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Town Team Tied With Laurinburg In League Finals

Peach Belt Series May Reach Decision In Today's Game

By Slim Forsythe
The Southern Pines Town team Wednesday afternoon was tied with Laurinburg in the four-out-of-seven game play-off for the Peach Belt League championship. Last Thursday, the local club entered a best-two-out-of-three semi-final play-off with Raeford here, winning in a sharply contested game. Friday, they toured to Raeford and behind the skillful port-sided hurling of Woody Davis they defeated Raeford 5-3.

Tuesday, they toured to Laurinburg, with a few of the pitching staff missing, and were handed a 16-4 defeat, giving Laurinburg the first game of a best four out of seven play-off for the championship.

Best Game Wednesday
Wednesday afternoon, the local fans were treated to an exhibition of baseball that will be long remembered in the annals of local sports. Nelson Cooper, former Cameron High School hurler, pitched the finest game of ball that has been the privilege of the local ball fans to see this summer. Behind almost errorless ball handling, Cooper issued only five scattered hits to the hard-slugging Laurinburg team. Besides taking honors on the mound Cooper scored the first Southern Pines run. Cooper also struck out 10 men and issued no free passes to first, Clyde Dunn knicked Ramsey for a long hit three bagger scoring the winning run when Bettini singled.

What delighted the local players and fans was the fact that (Continued on Page 10)

Cook Will Remain On Police Force Here

Patrolman Clyde R. Cook, a member of the city police force since November, 1946, has reconsidered a recent decision to accept a position elsewhere, and will remain in Southern Pines, it was announced by Chief C. E. Newton this week.

Cook had been offered the post of chief of police of Louisburg and his acceptance had been announced in that town. Though a native of western North Carolina, he was raised in Moore county and decided to remain in what he regards as his home community.

He entered the law enforcement field in the Aberdeen police department, and was chief of police at Laurinburg before coming to Southern Pines last fall.

FEDERAL COURT

Federal court, scheduled to convene at Rockingham the first day in September, will convene Monday, September 8, in accordance with the Labor holiday.

Blue and White Ironing Out Kinks; New Public Address System Bought

With the squad swelled to 22 men, and kinks slowly moving out of muscles, the Blue and White really got down to business this week readying for their opening game a little over two weeks away. Practice is on tap every morning at 9:30 with calisthenics, signal drills, offensive and defensive pass plays from the word "go" until wind sprints end the session.

Three teams have been working under the direction of Coaches Dawson and Weaver, and although there has been no bodily contact work as yet, heavy equipment will be issued Monday, and work on the tackling dummy, blocking, and shadow scrimmaging will be engaged in next week. Several letter men have not reported yet for practice but are expected out as soon as school opens next week.

The high school authorities, to provide greater enjoyment of the game for spectators, have purchased the latest and most modern type of public address system, which will be installed in time for the opening game. In the past the public address system has not been too satisfactory, failing to provide the necessary volume to be heard clearly all over the field. The new unit has a larger volume output and will carry the play-by-play account of the game to all parts of the field without distortion. This will allow those who wish to see the game while seated in their cars to follow the progress of each play.

A full schedule has been completed but due to some conflicting dates that the coaches are trying to iron out, is not ready yet to be published.

Next week's issue of The Pilot will cover the prospects for Pinehurst High school and West End High, both of which teams are on the locals' schedule.

LABOR DAY

Closing of stores and other businesses will be general on Monday, Labor day. Do you banking this weekend—the Citizens Bank and Trust will observe holiday. Food merchants also suggest that marketers stock up Friday or Saturday for the long weekend.

City and county offices will be closed, and county commissioners will hold their September meeting Tuesday instead of Monday. Jail cases will be given a special session of recorders court this morning (Friday) and no court will then be held until Monday, September 8.

Parcel post and stamp windows at the Southern Pines post office will be open until 10 a. m. only. The money order window will be closed all day. However, mail will be put up and routed out as usual.

Best wishes from The Pilot for a happy weekend—and remember, drive carefully, save a life.

Carthage Is Still Short Of Water; Rates Boosted

As industrial use of water was resumed this week in Carthage, and normal needs of the town were being met following a severe depletion of the water supply, notices were sent out to all Carthage water users that their rates are being upped to meet expenses of the emergency.

The new rates are effective as of the last meter reading, will appear on the September statements and will remain in effect until the town commission declares the emergency at an end.

Though cooperation of town officials and unremitting hard work have eased the town past the actual danger point, the situation will be considered critical as long as trucks have to haul water to tank or reservoir from the Southern Pines plant, as they have been doing since Tuesday a week ago, Mayor W. B. Sabiston said. Up until 10 a. m. Wednesday of this week 333,000 gallons had been hauled, and the trucks were continuing at their labor day and night.

Praise Is Given
Mayor Sabiston was unstinting in his praise for June Lawhon, town water commissioner, on whose shoulders rested the chief responsibility of the emergency, and for other citizens and friends of the town who have pitched in to help.

Two 1,000-gallon tanks were loaned by authorities at Fort Bragg, and a city truck and two loaned by citizens have ferried them back and forth. A truck of the Carthage Hardware company, loaned by Roger Purvis, did yeoman service last week, with Bill Cole at the wheel day and night. It was succeeded this week by a truck belonging to John Baker, of the Carthage Freezer Locker plant, who has been driving it (Continued on Page 10)

YDC CHOICE



H. CLIFTON BLUE of Aberdeen will have the endorsement of the Moore County Young Democrats' club for chairman of the State Young Democrats' organization, succeeding Basil Whiteener, of Gastonia, according to announcement made Thursday by Hubert McCaskill, county chairman.

If Blue decides to be a candidate, he will be nominated at the state convention at Raleigh September 19-20.

Blue, editor of the Sandhill Citizen, was county YDC chairman during four war years, and this year is serving as chairman of the Eighth district. He was the Moore County representative to the 1947 General Assembly.

Young Flier Dies As Plane Crashes In Forest Sunday

James Patterson Johnson, 23-year-old ex-Army pilot of Biscoe, Rt. 1, met instant death Sunday about 2 p. m. when the Cub plane he was flying crashed into a wooded area in this county about seven miles north of Robbins.

Pete Rush, of Candor, Negro youth who was the only other occupant of the plane, was taken to Moore County hospital where it was found his injuries were not serious.

Coroner Hugh P. Kelly, summoned to the scene with members of the sheriff's department, gave a verdict of accidental death in the case of Johnson, whose body was badly mangled. The plane did not catch fire but (Continued on Page 10)

Class Schedule At Vass-Lakeview

With plans practically complete for the opening of Vass-Lakeview school September 4, W. H. West, the new principal, this week announced the tentative locations of all grades, with their teachers, giving assurance to parents that, despite the lack of a regular school building, all the children will have adequate care and attention.

Four new teachers have been secured, leaving only two vacancies, which Principal West and C. L. Tyson, school board chairman, hope to have filled before the opening. The new teachers are Miss Emile May Wilson and Mrs. Helen Wills Wright of Southern Pines, Miss Louise Davis of West End and Mrs. West.

School will open at 9 a. m. the first two days, and at 8:30 thereafter, closing around 1 p. m. for the first four weeks so the pupils may help with farm work at home through the busy season.

Tentative locations of classes are as follows, and if changes are made, bus drivers will be notified: At the Vass Methodist church: second grade, Miss Bessie Cameron; first-second combination Mrs. Ruth Burns.

At Mrs. A. W. McNeill's store building: third grade, Mrs. Woodrow Boroughs; fourth, Miss Louise Davis; fifth, Mrs. Clyde McMillan; sixth, Miss Louise Leslie, seventh, Miss Neolia McCrummen; sixth-seventh combination, teacher to be supplied.

At school cafeteria: eight grade, (Continued on Page 10)

Townfolk Honor Charlie Picquet As Outstanding Theatre Man and Friend

It was "We-Love-Charlie" night at the Carolina theatre Tuesday, when businessmen of the town bought a block of tickets to the show and made a presentation of flowers to the owner and manager, Charles W. Picquet.

With no idea of what was coming, Charlie went to the theatre to take up tickets as usual for the evening show, and there was a huge basket of flowers ornamenting the lobby. The smiling faces of one friend after another greeted him at the door.

Charlie smiled back—he always does—but for once words failed him. The next day he said, "That's what I mean about this being the finest community in the county. I wouldn't live anywhere else if they gave it to me. These are the best people in the world."

That the feeling is mutual is attested by the letter, signed with 53 names, that was tied to the basket of flowers:

Tribute to Charlie
"We, the following business-

men of Southern Pines, wish to take this occasion to express our feelings toward and about one of our outstanding citizens, Mr. Charlie Picquet.

"We want to do this not in flowery words, and not by waiting until he is dead and sending a bouquet of roses he cannot smell.

"We are doing it in a way we think will bring the most genuine smile to his face: by appearing in person at his theatre and seeing his show.

"We pledge in addition to our continued support of Mr. Picquet, knowing that at all times we will see a good show at the Carolina, and looking forward to being welcomed in person at the door by our friend Mr. Picquet. "For this is the reason we want to give him our wholehearted support: Because he is our friend, and over many years, in various and sundry ways, has proved himself also a real friend to our community. He has chosen for (Continued on Page 5)

McDonald, New State Sheriffs' Head Has Long and Honorable Record Here

But Doesn't Talk About It Much, Reporter Finds

By Valerie Nicholson
When Charles J. McDonald, of Carthage, was elected president of the North Carolina Sheriff's association at its annual convention at Carolina Beach last weekend, the Moore County sheriff became head of one of the state's most exclusive organizations.

It has a membership of 100, no more and no less, comprising the sheriffs of North Carolina's 100 counties.

Since sheriffs are busy people, and it is only by accident that any number of them can call their time their own on any given weekend, the attendance of more than 50 sheriffs at this year's meeting set a record, and gave the election additional distinction.

President McDonald this week appeared a little appalled at the job ahead of him: It will call for some traveling about, holding meetings, visiting other sheriff's offices and so on. He didn't just see how he was going to do it, as being sheriff is a 24-hour-a-day job with little time off; but those who know him know he'll get the job done somehow, and do it well.

The other sheriffs knew that. They put him on their executive committee years ago, elected him second vice president year before last and first vice president last year, as preliminaries to the presidential job.

Elected in 1928
Moore County folks know about him too. They elected him to office first in 1928, and have got into the habit, returning him at every election since, over almost 20 years.

They seem to like him, and he likes his job, though he won't say much about it. Sheriffs are notoriously silent men, accomplishing more in proportion to the noise they make than those of almost any other profession; and Sheriff McDonald is no exception.

By dint of much questioning—in his pleasant way he just wasn't doing much talking—your reporter garnered a few facts about him; he was born in the county, near Jackson Springs, and went to the old Elise Academy, predecessor of Elise High school; he entered the army in World War I as a private, went to the Fourth Artillery Officers' Training school at Camp Zachary Taylor, Ky., emerged as a lieutenant and was all set to sail overseas when the Armistice was declared; returned to Moore to enter county employ in 1920 as superintendent of highways.

Five Children
He married Miss Ethel Dalrymple of Moore county and they have five children: Charles, Jr., a veteran of army service in World War 2; Neal (a girl), just entering her junior year at Elon college after two years at Brevard; Deane (another daughter), who will enter Flora Macdonald college next month; Worth, just (Continued on Page 10)



C. J. McDONALD

Leaguers Enjoy Chicken Barbecue

Team members, league and club officials and special guests of the Peach Belt league gathered Monday evening at Aberdeen lake as guests of the league at a chicken barbecue.

Though Laurinburg and Rockingham clubs could not be present, teams and representatives from Southern Pines, Aberdeen, Hamlet and Raeford numbered more than 100 to enjoy what was described as one of the most noteworthy events of baseball history in these parts.

Haney Harris, of Aberdeen, was in charge of the food phase of the program. At its close John S. Ruggles, league director, led in three rousing cheers for his masterful accomplishments. Barbecuing of a plentitude of selected fowl had begun at 2 p. m. over the open firepit, and when done to a turn had been kept hot and succulent in sealed tins over the fire. Salad, rolls and hot and cold drinks accompanied the feast.

Dr. E. M. Medlin gave a welcome from the host town of Aberdeen, and Chan Page, business manager of the Southern Pines team, responded for all.

The evening was spent in baseball talk and thorough post mortems. In the midst of their play-off series following a successful season, the baseball gentry reveled in true sportsmen's fellowship as they reviewed the past games and anticipated those of the future.

TO NATIONAL MEET
Three delegates have been elected to represent the John Boyd post, Veterans of Foreign Wars, at the national encampment at Cleveland, O., next week. They are Commander C. S. Patch, Jr., John Stephenson and Paul Fowler. The encampment will be headquartered at the Allerton hotel, Cleveland, September 4-9.

SCHOOLS TO OPEN

The Southern Pines and West Southern Pines schools will open at 9 a. m. Wednesday, to be open for registration, issuing of schoolbooks and other preliminaries for a half day Wednesday and Thursday, and to go into operation on the full day's schedule Friday, according to Supt. Philip J. Weaver.

Teachers' meetings will be held at both schools at 3 p. m. Tuesday afternoon.

Thursday morning, schools of the county will open. Supt. H. Lee Thomas has announced.

Lee Sobuta Comes To Country Club As New Manager

Things are going to be okay now at the Southern Pines Country club if Lee Sobuta, the new manager, has his way—and he is a pleasantly determined young man who looks as though that's what he means to do.

Sobuta arrived last week from the Rockledge Country club at Hartford, Conn., where he has been assistant manager for the past two years, to take over the management of the local club and golf course on a year-round basis.

He started right in making some improvements, having the clubhouse cleaned up and moving the manager's office from the front of the building back nearer the shop. He is enthusiastic about the club and its course, which he declares is the finest he has seen anywhere and which he says is now in prime condition.

He will start soon to assemble a full staff for the club's operation during the main golfing season, which will begin now in a few short weeks. Bob Schappa will return as shop manager and pro, the golf course crew will remain as before and the dining room and kitchen will be fully staffed, he says.

He hopes to overcome problems of insufficient help which handicapped the club last year, giving better service to individuals and parties of all sizes.

"I realize fully the place a country club should hold in the community and hope to manage this one in a way to make residents and visitors proud of it," said Sobuta. "We want people to come not just once, but again and again, and find a real welcome every time."

Sobuta made friends with many golfers here during a visit last spring. This was his first visit to Southern Pines, and he liked it so well he induced his fiancée to come down and they were married here in March, at the home of Rev. Lamar Jackson.

Mrs. Sobuta will join him here in a few weeks. They will stay at the Jefferson Inn.

Sobuta was born in West Hartford, Conn., of Polish parents. His hobby is—you guessed it—golf, though he calls himself a (Continued on Page 10)

Zoning Board Votes To Extend Business Area

New Hampshire Ave. Change Of Limits Is Recommended

Leaguers Enjoy Chicken Barbecue

By Howard F. Burns
The board of adjustments (zoning board), at a meeting Wednesday in the town office, listened to the request of C. J. Simons and Ed Starnes that the business limits on East New Hampshire avenue be extended a distance of 133 feet on the north side of the street between East Broad street and Ashe street.

The board decided, after deliberation to recommend to the town commissioners that the business area be extended as requested, provided there is no objection on the part of owners of nearby residential property.

The new limits will include half the alley, Lots 23 and 24, and 33 feet of Lots 1 and 2 on the north side of the street, leaving 67 feet of lots 1 and 2 in the residential zone.

The depth will extend to the city square, the depth of Lots 23 and 24, 50 feet of the depth of Lot 1 and 50 feet of Lot 2.

The board further recommended that the business area on the south side of East New Hampshire avenue, between East Broad street and Ashe street, be extended a distance of 56 feet, taking in one-half the alley between Lots 10 and 11, Lot 10 and two feet of Lot 9, the depth to be from the alley to the center square and the depth of Lot 10.

The recommendation will be subject to final approval by the board of town commissioners, to be taken up at their regular meeting in September.

These extensions are believed to reflect the normal needs of the growth of the town, said Norris L. Hodgkins, zoning board chairman.

Felice Torza Wins Rhode Island Open

Felice Torza, well known on local links, won what was reported as a "smashing victory" in the Rhode Island Open at the Newport Country club last week, becoming the first out-of-stater to win the Open and the first amateur since 1938.

Newport sportswriters gave a big play to the 135-pound ex-caddy from Connecticut, who reportedly "spread-angled the field" with a 54-hole 210 aggregate, finishing six up on his nearest competitor, Joe Pezullo. On his way to national prominence, Torza, it was said, may soon turn pro.

Torza was employed in the Southern Pines Country club golf shop last winter and spring, and is expected to return for the coming season.

150th Anniversary At Union Church Brings Reminiscences Of Old Times

By Bessie Cameron Smith
"What the country community is today, the cities will be tomorrow" declared Dr. H. W. McLauchlin of Richmond, Va., for 25 years director of the Country Church department of the Southern Presbyterian church, in a challenging address to the estimated six or seven hundred persons gathered Sunday at historic Union Presbyterian church, half way between Vass and Carthage, for its sesquicentennial celebration.

Dr. McLauchlin's subject was "The Challenge to the Country Church" and he based his address on these words from Esther 4:14: "... and who knoweth whether thou art come to the kingdom for such a time as this?" Enumerating some of the world's problems, the speaker pointed out the opportunity of the country church in helping to solve them, quoting statistics showing the high percentage of country-reared men holding official posi-

tions in important city churches. The pastor, the Rev. C. K. Taffe, was assisted in the communion service which followed by the Rev. M. D. McNeill—"Cousin Make" to the Sandhills country—who served "Old Union" as pastor from 1898 to 1901 and who headed the flocks in other Moore County churches until his retirement a few years ago.

Special music by an augmented choir directed by Mrs. W. E. Gladstone and a solo by a son of Old Union, R. C. Fields of Aberdeen, were features of the morning service.

Memorial Flowers
Floral arrangements, two in memory of young members of Union church who gave their lives in World War II, S/Sgt Paul Dillard Boaz and Pfc. John M. Kelly, Jr., and a third in memory of Mrs. J. B. Swett, added beauty to the church, which has recently (Continued on Page 10)