

Rotary Banquet Tonight Honors Basketball Teams

Ladies' Night
Also Observed
At Civic Center

An annual event dear to the hearts of Southern Pines Rotarians, as well as to the high school boys and girls and to all local lovers of sports, will take place tonight (Friday evening) from 7 to 9 o'clock, when the Rotary club is host to the boys' and girls' basketball teams, which last month concluded an unusually lively season.

The banquet will climax the season for the players not only as the tribute of the Rotary club, but also as the time and place for the awarding of the highly prized gold basketballs and varsity letters, presented the boys by their coach, A. C. Dawson, and the girls by theirs, Miss Aline Todd.

The Rotarians will observe Ladies' Night at the same time, bringing their wives and sweethearts to the banquet, which will be served at the Civic Center by members of the Civic club, headed by Mrs. L. D. McDonald.

Through courtesy of James Warman, proprietor of the Dunes club, the Dunes club band will provide dinner music from 7 to 8; also the Doyle trio of the Village Inn will furnish their own brand of entertainment, through courtesy of George Buttry.

Morris Johnson, Rotary president, will preside, and Lloyd T. Clark, president-elect, will serve as toastmaster.

Presentation of the gold basketballs and varsity letters will take place after dinner, and the teams, numbering 55 young people altogether, will elect their honorary captains for the year.

H. N. Cameron is chairman of the Rotary entertainment committee in charge of the event, assisted by Garland Pierce and Graham Culbreth, and early this week announced all plans complete, and but one regret—that the parents of the team members could not also be invited. "It is simply a matter of space," he said. "We will have around 100 present, and that is all that can be accommodated."

The banquet will supersede the regular Friday luncheon meeting for the Rotarians this week, and visiting Rotarians are asked to get make-up cards from the club secretary to keep their attendance up if desired.

Editorial

MISGUIDED IDEALISM

Henry Wallace is a visionary, a fine man, devoted to his country, a true seeker after the good. He sincerely believes that the United States is being misled in a moment of greatest crisis. He believes it is his duty to say so and that, now that he is a private citizen, he is at liberty to speak his mind.

He surely would be at liberty to do so in his own land, to his own people. This is the essence of democracy. But democracy also means the acceptance of the will of the majority.

That will is not yet entirely decided. It is gradually being crystallized through debate in our Congress. Here is where Wallace should be, helping to decide that will. Instead he is presenting to the world a false picture of American opinion.

In so doing he does a grave disservice to the cause of peace, while in so violating the spirit of democracy he betrays the Common Man of every land.

TOURNAMENT DATES SET

The state high school golf tournament, to be held this year at the Southern Pines Country club, will take place Thursday and Friday, May 8 and 9, according to word received by A. C. Dawson, of the Southern Pines High school, from the North Carolina association.

The local school will be host to young golfers from all over the state, who will play as teams and will also compete in individual play for the state championship.

BETTER

The 18th of April in '75 was different from the 18th of April in '47.

Then Paul Revere rode to call his countrymen to arms against the British; today his descendants and those of the men against whom he fought share a common hope for peace.

And so One World comes just a little nearer.

Contest Prizes To Be Awarded At Historians' Meet

Rondthaler Will
Speak, Historic
Spots Be Visited

Two important announcements came this week from Leland McKeithen, president of the Moore County Historical association—one concerning the association's next meeting, which promises to be of unusual interest; the other concerning some very special guests and honors to be awarded them.

These guests are two high school and two elementary grade pupils from four schools of the county, winners in the Moore County Historical contest conducted in all schools of the county this spring.

Struthers Burt, E. T. McKeithen and Philip J. Weaver were judges, and selected from among thirteen essays, poems and features the following, for prizes listed:

High school division—first prize, \$10, "History of Moore County," by Lewis W. Pate, 12th grade, Southern Pines; second, \$7.50, "Union Church," by Viola Fore, 10th grade, Cameron.

Elementary school division—first prize, \$7.50, "History of Pinehurst," by Ann Davis, eighth grade, Pinehurst; second, \$5, "History of Moore County," by Mary Lou Cameron, sixth grade Aberdeen.

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Team Wins Two Conference Games Here This Week

by June Phillips

Snapping back into the win column after dropping tilts to West End and Aberdeen, Southern Pines defeated Robbins High Friday and Jonesboro Tuesday for a 500 percentage in the conference standing. Both the wins were costly however, Arnette first string catcher going out of the Robbins game after being badly spiked in both hands by a runner coming home, and Mat-tocks, short stop, getting a broken finger in the Jonesboro game.

Tied up with Robbins 5-all in the seventh, Southern Pines scored the winning run on Perham's single, Baker's sacrifice, and Blue's double to the center-field fence, bringing Perham in. Final score—Southern Pines 6, Robbins 5.

The Jonesboro game was a free hitting and scoring affair, with Southern Pines out in front all the way. Featured in the game was a sizzling double play that retired Jonesboro in the sixth inning. Maddox of Jonesboro got on through an error, and on a three-to-pitch Rosser slammed a hot bouncer to Baker who fielded the ball perfectly, threw to Perham covering second, and Perham whipped the ball over to Blue on first to complete the play and retired the side.

Jonesboro scored three runs in the seventh but the rally was shut off when Harrington grounded to Perham for the out, and the final score was Southern Pines 9, Jonesboro 7.

This game was scheduled to have been played at Jonesboro, but their too-wet field brought the game here and Southern Pines will meet Jonesboro there on Tuesday. The game with Cameron, rained out Wednesday of this week, will be held here next Thursday, all of which, with the Pittsboro game played here today (Friday) forecasts a busy week for the Southern Pines players.

Here's Proud Result of Red Cross Drive



The happy scene above occurred at the Sandhills Kiwanis club luncheon last week, when Moses C. McDonald, of West End, chairman of the county Red Cross fund drive, invited chapter officers and community chairmen to be his guests, and took the occasion to present Col. G. P. Hawes, chapter chairman, with a check for \$17,930.06, campaign collections to date. Since then more contributions have come in, for a total of \$18,258.56, far above the quota. In the picture are, left to right, L. L. Biddle II, Pinehurst chairman; Garland McPherson, chapter treasurer; Miss Marie Shuffler, Eureka chairman; Herbert G. Poole, Carthage chairman; Chairman McDonald; J. D. Arey, Jr., Aberdeen chairman; Colonel Hawes; Rev. Harvey McBath, who took over as chairman of Eagle Springs for Mrs. Fletcher Bost when she was hurt in an accident; Mrs. Audrey K. Kennedy, executive secretary; David L. Packard, Pinebluff chairman.

(Photo by Humphrey)

Stoenner Band Here Tuesday For Firemen's Ball

Royce Stoenner and his orchestra, featuring Skeets Morris and Janet Bruce in a galaxy of musical ideas and novelties, have been secured to furnish the rhythm for the 14th Annual Firemen's ball of the Southern Pines Volunteer Fire department, which will be held Tuesday night, April 22, at the Southern Pines Country club.

"The Young Man from the West," Royce Stoenner, with his trumpet and sax and his orchestra, were well on their way to the top when the war came along. When the whole orchestra, with one exception, entered the air corps. During the past year the band has been reorganized and has played in top spots across the country, including night clubs, colleges and universities. "A great band" has been the consensus of musical opinion, first rate in rhythm and in entertainment value.

Couples only will be admitted to the dance, for admission of \$2.50, and proceeds will go to the Firemen's Benefit fund. The dance begins at 9:30 and lasts "until."

Federal Funds Cut Lunchroom Costs

With the approval of a \$6,000,000 appropriation by Congress for continuation of the school lunchroom program, the situation in Moore county looked immediately brighter, and, though Superintendent H. Lee Thomas said he had received no instructions beyond this month, he has been advised that half the usual amount of federal funds will be available for reimbursement for March and April lunchroom expenses.

Most school lunchrooms of the county, which were forced to increase their prices last month when the appropriation was cut off, have lowered them again, and with definite assurance that federal funds will continue through the year all are expected to bring prices down to former levels.

Still problematical is whether the lunchroom program will be continued next year, as this may entail further federal appropriations.

Local Team Defeated By Narrow Margin

Just to keep them from being too cocky over wins in the first two matches, players from the Southern Pines Country club bowed to those of the Laurinburg club there 23-19, in the Sandhills Golf League match played Wednesday.

A delegation of 28 players went down from the local club, making 14 matches played for the close total score. The Southern Pines club will play the Fayetteville club team, there, next Wednesday.

The Minutes Of The Last Meeting A Voter Looks Over The Record

"Town Meetin'" And Election On Way Cause Pondering

Town election time calls for a brief review of the happenings of the past two years while our present board and mayor have held sway. A picture of much that has taken place may be gained from a perusal of the minutes of the town meetings to be found in the big ledgers in the town clerk's office, open to every voter.

While largely concerned with the details of the town's house-keeping such as weekly payrolls and other bills, the record shows some noteworthy accomplishments. Some will please some people and some others; a few will please nobody, but that is not to say they were not desirable.

As we are a resort town, primarily, it is not surprising to find many of the acts of the board dealing with the entertainment field. Thus we find the affairs of the country club looming large, while the last entry to date relates to the spring horse show.

1945 Starts

1945 meetings start with appointments to the school board: John M. Howarth is appointed for three years, while the three year terms of Mrs. J. S. Milliken and Norris L. Hodgkins, which started in 1944, are noted, both, it is seen, will terminate this present June.

The business of running the country club took up a lot of time in 1945, as did its sale in 1946. One can readily understand why the town fathers heaved a sigh of relief when it was taken off their hands.

Taxi parking regulations were made, more M. P.'s sought to help out around Gene Hayble's cafe, rules were set up governing the location of stables for horses, cows or pigs within the town limits. The mayor was voted a salary of \$600, a small enough sum, it would seem, for the beating this hardworking official has to take.

Another piece of business which takes up many typewritten pages in the ledger of 1945 is that of the bond election to build more roads, better sewers, an incinerator. The special election was held Dec. 18th., but, as the 1946 ledger shows, it was found that, due to the high cost of construction bringing bids to well over the \$30,000 limit voted, the incinerator could not be built. The money appropriated was invested in government bonds until it should be needed.

A Few Complaints

The matter of our poor telephone service was taken up by the board and ran over into 1946. After various skirmishes with the local authorities a letter was received from the manager assuring the board that the service was (Continued on Page 8)

BABE WINS

Flash! Mrs. Babe Didrickson Zaharias won over her opponent, Miss Lencysk, 4-2 in today's big match in the Women's North and South at Pinehurst. See earlier story on page 5.

Purchase Agents Convene Today At Highland Pines

Conventions to be held during the next two weeks will bring several hundred guests to Southern Pines in two events held annually at Highland Pines Inn, the Carolina-Virginia Purchasing Agents association meeting today (Friday) and tomorrow, and the 1947 district conference April 24-25.

The Purchasing Agents association, numbering some 150, will convene at 2:30 p. m. today with the president, C. E. Williams of the Erwin Cotton mills at Durham presiding over a closed meeting. R. C. Haberkern, vice president in charge of purchasing of the R. J. Reynolds Tobacco Co., Winston-Salem, will conduct a forum at 3:30, and during the afternoon informal industry group forums will be held on coal, fuel, government, paper and containers, textiles and utilities.

A banquet will be held at 7:30, and numerous distinguished speakers will address the group in Saturday business sessions.

Joseph D. Ross, of Asheboro, district governor, will be presiding officer for the Rotary district convention, which will open next Thursday afternoon. The two-day meeting will feature several business sessions with speakers and also some social events. Some 200 Rotarians and their "Rotary Anns" are expected.

A district meeting of county farm agents was held at Highland Pines Inn last weekend.

Child Hurt In Rainy-Day Crash

The pouring rain of Monday afternoon got the blame for a collision at the corner of West Broad Street and Connecticut avenue about 5:30, when a '41 Ford driven by Mrs. E. D. Clement of Knollwood, and a '36 Oldsmobile driven by J. D. Spivey of Sanford met almost head-on.

Mrs. Clement and Mrs. John Fitzgerald, in the Clement car, received a bad shaking up, and little Michael Fitzgerald, one year old, also in the car, suffered a gash on his head which necessitated a couple of stitches. The front fenders and headlights of both cars were considerably damaged.

Local police investigated, but at last report no charges had been preferred.

Two Radio Stations Complete Plans For Stations Serving Sandhills Area

POPPY DAY

Fashion note for tomorrow: a bit of scarlet for your blouse or lapel! You'll be able to buy it anywhere downtown, for tomorrow's Poppy day, the annual event sponsored by the American Legion auxiliary for aid to veterans and their families.

The poppies are made by ill servicemen at the Fort Bragg hospital, and the money they bring goes to aid, not only these men, but the families of those who died in the war or who returned, not to home but to hospitals.

When one of the young girls assisting Mrs. L. A. Des Fland, chairman, offers you a poppy for sale, see it as an opportunity to express, in a small but effective way, your gratitude to these men and your wish to serve them as they have served you.

The price of a poppy is small—but a lot of them add up to a lot of help.

One Buys Building Here, Other Leases New Construction

From being a community with no radio station at all, it looked this week as though Southern Pines was moving forward rapidly toward becoming a community with two of them—a matter which is causing some head-shaking among those who wonder if the airwaves can get too full.

In what appeared to be a race to see who can get on the air first, the Sandhills Broadcasting corporation, of which John C. Greene, Jr., is manager, announced the purchase of the brick building at 113-115 East Broad, and his plans to start immediately on remodeling into a modern studio for Station WSTS for the building of which FCC permit was received March 28; and at the same time a release from the Sandhills Community Broadcasters, Inc., through Jack Younts, president and general manager, announced a building is to be built immediately for its studios by George Buttry, local businessman.

Lease Signed

This was confirmed yesterday by Buttry, who said a 10-year lease had been signed for a building of 1,050 square feet, for which materials are already arriving and which should be completed within 30 or 45 days. It will be located on five acres of ground between Southern Pines and Aberdeen, below the Village Inn property, and its 220-foot Winchenger tower will be built directly behind it.

Younts stated that he plans to move here within a short while. Greene is already in residence, in an apartment on West Vermont avenue.

The building from which Station WSTS expects to go on the (Continued on Page 8)

Cancer Drive Off To Good Start In Town and County

Eleven high school boys and girls did some fine work Tuesday afternoon, first day of the cancer control campaign.

With special containers in hand, they went up one street and down the next, from one business house to another, and collected a total of \$183.26 toward the Southern Pines quota of \$500.

The rest of the quota Mrs. W. F. Hollister and Mrs. Virgil Lee, local chairmen, hope to secure through mail solicitation. Proud of the first day's results, they gave credit for a fine start to their young canvassers—Bill Warner, Windham Clark, Bob McClellan, Carolyn Chester, Dot Gale, Scotty Burns, Danilla Frasinetti, Peggy Phillips, Pat Caddell, Shirley Dana and Amelia Willcox.

In the meantime, Hoke Pollock, of Southern Pines, county chairman, added some names to the list of community chairmen announced last week. They are Mrs. H. A. Bost, Vass, where the Woman's club has undertaken sponsorship; William P. Saunders, Robbins; Mary Ritter, West End; Mrs. Pete Phillips, Cameron.

Pinehurst's quota has been set at \$400; Aberdeen, \$200; Carthage, \$200; Robbins, \$200. No quotas have been set for the other communities.

Many Happy Returns To Howard's Bakery

Congratulations to Howard's Bakery on the conclusion of its initial, and successful year—and if the birthday cake with one candle is one of Howard's own fine cakes, it will be a perfect celebration.

For Howard's delicious cakes, cookies and fine breads have become well and favorably known during the past year in Southern Pines, where the bakery filled a long felt need.

And to its war-veteran proprietor—here are best wishes from The Pilot, for many more successful years ahead, and lots of birthday cakes.