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Floodlights To Be Financed By Community Events

Air Show Proposed As First Project On Summer Schedule

A decision was reached, at an open meeting of the citizens' planning committee at the school building Friday night, to go ahead with the project of floodlighting the town's athletic park, with an air show possibly to be the first of a series of community-sponsored events to raise the necessary amount, about \$14,000.

Chan Page, Amos Dawson and Lennox Forsythe were appointed by Chairman L. V. O'Callaghan to a committee to see Maj. L. C. Burwell, president of Resort Airlines, in regard to the possibility of holding the air show here this summer, possibly on the Fourth of July.

Other possible events were discussed, all of them, it was emphasized, by Chairman O'Callaghan, dependent on community cooperation, and the aid of all interested organizations and individuals.

A few townspeople besides members of the committee responded to the invitation for all citizens to meet with them for discussion of the proposed installation. However, it was felt that, in view of requests the committee has recently received, there is enough interest in securing the floodlights for them to go ahead with the venture.

Blueprints were studied at the meeting, one of a Western Electric installation of 140 lights, the other a Graybar of 160 lights, both of them standard for the (Continued on Page 10)

Patch Not Seeking Acting Postmastership

With the matter of selection of Southern Pines' postmaster still in indecision, it was learned this week that C. S. Patch, Jr., formerly a candidate for both the acting and the permanent postmastership positions, has withdrawn his candidacy for the acting postmastership, and will take examination for the permanent postmastership with other candidates when the time comes.

This was done in deference to precedent and also to the word of Congressman C. B. Deane that appointment of an acting postmaster from outside the post office staff will cause the loss of a job within the organization, Patch said.

According to Deane, the substantially reduced funds of the post office department will not allow the addition of one salary without cutting another, that of the newest staff member, who is, like Patch, a young veteran, Frank Buchan, Jr.

Precedent is also said to favor the appointment to the permanent job of someone who is not already at work in the acting capacity, so that all candidates at examination time will stand on an equal footing.

Rain Heartens Farmers as Crops Reach Critical Stage

Showers Wednesday afternoon and evening, reported general over the state, broke a drought of several weeks during which farmers found their situation growing desperate.

Whether the rain was enough to alleviate conditions in the hard-baked clay sections of the county remains to be seen. Clay can stand a lot of rain, according to W. G. Caldwell, assistant county farm agent, who said this week that Moore County crops had reached a critical stage for lack of it.

He reported that all small grains had already been hurt to some extent by the continuing dry weather, and the hardness of the earth is preventing normal activities of the season.

The greatest danger lies in the fact that, at a time when all tobacco should have been set out, this has been only about one-tenth completed as the earth has been too dry and hard.

Also, a lot of corn land has not even been broken, at a time when usually a good stand may

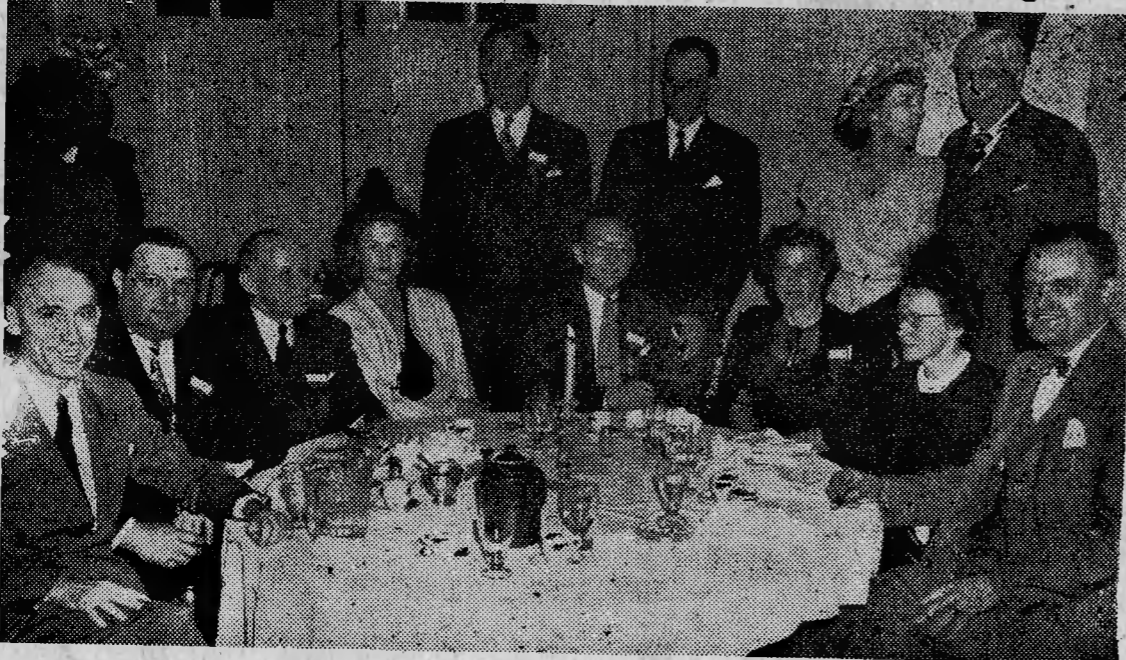
already be seen. Where corn was planted early, the young plants have been badly hurt by the intensive dry spell.

"It's almost useless to set out anything in this dry soil, even if you could break the ground to do so," said Caldwell. "Of course you can still plant in the sandy section, but the clay country is dry as a bone and hard as a rock. It's reached the stage where just a little shower or two won't do any good. We need some real, hard, sure-enough rain if we are to have any good cash crops this year."

It had been more than a month in some sections of the county since the earth was blessed with rain, and in others there have been little piddling showers that did little or no good.

Other counties of the state have had some rain, and in states to the north they are getting too much. But in Moore county the sun shines, the farmers scan the sky—and, until this week's showers, no rain came.

Tarheels Dine With Deane, Senators In Washington



It was "Tar Heal time in Washington" during the recent convention of the U. S. Chamber of Commerce convention, when North Carolina Chamber secretaries entertained senators and congressmen from their state with a banquet at the historic Willard hotel. Rep. Charles B. Deane, of Rockingham, prevailed upon Senators Clyde Hoey and William B. Umstead to pose for this newspaper picture at the "Eighth District table." In the group are: standing left to right, Woodrow McKay Lexington, national C. of C. counselor; Senator Umstead, Mrs. McKay, and Senator Hoey. Seated, left to right, Representative Deane, George S. Coble, President, Lexington C. of C.; Arthur C. Cundy, secretary, North Wilkesboro C. of C.; Mrs. Cundy, Mrs. Coble, and John Lang, of Carthage, Deane's secretary.

Legion Sponsors May 30 Observance

Businesses To Close For Afternoon

Graves To Be Marked. Memorial Vespers To Be Held At 5:30

Decoration of graves of servicemen in cemeteries of the area, with a vesper memorial service Friday, May 30, will be sponsored by the Sandhills post, American Legion, of Southern Pines, in cooperation with all other local veterans' organizations.

The Chamber of Commerce is cooperating also with a request that stores and business houses here close on that afternoon instead of Wednesday next week, Herrman Grover, executive secretary, said yesterday that a preliminary telephone check showed that practically all merchants will cooperate in this way.

The Citizens' Bank and Trust company will be closed all day, as it is a national holiday.

Plans for the Memorial Day observance as announced by Shields Cameron, chairman of the program committee of the Legion post, call for participation of all veterans, their families and the families of the war dead, with any other interested citizens, in bringing flowers to the City Hall park between 2 and 3 p. m. Friday.

Groups from the various veterans' organizations will leave at 3 o'clock to take the flowers to Mt. Hope cemetery, where some 25 servicemen lie buried; to the Lakeview cemetery, to Culdee church and old Bethesda, where the flowers will be arranged in conjunction with flags for decoration of the graves.

The proper marking of each (Continued on Page 10)

TIE BROKEN

A little child, four-year-old Jimmie Link, at a meeting of the Pinebluff town board Wednesday night drew the name of James W. Smith from a hat, and thus broke the tie for town committee-man which has held the town in suspense since May 6. Election day.

With several candidates for the three-man board, Smith and George W. Moger, Jr. had equal vote for third place.

A ruling was sought from the state attorney-general and at the meeting Wednesday Leland McKeithen, town attorney, read the ruling and gave his interpretation of the state law, which was decision by lot.

The new board, consisting of John K. Mason, mayor, and committeemen Lamont Brown, Luther Tyner and James W. Smith, will be installed the first Monday in June.

Limited Parking Signs Placed At Seaboard Station

With the placing of parking-restriction signs by the Seaboard Air Line in the space between the passenger and freight stations, on West Broad Street, enforcement of the 30-minute parking limit there got under way this week and tagging started with a will Wednesday evening.

Strict enforcement of the ordinance passed some three months ago by the town board has awaited the placing of the promised signs, according to Chief C. E. Newton. Now there's no excuse for anyone to plead ignorance. Six good-sized signs, placed at 30-foot intervals announce "30-minute Parking, 24 Hours a Day, by Order of P. D."

A seventh sign marks a space reserved for buses and for the hotels.

Formerly used as a taxi parking space and for indefinite lengths of time by movie goers and citizens on other business bent, congestion in the area brought action by the board last winter. First the taxis were ordered off, and they left, building or reserving their stands elsewhere. The long-time parkers, however, have presented more of a problem, until the signs were put up.

The space is still available for short-time parkers and for railroad uses, for which it was originally meant. As it happens, the space is railroad property.

Dr. Graham To Be Aberdeen Finals Speaker Tonight

Dr. Frank Graham, president of the University of North Carolina, will be the commencement speaker at graduation exercises of the Aberdeen High school, to be held at the school at 8 tonight (Friday), it has been announced, by R. C. Fields, principal.

This will be the first time Dr. Graham has ever spoken in Moore county at the commencement exercises of a public school, though he came about 10 years ago to the Elise High school at Robbins when it was a Presbyterian mission school. He is one of the state's most sought after speakers, besides being in demand in other states, and the Aberdeen school is proud to be his host, said Principal Fields.

Diplomas will be awarded to 15 seniors, and a number of special awards are to be made.

Closing events of the school year have been going forward at the Aberdeen school since last Sunday evening, when Rev. R. L. Alexander, pastor of the First Presbyterian church of Lumberton, delivered the baccalaureate address on the subject, "Having Christ As a Setting For Your Life." Pupils of Mrs. Lucille Drake Oliver from all grades of the school gave a piano recital Tuesday evening, and Thursday evening the Senior Class night was held.

Kiwanians Hear Choir Of Pinehurst Church

The Sandhills Kiwanis club, visiting the Community church at Pinehurst for luncheon and program Wednesday, enjoyed one of the most unusual and beautiful programs of the club year.

It consisted of songs by the church's chorister choir, directed by Mrs. Roscoe Prince. With Eloise Wicker at the organ, the choir sang the following numbers: Psalm 150 (Casar Franck); "Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming" (Praetorius); "Carol of the Bells" (Willhousky); "Ho, Everyone That Thirsteth" (McFarlane); Frances Campbell, soloist; "Open Our Eyes" (McFarlane); Jack McKenzie, soloist.

A delectable luncheon was served by the Woman's auxiliary.

I. C. Sledge, of Pinehurst, was program chairman for the day.

FLY OVER ANY TIME

School days sho' have changed, folks. Kenneth Epps flew in this week to spend the weekend with his mother, Mrs. Herman Epps, parking his two-place Aeronca unit at Resort airport while he enjoys his visit.

He's a student at Edwards Military institute at Saremburg, and his flight accomplished two ends; it got him home, and it scored up some more flying time for him in the GI training course he's taking.

The plane belongs to the Clinton Flying service at Clinton, where instruction is given.

Jacques Busbee Passes Wednesday At Hospital

Service At Duke Chapel For Founder Of Jugtown Pottery

Jacques Busbee died Wednesday morning at 11 o'clock at the Moore County hospital, where he had been a patient for about two weeks.

He was the son of the late Hon. Charles M. Busbee and the late Mrs. Lydia Littlejohn Busbee of Raleigh. His mother was originally from Oxford.

Born in Raleigh, he had lived for many years in upper Moore county, near the post office of Steeds.

Cremation was held at Duke, followed by a service at the Duke chapel at 11 a. m. today (Friday).

He is survived by his wife, the former Juliana Royster of Raleigh, and by three sisters, all of Raleigh, the Misses Sophie, Isabel and Christine Busbee.

It is requested that no flowers be sent.

The passing of Jacques Busbee removes one of its most colorful and creative figures from Moore county, where he had lived for some 30 years, and also from the state of North Carolina, whose past and present were his most joyful study, and to whose art he and his wife made a great contribution.

Interested in the old handicrafts and the natural resources of his state, he established the Jugtown pottery near Steeds 30 years ago, using the native clays to make objects of beauty, for (Continued on Page 10)

Southern Pines Club Is Victor In League Opener

In the opening game of the Peach Belt League here Wednesday afternoon, the Southern Pines Town team defeated Aberdeen 3-2 before a crowd of 200.

Art Pate, Southern Pines pitcher, allowed just three hits up to the eighth inning when Aberdeen bunched three more hits to score their two runs and tie the score. The former left fielder pitched a very good game, allowing only one walk and striking out six.

"Red" Davis, Aberdeen hurler, allowed only three hits and struck out 10 men, but walked six, which accounted for the Southern Pines runs.

Wicker, Aberdeen's first baseman, pulled the only double play, unassisted and poled a home run deep in center field.

Bert Perham, Ed Newton and Bill Wilson scored for Southern Pines, Muse and Wicker for Aberdeen.

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In a return exhibition game with Robbins at Robbins Sunday, Southern Pines lost 16-13. In what amounted to both teams trying out reserve material there was plenty of hitting. Joe Garzik, Woodie Davis and Art Pate hurled for the local club.

Golfers Chalk Up Sixth League Win

The Southern Pines Country club team, playing its eighth match, won its sixth victory in the Sandhills Golf League series on its home course Wednesday afternoon, scoring 51 1-2—11 1-2 over Laurinburg.

John Pottle's 71 was the lowest individual score, and he and Herrmann Grover netted 68 for the best pair. Twenty-one matches were played.

Next week the local team takes on the league champs, the boys from Fayetteville, who, with only one defeat in the series, stand right at the top. The final match, to be played June 4, is with Wadesboro, the team which administered Fayetteville's lone defeat.

Commencement Events Set for June 1, 2, 3

STUDENT VOTE

Election of officers for next year of the Southern Pines High school student government was held at the regular assembly meeting of the school last Friday morning.

Robert McLeod, outgoing student body president, conducted the election, which resulted in choice of the following: Billy Warner, '48, president; Norma Sanford, '48, vice president; Carolyn Chester, '48, corresponding secretary; Edna Lou Bailey, '50, recording secretary; Kay Dunlap, '51, treasurer.

Only those who had passed all work and averaged at least a B in citizenship were eligible for nomination.

Revisions Noted In Daily Train, Mail Schedules

The four trains whose north and southbound sections stop here daily went on a revised schedule last Sunday, it was learned this week from the Seaboard Air Line office here.

The changes have also necessitated a change in the mail closing time. An announcement comes from the Southern Pines post office that mail for No. 3 (southbound) now closes at 5:30 p. m., and for No. 10 (northbound) at 7 p. m. Both formerly closed at 6 p. m. Closing time for No. 4, northbound, remains the same—9:30.

No. 3, southbound mail and express, which has been stopping here at 6:30 p. m., now stops at 6:24 p. m. No. 4, its northbound section, has not been changed from 10:12 a. m.

No. 5, southbound, formerly known as the "Robert E. Lee," re-christened the "Cotton Blossom," stops at 6:55 a. m. instead of 7:07 a. m., and No. 6, its northbound section stops at 11:35 a. m. instead of the former 12:01 p. m.

No. 7, "The Camellia," formerly the "Sun Queen," now stops at 10:28 p. m. instead of 10:26, and its northbound section, No. 8, stops at 3:54 a. m. instead of 5:16 a. m. as before.

The southbound "Palmland," No. 9, stops at 8:51 a. m. instead of 9:08 a. m., and its northbound section, No. 10, stops at 8:01 p. m. instead of 7:15 p. m.

This gives a daily schedule as follows: southbound 6:55 and 8:51 a. m., 6:24 and 10:28 p. m.; northbound, 3:54, 10:12 and 11:35 a. m., 8:01 p. m.

All except the all-coach No. 3 offer both coach and pullman accommodations to passengers.

ELISE FINALS

Finals of the Elise High school at Robbins will begin Sunday at 8 p. m., when Rev. Tom Frye of Red Springs will deliver the baccalaureate sermon in the high school auditorium.

Class night exercises of the class of 1947 will be held Tuesday at 8 p. m., and at 8 p. m. Wednesday graduation exercises will take place, according to announcement by J. W. Puckett, principal.

Superior Court Trial Sends Youthful Horse Thief to Pen

A 16-year-old Negro youth of near Aberdeen, bearing the improbable name of Angelo McLean added another chapter here last Friday night to an unpromising career as horse thief.

Only this time, instead of being sent back to Morrison Training school, from which he had run away, he was sentenced Monday in superior court at Carthage to from three to five years in the state prison at Raleigh.

Added to this by Judge Pittman was a similar sentence given him for breaking and entering and larceny in January, 1946, but suspended on conditions of good behavior at Morrison.

This may mean as much as 10 years in prison for Angelo, who has been a lawbreaker and community problem since he was

Dr. Clyde A. Milner, Guilford President, To Speak at Finals

Baccalaureate Service

Commencement exercises of the Southern Pines High school will begin Sunday, June 1, with the baccalaureate service held at 8:15 that evening at the Church of Wide Fellowship; Class Night exercises presented by the outgoing seniors at the school Monday at 8:15 p. m.; and graduation, with its attendant honors and awards, taking place Tuesday night, also at 8:15, at the school.

Diplomas will be awarded 32 students, with 12th grade certificates going also to Thomas Kelly Campbell and Lewis Pate, special students who are veterans of World War 2. The class includes four other veterans.

With memories of the war still vivid, the seniors are dedicating their commencement exercises to five young men who graduated only a few short years ahead of them: Lewis Haynes, Paul P. McCain, Jr., James Milliken, Richard Pethick and Donald Stewart.

The public is invited to all commencement events, said Philip J. Weaver, superintendent, in announcing them this week.

Baccalaureate sermon will be delivered by Rev. M. George Henry, rector of Christ Episcopal church, Providence road, Charlotte. Invocation will be by Rev. Tucker G. Humphries, of the Church of Wide Fellowship, and Rev. Lamar Jackson, of the Baptist church, will give a Scripture reading. Mrs. L. D. McDonald will be organist for hymns sung by the congregation, the school glee club and the girls' ensemble of the school.

Class Night exercises will be strictly in the hands of the senior class, which is preparing an original presentation of specialties, with the class history, prophecies, will and other features in farewell to its high school alma mater.

Graduation Exercises Dr. Clyde Milner, president of Guilford college, will deliver the commencement address at the Tuesday night exercises. He will be presented by Dr. G. G. Herr, chairman of the school board. N. L. Hodgkins, also of the school board, will present the diplomas. Invocation will be by Rev. F. Craighill Brown, rector of Emmanuel Episcopal church, and benediction will be by Father Richard Barrett of St. Anthony's Catholic church.

There will be a song by the glee club, a solo by Miss Jean Olive and processional and recessional by Miss Hope Bailey, of the music department.

Examinations for the seniors will be held Wednesday and Thursday of next week, with those for the other high school grades Thursday and Friday.

Marshals for all commencement events, chosen from the other high school classes on a basis of scholarship, will be Carolyn Elizabeth Chester, Robert Sibley McClellan, Catherine Dare Sitterson, Norma Jean Sanford, Janet Frances Menzel, Doris Marcin Reed, John Austin Beasley, Judson Smith Ball.

eight, according to Chief Lamar Smith of Aberdeen. He has been arrested time and again for breaking and entering, and at the January, 1946, trial, in fact, faced six of 11 possible counts.

He has been sent to Morrison time and again, and has always broken out, once letting out seven others at the same time.

Three Horse Thefts On the last three such unofficial vacations, all in the past few months, he has yielded to what seemed an irresistible yen for horses. The first time he stole one from the Clay Road Farms community, the second time from near Pinehurst.

The third time, last Friday night, he took the red mare of Ed Quick, Negro, from her stable (Continued on Page 10)