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Resort Airlines' Local Service Is Denied By CAB

Sandhills Leaders Will Act Immediately

Business and civic leaders of the Sandhills, faced this week with the CAB's denial of a regular service permit to Resort Airlines to operate out of its own airport, were astonished and dismayed, and rallied at once to the cause.

John S. Ruggles, president of the Southern Pines Chamber of Commerce, said, "Such service is most important to us and I am sure the Chamber will take immediate action." Mayor Page, who was called out of town, could not be reached. It is believed, however, the town board will also act in the matter.

Paul C. Butler, president of the Kiwanis Sandhills Kiwanis club, and Lloyd T. Clark, president of the Southern Pines Rotary club, promised their support. From Bob Harlow, editor of the Pinehurst Outlook, comes information that appeals to Gordon M. Cameron, chairman of Moore County commissioners, and to Richard S. Tufts, president of Pinehurst, Inc., met with the same response. He also secured a promise of aid from Rep. C. B. Deane.

All said that, had they known their aid was needed, it would have been given earlier. The situation was unknown until this week.

A request for temporary authorization for regularly scheduled service by Resort Airlines out of Resort airport, serving Southern Pines and Pinehurst, has been turned down by the Civil Aeronautics board, it was learned by The Pilot this week from Maj. L. C. Burwell, Jr., Resort Airlines president.

A number of other requests for temporary service made at the same time were handed back for deletion of the Southern Pines-Pinehurst item, Major Burwell said.

All the requests had been submitted to cover regular flights from this and other key points covering many major resorts, pending decision of the CAB regarding permanent authorization, a decision which may not be forthcoming for many months.

In regard to service from the local airport, the temporary application had been designed to cover regular flights for which temporary authorization for the past summer was permitted earlier.

The CAB hearing for certification of the permanent services by Resort Airlines will begin October 29, next Wednesday.

The present decision of the board, especially if it is an indication of the course which will be followed in the granting of permanent certification, will leave

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Local Hotels Opening, All Set For Busy Season Ahead

A round of the various hotels in this locality shows great activity. The enterprising reporter, and we don't need to inform our readers that that means The Pilot reporter, is liable to find himself tangled up in the snaky coils of a vacuum cleaner as he makes his edgy way across the lobby, or, turning a corner suddenly, runs head on into a sofa coming the other way. Furniture is being moved, floors under the furniture being sanded, varnished and waxed, and everything has a high glossy finish. Except possibly the nerves of those in charge of all this excitement. They might be excused if they show signs of strain.

This reporter started up on the hill and worked west. (We have just come from Down East and are still navigating by compass bearings.)

The Highland Pines doors were open to the brilliant sun and the lobby was full of pine

Veterans' Administration Committee Is Welcomed



C. T. Thomason, James E. McMurrer, J. P. Haynes and John C. Donahue, Veterans' Administration representatives, seated, above, showed their good taste in reading matter shortly after their arrival here last Friday morning. On hand to welcome them in the Reed apartment at the Belvedere hotel were, standing, John S. Ruggles, A. C. Reed, E. C. Stevens, Lloyd T. Clark and Herbert Cameron.

R. F. Stewart Of Pinebluff Passes Thursday

On Thursday afternoon, October 16th, at three o'clock, died Robert Ferguson Stewart of Pinebluff, one of the most beloved citizens of the Sandhills. Mr. Stewart, who was gravely injured in an automobile accident on July 17th and had been at Moore County hospital since that time, had returned to his home the previous week, but was taken back to the hospital on Monday where he died three days later.

Born at Johns, North Carolina, on December 24th, 1883, Robert Stewart was the son of Dugald M. and Kate McLean Stewart. His boyhood was spent in Johns and he was a life-long member of the Smyrna Church there, being ordained a deacon at the age of 21. On November 26th, 1913, he married Ethel Buchan of Manly and in 1919 the couple moved to the Buchanan farm on Drowning Creek. Here they lived until 1931 when the family moved to Mossy Hill where Mr. Stewart was happily associated with Francis V. Dupont as superintendent of the Dupont hunting preserve.

In 1937 the Stewart family moved to the present home in Pinebluff and in the same year Mr. Stewart was elected mayor, a position which he held until the past May, 1947 when he declined to run again.

At the time of his death, Mr. Stewart was associated with the Robert T. Cochrane Produce Company, peach brokers and shippers, with whom he had worked, under the management of Fletcher Cochrane, for some

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Survey Team Inspects Sandhills Sites For Vets' Hospital On Weekend Here

DEANE AT VFW
Rep. C. B. Deane, of Rockingham, and E. C. Snead, of Wilmington, North Carolina VFW department commander, will be the speakers at the regular meeting of the John Boyd post, VFW, Monday at 8 p. m., according to announcement by Post Commander C. S. Patch, Jr.

The meeting will be open to all veterans, whether or not they are members of the post. Representative Deane will speak on "The National Defense Act of 1947" and will discuss pending veterans' legislation in an open forum. Post Commander Snead will speak on the VFW state program for the year, touching on such subjects as housing, recreation and veterans' service.

The meeting will be held in the VFW clubroom on East Broad street.

Local Team Still Unbeaten After West End Game

A stubborn West End team, playing without Blake, their first string center (on the sidelines with a knee injury), extended Southern Pines to the limit before going down 22 to 0 here Wednesday. Half time score was 6-0.

The Blue and White will come up to the all important Orphanage game next week with a spottless record.

Southern Pines scored in the first period Wednesday on a sustained 63-yard drive from their 17, Mattocks and McCall alternating on the ball, carrying with a 20-yard pass from Mattocks to Bennett for the longest gain. From the 3 Dickerson swept right end for the score. Newton missed the point try from placement.

The scoreless second period was featured by the hard charging line play of West End. After Southern Pines blocked a West End kick on the 18, Mattocks was thrown for a minus 13 yards on two tries. Late in the period Mattocks took off around left end for 17 yards and a touch-down but a 15-yard penalty nullified the score.

Third Period
In the third period from their 25 the Blue and White scored on two plays, Newton passing to Baker who lateraled to McCall to carry to the 20. McCall then passed to Baker in the end zone for the marker. Newton's placement kick was good to make the score 14 to 0.

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Towns Cooperate On Information, Entertainment

Four gentlemen of the Veterans' Administration spent last weekend here and, whether or not there is a sequel to their visit, it can safely be reported that they had an excellent and most enlightening time.

They received a warm welcome from civic leaders of Southern Pines and of five neighboring towns of the Sandhills; they were taken on sightseeing tours, on which they saw and sampled various recreational features of this resort area and pronounced them without a peer; they saw—and professed themselves favorably impressed by—the Camp Mackall site, and several others of the region, on one of which local proponents hope that, some day, a large Veterans' hospital may be constructed.

The visitors were from the Veterans' Administration at Washington, D. C., James E. McMurrer, of the real estate division; C. Temple Thomason, of the medical administration service; James P. Haynes, of the construction service; and, from Richmond, Va., John C. Donahue, attorney and engineer with the real estate division.

Tour of State
The stop at Southern Pines was one of many made throughout the state on a site-surveying tour during which more than 30 proposed sites for a 1,000-bed neuropsychiatric veterans' hospital were to be seen.

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FUND DRIVE

The Southern Pines Chamber of Commerce' fund drive opened this week in the business district, under direction of the business chairman, A. C. Reed.

Canvassing the residential section, which will be in charge of John E. Cline, will begin about November 1, it was announced by Lloyd Clark, fund drive chairman.

Letters have been sent out to members and prospective members of the business district, informing them of the campaign's purposes, and including the current statement of the treasurer, Garland McPherson.

Enlargement of the membership, with increased funds to allow for a definitely progressive program during the coming year are the prime aims of the drive, said Chairman Clark. He emphasized the fact that "we want no one to be left out. A Chamber of Commerce can function constructively only if it has the wholehearted support of every business and individual of the community."

GOVERNOR CHERRY COMING TO BIG HOMECOMING GAME HERE

Why Six-Man Football?

Publicity, not for the town nor for the team, but for the six-man football game itself, and its potentialities for a wholesome fall sports program for thousands of boys who now have none, is behind the big promotion of the Homecoming Day game here next Wednesday.

The game has proved itself, local proponents declare, in a three-year workout here and in Moore County schools. It has produced games equally as exciting or more so) players equally as good (or more so) as the 11-man football possible only in the larger schools.

The case is stated in the following letter of invitation, one of those sent by J. A. Phillips, who is aiding in the project, to athletic directors of the "Big Five", differing only slightly from those sent to sportswriters of state dailies, and others who may help the game to statewide prominence:

"Southern Pines High school and the Lexington Junior Orphanage are playing a six-man football game here Wednesday, October 29. These two schools are leading exponents of this type of football game, and their annual game is rapidly becoming a state classic. We are inviting you or some member of your depart-

ment to attend in the interest of promoting six-man football in North Carolina high schools that now have no fall sports program.

"We hope that you can see sufficient merit in this sport to warrant six-man football instruction being included in your physical education department. You will be interested to know that fewer than 100 high schools in the state play 11-man football with approximately 2,200 boys taking part. There are over 500 high schools in the state that do not have a large enough student body to play the 11-man game, and for these schools six-man football is not only ideally fitted to their needs, but will provide a fall sports program for some 11,000 boys.

"Six-man football is very popular in the Midwest with several thousand boys engaged in playing. Since the game was started experimentally in small schools in 1933 the growth has been phenomenal. Harry Stuhldreher, formerly coach of Wisconsin, said that he had a number of players with six-man football experience, and that he could see no difference in their performance and those experienced in 11-man playing.

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Other Dignitaries Invited To Witness Game With Orphans

Wednesday Half-Holiday

Plans for the Homecoming Day game to be played here next Wednesday between the Southern Pines High school and the Lexington Junior Orphans' Home indicate that it will be an event of importance far beyond the confines of the two teams' home towns.

Governor Cherry made definite acceptance of an invitation tendered him some weeks ago, in a letter received Friday by Supt. Philip J. Weaver.

In a movement to publicize the six-man football game, which has met with such success here, though comparatively unknown in many parts of the state, local supporters of the high school sports program have also invited the sportswriters of the great state dailies; the athletic directors of the University of North Carolina, State college, Wake Forest, Davidson and Duke; officials of the North Carolina High School Athletic association; principals and superintendents of schools in 50 counties of central and Piedmont North Carolina; county, community and school officials of Moore county; many others throughout the state who, it is felt, will be interested in the game and in a position to assist in its promotion.

Locally, the game is the climax of an exciting season, bringing together the state's ranking exponents of the six-man football game—the unbeaten Southern Pines and Lexington Orphans' teams, both of

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Miss Southern Pines Will Be Chosen In Contest

"Miss Southern Pines High School" will be chosen in a contest to be held Wednesday evening, November 5, continuing an annual event which has proven popular and interesting here.

In fact, though the greatest honors await the young lady chosen by judges from the youthful beauties of the high school classes, three beauty queens will be selected, with honors and prizes on hand for all.

"Little Miss Southern Pines" will be chosen from the first, second, third and fourth graders; "Junior Miss Southern Pines" from the fifth, sixth, seventh and eighth; "Miss Southern Pines High School" from the ninth through twelfth grades.

One dollar will win the nomination of any girl in these classes, and the proceeds, plus admission prices on the contest evening, will go toward the school gift of the senior class, which is sponsoring the event.

"Miss Southern Pines High School" will be sponsored as the entry of the Chamber of Commerce in the Christmas festival to be held at Charlotte November 12, to which all towns of Piedmont and Central North Carolina have been invited to send beauty queens.

The contest will be held at the Pinehurst theatre, loaned through courtesy of Charles W. Picquet, as the school has no auditorium this year. A sparkling program is being planned, and a large crowd is expected.

Members of the senior class will, during their study periods next week, visit merchants and businessmen of the town to secure their cooperation in the contest, with plenty of nominees for the three beauty titles.

Miss Phoebe Witherspoon, senior class advisor, is assisting the young people with the project.

State YDC Committee To Meet Here Nov. 1

The fall meeting of the executive committee of the North Carolina Young Democratic club, the first since the election of last month, will be held at the Highland Pines Inn Saturday evening, November 1, it was announced this week.

Arrangements were made by H. Clifton Blue, secretary, by request of Hoover Taft, president. The meeting will be preceded by dinner at 7:30.

Attending will be the state officers and all district chairmen

Legionnaires Plan Bingo Parties And Harvest Ball

With the attractive renovation of their hut and grounds now nearing completion, and meetings now being held twice a month instead of only once, the Sandhills post of the American Legion, at its meeting Tuesday night, laid plans for some interesting fall activities.

These will include a series of bingo parties to be held at the hut, the first one Wednesday evening, November 5, and a Harvest Ball, to be held Wednesday, November 26, at Scottie's.

Frank Neely was appointed chairman of the bingo parties, and A. D. Hurst of the ball. Both will be open to the public, and the proceeds will be used for the benefit of the Junior Legion baseball program.

Post Commander Jack Reid presided over the meeting, at which it was also decided to sand and refinish the floor of the hut, and to clean the lot and sow it to winter grass. A barbecue pit is to be built, which may be used by Boy Scouts and other organizations besides the Legionnaires.

During the past few weeks the hut has been completely repainted inside by Joe Garzik and A. D. Hurst, with a color scheme of light green with ivory trim. Charles Swoope repaired the floor, replacing many old timbers with new.

Reporter Visits Lexington For Answer To \$64 Question

For years this reporter has been curious about why the orphanages—Barium Springs, the Children's Home, Mill's Home, and other orphan institutions of the state, are such breeding places for great football teams.

We went over to the Lexington Junior Orphanage to try to find the answer, for this place also spawns perennial championship six man football teams. The fact that the Orphans were playing Curry (those 13-12 boys) that day, and those same Lexingtonians are coming here Wednesday for our Blue and White big Homecoming game, is just a coincidence.

The Junior Home is four miles out from Lexington in the Western Uwharrie foothills. Set off from the highway about 300 yards, the buildings are of neat brick construction resembling much our Moore County hospital and Nurses' home. Great oaks are scattered about the structures

and stand on a green, well kept lawn. Circular concrete drives leading to the buildings give an appearance to "the place of a large country estate.

There are about 180 children there at the Home, of varying age and sizes from tiny tots all the way up. They were neatly dressed. All were at the football game and in the cheering section, led on by four girl cheer leaders appropriately costumed in billowing white skirts, and navy blue sweaters with big block letters "H".

The roar that greeted the Lexington team as it came onto the field left no doubt as to the favorite of the cheering section.

The Lexington team had on old and faded blue jerseys, but they have new ones. The field was wet and they were saving them for the Southern Pines game.

The Orphan team is not as big (Continued on Page 5)