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Chamber Working To Bring Athletics Here For Training

Business District Campaign Progress Reported By Reed

There is a strong possibility that Southern Pines will become a permanent spring training base for the Philadelphia Athletics. It was indicated by facts revealed at the Chamber of Commerce directors' meeting at the Community building Tuesday night.

The ball club wants to come, the Chamber of Commerce wants them to come and it all depends on whether the club and the hotels can get together on the price.

Lansing T. Hall, appointed at a previous meeting by President John Ruggles to visit various hotels of the community to investigate the possibilities, following a request from Tom Cope, business manager of the club at Red Springs, reported that most hotels are definitely not interested. However, two are and were submitting prices.

The main drawback, it seemed, was that the time set for training here is in April, when hotel patronage is at its peak. Hotels were understandably reluctant to commit themselves to providing rooms and two meals a day for 100 to 200 ball players, when it might mean having to turn away established trade.

However, the directors agreed that it would be a fine thing for the town to have the youngsters here. A representative of the club is expected to visit Southern Pines within a short time, and will confer on hotels, prices, etc. A decision is expected early in September.

Veterans' Hospital

Lloyd T. Clark, member of the committee appointed to promote the construction of a Veterans' Administration hospital here, urged that action be taken in addition to work that has already been done.

The site survey committee, en-

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Local Horses Make Good At National Show; Kennedy and Cardy Stables Win

NEWS

The Red Cross announces that interesting news of plans for the hoped-for Blood Bank in this section will most likely be divulged at the annual meeting, to take place at the Highland Pines Inn, tonight, (Friday). The meeting will cover the year's reports and the election of officers for the coming season. It will open at 8 p. m.

Mrs. Ives Speaks In Raeford On Historical Work

Spreading the gospel of interest in the historical study of North Carolina, Mrs. Ernest Ives, secretary of the Moore County Historical Association, spoke to the Woman's Club at Raeford on Tuesday night on the local association's success in the field of restoration.

The occasion was the annual meeting of the Raeford Woman's Club of which Mrs. A. L. O'Bryant is president. The first meeting since the war, the event drew a large gathering of ninety women from Raeford and vicinity who enjoyed the bounteous banquet and the program of music that followed and who listened with the greatest interest to the speaker from Southern Pines.

Introduced by Mrs. Snead, chairman of the program committee, Mrs. Ives described the organization of the Moore County Association and told the club of its success in restoring the Shaw House and of plans for further work in the county. At the close of her talk, a discussion ensued as to the possibility of Raeford's forming a branch of the Moore County group or starting an association of its own. A donation of \$10 was made by the club to the Shaw House Restoration fund.

By E. O. Hippus
Well, well, well! Isn't that sompin'!

A great big "Well done!" for the local horses who swept to final victory in the national show in New York which ended Wednesday night. And congratulations to owners, Mrs. Audrey Kennedy and Vernon G. Cardy, and to trainers Walsh and Goodwin, who shared the honors.

Tuesday Events
"Bob O'Link, Bob O'Link, spink, spank, spink!" was the tune being whistled around the rail at the Garden Tuesday night, as Mickey Walsh rode to victory on the four-year-old bay horse that name from the Seven Star Stables to win the Grand Champion young hunter title.

The young horse made almost a clean sweep of the green and limit young hunter classes, taking, in all, four firsts, including the lightweight green hunters and the \$500 young hunter stake. In this class he was up against 26 entries of high calibre and some very tough competition indeed.

Bought by Walsh for Mrs. Kennedy from "Cappy" Smith of Middleburg last August, Bob O'Link showed at Stonebrook Long Island, at Harrisburg, and at Piping Rock before entering the Garden last week. With him in competition there were his stablemates, Blue Chic, Flagola and Star Climber. With the show not yet over, final scores are not available, but the list for the Seven Star Stable to date is impressive, with Blue Chic adding three seconds, including middle and heavyweight hunters, Flagola with a second in the open jumping and Star Climber with another in the difficult pen jump.

Walsh, well-known in the Sandhills for his spectacular rides in the bi-monthly gymkhanas, is training all the horses in Mrs. Kennedy's string.

The other familiar name standing out from the lists of Garden summaries is that of Vernon G. Cardy, whose show horses also winter here and are doing themselves proud in the New York show.

Flying Colors, spectacular open jumper, with Miss Ferguson up, won the Working Hunter classes and then the championship, while both top ribbons, in the Open Jumping were pulled in by Cardy horses, Atomic, first, and Prince Tex, second. Lightland won fourth in the lightweight thoroughbred hunters, a ribbon perhaps more highly valued by the owner than any. Fort Riley, that dark lean chestnut and neat performer, won the second in the working hunter hacks.

Wednesday Finals
As the points mounted and the show drew toward a close the tension grew. Railbirds were egging on their favorites and the faces of riders grew more determined.

First excitement for the local was Bob O'Link's win of the young hunter championship by sixteen points. This coveted award, won a round of well-deserved cheers. It was a popular win which seemed to go to the youngster's head, or to his heels. Shown in hand by Mickey Walsh, he proudly received his blue ribbon then kicked up his heels and broke away, leading Walsh a merry chase as he cavorted around the ring.

The Cardy horse, a favorite in the Sandhills, took advantage of a lucky break in the point system. Flying Colors, the working hunter winner, failed to place in the \$1,000 stake, final event, for working hunters, but got a break when the top horse in the stake turned out to be one which had no previous points. So the Canadian piebald's 9 points earned previously stood up.

And So . . . Home
And so another championship trophy, that of the Working Hunters, will find its way down to a Sandhills stable.

Further ribbons for the Cardy stable went to: Atomic, who came in third in the \$250 knock down and out class, a sixth to Prince Tex in the finals of the open hunter, and a fourth to Fort Riley in the working hunter stake. Riding honors were shared by Miss Helen Ferguson and Jack Good-

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Blue and White Has Close Victory Over Lowe's Grove

Wednesday Game Is Exciting Climax Of Unbeaten Season

In a wild scoring melee Southern Pines closed out its grid season here Wednesday afternoon undefeated in state six-man football, by outscoring Lowe's Grove from Durham 39 to 34.

And outscoring their opponents was just the game it was as Southern Pines cut loose with a hipper-dipper brand of football that kept them in the forefront of the parade of touchdowns, with Lowe's Grove just a step behind, and the issue in doubt until the referee rushed in to grab the ball, signaling the game's end.

It was a superb team this Durham. (Continued on Page 5)

Highland Pines Changes Hands

The sale of the Highland Pines Inn has been reported by the real estate agency of Colonel George P. Hawes, Pinehurst. The new owners are a father and son Charles W. Sitzer, senior and junior, who own the Holmhurst Hotel in Atlantic City and have formed the Stitzer Hotel Company, with the Southern Pines hotel now a member of the chain.

Owned by a company of which D. G. Stutz was head for many years, the inn was, during this last year, in the hands of W. L. Brown of Troy, Garland Pierce has been the local manager for five years.

Charles Stitzer, Jr., it is stated, will be here Saturday to take formal possession. Brought up in the hotel business, with special training in hotel management, the young man is expected to take over the management of the local hostelry and to give Southern Pines the first class establishment which the town is well qualified to have.

Hobby Show Being Held At Community Building

Among exhibitors at the Hobby Show being held at the Community building are Mrs. Arthur Atherton, showing her collection of pitchers; Mrs. R. L. deMilhau, crocheted rugs; Mrs. L. T. Sutherland, a variety of interesting objects from several countries; Mrs. R. C. Johnson, bottles; Mrs. Harry Ely, objects of art from Japan, the Philippines, Java and other places in the orient; Mrs. John Cline, a doll collection; Walter Harper, woodwork; Mrs. L. C. Lorenson, handmade quilts; Mrs. Bob Henderson, embroidery and crochet work.

Many colorful, beautiful and unusual items are among the displays, which were placed on exhibit Thursday and will be shown also this afternoon (Friday) at the Community building.

Mrs. John Cline and Mrs. Louis Scheipers are chairmen of the Hobby Show, which is sponsored by the Lena Sweezy group of the Church of Wide Fellowship.

MORE POLIO

Willis Clark, five-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Harris Clark of Jackson Springs, was rushed to Gastonia Orthopedic hospital Tuesday night following diagnosis of polio.

This was confirmed at the hospital, where Willis became the third patient to be received from Moore county in eight days. Taken last Monday was Guye Franks Womble, son of Mr. and Mrs. Womble, of Southern Pines; and last Tuesday, little Linda Sue Rushing, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Rushing, Jr., of West End.

The cases are said to be moderate ones, with the young patients all making satisfactory progress. Three previous cases originated in the county this year, two last spring, one in the summer.

Town Authorizes \$30,000 Bond Vote For Athletic Fields of Both Schools

Night Thieves Enter School Office, Take \$220 Class Funds From Closet

Sneak thieves broke into the office of Supt. Philip J. Weaver at the Southern Pines school Tuesday night about 8 o'clock and stole \$220 from a closet shelf. No arrest had been made at the time The Pilot went to press.

This was the amount of paper money in a box containing a good deal more than this of funds belonging to all classes and the Athletic association. The rest, in change and endorsed checks, was left behind.

The thieves were interrupted at their work by a group of young men who drove up in a car to return school basketballs they had been using for practice at the Church of Wide Fellowship. These were Harry Chatfield, Bobby Dunn, Red Smith, Francis Shea and Buddy Viell.

Heard Whistle
As they came up the drive, according to Chatfield, they heard a long low whistle, which sounded like a signal whistle. He then saw a figure dash off into the

darkness of the tree-covered schoolyard.

When the headlights of the car touched the superintendent's office window, and they saw the screen had been cut, they went immediately to the police station and gave the alarm. Chief Newton was soon on hand, and Weaver was summoned from a Chamber of Commerce meeting.

Footprints were found at the office window and also behind the school. The office door and also a corridor door leading out the back had been unlocked from the inside, and it was apparent that at least one person had made his escape that way.

SGI Assists
Chief Newton took casts of the footprints Wednesday, and Lee Phillips, of the SBI at Raleigh, came to take fingerprints and to assist otherwise the investigation. Investigators said they inclined to the opinion that the thief, or thieves, knew the school plant (Continued on Page 5)

Noted Baptist

Layman Will Lead For Tournaments; Revival Services

Dr. M. A. Huggins, of Raleigh, an outstanding layman of the North Carolina Baptist convention, will conduct a series of services in the form of a "layman's revival" at the Baptist church, corner of New York avenue and Ashe street, during the week November 16-23.

Dr. Huggins is general secretary of the state Baptist convention. He holds two degrees from Wake Forest college and one from the University of Paris, and has held his place of leadership among North Carolina Baptists for more than 15 years.

A layman who puts his full time on church activities, he is well known in the south as an inspirational speaker, directing his messages to laymen and laywomen, and helping them meet their opportunities and responsibilities for Christian service.

Rev. Lamar Jackson, church pastor, will deliver the sermons at the morning and evening services Sunday. Dr. Huggins will arrive Monday, and will speak at 7:45 that evening, and each evening through the following Sunday. He will also be heard at the Sunday morning service November 23.

There will be special music by the choir under direction of J. G. Womble. The public is given a cordial invitation to attend any or all services, Mr. Jackson said.

"Miss Southern Pines" At Christmas Festival

"All we know is what we read in the papers"—so, as Louise Milliken, "Miss Southern Pines," had not returned from Charlotte at the time The Pilot went to press, we have to depend on the Charlotte Observer for an account of her wonderful time there.

And there she is, right in the center of the smiling group of queens from 34 North and South Carolina towns, on the Observer's front page; and there is the account of the great Christmas Festival held all day Wednesday, with honor paid to the lovely young ladies from start to finish.

Miss Milliken, selected by vote of the high school students and sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce, had Windham Clark as her escort for the occasion. With Mrs. Jean Edson, they were driven to Charlotte in a new Ford convertible from the Jackson Motor company. They also rode in the convertible in the

Wilbur Edwards of the Jackson Motor company was the driver.

Grandstand And Floodlights Planned For Town Ballpark

Other Matters Discussed

A bond election for \$30,000 for improvements to the town athletic field, and also to the athletic field at West Southern Pines, was authorized by the town board in monthly session at the city hall Wednesday night.

The date will be set as early as possible following formal legal procedure.

The figure was upped from the \$20,000 previously considered following discussion of the estimated costs of a concrete grandstand and floodlights, and also through the board members' expressed belief that not enough had been estimated for facilities at the Negro school.

The final motion was made by L. V. O'Callaghan, seconded by June Blue and passed with one dissenting vote, that of J. N. Steed, who said he approved of all phases of the project except the floodlights.

The purchase and installation of these, costliest of the projected improvements, were set some months ago at \$14,000. An "outside price" of \$9,700 on the erected (Continued on Page 8)

Miss Dermitt Back In Library Post

Miss Helen Dermitt, newly appointed librarian of the Southern Pines library, is back at her post, which she held in a temporary capacity from October to May, 1946-47.

Following the resignation of Mrs. Thomas B. Smith, librarian for the past several years, Miss Dermitt accepted the position, as was previously announced by A. B. Yeomans, president of the Library association.

Miss Dermitt, who is from Meadville, Pa., has taken an apartment with Mrs. C. M. Robinson, who is also from Meadville and who was also with her here last winter. They are at the home of Miss Laura Jenks on Ridge street.

CHILD SCALDED

Karen Elizabeth, the 15-month-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Neely of North Broad street, is in a critical condition at the Moore County hospital from scalds suffered when she pulled over a pot of boiling soup shortly after noon Wednesday.

Her mother had just taken the soup from the stove and set it on the kitchen table when the little girl reached for it and upset it.

Fortunately, the scalding soup missed her face. She was rushed to the Moore County hospital, where it was found that her neck, chest and side were covered with both second and third degree burns.

Her father is manager of the VFW club here.

Robbins Man, Jailed Since Death Of Wife, Faces Sales Tax Troubles Too

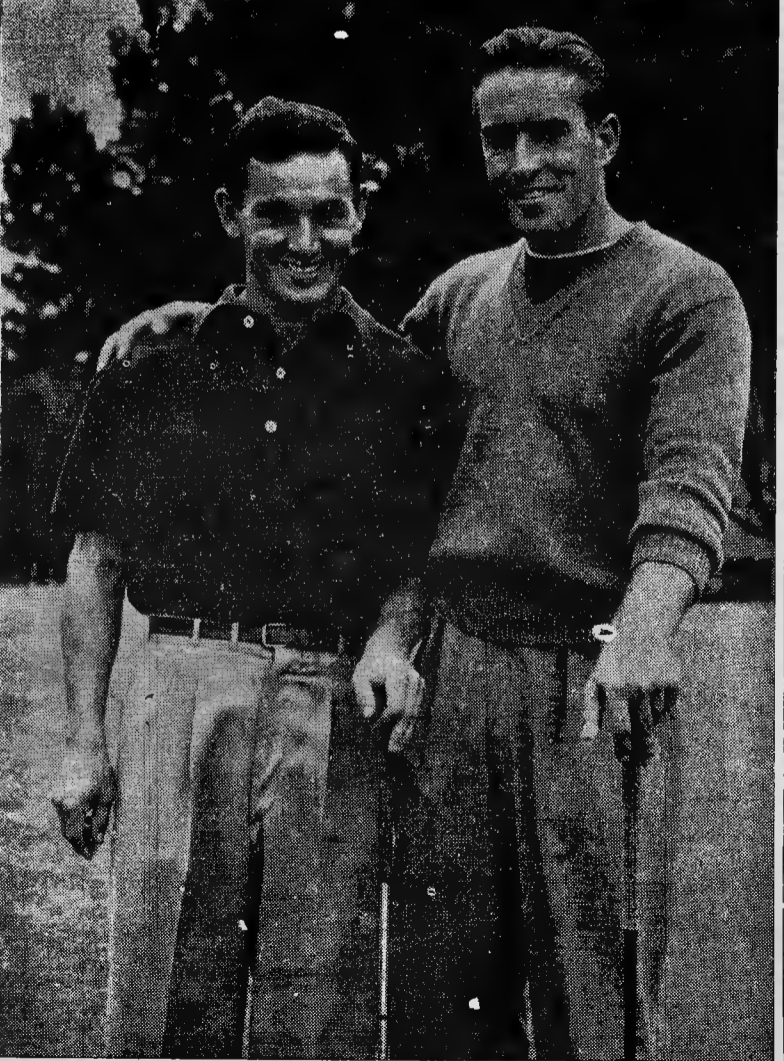
A sales tax lien for delinquencies since July, 1944, amounting to \$1,922.34, was received Monday by Sheriff C. J. McDonald against the business of F. H. Spivey, who is in Moore County jail without privilege of bond in connection with the fatal assault on his wife Sunday, November 2.

Sheriff McDonald was ordered to lock up and sell Spivey's business, the S & M cafe at Robbins, to satisfy the delinquent taxes. He said, however, that Spivey's lawyers had told him a check would be immediately forthcoming.

The business has not been operating, it was learned, since the death of Mrs. Spivey, and the arrest of her husband, deprived it of both owners and operators at one time.

Spivey is still unchanged with any crime, pending action of the grand jury at the next term of Moore County superior court. This will be in February.

He is being held at the instance of the coroner's jury, which met at the sheriff's office last Thursday morning, with Coroner Hugh P. Kelly presiding.



Felice Torza, left, has a right to that big smile. He is shown here as amateur winner of the Southern Pines Country Club Open, held last Friday following the North and South Open at Pinehurst. The former Connecticut Open champion, semi-finalist in the National this summer, led a field of 80 with 132, for a three-way first-place tie with Pros Jim Milward of Three Lakes, Wis., and Teri Johnson of Norristown, Pa.

With Torza is Frank Stranahan, amateur of Toledo, O., holder of the Canadian Open title and last year's North and South Open amateur winner. Stranahan was a member of this year's victorious Walker Cup team.

Most of the North and South players, headliners of the first water, with several additions, came over for the Southern Pines tournament.

(Photo by Humphrey)