

IN BRIEF

Dr. and Mrs. R. M. McMillan and children, John and Julia, have returned from a month's vacation at Eagles Mere, Pa.

Miss Shirley and Miss Janet Johnson returned last Friday from a vacation trip to Virginia Beach. Shirley will remain here for a three weeks' stay with her mother and sister before returning to Mount Airy. Jack McElfresh of Greenwich, Conn., now a student at State College, was their guest during the weekend.

Edward Prizer and Munroe Collier left Monday for a few days' vacation at Myrtle Beach.

Mrs. Lillian Miles has returned from several months' visit in Barker, N. Y.

Col. George C. Burns spent last week, including the July 4th weekend, with Mrs. Burns and their children, Suzanne and Bob, at Ocean City, N. J.

Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Jonker have returned to their home in Manly after a three months' visit in Chicago. They have as their guests Mr. Jonkers' brother and wife, Mr. and Mrs. N. H. Jonker of Wallington, N. J.

Mrs. Anna Patch Blue has returned from a trip to New York City.

C. L. Hayes left last Sunday for a week's stay in New York City.

Miss Frances Mills returned from White Lake last week after a month's vacation there.

Mr. and Mrs. Marshall Barney and children, David and Stephen, are spending their holiday at Harker's Island with the Rev. and Mrs. Gray Temple of Rocky Mount.

After several weeks' visit with her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Philip J. Weaver, Mrs. L. M. Cobb has returned to her home in Sebrell, Va.

Mrs. L. A. DesPland has returned from a month's stay in Illinois. While there she attended the June commencement exercises of Rockford College, and her class reunion. This year marked the centennial of the college. She also visited her mother, Mrs. Julius Schuh in Cairo for a few weeks.

When Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Newell and sons, Bobby and Billy, concluded their visit with Mrs. Newell's parents, Mr. and Mrs. N. S. Kimball, Wednesday, Mrs. Kimball accompanied them to their home in Decatur, Ga., and will remain with them for a while.

Crowds Turn Out For WSP Games

The baseball team of the West Southern Pines recreation program, with E. M. Gentry as director and coach, enjoyed a 6-0 shutout victory over Hoffman at the West Southern Pines field Saturday afternoon. They were cheered on by more than 400 enthusiastic spectators, led by spirited young cheerleaders. Highlights of the game were a home run by Robertson ("the second Jackie"), a single by Fletcher, the fielding of J. H. McPhatter and notable work by Catcher Wells and Pitcher Howard Shaw.

The boys will play Ellerbe at their home field Saturday at 3:30 p. m.

Despite an 8-6 loss, excellent work was noted in a softball game at Pinehurst last Saturday, with Spencer Lee, Floyd Jackson and Allen Goins as outstanding players. A return game will be played here Saturday.

Challenges are issued any team by both the baseball and softball players.

The Bible school of the West Southern Pines church is cooperating with the summer program, and attendance and enjoyment remain high.

Beacon Will Go On Air In Advance Of Station

If you see a beacon flashing east-of town beginning some evening this week, it will be a sign that the transmitter tower of Radio Station WSTS has reached its full height of 250 feet, and warning to airplanes will be given with waiting for the transmitter's actual completion.

Work of laying wires, antenna tuning equipment and other apparatus is proceeding under direction of Clyde Rhodes, chief engineer. John C. Green, Jr., manager, said this week that he expects to announce the date of the new station's first broadcast shortly.

The transmitter is located near the Holly Tree nurseries between Southern Pines and Pinehurst.

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Mrs. William F. Hollister is visiting at the home of her parents, Dr. and Mrs. O. B. Mitchell in Winston-Salem this week. Dr. Mitchell is pastor of the Methodist Church. Dr. Hollister's mother, Mrs. F. M. Hollister, arrived recently from Santa Monica, Calif., for a visit in Southern Pines. She and her son will motor to Winston-Salem for the weekend, and Mrs. William Hollister will return here with them.

Mrs. A. S. Ruggles will leave this weekend to attend the Bible Conference at Asheville which will start July 19. Her son, John S. Ruggles, will take her there, and will also take his son Tommy to Kingsport, Tenn., for a few days' visit with his cousin, Tom, son of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Ruggles. Tommy will return to Asheville July 24 to attend the Bible Conference for young people.

Guests who have been visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Block, West Indiana Avenue, are their nephew and family, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Block and baby, and Mrs. Ernest Block's mother, Mrs. Eliza Bennett, all of Englewood, N. J. Ernest Block's mother, Mrs. John Block of Harrington Park, N. J., was also a member of the family party.

Joe Swett returned from State College last week for a short vacation at his home.

Overnight guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Russell J. Lorenson last Tuesday were Mr. and Mrs. George H. Gouse, returning from a Florida vacation to their home in Hartford, Conn. Mr. Gouse is representative in the New England States for the V and O Pres at Hudson, N. Y.

After a visit with their mother, Mrs. H. W. Dorn, Mr. and Mrs. Robert F. Dorn left last Sunday for a ten day stay in New York City. They will visit at the home of Mrs. Dorn's parents in San Antonio, Texas, before returning to Miami. Mrs. H. W. Dorn left for New York on Wednesday of this week and will visit her niece Mrs. R. F. Farrington, and family at New Hyde Park, L. I.

Miss Erma Fisher is visiting Mrs. Frank B. Pottle in Jefferson, N. H.

Samuel W. Cocks and brother, Ted, of Worcester, Mass., are visiting Thomas A. Kelley and family. Mr. Cocks came down to make the acquaintance of his young son, Stephen Webster Cocks, who was born recently at Moore County Hospital.

Mrs. Ralph E. Root and children, Tom and baby Jane, have returned to their home in Chicago after spending some time with Mrs. Root's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas A. Kelley.

Beauty Queen



Sylvia Cromer of Southern Pines, sponsored by the John Boyd post, VFW, smiles as Arch Barnes, president of the Carthage Jaycees, straightens her silver crown. Miss Dorothy Hunsucker, right, 1946 beauty queen, has just placed it on the pretty head of Queen Sylvia, winner of the countywide beauty contest at the Carthage July 4 celebration. (Photo by Robert Caviness)

Tractor To Be Purchased For Street Work Of Town; Taxes Are Discussed

The town will buy at once a new D-2 tractor, with dragging and loading equipment, for street maintenance work, it was decided at the regular meeting of the town board last Thursday night.

Also, the work of clearing and dragging Maine avenue between Leake and Bennett will be undertaken, reopening these blocks for present residents and new building.

This was one of several street opening and maintenance problems brought up before the board, leading to a discussion of new equipment needed and the decision to purchase the tractor, deemed most urgent.

"It is a question either of hiring more men to work with the present equipment, or buying new machinery to do the work with the present crew," said Mayor Page. "Both men and machines are scarce, but buying the machinery will mean an investment which should pay off in the future."

Several new streets have recently been opened, and more should be opened, the commissioners agreed, not only to keep up with home building, but in advance and encouragement of it. This led to a discussion of the extension of present city services new streets will entail, and other problems of expense which face the business managers of a growing town.

And this led—where? You guessed it — to a discussion of taxes.

With the new tax rate to be set at the August meeting and numerous budgetary problems to be considered before that time, the commissioners reviewed the recent history of taxation in Southern Pines in a manner which indicated to the listener-in that a tax raise may be in the offing.

The Southern Pines tax rate is today, and has been for three years, at the lowest point in 14 years.

In 1938 the tax rate was raised to \$2.80 per \$100 valuation from the \$2.65 at which it had stood since 1935. In 1943, the town became one of the few in the United States to cut its tax rate during the war years, reducing it to the \$2.60 at which it now stands.

In the meantime, the commissioners report, demands for service by the citizens of the town, and its obvious needs, have continued to mount, and costs have done likewise.

Two Wins Scored; Rockingham Joins Peach Belt League

John E. Ruggles, Peach Belt League director, announced just at presstime that Rockingham will take the place of Bennettsville in the League.

By Bob Henderson

For its 12th win in the League series, last Saturday the local nine beat Aberdeen 11-3. After a bad first inning for both teams, the game turned into a pitchers' duel until the eighth inning when Conley, Aberdeen pitcher, weakened and Southern Pines scored six runs.

Harper, first batter in that inning, was safe on an error by the second baseman and with Dunn at bat stole second. Dunn then singled to left field and Newton scored Harper with a timely hit to right-center field.

McRae then doubled to center field to score Dunn and Newton. McNeill was safe on a fielders choice as McRae was out at third. Buchan came through with a hit and Bettini then hit to left scoring McNeill. Cooper was safe on an infield single, scoring Buchan. Harper, up for the second time, hit safely and Dunn ended the inning by grounding out short to first—score, 9-3.

In the ninth McRae walked, McNeill singled to left, and Buchan was safe on an infield hit, scoring McRae. Worsham hit a long three bagger to right, scoring McNeill, Final score, 11-3.

Wins Over McColl, S. C.

Wednesday Southern Pines was host to McColl, S. C., and won 6-0. This game was also a pitchers' duel, with Boyd Starnes pitching a four hitter. The local nine scored an unearned run in the fourth on Newton's single to center, advancing to second on an out, stealing third and scoring on a pass ball. Score, 1-0.

In the seventh Starnes walked and was forced at second by Harper's grounder. Dunn hit to left field and advanced another base as the fielder fumbled the ball. Newton walked and McRae came through with a long double scoring Harper, Dunn, and Newton. McNeill double to left, scoring McRae, and Buchan singled to left center scoring McNeill. Final score, 6-0.

Saturday, Southern Pines will be hosts to the Aberdeen nine, game starting at 3 P. M.

Sunday, Southern Pines goes to Hamlet to make up a game postponed July 2. Game time, 3 P. M.

League News

Southern Pines continues to lead the Peach Belt League, with 13 wins against three defeats. The latest report as of last weekend, showed Laurinburg next, followed in order by Raeford, Hamlet, Aberdeen and Bennettsville.

News was received Tuesday that Bennettsville had dropped out of the league, and it is undecided as to whether Rockingham or McColl will get the call to fill in for the rest of the season.

The cucumber acreage for harvest this year in North Carolina is estimated to be 12 percent larger than the 6,300 harvested acres in 1946.

Leaf Crop Late But Progressing; Peaches Moving

North Carolina's flue-cured tobacco crop made much progress during the last month, and now is reported to be in "fair" to "good" condition in all areas, the Federal-State Crop Reporting service states.

The crop is from one to three weeks later than normal. Stands of tobacco are average but fields are irregular in growth, the report said, adding that yields will be below last year's especially in the Border Belt.

Corn prospects were described as looking good, with the crop reported as "fair" to "excellent" throughout the state.

The reported condition of the cotton crop showed considerable variation, ranging from "poor" in some localities to "excellent" in others. Most reports, however, indicate the crop to be fair to "good."

Condition of the small grain crops was reported as "fair" to "good," and similar reports apply to the hay and potato crops.

North Carolina's fruit crop shows quite variable conditions, ranging from excellent in most peach orchards to only fair for apples. Pears and grapes are above average, but do not have real bumper crops. The peach crop is beginning to move in volume from the Sandhills. The apple crop is reported around 50 percent of normal.

The farm labor situation has improved to a considerable extent, but labor is still scarce and high. The report stated there seems to be an adequate supply of labor for harvesting commercial crops such as potatoes, fruits and truck crops.

Two Accident Victims Are Reported Better

Dr. R. R. Hilborn, of Robbins, whose condition has been considered grave since an automobile accident a month ago, was reported at Moore County hospital this week to be showing definite improvement.

At first his life was despaired of, first from injuries and shock, then from pneumonia. Though better, he is still seriously ill.

H. D. Webb, of Aberdeen, whose right arm was snapped off in another accident three weeks ago, has left the hospital and is said to be recuperating satisfactorily at his home.

Young Polio Victim Shows Improvement

Little Patsy Dupree, 11-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Dupree, who was stricken with polio July 6, took a turn for the better this week, and on Wednesday was able to take nourishment and ask after her family for the first time.

Physicians at Duke hospital,

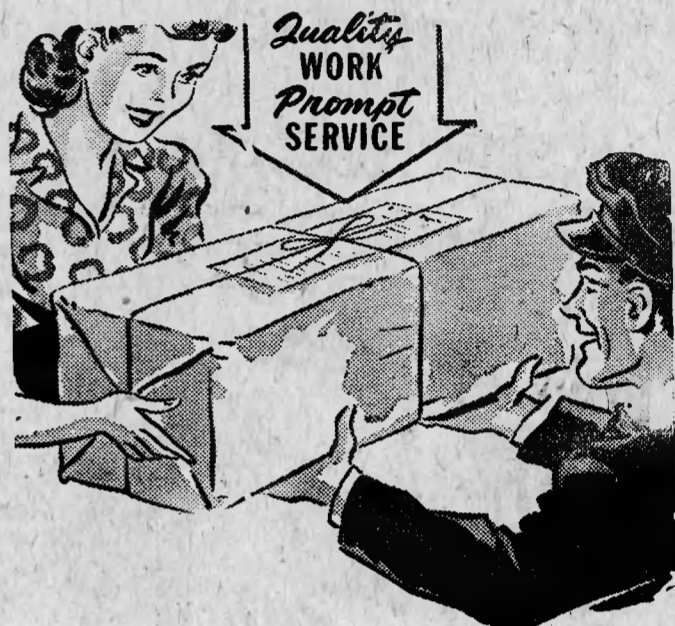
where the little girl was taken last week, said she was still gravely ill, but that they feel definitely encouraged. "It looks as though someone has really been praying for that child," one of them told her mother.

And they have—at Beulah Hill Baptist church, where Mrs. Dupree is a member, and at various other churches here and throughout the county. Mrs. Dupree expressed gratitude yesterday for the prayers of their friends, and of many others whom they do not know, with the hope that they will keep on. "It seems a miracle that Patsy is still alive," she said, "and I am sure that the prayers have helped."

Patsy is in the sixth grade at Southern Pines school.

MRS SHAW BREAKS HIP

Mrs. Hoyt Shaw, of Connecticut Road extension, suffered a bad fall July 6 at the home of relatives in Mt. Carroll, Ill., where she is spending the summer. She was taken to the hospital, where it was found her hip was broken. She is reported to be seriously ill.



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