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TEN CENTS

Wilbur H. Currie Seeks Nomination To State Senate

Manufacturer Pledges "Best Effort" To County Voters

After consulting with many friends and leaders of the Democratic Party, Wilbur H. Currie of Carthage has "definitely decided to become a candidate for the State Senate, Twelfth District" for the next General Assembly, subject to action of the Democratic Primary this coming May 26.

Currie, former State Senator, and for many years Chairman of Moore County's Board of Commissioners, has an outstanding record as a successful businessman. He is widely known as being fair-minded and conservative. His political record is equally noteworthy. During the two terms he served in the House, where he was a member of the finance committee, one of the strongest bodies in the legislature, his reputation for soundness was outstanding. He will undoubtedly find many backers from the ranks of those who feel that our government, state as well as federal, would be greatly improved with the addition of more clear-minded businessmen. "I shall, if nominated," states Currie, "give to the citizens of this district my very best effort and shall at all times work for and support legislation that shall be of greatest benefit to the people whom I represent. I am deeply grateful for the support which I have received in the past and trust that my election merit their continued support."

More Fires Keep Whistle Blowing

Beginning with the gusty winds of March, the usual calls upon the local firemen and members of the State Forestry Service have kept both departments busy.

At 6:20 o'clock Saturday evening, a blazing oil stove in the home of J. T. Ward, brought the light truck of the Southern Pines Fire Department to the corner of East Broad street and Maine avenue, where they found that Mrs. Ward had thrown the stove out in the yard and the house was filled with sooty smoke but no flames.

At 1:45 o'clock Monday they sped to the lower edge of town where a brisk fire was blazing in the vacant lot between the Highway and the Seaboard tracks, endangering several houses, including the Bushby residence. Here they were aided by men of the Forestry Service.

A few hours later the light truck driven by Bryan Poe was rushed to Massachusetts avenue and Ridge street where a blaze had started in the deep pine needles below the school tennis court.

Starting before noon on Monday a forest fire, originating somewhere near the blaze of last week, swept up to the Sweet heart Lake road, and westward to the Highway from above Manly to the lake road. At nightfall it was still burning in isolated spots along the courses of Carroll's Branch.

Class For Red Cross Staff Workers Here

A class for staff assistants will start Monday, March 11th, at the Red Cross Headquarters in Southern Pines at two o'clock. Purpose of the class is to orientate young girls or women with clerical, typing, shorthand, or office experience, so that they may help out in the Southern Pines Red Cross office. There will be six classes, a total of twelve hours. Anyone interested may either call Mrs. William J. Kennedy at 6181, Southern Pines, or enroll at the start of the first meeting.

RUNNING AGAIN



WILBUR H. CURRIE

Community Center Slated To Reopen Monday, March 11

The Southern Pines Community Center, closed since January 16th, will reopen in the Civic Club building on Monday, it was revealed here this week by Rubin C. DuBose, president of the Chamber of Commerce. Hours have been announced as from 1:00 until 5:00 each afternoon.

Following a revamped plan of operation, the community center will be open largely for the benefit of tourists and older members of the community. The large upstairs room of the club building, formerly devoted to the activities of the 'teen-aged set, will serve as a public lounge, with adjoining reading room and with accommodations for bridge players.

New director for the center under auspices of the Chamber of Commerce, will be Lennox "Slim" Forsyth, who will conduct the bureau of local and travel information for tourists. For the time being the center will be open only through the afternoon. However, members of other civic organizations who are willing to volunteer to serve as hostesses in the evenings are asked to call Forsyth at 8932, so that a schedule may be arranged.

As in the past, the center will be available for smaller group meetings and activities by arrangement through the House Committee of the Chamber of Commerce, and upon payment of what was described as a moderate fixed rate.

For the present, DuBose stated, future activities of the 'teen-agers in connection with the center will rest entirely with the young people themselves, depending upon their interest in building a recreational room for themselves in the basement of the club building. Recently a committee consisting of Philip Weaver, chairman, Mrs. Elmer Harrington, A. C. Dawson, and E. C. Stevens, was appointed to work with the young people on this project.

Thompson Joins Staff Of Wall Street Journal

Good news of the former Pilot editor comes in a letter which tells that Carl Thompson, Jr., has now gone to Washington to work on the Wall Street Journal.

In his own words: "I'll be in charge of the Washington copy desk, clearing, editing, rewriting stuff which comes from our whole staff, and in cases of necessity, making assignments."

So Carl takes his place in the great capitol, along with former Pilot editor Nelson Hyde, as one of the country's leading newsmen.

Hayble Branches Out

Gene Hayble of the Sandwich Shop is increasing his restaurant business in Southern Pines. He has recently bought the Snack Shop and will run the two establishments. He plans extensive alterations and new equipment.

Red Cross Drive Leaders Continue Appeal For Cause

Need For Aid Not Passed, Stated By Chairman Here

The people of Southern Pines are asked to give \$6,500 to the 1946 Red Cross fund as their share of the amount necessary to carry on Red Cross services at home and abroad for the next year, Community Chairman John S. Rugles gave as a reminding statement to citizens in an interview here this week:

Seventy-five cents of every dollar you give will be devoted exclusively to services for the armed forces, the chairman stated, and fifteen cents will be used partly for the armed forces and partly for civilian services. The cents will be used exclusively for civilian and community services. Fifty cents of every dollar represented above will remain in the community where it is given, it was pointed out.

Circumstances which Red Cross officials throughout the country wish to bring home to members of communities everywhere are that just a year ago the Nation offered fervent prayers that the most terrible war in history would come to an end. And for many, the war did come to an end a few months later.

But the wreckage of war, it is emphasized, is still strewn across the world, and to millions the end of misery and suffering has not come.

The War is not over for the boys in our hospitals who must find courage to sustain weary months of convalescence.

The War is not over for nearly 2,000,000 boys still serving overseas.

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Spring Gymkhana At Country Club Ring On Sunday

With continued balmy weather anticipated, an initial gymkhana of the spring season here has been scheduled for 2:30 p. m. on Sunday, March 10th, a card of six sporting and novel events has been arranged for the show ring and outside hunting course at the Southern Pines Country Club.

Features of never-flagging interest in the realm of serious horsemanship will be the Class for Working Hunters, held over the outside course, and the spectacular knock down and out class for jumpers slated for the inside ring.

A Maiden Jumping Class will be open to jumpers one and all who have never taken a blue. A large field is expected for the Children's Horsemanship Class, while ribbon and potato racing events will lend novelty to the Sunday showing. Many participants and spectators from among leading horse enthusiasts of this section are expected to be on hand, as well as visitors from other communities.

James Conway, equestrian enthusiast of Pinehurst and New York, has been named as judge. Ribbons will be presented to the winners by Mrs. J. T. Wells. The first spring gymkhana in Southern Pines will be held as a benefit for the 1946 Polio Fund Drive, it has been announced by Louis J. Scheipers, chairman of the Southern Pines Equestrian Committee.

WELLESLEY BUILDING SOLD

The Wellesley Building in Pinehurst, which houses several stores on the ground floor, with apartments above, was recently purchased by L. D. Lyster of Williamsport, Pa., it was revealed this week. Lyster has also purchased, from John J. Fitzgerald, Arlington Cottage in Pinehurst, and is planning extensive improvements on both properties.

CANDIDATE



H. CLIFTON BLUE

Southern Pines' First Bride From Overseas Arrives

Mrs. Leonard Morrison, Of Leicester, England, Feels Very Much at Home

The first war bride to arrive in Southern Pines from abroad is Mrs. Leonard Morrison, the former Patricia Draycott of Leicester, in the north of England, who was met on Monday by her husband, Sergeant Leonard Morrison, anxiously waiting for several months. Leonard is the son of Mr. and Mrs. David Morrison of Southern Pines.

"It was only a few short days ago that we sailed from South Hampton, and watched Land's End fade from sight," remarked Mrs. Morrison. "Yet it seems as though I had actually lived here much longer. So many things here are just as I had expected them to be."

With more than a thousand other English girls and their children, wives of American servicemen all, each and every one anxious for a glimpse of their home to be, Mrs. Morrison first sighted the skyline of downtown New York, and the Statue of Liberty, from the promenade deck of the S. S. Washington. It was on Saturday that the big ship eased into New York harbor, docking on Sunday.

Arrangements on the part of the Red Cross and port authorities were most helpful and efficient, she said. There followed

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Duke Glee Club To Sing Here Mar. 23

Southern Pines' public-spirited Civic Club is sponsoring, this month, an entertainment which should bring joy to many. The Duke University Glee Club is to sing at the High School on March 23rd, at 8 p. m., coming here at the invitation of the Club, which plans to devote any proceeds from the evening to their projected work for the young people.

Southern Pines is one of the engagements in a long list for this club, which starts its spring tour on March 8th and closes it with a program over the Columbia Broadcasting System on March 30th. Thirty-some men will make the trip, chosen from a group of a hundred and thirty-five. The program in Southern Pines will include solo and quartet numbers, as well as piano solos.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

The annual World Day of Prayer service will be held at the Emmanuel Episcopal Church on Friday, March 8th, at 3:00 p. m. All are welcome to attend the service.

LIBRARY ASSOCIATION

A called meeting of the Southern Pines Library Association has been announced by Philip Weaver, president, for 5:00 p. m. on Tuesday, March 12th, at the Library.

H. Clifton Blue Announces For The Lower House

Editor Heeds Call To Enter Moore Race As Candidate In Primary

"Now is the time" when all good men are beginning to think they had better come to the aid of the country.

Some time ago H. Clifton Blue, of Aberdeen, editor of the Sandhill Citizen, let it be known that he was considering running for the state legislature. He has now come out definitely as a candidate for the House from Moore County in the Democratic Primary. Elsewhere in these columns will be found the announcement of Wilbur Currie, former state senator, again running for the same office, while the Pilot carried last week the announcement of the candidacy of Talbot Johnson for Senator, and a few weeks previously, the statement that Mrs. Guthrie of Cameron was entering the race for the House.

Blue, editor of the Citizen, and one of the most popular of the Young Democrats group, of which he is now president, is thirty-five years of age, married, with three children. He is a member of the county Democratic Executive Committee and is 8th District Congressional Committeeman from Moore County. His first venture in journalism took place in 1932 when he established THE CAPTAIN in Vass. He consolidated it with THE CITIZEN in 1934 and moved to Aberdeen in 1936. He is a member of the Aberdeen board of town commissioners, and is an elder and Sunday School superintendent at Bethesda Church.

Speaking of his candidacy Blue said: "I believe I can be of service to my county and state in

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Hunter Trials Set For 16th As Warm Days End Hunting

The Pilot's horse-and-driving reporter, E. O. Hippus, driving out to the Mileaway Farm to see what was up, found Jinny and Martha on the flour pouring over

"Nothing's up," they replied to his inquiry, "nothing but fires, plenty of them, any time of the day or night. Another on Monday. When Harrington was out trying to burn off the last dangerous patch along our pasture, here came another fire roaring down the hill at him. Nobody knows where it started or why. The fires, and the warm weather have just about got us stopped. Looks like no more hunting this year."

"Loving that to be a pity, Hippus recalled that it was only similar to other years in the past. The coming of March with its dry hot winds generally has meant the end of hunting for the Moore County Hounds. Added to this to be expected handicap, this spring, is the burned-over land, aftermath of the recent forest fires, which included much of the fox-hunting area.

Ozelle Moss, Master of Hounds, has about decided that hunting is over for this season. Though there may be a few more brisk mornings, he says, chances are there won't be many and it is hard to keep hounds in shape unless they are hunting regularly. Friends and subscribers to the hunt are now busy making plans for the hoped-for hunter trials which are usually a feature of the spring season. At a meeting held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Dwight Winkleman, it was decided to hold the trials on Saturday, March 16th, at the Scott farm.

Proceeds from the trials will be divided, after expenses are paid, between the Red Cross and a fund for the upkeep of the hunting country.

Machine Shops Of Southern Pines Warehouses Are Destroyed By Fire

"PULL OVER!"

It will be good news for citizens, but not so good for speeders and motorists who do not have proper lights, that W. L. McKenzie, a member of the State Highway Patrol for the past six years, is now making Southern Pines his headquarters. Officer McKenzie's vigilance has already produced results on the May street section of U. S. No. 1.

The Pilot wonders if its recent hammering on the subject of speeding helped to produce Officer McKenzie.

The next thing we need is some "slow down" signs.

Veterans Condemn House Wrecking of Housing Program

AVC Chairman Urges Representatives Be Held Accountable

Two weeks ago the local chapter of the American Veterans Committee wired their representatives from North Carolina in Congress urging they give full support to the current Housing Bill. Much resentment is being freely expressed today as word comes of the defeat of what President Truman called "the heart" of his housing program, the subsidy provisions which would have built nearly three million homes for veterans in two years.

The plan to encourage, through subsidy payments, greater production of building materials, was defeated by a teller vote, in which no record is taken, but it was reported that, as the membership filed by the tellers to be counted, at least forty southern democrats were noted in opposition.

James Boyd, Jr., chairman of the local AVC chapter, speaking of the vote said: "The Moore County chapter was solidly behind the bill, feeling that housing for veterans is one of the most important questions now before the country. When we wired our representatives all responded saying that they intended to vote for the bill. If veterans find that they went back on their word and acted to kill this measure so essential to reconstruction, they will feel that these men, in putting special interests

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Miss Bruton Addresses Hospital Auxiliary

A gift of \$1,000 to the endowment fund of the Moore County Hospital, made through the Auxiliary by an anonymous donor, was announced at the March meeting of the women's organization, held on Wednesday.

Mrs. M. G. Nichols, Auxiliary chairman, expressed deep appreciation of the donation, declaring that she felt it was a manifestation of interest in the program of the Auxiliary, as well as in the whole Hospital undertaking. The gift brings the endowment fund to \$17,128.49.

Miss Ellen Bruton, superintendent of nurses, spoke to the meeting on the theme that the patient is the most important person in every hospital, and described the way in which the Auxiliary, since its founding in 1931, had contributed to the welfare of all patients.

Community chairmen to help enroll Auxiliary members are announced as follows: Carthage, Mrs. F. H. Underwood, chairman; Aberdeen, Mrs. S. L. Windham; Pinebluff, Mrs. Walter McNeill; Pinehurst, Miss Caroline M. Batley. Mrs. Virgil Page Clark, general membership head, expects to appoint an associate for Southern Pines in the near future.

Main Switch Thrown Blacks Out Town; Shops Total Loss

A spectacular fire, lasting a little more than one half hour, drew throngs of spectators as consuming flames destroyed the machine shops of the Southern Pines Warehouses at an early hour last Thursday night.

The fire, starting from some as yet unexplained cause, had made such great headway before discovered that as the alarm sounded to call out the Southern Pines firemen at 8:45 o'clock, the bright glow of the mounting flames were illuminating the south end of Broad street.

Disregarding the peril of the red hot power and light lines falling from their supporting poles, the firemen pushed in to the heart of the blaze enveloping the two one-story structures, some 45 by 60 feet, housing the planing mill, carpenter shop, cabinet shop and finishing department where the seasoned lumber and machine oils made ready fuel for the flames.

Doomed even before the alarm was sounded, the firemen, fortunately favored by the light breeze, and their quick arrival, were able to confine the fire to the machine shops and away from the lumber sheds and stacked lumber in the yards.

The shops, erected by the late Hugh Betterley in 1922, and recently purchased by John Von Schlegell and John T. Ellis, were insured in the Lumber Mutual Fire Insurance Company of Boston. With their contents, in

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Atherton First In Week's Match Play

Coming in with a score of one up on par for a net 70, Arthur Atherton garnered top honors in the sixth competitive session of play by the Sandpipers Golfing Association of Southern Pines at the country club course on Sunday, March 3rd.

Placing second in the week of match play against par was Russ Burch of the club staff, also one up on par, but relegated to second by the club law that no member may be credited with winning more than one of the season's eight tournaments. Splitting for third place were Howard Burns and Will Wiggs, each posting a par card of 71. There were no other outstanding scores for the match, Billy Wilson of the club reported, with the remaining contestants shooting well into the upper brackets.

Sandpiper play for the coming week will consist of medal play with handicaps, it was announced. With completion of the eight scheduled matches an annual Spring playoff will be held from among the eight winners.

GOOD FRIENDS

The Pilot printed last week a large picture of the Southern Pines Red Cross drive chairmen, and underneath the cut we put: "(Photograph by Humphrey)."

The picture was a fine picture but our cut line was about as bad as it could be, because our good friend Humphrey was not the photographer. The photograph was taken, and presented to The Pilot, by our good friend, E. C. Eddy.

And, just to get the record clear, we'd like to say that there is a friend what IS a friend. When we went to apologize for not giving him credit, Mr. Eddy said: "Forget it; we all make mistakes. I've forgotten it already."

Well, we haven't; and what's more, the memory of that friendly answer will linger long in The Pilot office.