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Two Storms With High Winds Cause Damage In Area

Repair Crews Busy; Vass-Lakeview Is Hardest Hit

Considerable damage was done to power and telephone lines, trees were uprooted, corn was flattened and barn roofs blown off by two brief but violent electrical storms occurring between 1 and 2 o'clock Tuesday afternoon, which appeared to concentrate their greatest fury in the Vass-Lakeview section.

Following a trail roughly indicated by Little River, the storm appeared to have proceeded to Carthage and beyond with diminishing intensity.

In Southern Pines the manifestations were chiefly high winds and sharp thunderclaps, with little rain. A number of tree branches were blown off.

The Knollwood section and other countryside between Southern Pines and Carthage had rougher treatment.

Some 200 telephones of the area were put out of commission, said John E. Cline, Central Carolina Telephone Company district manager. All Carthage circuits were knocked out for a time and, despite hard work by the repair crews, were still in bad shape Wednesday. It was anticipated that all would be in order by Wednesday night.

Repairmen of the Carolina Power and Light company worked until midnight Tuesday, restoring service interrupted when a number of transformers were blown, and poles and lines were downed by falling trees.

WSTS was knocked off the air for an hour or two.

Showers Follow

The work of the repair crews was not helped any by pelting showers which followed the storms off and on during the afternoon, though the e were said to have been of some aid at Carthage where a water shortage has been suffered for the past few weeks. The showers were said to have been Carthage's first soaking rain in some time.

Another problem was created for the power company's repairmen by the snapping off of a telephone pole on the highway beyond Carthage, when a car skidded into it in the storm. Neither the car, said to have carried a foreign license, nor the driver suffered enough damage to halt their journey, and they proceeded onward after receiving help from a service station nearby.

All along the path of the storm the ripening corn crop suffered severe damage as the wind laid the stalks flat in the fields.

Antic Wind

At Vass: the wind played some sad tricks. Among many trees uprooted was a beautiful big oak in the yard of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Jeffreys, which had withstood many a storm but yielded to this one.

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Southern Pines Team In Peach Belt Finals



A fine team, with a fine record—the Southern Pine Town team, which throughout the summer has consistently maintained its place at or near the top in the Peach Belt league. At the time this picture was made it was not known whether they would be the pennant winners or not. In any case they have represented the town handsomely. First row, left to right, they are Woodrow Davis, Les McNeill, Red Smith, L. O. Smith (bat boy), Nelson Cooper, Clyde Dunn, Jr., Burt Perham, John Neal; second row, Billy Wilson, Curtis Bettini, Ed Newton, Jr., Doc McRae, Chan Page, Jr., Joe Garzik, Walter Harper, A. C. Dawson.

(Photo by Hemmer)

Conant, National Affairs Advisor, To Speak At Area Meeting Sept. 12

Chamber of Commerce Representatives From Sandhill Towns Invited

The importance of local Chambers of Commerce in the field of national affairs, and the activities of such groups will be discussed at an area meeting Friday, September 12, at Pope's restaurant on Highway 1, at which the Southern Pines Chamber of Commerce will be host to representatives from those of other Sandhill towns.

Invitations have been extended Chambers of Commerce at Pinehurst, Aberdeen, Sanford, Maxton, Laurinburg, Hamlet and Rockingham.

The dinner meeting will also be open to the public, and arrangements for tickets may be made through Hermann Grover, executive secretary of the Southern Pines group.

Conant to Speak

Paul Conant, national affairs advisor for the United States Chamber of Commerce, will speak on "The Road to Better Government." L. P. Dickie, manager of the southeastern division office at Atlanta, will preside. Also a speaker will be Clew Johnson, of Roanoke, a member of the national board of directors.

The meeting is in line with the swinging of interest toward national affairs on the part of 2,700 Chambers of Commerce throughout the country, with the organization of national affairs committees under auspices of the U. S. Chamber. It is being held in cooperation with the U. S. Chamber of Commerce as one of a series at strategic points throughout the country.

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Blue and White In Daily Workouts

Tackling New Offensive Maneuvers

In weather more conducive to hunting a shady spot, and relaxing with a cold glass of lemonade, the Blue and White football squad Monday put on heavy equipment and began bodily contact work.

At times the workouts have been spirited, with the number one and two teams running through their plays with plenty of zip, but Wednesday the heat and the pace set required many substitutions.

With Coach Dawson directing the offensive and Coach Weaver taking the defensive teams, most of the scrimmaging was on learning new offensive plays run from an unbalanced line formation, something entirely new for the players. The new offensive will use strong side plays either to the right or left, and for added deception a back in motion laterally who can receive passes or do the passing. Screened pass plays, running plays from punt formation, punting and passing drills

completed the Wednesday and Thursday workouts.

Although squad is rounding into shape, no starting teams have been picked, but it is expected by the latter part of next week that some of the boys will have definitely won starting berths.

School opening Wednesday has boosted the squad numbers considerably, and engaged in daily workouts are Monroe, Raymond, Mattocks, McCall, Bennett, Dickinson, Page, Patch, Kaylor, Ray, Thomas, York, Culler, Moffett, Hamel, Newton, Kennedy, Sledge, Arnette, Baker, Maples, McDonald, Frassinetti, Palmer, Ruggles, Viall, Short, Adams, Bowers, Hodgkins, Burns, Poe, Rapatas, Cox, Beasley, Worsham, Blue, Garner, Assad, Sessoms and Calloway.

Next week's Pilot will carry an analysis of the squad in detail, as well as a venture in prognosticating the outlook for the season ahead.

Schooldays Begin Again This Week; Enrollment 682

Boys and girls of Southern Pines flocked back to school the sunny morning of Wednesday, September 3, to find their way to new classrooms and greet their teachers, after a three months' vacation.

With half days starting at 9 a. m. Wednesday and Thursday, today (Friday) they enter on the full day's schedule—8:30 to 12:30 for the first and second grades, 8:15 to 1:15 for the third and fourth, and 8:15 to 2 p. m. for the fifth through 12th grades, with a brief recess around noon.

With the auditorium indefinitely closed since the ceiling's collapse in June no opening assembly was held, though an outdoor assembly was planned for today if the schedule permits, said Supt. Philip J. Weaver.

Enrollment

He gave the opening enrollment figures as 257 in the elementary grades and 138 in the high school, slightly fewer than last year's enrollment, though delayed registrations are expected to bring up to approximately the same as last year.

Thirty first graders embarked on their great adventure. Contrary to figures publicized throughout the nation, it was last year's grade with 42 members, which represented the first big crop of "war babies" though out-sized first grades are anticipated for several years.

At the West Southern Pines school, the first day's elementary school enrollment was 202, that of the high school 85, according to a report by Principal J. W. Moore.

Total enrollment was 682.

Plastering Removed

Students at the Southern Pines school found not only the auditorium unuseable, but the ceilings of four classrooms bare of plaster, as the plastering has been removed on advice of state (Continued on Page 5)

YOU CAN HELP

Do you have a cornet or clarinet hidden in a closet—any other instrument a band player can use, wasting its life away without being heard?

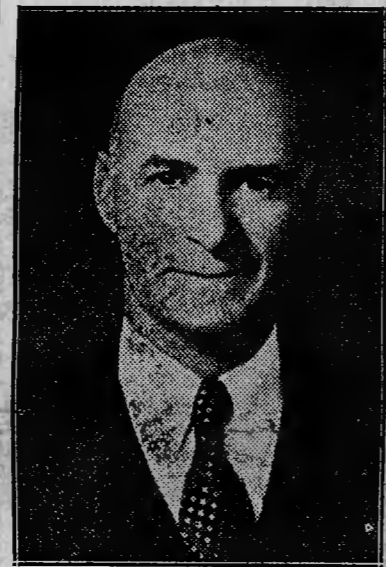
Now is the time to bring it out and let it fulfill its destiny, making some young person happy and helping the school.

With band music being offered this year at both the Southern Pines and West Southern Pines schools, any and all instruments are needed. A few are available but not nearly enough.

You may loan or give them to the schools, or, it is suggested by Supt. Philip J. Weaver, bring them for a reasonable offer to be made.

With the help of the town, it is hoped to develop creditable bands within the near future.

SPEAKER



PAUL CONANT

Veterans Rush To Cash Their Bonds At County Banks

It looked like a run on the bank at the Citizens' Bank and Trust company here, and at all three branches of the Carolina bank, when they opened their doors Tuesday morning and met the rush of veterans cashing their terminal leave bonds.

Lines formed all day Tuesday but dropped off sharply Wednesday. Some \$72,400 worth of bonds were cashed in the county in the two days, and it looked as though that might be about all.

The Carthage branch of the Carolina Bank and Trust company led with \$25,000 worth cashed, \$18,000 on Tuesday and \$7,000 Wednesday. L. B. Creath, president, was on duty for the cashier, Wilton H. Brown, who was away, and said Brown had been glad he wasn't there, as they hardly had time to catch their breath the first day.

It was busy also at the Citizens' Bank and Trust company here and cash exchanged for bonds was almost the same as in Carthage. According to N. L. Hodgkins, president a total of 82 bonds was cashed Tuesday, for \$19,000, and 28 on Wednesday for 5,900—\$24,900 altogether.

Roderick Innes, cashier at the Carolina bank at Pinehurst, reported \$12,427.54 paid out for 64 bonds, and at the Aberdeen branch, Cashier Francis Pleasants cashed about \$10,000 worth.

EVANGELISTIC SERVICES

Evangelistic services now being held at Manly Presbyterian church will close with the 8 p. m. service Sunday, according to announcement by Rev. T. D. Mullis, pastor. Rev. W. O. Nelson of the Robbins Presbyterian church is evangelist. Services are being well attended, with much interest shown.

Peach Belt Playoff at Standstill as Laurinburg Club Appeals Decision

One Radio Corporation Slaps \$40,000 Suit On Other One Alleging Slander

Suit for \$40,000 was instituted Tuesday in Moore County superior court by the Sandhills Broadcasting corporation against the Sandhills Community Broadcasters, Inc., and Jack Younts, alleging slanderous statements falsely and maliciously uttered to the detriment of the plaintiff's business; of operating a radio station.

The plaintiff corporation is the owner and operator of Radio Station WSTS, of Southern Pines. The defendant corporation secured a permit in July for a second radio station to be housed in a building now being erected off the Aberdeen highway south of town.

The suit asks \$25,000 in actual and \$15,000 in punitive damages. In the suit the plaintiff alleges that Younts, in his capacity as president and general manager of the defendant corporation, from the month of May until the time of the filing of the suit has

made false statements concerning the plaintiff and his business to the general public and to merchants of the area, creating a false impression and misleading and confusing them to the extent that potential advertising contracts have been held up and hindered.

Said No Permit

Younts is alleged to have stated that the plaintiff corporation had no permits of any kind authorizing it to construct, operate or maintain a radio broadcasting station, but that on the contrary the defendant corporation did; whereas, the suit states, plaintiff had received an FCC permit March 28 and at the time of the statements was engaged in construction a station and was seeking advertising contracts and went on the air August 8, all of which would have been a federal crime if plaintiff had no permit, subsequent to the filing of the suit has

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Ruggles' Ruling Based On Opinion State Authorities

Controversy Opens As Ball Goes Under Fence In Labor Day Game Here

Word from Laurinburg arrived at midday Thursday that the Laurinburg team, maintaining that a disputed play here on Labor Day was a home run and not a two-base hit, wish to appeal to Peach Belt directors a decision to the contrary by John S. Ruggles, of Southern Pines, league president.

The directors will meet as soon as possible, Ruggles said, to clear up the controversy which has thrown the league playoff into confusion at a crucial period of championship play.

Hundreds here have followed the series and the dispute, which flared up in the sixth inning of the Labor Day game here between the two finalist teams. Nothing has so aroused the town since election days.

The play occurred when Curt Ramsey, at bat for Laurinburg, hit a long fly to left field that bounced under the fence. First and third base umpires ruled it a two-bagger, and the strike umpire reversed the decision and scored it a home run.

With Laurinburg three up on a four-out-of-seven playoff, and Southern Pines with two on, the decision was a critical one. Southern Pines played the rest of the game under protest, Laurinburg stalled and at the end of the seventh inning darkness descended. (Continued on Page 5)

Commissioners Admit Need Of New High School Here, Make No Promises

NO AUDITORIUM

The Southern Pines school will do without an auditorium this year, using other facilities which may be available around town, and scheduling athletics and physical education work outdoors whenever possible, according to Supt. Philip J. Weaver.

Cooperation of other school will be sought for games and athletic activities which must be held indoors.

Construction of a new auditorium, replacing the present unuseable one, would take many months, and county funds available for it will be held toward the building of a new school, which it is hoped may take place next year.

Cooperation of all students, patrons and citizens in general is requested in helping the school through the difficulties inherent in the lack of both an auditorium and gymnasium.

Weaver Presents Plans, Ways And Means Of Financing Studied

The county commissioners appeared definitely encouraging toward the building of a new auditorium-gymnasium cafeteria for the Southern Pines school next year, but, while admitting the need for a whole new high school building, made no commitment at their monthly session held Tuesday afternoon.

Supt. Philip J. Weaver, a regular visitor at the commissioners' sessions, was present to reiterate his plea, supported by Mayor C. N. Page, N. L. Hodgkins and John S. Ruggles.

He was armed with plans of the proposed new building drawn up in sketch form by School Architect William H. Dietrich of Raleigh and also, as on the last month's visit, with reports from school planning experts that the present building is obsolete and rapidly deteriorating.

Would Quit Job

As for rebuilding the auditorium with \$25,000 set aside by the commissioners, Weaver declared (Continued on Page 8)

Boyette Will Address County YDC Convention

M. G. Boyette, solicitor of the Thirteenth Judicial district, will be the principal speaker at the annual convention of the Moore County Young Democrats' club, to be held at the Carthage courthouse at 8 p. m. Friday, September 12, it was announced this week by Hubert McCaskill, of Pinehurst, county chairman.

Plans for the year will be discussed and delegates elected to the state YDC convention, to be held at the Sir Walter hotel, Raleigh, September 19-20.

McCaskill has been appointed by President Basil Whitener, of the North Carolina Young Democrats' club, to membership on a committee to make preparations for the state convention.

Dawson to Head NCEA Conference

A. C. Dawson, Jr., of the Southern Pines school faculty, will go to Catawba college, Salisbury, this weekend to preside at a conference of leaders of the North Carolina Education association, of which he is vice president.

Dawson will preside on request of R. L. Fritz, Jr., of Hudson, president of the association, whose standing as a North Carolina school principal is now in some doubt as the result of revocation of his certificate.

Though a large faction of NCEA membership has rallied to the support of Fritz during his troubles with the state department of education, his future in the field of North Carolina education remains in doubt.

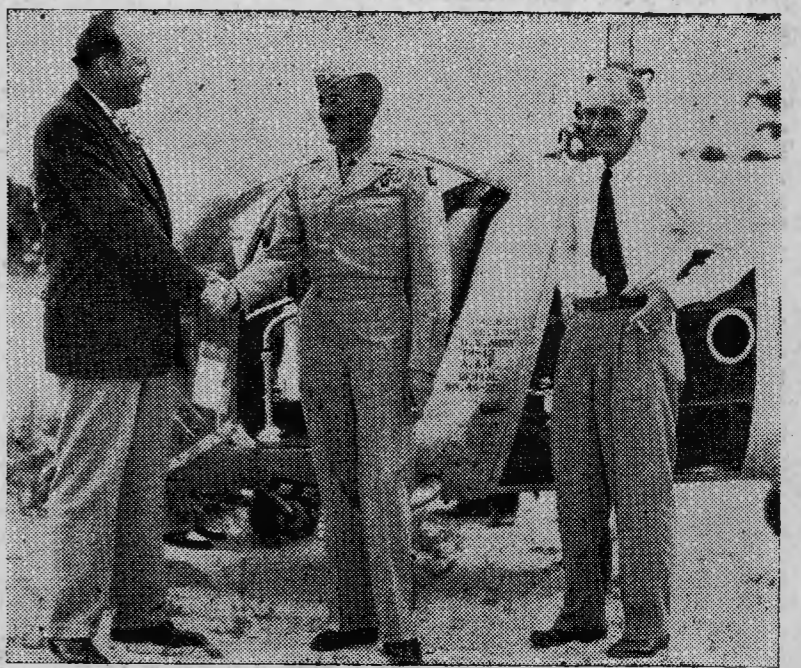
He has not publicly declared himself as to whether he means to retain the NCEA presidency, but pending the clearing up of the situation the eyes of those within NCEA circles have been turning toward the Southern Pines teacher and coach.

The Catawba College will be the first at which Dawson has been handed the presidential role.

TO LEGION MEET

Charles Swoope, of Pinehurst, a member of the Sandhills Legion post, and James Davis and John Beasley of the Carthage post attended the national convention of the American Legion in New York City last week. Little Johnny Beasley accompanied his daddy and reported a wonderful time.

A General Comes to Lunch



When Brig. Gen. Charles W. Canham, assistant commander of the 2nd Airborne division at Fort Bragg, arrived last week to keep his luncheon date as guest speaker for the Sandhills Kiwanis club, he created quite a flurry as he and his party made their landing in two helicopters.

The odd-looking craft settled down on the grounds of Pope's restaurant on Highway 1, where they became a focal point of interest for the Kiwanians and everybody else in town who could get there.

After lunch the pilots gave a demonstration of the helicopters' maneuverability, taking off and landing vertically, creeping through the air at 10 miles an hour, standing still and even backing up 100 feet above the heads of the crowd.

General Canham is shown above being greeted by Paul C. Butler, Kiwanis president (left) and Judge L. T. Avery (right). (Story on page 9—Photo by Hemmer)