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TEN CENTS

Duke Glee Club Performance Is Highlight Tonight

Civic Club Supper, Dance Will Add To Festive Occasion

Advance sale of tickets indicates that a fine local audience will be on hand at 8:15 tonight (Friday) at the Southern Pines High school auditorium, to hear another brilliant concert by the Men's Glee club of Duke university—a repeat performance, with slightly different personnel and a brand new program, from that which scored such a hit here almost exactly a year ago.

The Civic club, which sponsored the famous choral group's appearance here March 23, 1946, is again doing so this year.

The varied program will include three groups of songs by the entire 40-member Glee club; three selections by the double octet, in the light style for which this group is famed, and several solos.

J. Foster Barnes will direct the group, as he has done since 1927. From a small beginning made long ago, the club has under his hands grown in fame and achievement.

Many High Honors

During Barnes' first year as director, the club won the state college glee club championship. They won it again the second year, and also the championship of the entire south, later singing at Carnegie hall in the national finals.

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Leading Horseman To Judge Finals

Good news to horse people is the fact that Mr. and Mrs. Fred Bontecou are to be the judges for the Hunter Trials next Wednesday, March 26th. One of the leading horsemen of the country, a past performer in the show rings of the Garden and Olympia, Bontecou is also Master of the Millbrook Hunt and has hunted in the Sandhills during several visits here in the past.

The Trials will start at 2 p. m. promptly, and the Committee states that there should be plenty of room for all those who wish to attend as the new grounds on the old Pinehurst road, allow ample space for parking. Admissions will be \$1.00 plus tax, and \$10.00 for a car, regardless of the number of occupants. The proceeds of the affair will go to the Fencing Fund of the Moore County Hounds.

With local horses numbering among their ranks many top performers in the show ring, as well as several of the country's outstanding hunter, entered, the Trials promise to be most interesting.

An informal buffet supper for riders and exhibitors will be given by Mr. and Mrs. Dwight A. Winkelman at their home following the show.

SLOW DOWN!

So the Navy is not waiting for Congress to debate and decide our course, but is sending the Leyte full speed ahead for the Mediterranean. What if she hits one of those Albanian mines we've been hearing about?

Is that what is called a fait accompli? Or should we spell it "fate?"

It may well be our fate that this hasty action is deciding. Why this hurry? What is back of it? We have a right to know before we get in so deep we can't get out.

Vass-Lakeview School at Height of Ruinous Blaze



Walls of the Vass-Lakeview school are seen as a hollow shell, with the columns of the front stark against the flames, in this dramatic picture of the midnight blaze of Tuesday, March 11, which left the 20-classroom building in ruins.

At left is seen the brilliant glow of windows through which the flames are about to burst. Just a few minutes after this picture was taken they came roaring through as that wing of the building was consumed. (Photo by Arthur Pate)

Fashion Parade At Carolina March 24

The Committee of the Easter Fashion Parade announces that plans are shaping up well to make this event to be held at the Carolina Hotel Monday evening at 8:45, one of the most enjoyable of its kind.

F. R. Razook, whose models will be shown, has announced that professional models will be flown down by Resort Airlines. A galaxy of local ladies, with no other than Germaine Montell, cosmetic expert, to make them up for the grand parade will also take part. As an expert touch, there will be a door prize offered in the shape of one of the gayest Razook models.

The show is being given for the benefit of the Hospital Auxiliary, the Historical Association, and the Boy and Girl Scouts. Admission tickets (\$2.00) can be obtained from Mrs. W. D. Hyatt, Pinehurst, or at the door. Some sixty ladies are acting as patronesses for the occasion, while Mrs. George C. Marshall is the honorary chairman of the Committee, headed by Mrs. Harry Norris of Pinehurst.

Other members are Mesdames Heman Gifford, T. A. Cheatham, W. J. Fitzgibbons, W. D. Hyatt, George F. Shearwood, and Henry Spellman, of Pinehurst, and Mrs. James Boyd of Southern Pines.

Forester Injured At Country Club

Real Poutre, of Newport, Vt., a forester working on the woodlands of the Southern Pines Country club golf course, received severe injuries early Monday afternoon, when his leg was caught between a log and a tractor.

First aid was applied immediately by a physician, and the injured man was taken by ambulance to the Moore County hospital, where it was found his leg was fractured above the knee. He will have to remain as a patient for at least six weeks.

The young man is one of a crew of five employed by W. W. Sherman, Country club proprietor, to do selective cutting of timber on the club grounds.

REGIONAL MEETING

Registered Scout and Cub leaders wishing to attend the annual meeting of Region 6, Boy Scouts of America, to be held at Atlanta March 29-30, are asked to make reservations through Paul C. Butler, of Southern Pines, district chairman.

NEW SCHOOL

CPA approval was received this week by the Southern Pines school board for the building of an elementary school, and advertisements for bids were placed at once in state papers. Bids will be opened April 9 at the office of the district principal, Philip J. Weaver. Contracts are to be let for plumbing and heating, lighting and general contracting.

With plans for a new high school for the town abandoned when the bond issue failed to be held, an alternative has been adopted—a new building for the elementary grades, and the turning over of the present building to the high school.

Plans and specifications, now in the hands of W. H. Dietrich, architect, of Raleigh, call for a building of modern construction with 10 standard classrooms, library and offices. A gymnasium and cafeteria for all grades, and an auditorium for the elementary school will have to wait until more funds are available, Weaver said.

Honor Plaque Arrives; Alumni Banquet Off

A bronze plaque in memory of W. Duncan Matthews, longtime principal of the Vass-Lakeview school district, has arrived, and another honoring Vass-Lakeview boys who died in World War 2 is expected within two weeks, it has been announced by H. Clifton Blue, president of the Vass-Lakeview Alumni association, which is donating the two plaques to the school.

They will be installed in the new school building which will be erected.

Blue also said, that, after conference with a number of the alumni, a decision had been reached not to hold the annual Vass-Lakeview High School Alumni banquet this year. The event is ordinarily held at the school the Saturday evening before Easter.

SURPLUS BUILDINGS

Camp Mackall, that once so-busy spot, is being dismantled, and everything from a theatre to a large number of latrines is being offered for sale.

Mess halls and administration buildings are also on the list of surplus structures, for which sealed bids must be received by March 31 at the office of the division engineer at Columbia, S. C. No priority certificate is necessary, and the buildings may be seen and necessary information secured at Camp Mackall.

Sunday Crash Put One In Hospital, One In Jail

Collision With Taxi Shakes Up Visitors, Injures Mrs. Clark

Mrs. Cassius Clark, of Niagara, is in the hospital and her husband, her daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Trask, and the Trasks' two small sons received a severe shaking up when their car was struck by a taxi of the Smith Taxi company at the Connecticut and May street stoplight about 3 p. m. Sunday.

Ernest Bellamy, 23, an employee for only a few days of the local taxi company, was arrested by Police Chief Newton and is at present lodged in the Carthage jail, to be tried Monday in recorder's court on charges of driving while under the influence of intoxicants, and crashing a red light.

The 1946 Hudson driven by Trask was proceeding north along May street when the taxi, carrying several Negro passengers, came out of Connecticut heading east, and struck its rear (Continued on Page 5)

Chinese Are Philosophical People, Mrs. Marshall Tells Pinehurst Folk

"The sky belongs to everybody."

This remark, made to her by an illiterate Chinaman, typifies the philosophy that has sustained China through all her suffering, Mrs. George C. Marshall, wife of Secretary of State Marshall, told a large audience at the Carolina hotel at Pinehurst Tuesday in the course of an informal talk on her experiences in that country.

Mrs. Marshall, wearing a dark blue native Chinese dress given her by Madame Chiang Kai-shek, said that she left China feeling that its people were the kindest, most generous, industrious and grateful of all the people in the world. She spent many months in the country, some weeks of alms and Madame Chiang, while General Marshall was acting as special United States envoy endeavoring to reconcile the opposing political factions.

Chiang Kai-shek

Chiang Kai-shek, who has only once been outside China and does not speak a word of English, Mrs. Marshall found to be a very remarkable man. She described him as a fastidious person who leads a very austere life. The generalissimo neither drinks nor

Officials Move To Build New School For Vass-Lakeview

Classes Held In Makeshift Quarters Desks, Books Coming

Moving into action while smoke was still rising from the ruins of the Vass-Lakeview school, destroyed by fire Tuesday night, March 11, school officials got school started again within a few days, with some desks delivered and others on the way, new textbooks also on the way, and plans already afoot for the building of a new school.

An extraordinary sight on the school grounds these days is that of high school classes being held in school buses, while work is being rushed on the almost completed agricultural building, where they will meet later. Visiting the classes Wednesday morning, Superintendent H. Lee Thomas was like a farmer seeing the giraffe—"It isn't possible, but it's so!" He commended the student body, principal and teachers on their cooperation and resourcefulness in meeting a difficult situation.

New Building

Following a meeting held Monday of the county board of education with the county commissioners, it was announced by Superintendent Thomas that the commissioners had agreed to the construction of a new building as soon as work could get under way. Meeting with the county officials was Frank B. Simpson, school architect of Raleigh, who is now drawing up plans for the building, which it is estimated will cost \$160,000. Insurance was carried for \$40,000.

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SPHS Students To Have Paper

With the eighth grade already in the field with a lively publication, The Piper Cub, this week comes news of another entry in local journalistic circles for The Pilot to watch out for—and to welcome, which it most heartily does.

This is Fox Tales, the new weekly newspaper of the Southern Pines High school, which will go to press (or to mimeograph) today (Friday) or early next week.

The newspaper is the result of

RUSSELL TO SPEAK

The Historical Society announces that it is having distinguished company at its next meeting, Tuesday night at 8 o'clock at the Library, in the person of Phillips Russell, member of the faculty at Chapel Hill and noted in the fields of English literature and journalism.

One of that quaint company of prowlers - about-houses, haunters - of - graveyards, and pokers - into - every - manner - of - ancient-lore. Dr. Russell will speak on his researches in early North Carolina history.

Meetings Be Held To Plan Cub Packs In Three Towns

Cubbing—the pre-Scout program for boys nine to 12 years old—will take a big step forward in Moore county during the coming week, when meetings of parents and their sons with Scout officials will be held at Southern Pines, Pinebluff and Aberdeen to form Cub Scout packs.

A. L. Burney, district chairman of organization and extension, has announced the meetings as follows: Wednesday, at the Aberdeen school, 7:30 p. m. Thursday, at the Southern Pines school, 7 p. m.; and Friday, March 28, at the Pinebluff Community house, 7:30 p. m.

A full explanation of the Cub program will be given, supplemented by a sound movie in technical color in three parts, "Cubbing in the Home," "Cubbing in the Den" and "Cubbing in the Pack." Expected to be present, with their sons, are a number of parents to whom Burney has recently sent out letters to sound out their interest in the program. Many have responded favorably, offering help in getting it started in their communities.

All Are Invited

All other parents of Cub age boys are invited to attend and are asked to bring their sons.

Cubbing has already had a start in the county with the recent formation of packs at West End and Pinehurst. A beginning has been made at Carthage, though the final steps have yet to be taken.

Cubbing is built on a consistent program of achievement awards covering every field of normal small-boy activity, and channeling the Cub Scout's energy and resourcefulness into wholesome directions. Companionship with parents is emphasized through son-dad activity, and home-centered fun and work.

The Cub Scout program leads naturally into Scouting as the boy grows older.

a petition presented to their chiefs by high school students a short while ago, which brought about immediate cooperation on the part of principal and teachers.

The editorial staff includes Rita Jo Ferguson, editor in chief; Lewis Pate, assistant editor; Stephen Van Camp, business manager; Wyndham Clark, humor editor, with Sue Hall and Amelia Wilcox as assistants; Peggy Phillips, society editor; Carolyn Chester, assistant society editor; and Howard Burns, George Hodgkins and Robert McClellan, sports writers.

Danilla Frassinetti is staff artist, and Suzanne Kelly feature writer. Reporters are Jack Spring, John O'Callaghan, Janet Cornwell, Doris Reed, Richard Kaylor, Norma Sanford, Peggy Cameron and Ruth Russell are typists, and faculty advisor is Miss Hope Bailey.

The new paper, starting late in the year, will carry no ads, and will be sold at five cents per copy. A subscription rate is to be set up for the next school year, and the matter of whether or not to carry advertising is under consideration.

Dr. Rondthaler Tells Kiwanis Of Washington's Tour

President's Diary Yields Details Of Trip Through South

All who heard the speaker at the Sandhills Kiwanis luncheon on Wednesday expressed enthusiastic agreement with Chairman Paul Butler's words when he said "our club is honored to have as our guest speaker today Dr. Howard Rondthaler, President of Salem College."

Dr. Rondthaler, who has made the study of North Carolina's history his specialty, chose as his subject George Washington's Southern Journey, and made it as vivid to his audience as it clearly was to him. In the eyes of his hearers the white coach with its four enameled paintings and its coats of arms was clearly visible. Dr. Rondthaler called attention to the fact that he was speaking almost on the anniversary of the journey's start on March 21st, 1791.

Delightful from start to finish, perhaps the most striking moments in the speech were those in which The Doctor closed his remarks with quotations from Washington's diary, two delightful sentences.

"I was greeted in Tarboro, by such tolerable salute as could be given by one small cannon."

"I was entertained this afternoon at Salisbury by thirty-four ladies, all of Salisbury and apparently all quite respectable."

Golf Stars Play Pinehurst Monday For Red Cross

It would be difficult to arrange a more interesting golf match than the fourball contest to be played at the Pinehurst Country club Monday, starting at 2 p. m. for the benefit of the Moore County Red Cross fund.

The Sandhills' own Richard D. Chapman and Frank Stranahan, holder of the North and South amateur championship title, will meet Ben Hogan, the world's outstanding golfer of the hour, and his 'international fourball partner, James Demaret.

American golf could not produce a better amateur-professional match. Chapman and Stranahan are members of the American International Walker Cup team. Hogan and Demaret are certain to be selected as members of the International Ryder Cup side.

Tickets are \$2, and will be on sale at hotels and stores in the community. On Monday, members of the Silver Foils club will take charge of ticket sales. Every dollar paid for tickets goes to the fund. Pinehurst, Inc., is paying the professionals, the amateurs are giving their services and Pinehurst friends of the Red Cross will provide for incidental expenses.

INQUEST DELAYED

Coroner's inquest on the death of Robert Thayer, 32, of Pinehurst, was still being postponed at latest report, as no report had yet been received from the Duke Hospital laboratory on evidence submitted to them.

BASEBALL GAME

The Wake Forest-Cornell baseball game will be played at Southern Pines April 8, through announcement of this week from the city planning board, which is sponsoring the event.

Proceeds of the game, a major event of the season in North Carolina, will go toward development of the school athletic field, where it will be played.