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TEN CENTS

All Roads Lead To Tobacco Markets As Middle Belt Season Opens Monday

Carthage, Aberdeen Prepare To Welcome Sandhills Growers

Five Large Warehouses Ready For Record Season

All roads will be leading to the tobacco markets next week, with the opening of the Middle Belt Monday morning.

At Aberdeen, with 100,000 square feet of selling space, and at Carthage, with around 80,000, the welcome mat is out, as preparations are made to greet a record host of sellers in what is anticipated will be the biggest of all auction seasons for Moore county.

Growers will start taking their tobacco to market this weekend, and operators predict that more than 20 million pounds of tobacco will change hands in five warehouses of the county during the next few weeks.

At Carthage, the newly completed Planters Warehouse, with 40,000 square feet of selling space, will open its doors as one of the south's most modern. Operators are Gene Maynard, owner, Bill Maurer and Chester Luxon.

At Carthage's warehouse, also with approximately 40,000 square feet, operators are David Hobbs and Ray Haney, and at the Aberdeen warehouse, with around 20,000 square feet, operators are Clarence Smith and Clarence Smith, Jr.

At Carthage, the McConnell warehouse, with over 38,000 square feet of floor space, will be operated this season by Dan Carter, Bill Carter and O. L. Littleton. At Smothers Brothers Operators R. D. and H. P. Smothers will handle the jobs of auctioneer and sales manager respectively.

Government graders will be on duty at both market towns, and each warehouse will have a full set of buyers. These will represent all the Big Five—Reynolds, Liggett and Myers, Export, Imperial and American—as well as a number of lesser, but also important, tobacco concerns.

Experienced auctioneers will be present with the persuasive chant, and the flow of golden leaf off the floors and of the golden dollars into the farmers' pockets is expected to proceed at a consistently rapid pace, with all floors cleared every day. Extended parking facilities have been provided in the Carthage warehouse district, and parking is expected to present no problem, either, at Aberdeen. The new Planters warehouse is exceptionally well provided with parking space, laid out when the building was planned.

Stores and restaurants are expected to maintain hours in consonance with the presence of the (Continued on Page 8)

C OF C MEETING

Congressman C. B. Deane of Rockingham will be a guest and also a speaker at the Chamber of Commerce area meeting, at Pope's Restaurant tonight (Friday), according to announcement made this week by John S. Ruggles, president.

Principal speaker will be Paul B. Conant, national affairs advisor of the U. S. Chamber of Commerce, which is cooperating with the local group in holding the meeting. L. P. Dickie, of the southeastern regional office at Atlanta, will preside, and representatives of Chambers of Commerce of a number of Sandhills towns have been invited. The purpose is stimulation of greater interest in national affairs on the part of local Chambers of Commerce units.

Rev. Lamar Jackson, pastor of the Southern Pines Baptist church, will ask the invocation. Dinner will begin at 6:30 with the conference talks following. The public is invited and tickets may be secured through Herrmann Grover, executive secretary, said Ruggles.

Chamber Requests Town To Help In Floodlight Project

Chamber of Commerce directors, meeting in regular session at the Community building Tuesday night, passed a unanimous resolution to ask help of the town in securing installation of floodlights at the town athletic field as soon as possible.

Sufficient funds would be asked from a fund set aside for improvement of parks and recreational facilities, to secure a loan for the rest of the needed amount, to be amortized out of gate receipts.

The probability of getting more and better games, including some college games, with far greater attendance and increased gate receipts was taken as basis for the request, and the successful experiences of other towns after floodlighting for night games were considered.

Radio Station
The town's situation in regard to the two radio stations, one already on the air and another coming in where survival for only one is indicated, was the subject of considerable discussion, and in view of varying opinions within the group it was decided to maintain a "hands off" policy.

Though the situation as it now stands was regarded as highly undesirable, it was considered (Continued on Page 8)

Town Will Seek Legal Ruling On Floodlights Aid

Chamber Request Meets With Favor Of Commissioners

A proposal that the town board furnish the down payment for the athletic field floodlights met with the favor of the town commissioners meeting at the city hall Wednesday night, but also with doubt as to whether it can be legally accomplished.

The proposal in resolution form had been passed on to the board by the Chamber of Commerce, and a petition similarly worded, which in one afternoon had garnered more than 100 names, was presented by J. W. Dickerson.

John S. Ruggles and Philip J. Weaver also met with the board in support of the project. Weaver presented plans and estimated cost (\$14,000) as gathered earlier this summer by the town planning commission, which has for some time been figuring on ways and means of securing the floodlights for the field.

According to the plan as presented Wednesday night, an initial payment sufficiently large to facilitate securing a loan for the rest would be made by the town board from funds on hand originally allocated for "park improvement and recreational facilities."

Held In Reserve
These funds, proceeds of a bond issue voted in 1944 by Southern Pines citizens for improvements to the Southern Pines Country club, were never used for this purpose, as before the improvements could be made the club had passed from the town's ownership.

Converted to Series G bonds, they were held in reserve until, through action instigated by the board, the 1947 General Assembly made them available for "nec- (Continued on Page 8)

Bishop Home Is Entered, Robbed Of Valuable Guns

An unknown person or persons entered the home of Mr. and Mrs. Julian T. Bishop, at Knollwood, between 7 and 10 p. m. Saturday and removed from a display cabinet in a small gun room a collection of fine hunting and trapshooting guns valued at around \$7,000.

That is, the valuation would be in that neighborhood if the guns could be replaced. Some of them, made in Europe before the war, are said to be now unreplaceable.

Investigation by the sheriff's department, assisted by the Southern Pines police department, with the SBI also at work on the case, have revealed no positive clues so far, it is understood, and no arrest has been made.

The robbery occurred during a time when Mr. and Mrs. Bishop had gone for a visit to the home of a neighbor, leaving their own home unlocked. They did not go to the gunroom on their return and did not miss the guns until Sunday morning.

The loss consisted of nine guns of various makes and a Colt revolver, ivory-handled. Bishop went to New York City early this week to endeavor to replace them, and a message from him is to the effect that he is finding it a practically impossible task. A reward has been offered for their recovery.

Blue Family To Meet At Lakeview Sunday

Lakeview will have the Blues next Sunday—but the best kind of Blues, the kind found all over this Sandhills region since the days of the pioneer Scots.

The annual Blue family reunion will be held at Lakeview Sunday beginning at 1 p. m., when picnic lunch will be spread in the pine grove between the highway and the lake.

Neil T. Blue is president and Pauline Blue Styers is secretary. Invitations sent out by Mrs. Styers remind all not to forget that "well filled basket."

Young Democrats Meet Tonight

Moore County Young Democrats will officially resume their pre-war program of activity with the holding of the county convention at the Carthage courthouse at 8 o'clock tonight (Friday).

A fine crowd is anticipated. With the words of State Chairman Basil Whitener, of aGonia, spoken at last spring's banquet still ringing in their ears—"I regard the Moore County Young Democrats' club as second to none in the state"—the members and their guests will listen to an address by District Solicitor Moseley G. Boyette, elect delegates to the state convention next weekend and attend to other details of business to be brought

up by Chairman Hubert McCaskill, presiding.

Chief among these will be the endorsement of H. Clifton Blue, of Aberdeen, for the post of state chairman, and arrangements for his nomination if he becomes a candidate.

Popular Response

Announcement of plans for the endorsement of Representative Blue was made two weeks ago by Chairman McCaskill following conferences with other state organization leaders, and is said to have met with a highly popular response throughout the county.

No word has yet come from (Continued on Page 5)

Buy Your Season Tickets Now

Carding a nine-game schedule, six of them at home, including three conference games, and games with Elon College High school, Lowe's Grove, and last year's state champions, Lexington Junior Orphanage for the Homecoming game here October 29, the High School Athletic association announced that football season ticket sales will begin today.

The annual sale of football season tickets will again be headed by the Citizens' committee, a local group of business and professional men acting as sponsors for various school activities, according to E. C. (Gene) Stevens, committee chairman.

Tough Schedule
Unquestionably the toughest schedule attempted so far by the Blue and White, the school au-

thorities have tried to bring the best in competition here for local fans.

After the opener with Pittsboro High here next Wednesday, Southern Pines will go to Greensboro to play Curry High; then back home to meet a ranking eastern contender, Elon College High school. Robbins will be played at Robbins and the following Wednesday, Pinehurst will be met at Pinehurst, a night game.

West End comes here October 22, and then for Homecoming October 29 the locals will tangle with the mighty Lexington orphanage, in a game which will probably eliminate one of them for the state crown.

Carthage comes here November 5, and the season will end (Continued on Page 5)

Peach Belt League Decision

Directors of the Peach Belt Baseball league, meeting in executive session at the Rector city hall Monday night, heard the appeal of the Laurinburg club against a ruling of League President John S. Ruggles, of Southern Pines, and upheld the ruling—that a ball which bounced under the fence during the Labor Day game was a two-base hit and not a home run.

However, since the opening of college and other circumstances have served to disperse the Laurinburg team, the series was declared ended without resumption of the disputed game, and with honors falling equally to Laurinburg and Southern Pines.

Though the decision leaves the league without a 1947 champion, it was accepted in good part by both sides and the meeting ended in complete accord, with plans already under way for a 1948 series.

President Ruggles, opening the

meeting, suggested the selection of a chairman from a neutral town and L. W. Poole, mayor of Rector and well known in baseball circles, was named to the post.

After a review of the moot point which had thrown the series' climax into confusion, a motion was passed that the decision be left to directors present from disinterested towns.

These were Haney Harris, Aberdeen; V. P. Nettles, Hamlet, and L. W. Poole, Rector.

Their opinion that Curt Ramsey's long sixth-inning fly which went under a fence was a two-bagger, not a homer, was a unanimous one.

The play occurred with Laurinburg three up and Southern Pines two up on a four-out-of-seven playoff series, with the score a 2-2 tie, before a huge crowd of holiday spectators. The game ended at the seventh inning (Continued on Page 8)

Carthage Citizens Group To Meet, Study Town Needs

The citizen's planning committee of Carthage, its appointments now completed by the town board, is ready to roll up its sleeves and go to work, and will do so at a meeting to be held at the city hall sometime this week, according to Mayor W. D. Sabiston.

Appointments to the committee were made as follows: C. F. Barnes, recommended by the Rotary club; Ed Comer recommended by the Junior Chamber of Commerce; Mrs. Colin G. Spencer, Jr., recommended by the Junior Woman's club; Charles Sinclair, Jr., and H. G. Poole from the town at large.

H. G. Poole has been named chairman of the committee, which will operate independently of the town board to study needs of the town and ways and means of meeting them.

They will recommend their findings to the board. The first big job awaiting them is a study of the town's water system and whether to enlarge and improve, or replace it, so that it will meet town requirements.

The committee was inaugurated at the instance of Mayor Sabiston as a link between the citizens and the town board, to express the views of the people regarding matters vital to the town.

Storey Lumber Co. Moves Here From Winston

The W. M. Storey Lumber company of Winston-Salem is moving its headquarters to Southern Pines September 15, according to an announcement made in Winston-Salem this week by W. M. Storey, president of the wholesale lumber firm.

The company is establishing its office in the Stevens Building on West Broad street here.

A branch office will be kept in Winston-Salem, but all sales and purchase activities will be controlled in Southern Pines.

The W. M. Storey Lumber company was established in 1907 and has sales representatives throughout the Eastern United States, selling shortleaf and longleaf pine lumber to industrial and retail yards. Much of this lumber comes from mills in the Sandhills section. President Storey said, and in order to be closer to its sources of supply he has selected Southern Pines as its new headquarters.

To establish and operate the new office, three families have moved here from Winston-Salem. They are Mr. and Mrs. James W. Bryant and son Alfred, who have taken an apartment at the Ponzer home; Mr. and Mrs. Volt Gilmore, who are living at the home of Mrs. James Boyd, and Mr. and Mrs. Francis E. Stubbs and (Continued on Page 8)

Colonial Mills To Start Construction Of Plant At Aberdeen September 22

DIRECTOR



MRS. FLORENCE MOOR

Elks Club Will Present Comedy Thursday, Friday

The Muse of Drama has been working within the Elks Lodge No. 1695, of Southern Pines, and the result will be a full-fledged three-act play to be presented at the Pinehurst theatre for a two-night run, next Thursday and Friday evenings, September 18-19.

An all-male cast will take care not only of the virile masculine roles the play calls for, but also the charming feminine roles, which are sure to show up our popular businessmen at their best.

For the role of the heroine of the "Pep Parade,"—that's what the farce comedy is called—none other than the mayor, C. N. Page, has been selected.

Also In Cast

Other members of the cast, chosen at a committee meeting at the Elks' lodge Monday night, will be: "Doc" McRae, who will play Tommie Meadows, the hero; Tony Reese, Henry Peck, a subdued individual who has a very hard time; John Cline, Gussie, Henry Peck's bossy wife; George Thompson, Madame de la Claire, a Gallic soothsayer; John Ormsby, Hortense, a Swedish maid; Aubrey Smith, Roseola Margarine Ricketts, also a maid in the Peck household; Jack Carter, Dr. Dora Druggins, a lady doctor with unladylike muscles; Eugene McKenzie, Aunt Hattie, a sweet and very solvent—old lady; Bill Viall, Keith Trevelian, who vies with Tommie for sweet Judy's affections.

The play is now under vigorous rehearsal, directed by Mrs. Florence Moor, a former member of Broadway stage companies and former Little Theatre League director in Louisville, Birmingham and Miami. (Continued on Page 5)

Dr. Davis Gives Synod News Of Large Bequest

Dr. Thompson E. Davis, pastor of the Brownson Memorial Presbyterian church, as chairman of the synodical committee of ministerial support had the privilege of reporting to the Synod of North Carolina this week that the late Mrs. Kate Biting Reynolds, of Wins' on-Salem, had bequeathed \$400,000 for the relief of aged ministers of the synod.

This was one of the highlights of the synodical sessions held at Flora Macdonald college, Red Springs, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, with ministers and laymen present representing every Presbyterian church of the state.

Present with Dr. Davis, as lay representative of the local church, was Walter E. Blue.

Following Dr. Davis' report of the Reynolds bequest, appreciative acceptance was made by the Synod, and a directive given that the committee of ministerial support administer the fund.

A resolution of thanks was adopted and sent to W. N. Reynolds, husband of the donor.

Second Moore County Division To Employ 400, Mostly Men

Aberdeen Sponsors Building of 100 Home Units

Colonial Mills, Inc., operator of two textile mills in North Carolina, has selected Aberdeen as the location of a spun rayon plant which will be equipped with 19,200 spindles and 192 wide looms, Mayor Forrest Lockey, of Aberdeen, announced this week.

The plant, to be known as the Robbins Cloth Mills, Inc., Aberdeen division, will produce high quality men's and women's suitings. Approximately 400 workers, of whom approximately two-thirds will be men, will be employed, Mayor Lockey said.

Plans have been made to start production in the middle of 1948 with full production being reached next summer.

The site to be occupied by the new plant is the Dr. P. J. Chester farm of approximately 500 acres, located two miles west of Aberdeen on the Pinehurst road. Machinery has been on order for three years and delivery has already started. Some of the units will be set up for training purposes prior to the completion of the plant.

Company Officials

Karl Robbins, of New York, is president of the company and W. P. Saunders of Robbins is vice-president and general manager. E. A. Werner, of New York, is treasurer. W. B. Croxton has recently joined the firm as assistant to W. P. Saunders. These executives are widely known for their excellent labor relations, and for the high quality of their mill facilities and manufactured products.

Saunders is a native of Kings Mountain and has lived in Moore county since January, 1931. The first unit in the Colonial Mills group is at Robbins.

Housing Units

In connection with the mill development, citizens of Aberdeen have agreed to erect 100 housing units containing two and three bedrooms each. The grounds will be landscaped and beautified and will be modern in every respect. Plans have been made to expand the limits of the town to bring the housing project into the corporate limits.

The factory will be modern in every respect and, according to plans, will be one of the finest in the South. It will have a steel frame, insulated roof and hardwood floors. The building will be windowless, air-conditioned with refrigeration and lighted with 50-foot candles of fluorescent lighting. Raw materials will be brought to one end of the plant by rail and woven fabrics will emerge from the other end for shipment by truck to the company's modern finishing plant on the Roanoke river at Clarksville, Va.

Engineering design and (Continued on Page 5)

HOMEcoming

Homecoming will be held at old Bethesda church Sunday, September 28, with a roster of distinguished speakers and a large crowd expected from many points over the state.

Among the speakers will be Dr. Walter L. Lingle, president emeritus of Davidson college, and former moderator of the General Assembly of the Southern Presbyterian church; Dr. Charles G. Vardell, president emeritus of Flora Macdonald college, a leading authority on the history of this section; and Hon. J. Melville Broughton, former governor of North Carolina. Dr. Henry G. Bedinger, president of Flora Macdonald college, will be present with a group of members of the college glee club.

Church committees have been at work for some time renovating the building and beautifying the grounds of the 155-year-old church for the Homecoming Day event.

Football Squad Analyst Discovers Spirit, Promise In Blue and White

By P. J. Alton

If there is any certainty among the many uncertainties of competitive sports, it is that other things being reasonably equal, the team with the spirit will be the winner.

The most noticeable thing after three weeks of practice sessions out here on the flats at High School park, is the spirit of the Blue and White squad. In the scrimmage sessions they have slammed into one another so vigorously, and tackled so enthusiastically, that on occasions their coaches have had to caution them that they are teammates and not opponents of a rival team.

But — to make other things reasonably equal—much work is to be done. This year's squad is a large one, with more than 40 boys working out daily, and there is a lot of quality in it, but largely inexperienced. Arnette is the only veteran from last year's great team, although there are several letter men reserves back, and from these the coaches are

hoping to get a starting lineup.

End Positions
At the end positions, most likely starters are Maples and Bennett. Both are letter men, and Bennett is a big boy. Maples, tall and rangy, handles himself well, and when in the game will do the kicking.

Hodgkins, York, Culler, and Short are other candidates for the flank posts. Hodgkins is much improved over last year and will help York, is a letter man, will add to the reserve strength. Short, a newcomer, is rugged and with experience, may push some of the others. Culler, who can kick a ball a country mile, will see action also.

Baker, Kaylor, and Burns are working out at center, with Baker having the edge. Baker is big and powerful and will handle the kick off assignment when he's in the game.

Backfield
One of the big problems, and a question mark, is the backfield. There are several boys trying out (Continued on Page 8)