



Drys Counter Legislation Proposal With Referendum Plan Of Their Own

Issue At Peak As Assembly Nears End

The "liquor question," which referendum proponents had declared should lie quiescent until the right to a popular vote was established, has risen right up in the past few days, as those who feel retention of liquor controls in Moore county might be the part of wisdom tried to get together with those who want them removed.

It was checkmate this week as referendum forces, when offered a plan for legislation for a vote on the ABC stores, decided they did not like it; and proceeded to draw up a counter plan of their own, in legal form like the other ready for the legislative hopper.

And there is yet a third plan in the running, one which Representative H. Clifton Blue, queried this week by The Pilot, says he thinks will take care of the situation and which he personally intends to follow. Finding neither proposal satisfactory to both sides, he withdrew to a position he had held before—that of offering no legislation at all, and letting the referendum come about, if it will, through procedure set up by North Carolina law.

He said, however, he reserved the right to act as he saw fit regarding any legislation Senator W. H. Currie might offer.

About the only thing everybody seems to agree on—and this in itself is a triumph for those seeking to abolish controlled liquor sale here—is the people's right to have a referendum if they want it.

The first plan, reported to have Senator Currie's favor, was drawn (Continued on Page 5)

Forest Fire Damage Reported; Cooperation Asked

Moore County Forest Warden Ernest W. Davis and James A. Pippin, district forester of the North Carolina Forest service, this week released the following figures on forest fire damage in the county during the calendar year 1946.

Moore county had 66 forest fires during 1946. Causes were as follows: campers and hunters - 3 fires; railroads - 2 fires; debris burning - 6 fires; smokers - 23 fires; lumbering - 1 fire; miscellaneous - 31 fires.

A total of 10,302 acres were burned, including 1,162 acres of merchantable timber, 7,253 acres of young growth, and 1,887 other acres.

The approximate total damage based on state-wide appraisal figures was \$12,000.

Moore county has a total of 306,904 acres of woodlands and 3.3 percent of the forest area was damaged by forest fires. This represents a decrease of 10 percent in both number of forest fires and acres of woodlands damaged, based on forest fire records for the last five years in Moore county.

Forest Warden Ernest W. Davis stated that climatic conditions during the spring of 1946 were (Continued on Page 5)

AIRPORT FIRE

Reort Airlines, Inc. at Resort airport was garvly threatened for a time Tuesday night by a brush fire which sprang up in the woods to the northwest of the field, and spread rapidly in the wind. With the alarm given about 10 o'clock, the fire control service and airport personnel fought the blaze for an hour and a half, finally getting it under control just short of the runways.

All the company's planes were endangered except one which was at LaGuardia field, N. Y.

The fire was first seen by J. A. Solether of the Resort staff, who was teaching a ground school class, and who promptly rounded up help by telephone. The fire destroyed timber over an estimated dozen acres. This was the second fire to threaten the airport within a month.

BALL TEAM

Southern Pines is to have a baseball team again this year, to play in a semi-pro league now being organized to go into action around the first of May.

The league will include Raeford, Laurinburg, Aberdeen, Rockingham and either Hamlet or Bennettsville.

At an informal meeting held Wednesday night at the Community center, it was decided to sell stock in the Southern Pines Baseball club, at \$10 a share, with half share also on sale.

C. N. Page was named business manager, and A. C. Dawson, who presided over the meeting, is to be league director.

Government Seizes Carthage Weaving Company's Plant

The Carthage Weaving company, owned by Van B. Sharpe, of Pinehurst and Carthage, was attached and sealed last Friday by the U. S. commissioner of internal revenue for North Carolina, for non-payment of federal taxes.

A placard on the door announces its seizure "by virtue of warrant for distraint," and a U. S. Treasury seal is over the lock.

It was not known what other property of Sharpe's, if any, has been seized. It has been learned that nothing has been heard from the government in respect to Sharpe's Moore Central railway, placed in receivership two weeks ago through action of a group of Carthage citizens. The probability is that only the weaving company is involved.

Application has been made for a 30-day extension of time over the 20 days allowed C. W. Short receiver, to prepare a survey of the railroad and to get estimates on the cost of putting it back into operation. A hearing was set for Wednesday of this week, but, aside from the fact that Short has flu, it was reported to have been found impossible to complete the work by this time.

A Raleigh company is at present estimating on the rebuilding of the track and equipment, and a contractor was expected in this week to estimate on the rehabilitation of four trestles along the 10-mile spur.

A preliminary estimate arrived at by Short set the minimum (Continued on Page 8)

Andrew Eadie Makes Heroic Rescue

Andrew M. Eadie, son of Mrs. Elizabeth Eadie of May street, saved the life of a five-year-old lad of Warwick, R. I., in a tragic accident there last week.

A second child, a boy of only four, lost his life when the two broke through rotten ice on a lake near their home.

Eadie, attracted by the screams of a woman who had observed the youngsters in the water, secured a skiff and pushed it out over the ice. He pulled both children from the water, and successfully completed the perilous trip back. However, it was found that the younger boy had already died of drowning.

Andrew Eadie spent his boyhood here, attended the Southern Pines school and State college, and was a member of the Southern Pines Boy Scout troop. He now lives in Providence.

POLIO CONFERENCE

Members of the Moore County chapter of the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis have been invited to a statewide preparedness conference on poliomyelitis, to be held at Goldsboro April 3 by the National Foundation and the state department of health.

The conference, first of its kind, will be attended by local health and Foundation officials, welfare and school personnel and leaders of clubs interested in polio prevention.

West End Game Opens Baseball Season Thursday

Six Weeks' Series Schedule Announced Practice Under Way

The baseball season will open for the Southern Pines High school team with a game next Thursday, April 3, with West End, to be played here, it was announced this week by Coach A. C. Dawson.

In fact, with a lively basketball season now at an end, spring is ushering in a whole series of baseball games for the local lads, and diamond fans may look forward to excitement from April 3 until the middle of May.

The complete schedule as announced by Coach Dawson follows: April 3, with West End, here; April 9, with Aberdeen, here; April 11, with Robbins, here; April 15, with Jonesboro, here; April 16, with Cameron, here; April 18, with Pittsboro, here; April 22 (or 23—exact date to be announced later), with Jonesboro, here; April 25, with Robbins, there; April 28, with Cameron, there; April 30, with Carthage, here; May 2, with Carthage, there; May 6, with West End, there; May 9, with Aberdeen, there; May 13, with Pittsboro, there.

A big highlight of the baseball season will also be the Wake Forest-Cornell game, to be held on the local athletic field April 8. Arrangements were made through Wake Forest Coach Jim Weaver, brother of Southern Pines Superintendent Philip Weaver. Sponsored by the city planning board for the benefit of the athletic field, the game represents a return to a happy pre-war custom of bring big-time collegiate games here. This one should be a treat for all local fans, and should also bring many visitors from other points in the state.

The athletic field house, built from a Quonset hut through the generosity of an anonymous donor, should also add greatly to the pleasure of the games for both the teams and fans. Rapidly nearing completion by E. J. Austin, contractor, the field house will have dressing rooms for the teams and the public. It represents fulfillment of one of many long-felt wants of the athletic field—and a most important one.

Tryouts are now being held for the high school baseball team, and practice, delayed for a time by bad weather, is well under way.

Phillips Russell Tells Historians To Track Down Unrecorded Lore

Local history as yet unrecorded, preserved only in places, relics and the memories of the old, is a fertile field for study and far more rewarding than history learned from textbooks, a small but appreciative audience was told by Phillips Russell, University of North Carolina professor of history and journalism, at the March meeting of the Moore County Historical association Tuesday night.

Professor Russell, author, journalist and president of the North Carolina Society of County Historians, took his audience severely to task for neglecting many living evidences of history all about them, while commending them for the start they have made in the restoration of the Shaw house.

The Shaw house, he said, is well worthy of preservation, and of fulfillment toward its promise of being a real museum of Moore County history. With it as a nucleus, he suggested that the association widen its scope to discover the true facts of the story of Southern Pines, of other county communities and finally of the county as a whole, recording abundantly as they go along.

Historic Figures His specific advice spoke eloquently of his own deep knowledge and love for the Sandhills. Born in Rockingham, he said he "remembered well these sandy roads from childhood." Yet, learning of Revolutionary generals from his textbooks, he learned nothing of Richmond county's own General Harrington until adult years, then had great difficulty locating his grave.

NCEA Election Is Awaited With Much Interest

Local Group At Asheville Includes Candidate Dawson

A delegation from the Southern Pines school faculty left yesterday morning (Thursday) for the NCEA state convention at Asheville, which is being held through this weekend, and where elections for state officers should indicate the feelings of the majority regarding the opposing NCEA-South Piedmont views.

In the local group were A. C. Dawson, high school principal, one of four candidates for the office of vice president; Mrs. Ruth L. Swisher, who as his campaign manager has been active over several weeks, and is no doubt continuing her activity at Asheville; Miss Martha Langston and Miss Hope Bailey.

Ballots cast in election of local units all over the state are to be opened Saturday, with results made known Sunday.

In the Southern Pines unit, Dawson received 100 per cent of the 17 votes cast, with R. L. Fritz of Hudson receiving 13 votes for president, against four votes for Clude Grigg of Albemarle, his opponent.

Scattered announcements, official and unofficial, from widely separated points have paired Fritz and Dawson together as a potential winning team, and indicate the South Piedmont plan, for which they stand, has found much favor. An unofficial report indicates they carried the Moore County unit preponderantly. Similar returns have come in from the Hickory unit, where Dawson received 86 votes, with his opponents receiving from zero to four. It has been reported also that Fritz and Dawson have won majority votes in Mecklenburg, the Greensboro city unit and also in Stanly county, home of Grigg. The issue to which the election gives expression have been hard-fought ones in NCEA ranks, with varying plans for raising teacher salaries as their basis, and the entire state, including those who determine its appropriations, is watching with interest the action at Asheville this weekend.

HOSPITAL AUXILIARY

The monthly meeting of the Moore County Hospital auxiliary will be held at the Nurses' home Tuesday morning, April 1, at 10:30 o'clock.

Moore County Hounds Sponsor Hunter Trials As Initial Events Of Sandhills' New Show Grounds

Entries Coming Fast For Easter Show; Over 100 Horses Expected

With entries in from the two Carolinas, Virginia, New York and Canada, and more arriving daily, it is now expected that well over 100 horses will compete in the spring horse show of the Sandhills Racing and Horse Show association, scheduled for Easter Saturday and Sunday.

The first entry received was that of Dwight W. ("Cappy") Winkelman, II, for "Flying Tiger," whom the 13-year-old hunter and jumper horseman of Southern Pines and Syracuse, N. Y., has hunted this season with the Moore County Hounds. Cappy took a blue ribbon last year with another of his mounts, "Grey Mist."

Other entries include those of Lex Marh, Charlotte; W. O. Buie, High Point; Lindsey Holcombe, Mt. Airy; John Francis, Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Shuford, Charles and Ginny, Hickory; Dr. N. G. Baird; Stephen McIntyre, III, D. T.

Sandhills League Match Series Starts Wednesday

With six Country Club teams playing 10 matches each—five at home and five away from home—the Sandhills Golf league has mapped out a busy schedule for its tournament season of two months, beginning the first week in April and continuing through the first week in June.

Play will be on every Wednesday for the 10 weeks, with no game of the series canceled on account of weather. If a game is rained out another day will be set, or the match will be played at the end of the series.

The series will conclude with a grand tournament on a date in June yet to be set, played at one of the member clubs with the Southern Pines club as a strong contender for the honor.

The Southern Pines Country club team, sponsored by the Sandpipers club of local men golfers, will play the following schedule: all away from home, April 2, Richmond County Country club; April 9, Lumberton; April 16, Laurinburg; April 23, Fayetteville; April 30, Wadesboro; at home, May 7, Richmond County; May 14, Lumberton; May 21, Laurinburg; May 28, Fayetteville; June 4, Wadesboro.

A strong array of golfers has come out for the Southern Pines Country club team and it is expected that a majority of them will play in each series. They are as follows: Jack Carter, Arthur Atherton, Meredith Heardon, William Wiggs, Howard Burns, John Underwood, Henry Graves, Bob Page, Jr., Emerson Humphrey, William Wilson, Tony Montesanti, Angelo Montesanti, Dante Montesanti, N. D. Howard, Pat Patterson, Dick Sugg, Elmer Davis, Boots Matthews, P. V. Hatch, Philip Torza, L. H. Cherry, Jr., Bert Weatherspoon, George Pottle, Hermann Grover, Dan Farrell, Philip Weaver, A. C. Dawson, Eugene Maples, Tommy Grey, Claude Reams, J. K. Mason, Harold Hoffman, Barrett Harris, Harry Chaffield, Charles Everest, (Continued on Page 8)

"Nation's Top Golfer" Spends Night Here

Coinciding nicely with an article in Life rating him as "the nation's best golfer since Bobby Jones," Ben Hogan, of Fort Worth, Tex., arrived Sunday to spend the night in Southern Pines before playing in the Pinehurst amateur-pro foursome Monday afternoon.

With Mrs. Hogan, he was a guest at the Belvedere hotel. Timing was good also on another of the Pinehurst players, Dick Stranahan, whose name was in banner headlines Sunday as he led at the half in the Greater Greensboro Open with a score of 67.

Cardy, Moss, Walsh Stables Are Winners In Feature, Classes

Crowd Braves Wind To See Fine Show

The horse world of Southern Pines appeared tremendously satisfied this week with the success of the Moore County Hounds hunter trials Wednesday afternoon; at how well the new show grounds worked out despite high winds and the fact that the fields are not yet grassed; and particularly with the fact that the four major winners of the trials were the Mile-Away Farm, Vernon Valley Farm and Stoneybrook Farm, the three major stables of the district.

Actually Vernon G. Cardy's Vernon Valley Farm entries, by taking two of the four major events, played the big role in the show, but the outstanding showing of the Walsh hunt team, representing Stoneybrook Farm, and the brilliant performance of Mile-Away's Dark Victory in the middleweight hunters put a shining light on both of the latter wins.

Judges Fred Bontescou, of Millbrook, N. Y., and Ernest White, of Syracuse expressed themselves as enthusiastic over the high standard of competition.

And the crowd of several hundred spectators, comfortably watching from their cars parked on the gently sloping hillside from which the entire course was visible, expressed themselves as more than pleased at the fine layout of the new grounds, on which work has been going on with feverish but effective haste for the past few weeks to get them in good shape for this event and the forthcoming Easter show. For once the section has a showground with plenty of room for all.

Hunter Teams The Stoneybrook Stables' hunter team, captained by Mickey Walsh, turned the two-mile "Swamp Fox" course to win (Continued on Page 5)

CHILD HURT

The high March wind caused one of the strangest and saddest accidents of the year at Carthage Tuesday.

Playing in the schoolyard shortly after noon, little Grace Frye, eight-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Frye, was struck by the school flagpole, an unusually tall and heavy one, when it was blown over by the wind.

Taken at once by ambulance to the Moore County hospital it was found she had a fractured skull, with a bad head wound; a broken arm, and severely bruised chest. Her condition was reported to be critical.

Fashion Show Draws Oh's and Ah's As Lovely Models Show New Styles

Beauty and fashion paraded in the full flowering of postwar charm at the Easter Fashion Promenade, revived for a gay and fashionable audience at the Carolina Hotel ballroom, Pinehurst, Monday evening.

Looking as far from mundane things as the topflight fashion designers could make them, the gala new styles performed the practical service of raising over \$1,500 for local organizations, the Moore County Hospital auxiliary, the Moore County Historical association, Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts.

Many agencies cooperated in the gala benefit affair. Local women and winter visitors served as committee members and patronesses. Some also served as models, equaling in glamor and charm four professional models secured through Razook's, and flown from New York City by Resort Airlines as their contribution to the success of the show. And the designers—including such names as those of Anthony Blotta, Hattie Carnegie, Traina-

Norell, Rosenstein and Maurice Rentner, had outdone themselves in providing the most distinguished and enchanting of the advance spring styles.

New Fashion Notes The longer street skirt, the shorter dance frock, the moulded hips and rounder shoulders, the radiantly feminine look of every creation, drew admiration and even applause. Moving down a specially built runway banked with Easter flowers, the youthful models were the personification of charm and grace.

Madame Razook opened the show with a few words of thanks to Mrs. George C. Marshall, honorary chairman; Mrs. Harry Norris, chairman, and others who had put their time and talents into the show. Walter Scott's orchestra played a running accompaniment as the mannequins paraded in their glory, and Miss Virginia Adams, of Germaine Montel Cosmetics, New York, made a descriptive presentation of each gown. (Continued on Page 8)