

Commissioners Give "Go Ahead" Sign On Needed Buildings For Local School

Auditorium, Gym, Cafeteria Plans To Be Completed

"At Long Last"

The Southern Pines school will have an auditorium, cafeteria and gymnasium next year, by authorization of the county commissioners given at their Monday meeting climaxed discussions which have gone on over a period of eight months.

Whether a one-unit or a two-unit plan will be followed will depend on estimates to be made on completion of the architect's plans, which is to go forward immediately. The commissioners said they had not yet begun to finance the building of separate gymnasiums in any schools, and if they did for one, they would have to for many others. However, it was anticipated that a satisfactory combination of the three needs can be worked out.

Facts and figures were not gone into, pending a more accurate estimate of costs than is now available.

School Delegation

Plans are to be submitted to the commissioners for approval when they are completed.

Representing the Southern Pines school at the Monday meeting were Supt. Philip J. Weaver, N. L. Hodgkins of the school board, Mayor C. N. Page, L. V. O'Callaghan and John S. Ruggles.

Two other school delegations faced the commissioners with requests Monday. The first was that of the Farm Life school seeking a gymnasium, without success. The second represented the Aberdeen school, with Leon Seymour presenting a plea for a whole new school building, or, failing that, an addition to the present building to contain sufficient classrooms to take care of anticipated needs.

Current crowded conditions in the Aberdeen school were graphically presented, also the crucial condition anticipated next year when the growth of the town is expected to bring an influx of several hundred more pupils to the school.

Next On List

With authorization of the long-delayed Southern Pines construction, Chairman Gordon Cameron of the county commissioners said practically all immediate needs of the county schools except those of Aberdeen are now taken care of, and Aberdeen is next on the list. However, he said that more money would have to be available before any promises could be made.

The commissioners asked that an estimate on the construction of an eight-classroom annex be presented for consideration.

Meeting At Carthage Marks Progress In County's Maternal Welfare Work

Moore County people turned out in force last week Wednesday to attend the Maternal Welfare Committee's annual meeting, dedicated, this year, to the memory of the founder, Elizabeth Woltz Currie. Estimated at over 170, the gathering met in the Carthage Community Building to hear the committee's report of the year's achievements and the announcement, made at the close of the afternoon, of the creation of the Elizabeth Woltz Currie memorial fund, for maternity work at the Moore County Hospital.

The meeting opened with a short word of welcome from the chairman, Mrs. James Boyd, followed by the introduction of guests by the vice-chairman, Mrs. Paul P. McCain. Among these were Mrs. Woltz from Atlanta, mother of the founder, her son, Dr. John Woltz, obstetrician, of Charlotte, Miss Margaret McQueen, formerly of the Moore County Health Department, Dr. Pishko of Moore County Hospital, Dr. Rosser, of Vass, Dr. Grier of West End, Dr. Bowman of Aberdeen, Dr. G. W. Cooper, assistant chief of the State Health Department, Dr. Willcox, Moore

DUKE GLEE CLUB

The program of the concert of the Duke Glee club, to be given under auspices of the Civic club at the Pinehurst theater at 8 p.m. Thursday, will include many old favorites, both classical and semi-classical, also several of the humorous numbers for which this glee club is noted.

There will be a number of solos, and selections by the famous triple quartet. The entire group includes 40 voices, directed by J. Foster Barnes.

Tickets are still available, unreserved or in box seats, and may be secured at the Sandhill Drugstore here, the Carolina Drugstore in Pinehurst or through Mrs. Tucker G. Humphries—phone 8064. This will be the third annual visit of the Glee club to the Sandhills, where they have always received a splendid welcome and won great favor with their outstanding work. The concert will begin at 8:30 o'clock.

Base Plug Starts Fire In School; Damage Is Slight

Smoke pouring from the reception room at the Southern Pines school Wednesday afternoon led to the discovery that the school was on fire—news which brought a quick turnout of citizens young and old, right after the fire truck.

Quick work on the part of the fire department kept the damage confined to the one room, where later investigation showed the fire to have originated apparently in a short circuit in a base plug. Window draperies touching the plug caught fire, fell on a handsome chrome-and-leather chair which was soon blazing merrily, did considerable damage to walls, woodwork and ceiling and also caused the falling in of a window.

The alarm was given at 5:15 by M. L. Palmer, father of Miss Joyce Palmer, school secretary. Going by the school to get his daughter—who, it happened, had already left—Palmer spotted the smoke, which was curling out through various crevices.

Superintendent Weaver and Coach A. C. Dawson had left town some two hours earlier, to referee the Robeson County basketball tournament at Lumberton, and did not learn of the fire until they came home that night.

Practically the entire school was rewired some time ago, Weaver said Thursday, but the base plugs were left as they were. He estimated the damage at less than \$500.

Town Board Faces Watery Problems At March Meeting

Billboards And Sidewalks Are Also Discussed

It was water, water everywhere for the town board Wednesday night—from problems of the water plant, troublesome water mains, and rainwater washing into a citizen's cellar, on up to the more agreeable consideration of fishing at the town pond.

An ordinance amendment was passed authorizing fishing six days a week (every day but Sunday) instead of the Wednesday, Friday and Saturday previously permitted.

A number of requests for the change had been made, said Mayor Page, and data was presented to show that conservationists have in recent years changed their minds: frequent fishing is now thought more beneficial to a fishpond than infrequent fishing, provided limitations of size are maintained. "It helps to get the big fish out so the little fish can grow," the theory of scientific thinning was explained in a nutshell. Six more boats for the pond have been ordered, to add to the five already there, so that, with two fishermen to a boat, 22 will be able to fish at a time.

Water Plant

Southern Pines' water plant, once thought large enough to take care of all possible future needs, will reach its peak capacity in about five years if the present increase in consumption is maintained, it was indicated in a letter from John Howarth of the Carolina Power and Light company. Asked to give an estimate on the cost increase in the use of the 100-horsepower pump, instead of the 75-horsepower, Howarth had made a general survey. Since the 75-horsepower pump has had to work practically continuously to supply the present need, use of the 100-horsepower with its faster pumping rate will cost only a shade more, he said. From 1936 to 1947, he noted, water pumped at the plant has increased from 10,870,000 gallons per year to 18,120,000 gallons. At present the 1,000,000-gallon a day capacity plant is pumping 800,000 gallons a day.

Faced with the fact that within five years a larger filter plant, larger water mains or both may be crucially needed, the commissioners decided to employ a water engineering specialist to check over the plant for recommendations, and, while here, also to survey other problem spots of the

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O. K., GOV.!

The Pilot is inclined to pass out a word of praise to Governor Cherry. It looks to us as if the Governor was taking a good stand.

It's true, he's only standing still, holding his breath and, we suspect, not daring to budge one way or t'other. But just take a look at what the other Southern governors are doing and say that standing still isn't just about the best move Governor Cherry can make!

Anyway, if North Carolina is the state to keep its head and stick to its democratic knitting, and incidentally, its democratic way of acting, that's OK by this tarheel.

Marshall's Talk For Red Cross On Hookup Via WEEB

Southern Pines' radio station WEEB has been given a signal honor, Jack Younts, owner and manager of the local station, reported to The Pilot this week. They are to be the only station outside of the American Broadcasting network, to broadcast the coming speech on the Red Cross drive by Secretary of State Marshall.

The secretary, who will be spending the week end at his Pinehurst home, will speak over the air at between 2 and 2:30 next Saturday. WEEB, Younts said, will carry their own lines in and broadcast directly from the cottage.

"Both the State Department and the American Broadcasting Company gave us the invitation to take part," Younts said. "They realized, I suppose, we went on, that this would be the only way that the general's friends and neighbors in the Sandhills could hear his speech."

Younts stated that the address will last from five to ten minutes and will be a plea for support of the current Red Cross drive all over the nation.

Those attending the Southern Pines Chamber of Commerce Horse show Saturday will be enabled to hear the speech, as the show will be stopped at that time and the speech broadcast through a loudspeaker, John S. Ruggles, Chamber president, said yesterday. The horse show is being given for the benefit of the Red Cross. It will start at 2 p. m.

FIRST FLIGHT COVERS

A total of 1,785 "first flight covers" went out from Southern Pines on the inaugural flight of Piedmont Airlines' daily service Friday, February 20.

MARSHALLS TO BE GUESTS AT C. OF C. HORSE SHOW, SUPPER

Pick The Winners: A Survey Of Some Of The Horses Due To Show Saturday

By E. O. Hippus

With horse show time almost on us, it seems like a good moment to take a look at the critters behind some of the fancy names in the program.

But if you start to make a survey of the show horses, you are apt to end up in a pretty bewildered state.

We tried it the other day and came back fairly gibbering. Any one who reads this article may make the unkind cut that we probably started out that way, too, but, honestly, we were comparatively sane to begin with. It wasn't till we saw one lavishly beautiful thoroughbred after another that we got this way.

It is without doubt a fact that there are as many top show hunters and jumpers within a radius of a few Sandhills miles as you're likely ever to see together. And of the highest quality. Stood end to end, as the statisticians love to put it, their combined gorgeousness would cause the Queen of Sheba herself to throw in the sponge . . . not to mention the Taj Mahal and the Seaboard's latest silver dream train.

At Mile-Away

We started our attempted survey out at Mile-away Farms, having heard a mild rumor that there were a few horses worth looking at out on the Moss place; Possibilities, for instance, someone said, had grown up to himself this year and was quite a horse.

We remembered him well from last year. His name suited his prospects, we'd thought, and so it would be fun to see how he'd come on.

We saw. He's come on so fast and so far that he looks like another horse. A great powerful fellow, he made us think of that phrase the artists use: dynamic symmetry. We never knew just what it meant, but as we watched Possibilities step out, noted his rhythmic gait and perfect proportions we decided he was it. And what a way of moving! When Ozelle trotted him out he played him like a trout, leaping and flashing, but always with his ears up, light as a kitten and as graceful, for all his 16.3 size. We picked, for points of special note: long sweeping quarters, a marvelous middle-piece. A remarkably beautiful silver dream train. (Continued on Page 8)

Saturday, Sunday Show Events Will Benefit Red Cross

Fine Horses. Noted Riders To Be Seen

Southern Pines will welcome Secretary of State George C. Marshall and Mrs. Marshall at the Chamber of Commerce Horse show Saturday afternoon, for the benefit of the Red Cross. They will also attend the buffet supper at 7 o'clock at the Highland Pines Inn.

A telegram from Senator Umstead at Washington Thursday notified John S. Ruggles, Chamber of Commerce president, that the Secretary would accept the invitation. A telephone call to Mrs. Marshall confirmed she will accompany him.

They will come to the show-grounds immediately after General Marshall's broadcast for the Red Cross, to be made from his Pinehurst home over a WEEB remote for the ABC system. The speech will be broadcast over a loudspeaker at the horse show.

70 Horses Entered

With 70 entries by the deadline early this week—most of them horses wintering in the Sandhills—the Southern Pines Chamber of Commerce Horse show looked like a sure thing for top entertainment for Saturday and Sunday afternoons.

To be held at the Southern Pines showgrounds on the old Pinehurst road beginning at 2 p. m. on the two days, the event will initiate the horse show season for the state—an appropriate inauguration for the town known as America's winter and spring "horse capital."

A million dollars worth of fine horseflesh is said to be wintering in this resort section, and the names of many of the best of them are reported to appear on the entry list.

For Red Cross Benefit

The show is being held for the benefit of the 1948 Red Cross Fund drive, to which gross proceeds of the two afternoons will go. A third major event of the weekend will be the Horse Show ball at the Highland Pines Inn Saturday night, preceded by a buffet supper at 7 p. m. Dancing to the music of Hal Strain's orchestra from the Palmetto stage will begin at 9, and there will also be tables arranged for bridge. Full dress is optional—wear what you please, is the word of those in charge, and have a good time!

Distinguished guests at the Saturday show and ball will be Lieutenant Gov. and Mrs. L. Y. Ballentine, from Raleigh (A number

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Officer And Wife Are Injured When Car Overtakes

Lieut. and Mrs. Walter H. Lane, Jr., of 224 South East Broad street, are at the Fort Bragg General hospital suffering from multiple injuries sustained when their car overturned twice between Cameron and Vass at 10:30 p. m. Sunday.

Their year-old son, Ronnie, who was with them in the car, miraculously escaped injury, and is in the care of his grandmother, Mrs. C. E. Mack, of Washington, D. C., who with her son, T. E. Mack, came to Southern Pines at once on learning of the accident.

Lieutenant Lane and his family were returning, at the time of the accident, from spending the week end in Washington with the Macks, as a farewell to his wife's father who sailed for England Wednesday. According to a report of the accident, their car, a 1942 Buick sedan, failed to take a curve, went up an embankment and upset as it came back down. It was completely demolished.

The car was loaded with luggage and also contained a pet cat, who remained unhurt in the rear seat, came to town with the wrecker and spent the night at Howlett's garage before being discovered. The baby and cat were taken to Washington by the Macks, who drove back Tuesday.

The injured couple were taken first to Moore County hospital, then to Fort Bragg, where Lieutenant Lane is stationed with the medical corps. He is also from Washington, D. C. The Lanes came to Southern Pines in September from an army post in Texas, and have an apartment at Mrs. Burgess's.

Both Lieutenant and Mrs. Lane sustained badly broken jawbones in the accident. Lieutenant Lane's jawbone was broken in four places, and Mrs. Lane lost a number of teeth when her face struck the windshield.

The accident was investigated by Highway Patrolman Swain, for whose work Mrs. Mack had much praise, after she had learned the details while here. "Your highway patrol here is splendid," she said. "They looked after everything in the most efficient manner. They were a very real help in time of trouble."

County Scoutmasters Camp Out For Training Course



Scoutmasters, their assistants and troop leaders of Moore county camped out last weekend at the Aberdeen Scout hut, receiving instruction from field executives in what is believed to be the first Scoutmaster Training program ever held in the county. This was part of the district program under the direction of the Rev. J. Lamar Jackson, training chairman. In the picture are, kneeling, left to right, Gaither Edwards, assistant scoutmaster Carthage Troop 36; Bobby Farmer, senior patrol leader, West End Troop 98; Harold Garner, scribe, Aberdeen Troop 68; Fred Monroe, patrol leader, West End Troop 98; Thomas Queen, junior assistant scoutmaster and Eagle scout, Pinebluff Troop 206.

Standing are L. W. Hewett, field executive; Harold Parker, assistant scoutmaster, Carthage Troop 36; George Turner, field executive; R. G. McCaskill, scoutmaster, Pinebluff Troop 206; Bill C. Nolan, scoutmaster, Southern Pines Troop 224; W. D. Campbell, Southern Pines, member of district and regional executive committees; Archie Ferguson, assistant scoutmaster, Southern Pines Troop 224; Gordon Keith, scoutmaster, Aberdeen Troop 68. (Photo by Humphrey)

Carthage To Hold Red Cross Benefit

Carthage is going all out on the Red Cross drive this year. One of the biggest social events of the season will be held for the benefit of the drive when, on Friday evening, March 12th, the Carthage Hotel opens its doors for benefit bridge.

In charge of the event is a committee including Mrs. Charles T. Grier, Mrs. Joe Allen, Miss Mary Currie, Mrs. W. D. Sabiston, Jr., Miss Johnnie Redding, Mrs. Roy Williamson, Mrs. Wilton H. Brown, and Mrs. M. G. Boyette, of Carthage, and Mrs. John Beasley of Southern Pines. They are taking reservations for tables and report many engaged, with several reserved by ladies from Southern Pines.

Prizes have been donated for the event, to be auctioned off by Bill Carter, who cries at the tobacco auctions hereabouts. Ranging all the way from a 50-yard bolt of sheeting to a pressure cooker, more than forty are ready to be passed out to the winners of the afternoon bridge.