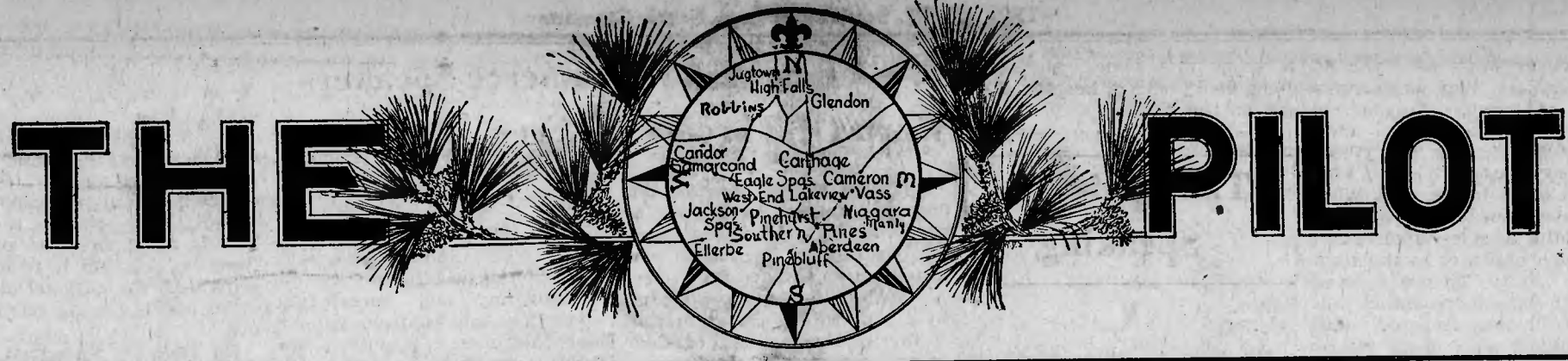


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Blue and White Takes Pittsboro In First Game

Local Squad Far Outclasses Foe—Final Score, 31-0

Southern Pines opened its football season here Wednesday afternoon at High School park, by downing a plucky but badly outclassed Pittsboro High team 31 to 0.

Southern Pines scored their first marker from the Pittsboro 24 when Mattocks passed to McCall on the 5, and then swept right end for the touchdown. Maples took a pass from Mattocks for the extra point making the score 7-0.

A Pittsboro fumble recovered by Baker on the Pittsboro 16 yard line resulted in the second Blue and White score, and Mattocks and McCall teamed up for the marker with McCall on a reverse taking the ball into the end zone. Try for point after touchdown failed and the score was 13 to 0, as the first quarter ended.

Holding the Line

Coach Dawson sent in a new team beginning the second quarter with Hodgkins, York as ends, Kaylor center, and Dickerson, Page, Newton backs. Although this second Blue and White team failed to score they held the Pittsboro team in check and the half ended with Pittsboro trailing 13-0.

Receiving the Pittsboro kickoff beginning the second half on the 5, Southern Pines carried the ball to the iPittsboro 33 on a brilliant run by Baker who received it on a back handed pass from Mattocks. But Pittsboro held and Southern Pines had to kick.

Forced to kick on fourth down, White for Pittsboro fumbled a bad pass from center and Bennett recovered for Southern Pines on the Pittsboro 8. Behind some beau-

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Speedboat Races Sponsored Sunday By Sanford Post

The last of three speedboat race events of the summer, anticipated as the biggest and best of the season, will be held at Crystal lake, Lakeview, Sunday at 2:30 p. m. under sponsorship of the Stanley McLeod post, VFW, of Sanford.

Six hydroplane heats will be held featuring some of the state's most prominent figures in this sport, and two races will also be staged in the runabout classes, giving the customers eight races instead of the usual six, and a full afternoon of thrills.

Among drivers who will bring their speedy craft for the event are Douglas Creech, of Charlotte, state hydroplane champion; Hugh Bell, of Wilmington, state cham-

Revolutionary New Tobacco Harvester At Work



Alton Scott, former Southern Pines man, has aided in the invention of a tobacco harvester which reports indicate will revolutionize this phase of tobacco growing. Scott is shown on the harvester removing from the belt a stick of tobacco which has been automatically looped and tied as the leaves were cut. W. Edwin Davis, another of the inventors, is shown feeding leaves into the mechanism. W. O. Scott, brother of Alton, also assisted in the development of the harvester, which was constructed in the Scott tobacco curing manufacturing plant at Goldsboro. This picture was made on a Lenoir county farm two weeks ago during the first publicized demonstration of the harvester.

(Photo by Fred Whitaker)

Burglars Make Rounds At Carthage Getting Cash, Throwing Papers Away

CHERRY COMING

Governor Cherry has tentatively accepted an invitation to attend the Homecoming football game here, it was learned this week.

Visited by a delegation consisting of P. J. Weaver, A. C. Dawson, John Ruggles and C. N. Page, the state's chief executive showed great interest in the school's six-man football program and said that, barring emergency, he would certainly come for the big game.

The Homecoming Day event will bring the outstanding Junior Order Orphanage team from Lexington to Southern Pines, to play the Blue and White on their home ground. It will climax the season which opened this week.

ship runner-up; and the southeastern district champions, the Abrams brothers of Wilmington.

Also returning with his flying "Comet" will be Sonny Carter, top money winner at the last race here, and Sweeney Prosser, who led the first race event by a big margin. Both are from Charlotte.

Carter's has been the fastest boat to show here this summer, but there will be at least two in the Sunday races which are faster, according to Jimmy Allen, lake proprietor and promoter of the race events.

Lingle, Vardell, Broughton To Speak At Old Bethesda Homecoming Sept. 28

Plans are shaping towards a big homecoming at Old Bethesda on September 28. The various committees are actively at work each man doing his part, in rounding out the many details necessary to make the event a spiritual and neighborly success.

The motivating object and spirit behind these annual meetings is expressed and explained in the name "Homecoming", for indeed that is exactly what it is. Old Bethesda was the parental church roofree for the early settlers in the Sandhills. During the past 155 years, its children and its children's children, like fledglings, have scattered to all parts of the country. The real purpose of these gatherings is to bring the children home, in the nature of a foregathering of the clan, as it were, to commingle, visit and renew old acquaintance and friendship and to worship together at the old church that has now become a shrine.

This year promises to be an

outstanding event. The program committee has arranged with Dr. Walter L. Lingle, D. D., LL.D., President Emeritus of Davidson college, former moderator of the General Assembly of the Southern Presbyterian church, and one of the leading theologians of the nation, to deliver the morning sermon.

Basket Luncheon
This will be followed by a basket luncheon in the grove where the local members will be host to the returnees and visitors. In the past these picnic tables have been heavily laden with fried chicken, hams, lamb, salads, cakes, pies and other viands fit for kings. It is assumed this year will be no exception. An hour and a half will be allotted for this dinner and to afford the homecomers opportunity to visit the graves of loved ones and to stroll through the two cemeteries which are ever increasing in size. Visitors will be greatly impressed.

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Night Entrants Pay Four Destructive Calls In Business District

Burglars roamed the town of Carthage in the wee small hours Friday, breaking into four business places and causing losses varying from a small amount of damage to more than \$200 in cash.

As reconstructed by local law enforcement officials and an FBI agent later, the trail of theft and destruction was as follows:

Breaking first into the Carthage Truck and Implement company, the thieves took an axe, bolt cutter and other tools, and moved on to the Model Laundry and Dry Cleaners, where they used the bolt cutter to snip the iron bars of a barred window and pried them open, then with the axe battered open the safe. Stolen here were two cash drawers containing an undetermined small amount of cash, war bonds, deeds, insurance papers and other valuable documents.

Mack's Five and Ten
Leaving the axe behind, they moved on to Mack's Five and Ten Cent store, where they went to considerable trouble to jimmy open a back window of the first floor. At the back of the store a declivity makes the first floor the second, and considerable monkey work was done to reach the window, some four feet across a blank wall from the top of the steep back stair.

Entering through a toilet, the thieves ransacked drawers and cupboards but found no cash, and nothing was believed to be missing.

At Freezer Locker
The next, and most profitable, stop was the Carthage Freezer Locker, where again two bars were cut and prized at a barred window to effect entrance, and the safe was broken open. A drawer was taken containing from \$150 to \$200 in cash, and additional money in the form of a coin collection of the late John W. Baker, father of Otis, John and Kelly Baker, operators of the freezer locker plant.

In the coin collection were 28 silver dollars, also nickels, dimes and quarters, some of unusual numismatic value.

Also stolen with the cash drawer were war bonds in the name of Kelly Baker of a total amount of \$1,800, his terminal leave bonds in the amount of \$75 and two or three savings bonds in the name of Dawn Baker, Kelly Baker's infant daughter; social security cards, insurance papers, licenses and other valuable papers.

The thieves abandoned here. (Continued on Page 5)

Farm Bureau Told Price Control Is Farmer's Best Aid

Membership Drive Opens In County; Committee Named

A vigorous campaign for more members for the Moore County Farm Bureau was launched at a meeting at the courthouse in Carthage Monday night, at which A. C. Edwards, state membership campaign chairman, told a group of some 400 assembled farmers that their unified support was essential in securing legislation prolonging the life of the agricultural price support program.

T. C. Auman, of West End, county Farm Bureau president, conducted the meeting and outlined the campaign, which is being held in cooperation with the statewide drive.

Moore county's quota, he said, has been set at 882 members, almost 50 per cent greater than the present membership of 600 farmers.

Every member writing 10 letters to non-members presenting the campaign objectives would become members of the Ed O'Neill club, Auman said, named for the National Farm Bureau president.

He appointed the following to head the campaign in their respective townships: Carthage, L. M. Horner, John B. McLeod; Greenwood, J. B. Shaw, Melvin Thomas; McNeill, A. B. Parker; Mineral Springs, M. A. Clark, W. C. Donaldson; Sandhills, W. E. Brown, D. G. Garner; Deep River, R. A. Dowd; Sheffield, Marvin Ritter; Bensalem, Herbert Bost, B. J. Poley; Ritters, Frank Howard.

Further campaign information was given by John Eagles, field representative of the North Carolina Farm Bureau with headquarters at Greensboro.

County Representative
J. Hawley Poole of West End presented Edwards, the principal speaker, as an outstanding tobacco grower of Greene county long active in state and national Farm Bureau affairs, and a longtime representative of his county in the General Assembly, where he served as chairman of the agricultural committee.

Reviewing the achievements of the Farm Bureau in inspiring legislation of benefit to farmers, Edwards besought the aid of the group—the majority of them tobacco growers in town for the opening auctions—in helping with its next big job: the securing of congressional action renewing the life of the Stegall amendment, due to expire in 1948.

Young Democrats Endorse Blue, Plan Large Delegation At State Conclave

Officers Elected At County Convention Held In Carthage

Election of officers, an address by District Solicitor Moseley G. Boyette, unanimous and enthusiastic endorsement of H. Clifton Blue of Aberdeen for the post of state chairman, and plans for the support of Moore county's delegation in behalf of Blue at the state convention, were major agenda of the Moore County Young Democrats' club annual convention held at Carthage last Friday night.

Blue's name was presented by Clary Thompson, of Cameron, to the gathering which represented every community in the county. Motion for a unanimous endorsement was seconded by Leland McKeithen, county prosecutor, and carried without delay.

To the recount of his accomplishments, and the spirited applause which followed, Representative Blue responded with a brief expression of appreciation of the honor handed him by his fellow Young Democrats in conferring candidacy upon him, an honor which he accepted.

Blue, a former county YDC chairman, is at present serving as Eighth District chairman. He was elected to the legislature in 1946.

He is the editor of the Sandhill Citizen at Aberdeen, active in community, county and church affairs, a past president of the Aberdeen Lions club and present zone chairman of Lions International.

He has served also on the Aberdeen town council, a post which, like the Lions presidency, he was forced to resign when he went to the legislature in January.

Officers Elected
Election of officers brought reelection of Hubert McCaskill, of Pinehurst, as chairman; Miss

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Elks Club Stages Laugh Fest In "Pep Parade"

A look-in at the dress rehearsal of "Pep Parade," home talent show due to be presented by the Elks club Thursday and Friday nights, showed a riot in the making—whether by the audience or the players, or all combined, this reviewer was unable to predict.

One thing was certain: the show held plenty of laughs in store for the large audiences sure to head for the Pinehurst theater on the scheduled evenings.

Highlights not soon to be forgotten: Mayor Chan Page as a golden-haired glamor girl; Dr. L. M. Daniels and his graceful ways as the rich old maid aunt; Tony Reese, the most natural and convincing in the lot; Jack Carter as a deaf lady doctor, practicing physical therapy on John Cline, a horsey old gal who richly deserved a beating; John Ormsby's Swedish accent and Aubrey Smith's resonant cornfield dialect especially effective in conversation together; "Doc" McRae in a black beard, telling a fortune by the sole of the foot instead of the palm of the hand.

It doesn't make sense? You're right, pal—but what do you expect for a buck—"Oklahoma?" Ten to one, since it's played by folks you know, you'll get more of a kick out of it than if it were the Pulitzer prize play with a Broadway cast—and you have the added fun of knowing the money goes to the Elks Club welfare fund.

There's plenty else thrown in cute little high school girls singing and dancing in three chorus scenes—the "baby parade" of 29 adorable tots Thursday night, with the awarding of the popularity prizes Friday (and if you don't just know about the baby contest, just look in Hayes' window!)

The show is directed by Mrs. Florence Moor. The three-act (Continued on Page 5)

TOBACCO

Monday was a busy day at both Aberdeen and Carthage, where the opening of the Middle Belt auction season filled all five warehouses to capacity.

Opening sales, averaging around \$46, were reported to be pleasing to the growers and no tickets were turned. Though slightly below last year's opening average, prices were considerably better than they have been in earlier markets this year and have remained at a satisfactory level.

Figures were unavailable from Aberdeen, but at Carthage it was reported that approximately 250,000 pounds were sold the first day. At the McConnell warehouse, the average on opening day was \$47.15 and the highest sale reported through Wednesday noon was \$71.

The flow of tobacco to market has been steady and the warehouses have remained open until late at night to receive loads for the next day's sales. The quality is reported to be unusually good.

SP High School Class Officers Are Elected At

Class officers were elected for classes at meetings at the school this week.

Officers of the 12th grade (senior class) are: Ted York, president; Joe Kimball, vice president; Southern Pines High School; Patricia Caddell, treasurer; Patricia Caddell, student council representative.

The 11th grade president is Bobby Cornwell, vice president Louise Weatherspoon, and secretary and treasurer are to be elected later. Student council representative is Bobby Cornwell.

The 10th grade elected the following: Roland Bower, president; Margaret Butler, vice president; Richard Kaylor, treasurer; Jean Overton, secretary. Andy Page is student council representative.

The ninth grade (freshmen) chose Kay Dunlap president, Dorothy Swisher vice president, Hazeline Hunsucker secretary and Carol Sue Humphrey treasurer, with Dorothy Swisher on the student council.

Student council officers, elected last year, are Bill Warner, president; Gary Mattocks, vice president; Edna Lou Bailey, secretary; Carolyn Chester, corresponding secretary; Kay Dunlap, treasurer.

GYMKHANA

A gymkhana will be held at 3 p. m. Sunday at the Caddell stables, featuring several jumping classes and also children's horsemanship.

Deane Works To Hasten Development Of Sandhills Area As Game Preserve

Congressman C. B. Deane, a visitor in The Pilot office last Friday afternoon, had word of several matters of interest to the Sandhills, among them that of the progress being made toward conversion of the former Sandhills Resettlement area into a vast North Carolina game and wildlife preserve.

Visiting Dr. Willis King, director of the new North Carolina fish and wildlife division, a short while ago at Raleigh, Deane said he had found the change-over held up by lack of information from the War department as to how much of the area it meant to retain.

Enough of the area, site of Camp Mackall, will be kept by the army for maneuvers, an artillery range and other purposes.

Besides needing to know the acreage which will be turned over on lease to the state of North Carolina, it will be necessary to ascertain how great a safety margin between the game preserve and the range will be needed before development can

Sandhills Towns Will Join Forces For VA Hospital

Chamber Members Form Committee; Deane Pledges Aid

The movement to promote the location of a proposed 1,000-bed Veterans' Administration neuropsychiatric hospital in the Sandhills, originating last week at a meeting of Southern Pines Chamber of Commerce directors, has grown now to be a project of several Sandhills communities, with the pledged support of Congressman C. B. Deane.

The Camp Mackall site was selected as having many advantages for such a hospital, and several of the directors, meeting with Congressman Deane at 2 p. m. Friday at the Belvedere hotel, found him in agreement, it was reported by Chamber of Commerce president John S. Ruggles.

Representatives of Chambers of Commerce of Aberdeen, Pinehurst, Sanford, Rockingham, Raeford and Southern Pines met briefly following the Chamber of Commerce area meeting at Pope's restaurant Friday night, and heard the project presented by Lloyd T. Clark, a director of the local Chamber. They agreed to join forces, with each appointing a member to a joint committee to further the plan.

A group of three Veterans' Administration representatives who left Washington last week to inspect proposed sites for the hospital (Continued on Page 5)

Child Hurt By Truck Driven By Her Uncle

Judy McNeill, four year old, was accidentally run over Saturday at her home by a truck delivering coal to the house and driven by her uncle, Alton McNeill.

Taking a load of coal to his brother's house, Alton said he saw Judy on the porch steps as he drove up, but when he began backing into the driveway did not know she had run from the steps directly behind his truck.

The big wheel passed over the child's body. She was taken at once to Moore County hospital, where it was found she had a broken arm and badly bruised chest. She is reported to be getting along nicely.

The accident was investigated by the sheriff's department which exonerated young McNeill, terminating the accident unavoidable. McNeill is employed by the Chandler-Holt Ice and Coal company of Southern Pines.

CULDEE HOMECOMING

Annual homecoming of the Culdee Presbyterian church will be held Sunday, September 28, with service at 11 a. m. and a picnic lunch at noon. Cordial invitation is extended all friends of the church to attend, and bring a picnic basket.

continue, Dr. King told Deane. He has on hand the amount of some \$39,000 appropriated by the state to start work and is anxious to get moving.

In Washington week before last, Deane said, he visited both the department of the interior, which holds title to the more than 60,000 acres involved, and also the War department, and impressed on them the need for prompt action.

Besides giving the state one of the finest and largest recreational preserves in the east, development of the area will end the fire hazards, temptations to destruction and other ills implicit in its present unused and unguarded condition.

Numerous forest fires have originated there, at least one known to have spread to someone else's property, and unauthorized persons have cut much fine timber. The area lies in Moore, Hoke and Richmond counties. Congressman Deane was instrumental in securing its release for state uses several months ago.