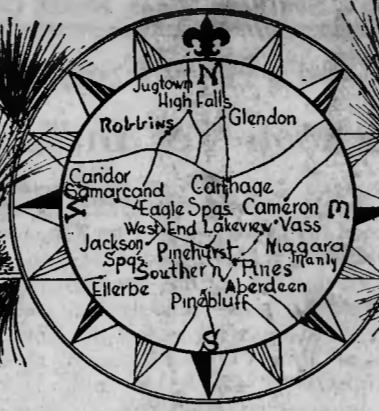


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Chamber Reports Year's Projects And Contributions

**Way Cleared For
More Work This
Year, Says Ruggles**

The annual report of the Southern Pines Chamber of Commerce was mailed out to the members this week, as prepared by a committee consisting of R. F. Hoke Pollock, chairman, L. D. McDonald and J. T. Overton.

The report shows a membership of more than 300, active, associate and contributing, representing participation of business firms and many private individuals. "We are proud of the substantial representation of this community's business life on the membership roster," said John S. Ruggles, president, this week. "The proportion is high, though there are still a good many who we feel should belong, and do not, and who we hope will add their names and contributions this year for 100 per cent effectiveness."

A better year in 1947-48 can be anticipated, he said, as some handicaps of the year just past have now been cleared. Changing secretaries twice during the year presented numerous difficulties. Col. D. L. Madigan resigned as secretary during the fall, and Willard J. Ball served as interim secretary pending the securing of a new permanent executive, Herrman Grover.

Building Renovated
The biggest handicap, it was declared, was the poor condition of the Community building, and its improvement has been a major project, perhaps the most important on the year's list of achievements. A new furnace was installed, the interior renovated and numerous repairs were made.

A concomitant of this improvement was the full use of the building, not only as a Chamber of Commerce office, but as a center of many activities, club, social and school, by the Teen Age club during the school year, and of the summer youth recreation program. (Continued on Page 5)

TOBACCO MARTS

Tobacco continued to sell at a good clip on Aberdeen and Carthage floors this week, though the rush of the opening days was slowed down to a steady jog trot.

An early block at two or three warehouses has been cleared, it was announced, and floors are cleaned off daily.

Prices went off slightly from those of the opening, but the general attitude appeared to be one of satisfaction with what the week was bringing in view of present uncertain conditions and the weakness of earlier markets. "Not as good as I hoped," said one farmer, "but better than I expected!"

Sheffield vs. Kennedy Funeral Home Ends In Mistrial In Superior Court

One of the strangest cases ever to be heard in Moore County superior court concluded the civil term at Carthage last week, continuing through the greater part of two days and ending in a mistrial, as the jury failed to reach a verdict.

This was the case of Mrs. Rosa Ellen Sheffield vs. Wayland Kennedy and others, trading as the Kennedy Funeral home of Robbins.

The prosecution charged improper preparation of the plaintiff's husband's body for burial, with consequent mental anguish and humiliation to the extent of \$5,000 damages.

Mrs. Sheffield is the widow of E. K. Sheffield, who died June 18, 1946.

Mrs. Sheffield was one of the witnesses, but was unable to remain through much of the rest of the testimony.

When the jury failed to agree after several hours Judge Rouseau, presiding, withdrew a juror and declared it a mistrial.



Dr. Walter L. Lingle, left, president emeritus of Davidson college, and Hon. J. Melville Broughton, right, will be among several distinguished speakers who will meet and greet their old friends and many new ones at the annual Homecoming day at Old Bethesda church, to be observed Sunday.

Dean Vardell, president emeritus of Flora McDonald, will also be a speaker, and Dr. Henry M. Bedinger, Flora McDonald president, is expected to attend with a group of the college students.

Church committees have beautified the grounds and supervised renovation of the historic church. Large crowds are expected to attend the event, which will open with an 11 a. m. service, with a picnic luncheon at noon and addresses during the afternoon.

Blue Elected To Secretaryship of State YDC Club

**Strong Moore County
Delegation Attends
Convention At Raleigh**

Originally boosted by the Moore County club for YDC president, Rep. H. Clifton Blue came away from the state convention at Raleigh last weekend as new secretary of the North Carolina organization, a job he said this week suits him even better at this time.

Local Young Democrats also seemed well satisfied. The office is one, they said, to reflect glory on Moore county, besides recognizing their candidate's ability, and still leaves the presidency as goal of a later race if Blue should desire it.

"Trading" effected after county delegations reached the Sir Walter resulted in a slate of officers which was passed unanimously: Hoover Taft, Jr., of Greenville, president; Miss Ida Pearl Petree, Greensboro, vice president; H. Clifton Blue, Aberdeen, secretary; David Royster, Cleveland county, treasurer; George Fountain, Edgecombe county, national committeeman; Flora Powell, Charlotte, national committeewoman.

Blue was nominated by Ralph Monger, Jr., of Sanford, retiring secretary and reading clerk of the House of Representatives.

Blue said this week he was extremely proud of the way Moore county turned out, with a delegation of some 25 from the county club, one of the strongest—some said the strongest—of any. (Continued on Page 4)



Page Expresses Congratulations On Aberdeen Plant

The town of Aberdeen is to be congratulated and its town officials are due many compliments on the decision of Colonial Mills, Inc., to build its great new spun rayon plant there, this week said Mayor C. N. Page of Southern Pines.

He said he was sure this would open an era of growth and progress for Aberdeen in which all her neighbor towns would share, with the county as a whole benefiting in many ways.

"The selection of Aberdeen as the site of this new division, a companion to the great industrial plant at Robbins, is a tribute to the enterprise of Mayor Lockett and others who cooperated with him so well," Mayor Page said. "As a sister town only three miles away, Southern Pines joins wholeheartedly in both the welcome and the applause, and compliments the officials of Colonial Mills on their choice."

The enterprise of Aberdeen citizens in sponsoring the building of 100 home units, so as to made the establishment of the plant there practical for the workers, he said he thought was also very fine, an inspiring example of community cooperation.

According to the latest word from authorities at Aberdeen, construction of the huge new plant is expected to get under. (Continued on Page 4)

Elks Give Dance For "Chorines"

Twenty-four high school girls who were "chorines" in the Elks Club play last week will be guests, with their dates, at a dance to be given tonight (Friday) by the Elks at Highland Pines Inn.

Members of the cast, with their wives, will chaperone the event. Music will be provided by the Buster Doyle trio. Use of the ballroom is by courtesy of Bill Brown Highland Pines Inn Proprietor.

The play, "Pep Parade," presented last Thursday and Friday at the Pinehurst theatre, was declared a genuine success, and Col. D. L. Madigan, business manager, said he expected to report a profit of around \$700.

A good part of the profits, which will be used for the Elks Club charity and welfare fund, were the result of a baby popularity contest, in which friends and relations of 29 youthful contestants voted at a penny a vote.

Boy and girl top winners, Larry Holliday and Diana Gorman, received silver cups at the Friday night performance. Gifts contributed by local merchants were awarded the runners-up, Pat Patch, Nancy Riggs, Danielle Adams and John Edward Everest.

VA Survey Team Will Visit Moore Hospital Site

**October 6 Tentative
Date For Inspection
Camp Mackall Area**

A Veterans Administration survey team, which this week started a tour of North Carolina cities to recommend a site for a 1,000-bed neuropsychiatric hospital, is expected to visit Southern Pines "on or about" October 6, according to word received by John S. Ruggles, Chamber of Commerce president, from J. E. Harris, chief of the requirements division, VA real estate service, at Washington, D. C.

They will be taken on an inspection tour of the Camp Mackall area, which is being promoted as a site for the hospital by several Sandhills towns, following initiation of the project within the Southern Pines Chamber of Commerce.

The tentative schedule as released from Washington Tuesday calls for stops at Charlotte, Monroe, Rockingham, Aberdeen and Southern Pines October 6. However, the schedule may be changed en route as the team may find it necessary to stay one or more places longer than has been planned.

The Aberdeen and Southern Pines stops will in reality be one, as both towns are boosting the same site, in conjunction with Raeford, Rockingham, Sanford and Pinehurst. A committee composed of representatives from all six Chambers of Commerce will assist the team.

Telegrams Sent
Harris' answer came in reply to a telegram from Ruggles, and it is understood that a similar telegram was sent from the Aberdeen Chamber.

Other organizations here and in the Sandhills are moving to take action in the project, it is understood, with veterans' groups in the forefront.

While the economic advantages to the area of the huge facility, whose estimated cost is now given. (Continued on Page 5)

Dismal Weather Gives Foretaste Of Winter Chill

With temperatures skidding down to the low 50's in a cold drizzle which changed to a steady downpour of rain, Sandhills residents, in company with those of the rest of the state, pulled their winter clothes out of mothballs Tuesday and Wednesday.

The unseasonably cold weather followed a hot spell just as unseasonable, for a highly uncomfortable contrast.

By Wednesday afternoon at O'Callaghan's calls from citizens who wanted their furnaces fixed made a list eight pages long, and were still coming in.

There was just one place where the dismal scene brought any joy and this was at Carthage, where two inches of rain was reported over Tuesday night, the most that section had had in a comparable period since June. The reservoir was expected to show the good effects, helping relieve the water shortage under which the town has struggled for some weeks.

Plans to create a rainstorm by the new dry ice method have been held in abeyance for a couple of weeks waiting for the right kind of raincloud. At one time a plane was ready to take off from Resort airport with a dry ice load, but the cloud failed to show up in the right place and nothing was done. This week's rain, Mayor Sabiston said, might give the needed help.

Thursday morning, though skies were still cloudy, the rain had ceased and the temperature was rising slowly.

Contrary to the general belief that the spell was a lash from the southern hurricane region, it came as result of the movement of a cold air mass from the north central states, according to the weather man.

THREE MEET DEATH AS AUTO SKIDS ON RAIN-WET HIGHWAY

**One Polio Death, Two Suspected
Cases Bring Threat Of Shutdown**

Following the death last week of little Patsy Lynn Palmer of polio, with which she was stricken while visiting her grandmother at Aberdeen, her sister, Janice Neal Palmer, was also taken ill, and was taken Tuesday night to Duke hospital.

Latest available information Thursday was that Janice's illness had still not been definitely diagnosed as polio, though it was said to be "probably a light case." The little girl was said to have suffered no paralysis, and is not very ill.

There is another suspected case in the rural section below Aberdeen, Dr. J. W. Willcox,

county health officer, said yesterday. No further information concerning this case was available Thursday.

If both cases turn out to be polio, there is a probability that a quarantine will be set up in southern Moore county, with the closing of schools, Dr. Willcox said.

Patsy Palmer, five years old, with her sister Janice, daughters of Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Palmer of Burlington, came Friday, September 12, to visit their grandmother at Aberdeen. Patsy was taken ill the next day and died Wednesday at the Gastonia Ortho-

**Funeral Services To
Be Held Today For
Moore County Youths**

Death struck violently in the cold mist and rain of Wednesday afternoon, as three young men of Moore county lost their lives in the county's worst automobile accident of the year.

Paul Neulan Hussey, 19, of Robbins, and Clinton Ward, 22, of Rt. 1, Steeds, were instantly killed, and Garland Hussey, 20, of Rt. 1, Steeds, lived only a short while after the '39 Ford in which they were riding skidded off Highway 27 seven miles beyond Carthage, was pulled back to the road directly into the path of another car, struck it broadside and overturned.

Marvin Glasgow, 48, of Creedmoor, driving the '46 Buick which collided with the other car, is in Lee County hospital with head injuries and several broken ribs.

Members of the state highway patrol, investigating, reported that Glasgow said he was traveling about 45 miles an hour. He did not see the other car in the heavy rain until it crashed against his. Both cars were severely damaged, and the Ford was said to be practically demolished.

A Kennedy Funeral Home ambulance was called, and Garland Hussey, still alive, was taken to Moore County hospital, but was found to be dead on arrival.

Neulan Hussey was the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Hussey. Funeral services will be held for him at Smyrna Methodist church at 2 p. m. today (Friday).

Double funeral services will be held for Garland Hussey, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Hussey, and George Clinton Ward, son of Mr. and Mrs. Artemus Ward, at 3 p. m. today at Needham's Grove church.

Annual Boy Scout Banquet Tonight; Regional Executive To Be Speaker

**District Committees
Will Make Reports
Of Year's Activities**

The annual banquet and meeting of the Moore County district, Boy Scouts, of the Oconeechee council, will be held at the Carthage hotel in Carthage at 7:30 tonight (Friday), with scoutmasters, assistant scoutmasters, troop committeemen and members of the district committee present and W. A. Dobson, regional executive, as principal speaker.

Dobson comes from Atlanta, Ga., headquarters of Region 6, which consists of 36 Boy Scout councils in North and South Carolina, Georgia and Florida.

Scout officials here this week expressed themselves as delighted and honored that they had been able to secure him as a speaker, considering this an unusual distinction for a district meeting.

Paul C. Butler, district chairman, will preside, and concise reports of the year's accomplishments will be given by all district committee chairmen.

An opening ceremony will be conducted by two Boy Scouts, Roland Bowers, of Southern Pines, bugler, and Gaither Edwards, of Carthage, who will lead the pledge of allegiance to the flag. (Continued on Page 5)

Cub Scout Dens Resume Meetings

Southern Pines Cub Scout dens are resuming their meetings this week following the summer recess, with the meeting day for them all now Friday instead of Monday, it was announced by A. L. Burney, cubmaster.

Meetings will be held at 3:30 p. m. at the den mothers' homes. A new den mother—new that is to the present program—will have charge of Den 1. This is Mrs. C. S. Patch.

Burney expressed his pleasure in elisting Mrs. Patch, who was a den mother some years ago when the Cub Scouts program was in its infancy and one den was formed here.

Other den mothers, who have served since the present program started last spring, are Mrs. J. H. Tadlock, Den 2; Mrs. Joe Steed, Den 3, with Mrs. James Pleasants as assistant; Mrs. A. L. Burney, Den 5, assisted by Mrs. Harry Menzel.

Clubmaster Burney visited the elementary school grades Tuesday to invite boys of Cub Scout age (9-11 years) to join the program. Included among these are boys who have become nine years old during the summer, or who have moved here from other towns.

Such boys should call or visit him at his home, he said, and he will see that they are registered with their neighboring dens.

Also beginning their fall activity schedule at this time are Cub Scout dens at Pinehurst, Pinebluff, Aberdeen and West End.



W. A. DOBSON

Study Courses Next Week At Baptist Church

Rev. Henry Powell, of Sanford, associational missionary for the Sandy Ridge Baptist association, will speak at the Sunday evening service at the Baptist church inaugurating a series of study courses to which all members and non-members are invited, Rev. Lamar Jackson, pastor, announced this week.

Rev. Mr. Powell will speak on the subject "An Approved Workman." The service will be preceded by functional training groups for all ages at 7 p. m.

The study course series will continue through next week, held each evening by the following teachers: Rev. Benjamin F. Broadway, of Florence, S. C., "The Book of Books," for young people and adults; Rev. Henry Powell of Sanford, "The Meaning of Church Membership," for boys and girls 9-12 years of age; Rev.

RAIN CHECK

If you miss the football story this week, blame it on the weather and look for a big run of football news next week, when The Pilot should have two games to report.

Bad weather Wednesday morning caused school authorities to call off the game scheduled for that afternoon between Southern Pines High school and Currie High at Greensboro, with the probability that the game would be held Thursday afternoon at Greensboro.

Next week's game will be held here, with Elon College High as the opponent team. Kickoff—3:30 p. m. Wednesday.

Lamar Jackson, assisted by J. R. Womble, "Church Music," for young people and adults.

Classes will be held on Monday through Friday, beginning at 7 p. m., with a general assembly at 7:45 and a second study class beginning at 8 and ending at 8:45. There will be a nursery at the pastorium for children less than nine years old during the study sessions.

Work Progresses On Boy Scout Camps; W. D. Campbell Makes Handsome Gift

Work is progressing on both the white and Negro camps for the Oconeechee council, the former in Wake county, the latter in Moore, and it is expected that regular camping periods will be scheduled next summer at both places, it was learned this week from L. W. Hewett, field executive.

Of especial interest here is the fact that William D. Campbell, of Southern Pines, a member of the executive committee of Region 6, has given a substantial contribution for the building of the community lodge at the Wake County camp, which will be named Campbell lodge.

This entire camp will be named Camp Durant, honoring members of Campbell's family, it was learned.

The Moore County camp for Negro Boy Scouts, to be located on 100 acres given by Ernest M.

Aiken between Southern Pines and Carthage, is now under survey by C. A. McKinney and J. A. Kelly, of the county soil conservation staff, for the working out of a plan for full development of the acreage for best camp uses. Reforestation, to be done by the Boy Scouts themselves, is being planned. A site for the dam has been selected and the shore line laid out for a five-acre lake.

The water running through the site, which will form the lake, is described as extraordinarily clear and pure, and the lake is expected to be one of the most beautiful camp lakes of the state.

Surplus army tents have been bought to be used as camping quarters until permanent buildings can be built.

A fund raising campaign to start a long-range program of camp development will be held within a few months.