

School Teams Face Pinehurst Here In Homecoming Clash

Dance Sponsored For Alumni After Contests Tonight

An alumni reception and a dance sponsored by the Junior Class are to be special inducements to old grads of the Southern Pines High School to return for the traditional Homecoming Night game with Pinehurst at the gymnasium here tonight, Friday, February 8th.

Before an expected capacity crowd of alumni, students, and town supporters, the Blue and White basketball teams will meet two strong Pinehurst teams in what promises to be one of the most spectacular games of a long and colorful series with the invaders. In a hotly contested meeting of the two squads earlier this season, Pinehurst finished on the long ends of both scores for the doubleheader. Coach Dawson's boys have since overpowered a West End five which had downed Pinehurst by a close margin.

Results of past games in the series with Pinehurst, however, have shown that comparative scores and the seasonal record mean little once the two teams are on the floor. In the spirit of strong but friendly rivalry, both squads invariably play above themselves.

Taking their last shots at the basket for Southern Pines this season are seniors Chan Page, No. 35; Drennan Mann, No. 32; and Davis Worsham, who wears the numeral 30, all of whom will be in action tonight.

Followers of the Blue and White feel that the locals' chief task in their homecoming game will be to stop two stellar Pinehurst squads.

Maples Dominates Pro-Amateur Play In Tourney Here

Birch and Carter Announced Winners In Sandpiper Golf

Playing through in beautiful form in the amateur-pro golf tournament held at the Southern Pines Country Club on Monday, February 4th, was Hinson Maples, of Pinehurst, who shaved his strokes to split for both first and second place honors. Teamed with C. F. Brown, Maples showed a 65 for low carding of the day, while the combination of Maples and Frank McCaskill, of Pinehurst, posted a 68 to finish second.

From among a large field of golfers—in which, generally, amateurs outshine professionals—pro Roy Grinnell and Jack Carter, Southern Pines combination, turned in a 69 to tie for third place with Sgt. Al Besslerinck, U. S. Army, and Roy Bronson. Downfall of more than one golfer of talent on the country club course on Monday was the hazardous third hole, and adjacent

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QUICK ACTION

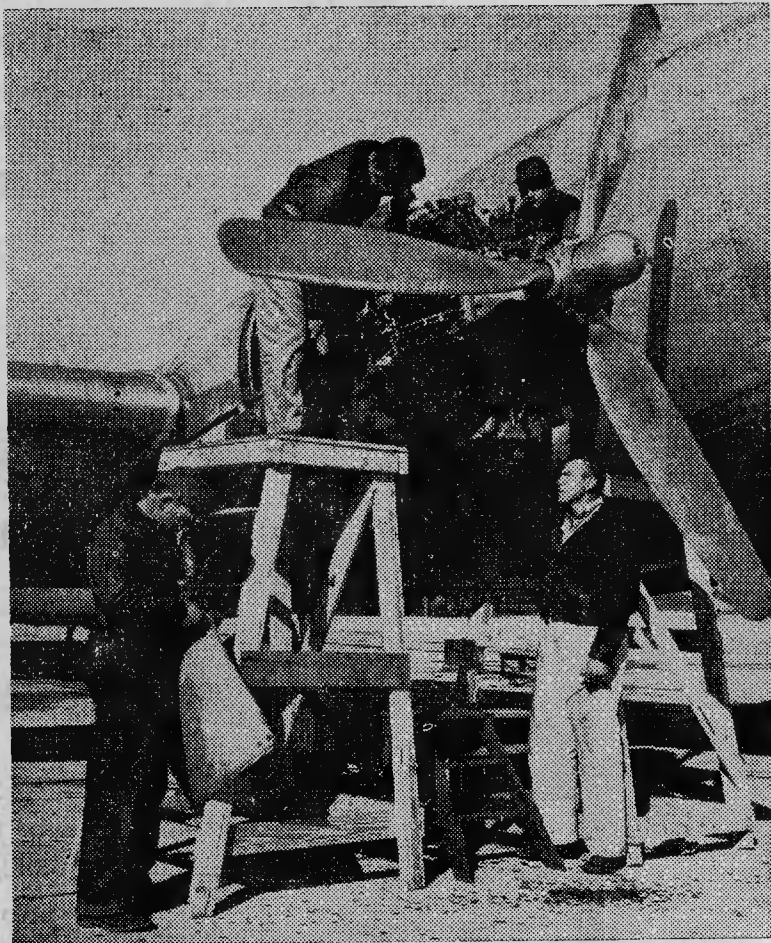
The high sweeping wind blowing on Wednesday kept old-timers alerted for the inevitable brush-fire that starts on such a day.

Sure enough, around two fifteen, the whistle blew, sending the fire truck to the corner of May street and Ohio avenue, where the grass had caught from a burning trash pile on the place of C. P. McCullough. Prompt action on the part of the department checked a fire which fanned by the high wind, had started to spread alarmingly.

NEW FIRM

Robert Henderson, late sergeant USA, formerly with C. J. Simons electrical business, has started in for himself as a radio repair and conditioning man.

Vets Study Mechanics of Aircraft



TUNING UP. Pictured above, while servicing one of Resort Airline's 21 passenger Douglas planes, are four of the five trainees, all veterans, who are taking advantage of the On the Job Training Program for aircraft mechanics, now offered by the line. Among the trainees is Harrison J. Speer, of Carthage. (Photo by Humphrey)

Moore Insurance Agents Arrange State Convention

Ten members of the Moore County Association of Insurance Agents were present for a special dinner meeting, at the Holly Inn in Pinehurst on Tuesday, February 5th. Purpose of the meeting, County President John S. Ruggles stated, was to arrange for the annual meeting of the state-wide association at the Carolina Hotel, 3rd through the 5th of May.

Conferring with local agents was Sherman G. Otso, executive secretary of the state association. Committees were appointed to arrange for golf tournaments, and for the reception of delegates; and a committee of the wives of agents here was chosen to provide entertainment for delegates' wives expected to attend.

Moore County agents attending were: from Southern Pines, John S. Ruggles, president; E. C. Stevens, secretary; and D. H. Turner. From Pinehurst, H. J. Menzel, Col. George P. Hawes, Jr., H. G. Phillips, and Harry B. Emery. Theo Berg, Levi Packard, and Major C. V. Watson, junior partner of the United Insurance Agency, were present from Aberdeen, Pinebluff, and Carthage respectively.

Horse Show Will Benefit Polio Fund Drive

What is expected to be one of the most important sporting events of the season will be the Horse Show taking place on the Country Club grounds at Southern Pines this Sunday.

Starting at two thirty, the afternoon program features a series of events, both sporting and amusing. There will be the usual classes in horsemanship: beginners' jumping and riding, the hunter classes and the knock-down-and-out contest for show jumpers. Interspersed will be gymkhana events: a potato race, a ribbon race, and, doubtless, others to entertain the young folks.

Attending either as contestants or spectators, will be many of the sections, leading horsemen, as well as visitors from other hunting communities. Several of our annual guests from Poughkeepsie, including the master of the Rombout Hunt, Homer Gray, is expected to be present.

Proceeds of the show will go to the Polio Fund.

Carthage Hotel Is Purchased By F. R. Womack

Made public this week was the sale on Monday, February 1st, of the Carthage Hotel, the large, three-story brick structure on Courthouse Square, which for many years has been a principal landmark in the county seat.

The new owner of the hotel is Rudolph Womack, originally of Carthage, who purchased it from Mrs. P. K. Kennedy, widow of the late P. K. Kennedy, of Carthage. Under the new management of Mr. and Mrs. Womack, the thirty-nine room establishment is undergoing extensive renovation and redecoration.

Womack is the son of Mrs. Beulah Womack and the late Fred Womack of Carthage, and for a number of years was employed in the Post Office Department in High Point. Mrs. Womack, the former Miss Dorothy Brown, is the daughter of Edgar R. Brown of Robbins.

Built and operated before the 'twenties by the late Thomas B. Tyson, the Carthage Hotel was later managed in succession by Lucius Tyson, and by Mrs. Kennedy and the late P. K. Kennedy, who acquired it in 1928. Under the supervision of the Kennedys, who operated it successfully for more than six years, the hotel did a flourishing business. Since that time, about 1934, the building has been on lease until purchased by the present owner.

Local Fire Department Holds Annual Election

The Southern Pines Fire Department, at its annual election of officers, reelected L. V. O'Callaghan as chief, L. S. Rowell assistant chief. Bryan Poe was elected truck captain in place of Frank Kaylor who has held the position for the past six years and wanted to act only in his capacities as truck driver, secretary and treasurer of the company.

The Sanford firemen invited all those who participated in fighting the disastrous fire of December 22nd, to partake of a supper in their headquarters Wednesday night. The local men who responded to the call for assistance were Chief L. V. O'Callaghan, Frank Kaylor, Clyde Dunn, P. V. Hatch, Roy Britt and George Little.

Several were hoping to attend the dinner and looked forward to meeting the force of Sanford under more genial circumstances.

DON'T SHOOT, PAUL

At the Gymkhana on Sunday, given for the benefit of the polio drive, a special feature will be the presentation of a Jap 31 calibre rifle and helmet to Mr. Paul Butler, chairman of the Committee, to hold up folks who haven't yet given anything . . . no, no, there seems to be something wrong with that . . . Our notes are mixed up but we think the rifle and helmet are to be auctioned off, proceeds to go to the drive. They are the property of, and presumably were captured by, Staff Sergeant Richard A. Hunt of Louisville, Ky., who kindly donated them to the committee.

Red Cross Allots Quotas For Funds Campaign in March

John Ruggles Will Serve As Chairman In Southern Pines

David S. Packard of Pinebluff resigned as treasurer of the Moore County Chapter of the Red Cross at the monthly meeting of the executive committee held Tuesday night at the headquarters in Southern Pines.

A resolution was adopted expressing the regret of the directors in accepting Mr. Packard's resignation and thanking him for his efficient and faithful service since the fall of 1943, as treasurer.

Garland McPherson of Southern Pines was appointed to serve as treasurer.

Col. George P. Hawes, Jr., county chairman, presided and read a letter from Donald Sherrerd, president of Moore County Hospital, suggesting that the hospital would be thankful if the Red Cross could spare one of the organization's station wagons, for use by the county hospital. Col. Hawes explained that the chapter has two station wagons, and could now carry on its work with one.

It was voted to turn over one of the wagons to the hospital. An automobile will be brought when the opportunity presents to fill the vacancy in the chapter's garage. Mr. Sherrerd stated that the hospital authorities would assist in locating a suitable automobile for the Red Cross.

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Tuesday Crash Is Seventh Accident On Andrews Corner

Mrs. J. H. Andrews returned from a trip to Augusta, last week to hear a familiar tale from her household and to see a sadly familiar sight. For the seventh, or maybe the eighth time . . . she has begun to lose track . . . a car has crashed into her fence on the turn of the road and the occupants have come hurtling down almost into her courtyard.

The white fence, was erected on the corner last year, after there had been a series of accidents and several people killed. It was hoped that this would act as a protection, at least, to the fine pines that grow thickly along the edge of the Andrews property, and possibly also to the occupants of speeding cars. But there seems to be little change. This last wreck, which took place Tuesday, Feb. 5th, at 4 p. m. broke through the fence and knocked down two fair-sized trees, bringing to a count of twelve, the number of pines demolished in this way.

There was no actual witness to the accident, but it appeared to be a matter of turning too wide. One car was an ambulance from Ft. Bragg, fortunately empty except for the driver and another soldier, and the other was a sedan. The ambulance swung wide, hit the bank on the right and turned over, crashing through the fence

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Servicemen Paid Tribute Here At Banquet Tuesday

Humor, Songs, And Good Food Feature Evening's Program

More than seventy returned veterans of Southern Pines thronged the country club here on Tuesday evening, February 5, for the highly successful welcoming banquet which got underway at 7:00 p. m. Exemplifying the generous brand of entertainment provided, and in the spirit of conviviality which characterized the evening, was Tucker G. Humphries' opening announcement that, for once, unlimited "seconds" of turkey were available to all.

To be seen frequently during the earlier minutes of the affair were the sudden meetings, mutual recognitions, between men only recently returned, a number of whom were getting together for the first time in several years. Anecdotes recalled with laughter from the past, present occupations, new faces, a recent golf tournament, these were conversational topics current at the banquet table. It was remarked that comments on the war, for the most part, were light and passing.

Among assembled ex-soldiers, sailors, and marines, lone representatives were on hand from both the WAC's and the Army Nurses Corps. Present, in uniform, was Lt. Margaret Montesanti, who had arrived the preceding Wednesday after long service in the Pacific. Miss Margaret Bogle, not so long discharged with rank of lieutenant in the Womens Army Corps, once more volunteered her services, filling in at the piano for singing later in the evening.

Jovial Master of Ceremonies was Tucker Humphries, who, after a most hearty welcome to those returning, on behalf of the town of Southern Pines, found wit and songs for all present. A handsome billfold was afterwards presented to each veteran as a token of appreciation.

Louis Scheipers, Chairman of the Equestrian Committee, was introduced by the master of ceremonies as having been largely responsible for planning and making possible the banquet. Funds for it were raised by the Equestrian Committee, further represented by Mickey Walsh and A. C. Alexander, at the Southern Pines Gymkhana of December 30th.

Cited also for valuable assistance in arranging for the entertainment was Morris Johnson, while the presence of Town Commissioners C. N. Page, J. N. Steed, and Pat Patterson spoke for a grateful community.

Ford To Buick To Chevrolet Brings Confusion In High Places

A triple play on Pennsylvania avenue Wednesday night resulted in as fine a tangle of cars as has been seen in these parts in some time! Also in considerable confusion in our local police-force records.

It was one of those who-hit-who-and-who-fell-out-of-what-affairs that come rolling into our police office every now and then. It seems that Duke Lassiter, colored, of Cameron was driving his 1939 Ford convertible toward Southern Pines around nine o'clock, carrying three passengers of whose identity he appeared uncertain. They stopped and one fell out. Duke left to his assistance whereupon the other two fell upon him. There was a general hurly-burly ending up in the others jumping into the car and driving off. Duke picked himself up and gloomily trudged into town to report the theft of his car.

At ten fifteen a series of re-sounding crashes brought our force on the run to Pennsylvania

Moore County Polio Drive Is Over Top

Most Towns Report Goals Passed

SMOKY

Dog lovers, or shall we just say everybody, will thrill to the story of Smoky and T. J. Donaldson of Atlanta.

They were coming back from a hunting trip and Smoky, who is a big setter, was in the back seat of the car. Something happened and the car plunged off a bridge into a river. Donaldson remembered nothing after that until he came to in the cold water and was conscious that Smoky had him by the collar and was swimming toward the river-bank. Too weak to move, he lay still so as not to hamper the dog's efforts in the swift current. Smoky got him to the bank, where others who had heard the crash dragged them both to safety.

It was found that, somehow, Smoky had pulled his unconscious master out through the window of the car.

Donaldson is in a hospital recovering from shock and Smoky is there, too. Oh, yes, the hospital rules say: "No dogs allowed" and they also say "No guest trays will be served." But a big quiet setter is lying beside the bed in Donaldson's room, and on the bed table are two trays. One of them has a great red porterhouse steak on it.

Report Of Local T. B. Committee Shows Gains Made

Southern Pines has reason to be proud of its tuberculosis committee. In the time since it has been operating the number of cases of the dread disease has decreased steadily. Starting with some fifteen, eight or ten years ago, there was, this year, only one active case reported for the town and taken to the Sanatorium.

Highlights of the report of this year's committee show that the receipts have been larger than ever before standing at \$1,538.00, to date. The expenses were \$114.77. Over 400 citizens responded to the letters that were sent out, showing that the people approve of the new system of sending an appeal through the mails instead of a personal solicitation. The committee explains that "to minimize expense, receipts were not sent to those remitting cash, and those sending cheques will recognize their endorsement as a receipt. The committee is deeply grateful for the

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Pinehurst, Vass Double Quotas And Keep Right On

Moore County towns are considerably exceeding their quotas in the current polio drive, in a spirit that warms the hearts of the hard-working local committees. These folks, many of whom take a real beating in the thankless task of raising funds for this good cause or that, often wonder "if people really care." The evidence is pouring in that they really do, as one after another the towns of Moore County report quotas passed and left way behind. To date, with many reports incomplete, the county drive has gone over the top, far in excess of its \$3680 goal. H. Clifton Blue is chairman for the county.

Towns Report Success

Paul Butler, chairman for Southern Pines stated that \$1222.58 had been raised locally and that he expected more to be contributed before his final report was made. Southern Pines' quota was \$850. The Gymkhana to be held for the benefit of the March of Dimes' Sunday, February 10th, is expected to put Southern Pines' contribution way over the top.

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Air Line Trains Veterans On The Job At Knollwood

All-Vet Classes Filled For Pilot And Mechanic Training At Resort Line

North Carolina's first and only veterans' On the Job Training Programs in flying and in aeronautical mechanics, believes Commander Clayton L. Burwell of Resort Airlines, are now in progress at the line's headquarters at Knollwood field.

A total of nine discharged servicemen are at present taking advantage of this training offered here under the government's educational and vocational programs, four as potential flyers and five as aircraft mechanics. In the latter group is Harrison J. Speer, of Carthage, lone Sandhills representative among the trainees.

The average time required for completion of the projected courses in flying, Commander Burwell stated Wednesday, will be approximately one year, while the courses for mechanics will require from one to two years, dependent upon the stage of proficiency which the trainee plans to meet. While only veterans are eligible for training under the program, trainees need not have served specifically with air corps units.

The aeronautical courses offered at-Resort, it was further explained, are on the same basis as government-subsidized On the Job Training now available in any other trade, craft, or profession, competency of the line's experienced staff having first been approved by the State Department of Education and by the Veterans Administration.

It has been possible, in the beginning, to admit only a limited number of trainees, Burwell explained, though the office at Knollwood has been swamped with applications. Having found it necessary to turn down a large number of applicants, the line hopes that the courses may be offered on a larger scale at some time in the future.

TOO BAD

Paul Butler, chairman of the Polio Drive, popped out of the Moore County Hospital Tuesday after his attack of flu, called up the Pilot on Wednesday to report that the drive was progressing well, and then, apparently was popped back in again by an anxious wife.

We don't quite know why we publicize such an affair. Certainly will discourage folks from calling up the paper.