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Maternal Welfare Committee Plans Tag Day Saturday

Funds Sought For Mothers, Babies As Need Increases

It is again the week of Mother's Day, Sunday, May 11, and the Moore County Maternal Welfare committee is following their annual custom of holding Tag Day on the Saturday before, May 10.

On this day, this county organization will sell tags on the streets of all the towns in Moore county, the proceeds from which will go to support this supplementary help given our county health department in carrying on the work in this field.

In charge of the work will be local committees, under the leadership of the main county group composed of Mrs. James Boyd, chairman, Mrs. Paul P. McCain, vice-chairman, Mrs. L. T. Avery, secretary, Mrs. F. H. Underwood of Carthage, treasurer, and Mrs. James Swett, Mrs. J. H. Towne, Mrs. Jack Carter of Pinehurst, Mrs. Walter MacNeill of Pinebluff and Mrs. Talbot Johnson of Aberdeen.

Assisting in the sale of tags in Southern Pines will be the Beta club, high school society, while many shops are planning to decorate their windows as background for the posters being made by both the public school and the Ark school students, to call the attention of the public to this needed county work.

Need Increasing

"We hope very much that this Tag Day will be a great success," stated Mrs. Boyd. "While right now and for the past year incomes have been up, with work plentiful, so that many mothers have been able to afford the care of private physicians, there are many signs that this condition is due to change. Already attendance at the pre-natal and well-baby clinics is increasing."

"We want to be able to carry on our work and to maintain the high standards set in the past but also" she added "we feel it is extremely important that we should be prepared for the extra calls that may come."

The committee states that this is the only drive for funds made by their group. The money is used to supplement the traveling allowance of Mrs. Worth McLeod, the county nurse-midwife, whose specialized training was made possible by the committee, and

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FUN FOR KIDS

Want to see that fine program of summer recreation for the children and young people of Southern Pines, and West Southern Pines, get going again?

If you do, be ready to back the drive of the Council of Social Agencies to raise money for it. Their goal is $2500.00, and with that they will be able to engage Mr. Dawson and Miss Todd as supervisors, and to buy all the equipment necessary for all the kinds of games the children enjoy so much.

Whether you look upon this as an education in citizenship, as a constructive program in the battle against juvenile delinquency, or as just plain fun for the kids, you will want to give it a boost.

Checks may be sent to E. C. Stevens, chairman of the Citizens' Committee, to June Phillips, treasurer, or to Miss Bardilia Bair, president of the Council.

Mrs. Robert Page Is Laid To Rest At Old Bethesda

Mrs. Robert N. Page, Sr., of Aberdeen, widow of Congressman Robert N. Page, and one of the most beloved women of the Sandhills section, died Saturday afternoon at 4:30 after an illness of several weeks.

Mrs. Page suffered injuries in a fall some six months ago and was recovering nicely until about three weeks ago, when she suffered a stroke. She died at the home of her son, Robert N. Page, Jr., in Aberdeen.

Funeral services were held from Page Memorial church at Aberdeen Monday afternoon at 4 o'clock, with her pastor, Rev. C. W. Worth of Bethesda church, in charge, assisted by Rev. J. O. Long of Page Memorial.

The hymns were of Mrs. Page's own choosing, as she had looked forward to death without fear and planned for her service. They were her favorites, "Rock of Ages" and "How Firm a Foundation."

Pallbearers were her nephews Ralph Page, Frank Shamburger, Henry Graves and Robert Wilder.

At the graveside the choir of St. Joseph's AME church of Aberdeen sang "Swing Low, Sweet Chariot."

Beside Husband

Burial was in the Page family

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Locke Is Winner In Carolinas Open

(Photo by Humphrey)

Left to right—Locke, Cosgrove, Palmer, Alexander

A brilliant array of professional and amateur golfers, with a wide gallery of interested spectators, gathered at the Mid Pines club last weekend for the Carolinas Open (PGA) tournament, outstanding event of the golf year in this part of the country, held Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

The biggest crowd was drawn Sunday afternoon when Bobby Locke, South African titlist, continued his record of playing each round under par, finishing up the 72-hole total with a score of 274.

Though 14 strokes under par for the rugged Mid Pines course, it was closely followed by the 282 chalked up Johnny Palmer of Badin, and the 287 of Skip Alexander, defending champ, of Lexington.

Money Added

The $1,000 given by Frank Cosgrove, Mid Pines manager, as prize money for the tournament in actuality came to a little more than that, for in two cases of a tie the higher of two consecutive prize amounts was given each player for equal prize money.

Locke played the four 72-par rounds in 67-71-67-69. Troubled with putting since coming to this country, he did well on the local greens, running into real trouble on only one round when he encountered turf soggy with recent rain.

It was the first tournament victory for the player from Johannesburg since coming to the United States to play in the Masters' tournament at Augusta, Ga., Easter. He has been touring the southeast playing exhibitions, and following the Carolinas Open enplaned for Greensboro to fill his next date.

Other players, many of them familiars of the course from last year's tournament and other

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Two Boys and Loaded Pistol Add Up To Near-Tragedy Here

A story of two teen-age boys, friends from childhood, and a loaded pistol, which could have been a tragedy, appeared yesterday to be well on the way toward a happy ending, as George Straka Jr., was reported at the Moore County hospital to be out of danger from an abdomen wound, and Gene Poe, who allegedly fired the pistol, was home again from a sudden, frightened flight.

The shooting, which occurred about 4:30 Saturday afternoon, was said to have been an accident, the result of play at the Poe home.

The boys found an old .38 revolver in a drawer at the home. Somehow it went off and the bullet struck George in the stomach.

Called Ambulance

Gene called Dr. Vida McLeod, who told him to call an ambulance at once. He phoned the Sandhills Funeral home which despatched its ambulance with Clarence Bozeman, attendant and driver.

Uncertain of the exact address, Bozeman informed Yates Poe, Gene's uncle, who accompanied him to the house.

On seeing Poe, George's first words were, "Tell Gene not to worry, it was just an accident."

He was taken to the hospital, where an operation proved that, by a miracle, the bullet had missed all vital organs in penetrating his abdomen. It had skirted a rib and emerged at the back.

He is still a patient at the hospital and yesterday it was said he would have to stay there about 10 days longer.

He is the 14-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. George Straka of Morganton road, a first year high school student at the Southern Pines school. Gene, also 14, is an eighth grade student.

Gene's parents, Mr. and Mrs.

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Carthage Elects Sabiston Mayor; Voting Generally Light In County

TOWN BOARD

The new town board came together for its first meeting Wednesday morning when Mayor L. V. O'Callaghan installed Chan Page as his successor, and Eugene Stevens, Joe Steed, Charlie Patch and Al Blue as commissioners.

The process was then reversed as Mayor Page swore in O'Callaghan as a member of the board.

Reappointment was made of Howard Burns as town clerk, C. E. Newton as chief of police and Mrs. J. H. Tilghman as tax collector.

The board then adjourned, to hold its first regular meeting next Wednesday night.

Voters Of Vass Draft Cameron; Pinebluff Has Tie

Voting was light in county communities electing municipal officers Tuesday, except for Carthage where a record vote was an indication of what seemed the only real contest of the day.

W. B. Sabiston, attorney, running against the incumbent, E. J. Burns, polled 312 votes to Burns' 164. Burns has completed one term as mayor.

Of eight contestants for town commissioner, the five leaders included three men new to the town's government, making the election results a real upset.

The new commissioners, with their votes, are: Bill Carter, 401; L. A. Lawhon, 394; D. Carl Fry, 367; H. J. Hall, 364; Wilton H. Brown(318. Fry and Hall are holdovers from the old board.

A total of 461 votes were cast.

At Aberdeen, of 261 votes were cast, 213 were given to Forrest Lockey for mayor. Of those casting no vote for mayor it was believed most thought their vote went to Lockey without designation since he was unopposed.

The new commissioners, and their votes, are J. M. Taylor, 210; A. J. Smith, 193; J. B. Edwards, 166; Dr. E. M. Medlin, 164; E. O. Freeman, 158. All are from the old board except Smith, a former commissioner, who replaces J. D. McLean, resigned.

At Vass, the caucus had failed to produce a turnout large enough to nominate so the incumbents were perforce the only nominees, with the exception of A. M. Cam-

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Grades Present Music Festival Thursday Evening

The annual music festival of the Southern Pines public school music department will be held Thursday evening at the school auditorium in the form of a pageant in which all the elementary grades will take part.

The performance, which will begin at 8 p. m., is open to the public. It is given under the direction of Miss Hope Bailey, head of the music department, who will also direct the high school glee club in several numbers.

"Children of the World" will be the name of the pageant in which all grades from first through eighth, will take part, singing songs they have learned throughout the year including many beautiful folksongs.

The children will be shown assembled at the court of Father Time, to whom they will bring gifts as they sing to him the songs of their 'homelands."

Local Team Tees Off For Decisive Win

The local team of the Sandhills Golf league, playing its first home match of the current series, garnered a decisive win Wednesday afternoon when it took the Richmond County Country club team 41-4 at the Southern Pines Country club.

Thirty were in the local delegation, and Felice Torza, club amateur who has been in the headlines lately for his good golf, shot low score. Tommy Grey, a senior at the Southern Pines High school, made an even par 71, the best game of his young life and a good omen for the local entry in the high school tournament this weekend.

This makes four wins and two losses for the Southern Pines team in the 10-match series.

BANK HOLIDAY

The Citizens' Bank and Trust company will be closed May 10 in recognition of Memorial day, a federal holiday.

Plant Expansion At Robbins Mill Earnings Are Up

Two additions are being built to the Robbins Cloth Mill at Aberdeen, one of them almost completed, to expand the soaking and drying department, the other, a little over half done, enlarging the warping department, according to Superintendent W. P. Saunders.

Work done in these departments is part of the processing of rayon crepes, which the mill manufactures in large quantity and for which there is reported an increasing demand.

The enlargement will necessitate the addition of "a few more" employees, Saunders said.

The Colonial Cloth Mills, Inc., of which the Robbins mill is a principal unit, recently announced authorization of an increase in common stock from 500,000 to 1,000,000 shares, representing a two-for-one split. Of these, 755,218 shares will be outstanding.

Fiscal earnings for the first quarter ending February 27 were announced as a record $1,627,948, or $4.30 a share on 378,609 common shares. This compared with $451,000, or $1.20 a share, a year ago.

Henry Page Jr. Lost From Boat On New River

Search Continues For Aberdeen Man Believed Drowned

The entire Sandhills section was deeply shocked to hear, Monday, of the presumed death by drowning Sunday evening, of one of its most prominent citizens, Henry Page, Jr. of Aberdeen.

Mr. and Mrs. Page had gone to their house-boat at Snead's Ferry on New River, near Jacksonville, for the weekend. Sunday was the second anniversary of the death of Mr. Page's son, Henry Page, III, and the day when the chimes he had presented to the Page Memorial Church in memory of his son were to be dedicated. The father felt unequal to the strain of the occasion, preferring to pass the day on the river where he and his son had often been together. With the Pages were Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Ewing and Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Trix of Southern Pines.

Fell From Boat

According to reports, Mr. Page was roasting oysters on the stern of the boat, when, rising suddenly, he stubbed his foot against the low rail, lost his balance and fell into the water. He rose about ten feet from the boat and a life preserver was immediately thrown, followed by a chair. Mr. Page was seen to catch both and called that he was all right.

The party had spent the day going up New River to Swansboro and had left the skiffs behind, so they were without a boat. On the return trip, as they near-

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Meeting Be Held For Discussion Of Field Floodlights

A public meeting will be held at the schoolhouse Friday night, May 16, at 8 o'clock for discussion of the need of floodlights for the town athletic field, and ways and means of financing such a purchase if it is deemed advisable.

This will be a follow-up of discussion held by the citizens' planning committee at a called meeting at the Civic Center Monday night, at which it was decided to ask for an expression of public opinion before a recommendation is made.

With one of the finest athletic fields in this section of the state, improved this spring by the addition of a field house, it was felt the next logical step is the floodlighting of the field for night events if such a move can be found practicable.

There has been a demand among the citizens for such floodlighting, and the meeting Monday night was in answer to numerous requests and for a study of costs, ways and means.

Coach A. C. Dawson told the committee that a tentative football schedule calls for four games here this fall, two or three of them to be played at night if possible. Scheduling of night games would also lend vitality to baseball playing here, a considerable factor when games of the high school conference, Peach Belt leaugue and others are to be played here, and in view of the fact that Southern Pines has been mentioned prominently as the logical place for regional semi-pro playoffs.

Its good location and excellent diamond, combined with floodlighting, could make the town a center for regional play and for numerous sports events it could not attract otherwise, it was declared.

Studying a set of blueprints and a field layout, with a report which set the cost of floodlighting the field at an estimated $14,000, the committee, led by Chairman L. V. O'Callaghan, decided that a project of this proportion should be placed before the public for discussion.

The meeting will be open to all groups and individuals having interest in the matter.

Page Elected Mayor, Blue Added To Board As Caucus Slate Goes Through

MAYOR

C. N. PAGE

110 Votes Of 475 Registered Are Cast Tuesday

Caucus Votes On 2 For Mayor, 18 For Board

Nominees of the Southern Pines town caucus of Friday were voted into office at the Tuesday election, and Wednesday morning at 11:30 the following were sworn in:

C. N. Page, mayor; Eugene C. Stevens, J. N. Steed, L. V. O'Callaghan, D. A. Blue, Jr., and C. S. Patch, commissioners.

A total of 110 votes were cast, most of them for the full slate as it was presented, a few scattered among write-in candidates.

This was less an one-fourth of the 475 registered.

For mayor, votes for Page tallied 106. Write-in votes were for Garland Pierce, 2; Dante Montesanti, 1; Hoke Pollock, 1.

The count for board members was: Stevens, 109; Steed, 109; O'Callaghan, 108; Blue, 108; Patch, 104. Write-in votes went to James E. Newton, 3; John Ruggles, 2; Garland Pierce, Ethel Jones, Hoke Pollock, W. E. Kivette, 1 each.

All but one of the elected commissioners are from the old board. Replacing A. B. Patterson, who declined to run again, is Blue, a veteran of World War 2. O'Callaghan, the former mayor, changed places with Chan Page.

The new mayor is the owner of the Page Motor company here, and a half owner of the McDonald-Page Motor company. He was born in Richmond county, near Hoffman, but moved with his family in a few years to Eagle Springs. As a young man he lived in Pinebluff, and worked in Aberdeen for his cousin, Ralph Page, supervising the operation of farms and orchards. He then entered the automobile business in Aberdeen with his brother, and in 1930 came to Southern Pines to open his own business.

He is married to the former Catherine Dowd, of Weston, W. Va., and they have three sons and a daughter.

Town Caucus

Voting was quiet as well as light. Most of the election interest centered about the caucus of Friday night, which had a record turnout of more than 300.

It was opened by Mayor O'Callaghan, who reviewed the accomplishments of the outgoing board, stressed the responsibilities of the people themselves in the governing of their municipality and reiterated his own decision, announced some weeks ago, not to run for another term nor to accept a place on the board.

Having decided to retire, for a time at least, after 20 years of service, Mayor O'Callaghan, was given an enthusiastic round of applause by the people, who then promptly, at their earliest opportunity, voted him back on the board.

This opportunity was given them following the choice of a caucus chairman, John Howarth, with S. B. Richardson also nominated. Alton Blue was elected

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Town Team Plays First Game With Robbins Thursday

The Southern Pines Town baseball team will make its debut here next Thursday afternoon in an exhibition game with Robbins at the Southern Pines Athetic park. Game time is 3:30 p. m. Admision is 50 cents for adults and 25 cents for children of school age.

The local club will play an exhibition game with Robbins at Robbins at 3 p. m. Sunday, May 18.

If the Southern Pines entry into the Peach Belt League shows up anywhere near as well in competition as they are said to be now doing in practice, the local baseball fans will really see some ball playing this summer. The infield, with Ed Newton at first, Frankie Buchan at second, "Junior" Dunn at short, Walter Harper at third, and Fred Hall catching, is reported to be shaping up in good style, with the way they are fielding and handling their throws auspicious of a good season.

The opening day of the Peach Belt League, Wednesday, May 12 will find Southern Pines playing Aberdeen here, game time 4 p. m.

High School Golfers In Tournament Here

Teams of four from 14 North Carolina high schools gathered here this morning for the annual North Carolina High School golf tournament, under auspices of the North Carolina High School Athletic asociation and with the Southern Pines school as host.

Coaches met at the school at 11:30 a. m. to draw for the pairings, and play was scheduled to begin in the afternoon at the Southern Pines Country club.

The 16 young people comprising the entries will play Friday also. The guests are being quartered in local hotels, and some social events are also being planned for them.

Four Posts Sponsor Sandhills Team For American Legion Junior Baseball

The four Moore County Legion posts will cooperate on the formation of a Sandhills American Legion Junior Baseball team, with Southern Pines as headquarters for all home games and the Southern Pines post taking active charge, it has been announced by C. S. Patch, Jr., athletic officer of the local post.

With cooperation of the posts at Cameron, Pinehurst and West End, a team will be formed of boys from all over the county, with the only requirements being that they be natives of the county and born not earlier than January 1, 1930.

A number of applications have already been reported, Patch said, asking that all boys interested get in touch with the athletic officer or any member of their nearest post. There are no forms to fill out nor red tape to go through, but the names must be in hand so they may be given due notice of practice times when these are set.

Practice will begin at the end of this month, when school baseball is over, and the season will start officially June 9, to continue through August. Schedules are to be made out by the athletic commission of the state department, which has divided the state into four areas for league play.

Southern Pines is in Area 3, which includes also Albemarle, Asheboro, Burlington, Greensboro, Hamlet, High Point, Kannapolis, Leaksville, Lexington, Liberty, Madison, Mocksville, Reidsville, Rockwell, Salisbury, Spencer, Thomasville, Troy and Winston-Salem.

A coach for the Sandhills team will be selected soon, Patch said.