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## Two Scout Camps For Council Said Nearing Reality

### Campbell Gift Aids In Rapid Progress; \$150,000 Is Sought

Through the generous action of two Southern Pines men, both white and Negro Boy Scouts of the 11-county Oconeechee council are well on their way toward having excellent summer camps of their own.

A generous contribution by William D. Campbell has made possible the development of a tract of land in Wake county, of which 129 acres was given by the Raleigh Rotary club some years ago and to which new acreage has recently been added. Bulldozers are now clearing over the area on which a 25-acre lake will be impounded for boating and swimming, and deep wells are to be dug. A report made this week by Bruce Boyers, assistant executive of the Council, indicates that the plans for this camp, held in abeyance for a number of years, will reach fruition with its opening June 1.

### Named Camp Durant

It will be called Camp Durant, in honor of Mr. Campbell's grandfather, William Durant, former president of General Motors.

According to Boyers, approximately one-third of a camp development fund which it is hoped will reach \$150,000, will be used for a Negro Boy Scout camp, tentatively called Camp Moore, to be developed on a 100-acre site five miles from Southern Pines. This land was given more than a year ago by Ernest M. Aiken, Washington real estate dealer with a winter residence here.

Campbell is serving as council chairman of camp development, supervising the construction of (Continued on Page 5)

## Radio Shows Will Feature County Polio Workers

Through the cooperation of Radio Station WSTS—"990 on your dial"—Moore County community chairmen of the 1948 March of Dimes campaign are being heard in a series of 15-minute programs at 5 p. m. daily in behalf of the current drive.

Starting with Raymond Wicker, Aberdeen chairman, Wednesday, and Mrs. W. R. Griffin, Pinebluff, Thursday, the series will proceed next week as follows: today (Friday), J. M. Patterson, Niagara; Saturday, W. C. Stephenson, Cameron; Sunday, T. H. Lingerfeldt, Farm Life; Monday, Rev. H. A. McBath, Eagle Springs; Tuesday, Rev. R. R. Ramsey, Jackson Springs; Wednesday, Thaddeus N. Fry, High Falls; Thursday, Mrs. Ben H. Cooper, Lakeview.

### January 23-31

Scheduled the following week are: January 23, Mrs. Eldon S. Adams, Carthage; January 24, Mrs. Henry Addor, Addor; January 25, J. Frank McCaskill, Pinehurst; January 26, Miss Sallie Green Allison, Robbins; January 27, Paul C. Butler, Southern Pines; January 28, Mack Callahan, Vass; January 29, J. F. Sinclair, West End; January 30, J. C. Phillips, Westmore; January 31, L. F. Garvin, Manly.

Chairmen unable to make their talks as scheduled will delegate others of their community, to give news of their local campaigns and to speak for the support of the people in helping Moore county to shoot far beyond her quota of \$3,680.

### Sunday Show

WSTS will also present a radio show this Sunday from 3:05 to 4 p. m., to include the regular program given by Mrs. L. D. McDonald, organist, from the Church of Wide Fellowship, with Tom Cordon, Wesley Stoltz and Mrs. Harry Chatfield as soloists. There will be violin selections by Clarence Dougherty, and flute selections played by Miss Hilda Edwards.

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## These Kids Know About Polio



Don't ask us how the dog got in this picture—maybe he's trying to tell you about the March of Dimes, too. Those two fine-looking young people know all about it and what it can do. Patty Dupree, sixth grade student at the Southern Pines school, had polio last summer. Paralysis of the throat made her condition critical. Prompt treatment, arranged by the Moore County chapter of the National Infantile Paralysis Foundation, pulled her through, and subsequent checkups have showed her completely recovered. Peter Meyers had polio when he was seven, in Newark, N. J., 13 years ago, and spent eight months at the Clifton Crippled Children's hospital as a special March of Dimes guest. So fine a job was done that he has served in the merchant marine, then the U. S. marine corps, since 1942, passing the stiff physicals unquestioned. He entered the senior class here November 1, and made the varsity football team in time to help defeat the Georgia State champions Thanksgiving day. (Photo by Emerson Humphrey)

## March Of Dimes Under Way In County; Butler Relected Chapter President

### CONSERVE OIL!

With the thermometer Thursday morning recording the season's lowest temperature—10 degrees above zero—advice from the three local oil dealers to fuel oil users remained the same as before: Conserve!

The shortage is still grave, with no prospect of early alleviation. The dealers have, with strict rationing, been able to take care of their regular customers and hope to continue to do so—unless their own rations are cut.

Ralph Chandler, Jr., of the Sandhill Oil company, returned from a meeting at Raleigh Wednesday of the North Carolina Oil Jobbers association, saying, "We are as well off here as in other towns—better than in many." No one here has had to go without oil for more than a day, it is believed, with no cases of acute suffering such as has been reported elsewhere in the state and nation.

### FLASH!

At the Oconeechee Council annual meeting at Raleigh Thursday night, N. L. Hodgkins, of Southern Pines, was presented the Silver Beaver award, the highest award in volunteer Scouting.

More about this next week, with a full account of the meeting.

### Chairman Blue Is Host At Planning Meeting

Plans were laid for another successful March of Dimes campaign, to begin this week in Moore county as in the rest of the nation: a heart-warming description of the work of the county chapter of the National Infantile Paralysis Foundation was given, and chapter officers were elected at combined chapter-campaign dinner meeting held at Pope's restaurant, near Southern Pines, Monday night.

H. Clifton Blue, campaign chairman, was host at the dinner, to which chapter officials, community chairmen and other chapter and campaign friends and workers were invited, some 35 in all.

Paul C. Butler, chapter chairman for the past four years, was reelected by acclamation for his fifth term, despite his expressed reluctance to undertake the task again. However, he said, he would not refuse, "for there is no work more rewarding than work with polio victims—seeing children walk again who might have been crippled for life."

Also elected unanimously were J. F. Sinclair, of West End, vice president; Mrs. N. L. Hodgkins, secretary, and N. L. Hodgkins, who will also serve in the campaign as executive secretary, treasurer. The last two were re-elections.

### Quotas Are Set

In the part of the program led by Chairman Blue, all community chairmen and others were informed (Continued on Page 5)

## Central Carolina Phone Company To Answer Charges

### Service Complaints Result In Hearing Before Commission

Telephone service in Southern Pines and 17 other North Carolina communities faces possible overhauling, according to an announcement of the State Utilities commission Wednesday, as it ordered the Central Carolina Telephone company to appear at Raleigh next week and explain charges that its operations are inadequate.

The order, said to have been prompted by complaints of the telephone company's subscribers and by commission investigation, scheduled the hearing for 10 a. m. next Wednesday, January 21.

Company officials and attorneys were warned to be prepared to show cause why their firm should be permitted to continue service. Where public utilities fail to render satisfactory service, the commission is authorized to withdraw franchise rights.

Central Carolina Telephone company lists Southern Pines as headquarters. It is, however, owned by the Investors Telephone company of Chicago, according to information given by the commission, and operates in Southern Pines, Angier, Ansonville, Bonlee, Carthage, Fuquay-Varina, Gibsonville, Kernersville, Marshall, Matthews, Norwood, Pinehurst, Pittsboro, Robbins, Siler City, Summerfield, Vass and Waxhaw.

It is also understood to operate in some South Carolina towns.

## Drive-In Theatre To Open March 1 On Highway 1

The construction of a drive-in theatre between Southern Pines and Aberdeen is under way as the project of a new corporation, the Southern Drive-In Theatres, Inc., and is expected to be completed by March 1.

David H. Williams, of Southern Pines, is president of the corporation, which was chartered last week with a capital stock of \$25,000; C. A. Huntley, of Aberdeen, vice president, and Wallace G. Brown, Jr., of Jacksonville, Fla., secretary and treasurer.

About 30 acres of land in the Montevideo development, lying between Highway 1 and the old Aberdeen road, is being cleared for the theatre, which will accommodate some 400 cars. The modern type of parking design for such theatres is being used, allowing entrance and exit of cars at all times without disturbing others. Synchronized loudspeakers will carry sound from the film to each car.

The entrance and exit, attractive in design, will be on Highway 1.

The corporation's president, David Williams, has been associated with film companies headquartered in Charlotte for a number of years, while remaining a resident here.

Huntley, a young navy veteran, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Huntley of Aberdeen. On his discharge from the navy a year ago he was employed for a time by the U. S. Employment Service at Charlotte as an interviewer, and recently purchased a movie theatre at Gibson, near Laurinburg. He is now dividing his time between Aberdeen and Laurinburg, as is also, the secretary-treasurer, Brown, a veteran of the army air corps, who is working with him.

Headquarters of the new corporation is at Southern Pines.

### CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

No Chamber of Commerce meeting was held this week on account of a number of conflicts. Directors have been notified that a special meeting may be called in regard to the employment of an executive secretary.

## Sandhills Starts Drive To Promote Marshall Plan; Petitions Congress For Quick Action On Aid To Europe

### RESOLUTION

"RESOLVED, that it is in the best interest of the United States of America that the provisions of the Marshall Plan be approved by the Congress and that they be enacted into Law.

"We believe that in consideration of the efforts of the Nations involved, and because failure to produce a sufficient amount of food will result in starvation, and because failure to produce a sufficient amount of manufactured goods will result in the loss of their national independence and the occupation of Western Europe by forces inimical to our ideals of democratic liberties, the United States Government should aid these efforts by carrying out the provisions of the Marshall Plan; it is both humanitarian and in the interest of our own safety that this be done.

"We believe that while such important legislation should be given proper consideration by the Congress, it is also of supreme importance that the Nations involved be given the help provided by the Marshall Plan at the earliest possible moment.

"As citizens and voters we offer this Resolution and its accompanying Petition in the belief that it is the wish of the Congress to carry out the expressed will of the People, and with the realization that unless such communications as this are written, legislators will lack the information which they have a right to expect from their Constituents."

## Agar Urges Citizen Action In Plea At Forum For European Recovery Aid

### WE THE PEOPLE

The Sandhills, at least, knows what it wants in foreign policy and is not afraid to say so. Speedy action on the Marshall Plan is the word.

At a meeting of the Kiwanis Club on Wednesday, 50 members placed their signatures to a petition urging the Congress to "take early and favorable action on the Marshall Plan."

Presented to the club by Mrs. James Boyd, member for Southern Pines of the Special Committee of the Pinehurst Forum, the petition will be circulated in Southern Pines Friday and Saturday mornings, to enable everyone to sign it. It will then, with those from the other towns, be sent to the appropriate leaders in Congress, with the full resolution drawn up by the Forum Committee, as "the expressed will of the People."

## Radio Station Takes Non-Suit In Slander Case

Voluntary non-suit was taken this week in the \$40,000 slander suit of the Sandhills Broadcasting corporation against the Sandhills Community Broadcasters, Inc., and Jack Younts, it was learned from W. D. Sabiston, Jr., attorney for the plaintiff corporation.

The suit, filed last September, would have been tried at the February civil term.

Management of the Sandhills Broadcasting corporation, owners of radio station WSTS, has changed since the suit was instituted and many policies have changed with it this week, said Joe B. Long, Jr., vice president and general manager.

He issued the following statement:

"By rescinding the action taken by the previous management against the Sandhills Community Broadcasters, Inc., we sincerely hope that we have taken a forward stride in the firm establishment of our station's new policy and a clean competitive spirit between the two stations. We of WSTS recognize the competition that exists with another station located here, yet we recognize, too, the greater service to our community that can be rendered by two broadcasting establishments. We are happy that this matter is terminated."

### Stirring Address On World Problems Fires Big Sandhills Audience

Herbert Agar, journalist and student on international affairs, spared no words, when he spoke to the Pinehurst Forum last Thursday night, to give his hearers a true picture of the world situation today.

"Ladies and gentlemen," he said, and the voice of this tall, commanding American shook with earnestness, "I tell you: we cannot be afraid. Such an attitude is impious toward our ancestors who created this majesty which is America today. We must have pride and generosity."

And so the speaker called on his hearers to demand of Congress that this country lead the way in the struggle for peace; that America assume the great responsibilities of leadership which are rightfully, if inescapably, hers; that America take up the challenge which Henry Stimson calls "the greatest opportunity ever offered to a single nation."

Agar divided his talk into the consideration of three main problems: (1) the empty spaces in Europe and who will fill them, (2) modern weapons and the United States form of government and the effect it has, of frightening (Continued on Page 10)

## Firefighters Win Two Stiff Battles

Southern Pines firemen had their stiffest battle of the winter so far Tuesday night, when the explosion of an oil stove about 9 o'clock sent flames racing through an apartment over James Pou's cafe on Gaines street, opposite the West Southern Pines Baptist church.

So rapidly did the fire spread through the second floor of the frame building that the blaze was plainly visible to the men on the fire trucks as they crossed Page street on the way to the fire. They paid out 2,250 feet of hose to get water into the flaming building, where they had a cold battle lasting some two hours.

Some furnishings were saved from the apartment and the cafe. The entire building suffered extensive damage and the pet dog of one of the tenants was lost in the blaze. At 12:30 p. m. Saturday, workmen employed by Frank Viall, clearing land for the Stoneybrook stables, lost control of their brush fire, which was swept by the high wind through the pines behind the Kaylor houses and at the home of Mitchell Kellis on Youngs road.

The alarm brought a prompt response from the Southern (Continued on Page 8)

## Community Move May Spearhead Drive Throughout Nation

### Petition To Be Signed In All Towns Of County

"We asked Secretary Marshall if he approved and he said indeed he did; that it was a wonderful idea. He urged us to go ahead as fast as possible."

With these electrifying words Mrs. Aras Williams, secretary of the Forum, opened the meeting called at her Pinehurst house on Sunday afternoon to discuss action to be taken following the address of Herbert Agar, in which the journalist urged his audience to let Congress know their wishes concerning passage of the Marshall Plan.

Present at the meeting were, besides Mrs. Williams, Dr. Nettleton, president of the Forum, and Mrs. Nettleton, Mrs. Walter McNeille, Henry Spellman, Mrs. James Boyd, Captain and Mrs. Shearwood.

Mrs. Williams described conversations with both the Secretary and Mrs. Marshall, and read a telegram received from Mr. Agar in which he listed the names of Congressmen whom it would be advisable to contact.

### Nettleton Resolution

Dr. Nettleton then explained the purpose of the meeting: to take advantage of the feeling aroused by the Agar speech, and try to secure as many signatures as possible on a petition to Congress urging speedy action in adoption of the Marshall Plan. Dr. Nettleton read a resolution which he had prepared.

This was adopted after amendment, and it was decided to form a committee in each town to present the petition to townspeople for signing and sending to the influential members of Congress.

Hope was expressed by those present that this action, in line with that urged by Henry L. Stimson, national chairman of the Committee for the Marshall Plan to Aid European Recovery, would be taken up by other communities so that, starting in the Sandhills, it might spearhead a drive throughout the whole nation.

Friday and Saturday of this week were set as the dates for obtaining signatures. It was proposed that each town carry out its own plans, with chairmen assembling as many workers as might be needed.

Among those acting as chairmen in the towns of the county are: Mr. and Mrs. Talbot Johnson for Aberdeen, Henry Spellman for Pinehurst, Leighton McKeithen for Cameron, Mrs. S. R. Smith for Vass, Mrs. Walter MacNeille for Pinebluff, Mrs. W. P. Saunders for Robbins, Mrs. James Boyd for Southern Pines.

### Observer Editor Here

That the drive has already gained headway, even before its start, was demonstrated by the prompt action of Kiwanians who signed the petition at their Wednesday meeting, and by the importance given the story by the Charlotte Observer. Sending Hubert Gillett, associate editor, to cover the organizational meeting, the Observer carried his report of it and of the Kiwanis meeting at Southern Pines, on the front page of Thursday's paper.

The committee urges all to write personal letters to their representatives in Congress, and also to Senator Arthur H. Vandenberg, (Foreign Affairs chairman) Senator Robert A. Taft, (Policy Committee chairman), Representative Charles E. Eaton, (House Foreign Affairs chairman), expressing their sentiments on this momentous question. Letters, it is stated, may be addressed to the Senate or House Office Buildings. Personal letters, it is believed, will be doubly effective.

The Committee also suggests that visitors send copies of the resolution and petition home, urging that similar action be taken by their home communities.