



Directors Study Hospital Problems In Nurse Shortage

Mrs. P. P. McCain Named To Board; 8-Hour Duty Begins

The Board of Directors of the Moore County Hospital met at the Nurses' Home last Friday night under the chairmanship of Vice-president Richard S. Tufts, serving in the place of the president, Wilbur Currie, absent at the legislature in Raleigh. Members of the board heard the administrator describe the current shortage of nurses, holding over since the war days, and the various ways in which it might be met.

Prominent among these was the suggestion that the nursing schedule be changed to an eight hour from the present twelve hour schedule. This suggestion, in line with that of many hospitals nowadays, was favorably acted upon by the board, with the decision made to put it into effect as of March 1st.

Commenting on the change, Administrator E. T. McKeithen stated that whereas the present shift ran from seven to seven, with three hours of rest, the new schedule was planned in three shifts of from seven to three, three to eleven, eleven to seven with no rest periods.

Looking towards further alleviation of the nursing shortage, the board approved a suggestion that nurse's aides be welcomed whenever available, and went on record as endorsing proposed legislation of training of practical nurses. The administrator described a bill to be introduced before the legislature this week to legalize the licensure of practical nurses, with the proposal that a training program of from eleven to twelve months be inaugurated for these women, of routine nursing training similar, in part, to that given nurse's aides. The bill was prepared, he said, by a committee of representatives.

Humphrey Opens Downtown Studio

Emerson Humphrey, photographer, is moving his studio this week from his home on Ridge street to his new location in the business district—the building on West Broad street, near Pennsylvania, formerly occupied by Pope's restaurant. He plans to keep regular business hours, he reported, but will still work mostly by appointment.

Humphrey came to Southern Pines early in 1945 following 15 seasons at Pinehurst, during the first 10 of which he worked with John G. Hemmer, and in the last five was the official Pinehurst photographer. For his work then and since he has become known all over the State as a top ranking all-around photographer, with social, sports and news events as specialties. He has for some time been official photographer for The Pilot.

During the summers he has done professional work at White Sulphur Springs, W. Va., and at resorts in western North Carolina, and spent three summers in work and study with Wootton and Moulton, official photographers for the University of North Carolina.

A native of Georgia, he has lived in North Carolina since he was 15, graduated from the Fayetteville High school and attended State college. He began his career as a photographer while still a high school student.

He is a registered photographer, member of the North Carolina Photographers' association, and a member and past vice-president of the North Carolina Press Photographers' association.

WATCH OUT!

Watch those trash fires! Don't just think they're out—be sure! Carelessness in this regard took city firemen out on two successive runs Thursday morning, to find that trash fires thought to have been put out started brush fires which might have had serious consequences.

The first was behind the John Barron house on New York avenue, between May and Ridge streets, about 11 a. m. The second, occurring immediately after, was behind the Harry Gage house on the Country club road. Firemen extinguished both before serious damage was done.

Chamber Will Ask All Members' Vote On City Car Tags

Free Postcards To Be Good-Will Ads In Local Hotels

City tags or no city tags? Chamber of Commerce directors, considering local traffic problems, think they may be a solution—but the Town Board, loath to impose what might be regarded as another "nuisance tax", doesn't see it that way.

However, there's a city ordinance requiring them for cars of Southern Pines residents; and the Chamber of Commerce directors in semi-monthly session Tuesday night voted to query their membership of 150 by postcard on the matter, with prevailing sentiment dictating whether they shall again ask enforcement of the ordinance—or its repeal.

They requested enforcement following discussion at the directors' meeting of February 11, with the view that uniform identification of residents' cars would assist police in keeping the working populace from parking on the main shopping blocks. With local cars shunted off to the municipal parking lot, space would be cleared for visitors and the free influx of business.

Reply

At this week's meeting Herrmann Grover, Chamber of Commerce secretary, read the reply from Howard Burns, city clerk. In it he voiced the Board's wish for an expression of more representative opinion (the previous directors' meeting had been a small one, saying also that they feared the \$1 charge for city tags might be looked on as a nuisance tax imposed only for additional revenue; and suggesting that display tags, such as have been used

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Miss Bair Elected Chairman of Council

Miss Birdilia Bair was elected chairman of the Southern Pines Council of Social Agencies, at its quarterly meeting, held Tuesday evening after several forced postponements, at the Southern Pines school.

Elected with Miss Bair, who succeeds Morris Johnson, were the following officers for 1947: June Phillips, treasurer; Mrs. Jane Towne, executive secretary. Mrs. R. P. Brown, Mrs. James Boyd and Col. D. L. Madigan were named to the executive committee.

Ednah Bethae, director of the West Southern Pines nursery school, was present at the meeting, to report on progress of the school, whose assistance is a project of the Council. Among present needs of the month-old nursery school which she outlined are chairs, tables, blocks and wheel toys. The cooperation of the Council in securing these was promised, with special reference to the chairs and tables, considered the greatest needs as the nursery school grows.

Red Cross Campaigners On Mark And Ready To Go

With his Red Cross campaign organization set up and ready to go, Southern Pines Drive Chairman William D. Campbell this week sent out an urgent request for advance gift donors to delay no longer, but to send their contributions now to Mrs. E. C. Stevens, chairman.

Advance gifts are counted on to provide a substantial start for the campaign proper, in which canvassing of business and residential districts will begin Monday morning. The advance gift donation is also the simplest way for the generous donor to make sure that he's done his part, and will not be solicited further for a gift he meant to make all along.

It also gives chairmen a gauge to measure by, in seeing how near (or how far) that quota is.

With a national quota set this year at \$60,000,000, Moore county's quota at \$15,000 and Southern Pines' \$4,200, the Amer-

ican Red Cross is asking this year about half the amount raised during the war years. Though the war is ended, the Red Cross goes right on—and every bit of the money asked is needed, and will be used, in the carrying forward of this great mercy program.

Mrs. William D. Campbell, assisted by Mrs. William White, is in charge of the canvass of the business district.

Mrs. C. T. Overton, residential canvass chairman, has named the following committee to assist her: Mrs. L. H. Cherry, Jr., Mrs. Charles Patch, Sr., Mrs. Marshall Barney, Mrs. Cecil Robinson, Mrs. J. S. Milliken, Mrs. A. B. Patterson, Mrs. V. B. Johnson, Garland Pierce is chairman of hotels and rooming houses, and Mrs. Paul C. Butler of the Midland Road section. The campaign is under direction of Miss Gladys Snipes at Niagara, and Mrs. R. P. Brown at Manly.

Low Bids On Aberdeen Road Project Made By Charlotte, Chester Firms

Hard Surface Roads Branching Three Ways, Bridge, Fills Planned

Blythe Brothers, construction engineers of Charlotte, were low bidders on a triple road improvement project out of Aberdeen, and F. A. Triplett, Inc., turned in the low bid for structures, it was found on the opening of bids in Raleigh Monday.

The Blythe bid of \$170,034.90 and that of Triplett, \$80,789.20, total \$250,824.10 for the project, considered one of the most important of the district, and marking completion of a road building program in and around Aberdeen started some seven years ago.

The contracts call for grading, reinforcement, sand asphalt base, surfacing and structures of 2.88 miles on three sections of hard-surfaced road leading out of Aberdeen at South street, and branching out a mile south of town, one branch going to U. S. Highway No. 1, another to the Laurinburg highway Nos. 15-501, and the third to the Raeford highway, No. 211.

L. E. Whitfield, of Asheboro, sixth division engineer for the state highway and public works commission, will be in charge of construction.

Present plans call for an extension of No. 1 across South street

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Teen Agers Plan "Victory Dance"

Confidently anticipating a rosy ending to the county basketball tournament now under way, the Teen Age club, meeting Wednesday evening, planned a "Victory Dance" for next Friday night.

Except for dances following home games, this will be the club's first social function in some months, as basketball has claimed the members' time and attention. New dance records are to be bought for the occasion, and Bobby Harrington, president, appointed a committee to lay in a supply of popular new disks. Harrington was elected the club's representative on the Council of Social Agencies.

With 18 members enrolling Wednesday night, in addition to 22 at last week's meeting, indicating a healthy revival of interest as the new season gets under way, a membership drive seemed not so urgent and no definite plans were made. However, it was decided that each member should try to bring at least one other to the next club meeting. With all 1946 memberships now lapsed, former members as well as new ones must start out afresh with the payment of 1947 dues.

Philip J. Weaver, principal, was present at the meeting.

County School Lunchrooms Face Fund Exhaustion

Schoolfolk Will Ask Commissioners' Aid In Their Operation

Representatives of schools in the county receiving federal aid for luncheons—and this includes practically all of them—will appear before the county commissioners at their regular meeting Monday, March 3, to see if county funds may replace the federal aid to lunchrooms which, they have been advised, will cease in about three weeks.

Unless a new appropriation is made by congress—and they are not banking on this—federal funds for this purpose will be exhausted by the middle of March. These have supplemented the cost of hot lunches to each paying pupil by about 10 cents per plate, and have taken care of lunches provided children who were unable to pay.

Members of the Educo club, discussing the situation at their monthly meeting at Carthage last week, roughly estimated that some \$2,000 per month has been

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Hounds Show Best Sport of Season

The Moore County Hounds met in the big pasture field at Weymouth on Saturday at 10:30 and ran one of the good drag lines over typical Sandhills country to finish in the field back of the old Scott house site, near Young's corner. The eight couples of hounds, hunted by the master, Ozelle Moss, ran with a good cry, carrying the line with few checks despite a high cold wind and dry ground. Whipping in were Mrs. Moss and the professional whip, Louis Rittendale. Dwight Winkler led the field of 36.

Drawing the eastern edge of the pasture, hounds found along the top of the Round Timber and ran a fast line across the Weymouth orchard hill and the intervening woodland to the Dewberry Crossing. They crossed the Collins and Healy land, swung through Mrs. Kennedy's and the Olive Farm and over some of the old hunter trials course to finish on the hillside below the old Scott farm.

The meet was attended by many on foot and in cars who gathered with the horsemen to hear the gracious tribute paid by the master to the late James Boyd, founder of the hunt and joint-master with his brother, Jackson H. Boyd for many years. At the meet were two former whips, Mrs. Boyd and Mrs. Leonard, the former Judy Butterfield.

On Tuesday a grey fox gave the hounds one of the best runs of the year and "got away to run again another day." Throwing in near the Jonker farm, hounds hit off a line on the Adkins place and ran southeast to the Notre Dame Academy Page wire fence. Hounds were held up when the fox went through, but he obligingly came out again and they picked up the line near the Healy head. Turning north over the ridge, they crossed the Mail Road and swung back through Carroll's Branch to put him to earth, finally, under some hay racks on the edge of the Moss pasture.

With the fifty minute run to their credit, Hounds were blown off and taken back to kennels. The master reports more fox sign than ever this year, with deer on the whole, keeping out of sight. Only two have been viewed since the season opened.

Expected down for some hunting this weekend are Mrs. Norman Toerge and Mrs. Howard Lynn of Middleburg and the Bobbly by Youngs, visiting Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Phillips.

Spectacular Blaze Severely Damages Ruggles Homestead Saturday Evening

A SORRY CRIME

Vandals put in a sorry night's work at Eagle Springs last week, smashing all the windows and light fixtures of the Negro Methodist church and overturning every tombstone and monument in the cemetery.

Bricks and sticks had been used to make destruction thorough. Damages amount to quite a bit, financially speaking, and are beyond measure in the sentiments of the little congregation.

Reported this weekend to the sheriff's department by indignant white friends of the church, the case is now under investigation by Sheriff McDonald and his deputies.

Ballots Indicate Dawson Candidacy Finding Favor

Unit Elections Now Under Way For State NCEA Posts

With favorable reactions being tabulated from widely separated points all over the state, members of the local NCEA unit boosting Amos C. Dawson for vice president of the state organization admitted this week they are feeling "definitely encouraged" concerning their candidate's chances of election.

Of some 1,000 unofficial ballots mailed out, with promotional material, two weeks ago to school principals and other key members throughout the state, some 20 per cent have been returned, according to Mrs. Ruth L. Swisher, campaign manager. These have been predominantly favorable to Dawson.

The ballots have come in from local units in some 50 per cent of North Carolina counties, with enough from a few of the counties to make the local proponents feel the whole county is theirs.

Yet—"We've got our fingers crossed," said Mrs. Swisher. "It's a crucial time in NCEA, and anything can happen. There are several strong candidates, and the campaigns are lively for all of them."

With more vital issues at stake this year than ever before in the organization's history, and with the state body divided against itself on the South Piedmont teacher raise plan, interest is strong and a number of upsets are anticipated.

Local units have already started holding elections for state officers, and votes are to be turned in by March 21, or taken to the annual convention at Asheville at the end of the month. The official count will be made at the convention, which will be held March 27-28-29.

The Southern Pines unit will hold its election at an early meeting, according to Mrs. Burney McCotter, president, and—ssh—don't be surprised if it goes unannouncedly for Dawson for vice president.

Referendum Proponents Organize, Question Currie On Liquor Stand

Dry forces of the county began their march toward a hoped-for referendum Monday, with a meeting held at 10 a. m. with Senator Wilbur H. Currie in the commissioners' room at the Carthage courthouse.

Invited to discuss his stand on the liquor question with a small group, Currie, as well as leaders of the movement, showed surprise as a crowd variously estimated at from 40 to 75 attempted to wedge itself into the moderately sized room. Men and women com-

Local Firemen Battle Third Floor Flames At The Woodworth

by Charles Macauley

The volunteers of the Southern Pines Fire Department well maintained their prestige in the long hard struggle to save the historic A. S. Ruggles home from destruction by fire Saturday evening, a struggle seemingly lost many times during their two hour battle with the flames.

Mr. and Mrs. Ruggles and son, John, were at supper shortly after six o'clock when a guest, Miss Cassard, a singer at the Dunes Club, called down from the second floor to their grandson that there was smoke pouring from the ceiling. Grasping extinguishers the men dashed to the upper floor where John, taking one look at the extent of the fire, dropped his extinguisher and ran back to the telephone. Frank Kaylor answered and the siren sounded before John had hung up. Going back upstairs he found smoke and flames coming out from the eaves at both ends of the house, later investigation indicating that the fire may have started in the space between the ceiling and floor of the two upper floors. Another version to which Chief O'Callaghan inclines, is that an overload of electrical cooking equipment on one circuit, caused the trouble.

The siren's tones were hardly silent, as the apparatus came down the street toward the house from whose attic windows flames and smoke were pouring. Firemen on ladder tops, handling lines of hose through the windows, were soaked with water and suffocated by the dense smoke blown downward by a stiff wind to envelop them time and time again. Hampered by the

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Horse Show Site Shaping Up Fast For Spring Events

Work is proceeding apace at the horse show grounds of the newly formed Sandhills Racing and Horse Show association, and, with the first event scheduled for less than two weeks off, the bare meadows and fields of the 50-acre tract are undergoing swift transition.

With the ground cleared and burned off by town crews, who are also helping to build the jumps, the hunter trial course is being laid out over a winding couple of miles by Daniel Cornwall, of Westchester, Pa.

A stable of 40 stalls, in two sets of 20 back to back, is under construction, and is expected to be completed by March 12, date of the hunter trials. A second stable section is to be completed later, for the eventual quartering of 80 horses.

Bulldozers were out this week grading the land for the show ring, which will be 160 by 250 feet. A hundred spectator boxes—for which many orders are reported already coming in—and

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