



## League Playoffs Begin, Town Team In Second Place

### Shaughnessy Rules Followed In Series This Week, Next

Southern Pines moved into the Peach Belt League playoffs starting this Thursday afternoon, after reaching and maintaining second place in the league.

Laurinburg wound up in first place, Hamlet in third and Raeford fourth, with Aberdeen and Rockingham in fifth and sixth places respectively.

The Peach Belt championship will be determined by the Shaughnessy playoff system, with the first and third teams meeting for two games out of three, second and fourth teams doing the same and the two victor teams to play five out of seven series, to end the season and crown the champion team.

The system set Southern Pines to the task of defeating Raeford for the privilege of champion play, with Laurinburg opposing Hamlet.

#### Playoff Rules

Rules of the playoff were defined at a meeting of League officials held Wednesday evening at the Civic club, conducted by John S. Ruggles, president.

The rules: (1) Games start in the home field of the higher ranking team; (2) In case of a third game in the playoff, location will be decided by lot, also the seventh game, if there is one, in the second and final series; (3) The first series will be played Thursday, Friday and Saturday of this week, the second beginning Monday and through next week until finished; (4) Games start at 4 p. m. except Saturday, when the hour will be 3:30 p. m.; (5) All League players will be admitted free to any playoff game; (6) Umpires will be furnished in accordance with Rule 10 of the original rules (home team to furnish base umpire, visitors plate umpire), Southern Pines and Raeford to furnish a ball and strike umpire from Aberdeen, and each team to furnish a base umpire unless a Fort Bragg umpire can be obtained.

#### Chicken Barbecue

A chicken barbecue for all teams was planned for Monday at 7:30 p. m. at Aberdeen lake, expenses to be paid out of the League treasury.

It was decided the committee will select a trophy or pennant to be awarded to the winning team.

Present at the meeting were J. B. McLeod, J. E. McAuley, Bill Upchurch, of Raeford; C. N. Page, J. W. Wickerson, Joe Garzik, Walter Harper, C. T. Dunn, Jr., J. E. Newton, Bob Henderson, A. C. Dawson, Jr., John S. Ruggles, Southern Pines; L. B. Sangleton, Vic Snipes, Curt Ramsey, Laurinburg; C. L. Wicker, Jr., Harry Harris, Aberdeen; V. P. Nettles, Hamlet.

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## Coaches Find Weather Plenty Hot, Football Practice Not So Much So

Yellowing leaves, lazy wisps of blue smoke in the valley at evening time are no longer the only certain harbingers of fall, but the crunch of young bodies hurtling into a pigskin can be relied on as being the unfailing foreteller of fall and the football season being near.

Tuesday afternoon, answering Coach Dawson's call, some dozen high school gridsters reported for practice, and, clad in shorts, began workouts in earnest for starting positions on this year's Blue and White.

The workout lasted for only an hour, and if they revealed anything of the makeup of this year's team, it was the fact that even toughened athletes can go soft during a long summer vacation.

The squad was divided into two groups, with Dawson taking over one and Phil Weaver handling the other, with the emphasis on pass throwing and pass receiving as the main dish, and positional play and offensive formations taking up the balance of the afternoon.

## Veterans March to Music of 82nd Division Band



As Moore County veterans of two wars and all branches of service march down Ashe street toward the reviewing stand, Maj. John A. Lang, Jr., chief marshal, leading the way, draws abreast of the Civic club, and salutes the Gold Star mothers on the porch.

Kenneth Epps, of Southern Pines, is carrying the national colors. Flags of the Aberdeen and Sandhills Legion posts also head the marching group of some 100 veterans. (Photo by Bob Caviness)

## Vets V-J Observance Memorable For Colorful Events, First Rate Speakers

### Thousands Enjoy Countywide Reunion And Celebration In Southern Pines

A worthy observance in every way of a great occasion was the Moore County veterans' celebration of the second V-J Day anniversary, held last Thursday in Southern Pines.

A crowd variously estimated at from 3,000 to 5,000 turned out for the event—practically everyone in Southern Pines, with Moore County residents from every community, visitors from nearby counties and distinguished guests from more distant places.

Though the celebration was not scheduled to begin until noon, uniforms were seen about the flag-bedecked streets from early morning—uniforms many of their wearers had not had on for a year, or maybe two. Veterans greeted each other gaily.

Picnic lunches were spread on specially built tables in the city park during the noon hour. Families dined from their picnic baskets, or bought sandwiches and drinks from the Legion auxiliary stand.

#### Gold Star Mothers

Nineteen Gold Star mothers registered at the Civic club, where they were guests of honor at a buffet luncheon prepared by ladies of the Sandhills Legion auxiliary, their hostesses for the day.

They had as special speaker Mrs. W. L. Wood, of Warrenton, second departmental vice president and third area chairman, who paid first of all a tribute to

#### New Plays Developed

More will be said later about offensive formations as the squad rounds out, and Dawson and Weaver get an opportunity to try some new offensive plays they developed in the summer to be adapted to the talents of the somewhat less experienced Blue and White squad.

By the end of this week some 30 boys are expected to be taking part in the workouts, and next week heavy equipment will be issued.

"I want to get the boys into condition as early as possible," Coach Dawson said. "Our first game is two weeks after school opens, and if we delay the start of practice some of my boys would not be quite in condition. That condition is important because we risk a lesser likelihood of injuries. It's been our experience that the better conditioned teams don't get injured easily."

#### Schedule Plans

Asked about the schedule, Dawson said that it hadn't been (Continued on Page 5)

the distinguished lady she was replacing, Mrs. Thomas W. Bird, of Charlotte, North Carolina department president, who met a tragic death just four days earlier.

A sweet and gentle lady and a charming speaker, Mrs. Wood spoke not only of the boys who would not return but of those who had come back to hospitals, and of all the Legion auxiliary is doing to make their lives happier. She asked the prayers of the mothers, to help prevent another war.

Also a luncheon speaker was Rear Admiral J. G. L. Dundas, lately of the British Royal navy, married to an American wife and lately come to this community to live. He carried his hearers back in imagination to the dark days of warfare in both America and England, and paid tribute to the glory of those who had given their lives for freedom.

Mrs. R. L. DesPlands and Mrs. Dan McNeill gave readings, and Mrs. Chatfield sang, to piano accompaniment by Mrs. L. D. McDonald, following which Legion ladies took their guests on a motor trip about Southern Pines.

#### At W. Southern Pines

In the meantime 15 Negro Gold Star mothers were guests of honor in West Southern Pines, where a fish fry was held for them and all Negro veterans attending the celebration. Jim Bethea, Cary Saunders and Rev. L. L. Bennett were in charge of this part of the program, and an army chaplain from Fort Bragg was present to give a blessing. Several Legionnaires were present for the pre-luncheon program from the Sandhills post, and D. D. Shields, Cameron presented the speaker, John A. Lang, Jr., of Carthage, secretary of Congressman Deane, who spoke inspiringly of the Negro's part in the war and the role he played in the victory.

#### Baseball Game

Beginning somewhat late, the baseball game scheduled for 2 p. m., with all veterans as guests, took place on the town athletic field before a tremendous and enthusiastic crowd. A picked team from the 505th Parachute Infantry regiment at Fort Bragg, playing without substitutions, bowed 4 to 1 to the Peach Belt All-Stars. The magnificently played game concluded with the eighth inning as a parade time was near.

The Fort Bragg lineup included Jacobs, first base; Hendrickson, second base; Odum, third base; Hennessy, right field; Albritton, left field, Sausville, center field; Guinn, shortstop; Biggs, catcher; Parker, pitcher. The Peach Belt players, drawn from all clubs of the six-member league, had a longer lineup as (Continued on Page 5)

## Two Stolen Cars Recovered From Forest Hideaway

### Police Follow Trail, Find Worsham And Johnson Automobiles

Following an old, abandoned road into the deeply wooded swamps between Lakeview and Thagards pond late last Saturday afternoon, local law enforcement officers discovered in a secret cache two 1946 model cars stolen from Southern Pines, one August 14 and the other July 11.

Crushed leaves, broken limbs and an occasional tire mark in the marshy trail led Chief C. E. Newton, Patrolman Sessoms and Sgt. Wendell Kelly of the state highway patrol to the Plymouth Deluxe sedan stolen from C. L. Worsham, the object of a statewide search for the past six weeks; and the Plymouth four-door sedan belonging to L. J. Johnson of Siler City, driven here by his brother-in-law V-J day, and stolen about 7:30 o'clock that evening.

#### In Good Condition

No one was with the cars, and they were abstracted from their woody haunt by a wrecker. They were found to be in good shape, though the Johnson car had a bent fender, and stripping operations had already started on Worsham's. Battery and horns taken from it, however, have been recovered, though a tire is still missing.

Both cars had been taken from their parking places near the heart of town. Worsham's in front of his home on East Pennsylvania avenue, the Johnson car from Pennsylvania near Broad.

#### Gets Free Gas

Not content with the free (though short-lived) acquisition of an automobile, the thief of the Johnson car also secured free (Continued on Page 5)

## Farm Fish Ponds As Income Source Aim Of Resolution

The board of supervisors of the Upper Cape Fear soil conservation district, comprising Moore, Lee and Harnett counties, have gone on record as proposing a change of legislation to permit the sale of fish from private ponds by their owners.

A resolution to this effect has been incorporated in recent minutes of the board, to go before the board of conservation and development, according to J. Hawley Poole, of West End, chairman of the district board of supervisors.

As far as is known, this is the first such body to make such a proposal and the hope is that it will be taken up by other bodies having the interests and increased income of farmers at heart, for new legislation at the next General Assembly.

The supervisors, an elective group of farm leaders, head a body of soil conservation technicians at work in the counties of their district. The resolution came as a reflection of the sentiments of many of the farmers whom they serve, Poole said.

#### Income Desired

Many of them have had fish ponds developed on their property and others would like to, in keeping with a long range program of conservation and development, but find costs prohibitive unless income can be derived from them.

Legislation against the sale of fish from such ponds has been in effect of several years, promoted by special interests within the state.

As one farmer put it, "We should have as much right to sell the fish from our ponds as the chicken from our flocks."

#### Cost of Development

There are a number of fish ponds in Moore county, developed at a cost of from \$200 to \$6,000. According to C. A. McKinney, county conservationist, the average cost is around \$500 but several pounds have cost their owners from \$5,000 to (Continued on Page 8)

## Full Teacher Lists Announced For Opening Of Southern Pines Schools

### YDC MEETING

Moore County Young Democrats, after a summer recess, are already a-stir with plans for their renewed program of activities, after serving notice with a bang-up banquet and meeting last spring that the war interruption was over and they were back in the field.

The call is being sounded for all YDC members to attend the annual convention at the courthouse in Carthage at 8 p. m. Friday, September 12, when new officers will be elected, also delegates to the state convention.

The convention, to be held at Raleigh September 19 and 20, is already drawing the attention of the Moore County folk, a number of whom have reserved rooms at the Sir Walter Hubert McCaskill, of Pinehurst, president, and other YDC county officers are expected to attend, also H. Clifton Blue, of Aberdeen, Eight District chairman, and members from this and other Sandhills towns.

## Fair Not Possible For This Season; Festival Proposed

The Moore County fair cannot be held this fall as planned, as it has been found a state charter will be necessary and it will take 90 days to get one, it has been learned from Arch Barnes, president of the Carthage Junior Chamber of Commerce, which had planned to sponsor the fair in October.

Permission was secured from the county commissioners last month. Though they started too late this year, they won't be caught napping next year as steps will be taken shortly to charter the group as a Moore County Fair association, Barnes said.

In the meantime the Jaycees are considering a Tobacco Festival for this fall as forerunner of the fair, but no definite decision has been made.

Meeting with them at their regular session at the Carthage hotel Monday night was a representative of the Virginia Greater Shows, with whom they have placed an application for a showing in October, 1948.

The only dates open this fall, it turned out, are the same as those on which the Lee County fair will be held. Decision as to the holding of the Tobacco Festival will depend on whether the dates can be rearranged so there is no conflict with other nearby festivals or fair events.

While not quite a farewell to summer, today (Friday) will mark a farewell to much summer pleasure for young people of the community, as the recreation program sponsored by the Council of Social Agencies comes to a close after 10 happy weeks.

The winding-up will be in keeping with the rest of the summer program—an all-day frolic and swimming party at Aberdeen lake, with a dance at Lakeview in the evening, for the teen-agers; and for the younger children, a half day at the lake beginning at 2:30 p. m. The life guard will be on duty.

For all there will be a picnic, at which they will be guests of the program: hot dogs, ice cream, cold drinks and plenty of other good things.

The ice cream will be the gift of Coble Dairies, Inc., through courtesy of the Jewel Box, local ice cream parlor and favorite teen-age hangout.

Returning in the late afternoon, teen agers will gather at the Civic center at 8 p. m. for transportation to Lakeview, where they will dance in the pavilion overlooking beautiful Crystal Lake. Directors Dawson and Miss Aline Todd will supervise.

## Public Invited To Demonstrations By Fire Fighting Crews Of District

All sessions of the district meeting of the North Carolina Forest Service, to be held here Tuesday and Wednesday, will be open to the public, according to County Forest Warden Ernest W. Davis.

One in particular is expected to draw quite a crowd—a four-hour demonstration of new fire fighting equipment and techniques, to be held on the horse show grounds beginning at 1:30 p. m. Tuesday.

Whether anything will be actually set on fire for demonstration purposes Warden Davis said this week he did not know, but if you see a blaze, sit tight. There will be plenty of people to put it out and they will do it in the most efficient and scientific way.

The demonstrations will be part of the instruction of the fire fighting crews from eight counties, keeping them up to date in their vital task of protecting thousands of acres of timber land against the enemy fire.

#### Fish Fry

Other sessions of the two-day meeting will be held at the Amer-

### Band Teachers Added To Both Faculties

#### Schools Preparing For Opening September 3

Southern Pines schools are readying for their opening September 3, and will have a full complement of teachers.

The teacher lists released this week by Supt. Philip J. Weaver show that practically all of last year's faculty members are returning.

Two additions are noted in the Southern Pines High School faculty, Miss Elizabeth Padgett, librarian, replacing Mrs. Burney McCotter, resigned, and J. G. Wombke, of Charlotte, who will teach science and band.

A 1933 graduate of Davidson college, who took postgraduate work at the University of North Carolina and Appalachian State Teachers' college at Boone, Wombke has had considerable experience in both his specialties and comes highly recommended, Weaver said.

He taught for a time at the Cannon High school at Kannapolis and directed its band, one of the largest and best known of the state. During the war he was a radar technician at the Glenn Martin Aircraft plant in Maryland.

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## Kids Say Farewell To Summer With Picnic and Dance

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