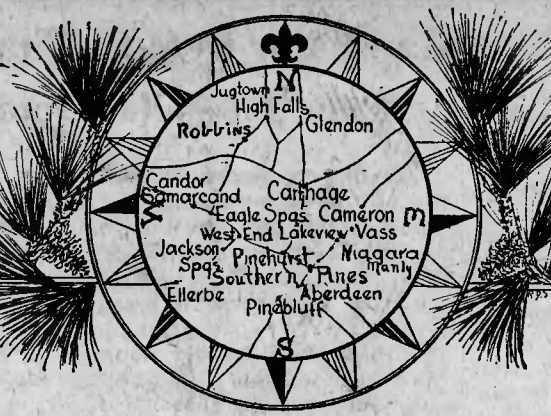


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Resort Airlines' Franchise Request Meets Difficulty

Charlotte Banker States Credit Depends On Permanent Status

Pointing up the critical need for strong local support of Resort Airlines' effort to secure their necessary operating franchise was the report of the current hearings in Washington, in which a leading Charlotte banker stated that unless the line could obtain the permanent franchise and in consequence sell more stock, his bank would have to cancel its continued support.

The banker's statement as made at hearings now taking place before the Civil Aeronautics Board in Washington, and followed a day of laudatory testimony by witnesses, seeking to show that the line was offering a type of airservice, namely the now-famous Aircruises, which could not be supplied by other lines and which had been outstandingly successful.

Roy Male, owner of a travel service in New York, testified that on the basis of performance to date, under temporary authorization, Resort Airlines had been "a shining light," in the conducted tour picture, while Scripps-Howard newsman, Garth Cate, director of the Trade and Travel department, and J. S. Rotchford, Chicago travel agency head, stated they would welcome the permanent entry into the field of vacation tour operators of the Sandhills line.

The banker, whose statement regarding future loans to the company emphasized the urgency of the situation, was S. W. Black, vice-president of the American Trust Co. Charlotte.

"Whether or not American Trust will grant further major credits to Resort Airlines," Black said, "hinges on their ability to obtain more capital funds and to win an operating certificate." He said the bank now holds obligations of the company of approximately \$50,000 and could not grant more until the definite status of the company was established.

Counsel for Resort, attempting to prove that company resources were ample to subscribe to further stock issues, were blocked by attorneys for major airlines, who objected that Black's knowledge of the situation was not sufficient to establish that contention. They also contended that tours offered by existing carriers are sufficient to meet travellers' needs.

Burwell Testifies

In opposition to this stand, Clayton L. Burwell, vice-president of the company, a witness for the second time at the hearings, stated that he does not believe the regular airlines provide the same services as that to be offered by Resort. He was backed up by Louis Law, travel agent in New York who said: "You cannot compare the tours offered by (Continued on Page 5)

Eastern Title At Stake In Final Game Against Lowe's Grove Here Wednesday

Southern Pines rings down the curtain on its current football season here Wednesday afternoon with Lowe's Grove High school of Durham county, in a game that will in all probability decide the state championship in six-man football.

Undeclared in six games, the Durham team is tied with the Blue and White in Eastern Conference ranking, and will be out to clinch the top spot in state play by defeating the local team.

That their chances are better than good to do just this is not even disputed by the most ardent Blue and White supporter. Boasting an impressive scoring record against strong opposition, Lowe's Grove will bring an all-senior team here whose members as sophomores started an imposing record of play netting them 24 wins in 27 starts, in three seasons.

Comparisons

Those who like to take paper and pencil, and compare scores

SCOUT DRIVE

Reports from several county workers in the current Boy Scout fund campaign indicate good progress, said N. L. Hodgkins, county chairman, this week.

The campaign got under way this week in Southern Pines under the chairmanship of James M. Pleasants, and is proceeding partly through direct solicitation and partly by mail. It's too early yet to say what response may be forthcoming, but Chairman Hodgkins expressed confidence that all would be well.

"Though our county quota of \$3,800 is somewhat higher than before, those who have had any contact with our program know of its tremendous growth during the past year," he said. "The number of Boy Scouts in the county has more than doubled and the needs have risen proportionately.

"Splendid work has been done by organization workers this year and it is up to the rest of us to give them our full support."

Two Children Are Taken To Hospital As Polio Victims

Womble Child Here, West End Girl Are Stricken This Week

Two Moore County children, one in Southern Pines, were taken last week to the Gastonia Orthopedic hospital as victims of poliomyelitis.

Little Guye Franks Womble, 26-months-old son of Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Womble, was taken Monday to the hospital, where a diagnosis of polio was confirmed and where the little fellow must remain for at least three weeks.

Tuesday, Linda Sue Rushing, 15 months old, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Rushing, Jr., of West End, was found to have polio and was taken to the Gastonia hospital.

The Womble child's case, which began with nausea last Thursday, with paralysis of both legs noticeable Saturday, is said to be a light one and the patient is reported already considerably better. He was first taken to the Moore County hospital for observation.

An older brother, only other child of the Wombles, who is in the seventh grade at the Southern Pines school, has been quarantined, but Gastonia Hospital authorities have given written certification that it is safe for the father of the family, who is director of music at the school to continue teaching. Adults are seldom quarantined and are not regarded as carriers.

Older children of the Rushing family are also being kept home from school.

These make five cases to originate in Moore county this year, which is no more than the normal incidence, according to Dr. J. W. Willcox, county health officer. (Continued on Page 5)

Three Prisoners Flee Sanatorium, One Recaptured

Teen-Agers Victims Temporary Kidnap

One of the three fugitives from the North Carolina Sanatorium, in Hoke county, surrendered to Guilford county officers Monday, while two others remained at large, sought by law enforcement authorities all over the state.

Odell Holder, in the Guilford County jail before being taken to the Central Prison (aleigh) hospital ward Wednesday, made strong accusations against the Sanatorium. He declared it is "filthy," branded the service as "no good" and said that inmates can buy whiskey and narcotics. According to the Thursday morning AP account, Supt. R. A. Jones of the Sanatorium's prison ward branded the accusations as "absolutely false."

In Moore county, a 17-year-old boy and girl had a tale of terror to tell of the night of the escape: last Wednesday, when they took involuntary part in the flight of the three desperate men.

After having overpowered and locked up two attendants in the fourth-floor ward of white prisoners about 9:45 p. m. and stealing a Sanatorium truck, the trio abandoned the truck in Aberdeen where it was found later in front of the Baptist church.

At Aberdeen lake Mayward Bullock, of Vass, and Edna Thompson, of Ashley Heights, had parked in Bullock's car after the late show and were listening to the music of the car radio.

Pistol and Knife

A man opened the door on the driver's side, stuck a pistol to Bullock's back and told him to move over, as two others came around the other side, one with a knife.

The couple were transferred to (Continued on Page 8)

Vass Capture Ends Escape Plot Of Youthful Prisoner

A youthful honor prisoner surrendered quietly to highway patrolmen in Vass last Thursday night, after seven hours of freedom in which he broke into a Moore County home, then later picked up loot he had stolen and hidden in Hoke county the day before and squandered a goodly portion of it.

Knox Norton, 17, of Raeford, serving a 12-month sentence for larceny and rated Grade A at the prison camp near Carthage, had unusual privileges as water boy for the road gang.

He could go to wells in the vicinity without guard, and sometimes put to good purpose his visits to rural homes by selling small handicraft articles he had made himself.

According to the story as pieced together by prison officials after his thwarted escape, Knox had gone to a Negro woman's home below Lobelia, where the gang was working Wednesday afternoon, filled his buckets and made a small sale.

He observed where the woman kept her money, and the considerable amount of it; and later that day returned when she was not home, took the money jar and the \$340 inside it, kept some of the money and hid the rest nearby, returning then to his work with the gang.

The next day the gang moved up to Moore county, near Eagle Springs. Knox walked off about 4 p. m. The home of H. L. McCDaniel, between Eagle Springs and West End, was broken into, and two watches and a small pistol from it were found later on Norton's person.

Norton then flagged down a Negro car driver, Tommy Person of West End, and paid him \$20 to take him to the Lobelia section of Hoke.

Prison officials and highway patrolmen, apprised of the Wednesday theft and the Thursday escape, and putting the two together, picked up his trail in (Continued on Page 5)

LEST WE FORGET

In response to urgent pleas from citizenry and civic groups Armistice Day is to be celebrated in our town as it is all over the land.

At 11, A. M. Tuesday, November 11th, the whistle will blow three short blasts to signify the start of the two minutes of silence in honor of those who made the supreme sacrifice and in prayers for lasting peace.

In the town park, under the auspices of the American Legion, VFW, and AMVets, there will be a brief ceremony by the flagpoles which all citizens are urged to attend. It will start at 10:45.

Council, Churches Collect Clothing For Europe Relief

Drive Opens Today; Donations Of Many Useful Items Asked

The Council of Social Agencies will cooperate with local churches in the current campaign for clothing and other useful articles for Europe, by receiving donations at the Community building from 2 to 4:30 p. m. daily. It was decided at a called meeting of the Council at the Community building Monday night.

Clothing, shoes, bedding, soap, canned meat, fish, and milk, silverware, kitchen utensils, sewing and medical supplies and other items to aid distressed and deprived European families are to be collected during the next few weeks, by church denominations and other agencies working together.

The campaign opens on a nationwide scale today (Friday).

The Council met at the instance of several members representing various denominations in which collections are being sponsored or planned, with the idea that it might be found desirable to hold the campaign on a community basis.

However, it was decided that the churches would be urged to continue as they are doing, and that the Council will participate to the extent of receiving the gifts of those who are not affiliated with the churches, or who for other reasons are missed.

Collections have been undertaken in the Baptist, Episcopal, Presbyterian and Christian Science churches here, in accord with denominational programs under general auspices of the Church World Service.

Miss Birdilia Bair, Council chairman, said that Herrmann Grover, Chamber of Commerce secretary, had agreed to receive donations made to the Council's collection at the Community building, where his office is located.

A strong appeal is being made to contribute as much as possible to the relief of Europe's unfortunates, who are facing another winter of privation and despair.

Both used and new articles may be given, but in the case of used clothing it is requested that the garments be put in clean, wearable condition.

BIG RED GOES ON

The King is dead . . . long live the King's grandson!

It gave horse-lovers a great thrill to read that only a few minutes after the death of Man O'War, his grandson, Greek Flag, won the Battleship Steeplechase Handicap at Pimlico.

Battleship, for whom the race is named, raced to victory in this country and then went over to England to win the world-famous Grand National at Aintree in 1938. The horse is of interest to local horsemen, as he was trained at Camden by Carroll Bassett, who was a frequent visitor here and rider in the Sandhills race meetings. His close friend, Noel Laing, who held top place among gentlemen riders in the country, trained Battleship's brother, Annapolis, here. . . . Both horses were in the Montpelier string of Mrs. Marion Somerville.

Veterans Act For United Support Of VA Hospital Here

District Meeting Of Legion Planned

A movement to secure support of their entire districts toward location of a Veterans Administration hospital in the Sandhills was begun at a joint meeting of the Sandhills post, American Legion, and John Boyd post VFW, held at the VFW clubrooms Monday night.

The veterans, many of them members of both posts, went strongly on record as favoring the proposal themselves, and passed resolutions to seek the endorsements of both district commanders and all Legion and VFW posts of the area.

The meeting was opened with the two post commanders, Jack Reid of the Legion post and C. S. Patch, Jr., of the VFW, presiding and was turned over to W. A. Leland McKeithen of Pinehurst, who led an open discussion of the proposal.

As unanimous favor was evidenced, the resolutions were presented and unanimously passed.

Reasons given in the resolutions for seeking the hospital's construction here were the nature of the area's location, with special reference to the site of Camp Mackall—comparatively rural, yet within a few miles of Aberdeen, Laurinburg, Raeford, Pinehurst, Rockingham, Southern Pines and other towns; facilities on the Seaboard Air Line railway, with scheduled bus service and nearby airfields also providing means of transportation; improvements already existing at Camp Mackall—buildings, water supply, plumbing, lakes, airfields, railroad siding and others; the unsurpassed dry and invigorating climate of the Sandhills, which has made it outstanding for health and recreational resorts, and which would be most beneficial to the health and comfort of patients at the Veterans Administration hospital.

Another reason given was that it would afford opportunity to local veterans to serve in some small way their comrades who (Continued on Page 5)

SP Open Follows North-South Fri; Turnesa In Lead

Jim Turnesa, second youngest of the seven golfing brothers from Elmsford, N. Y., grabbed the lead in the North and South Open at Pinehurst Tuesday afternoon with a 66, equaling the record for this 45-year-old event.

It was first sub-70 round of the first two days of the three-day tournament, in which a long list of "who's who in U. S. golf" have been contending on the Country Club championship course.

Practically the whole field, numbering 95 at the start, is expected also to play Friday in the Southern Pines Country Club Open for a \$1,000 purse, with additional entries bringing the number up to around 100.

In the meantime, a \$7,500 purse is at stake at Pinehurst, for which with Turnesa leading, George Schoux, San Franciscan playing out of Mamaroneck, N. Y., Tuesday placed second, with Jack Grout, Harrisburg, Pa., third. Schoux racked up a 70, Grout a 71.

Following qualifying rounds in which Glenn Teal, of Jacksonville, Fla., scored a 68, the first round awarded honors to Denny Shute, of Akron, O., and Ed Furgol of Detroit, both of whom posted two-under-par 70's. Felice Torza and Bob Schappa, in both of whom there is much local interest (Schappa is pro at the Southern Pines club) both scored 75, with Frank Stranahan and Pat Gici one stroke ahead.

The play, which concluded too late Thursday for results to be listed here, was drawing a large and interested gallery. Beautiful weather helped make it an outstanding event.

Spivey Held Without Bond After Jury Hears Story Of Wife's Violent Death

C OF C REPORT

Indications are that, at its present stage, the Chamber of Commerce drive is going well, "though not as well as we had hoped," said Lloyd T. Clark, general chairman, yesterday on inquiry by The Pilot.

"Maybe we are too optimistic—but there are still a lot of firms who ought to join us, who have not taken out memberships. We hope very much they will still do so, as in the Chamber of Commerce we are working for their benefit as well as for all the rest of the community. What helps one, helps all, and whatever we do will be done better if we have everyone's support."

A. C. Reed, business district chairman, will make his report Tuesday night to the board of directors, and with his committee is working hard to clear up final details by then. His aim is a "100 per cent report."

The residential canvass, under John E. Cline, began early this week and will continue longer.

Bishop Suffers Injuries In Auto Accident Friday

Arnold Jackson, Of Pinehurst, Car Owner, Also Hurt, Car Wrecked

Adding to the roster of automobile accidents this fall came the news of the near escapes of Julian Bishop and Arnold Jackson near Palmyra, Va., last week.

Bishop had gone north with Arnold Jackson, a newcomer to Pinehurst, to help him bring down a load of garden plants and household furniture from the Jackson place in Greenwich, Conn. The two men were in the Jackson station wagon, which had, fairly recently, been equipped with synthetic rubber tires. They took route 15 to avoid traffic, and near Palmyra which is about twenty miles east of Charlottesville, the car blew a rear tire. The result was a crash in which the car was almost completely demolished and the two passengers escaped by a miracle with their lives. Bishop receiving three broken ribs and Jackson, one rib broken and severe bruises.

Treated by a doctor in Palmyra, the Sandhills men hired a taxi and drove on home.

The accident, which took place last Friday at around 4:30 p. m., was witnessed by a man in a following car who stated that the station wagon had been hurled into first one bank and then the other on opposite sides of the road, and had turned over twice, (Continued on Page 5)

Crowns Awarded Three Blonde Queens In School Beauty Contest Wednesday

Three pretty blondes won the judges' favor for beauty crowns Wednesday night.

As result, at the contest sponsored at the Pinehurst theatre by the Southern Pines senior class, Joanne Goodwin was named "Little Miss Southern Pines," Gladys Bowden "Junior Miss Southern Pines" and Janet Menzel, of the high school's junior class, won the highest accolade—"Miss Southern Pines."

A large crowd of relatives and well wishers were at the theatre to watch 141 entries from all grades of the school compete in the three divisions—first through fourth, fifth through eighth and ninth through twelfth grades.

Visitors from the north who knew none of the girls acted as judges, and declared their job a difficult one.

Louise Milliken, entry of the Sandhills Sport shop, was withdrawn from the competition, as her earlier election as "Miss Sou-

"We Had a Fight," Robbins Cafe Owner Tells Officers

Bloody Scene Described

A coroner's jury, sitting at Carthage Thursday morning, decided that Mrs. Evelyn Murry Spivey, of Robbins, came to her death "as the result of injuries inflicted by her husband, Fred H. Spivey," and recommended that Spivey be held for grand jury action without bond.

Spivey was returned to the custody of Sheriff C. J. McDonald, who had placed him in jail Sunday morning following the discovery of the body of Mrs. Spivey, attractive 33-year-old brunette, in the blood-spattered bedroom of the couple at Robbins.

The coroner's jury was composed of Curtis C. Williams, N. L. Kennedy, T. I. Wilson, W. G. Routh, Joe Campbell and W. L. Caudill, empaneled by Coroner Hugh P. Kelly, who described the death scene as "the most horrible I have ever seen."

News of the woman's death, admittedly following a fight with her husband during the wee small hours of Sunday morning, shocked the community of Robbins, where the couple had lived for the past four years. They operated the S and M cafe, one of the town's up-and-coming businesses, were well liked and had been in no trouble before.

The body was found by Chief John J. Lanier, of the Robbins police department, who had been summoned from church by Town Commissioner Frank Upchurch.

Spivey had allegedly telephoned Upchurch's wife and told her to come over to his house as his wife was dead.

The Upchurches got in touch with Lanier, who reached the house about 10 a. m.

Spivey, a six-footer who weighs about 220 pounds, was covered with blood, his face had been badly beaten and he showed signs of having been drinking heavily. The officer quoted him as saying, "We've had another fight." He showed Lanier to the bedroom, where the body of Mrs. Spivey (Continued on Page 8)

EXTRY!

Special issue coming! And how! And if you start thinking it's not going to be anything so very special just take another think. Or come down thisaway and have a look at the busy beavers typing, setting, feeding the press and generally inking up from stem to stern. If it isn't special after all this, the Pilot will jump off the flying bridge.

November 21st is the date. Yes, we did think of a week earlier, but soon changed our minds . . . oh, very soon. So, November 21st it is . . . if we all survive to see the day.

thern Pines" by vote of the high school students will send her to Charlotte next Tuesday as the Chamber of Commerce's entry there.

Of the prize winners Wednesday night, Joanne was sponsored by George Reams, Gladys by M. L. Bowden and Janet by the Sandhill Drug company and the Agnes Dorothy Beauty shop.

Judging of the high school entries was in the three divisions, "sports suits," "short skirts" and "evening dresses." Janet was in the second group, winning out by a slight margin in the final elimination over the leaders of the other two. "It was almost a toss-up," the judges said. Runners-up were Agnes Wilson, sponsored by Dr. G. G. Herr, and Betty Jean Hurst, sponsored by Mack's Dime store.

The show held the audience' interest throughout, as the spotlight gleamed on one appealing (Continued on Page 5)