

## Crowds Gather At Carthage For Gala July 4th Festival

**Southern Pines Girl Is Beauty Winner; Local Floats Seen**

**Day Is Observed As Quiet Holiday Here**

It was a quiet Fourth—everywhere except in Carthage. In Southern Pines, streets were deserted, office and stores presented a blank appearance. There weren't any signs on the doors saying "Gone fishin'" but that was where a lot of people were; or at the beach, or off on picnics, at the ball game, or just loafing at home; or at Carthage.

The police weren't on a holiday but they might as well have been: no accidents were recorded, none of the tragic fatalities noted in other papers occurred here and only one or two arrests were made, of people whose enjoyment of the holiday went a little too far.

As to the county in general, Sheriff McDonald reported also a general inactivity. In fact, practically everything was at a standstill—except at Carthage.

And there, the festivity ran rampant as the Carthage Jaycees, with organizations and business firms all over the county cooperating, staged a real old-fashioned Fourth of July, with a parade, a beauty contest, a fiddlers' convention, one event after another, winding up with a big dance at the school gym.

**Sylvia Is Queen**

Southern Pines participated with two floats in the parade, and two entrants in the beauty contest, one of whom, brunette Sylvia Cromer, sponsored by the John Boyd post, VFW, won the contest and was crowned queen. Ann Seawell of Carthage was runner-up, and all the girls looked mighty pretty, including Betty Jean Cameron, of Southern Pines, sponsored by the Sandhills post, American Legion.

The beauty contest was held in front of the courthouse at 12:45 p. m., and soon after, at 2 p. m., the mammoth parade got under way, with a detachment of soldiers from Fort Bragg setting the pace. Boy Scouts, representatives of veterans' organizations, the Albemarle Sea Scouts' drum and bugle corps, the Sanford High school band, numerous horsemen who trotted their mounts from one end of the parade to the other and back again, and many gala floats provided a colorful display for the crowds lining the flag-decorated streets.

**Pilot Float**

Among the floats was a vessel of majestic lines, flying the Stars and Stripes and also the pennant of her owner—"The Pilot." In the midst of her jolly crew sat The Pilot himself, complete with beard and binoculars, reading—you guessed it!—The Pilot. Crew (Continued on Page 8)

## Speedboat Races Promise Thrills At Crystal Lake Sunday Afternoon

Thrills a-plenty for everyone are promised in the speedboat races to be held at Crystal lake, Lakeview, Sunday at 3 p. m., with a dozen or more outstanding drivers of this and nearby states bringing their own fast boats to take part.

The event is sponsored by the Aberdeen Post 72, American Legion, with drivers secured through courtesy of Jimmy Allen, proprietor of the lake. Among the drivers will be Eddie Panzer, of Charlotte, winner of the hydroplane classic at Chattanooga, Tenn., July 4; O. L. Lackey, of Trinity, winner of the July 4 races sponsored by the Salisbury

Lions club; and Jimmy Harrell, winner of the races held by the Outboard association June 30 at New Bern.

A mile-long course is being laid out, and races will vary from five to 20 laps. H. F. Seawell, Jr., of Carthage, will officiate as judge. The Aberdeen Legionnaires are selling tickets to the event, and tickets will also be sold at the entrance.

These are the first speedboat races to be held in the Sandhills and a large crowd is expected, to view what is well known as one of the most thrilling of all sports. If the Sunday event is successful others will be held later, Allen said.

## Chief Newton Wins Share Of Reward Given By Jewelers' Security Group

Crime doesn't pay, and catching criminals, too, is sometimes a thankless task—but it was different this week for Southern Pines' Police Chief C. E. Newton and Sanford's assistant chief, Joe Watson.

A check for \$100 has arrived from the Jewelers' Security Alliance of the United States to be divided between the two police officials, for their share in the arrest and conviction of one Paul William Stone, of Sanford, last winter. The check is on display in the window of Ormsby's Jewelry shop, from which Stone stole several valuable watches in January through a ruse. Following his arrest, he was given a suspended sentence in the Moore County recorder's court, and placed on probation for five years.

The Jewelers' Security Alliance is maintained by member jewelers throughout the country for crime detection and prevention in protection of the jewelry industry. Founded in 1883, it has spent more than \$1,350,000 in tracking down jewelry thieves and paying rewards for the protection of its members, of which Ormsby is one.

The Alliance works with local, state and federal law enforcement agencies through its own private detective service. Its headquarters are in New York City.

The check will be presented to Chief Newton and Assistant Chief Watson within a few days.

### NEWS

**If a man bites a dog it's news; and if nobody's hurt on a Fourth of July weekend, that's news, too.**

**That was the case in Southern Pines, though not in the state where accidents and injuries both exceeded the number expected.**

**So... chalk up a star for the good sense of our folks. Or did Old Man Luck just happen to smile our way?**

**Anyway, it's a record to be proud of.**

## Tobacco Growers Have Much At Stake In Saturday Vote, Say Farm Leaders

Every flue-cured tobacco grower in Moore county, whether landlord, tenant or share-cropper, was urged today by Joe A. Caddell, chairman of the County Triple-A committee, and T. C. Auman, county Farm Bureau president, to vote in the tobacco referendum Saturday, July 12.

The referendum, authorized by the last sessions of the legislature in both North and South Carolina, provides for flue-cured growers to express themselves in regard to an assessment of 10 cents per acre to be used in protecting and developing the export market for tobacco. The money would be administered by a non-profit organization known as Tobacco Associates, Inc.

Caddell quoted from a statement by E. Y. Floyd, secretary of Tobacco Associates, to the effect that:

1. Only tobacco farmers who are engaged in the production of the 1947 crop of flue-cured tobacco will be eligible to vote.

2. Regardless of the number of farms he may have, no grower

has more than one vote.

3. The polls will be open from 6:30 a. m. until 6:30 p. m. Saturday, July 12.

4. It will require at least a two-thirds favorable vote to put the program into effect. All eligible producers will cast their ballots in the community in which they live.

**Polling Places** Caddell said that for Moore county the following polling places will be open:

Carthage township, AAA office in Carthage; Greenwood township, McKeithen's store, Cameron & Seawell's Service station near White Hill; McNeill township, town hall, Vass, and Eureka schoolhouse; Sandhill township, Burney Hardware company, Aberdeen, and Roseland schoolhouse; Mineral Springs township, Jackson Springs Community house, and West End schoolhouse; Bensalem township, Bensalem Community house, and Martin's store, Eagle Springs; Sheffield township, Roy Garner's (Continued on Page 8 Sec 2)

## County To Grant Funds For Urgent Repair Of School

**State Authorities Inspect Collapsed Auditorium Ceiling**

Funds for the repair and remodeling of the Southern Pines school auditorium, a large part of the ceiling of which fell down week before last, will be provided by the county, with plans to proceed at once with what turns out to be a major job of reconstruction.

Supt. Philip J. Weaver and John Howarth and N. L. Hodgkins of the Southern Pines school board, presenting the case before the county commissioners Monday, found the board entirely in accord with their findings that the project is essential and urgent, and comes under the heading of capital outlay, for which the county is financially responsible.

G. M. Cameron, chairman of the board of commissioners, visited the school last week to survey the damage, following the collapse of about one-third of the vaulted ceiling, about 800 square feet of plastering, with electric light fixtures and ceiling tiles.

W. F. Cradle, head of the school building and planning department of the state department of public instruction, with an engineer from the office of William R. Dietrich, school architect, were to visit the school this week and advise concerning the reconstruction job. Also expected was Sherwood Brockwell, state fire commissioner, to inspect not only the damaged auditorium but the whole building for fire safety.

The 20-year-old ceiling, falling without warning, was revealed to have been secured to the structure beneath only by thin nails in the ends of the timbers, going with the grain of the wood, and wonderment has been expressed that it stayed up as long as it did.

The auditorium, used also for gymnasium, has been in daily and almost nightly use during school sessions, and only the fact that its collapse occurred during the summer vacation prevented what might have been a major disaster, with human casualties.

## School Vocational Work Is Planned

Application has been made to the state department of vocational education for vocational teachers for both boys and girls for the Southern Pines High school for the school year 1948-49, according to Supt. Philip J. Weaver.

During that year it is expected that the home economics building on the school campus will, by the removal of all elementary grades to the new school, be available for its original purpose for the first time since it was built, about 1934. Since its completion it has had to take care of the overflow of classes from the main school building, and inauguration of a home economics department has had to be postponed from year to year.

It is hoped also that by 1948 space will be available for shop or other vocational work for boys, Weaver said.

Information from the state department was to the effect that the filing of an application did not necessarily mean that teachers would be available, as the demand for several years ahead is great and federal funds for the program, which supply one-third of their salaries, have been cut. State funds supply one-third and the other one-third would come from local funds.

### DEANE, D

Congressman Deane can still put a big D after his name. He and Clark of Fayetteville, Cooley of Nashville, and Folger of Mt. Airy, voted against the Knutson tax bill. All other eight N. C. representatives joined the Republicans in voting for it.

The bill, except for a change of date for enactment, from July to January, is identical with the tax bill the president vetoed three weeks ago.

## CHOSEN



Leatrice Irene Simpson, 18, of Lakeview, was chosen last week by a committee of judges to receive the Sandhills Veterans' Association's nurse training scholarship, to finance a three-year course at the training school of her choice, and to return on graduation to practice her profession in Moore county.

Leatrice, a May graduate of the Vass-Lakeview High school, has already entered her application at the High Point Memorial hospital for the September class.

## Governor Chooses Rent Controllers For This District

Harry J. Menzel, of Southern Pines, was recommended Wednesday by Governor Cherry as chairman of a rent control committee to serve the Southern Pines district, according to a Raleigh dispatch.

Recommended with Menzel to Frank Creedon, national housing expediter, were the following committee members: L. B. Creath, Pinehurst; C. N. Page, Southern Pines; W. D. Sabiston, Carthage; Mrs. Charles Pleasants, Aberdeen.

The official appointments are expected to be made in a few days by Creedon, who requested the recommendations of the governor.

Queried by The Pilot, Menzel said he had received no word as yet concerning the appointment, nor regarding the committee's specific duties.

The Southern Pines committee will be one of 27 local rent control bodies to serve districts all over the state until March 1, when rent controls will be removed unless extended by congress.

## August 1 Is Designated As Air Force Day

Governor R. Gregg Cherry proclaimed by signature this week that August 1 would be Air Force day in North Carolina, according to a bulletin from Pope Field.

Witnessing the proclamation were Col. Paul H. Prentiss, commanding officer of Pope field; Maj. T. F. Corrigan, special project officer at Pope field; and Ben R. Rudisill, president of the Air Force association, the organization that is sponsoring this third official observance of Air Force day which marks the 40th anniversary of the AAF.

Extracts from the proclamation are as follows:

"NOW, THEREFORE, I GREGG CHERRY, Governor of the State of North Carolina, in order that we may honor the men and women of the Army Air Forces who have given their lives in the defense of the United States and that we may recognize the service of those who, in the armed forces, or in the civilian forces, or in the civilian centers of science, research and production, have contributed to the building of our air strength, do hereby proclaim Friday, August 1, 1947, as Air Force Day in North Carolina.

"I urge all citizens to join in the observance of this, the 40th (Continued on Page 8)

## County Tax Rate Set At \$1.25, With Greater Part Budgeted For Schools

### OUR CHANCE

Twelve out of the 22 countries invited to the conference on the Marshall Plan have accepted. Three more, Denmark, Norway and Sweden, are expected to join this week, while Romania, Poland and Yugoslavia, which had been definitely counted out, have said they are still in the running.

It looks as if we might see the greater part of Europe joining the American plan. Then it really will be up to us.

Once before, an American proposed a plan for international peace. The world accepted it, but America withdrew.

America can't do that again. Congress has not officially backed the Marshall Plan. These countries are taking a chance, another chance that this time America will not fail.

We must be ready with all it takes.

### \$225,000 Marked For Vass-Lakeview School

**Aberdeen School Tax Vote Will Be Held August 12**

Giving over the greater part of their Monday meeting to school matters, the county commissioners ran out of time Monday and ended the day without giving finishing touches to the coming year's budget as planned, or drawing the jury list for the August term of court.

They did, however, confirm the tax rate for 1947-48 at \$1.25 per \$100 valuation, a rise of 35 cents over the old rate. The increase will go chiefly to the schools, it was emphasized by Chairman Gordon M. Cameron, who said that the tentative breakdown calls for a total school expenditure of around \$500,000—almost as much as the entire budget for 1946-47.

Some \$300,000 of this will be for capital outlay, improving, remodeling and rebuilding the schoolhouses, in amounts from \$500 for some of the smaller schools to around \$225,000 for construction of the new Vass-Lakeview school.

Plans for its construction, authorizing of a school supplement election for the Aberdeen district and authorizing the rebuilding and remodeling of the auditorium of the Southern Pines school were the major school matters before the board.

The contract as it had been awarded the week before had proved unsatisfactory, and the new plans call for erection of the building by the county construction crew, of which N. N. McDonald is superintendent. Architectural plans of Frank B. Simpson, of Raleigh, will be followed, and the contracts for plumbing, heating and electrical work stand as let in June.

Construction was to begin Wednesday afternoon, said Supt. H. Lee Thomas.

### Aberdeen Tax Election

Revision of plans for the Aberdeen school tax election, was also before the board, as school district lines had been, incorrectly set forth in plans for the election June 9, and the poll had to be postponed.

August 12 is the new date. The tax to be voted on is supplementary to a 20-cent supplement now in effect and is not to exceed 10 cents on the \$100 valuation, bringing the total supplement, if passed, to, or near, the 30 cents now in effect in Southern Pines and Pinehurst.

Voting will be at the Chandler building in Aberdeen, with R. C. Freed named registrar and D. P. Troutman and Mrs. J. B. Thompson judges. Registration will take place from July 19 through August 2.

A number of beer licenses were granted, also several wine licenses, and three sections of (Continued on Page 8)

## Aberdeen Mill's Knitting Machines Are More Complicated Than Russians

**by Katharine Boyd**

Do you know how to tell the size of a nylon stocking?

Do you know what "denier" means?

Do you know what the welt is? Do you know, sadly, that the little open-work edge of the top is just for decoration and does not stop a run?

To all these questions this reporter can now answer with a proud: yes. In fact, ever since we visited the Aberdeen Hosiery Mill last week and stuck our nose into the intricacies of the semi-automatic machines there, and came up still slugging, we have been walking on air.

It won't last long; you can't keep your mind on top of a thing like that more than a few days, that is not unless you are a Ralph Kleinspehn, who breathes and eats and sleeps knitting machines; but just for today we can still tell you a little something about this business of knitting nylons.

### The Mill

To start with the start: Our

Aberdeen mill, situated on the hill above the lake on the road to Pinehurst, is owned by William H. Miller and Edgar Mayer, both of New York; the local manager is Ralph Kleinspehn, who lives in Southern Pines.

The thread for their mill comes from DuPont, as does that of all nylon stocking mills, because DuPont is the only company that makes nylon thread. (And if that isn't a tidy little monopoly!) The thread comes to our mill either finished or raw, in which case it has to go to a finisher for processing, as this mill concerns itself solely with knitting the stockings, which are "finished in the griegie" (in mill talk: "in grey") here.

The red brick building is compactly built and not large. The front part holds an office and small lunch-room, between the two a corridor leads into the main room where the great machines stand in long ranks. On the right are nine rows, each row one machine that turns out (Continued on Page 1 Sec. 2)