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## Campaign for Funds to Enlarge Gymnasium Facilities Underway

### Civic Group Meets Tuesday; Project Gets Full Approval

The demountable bleachers, he said, would occupy no more space than a single row of seats of the kind now used but would double the seating capacity. They could also be used for tennis and baseball later in the year. The electric timer and scorer would help the spectators keep up with the game, as well as help the players since part of the time not even the referee knows what the score is. The other equipment includes backboards, baskets, and other items which would be necessary to convert the assembly room into a basketball court.

### Last Year's Record

Mr. Phillips remarked on the record the local varsity teams had made on basketball courts throughout the district, even being invited to the finals where they lost by one point, which is exceptional for a team from a school as small as Southern Pines' school. He then threw the floor open for discussion.

Philip Weaver thanked the meeting for their interest in undertaking the project, mentioning what town support would mean to the boys in a financial as well as a personal way. He said that last year only a handful of people attended, most of them being the mothers of the players, "but even if they had come out, there wouldn't have been seats to accommodate them under the present arrangement."

A. C. Dawson, high school principal and physical education instructor, emphasized the inadequacy of present facilities also. "Four grades, from 9-12, use the gym, and children from the third to the eighth grades also have physical education but generally use the playground. Even with the four grades using the gym, there is little time for the basketball team to practice."

Mayor L. V. O'Callaghan was certain the Town of Southern Pines would pledge support to such a project. Later when showing facilities at the church were discussed, he showed his personal interest by offering to install and donate a water heater if any of the ones in stock were large enough for the tank.

### Rotary and Johnson Donafe

The Rev. Tucker G. Humphries, representative from the Rotary Club, presented \$125 which he had been authorized to give as the first contribution to the fund.

He was followed by Virgil Johnston who made out a check for \$100, jumping the jackpot to \$225. On a suggestion from Eugene (Continued on Page 4)

## County Schools Have Increased Enrollment

A larger enrollment in all county schools this fall, with greatest increase at Farm Life, Vass, Lakeview, Robbins, Carthage and West End, has been reported by H. Lee Thomas, county school superintendent.

Mr. Thomas says that all school buildings are in good condition, actually better than they were before the war, and every vacant with the exception of an eighth grade teacher has been filled. Nine new school buses, supplanting last year's quota, have been chartered to bring the children to school.

### WINSTON-SALEM MAN DIES WHILE ON VISIT

While on a visit in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Wooten of upper Hoke County section, Alton Dees of Winston-Salem died suddenly around 7:00 a. m. last Friday as he was dressing. He had been with the Utility Power Company in Winston-Salem for eighteen years and the body was taken back there for burial.

Mr. Dees, son of the late Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Dees, is survived by his wife and two daughters.

### BREAKS WRIST

As Mr. and Mrs. N. L. Hodgkins, who were vacationing in New York, were about to leave for home Friday evening, Mrs. Hodgkins tripped on an uneven sidewalk on Clinton Avenue, Brooklyn, and suffered a broken wrist, an accident which slightly delayed their return.

## STOP AND GO

Motorists will please take note that the three stop lights on May Street (U. S. Highway 1), which operated as blinkers during the summer months, have this week been changed to stop and go lights, due to the opening of school. These lights are located at the Massachusetts, New York and Connecticut Avenue crossings.

Many school children cross these streets on their way to school and the public is urged to cooperate wholeheartedly in preventing accidents.

## Favorable Reply Given To Lunch Driving Request

If certain conditions are met, school busses may be used in the towns of Aberdeen, Carthage and Robbins for transporting high school students to school cafeterias located on opposite sides of these towns, according to a ruling by Attorney General Harry McMullen which was received Tuesday by County Superintendent H. Lee Thomas.

Those conditions are that the county take out \$5,000 insurance on the life of each child and each driver concerned, and pay the expense of the extra transportation. The Board of Education stands ready to meet these requirements.

Mr. Thomas estimates that there will be around 250 boys and girls in the three schools who will take advantage of the opportunity of getting their lunches in the school cafeterias, where excellent meals are served at a very low cost, under a Federal aid plan.

A delegation from the county, headed by Mr. Thomas, appeared before the State Board of Education's transportation committee about two weeks ago, asking permission to use the busses in the above-named towns for transporting pupils to the cafeterias—usage not provided for by the school law. They were promised that the matter would be referred to the attorney general for his opinion.

## TOBACCO SEASON BRINGS OPTIMISM

Taking a turn around part of the county on Tuesday, opening day of the tobacco markets, a Pilot representative found much activity in the market towns and a spirit of optimism prevailing. Warehouses were buzzing with activity, with tobacco already sold being wheeled from the floors in hand trucks, to be packed into hogsheads for shipping and to make room for the truckloads waiting to be unloaded for the following day's sales.

Just as has been noticed in Southern Pines for the past few days, new items were appearing in the store windows, and shelves held articles which have been conspicuous by their absence in recent times. C. T. Henson of Jones' Store in Carthage, who was busily engaged in opening up more items that he had even hoped to get, was in a "Believe it or Not" mood which was typical of the optimistic feeling which comes with tobacco season in the Sandhills.

## Lieut. Col. Primm Arrives in States

Lieut. Col. C. F. Primm, 91st "Powder River" Division Adjutant General, is visiting his wife, Mrs. Isabelle Wilcox Primm, and son, C. F. Primm, Jr., in Southern Pines, having arrived in the United States Tuesday from overseas.

A broker in civilian life, Colonel Primm was commissioned November 24, 1940, at the Alabama State Military Department. After serving at various United States posts, Colonel Primm went overseas in April, 1944, with the 91st Division, and was with the unit throughout its fighting in the Italian campaign.

The Division was the first to reach Arno and had pierced the Gothic and Caesar lines, pushing far into the Po Valley, when hostilities ceased in the theater. He was awarded the Bronze Star Medal for meritorious service.

## Fifty Go to Fort Bragg This Week For Examinations

### 25 Negro Selectees Leave Tuesday, and 25 White go Today

Fifty men from Moore County answered the examination call at Fort Bragg this week, including 25 white men who left this morning for camp, and 25 Negroes who left Tuesday.

The white selectees included: Southern Pines: Lonnie Louis Cooper, Rodrick Dew Edmisten, and Jesse Leslie Bass, Jr. Aberdeen: Chevalier Jackson Dowless.

Cameron: Marvin Lee Ross, Route 1, and Odell Wall, Route 2.

Carthage: Raymond Lee Ring, Route 3. Lakeview: Vernon Pate. Pinehurst: Jack Andrew Ledbetter.

Robbins: Roy Colon Cooke, Homer Franklin English, Fred Junior Cagle, Route 2, and Johnnie Fletcher Hussey, Route 2. Star: Doyle Junior Davis, Route 1.

Steads: Edward Franklin McNeill, Route 1, Herman Floyd McNeill, Route 1, and Causey Emmitt Comer, Jr., Route 1.

Vass: James Ernie Milton Holyfield, Route 2. West End: Sandy Junior Simmons.

### Second Contingent

A group of 25 Negroes left in the second contingent of men from the local board since the end of the war. They reported for examinations Tuesday, September 11.

Southern Pines: James Eugene Jackson, James McCoy, and Robert Lee Addison.

Aberdeen: Cleveland Edward Hines, Prentiss McQueen.

Addor: Macon Mozelle McMillan.

Cameron: Lennor Virble Cameron, Route 1. Carthage: Eddie Alphonso Cole, Offie Ransome Dowdy, Frank Flint, Cary Junior Goins, Route 3, and Charles Irwin Phillips, Route 2.

Pinehurst: Robert Lee Turner, Carl Edward Morrison, Gilyard Prince, and J. Hugh Brown.

Robbins: Lee Roy Baskin, William Rufus Person, William Elwood Caddell, and Roy Vander Bross.

Vass: Willie Johnson and Clarence Junior Elliott.

West End: Hunter Willie Sanders and Saul Person, Route 1.

## Vass Boy Suffers Broken Leg When Hit by Car Sunday

Leon Crabtree, 16-year-old Vass boy, sustained a broken leg when he was struck by an automobile driven by Kenneth Womack, young man of upper Hoke County, around noon Sunday. The youth was crossing the side street next to Fields' garage when Womack turned onto the street from Highway 1. Seeing his danger, Crabtree tried to back away from the path of the car, according to an eyewitness, and by so doing probably saved himself from more serious injury.

The injured youth was carried to Moore County Hospital, where he remained until the following day. After having his leg placed in a cast he was allowed to return to his home, and is getting along satisfactorily.

Patrolman Kelly of Carthage is investigating the accident.

## Local Boys Attend Military Academy

Stuart Wood, Jr., and Walter Wood, sons of Col. and Mrs. Stuart Wood of North Ashe St., and Stephen Van Camp, son of Mr. and Mrs. Paul M. Van Camp of South Ridge Street, left this week for Waynesboro, Va., where they will attend Fishburne Military School which opened September 12.

Five boys left Southern Pines this week to begin fall studies at military schools.

Richard Pateh, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Patch, and Leighton Hall, son of Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Hall, have enrolled at Edwards Military Institute in Salemburg.

## COMPLIMENT

J. E. Caviness, Lakeview dairyman, appreciates the compliment paid his automobile by some unknown person, but he would appreciate much more the return of said vehicle. While the car was in a Sanford garage last week for repairs, someone broke into the place, and although it was necessary to move several cars to get to that of the Lakeview man, this was done. Mr. Caviness has had no trace of it since.

## Harrington Place In West SP Badly Damaged By Fire

### Frank Campbell and Family, Occupants, Carried No Insurance

A telephoned alarm from West Southern Pines a few minutes after six o'clock Friday evening promptly brought both pieces of apparatus of the Southern Pines Fire Department to the home of Frank Campbell, colored, where flames, said to have originated in a bedroom closet, had already gained great headway in the one story, six-room frame structure. Despite the best efforts of the firemen, the structure was practically gutted.

The house, located on the corner of New Hampshire Avenue and Hardin Street, known as the old Harrington place and still owned by members of that family, was occupied by Campbell, a civilian employee of Camp Mackall, who, with members of the family and neighbors, succeeded in saving a few pieces of furniture and personal effects before the rapidly spreading fire and dense smoke drove them from the structure.

The owners have some insurance on the building, but the Campbells carried none on clothing or furniture.

## Careful Driving Campaign Begins Here This Week

In view of the number of accidents in this section recently and the opening of local schools, a campaign for careful driving was inaugurated this week by Chief C. E. Newton to decrease these accidents and to prevent injury to school children.

Chief Newton, asking the cooperation of the citizens of Southern Pines in helping the police force to make this campaign successful, pointed out the serious accidents that have taken place near here since the lifting of gasoline rationing. He referred to the last issue of the Pilot where two accidents were reported, one resulting in death for the driver and the other resulting in two persons being painfully injured.

"Fast driving is extremely dangerous in town," Chief Newton said, "not only to the children, but to the public as a whole. The unexpected should always be looked for when you're behind the wheel. That is an obligation undertaken when you receive your driver's license."

Decrying the idea that many drivers have that because the statute provides for a certain speed limit, they have to operate at that speed, Chief Newton said that drivers should take into consideration the hazards that arise at different times.

"The business speed limit of 20 miles per hour and the residential limit of 25 miles per hour are all right when there is little traffic, but the law also provides that no person shall drive at a speed greater than is reasonable and prudent under the existing conditions. In other words, use conscience and common sense when driving," Chief Newton ended.

## Cypress Presbyterians Observe Home Coming

Rev. H. G. Warlaw of Whitmire, S. C., will preach at the home coming services at 11:55-year old Cypress Presbyterian Church on Sunday, September 30. Home Coming Day will climax a week's revival services at the church, Rev. J. Hoge Smith, pastor, has announced.

## Jewelry Valued at \$7,000 Taken From Store in Robbins

### Thief Probably Concealed Self in Ray's Before Closing Time

Moore County law enforcement officers are seeking to solve a jewelry theft which occurred in Robbins last week in which the Ray Furniture Company suffered a loss estimated by Ray as above \$7,000. Insurance in the amount of \$10,000 was carried on the jewelry, it is said, but in view of the circumstances there is doubt as to the firm's being able to collect it.

The theft was discovered on Wednesday morning and Ray promptly notified the State Bureau of Investigation, the county sheriff, Robbins police officers and the insurance adjuster, who conducted an investigation.

Before leaving his place of business at 6:00 o'clock Tuesday evening, Ray, who operates a furniture, jewelry and ready-to-wear business in Moore County's leading manufacturing center, examined the windows to see that they were closed and locked, according to the story he told officers, Sheriff McDonald disclosed. Around 7:00 p. m., one of his truck drivers returned from his route and went inside to leave some goods. He noticed that a rear window was open, but assumed that someone had forgotten to close it and attended to it himself. The next morning it was discovered that practically all of the jewelry in two cases had been stolen, also a sum of money.

There was no evidence of breaking and entering, so it is thought that the robber must have concealed himself in the building before closing time.

The firm is said to have carried \$10,000 insurance on the jewelry, but due to the fact that apparently there had been no "breaking", Ray was given no encouragement as to the probability of his being able to collect, Sheriff McDonald said.

The Sheriff's office is getting out posters in an effort to trace the guilty person.

## Local Hunt Club To Organize; Takes 3,000-Acre Lease

The Southern Pines Hunt Club, at present in its embryonic stage, has been granted a 10-year lease on 3,000 acres of woodland near Lakeview, Ed Starnes of Southern Pines, one of the club organizers, has announced. The first organizational meeting will be held the latter part of this month. Although the idea of a local game club has been brewing for a long time, actual organization was begun around three months ago by Mr. Starnes, R. C. Johnson, Morris Johnson, J. T. Overton, Woodrow Davis, all of Southern Pines, and H. A. Matthews of Lakeview. They investigated prospective land leases, secured several packs of hounds, and aroused the interest of some 25 local huntsmen.

What Mr. Starnes describes as "some of the best hunting territory in this section" has been leased now, a large part of the acreage from E. M. Aiken of Washington, D. C., which has been supplemented by smaller grants from farmers in the section.

Mr. Starnes says the club will be organized in time to have the first game hunt near the opening day of the season, October 1. Hunts will be every Tuesday and Saturday during the season which extends until January 1.

### BRUNSWICK STEW

Last week's meeting of the Vass Lions Club was featured by a Brunswick stew supper to which wives of the members were invited. The stew was made under the expert direction of Lion Norris V. Briggs and won loud praise from both Lions and Lionesses.

### THE REV. T. G. HUMPHRIES TO CONDUCT REVIVAL

The Rev. T. G. Humphries, pastor of the Church of Wide Fellowship, will leave here Sunday evening for Fuquay Springs where he will conduct a revival until Wednesday at the Wake Chapel Church.

## All Roads Lead to Carthage and Aberdeen As Tobacco Warehouses Open With Record Sales Tuesday

### SUNSHINE, PLEASE

You're going to get rid of that stack of papers and magazines decorating your front yard on Saturday morning... that is, if it doesn't rain, says Paul Butler, chairman of the local Salvage Committee.

If the weather is rainy, making collection impossible, the date will be postponed until the following Wednesday, he adds, "... and remember to tie them up to help the Boy Scouts who are canvassing the town for the scrap paper."

## Local Golfers Are Hosts to Visiting Rockingham Team

The Southern Pines Country Club Golf team played host to the Rockingham team on Wednesday afternoon. This was a return engagement as the locals had visited Rockingham two weeks ago. The first event on the program was a golf match in which Southern Pines players came out victors by a 24 to 0 score. They had also won the first match.

Arthur Atherton turned in the low medal round of the day, having a 73. Phil Weaver was only one stroke behind.

After the golf match had been played and then cussed and discussed, the participants gathered at the picnic grounds where some excellent fried chicken was served. The contest here was not one-sided. While it was impossible to keep an exact score, there was not a noticeable difference in the form exhibited by the various contestants. However, it was observed that one of the local boys, whose name is withheld, managed to dispose of the contents of three generously filled platters.

## Bethesda Observes 155th Homecoming

Bethesda Church, one of the oldest churches in North Carolina and shrine of Presbyterians in the Sandhills, will hold its first post-war home coming Sunday, September 30, when it observes its 155th anniversary.

Dr. M. R. MacQueen, of Clinton, descendant of Martin McQueen who was pastor at Bethesda in 1874, will preach at the morning service, followed by the customary picnic in the grove of the ancient church.

Every year the afternoon speaker is an authority on early settlers, particularly in the Cape Fear region, and this year J. Talbot Johnson, committee chairman is expecting Carl Goerch, North Carolina's history-know-all, to address the home-comers at that time. Mr. Johnson had not heard from Mr. Goerch yesterday so it is still uncertain whether he will be able to attend.

There will be no special gathering of the clans as took place at the mammoth home coming in 1940 when Bethesda held its sesquicentennial celebration, but Mr. Johnson is writing letters to a few clan members to ask them to issue personal invitations to their clans.

## Lieutenant Shockley Is En Route From Europe

First Lt. Thomas E. Shockley of Southern Pines is en route to the United States from the Mediterranean port of Marseille, a release from the 17th Airborne Division said yesterday.

Lieutenant Shockley, husband of Mrs. Iris Tate Shockley who is now making her home with her parents here, is commanding the headquarters battery of the 17th. In his months of service overseas, he has participated in the following campaigns: Sicily, Italy, Normandy, Holland, "The Bulge", Rhineland, and Central Europe. He has been awarded the Bronze Star Medal for Heroic Action in Holland, the Presidential Citation for Normandy, and the Bronze Invasion Arrowhead for Normandy and Holland.

## Two Towns Sold Estimated 640,000 Pounds at Opening

All roads in Moore County led to Carthage and Aberdeen over the weekend as cars, trucks and trailers streamed in, loaded with tobacco in such quantities as to give the four warehouses located in the two towns record sales on Tuesday, the opening day for the Middle Belt.

Floors of all warehouses were jammed with tobacco and it is estimated that Carthage with its floor space doubled since last year, sold around 350,000 pounds at an average of \$44.50 on the opening day, and Aberdeen, 290,000 pounds. Farmers appeared pleased with the prices paid.

Selling continues for an hour and twenty minutes at each warehouse, four days to the week, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, with first sales alternating between the two houses in each town. In this short period it was impossible to sell all of the tobacco offered Tuesday, and the amount left over with the additional quantities that were brought in gave heavy sales for the remainder of the week.

Opening sales throughout the Middle Belt, which includes Durham, Henderson, Oxford, Louisville, Fuquay-Varina, Warrenton, and Sanford, in addition to the Moore County towns, were generally described as highly satisfactory.

For the Belt the price average was estimated at around \$43.50 per hundred pounds, a slight increase over last year's opening day average of \$43.41, with much heavier offerings. Warehousemen estimated that more than 4,290,000 pounds were sold during the day Tuesday, which would greatly exceed last year's first-day figure of 3,410,652 pounds marketed.

The quality of Tuesday's offerings was somewhat lower than was the case last year, much of it showing indications of a lack of careful grading. On the whole, however, tobacco on the Middle Belt opening was regarded as generally superior to that on the Eastern and Border Belts, and the crop is estimated to be the best since the record year of 1939.

## District ODT Will Dissolve Saturday

All persons having business to transact with the Raleigh District Office of Defense Transportation after September 15 should contact the ODT District Office in Charlotte, according to information received from Raleigh this week.

After September 15 all pertinent files in the ODT Raleigh office will be moved to Charlotte, for since the revocation of most ODT Highway Transport orders and regulations, there is little need for, since the revocation of most

## Auxiliary Stresses Membership Drive

Local American Legion Auxiliary officials are putting forth an effort to get all members to pay their 1946 dues as promptly as possible in order that Mrs. Jennie Craven of Charlotte may report a 100 per cent membership when she attends the national convention in Chicago, Nov. 18-20. It is urged that the Southern Pines-Pinehurst Unit show Mrs. Craven, candidate for national president of the American Legion Auxiliary, that they are backing her to the limit. Mrs. L. L. Woolley is membership chairman. Dues may be paid to her or to the Unit treasurer, Mrs. J. S. McLaughlin.

## Gen. Kennedy Leaves Bragg for Reassignment

Brig. Gen. John T. Kennedy, World War II commander of Fort Bragg, has been transferred to headquarters, Fourth Service Command, Atlanta, Ga., for reassignment.

Col. Landon C. Rosser, executive officer, is serving as commanding officer until a new commanding general, who is expected Saturday, reports for duty.