



Bus Station Move Is Sought By State Officials

Chamber of Commerce Asks Suggestions For Relocation

Those who would like to see an improved bus station here have the North Carolina Utilities commission and Queen City Coach company on their side.

They will cooperate with any qualified person who can offer a location to meet requirements, according to a report made to Chamber of Commerce directors at their December 23 meeting by John S. Ruggles, president, for Col. Hoke Pollock.

Pollock, member of the board recently appointed to start action for a better bus station, could not be present at the meeting. However, Ruggles said, he had made a trip to Raleigh to learn from Major Armstrong, Utilities Commission inspector, that the only moved the station has not been moved has been lack of a place to which to move it.

Fails to Qualify

Even if the location which is outside the city limits, were desirable, the present station fails to qualify on several counts, Major Armstrong was quoted as saying. The average revenue of something less than \$200 a month is not sufficiently large, the inspector added, for the commission to require the coach company to build a new station, or to justify the company's voluntarily doing so.

Revenue consists of 10 per cent of the gross receipts, which must cover all station expenses—rent, maintenance, utilities and salaries.

Representatives of the Queen City company, who came here to see Colonel Pollock at his request, also deplored the situation, and are willing to cooperate fully with anyone assuming the responsibility of a new station here.

The business should be productive, the directors agreed, for someone who has an adequate building, or can enlarge a building to suit, and tie it in with some other business. They are inviting suggestions. Applications will be passed on to the town board, whose consent is necessary before an arrangement can be effected.

Requirements include (1) separate waiting space for whites and Negroes; (2) separate rest rooms for men and women, white and Negro; (3) adequate space for handling baggage; (4) no beer sold on premises, though it can be sold in an adjoining building, with no connecting door; (5) someone in charge to meet the full bus schedule, selling tickets, checking baggage and giving information; (6) station must be kept clean and sanitary.

C OF C DINNER

A dinner meeting of the full membership of the Chamber of Commerce will be held at Highland Pines Inn Tuesday at 7 p. m. for discussion of the need for a full-time executive secretary.

It is wished to find out if the move will have the full support of the members before action is taken on applications which have been received, said John S. Ruggles, president.

Speakers will be J. J. Krusz, president of the North Carolina Association of Chamber of Commerce Executives, executive director of the Winston-Salem Chamber of Commerce; and R. J. Winslow, director of the bureau of business services and research of the school of commerce of the University of North Carolina.

They will present various phases of an executive secretary's work, and his relationship to the Chamber and the community.

Tickets are available from board members at \$2, or may be bought at the door. As a courtesy to the hotel, Ruggles asked that as may as possible buy their tickets in advance.

TAX LISTING

Tax listing is here again, and Mrs. Don J. Blue, who has been listing taxes for McNeill's township off and on for around 25 years, will be greeting her friends again at various places in the township during the month of January.

For the coming week, Mrs. Blue has announced she will be at Matthews' store at Clay Road farms Saturday afternoon, at Patterson's store at Niagara all day next Thursday, and at Cox's store at Lakeview all day next Friday. Her schedule for the rest of the month will be in next week's paper.

Her visits to the communities listed above will be her only ones, so she issued a request this week that taxpayers meet her there promptly and get the job done.

Youth Injured As Truck Sideswipes Car At Carthage

Ernest Childress, 18, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. R. Childress of Carthage, Rt. 1, is in Moore County hospital with severe internal injuries as the result of an accident near Carthage about 7:30 Friday evening.

Howard Cook, driver of a '37 Plymouth truck said to have run over young Childress as it sideswiped another car, was released on his own recognizance following his arrest by a state highway patrolman on a charge of careless and reckless driving. Hearing was postponed pending outcome of Childress' injuries.

Brought to the hospital in a critical condition, Childress responded well to treatment and this week was much improved, physicians said.

According to Patrolman Harris, who investigated the accident, Childress was riding toward Carthage with Boyd Marsh, in of Mr. and Mrs. B. B. Marsh of Carthage, Rt. 2, who was driving the Marsh car. Marsh stopped the car to get out and fix the light, and Childress stood on the shoulder of the highway with flashlight to warn traffic.

Despite the flashlight, Cook said he did not see the car the boy, and hit both. After the accident he stopped the truck and took Childress first to a physician in Carthage, then to the hospital. The Marsh car suffered considerable damage.

Pulitzer Prize Winner Will Address Forum

Herbert Agar, historical commentator and Pulitzer Prize winner, will address the Pinehurst Forum at its meeting at the Pinehurst Country club January 8, on the theme of World Collaboration.

Agar, who is president of Freedom House in New York, has an intensive background. A navy officer in both world wars, he served in England in 1929 as correspondent for the Louisville Courier Journal and Times, became literary editor of the British Review and contributor of political weeklies in England and the U. S. while serving as attache of the American Embassy in London.

LOSES FINGER

Iathan Adams, an employee in a Pilot printshop, suffered the loss of the first joint of his right ring finger Tuesday evening, when his finger was caught in a washing machine motor.

Mr. and Mrs. Adams were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Mallie Kelly for the evening. Adams and Kelly worked to repair the washing machine, whose wringer was out of order. As they got the job completed Adams' finger got caught in the gears, necessitating an amputation at the Moore County hospital.

NEW YEAR HOLIDAY

An off-and-on holiday was observed here Thursday, New Year's day, with some stores open and others closed. Those which closed were open all day Wednesday, others closed for the usual half-holiday. The bank was closed and post office services curtailed.

First Christmas Snowfall

A misty rain falling during the morning of Christmas day changed during the afternoon to a light snow which touched trees, fields and houses with a Christmas-card trimming of white. It snowed about an hour. Bright sun shining the next day removed its last traces.

This was the first Christmas snow for the Sandhills within the memory of old-timers here. It is believed the last one was in 1880, part of a snowstorm which blanketed the eastern seaboard and to

which reminiscences still date back. However, Southern Pines was not in existence then, so it cannot be considered a part of local history.

This was about the only bad weather of the holiday season, which has been marked in general with fine brisk days to order for sports and holiday pleasure.

City police, the sheriff's department and members of the state highway patrol all reported it an orderly and law-abiding Christmas, with few untoward incidents and no major disturbance.

Large Field Follows Hounds

Riding to hounds is a sport which benefits by fine weather as much as any other, and followers of the Moore County Hounds have been luxuriating in the stretch of beautiful days during the holiday week.

With fields augmented by many visitors from the north, and with most of the local horsemen and women out, the hunts have grown to sizeable proportions.

This week has seen the start of the children's drags, so popular with the young folks. With rails lowered on all fences so that the jumps are not over three feet, the merest beginner can negotiate the country. Children are to the fore

in the field, while behind hover a bevy of proud parents, following with close attention the curly heads or flowing locks under the caps and bowlers bobbing ahead.

Meets have been at the Mile-away Farm, or nearby places, except for Tuesday's hunt which started from the Alex's stables on the Pinehurst-Southern Pines double road. This fox hunt, starting at 9 a. m. drew a field of more than 50 enthusiasts, both young and old, who enjoyed the subsequent run through Pinehurst area.

The season's first, and so far only, kill was made on Tuesday of Christmas week.

Dog Saves Master, Loses Life

Duke, a two-year-old Great Dane, in truth laid down his life for his master early Sunday, when he was shot by an unidentified person believed to have been lying in wait to rob J. S. Warman, club manager, at the Warman home.

According to Warman, he and Duke arrived at his home on Midland road at 2:45 a. m. after the closing of the club. They entered the kitchen, Warman said, and he turned on the light.

Instantly Duke bristled, growled and leapt into the darkness of the nearby living room. A shot was fired, which, it was found later, struck Duke between the eyes, killing him instantly. A second shot pierced the door casing and the bullet, its power spent, pierced Warman's overcoat and grazed his side.

Warman said he reached for a gun he kept in the kitchen, and fired into the living room, where he saw a dark shape. He then ran from the back door to the home of his next door neighbor, C. C. Kennedy. As he did so, he said, he saw a man run from the front door of his house toward the woods, and saw a car leave rapidly.

Kennedy called the police and Patrolman Morrison came out at

once and "scouted" the place. The marauders had gone, but tracks of two men were apparent about the house, it was said. The house had been thoroughly overhauled, with drawers and closets rifled, but nothing appeared to be missing, Warman said.

Entry had been made through a living room casement window, whose screen had been cut. Exit was through the front door, which had been unlocked from the inside.

The case was later turned over to the sheriff's department, and an SBI agent summoned to assist in the investigation.

Warman said the intruder did not speak, and was too dimly seen to be recognizable. His theory is that money was the sole object of the holdup, planned in belief that he would be carrying the proceeds of a busy Saturday night at the club on his person.

Well-timed in the absence of Mrs. Warman, who was spending the holidays in Providence, R. I., the would-be hold-up was definitely scotched by Duke's unexpected attack.

"As a matter of fact," said Warman, "I had very little money with me, and would gladly have given all that and more to have saved my dog."

Christmas Party At Prison Camp

The true spirit of Christmas was present at a very special party, held Christmas Eve afternoon in the dining room of the highway prison camp at Carthage by members of the Church of Wide Fellowship.

More than 100 prisoners were guests of the party, their only Christmas observance from the outside. Inaugurated five years ago by Rev. T. G. Humphries, it has come to be known as "the pastor's party."

He was assisted by Col. Louis Scheipers in preparations for, and the carrying out of the party plans, by which some 20 members went in four or five cars to the camp, laden with presents and treats which had been packaged in gay Christmas wrappings by various church groups.

Mr. Humphries conducted a brief service with a Christmas sermon. The men joined heartily into the singing of carols, to accompany the playing by Mrs. L. D. McDonald on a piano given the camp two years ago through the Church of Wide Fellowship.

Mr. Humphries this week expressed his gratitude to the friends of the community, members and non-members of his church, whose gifts of cash and services made the party possible.

Womble Home Is Damaged By Blaze

A prompt alarm and speedy response by the Southern Pines firemen at 5 p. m. Monday saved the frame dwelling known as the "Womble family," on West Maine near Broad, where fire in the basement had gained some headway before discovery.

The fire was discovered by the mother of J. G. Womble and a caller, Miss Butler. Other members of the Womble family were away, visiting in Florida for the Christmas holidays.

Firemen arriving with the apparatus found the house filled with suffocating smoke, with the pine flooring overhead in a brisk blaze.

A furnace in bad condition, on which repairs had been working that morning, was blamed for the fire.

A neighbor, Mrs. J. W. Atkinson, sheltered Mrs. Womble for the night. The house was insured.

At 11 a. m. that same day, a small storehouse on the McDonald store property at 890 West New Hampshire avenue, West Southern Pines, was fired from a grass and trash fire, requiring assistance from the fire department. Damage was said to be slight.

Midwinter Junior Horse Show Held In Pinehurst Ring

Southern Pines Riders Are Winners In Many Events

Nylon, a four-year-old chestnut mare, owned and ridden by Billy Tate of the Tate stables of Pinehurst, came through with the only perfect circuit of the difficult nine-jump knockdown and out class in the 11th annual Mid-Winter Junior horse show at Pinehurst Sunday to earn the applause of a large gallery and take the blue ribbon in the class and prize presented by the Carolina hotel.

A beautiful warm day drew the largest number of horses and riders the Carolina riding ring has seen in several seasons and gave Brig Gen. E. J. Dawley of Fort Bragg, who judged the show, a busy afternoon.

Placing second to Billy Tate's Nylon was Joan Walsh, of Stonebrook stables, Southern Pines, on Me Can Do, with her brother Michael on Mr. Hush in third place and Junebug Tate, brother of the winner, on Scotch and Soda, fourth.

Kids Start Show

The show opened with amateur horsemanship for children 12 years old and under with a special prize presented by the Pinecrest hotel there. It was won by Phyllis Faircloth, with Louise Johnston 2nd, Jean Stafford 3rd, and Eliza Sutherland 4th. All the winners were from Southern Pines.

In the handy hunter class Ed Daniels took the blue ribbon and a prize given by the Pinehurst Country club on Barney of the Mile-away stables; 2nd, Bill Tate on Nylon; 3rd, Mrs. A. E. Kastner of Pinehurst on Big Chief and fourth, Mrs. W. O. Moss of Mile-away stables on Octoberry.

The green hunter class, judged 25 per cent on hacking, 50 per cent on jumping and 25 per cent on conformation, was won by Stuart Knorr on Bravo, owned by Col. A. A. Riley, Fort Bragg; 2nd was Mrs. W. O. Moss on Octoberry; 3rd, Joan Walsh on Powerful Son, and 4th, Mickey Walsh on Dun Robin, owned by Mrs. Davis Sutherland. The Holly Inn gave a special prize in the class.

Large Entry List

The amateur hack class, with a special prize given by the Berkshire hotel, drew the largest entry, 34 riders entering the ring. It was won by Stuart Knorr, again on Bravo, for his second win of the day; 2nd was Mrs. Peggy Mechling on her own Henry's Dream; 3rd, Mrs. James B. Franks of Philadelphia, a guest at the Berkshire, on Flicka and 4th, Miss Anne Reynolds-town.

The amateur horsemanship, 13-18 years old, with a prize presented by the Manor hotel, went to Miss Betty Lou Lyerly, 2nd, Stuart Knorr, 3rd, Lucinda Callaway and 4th, June Dezenorf, Washington, D. C., a Carolina Hotel guest with her family. Her mother, Mrs. A. G. Dezenorf, presented the prizes in all classes.

The pair riding class drew 15 pairs. First place and a prize from Pinehurst, Inc., went to Mrs. Peggy Mechling and Paul Fout; 2nd, Misses Lynn Sherrerd and Julie McCaskill; 3rd, Miss Dezenorf and Miss Joby Anderson, Lexington, Ky.; and 4th, Miss Phyllis Faircloth and Fay Cad-dell, Southern Pines.

REVIEW NEXT WEEK

The Pilot's review of local news in 1947, prepared for the New Year issue, is having to wait until next week on account of space problems.

Social news took the field this week—also county correspondence, and other items which missed the early Christmas Week deadline.

For the headlines which made 1947—or which 1947 made—see The Pilot for January 9.

SCHOOLS OPEN MONDAY

Southern Pines schools will reopen Monday morning, January 5, with one month to go before the midsemester. Most county schools resumed classes Monday, December 29, after the Christmas holiday.

March Of Dimes Community Leaders Listed By Blue; Meeting Is Planned

GOOD TO THINK . . .

. . . of the lovely Christmas parties held during the holidays; Good to think of the carol singing in the churches, of the parties at the hospital, at Samarcant, at the Sanatorium. Good to think of the simplicity, of the thoughtful restraint in this year's Christmas; no lavishness of decoration, no wild expense. But beautiful simplicity of wreaths, of little dooryard trees, with churches especially decorated this year.

Good to think that our "Needy Family" list was entirely taken care of.

Good to know that Christmas came to us with its beauty, peace and strength. Good to stop and think of it and know that it will come again.

John Boyd Post Will Have Party January 9

The John Boyd post, VFW, will salute the new year with a party for the members and their ladies, to be held at Scottie's Friday, January 9, beginning at 9:30 p. m.

Frank Hooker's 12-piece orchestra, from Thomasville, will play. There will also be a vocalist. Scottie's will be closed to the general public on that night, as the whole club will be taken over by the veterans, their wives and sweethearts.

The party will be in the nature of an anniversary celebration of the opening of the VFW club-rooms, which opened as a meeting place for the post and a recreation spot for all veterans in January, 1947. It is planned as an annual affair, said C. S. Patch, Jr., post commander, in making the announcement.

Frank Neely is chairman for the party.

Another announcement made by Commander Patch was that of the appointment of Arthur Hale as post service officer, succeeding James Monroe, who is moving to Petersburg, Va.

These and other post matters will be discussed at the regular meeting to be held at the club-rooms Monday at 8 p. m. The post program for the coming year will be outlined, with emphasis on community work and aid to disabled veterans.

Rotary Banquet And Fun Program Tonight

Southern Pines Rotarians will meet at 7:30 tonight (Friday) at the Highland Pines Inn for their annual Ladies' Night banquet and fun program, in the capable hands of that versatile chairman, Tucker G. Humphries.

Top spot on the program will be held by the funmaster of the Carolinas, Gus Travis, of the Charlotte Observer, who has been secured as guest speaker. Watch out, Rotarians, or you'll find that, besides providing Gus with a free dinner, you'll be supplying him with column material for weeks.

Prizes will be given in a lucky-number drawing. Other events on the program are not being revealed by the committee.

NEW YEAR BABIES

The honor of being Moore County's New Year baby goes to the infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Odom, Pinehurst, born at 9:04 a. m. Thursday at the Carolina Medical Center. She was the first baby born in 1948 to a Moore county couple, as far as The Pilot was able to learn.

She was not, however, the first baby to be born in the county New Year's day. A son was born at 4:41 a. m. at the Moore County hospital to Mrs. Josephine Mabe, of Rockingham. With sincere greetings to both infant and wishes for a long happy life, The Pilot presents him as candidate for first-baby honors for Richmond county.

Other Chairmen To Be Appointed

Chairmen for the March of Dimes campaign in a number of county communities were announced this week by H. Clifton Blue, of Aberdeen, county campaign chairman, who said that he hopes to have his organization completed, with a half dozen additional chairmen, by the end of next week.

A supper meeting of all chairmen, chapter and campaign officials has been scheduled for Monday evening, January 12, the place to be announced next week, he said.

N. L. Hodgkins, of Southern Pines, who served last year as executive secretary, has accepted this responsibility again for the 1948 campaign, which will be held in consonance with the national campaign during the two weeks January 15-30.

Most of the community chairmen who led last year's successful drive appear again on the 1948 list, which so far is as follows:

Southern Pines, Paul C. Butler; Aberdeen, Raymond Wicker; Ad-dor, Mrs. Henry Ad-dor; Carthage, Mrs. Eldon S. Adams; Cameron, W. C. Stevenson; Jackson Springs, Rev. R. R. Ramsey; Pine-bluff, Mrs. W. R. Griffin; Pine-hurst, J. Frank McCaskill; Rob-bins, Miss Sallie Green Allison; West End, J. F. Sinclair; West-moore, J. C. Phillips; Farm Life, T. H. Lingerfelt.

The organization will be completed with the naming of chairmen in Eagle Springs, High Falls, Lakeview, Niagara, Manly and Vass.

Sale Of Several Homes Here Noted

Among new families coming to Southern Pines, The Pilot extends welcome this week to two who have bought homes here and are now in residence.

Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd C. Dahmen, of Olean, N. Y., have purchased the home of Mrs. R. G. Farrell on East Massachusetts avenue, beyond Highland Pines Inn, and have moved in with their daughter and three sons. This will be their winter home. Mr. Dahmen is a furniture manufacturer, with his main interests located in Ellerbe, Pa.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Wallace Allen, of Clairton, Pa., have purchased the home of Mr. and Mrs. Warren D. Hall, who recently moved to Detroit, O. Mr. Allen has retired from his business, which was that of an executive with the Carnegie Steel company, and they will live here the year round. The home is an attractive grey shingle bungalow on East Massachusetts, overlooking the school ground.

Dr. Thomas N. Lide, pathologist at the Moore County hospital, has purchased the T. K. Gunter home, formerly that of Mrs. Maria B. Walker, on South Ashe street, between New York and Massachusetts, and plans to occupy it in the late winter.

Mrs. D. B. Sweeten, of Norfolk, Va., has purchased Mrs. D. E. Crosby's home on East Vermont avenue. Mrs. Sweeten, a native of West End, will move back to her native county within a few weeks, it is anticipated.

Yount's Named State VFW Radio Chairman

Jack S. Younts, manager of radio station WEEB here, has been appointed state department radio chairman for the VFW by E. C. Shead, of Wilmington, department commander.

Younts is the only department committee chairman within the membership of the VFW in Moore county, said C. S. Patch, Jr., John Boyd post commander, in making the announcement.

In this position Younts will have charge of origination and distribution to radio stations all over North Carolina of VFW publicity and material dealing with the Americanism, legislative and other programs sponsored by the department.