



## Aberdeen Hotel Fire Damage Suits Reach Settlement

### Superior Court's Civil Term Opens Monday At Carthage

Echoes of the disastrous Aberdeen Hotel fire of February, 1942, were heard on the opening day of the civil term of superior court at Carthage Monday, when it was announced that several suits arising from the fire had been settled out of court.

Full and final settlement by Faulk Carter, of Reidsville and Aberdeen, defendant, and owner of the destroyed hotel was announced as follows in four damage suits, without, however, the defendant's admitting liability: \$100 to the Employers' Fire Insurance company of Boston, Mass., \$300 to William H. Moore, Negro employee of the hotel who was severely burned as he ran through the hotel to warn guests of their danger; \$3,300 to Ben Eby, who was injured by burns; and \$3,300 to the estate of Mae Gallatin Eby, wife of Ben Eby, who died of burns.

#### McNeill vs Futrell

A suit for undetermined damages brought by Pearl McNeill, of Lakeview, against B. S. Futrell, trading and doing business as Futrell Brothers Lumber company, was turned over to O. U. Alexander, Sam Riddle and D. G. Cooper, appointed by Judge William G. Pittman to act as arbitrators, to determine the damage, if any, the report of the majority to be conclusive and binding, without right of appeal by either plaintiff or defendant. The suit involved some lumber allegedly cut on Miss McNeill's (Continued from Page 5)

## School Program Endorses State Good Health Plan

The Southern Pines schools joined with those of the state Friday to present a program centered around the Good Health plan for North Carolina. With speeches, songs, posters, the local students signified their hearty agreement with the Medical Care commission's plan, and, at the same time, used the opportunity to point out the needs of their school, from a health standpoint.

Meeting at 9 a. m. in the auditorium, the student body heard speeches by leaders on various aspects of the plan. Shirley Dana outlined the facts of the case: the low standing in number of doctors, nurses, and hospital beds, the state's poor showing in the field of maternal health, the fact that it stands 4th on the list for draft rejections. George Hodgkins followed with a statement of the needs to remedy the situation, Ruth Guin detailed the costs to be anticipated, and Billy Warner closed the series of talks with a description of the benefits to be derived from the program.

Following the students' remarks, E. T. McKeithen, Moore County Hospital administrator addressed the school, taking "health" as his topic and pointing out that ignorance is the main factor in poor health conditions with poverty in second place. He said that unhealthy conditions in one group affected the entire population and urged the students to spread the knowledge and practice of good health through their personal example. Mrs. James Boyd, vice-chairman of the Good Health committee in Moore County, suggested that the students could further help the cause by writing to their representative in the legislature, and pointed out that they themselves are the ones who will profitably the contemplated program.

## Queen Joan, Her King and Court at Valentine Dance



Here is Moore county's queen of beauty, Joan Way, holding sway at the Valentine dance at Pinehurst where she was awarded her crown Saturday night. Left to right, Prince Charles Swarngen, Princess Barbara Black, King Dan Sheffield, Queen Joan, Princess Peggy Butner, Prince Jimmy Maxwell. (Photo by John G. Hemmer)

### A VALENTINE

To Claude Hayes, who donated both his store windows for the exhibit of the school's Good Health posters; hearts and roses, cupids and arrows! To be willing to cover up his stock of lovely valentines just a week before the great day shows public spirit of a high order. And so...

A Valentine To Claude L. Hayes, Who gave his windows For Displays!

## Sandhills Golfers Hold Meeting Here, Plan Tournaments

With the Fayetteville Country club voted in as a sixth member, representatives of clubs comprising the Sandhills Golf league, holding a dinner meeting Tuesday night at the Southern Pines Country club, enthusiastically laid plans for a series of tournaments scheduled to begin April 2.

The tournaments, which will continue weekly for 12 weeks, will open with the Southern Pines team meeting that of the Richmond County Country club on the Richmond group's home course.

The series is expected to carry the League forward into even greater success through its second season, following the five-club opener series last year in which there was much interest throughout the section. Southern Pines was last year's winner, on points scored by the Nassau system. A minimum of 20 men will play on each team, comprising high and low handicap men of each club.

Leslie Huntley, of Lumberton, League president, presided over the meeting. Clubs represented were Southern Pines, Richmond County, Lumberton, Laurinburg, Wadesboro and Fayetteville.

## Johnsons To Open Robbins Supermarket

Tuesday will mark the opening of the Johnson supermarket at Robbins, a new and modern grocery store operated by R. C. and W. M. Johnson, who have operated Johnson's—"Finest in Foods"—at Southern Pines for the past two years.

Modern fixtures and fittings, in a new building leased by the Johnsons, will make of the new store, a self-service type, one of the most pleasing of the section. Refrigeration and display cases are being installed by W. A. Brown and Sons, of Salisbury, tops in this field in the state.

The Johnsons will operate both stores as independents. W. M. Johnson said this week they plan no development as a "chain."

## Miss Joan Way of Carthage Crowned Queen of Beauty at Valentine Ball

Seven "beauty queens" from seven Moore County schools paraded before the three judges at the Valentine dance at the Pinehurst school Saturday night, creating such an embarrassment of riches that those worthies pondered many minutes before making their choice. Joan Way of Carthage was finally awarded the crown as Moore County queen, putting an end to the judges' dilemma and the suspense of contestants and audience. To judge by the applause, the award was a very popular one.

## Chamber Seeks Railroad Signals At All Crossings

### Action To Lessen Train and Traffic Hazards Requested

Concerned over a number of recent accidents and near accidents at railroad intersections in town, members of the Southern Pines Chamber of Commerce in semi-monthly session Tuesday evening voted unanimously to request the Town Board to require the Seaboard Airline railway to establish adequate light signals at every railroad crossing in the town limits.

While several intersections have light and bell signals, some have not, and every one of these was deemed a point of danger to both motorists and pedestrians.

Included in the request will be another that the Town Board seek regulation and moderation of the speed of trains entering and leaving Southern Pines.

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## Special Program For Historians' Meeting

The February meeting of the Moore County Historical association, to be held at the Southern Pines library at 8 p. m. Tuesday, will be followed by a social hour at the Shaw House tea room, in the nature of a "house warming" of this recently inaugurated project of the association.

Guest speaker at the meeting and a special guest at the house warming later will be Mrs. Joyce E. Jordan, of Raleigh, of the division of public displays of the state department of archives and history.

Mrs. Jordan, an expert in her field, will give suggestions on the development of the Shaw House into a real museum of local history. A good start has been made toward such a museum, and a museum committee has been appointed, with Mrs. Katherine McColl as chairman.

Leland McKeithen, association president, will present the speaker. Mrs. Jordan will remain overnight as the guest of Mrs. Ernest Ives.

The dance opened at 9 p. m., with many couples on the dance floor under a canopy of stars made by the students, stretching from one end of the long hall to the other. At one end stood the red and white thrones destined for the queen and her escort. Along both sides of the room a white picket fence, covered with trailing vines and paper flowers, separated the dancers from the spectators.

At 10 o'clock the grand march of the queens and their escorts took place before the judges, Representative H. Clifton Blue of Aberdeen, editor of The Sandhill Citizen; Mrs. James Boyd of Southern Pines, editor of The Pilot, and R. B. Gibson of Carthage, editor of The Moore County News. First in line was Mary Louise Black, Pinehurst queen, with her escort, Eldon Currie; next came Southern Pines queen Nellie Ward, escorted by Donald Scheipers; third couple was Joan Way, Carthage queen and Danny Sheffield; fourth, West End school's queen, Mary Frances Thomas, with Joe Rudder; fifth, the Vass-Lakeview queen, Ruth Blue, with Buster Jessup; sixth, the Farm Life school queen, Rachel McCaskill and her escort; seventh, queen Jo Ann Morgan of Aberdeen, with Arnold Garner.

As each pair walked by the (Continued on Page 5)

## Campbell Honors Scouting In Talk To Raleigh Club

The Boy Scout as a trainee for fine citizenship in his community, his nation and the world, with a survey of scouting activities in the Oconeechee council, and a plea for more leaders to help conduct the scouting program, were highlights of an address given by William D. Campbell, district commissioner of Boy Scouts in Moore county, before the Rotary club of Raleigh last Monday.

The program, at which Campbell was the principal speaker, recognized Boy Scout Week, with its celebration of the 37th anniversary of the founding of the Boy Scout program.

The five-year plan prepared for the development of scouting in the council, under direction of its president, Hugh G. Isley, was cited as an example of the far-sighted manner in which the pro-

## Southern Pines Makes Sweep Of Morehead Games

### Divides Twin Bill With West End At Pinehurst Wednesday

Southern Pines B and Varsity boys' teams visited Morehead City last weekend, to win back in a four-game total victory the glory lost to the coast lads the weekend before in a three-to-one division.

Southern Pines B won Friday night 23-22 and the varsity duplicated 47-26 in the nightcap. In Saturday night's games, George Hodgkins for the Bees went on a scoring spree to rack up 14 points, leading his team and the field to a 33-27 victory. In the nightcap varsity win of 38-31, Junior Maples with 12 and Harrington with 11 points were scoring leaders.

The teams left for Morehead City Friday morning, and were weekend guests of the coast resort B and varsity teams, whom they had entertained in their homes here the previous weekend. The boys traveled in the two school station wagons, and also in Coach Amos Dawson's car, with Mr. Dawson remaining for the weekend with them. Also chaperoning was Miss Williams of the school faculty, who accompanied some of the Southern Pines girls in a car driven by John S. Ruggles. The visitors were recipients of some fine coastal hospitality, which included a visit to Fort Macon, a tour of the Duke University Marine laboratories at Beaufort, and a dance at the Surf club after the games Saturday night. They re-

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## Two Injured, Three Escape Hurt In Crash

Clyde Smith and Donald Scheipers received injuries, two companions, also young men of Southern Pines, narrowly escaped hurt, and the Scheipers car, a '41 Cadillac, which Donald was driving, was completely demolished in a collision which took place on Highway 1, near Vass, about 8:45 p. m. Friday.

Traveling north at a moderate rate of speed—a fact which probably saved all their lives—the Scheipers car struck a '28 Chrysler driven by Robert Street, Negro, which emerged without warning from a side road. Street's car, which had neither lights nor brakes, was severely damaged, but Street was unhurt.

Taken to the Moore County hospital, Smith was found to have facial lacerations which re-

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## Fire Destroys 4 Homes Of County In Bitter Cold

### Minor Alarms Keep Firemen On Run In Southern Pines

Quick action on the part of the Southern Pines fire department in response to an alarm promptly turned in, saved one of the dwellings and the stable on the Pinecrest Manor estate from destruction, Thursday morning.

At 11:15 a. m. a fire which evidently originated in the trash burner at the rear of one of the houses, spread, threatening the cottage and stable nearby. The stable itself caught fire, but was extinguished before serious damage was done, while the cottage was badly scorched.

The fire spread to the long dry grass and needles lining the golf course and about 25 volunteers and firemen worked to stifle the spreading flames. Though beyond the town limits, this valuable property obtained the help of the town department, an action which received wide commendation.

Restaurant patrons shuddered when the news went forth that Holliday's Coffee shop was on fire last Friday night but the prompt arrival of the firemen soon extinguished the flames in the basement ceiling caused by an over-heated furnace. Two belated diners refused to desert their viands despite the somewhat smoky atmosphere.

Just before the noon whistle Monday, a call came into the fire house. "Fire! Come over to the Baptist church in West Southern Pines, we will show you where to go." As there are two Baptist Churches in that section the firemen divided their forces, and Assistant Chief R. S. Rowell found the woodwork smoldering behind the stove in the home of Gustus Saunders. Extinguished with trifling damage.

At 10:45 p. m. Monday, Frank Kaylor of the fire company answered a still alarm from the home of Mary Buchanan, located within a block of the Saunders house, in the extreme southwest section of West Southern Pines, where another blaze had started around the kitchen chimney. Damage was slight.

Both pieces of apparatus answered an alarm at 10:20 a. m. Tuesday, from the residence of F. E. Safford, the former Ogden house, in Knollwood, where an electric wire at the house connection had short circuited and fired the adjoining woodwork. The blaze was extinguished with slight damage to the house.

## Forest Fires Ravage West End Property

Two disastrous forest fires near West End in the past few days took severe toll of some 2,000 acres of woodland -- and these are just two of many ravaging the wods of Moore County at this time of year.

County fire wardens and their fire fighting equipment were called out Tuesday to battle a fire about a mile and half north of West End. Though aided by many volunteer fire fighters, the fire was still spreading Wednesday night and had covered approximately 1,000 acres of land, mostly belonging to the Currie estate and to R. B. Donaldson.

Fire wardens and volunteers also fought side by side Friday, when another 1,000 acres (estimated) was burned over. About half of this was owned by Allen and Moses C. McDonald of West End, with many acres belonging to Mr. Caveness of Greensboro and other owners also suffering loss.

### BANK HOLIDAY

The Citizens' Bank and Trust company will be closed Saturday, February 22, George Washington's birthday.

## Carthage, Pinehurst Eureka Sections See Destructive Blazes

In the midst of the winter's severest cold snap, news of four homes totally destroyed by fire came to The Pilot this week from county correspondents.

The home of Mrs. Kitty Hilliard, known as "the old Frye place," about two miles out of Carthage, was reported burned about 6 a. m. Monday, with only the dining and kitchen ell of the two-story frame house left standing. The Carthage fire department battled the flames in bitter cold, but they had gained too great headway before the truck could arrive. Some furniture was saved.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Wiseman, of near Pinehurst, lost their home Sunday afternoon. The home, on which many improvements had recently been made, burned with all its contents while the Wisemans were at church services at Beulah Hill. The loss was reported partially covered by insurance.

In the Eureka section, the McCoy home was destroyed, and "the family saved nothing besides themselves," it was graphically reported. Hog killing had recently been held on the farm, which is owned by Roosevelt Ransdale, and all the meat was lost. A house owned by Sheriff McDonald was also burned, with all the occupants' belongings.

## Plans For Annual Spring Horse Show Being Considered

At a meeting of the Sandhills Horse Show and Racing association Tuesday night in Pinehurst dates were selected for the annual Pinehurst horse show, April 4 and 5, 1947, with two performances scheduled for Saturday and an afternoon show on Easter Sunday. John L. Bowers, horse show promoter, was named as manager. The Pinehurst horse show committee includes Colonel George P. Hawes, Jr., chairman, Mr. and Mrs. D. W. Winkelman, James Tufts, Vernon Cardy, William J. Brewster, who attended the meeting, and other prominent horse-minded persons in the Pinehurst and Southern Pines area.

Tentative plans call for the erection of stabling facilities, and a standard show ring, to accommodate 150 entries. Classes will be offered for walking horses, (Continued on Page 5)

### DEBT REPAID

This week an Aberdeen man received a return for kindness long forgotten—as well as proof that heroism stems from the heart.

He had admired greatly the courage of Will Moore, Negro youth employed at the old Aberdeen hotel, whose courage in staying on the job when the hotel burned five years ago, going from room to room with warnings, is credited with saving many lives. It also resulted in severe burns to Moore.

After his recovery he went north. Owner of a small tract near Aberdeen, he paid the taxes a couple of years, then the taxes for 1943 became overdue. His white friend, finding that foreclosure was to be sought, quietly paid the few dollars required.

This week Moore appeared at his friend's office. He repaid the money, with thanks. He still has the land—and the friend has a reinforced respect for human nature.