

Kiwanians Elect Butler President Of Sandhill Club

Howarth, Secretary; Burney, Overton and Ruggles, Directors

Paul C. Butler, of Southern Pines, was elected president of the Sandhills Kiwanis Club to succeed W. D. Sabiston, Carthage attorney; W. A. LeLand McKeithen, Pinehurst, Solicitor of Moore County Recorder's Court, is vice-president and John Howarth, Southern Pines, was re-elected secretary-treasurer.

The directors are: J. B. Edwards and T. O. Moses of Aberdeen; M. C. McDonald, West End; I. C. Sledge, Pinehurst; and A. L. Burney, J. T. Overton, John S. Ruggles of Southern Pines. The new board goes into office January 1.

J. Talbot Johnson, of Aberdeen, announced that Federal Judge Johnson J. Hayes of the Middle District of North Carolina would be the dinner speaker at the Annual Ladies' Night Banquet to be held at the Mid Pines Club Wednesday, December 11.

The Sandhills club went on record as backing the N. C. Educational Association in its movement to request the next General (Continued from Page 5)

Well-Drilled And Well-Fed Chorus Is Ready To Go

Judging by the advance ticket sales, not less than by the performance, the Rose Maiden Cantata, sung Thursday night, was a great success. Not in many years have so many sung together for so many. Bringing reassurance of the good old days come back again was the sight and sound of the youthful and attractive gathering grouped on the stage of the Schoolhouse.

Pre-concert days featured the ticket sale, in the capable hands of A. C. Dawson and Mrs. Ruth Swisher, directing the high school and grammar school students who received ducats Friday morning and began selling last Saturday. At the last rehearsal a surprise was in store for the singers when they came into the school reception room to find little tables set out, each crowned with a bowl of yellow chrysanthemums, and covered with good things to eat, the whole presided over by our best-of-all presider-overs, Miss Birdilia Bai. Hospitable and enthusiastic, Miss Bai showed nary a sign of her recent strain when, having mistaken the date she was obliged to plan and provide the fixings in a matter of hours. The fixings showed no sign of the strain either.

In fact, signs of strain were about as absent as you can imagine from the whole affair. The singers warbled high and low, the director's baton whirled and tapped, his coattails flew and the audience wore its hands to blisters with applause. "Big success!" was the verdict and some said: "What's this we hear about a Gilbert and Sullivan in the Spring?"

Whereat Director Picquet was heard to emit a long long sigh.

Drag Hunt To Open Season At Mile-Away

Invitations to subscribers and friends to attend the opening meet of the Moore County hounds to be held at 10:30 a. m. on Thanksgiving Day, have been issued by the Master of Hounds, W. O. Moss, and secretary, Mrs. Moss.

It will be a drag hunt, beginning at Mile-Away farms and will be run over the adjacent country which provides a variety of going and jumping.

HIT - OR - MISS

The Pilot's going to press and the press is going to the Rose Maiden. Quite a press there, they say, all pressed into the school auditorium, and so impressed by that impressive cantata presented by Impressario Picquet.

This hit-or-miss (generally miss) editor takes a shot at prophecy and says there won't be a single hiss at that hit, the Rose Miss, or we miss our guess. And you all better don mitts and save blisters. Hurry! If you miss hit you'll be sorry.

Local Teachers And Educo Club Back 40-Raise

At a meeting marked by one hundred percent agreement, held in the Southern Pines High School reception room, Wednesday, the teachers voted unanimously to back the program of 40 per cent salary raise recently advanced by the Charlotte Observer.

The group heard the report of the three Southern Pines delegates, Mrs. Burney McCotter, president of the local unit, Miss Abbie Sutherland, and Miss Mary Buckner, who had attended the meeting of the North Central District in Goldsboro recently. The delegates expressed the dissatisfaction felt by most of those attending the meeting over the undemocratic procedure by which no delegates were allowed to speak from the floor and the 20 per cent program raise program was put over without a vote being taken. The local delegates joined with many other supporters of the 40 per cent raise program to protest against the action of the NCEA in adopting the former plan.

At the Southern Pines meeting, it was voted unanimously to attempt to organize Southern Pines and the schools of the county in support of the Charlotte Observer program.

In support of the stand taken by the teachers of Southern Pines, the Educo Club meeting Wednesday night, went on record as also backing the plan proposed by the Charlotte Observer, asking for a 40 percent instead of a 20 percent raise in (Continued on Page 8)

Riding Herd on Sandhills Ranches From Gobbles To Cranberry Sauce



Out on the edge of Eagle Springs they know that Thanksgiving Day is coming. That is where the largest turkey ranch in the Sandhills is located and the only processing plant for this section. The place echoes to forlorn gobbles, out there, and to the rumble of the trucks carrying the gobble-less ones, now well barrelled, to be shipped at Aberdeen under the neat label: North Carolina Sandhills Turkeys.

Howard R. Harrison, who owns the ranch and runs the plant, had the idea that this soil would make fine turkey-raising ground at about the same time that Pinehurst's Dr. Cheatham began mulling turkeys over in his mind as another answer to the money crop, generally tobacco or cotton, that throws so much Southern farming out of balance. They got together, and Harrison went in to the tune of some 7000 birds, Dr. Cheatham following suit with about 4000. They were soon joined by Dr. Marr and D. Wade Stevick, each with about 4000, Joe Steed of Candor with 5000, and Jenkins, of the Cheatham farm with about 2000 turkeys of his own. Martine Allen, Roy Martin and Floyd Seals, of Eagle Springs came in making up the group who sell, through the Harrison processing plant, an average crop of a half million to 600,000 pounds of turkey a year. Most of the growers raise Broad Breasted Bronzes.

It was in 1941 that the processing plant was erected and by the next year turkey-growing here attained surprising proportions. The plant is not a large building but the amount of business it carries on is pretty remarkable. During these pre-Thanksgiving weeks, it is running at the rate of a car-load of turkeys shipped out a day. The turkeys go through the process in record time and a ghoulish sight it is and not a little disturbing to the equilibrium to act the lightning speed with which they are reduced from gobbling feathered belligerence to the naked blankness of the roasting pan. The process involves swift and painless extinction, swishing down a slide to be dunked in a scalding cauldron, (at 124 degrees). From there the bird goes to the roller which, with its hundred of rapidly revolving rubber fingers, literally sucks the feathers off. Joining its fellows hung on hooks, it is then plucked clean by some thirty colored women standing side by side, capped and gowned in gunny sacks, plucking away for dear life.

All of this takes place in a small room with walls of glass tile. Every night live steam is turned into it and the entire place, with all utensils, is com- (Continued on Page 5)

Pinehurst Flyer Saves Eight Lives By Quick Action

Captain Wicker Of Army Air Corps Has Another Close Call

A story as full of drama and suspense as any film adventure was briefly told in the Tuesday edition of the Raleigh News and Observer in the United Press account of a plane, piloted by Capt. James E. Wicker of Pinehurst, which crashed in the Suez Canal zone recently.

The story from Cairo, Egypt, read: "Capt. James E. Wicker of Pinehurst, pilot of a B-17 which crashed in the Suez Canal Zone 50 miles from Kantara, reported today that his eight passengers escaped, all bailing out before the plane hit the ground."

How Captain Wicker discovered the engine trouble in time to have his passengers bail out to safety before the plane crashed is an untold story which his wife now living in Pinehurst, must wait to hear.

Captain Wicker, the son of Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Wicker of Pinehurst, left the United States in August, 1946, to return to Paris for a time, later being transferred (Continued on Page 5)

Civic And County Leaders To Attend Welfare Meeting

A number of Moore County citizens will attend the Central District Welfare meeting at Smithfield December 3, Mrs. Walter B. Cole, superintendent of the Moore County Welfare department, announced this week.

County welfare board members county officials, and interested citizens have been invited to the one-day session. Earl McDonald, Carthage, chairman of the board, Gordon Cameron, Pinehurst, and E. Carl Brady, Robbins, will represent the welfare board.

Among lay citizens attending will be John Willcox, and Wilbur Currie of Carthage, and Mrs. Walter McNeille of Pinebluff. Martha McLeod, Aberdeen, Sara Catherine McGinnis, West End, and Claire Willcox, Carthage are members of the casework staff, planning to go to the Smithfield meeting.

This district meeting is one of six being held over the state to acquaint the public with the aims and projects of North Carolina's social welfare program. Other counties in the district are Caswell, Chatham, Durham, Franklin, Granville, Halifax, Harnett, Johnston, Lee, Nash, Orange, Person, Vance, Wake, Warren and Wayne.

An invitation to attend has been extended by the welfare department to all interested citizens.

CHURCH SERVICE

The Thanksgiving Eve service, sponsored annually by all the churches in the community, will be held at the Baptist church this year on Wednesday, November 27, at 8 p. m.

The Rev. Tucker G. Humphries will deliver the sermon at the Thanksgiving service to which all are invited to unite in worship.

BUSINESS BLACK - OUT

All will be quiet along the Broad Street front on Thanksgiving Day as the bank, post-office and mercantile establishments close down for the day. The Pilot even plans to go to press a day early so all should be silenced along Pennsylvania avenue too.

Rural Industries Theme Of State-Sponsored Meet At Highland Pines Inn

FOOTBALL

The Southern Pines six-man football team, after a straight season of victories, will battle for the state title in a game here at 2:30 p. m. Thanksgiving Day.

Today Currie High (Greensboro) and Lexington Orphanage, who defeated us last year for the state title, will meet on the Winston-Salem gridiron to determine who will play the local team in the finals.

Awards Presented To County Scouts At Court of Honor

Nine Moore County Boys Receive Merit Badges Monday Night

Nine Moore county boys received merit badges at the Court of Honor held Monday at 7:30 p. m. in the Southern Pines high school auditorium.

Around 125 scouts and parents attended the ceremony. I. C. Sledge of Pinehurst, chairman of the advisory committee, presided, introducing A. L. Burney, chairman of the organization and extension committee.

Mr. Burney pointed out the necessity of recruiting more boys for scouting in conjunction with the nation-wide drive currently underway. Prizes to be given the troop that produces the most recruits by March 1 were exhibited.

Bruce Boyers, scout field executive, presented the awards. Robert Von Cannon, Troop 98, West End, and Ickie Kelly, Troop seven, Pinehurst, received first class scout badges.

Earning merit badges were: Fred Martin and Fred Monroe, both of Troop 98, West End, badges for home repair; John Calloway, Troop 86, Manly, automobile and carpentry; Eugene (Continued on Page 8)

Agricultural Leaders To Speak; Stevens Is Local Chairman

Representatives from eight counties will meet at the Highland Pines inn here next Monday November 25, for the fourth of a series of 11 meetings launching Governor Cherry's statewide rural industries program.

Business leaders, officials and educators from Moore, Hoke, Scotland, Richmond, Anson, Stanley, Montgomery, and Robeson are being invited to the one-day session. Sponsors have emphasized that any interested citizen is welcome to attend.

Eugene C. Stevens of Southern Pines, member of the town board, will act as local chairman. Felix Grissette, managing director of the North Carolina State Planning board, will serve as chairman for the meeting which begins at 10 a. m.

Keynote speaker will be Dean L. D. Bayer of the NC State College School of Agriculture and Forestry. Dean Bayer will speak on "Rural Industries and Balanced Agriculture in the Sandhills."

George Ross, senior marketing specialist of the State Department of Agriculture, will discuss opportunities for processing and marketing facilities for agricultural products.

Following lunch, the group will hear an address on opportunities for rural industries in the field of livestock, dairying and poultry by Dr. J. H. Hilton, head of the department of Animal Industry at State college.

R. W. Graeber, Forestry Extension specialist at State College, will discuss "Industries from Trees" in the final talk of the program.

In the words of Governor Cherry, the purpose of the meeting and others like it in the state is "to avail ourselves of the deliberate judgment of some of the best minds in the state toward working out plans for the better utilization of our resources for a more prosperous agriculture, industry and business."

Claude Hayes: Sandhills Philosopher, Wit, Sage, And First Class Citizen

by Struthers Burt This is an important week in the life of Claude Hayes, and therefore in the life of Southern Pines.

By happy coincidence, or rather, happy planning and foresight on his part, Claude is celebrating in the same week two major events; his Golden Wedding, fifty years as proprietor of one of the best book shops in the United States. That's half a century in both instances. Lot's of men can't keep a wife that long; still fewer—a mere handful—can run a successful book shop for five decades. A first class book shop is a risky venture. People have to get used to it, and at first are shy. You have to lead them to it until it becomes a habit.

Claude, thank goodness, is a modest man. When you praise him he looks away, shifts from one foot to another, laughs, and makes some witticism, or tells an appropriate anecdote. He's as filled with appropriate anecdotes as Abraham Lincoln. He is a witty man, also a philosopher. But now I have him at an advantage He doesn't even know I'm writing this. I'm going to shoot the works. And it's a labor of love.

I should know about book shops. I'm a writer, my wife is a writer, and now my only son, also a musician, and just back from the navy and the Pacific, is a writer, too. His first book

will be published in the spring by Scribner's. That's three writers in one family, and writers know about book shops. Book shops are what sell the work of writers after the writer and his publisher are through with it. Only book shops can sell books. And most book shops are pretty bad. In the majority of small towns they are just half a counter in a drug store. For a town the size of Southern Pines to have a really first class book shop—I repeat, one of the best in the country—is exceptional. It's almost a miracle.

So you just accept that, Claude Hayes, God bless you, and don't come back with a wise-crack.

But then, you see, the proprietor of this book shop is an exceptional man. It takes one to run a first class book shop. I've said he was a philosopher. So he is. I've said he was a wit. So he is. I've said he tells pointed and amusing anecdotes. So he does. But he's also a first class critic. He reads the books he sells—most booksellers don't—and if one's good, he sends out those little mimeographed criticisms of his. If he tells you to buy a book, you'd better buy it. It's good.

Finally, he is that most necessary thing, a first class citizen; ever generous, but always hiding his generosity, behind every good movement and opposed to every silly one, a participant in, or in the past, often one of the foun- (Continued on Page 5)

SCOUTS RECEIVE 100-ACRE TRACT



Ernest M. Aiken, second from right, winter resident of Southern Pines, is shown above as he presented the deed for a 100-acre tract of land to be used for a campsite to the Moore County members of the Boy Scout Oconeechee council at a meeting in Carthage November 12. H. G. Isley of Raleigh, president of the Oconeechee council, is receiving the deed. Left to right in the picture are: Roy Liles, Scout Executive of Oconeechee council; Paul C. Butler, Southern Pines, trustee-elect chairman of Moore County Scouts; Mr. Isley, general sales manager of Carolina Power and Light company; Mr. and Mrs. Aiken of Washington, D. C.; George T. Dunlap, Jr., of Knollwood, former amateur gold champion of the United States and camping chairman of the Moore County Boy Scouts.

HARVEST BALL

The Harvest ball, scheduled for Thanksgiving night at Scottie's tavern, will be sponsored by the John Boyd Post VFW and Sandhills Post, American Legion. Bill Lowder and his 10-piece orchestra will furnish music for dancing from nine until one. Proceeds will be used to establish a veterans club.

HOLLYWOOD OPENS

The Hollywood hotel, located on New York avenue, opened officially for the season on Wednesday, November 20. George and John Pottle, managers, have announced that the dining room, which had to turn many away last year, has an excellent staff this season and is ready to accommodate its patrons.

Seal Drive To Get Underway Soon

The 40th annual Christmas seal drive gets underway here Monday when letters with 100 seals enclosed are sent to most local residents.

A. B. Patterson is chairman of the Southern Pines campaign, assisted by Miss Birdilia Bair and P. T. Kelsey, treasurer. The drive will be conducted largely through the mail with the principals of white and negro schools taking the responsibility of distributing the stamps among school children. The Moore County Red Cross headquarters located on West Broad street will serve as center for the county-wide sale headed by Mrs. T. A. Cheatham of Pinehurst. Mrs. Elinor Fisher who is in charge of the district drive is at the headquarters office during the day to sell seals to those not receiving them through the mail. Seals have been distributed by letters for many years, but this time those having failed to return either stamps or money in the last two or three campaigns have been dropped from the solicitations list. They are asked to purchase any stamps they want at the West Broad street office.

Emphasis is being placed this year on the follow-up treatment and clinical work for tuberculosis (Continued on Page 5)