Seek Nomination in June Primaries

Wilbur H. Currie, prominent Carthage business man who is serving his 12th year as chairman of the Moore County Board of Commissioners, has definitely decided to run for the State Senate, and his formal announcement appears in this issue.

With the intimate contact that he has had with every section of the county, Mr. Currie feels that he has a pretty good idea of the needs of the people, and he was influenced by the insistence of a great many citizens to seek Moore County's seat this year, he said.

Mr. Currie stated that he would set forth his views in an article in the paper soon.

Associates of Mr. Currie have called attention to the progress that has been made in the county during his nearly 12 years at the helm. The tax rate has been lowered from \$1.05 to 85 cents; three new school buildings have been erected and many others improved; a welfare office has been created and the health department enlarged, and always, they point out, he has been fair and impartial regardless of the social or financial standing of the person appearing before the Board. And as evidence of his faithfulness, they say that in all the years, he has never missed a board meeting.

MRS. EASTMAN PASSES AT 80

With Husband, Was Early Settler Here from New England; Had Lived in Sanford

Mrs. W. B. Eastman, who with her husband was one of the early Southern Pines settlers from New England, died last Saturday morning at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Roy Ledden, in Sanford, where she was visiting. She was 80 years old.

Funeral services were conducted in Sanford Sunday afternoon, with the Rev. Donald E. Wall officiating, and graveside services were held at Mt. Hope Cemetery later with her pastor, the Rev. J. Fred Stimson, in charge.

Mrs. Eastman was born in Sutton, Vt., in 1862, daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Whipple. She married Mr. Eastman in 1878 and they came to Southern Pines in 1893 where Mr. Eastman soon became noted as a builder. The couple would have celebrated their 64th wedding anniversary on July 4, 1942. Mr. and Mrs. Eastman were charter members of the first church organized in Southern Pines and since they have been members of the Baptist Church.



WILBUR H. CURRIE

HUNTER TRIALS TO BE MARCH 24

Colorful Horse Event Next Week to Follow Steeplechase and Hunt Meeting

The Sandhills Steeplechase and Hunt Association meeting next Saturday is just the beginning of a series of spring horse events in the Sandhills, with the Fourth Annual Hunter Trials the next event scheduled, these to be held Tuesday, March 24, at Scott's Farm on Young's Road.

As in the past, it is planned to turn proceeds from this event over to the Southern Pines Library Association for its work.

The Hunter trials are one of the most colorful horse events in the Sandhills, held as they are over the natural fences of the Scott farm, a piece of country frequently crossed by the Moore County Hounds.

Spectators watch the entries take the panels from a knoll which gives full view of the course. It is planned to parade the Moore County Hounds as a feature of the program. As usual, the classes will include middle, heavyweight, open, and lightweight classes, and hunt teams.

Being planned for early April is a young folks' horse show, the date for which has not yet been set, a spring gymkhana on Saturday, April 4, and the annual Pinehurst Horse Show on April 7.

Horse Show Proceeds Net Red Cross \$277

The Southern Pines Horse Show Committee yesterday turned over to the local Red Cross Branch \$277.17, net proceeds from the Third Annual Southern Pines Horse Show held last month at the Country Club ring.

This revenue was realized from the sale of parking spaces, chances on the pony, "Miss Red Cross," and on the pony rides for children. Mrs. Margaret Thorne Smith, general chairman of the show, said the committee was exceedingly glad to be able to turn these funds over to the cause of the Red Cross.

The amount of \$277.17 is above certain expenses incurred.

Aberdeen Man Cherishes Ambition to Go to Upper House Four Years Hence

One candidate for Moore County's seat in the State Senate definitely announced this week, and another, who has been cherishing the thought of being a State Senator for some time, made his decision not to seek nomination.

J. Talbot Johnson of Aberdeen, saying he has had "a keen desire and ambition to go to the State Senate," but that "in view of the prevailing chaotic and total war conditions, this is not time for political battles, and I do not have the heart, the time, nor the money to wage an active political campaign against my friend (Wilbur Currie)."

In withdrawing his candidacy, Johnson pledged his support to Dr. Currie and urged "my friends to do likewise." He expressed appreciation for those who agreed to espouse his cause, in case he did run.

"I confess that the lamentable death of my dear friend and able law partner, Frank Wilson McCluer, Jr., was also a controlling factor in arriving at the decision not to run," Johnson added.

"I am sincerely trusting that four years from now conditions will be such that I may have the honor and opportunity to become a candidate, and at that time my cherished ambitions may be realized."

W. B. (Bill) Warner Dies Unexpectedly

Popular Automobile Salesman Dies at Fayetteville After Brief Illness

The unexpected death of William B. (Bill) Warner early Tuesday morning at Veterans Hospital in Fayetteville came as a great shock in this section, where Mr. Warner has been for years a popular automobile salesman.

Mr. Warner was taken ill suddenly Monday night and was taken to the hospital where he died at 8 o'clock Tuesday morning. He would have been 47 his next birthday. Funeral services were conducted at the Southern Pines Baptist Church Wednesday afternoon at one o'clock, with the Rev. J. Fred Stimson officiating. Interment took place in a family plot at Clarkton Cemetery.

A native of Scotland county, Mr. Warner was the son of Mrs. Delilah Warner and the late John W. Warner. He spent his early life in Scotland and other eastern North Carolina counties and came here about 15 years ago, living for a time at Lakeview and then moving to Southern Pines. He was employed most of this time by the Page Motor Company of Aberdeen; but recently accepted the local managership for Cooper Roofing Co. He was a member of the Aberdeen Post of the American Legion.

Surviving are his widow, the former Miss Ruth Woods of Georgia, one son, W. B. (Billy) Jr.; his mother, and the following brothers: R. H. and F. F. Warner of Raleigh, John P. and R. D. Warner of Whiteville and A. L. Warner of Bladen County.

Crowd Numbering 10,000 Is Anticipated Saturday For Steeplechase Races

Blackout Friday!

The third blackout trial of the war for Southern Pines will be conducted tomorrow (Friday) night beginning at 9:20 p. m., it was announced yesterday by John Howarth, defense coordinator.

According to present plans, the blackout will last for 10 minutes, with the all-clear sounding at 9:30. Instructions for holding the blackout came yesterday to A. B. Patterson, chief air raid warden. The alarm, as in the past, will be one long, rising and falling, blast of the fire siren. The all-clear is one long steady blast for two minutes.

Cooperation of all Southern Pines residents in making the blackout complete was requested. Although through traffic will be allowed to continue, with dimmed lights, all local traffic will be halted. No lights must be turned on until the all-clear sounds, Howarth said.

Final Entries and Handicaps Given for All Races of 8th Annual Sandhills Event

LARGE FIELD ENTERED

Handicaps for the popular Yadkin Steeplechase, two miles over brush, carrying a \$1,200 purse, top for the five races to be run at the Barber Estate Course tomorrow afternoon, beginning at three o'clock, were announced yesterday by Richard Wallach, Jr., racing secretary.

Final plans for the five top-notch hunting races reached completion with the naming of the horses to run in the Croatan Steeplechase, the first of three races in the Carolina Serial Steeplechase, run at Southern Pines, Camden and Aiken.

Officials estimate a crowd of at least 10,000 will be on hand to witness the Eighth Annual Steeplechase meeting, being held this year in benefit of the Navy Relief Society and the Moore County Hospital.

One well-wisher for the race is a well-known figure who has been one of the biggest boosters of the Navy Relief Society, to benefit from the proceeds of the races.

Letter from Winchell

Eugene C. Stevens of Southern Pines, member of the general committee of the Race Association, yesterday received a letter from Walter Winchell, New York columnist, in reply to a letter from Stevens for the association, informing Winchell of the plans to share the net profits of the race meeting with the Navy Relief.

"Sorry for the delay in acknowledging your letter," wrote Winchell from his New York Mirror office. "And thank you for telling me of the forthcoming Steeplechase meet. I hope it's a tremendous success. Good wishes. (signed) Walter Winchell."

Handicaps for Fourth Race

F. Ambrose Clark's Castletown will carry top weight of 160 pounds in the Yadkin, fourth race slated for Saturday's running. One pound less—159—will be carried by G. H. (Pete) Bostwick's West Haddon, and Himmel, seven-year-old chestnut gelding owned by Mrs. E. duPont Weir of Wilmington, Del., has been assigned 148 pounds.

Other weights for entries in the Yadkin were assigned as follows: Montpelier's Jacket, winner last year at Aqueduct, 146 pounds; Fairford, owned by Kent Miller of Aiken, S. C., 145 pounds; Fatal Interview, owned by Cielo Siete Stables, Philadelphia, 142 pounds; Mrs. F. Ambrose Clark's five-year-old Royal Archer, 140 pounds; Mr. Clark's Night Heron 139 pounds; Grand Dan, owned by Miss Wilhelmina S. Kirby, Camden, 135 pounds; Coventry's Twist, owned by A. A. Baldwin, Whitepost, Va., 135 pounds; and J. H. Clyburn's Dahlia, 135 pounds.

Serial Race Entries

Thirteen entries have definitely been made in the Croatan Steeplechase, about two miles over brush, which is a subscription race. There are eight more horses eligible to enter the race. Subscriptions closed with the National Steeplechase and Hunt Association in New York, where all three races in the serial steeplechase are handled.

Definitely entered are Miss Kirby's Grand Dan, Rokeby Stables' (Upperville, Va.) Flying Frier; Pico Blanco 2nd, owned by Mrs. James P. Miller, Westbury, L. I.; Felt Slipper, owned by Mrs. L. E. Stoddard, Jr., Westbury, L. I.; Alcaldale and Sir Wick. (Please turn to page 5)

Poppy Day

Next Wednesday, March 25, will be Poppy Day in the Sandhills.

Mrs. L. D. Williams, president, Women's Auxiliary of the Sandhills Legion Post, said that the women would sell poppies for benefit of the veterans in hospitals "at YOUR price" in Southern Pines, Pinehurst and West End.

WARNING SIGNALS BEING ERECTED

Railroad Crossing at New Hampshire Avenue to Be Protected by New Signals

Southern Pines' second set of railroad warning signals is being erected at the New Hampshire avenue crossing by the Seaboard Railroad, and is expected to be in operation in about 30 days, according to D. G. Stutz, Seaboard agent.

The signals will be the flashing light, clanging bell type, such as now operate on the Vermont Avenue crossing, he said. A full crew of technicians and erection force are making headquarters in their train "ship," equipped for sleeping, bathing, eating and recreation, near the freight station.

The cost of these warning signals run about \$8,000 to \$10,000, Stutz said, and this is the only set planned at this time. The warnings were originally planned for erection about a year ago, but have been delayed.

DEFENSE PLANS PROGRESS HERE

Howarth Names Weaver in Charge of Training; Brown to Coordinate Salvage Work

John M. Howarth, Southern Pines defense coordinator, has announced that Philip J. Weaver, school superintendent, has been put in charge of all civilian defense training classes and that the Rev. F. Craig-hill Brown has been appointed to coordinate salvage collection in the town.

All civilian defense workers are required to have a minimum number of hours of training, ranging from 20 to 30, depending upon their function, and Weaver's job is to plan classes so that each CD worker can participate. The classes will be conducted under the Red Cross, and will be open to the public, but preference will be given to the CD workers in enrollment.

It will be Brown's task to stimulate the contribution of scrap metal, paper and other needed materials and make provision for collection centers and periodical collections from homes, Howarth added.

Fundamental training for defense workers is first aid, and other courses include fire and gas protection, as well as special police work. Howarth said also that bids were now being accepted for materials to equip the first aid centers in the various parts of the town.