



Plan Approved For 3 New Signals, Closing 2 Streets

Town Board Meets Seaboard Officials In Safety Study

The placing of automatic warning signals at the Connecticut, Pennsylvania and Massachusetts avenue railroad intersections, with the closing of the less traveled intersections at Maine and New York avenues, was the plan reached by town commissioners and Seaboard Airline officials in conference at the city office last Thursday afternoon.

R. M. Stone, Seaboard Airline superintendent, said he would place this recommendation before the railway authorities, and their answer should be made known within a short time.

With signals already placed at Vermont and New Hampshire avenues, this would leave the four main cross streets of the business section open and marked. There would be a closed intersection at each end of the district, five blocks apart, then another signal at Massachusetts avenue, toward the south.

Other crossings north and south within the city limits have little traffic and are wide open, so that it was considered neither signals nor the closing of any of them is needed.

The town board members, who had little hope of getting automatic signals at all the crossings within the city limits, expressed themselves as well pleased with the plan as the best of several discussed, with both the public safety and the free flow of traffic in mind.

A request that the board take action for better signal markings at downtown intersections was presented by the commissioners by the Chamber of Commerce some two weeks ago. The board then arranged the conference with Stone.

Also attending from Raleigh were Charles Brown, trainmaster, and Mr. Cooper, also of the Seaboard.

A meeting preparatory to the conference was held by the town commissioners the preceding Monday, with John S. Ruggles, Chamber of Commerce chairman, and L. T. McDonald, vice chairman, present to assist in the discussion.

Four County Men In Federal Court

Four Moore county defendants faced Judge J. Hayes in federal court at Rockingham last week. All were convicted on liquor law charges, and all were placed on temporary probation on conditions of good behavior as outlined by the court.

They were Hubert Michael, Angus McNeill and Dewey Alred, white men of the Robbins section, and James Hockaday, Negro of Aberdeen.

The case of Bunny Davis, of the Robbins section, which was similar to the others, was continued until the fall term of court.

The civil term of federal court will begin Monday, with just one Moore county case known to be on the calendar, the case of the government vs. Meiselman on charges of OPA rent law violation. The defendant, formerly of Southern Pines, now lives in Charlotte. The case is one which has been pending for some time.

COURT OF HONOR

Court of honor for Moore County Boy Scouts will be held Monday at 7:30 p.m. at the Carthage school, and all parents and adult friends of the troop members are given a cordial invitation to be present.

Roy M. Liles, council executive from Raleigh, will be a special guest.

Local Girls Win Runner-up Trophy



(Photo by Emerson Humphrey)

HAPPY? IT LOOKS AS IF EVERYONE LIKED THAT AWARD. Ruth Guin, captain of the Southern Pines girls' team, receiving the runner-up trophy at the hands of Principal A. C. Dawson. Among the applauding audience may be seen Donald Scheipers, Billy Warner, Eugene Maples and others of the school group.

Principals Weaver and Dawson Rate 1947 County Tournament Among Best

by Philip Weaver and Amos C. Dawson

The annual Moore County Basketball tournament recently conducted may be regarded by all concerned as a successful project.

The tournament each year is sponsored by the Moore County Educo club which is composed of the men superintendents, principals, and teachers of the county. The net proceeds go to support the work of the club during the year.

At its last regular meeting, the Educo club voted to purchase an audiometer to be presented to the Moore County Health department, provided the health authorities could train a nurse in the use of the audiometer and then use it in each school in the county each year. The Educo club would assist the health department in following up any remedial work found necessary through the testing program.

As for the tournament, there were several outstanding features. The quality of basketball seemed improved over war years. The sportsmanship displayed by both players and spectators was outstanding; the officiating was excellent; and the tournament was staged in an efficient manner by Messrs. Poe, Appanaitis, and Hill. The only disappointing feature was the fact that so many fathers and mothers of the participants were unable to see the game because of the limited seating capacity. The tournament has become so popular with students, parents, and other citizens that there is no gymnasium in the county large enough to take care of it adequately.

No Upsets

The tournament was unusual in that there were no upsets and (Continued on Page 5)

Duke Glee Club Tickets On Sale

Tickets for the Duke Glee Club concert, to be presented at the school auditorium next Friday night, are being sold by Civic Club members and schoolchildren, and are also on sale at the Sandhills Drug store, Highland Pines inn, the Pine Needles and Mid Pines hotels and at the Carolina Drug store in Pinehurst.

Tickets may be reserved by phoning Mrs. Tucker G. Humphries, chairman of ticket sales for the Civic club, which is sponsoring the performance here.

Lighted Windows Show Results Of Chamber Drive

Merchants, Police Help Brighten Shopping District

Broad street may not be the great white way—and who wants it to be?—but the pleasant illumination of shop windows at night which has been increasingly evident has added much to the attractiveness of the town and caused admiring comment.

Except for one business house where remodeling is going on (the Stevens building) and the bank, every window is now lighted on the East Broad street block between Pennsylvania and New Hampshire avenues, and many houses on the other business blocks are also showing lighted windows at night.

Directors of the Citizens' Bank and Trust company at their weekly meeting Wednesday decided they would floodlight the front of the bank also, in line with the new movement. This will take some engineering, as the lights must be arranged so as not to interfere with the private lives of apartment dwellers above the bank, but N. L. Hodgkirk, president said he was sure this could be done.

Police Assist

The action is being taken at the request of the Chamber of Commerce, which has for some time had under way a quiet campaign to get every store and office owner to arrange for evening lighting. In this they have the cooperation of the police department, as Chief Newton has agreed to have policemen switch the lights on at dusk, and off at 11 p. m. where outside switches are provided.

Taking the now-100 per cent lighted East Broad street block as a starter, John S. Ruggles and L. D. McDonald, chairman and vice chairman of the Chamber of Commerce, visited all business places where evening illumination was not used, and secured their ready cooperation.

The results were discussed with gratification by Chamber of Commerce directors, meeting Tuesday evening of this week, and it was agreed to proceed with the other blocks. McDonald was assigned to the block on West Broad, between Pennsylvania and New Hampshire; Herbert Cameron to the block between New Hampshire and Connecticut avenues and W. D. Campbell, welcomed Tuesday to his first meeting since his election to a directorship, will take the East Broad street block between New Hampshire and Connecticut.

Within a short time it is expected that the entire shopping section will show, instead of an aspect of darkness, a bright and attractive face to passers on trains, and to motorists, and will provide an inviting field for window shoppers and evening strollers.

This is a continuation of a campaign (Continued on Page 8)

Thurlow Evans Has New Store Near Vass

Mr. and Mrs. Thurlow Evans have opened a modern feed, seed and grocery store near their home on the Union road, one mile west of Vass, and report business promising during their first week of operation.

This is Evans' debut into merchandising. A successful farmer, he is being assisted in the new venture by his wife, the former Elizabeth Thompson.

The business is housed in a newly completed brick building. Standard lines of feeds, seeds and staples are carried, with the addition of fryers and other seasonal items planned.

Vass-Lakeview School Is Swept By Midnight Blaze Of Unknown Origin; Plant And Equipment Left In Ruins

Blue Will Not Present Referendum Legislation; Currie Non-Committal

Sharply questioning both Senator W. H. Currie and Representative H. Clifton Blue at a mass meeting at the county courtroom Sunday afternoon, proponents of a liquor referendum for Moore county failed again to secure a commitment from Currie, but gained from Blue the avowal that he would under no circumstances introduce or sponsor legislation preventing such a referendum, in the current session of the General Assembly.

However, Blue declared, if such legislation should be introduced, he reserved the right to take such action in the house as he deemed proper.

Before sponsoring any legislation, said Blue, he presents his intentions to the voters through the county press, and this would be no exception.

Currie repeated in substance his statement made at a smaller meeting, before an invited delegation, two weeks before, when he said that before taking a stand he would first have to assure himself of the sentiments both for and against among community and county leaders. He added Sunday that he had not had opportunity to do this to his satisfaction.

Both men stated that they would give the matter their serious and prayerful consideration.

Petitions

The meeting was conducted by John B. McLeod, farmer of near Carthage, chairman of the forces seeking a right to hold a liquor referendum. Scheduled for 2 p. m., the Sunday program was delayed by the turning in of large numbers of petitions that have been circulating through various sections of the county, and by the counting of the names.

With the total announced as around 1,700, the petitions were then turned over to Currie and Blue for their inspection before being handed back to McLeod for further use.

For more than two hours members of the crowd, which practically filled the county courtroom, questioned the legislators, and spoke in behalf of their right to a referendum. With this stated as the primary objective of the organization, McLeod kept to a minimum comments dealing with the rights and wrongs of the (Continued on Page 8)

Lad Paroled On Forest Fire Charge

Samuel Frank Jones, 15, Negro lad arrested on a charge of setting the forest fire near Knollwood airport last month, was paroled to his parents on conditions of good behavior following a juvenile court hearing last week.

He is to go regularly to school and report to the welfare department every two weeks. In addition, his father was taxed with \$18, costs incurred by the fire control service in fighting the fire.

He had no previous record of bad behavior, and his family also was shown to be of good character, said John A. Willcox, juvenile court judge. His admission of smoking a cigarette at the scene, seeing a fire start and failing in his attempt to put it out indicated carelessness rather than the incendiaryism which was feared at first.

Two witnesses were heard who saw the boy running from the scene. The fire that followed, covering an estimated 1,200 acres, was the county's most disastrous this year.

Makeshift Classrooms Be Set Up Monday For 550 Students

\$200,000 Estimated As Replacement Cost

The Vass - Lakeview school, one of the county's largest and most modern, was almost completely destroyed Tuesday night by fire of unknown origin, despite the efforts of the Vass and Southern Pines fire departments and volunteer help from the community.

Discovered by a neighbor who saw the leaping flames about 11:15 p. m., the fire rapidly gained such headway that firemen could only play their hose on a part the flames did not reach, thus saving a small portion at the rear, housing an agricultural classroom.

Except for empty walls standing bleak and blackened in the sun, this portion was all that was left the next morning when the firemen departed after an all-night vigil.

Left untouched by the flames were the almost-completed agricultural building and small cafeteria building on the school grounds, which were in the direction away from the wind. These, with the teacherage in Vass, will form the nucleus of new classroom space for the resumption of classes Monday morning, it was decided by school officials meeting at 11:30 a.m. Wednesday.

Their first decision was to have the empty walls torn down, to eliminate the danger of their falling and causing injury.

School Board Meets

The Vass-Lakeview school board, meeting Wednesday morning at the home of C. L. Tyson, chairman, with H. Lee Thomas, county superintendent of schools, and Dan Farrell, county school board chairman, decided also to investigate the possibilities of holding classes in rooms at the Methodist church and at the Hotel Charmella, whose proprietors, Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Young, offered the dining room and other rooms if needed.

It is hoped to locate the high school classes all in one place, said Tyson. Superintendent Thomas and J. H. Bunn, principal of the stricken school, were to go to Raleigh Wednesday to try to (Continued on Page 8)

Airlines Opens, Skycruise Club

"Skycruise Club!" This is the exotic title of the new restaurant which is to open at the Knollwood Field of Resort Airlines on Saturday night.

The old building in which it is located has been completely rebuilt and re-decorated under the expert hand of A. B. Yeomans. In charge of the restaurant is John Garrett, of Myrtle Beach. There are two dining rooms—the regular public room and a smaller room which will be available for private parties.

With the dining room open from 8:30 a. m. through the evening and good food promised at reasonable prices, it is expected that this will prove to be one of the most popular eating places in the Sandhills.

The Kiwanis Club acted as the guinea pig in trying it out by staging this week's lunch there. The grapevine has it that a most enjoyable time was had by all, the members expressing themselves as delighted with the place and the service.

Local Red Cross Goal Is Achieved; County Returns Look Slow But Sure

With March 15 an unofficial deadline—the general campaign will end March 31—Southern broke the tape in the local Red Cross drive with two days to spare, as Chairman William D. Campbell reported the quota of \$4,200 passed Thursday, March 13.

Earlier this week returns had reached \$4,001, with \$2,768 reported by Mrs. E. C. Stevens' advance gifts committee and \$998 by Mrs. W. D. Campbell's business district committee. The rest represented partial returns from other campaign groups.

Mrs. Stevens had a quota of \$2,000 and Mrs. Campbell of \$900, both successfully passed with more coming in.

In fact, all reports grew speedily out of date as workers kept working, contributions kept coming in and the total intake mounted almost hourly. However, with the incentive of war and immediate postwar fervor now in the past, the campaign has not been an easy one and Chairman Campbell said the workers are due a great deal of credit. They have met with many delays, and also the job of convincing a num-

ber of people that Red Cross work goes right on, in peace as in war.

A number of advance gift donors have yet to be heard from, and Mrs. Stevens, hoping to clear her records by March 15, asks that all contacted by her committee make their gifts now.

The workers will stay on their jobs till their assignments are fully achieved, with every citizen given opportunity to participate, Campbell said.

Over the weekend \$5,907 had been turned in at Red Cross headquarters here toward the county goal of \$13,609. Chairman Moses C. McDonald of West End expressed confidence that the whole quota would be met long before March 31, with some communities doubling the figures assigned.

Eleven chairmen out of 18 had made reports by the weekend. From Pinehurst came the report that \$1,000 had been collected; Aberdeen, \$500; Cameron, \$5; Carthage, \$200; Eagle Springs, \$30; Hallison, \$35; Jackson Springs, \$6; Samarcand, \$100; Vass-Lakeview, \$60.