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TEN CENTS

Civic Agencies Approve Plan To Build Camp Here For Young Ball Players

School Will Lease Area For Training

Close Supervision Assured

According to a plan endorsed this week by the Chamber of Commerce, school board and town commission, and subject now only to the approval of Connie Mack in New York next week, the Philadelphia Athletics will construct dormitories costing \$20,000 on land near the town athletic park, to be leased from the school, for the housing of eight Class C and D teams for April tryouts and training.

The land will be leased for a specific period (five years was suggested), and buildings and all facilities will revert to the school at the close of that time, unless further arrangements are made.

According to the plan as it was presented before the town and school boards Wednesday night by a Chamber of Commerce committee, the main headquarters building of Camp Mackall will be moved to the site, erected with the necessary wings according to plans of Mr. Proctor, of the Goldston Construction company, and beautified by a covering of white asbestos shingle so that it will be an asset in looks to that part of town. The tentatively selected site is "up the hill" from the athletic grounds, between the ball field and the horse show grounds.

Boys Are Supervised

The young men to be brought here for spring workouts will be the "youngsters" of the Athletics, college boys or recent high school graduates given their big chance to try out for professional football under the famous banner of the Athletics. Their presence in the town, if the plan goes through, would be an asset in many ways, it was emphasized. "The Athletics are known as the cleanest outfit in professional baseball," said John R. Ruggles, speaking for the Chamber of Commerce committee. "These boys are kept under close supervision, which is why the plan of housing them all together has found such favor. They practice hard during the day, stopping at 4 or 4:30 which will give plenty of time for high school practice on the field. They are under strict training rules, go to bed early, and at the least sign of irresponsibility or disturbance, the offender is shipped right home—he won't do for the team."

Ruggles, with Lansing T. Hall, H. N. Cameron and L. T. Clark, special Chamber committee for the project, conferred here Sunday with two representatives of the Athletics, it was revealed, and found them enthusiastic concerning the plan as submitted by Proctor. They were also high in their praise of the town itself, the athletic field and fieldhouse, which they said "beat anything in their experience" for their purposes.

Complete water and sewage facilities would be laid to the dormitories, which would consist of sleeping space, recreation rooms, kitchen and mess hall for the 100 to 200 boys who would be here, in varying numbers, from early in April to the first or middle of May.

To Write Families

A complete roster of the players is to be made available to the Chamber of Commerce, it was revealed, and it is the Chamber's plan to circularize all their families, suggesting that relatives and friends visit here during that time to see their boys and the conditions in which they live.

In addition to the players, radio, press and sports writers will be here during all or parts of the training period, with sports (Continued on Page 5)

TWO EVENINGS

On page 16 there is an announcement that the Southern Pines High School glee club will sing carols from many lands at the Community building, following the community sing on the town park. This is an error. The community sing will be Thursday evening. The other program, "Carols From Far and Near," will be on Wednesday evening. Both are open to the public.

\$1 FINE

Violation of local parking laws will cost you just one buck from now on, with a proportionate saving of time and trouble, according to an amendment to Section 1, Article 3 (parking regulations) of the town code, adopted by the town board Wednesday night.

When you are caught parking overtime, you may hand out your dollar to the policeman and receive from him a numbered receipt, of which duplicate copies will go to the town clerk and into the town files. If your violation is a bad one, if you are a consistent violator or if you object for any reason to this simple system, a warrant may still be issued and you may go before the justice of the peace. In this case your costs may somewhat exceed \$1, if you are found guilty.

The management was adopted for simplification of the procedure, and also in the belief that for most people \$1 will be sufficient reminder not to do it again, the board said.

Many Enjoying Aternoon Tea At Old Shaw House

Many hotel visitors and residents are finding the Shaw House tea room a pleasant place to visit these winter afternoons, dropping in for tea before the sparkling fireplace in the atmosphere of a century ago.

Ladies of the Moore County Historical association are serving as hostesses each day from 3 to 6 p. m., according to Mrs. Ernest Ives, hostess chairman. This week, Monday through Saturday, Mrs. W. C. Deadwyler, Mrs. L. T. Avery, Mrs. Levis Prizer, Mrs. O. A. Dickinson, Mrs. Thomas W. Smith, Jr., and Mrs. Ives are each serving in turn; next week, Mrs. Deadwyler, Mrs. W. F. Hollister, Mrs. (Continued on Page 8)

Elks' Banquet Honors Football Squad Coaches At End of Undefeated Season

"What you have won you richly deserve; but don't forget—in accepting the mantle of championship you have also accepted the high responsibility of being worthy of it," members of the Southern Pines High school's championship football team were told by Henry House, University of North Carolina coach, at a banquet tendered them and their companions on the squad by the Elks' lodge Friday night.

The occasion was one of high honor to the squad members,

State Electrical Inspection Code Adopted by Town

Mumford To Begin Annual Inspection In January, 1948

The 1947 uniform electrical inspection code of the state of North Carolina was adopted as an ordinance by the town board in monthly session at the city hall Wednesday evening, with some minor changes as suggested by the law and order committee.

The ordinance provides for an annual inspection of all hotels, apartment houses, rooming houses and other places caring for more than 50 persons; churches, theatres and other places seating more than 60; hospitals, nursing homes and various types of businesses where fire hazards may exist. There are numerous other fire safety provisions in the code, which will be published later.

Arrangements were made with W. H. Mumford, who was present at the meeting, to start the inspection soon after January 1.

Bond Issue Hits Snag

The strong possibility that the proposed \$30,000 bond issue for floodlights and a grandstand at the town athletic park, with other improvements to both athletic fields, may not be allowed, was presented by Town Clerk Howard Burns in letters from W. J. Easterling, secretary of the local government commission, and from Reed, Horton and Washburn, New York bond attorneys, both of whom reported that town funds cannot be spent on property not owned by the town. An agreement with the school may be worked out to render the bond issue legal, it was reported. Decision was made to postpone all discussion of issues involved until it is ascertained that the bond election can be held.

The board agreed to seek representation of the town, according to policy in the past, in the revaluation of local property which will come up during the county revaluation. It is planned to start on the revaluation early next year, for revision of 1949 taxes, according to a letter from Miss Maida Jenkins, county tax collector. (Continued on Page 5)

whose undefeated 1947 season has won statewide attention, and to their coaches, A. C. Dawson and Philip J. Weaver. The crowd of Elks, and their special guests practically filled the huge dining room at the Southern Pines Country club, where a sumptuous dinner was served, and merriment with a few solemn moments—held sway.

As a wholehearted tribute of a group of citizens to the youth of their town, and the men who honor to the squad members, (Continued on Page 5)

CAROL SINGING

Everyone knows the Christmas carols, everyone loves to sing them—and everyone here will have the chance, at the "community sing" at the city hall park at 7 p. m. Thursday.

Sponsored for the first time this year by the Rotary club, the half-hour program will be led by the Southern Pines High School glee club and orchestra, on an illuminated stand. All present will be asked to join in the singing of the familiar and beloved old songs of the Christmastide.

An special invitation to attend is extended by the chairmen, Garland Pierce and E. J. Austin, to visitors in hotels and guest houses, and others far from home. If the weather is bad the event will not be held.

Moore County Is Now Protected By Six Patrolmen

With an increased highway patrol staff now numbering six men, Moore county is better protected in this field than ever before in its history.

The addition of three new men, fresh from the highway patrol school at Chapel Hill, within the past few weeks has been reported by Sgt. Wendell Kelly, who is in charge of the highway patrol in Moore, Montgomery, Stanley and Cabarrus counties.

Two of them are now assisting the veteran staff members, and will have their own cars after the first of the year. These are Patrolman W. G. Ingle, of Burlington, who is assisting Patrolman J. F. Swain in the Southern Pines-Aberdeen area, and Patrolman R. N. Harris, of Concord, who is assisting Patrolman R. L. Apple in the Carthage area.

Patrolman L. G. Rodden, who arrived in September, is living with Robbins and working with Patrolman R. L. Apple in that area. He is from High Point.

Of the veteran members, Swain is from Asheboro, Apple from Gibsonville and Sergeant Kelly is a Sandhills native, returning to his home county of Moore some time ago after service in various points in the state. Patrolman Swain, who has been living in Aberdeen, has moved to Southern Pines, and is living on West Massachusetts avenue. Ingle is also living in Southern Pines.

Sergeant Kelly and Harris are living in Carthage.

Body Of Negro Soldier Claimed By Parents Here

A newspaper story concerning the bodies of eight repatriated war dead being held at the Charlotte Distribution center, with authorities unable to locate their next of kin, was the only notice Ras and Lena Wortham of West Connecticut avenue, had that the body of their son, Pvt. Ras Wortham, Jr., had been returned to this country.

The listed next of kin is Mrs. Rebecca Wortham, widow of the Negro youth, who was killed by a sniper's bullet on Luzon, in the Pacific theatre, September 21, 1945.

The widow, who lives on West Pennsylvania avenue, is ill. Arrangements for the return of the body to Southern Pines were begun by the parents as soon as their attention was called to the notice. The return of the body had not been requested, they said, and they had no explanation of why it should have been returned without request, nor why the Graves Registration authorities have been unable to get in touch with any of them.

They plan a graveside service for their son, to be conducted by their pastor, Rev. L. R. Bennett of the A.M.E. Zion church. Pvt. Ras Wortham was born at Dillon, S. C., in 1910. The family moved here in 1928 and he attended school at West Southern Pines, then worked at various jobs here. He was drafted in November, 1943, and sent overseas a few months later.

Currie Re-elected As President Of Hospital Directors

Plans For Expansion Studied By Board At Annual Meeting

The Moore County Hospital Board of Directors, at their annual meeting held at the Nurses Home on Tuesday night, re-elected unanimously the officers who had headed the hospital governing staff during the past year. Wilbur Currie was re-elected president, Richard Tufts first vice-president, W. D. Campbell second vice-president, Paul Dana secretary - treasurer and George P. Hawes, Jr. assistant treasurer.

The meeting was attended by about half the members of the board who included: M. C. McDonald of West End, Eric Nelson, George Hawes, Jr., John Taylor, Paul Dana, Leo Ehrhardt, Richard Tufts, Mrs. Paul Dana, all of Pinehurst, John Howarth, W. D. Campbell, Mrs. Paul P. McCain, Mrs. M. G. Nichols, Norris Hodgkins, Mrs. James Boyd, all of Southern Pines, G. C. Seymour of Aberdeen, Wilbur Currie of Carthage, John M. Currie of High Falls, George Maurice of Eagle Springs.

Reports of the past year were read. George Maurice, chairman of the building committee, reported that he and E. T. McKeithen had submitted to the architect an alternate to the latter's original plan which may entail less expense. When it is in shape it will be laid before his committee and the general board for their consideration. The treasurer, while holding his final report until after the first of the year, stated that finances were in good shape, with a satisfactory response to the last appeal issued. He stressed the fact that in asking for contributions to the building fund, the fact should be pointed out that every dollar given will be matched by both the state and the federal government, under the new regulation.

While definite plans for the contemplated hospital expansion must await final word from state and federal authorities, there is every hope, according to those who have been studying this situation, that a start may be made in the near future.

Two committees, formed during the past year, reported inability to make a report and suggested that their work be continued; these were the committee to consider changing the method of election of directors and the committee to study the possibility of setting up a retirement fund for employees. In connection with the latter, the administrator stated that in his opinion the social security laws would probably be widened to include hospital personnel which would take care of this question.

The five vacancies existing on the board were filled with the following new directors: Ralph Chandler, Jr., of Southern Pines, M. G. Boyette of Carthage, and Jack Taylor, J. B. Edwards, and J. E. Parker of Aberdeen.

Hospital Cause Pressed By Washington Journey

With information that the decision concerning the location in North Carolina of the proposed Veterans' Administration hospital is now brewing, a delegation to further the cause of the Sandhills as most advantageous site left Southern Pines Thursday morning for Washington, D. C.

John S. Ruggles, president of the Chamber of Commerce, and Joe Garzik, representing veterans' organizations here, were accompanied by J. J. Marshall, of the Rockingham VFW post, in Garzik's car. C. L. Tyson, president of the Aberdeen Chamber of Commerce, was planning to make the trip that night, joining the group at their hotel, the Ambassador this morning.

Plans were to interview key VA personnel during Friday, following a schedule of appointments made by Congressman C. B. Deane. A report to their local organizations will be made following their return to the Sandhills Saturday or Sunday.

Early Morning Fire Totally Destroys Six Business Buildings At Robbins

HAPPY SHOPPING!

Local stores will remain open Wednesday afternoons before Christmas, abandoning the usual weekly holidays in favor of accommodation to Christmas shoppers.

Christmas decorations are up, window displays glow with beauty and local merchants report they are ready to answer all the season's needs, for shoppers of the entire community and the Sandhill section.

Their advice is—shop early! Though merchandise is in better supply than in several previous years, some items are still short, here as everywhere. Only 11 shopping days till Christmas!

The pre-Christmas Wednesday openings are in accord with Chamber of Commerce policy of years past, said John S. Ruggles, Chamber president, adding as a personal message from the Chamber of Commerce "Happy shopping! Remember, shop in Southern Pines first. Whatever you want, you are more apt to find it right here at home."

Chamber Initiates Action To Secure New Bus Station

A move to secure a new bus station, well located and modern, for Southern Pines was begun by the Chamber of Commerce directors at their meeting Tuesday night, with the appointment of Col. Hoke Pollock by President John S. Ruggles to head a committee to get things going.

Pollock will choose other committee members to find a suitable site closer to town than the present station, push the matter with the bus company and take it up with the North Carolina Utilities commission if necessary.

Free expression was made by the directors concerning the fact that the bus station situation here has always been unsatisfactory, putting the town's "worst foot foremost," and that Southern Pines rates better from the coach company. Obstacles loomed, however, with the reminder that "no body wants the bus station next door to their places," making the choice of a site a difficult one.

The present situation, however, was described as "impossible," with the station actually outside of the city limits, containing inadequate waiting room facilities, no benches for passengers to sit and no place at all for colored passengers to wait. Toilet facilities were also said to be unsatisfactory.

A dozen applications for the (Continued on Page 5)

Dr. Crittenden, Kiwanis Guest, Turns History's Light On Present Problems

The Sandhills Kiwanis Club met this week at the Southern Pines Country Club for their Wednesday lunch, and to hear the speaker of the day, Dr. C. C. Crittenden.

Dr. Crittenden, who now heads the State Department of Archives, was introduced by Dr. R. M. McMillan of Southern Pines, as "one of the professors under whom I studied, and whose course meant perhaps the most to me."

"It is often a good idea," said the speaker, addressing his audience of some sixty Kiwanians, and their guests, "when you are in a troubled time, or even at any time, to try to cast your thoughts back into history. It can give a needed sense of perspective, and it is often of value to observe how similar problems were handled in other ages."

The periods in history which Dr. Crittenden advised as rich sources of study for those exploring the problems of today were the two "postwars," after 1815, when Napoleon had been beaten and the Council of Vienna met, and

Estimates Run High On Loss Of Stock

Truckdriver Gives Alarm

An early morning blaze Saturday totally destroyed six business buildings in the heart of Robbins and damaged two others, with several more saved only by the determined efforts of volunteer firemen supported by the fire department's two trucks.

The buildings which were a total loss were a warehouse of Ray's Department store, and Lambert's Shoe Repair shop, both owned by John Currie, of near Robbins; Lancaster's Auto Supply company, owned by Mrs. Lucille Brown, of Troy, and operated by Lewis Kennedy; a tire recapping business owned and operated by Mal Craver, and Lewis Allred's Beer Joint, which had been opened only five days before.

Counting the estimated \$20,000 loss of stock stored in the Ray warehouse, the damage was estimated at something over \$30,000 in stock, equipment and machinery alone. The buildings themselves, which were all of frame and said to be old and run down, were said not to be of great value.

In fact, the dilapidated condition of the wooden buildings was given as the reason the losses could be covered only partially, if at all by insurance.

Two Women Saved

Partially damaged were Herbert Stutts' beer place, a brick building, of which the roof was burned, and a building owned by Charlie Hussy, Hunsucker's Grocery store downstairs, Stella's Beauty shop upstairs and an apartment occupied by Mrs. Stella Brown and Mrs. Pearl Carter in this building were damaged by fire, smoke and water.

Mrs. Brown and Mrs. Carter, asleep in their apartment, were awakened by rocks thrown on their window from the crowd which quickly gathered outside. They were assisted to safety by volunteer firemen.

The alarm was given by the driver of a Colonial Mills truck coming into Robbins about 4 a. m. By the time firemen arrived a few minutes later the buildings were a mass of flame, so that, according to Fire Chief Wayland A. Kennedy, it has been impossible to discover the cause or place of the origin of the fire.

General opinion seems to be that it started in the auto supply place, as it and the service station, next door were the first to be consumed. However this remains a matter of conjecture.

Sleepers Awake

As the alarm swept the town Robbins residents, soundly sleeping a few minutes earlier, turned out in full force to watch the battle. With the buildings already (Continued on Page 5)

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