

Hunter Trials On Swamp Fox Course Sunday Afternoon

Timber Races, Parade of Hounds Will Be Featured

On Outside Course

The second of Southern Pines' featured spring horse events will be held Sunday afternoon at the Swamp Fox course here, when the famed annual hunter trials of the Moore County Hounds are held.

Besides the trials, featured on the program will be several timber races and a colorful parade of hounds by the Moore County Hounds.

The hunter trials, longtime highlight of the Southern Pines season, were held for the first time last year over the new Swamp Fox course on old Pinehurst Road, scene of the recent Chamber of Commerce Horse show. The course is much improved this year and an outstanding event is looked for. All the events of the Sunday show will take place over the tricky outside course of the grounds featuring natural jumps, woodlands and fields, to test to the utmost the horses' ability to follow the hounds.

The schedule will begin at 2 p. m. with the parade and will continue with an exhibition of a short drag hunt. Trials will be held for lightweight hunters and for middle and heavyweight hunters. There will be a class of hunt teams of three, and another of hunter prospects. The exciting timber races will consist of a ladies' catchweight race, a lightweight race (for hunters up to carrying 150 pounds), and a middle and heavyweight race (for hunters up to carrying 175 pounds).

Proceeds from the show will go to the Moore County Hounds for improvement of the riding country and bridle paths of the Southern Pines area. Grounds concession proceeds will go to the Moore County Hospital auxiliary for hospital equipment. Parking space at Swamp Fox course may be obtained by calling Southern Pines 6111 or 5851.

The huge annual Sandhills Horse show, with entries from all over the south, is another event coming here, April 2-3-4.

Old London Scenes To Be Depicted At Ark School Fair

Every spring The Ark, country day-school of Southern Pines, of which Mrs. Millicent A. Hayes is principal, puts on a Spring Assembly. The pupils carry out some form of entertainment and conduct a sale of food and fancy articles, the proceeds going to a local charity.

This year the affair is to be held at the school next Wednesday, March 24th, at 11 a. m. It promises to be unique and to attract a large audience, who know from the past how delightful are these entertainments, produced with almost professional skill.

"Tableaux from 'London Cries', by Francis Wheatley, R. A. 1747-1801," is the title of the coming event. The charming Wheatley prints will be copied in detail, with students of the school in the role of the market sellers of Old London.

It is stated that contributions of cake, flowers, and useful articles for sale will be welcomed. The money raised will go to the Moore County Hospital Auxiliary.

SPRING FASHION SHOW

The most elaborate and beautiful event of the Pinehurst season will take place Monday evening, when the Easter Fashion Promenade will be held in the ballroom of the Carolina Hotel.

The Promenade, presented again this year by Razooks, will be for the benefit of the American Red Cross and will enjoy the distinguished patronage of Mrs. George C. Marshall.

Plane Burned As Spark Fires Grass Before Show At Resort Field Sunday

Crowds arriving early for the airshow at Resort airport Sunday afternoon had a preview of excitement when grass edging the field caught fire from a spark from the motor of a plane in process of being parked, starting a fire which quickly swept a portion of the grass runway and consumed a Stearman trainer belonging to James Lowers, of Maxton.

Lowers had just parked his plane and gone into the administration building when Grady Thrasher, of Elberton, Ga., a stunt pilot connected with the Haskell Deaton show, landed after circling the town. Warned by cries of onlookers that the grass had caught fire, he got his plane out of the way in a hurry. A group of soldiers on hand for the show rushed to the rescue of Lowers' plane, and were pushing it out of the way when

it flamed up, scorching the face and hands of Pvt. Edmund Sylvester, of Detroit, stationed at Fort Bragg. He was given first aid at once at the field, and, swathed in bandages, stayed to enjoy the airshow.

An alarm at 1:15 p. m. brought the Southern Pines fire department out with the light truck, loaded with chemicals, which had been due to arrive 15 minutes later to stand by for the afternoon performance. While they could not save the plane, whose wing fabric was already brightly ablaze, they were able to smother the flames with foamite in time to prevent explosion of the gas burned connection.

Volunteer firemen were busy on the quick run to the airport getting the truck's chemicals ready for immediate action, un-

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Sandpiper Match Play Under Way For Championship

The coming of spring brings news from the Sandpipers—though to be honest, this hardy men's golfing organization of the Southern Pines Country club has been busy all winter, whenever the weather permitted.

However, information that the Sandpipers Championship tournament got under way this week is assurance that spring has come. Paired in the championship flight—match play, no handicap—are John Pottle vs. W. J. Royer; Jack Carter vs. John Underwood; Russell Birch vs. Jimmy Riggins; Will Wiggs vs. George Pottle.

In the first flight—match play with three-fourths difference in handicaps—are Harold Collins vs. Bert Weatherspoon; Charles Everest, Jr. vs. R. N. Page, Jr.; Howard Burns vs. Dr. P. J. Whitehead; Henry Graves vs. Boots Matthews.

Matches are being played this weekend, to be concluded Sunday. Semifinals will conclude Sunday, March 28, and the playoffs Sunday, April 4.

The Sandpiper tournaments of eight, which began last November, ended Wednesday of this week with a tie between George Pottle and W. W. Sherman, winners of the first match, yet to be played off. Second of the match-play—against—par bouts was won by Charles Everest, Jr., third, by R. N. Page, Jr., fourth, Jack Carter.

At this point Old Man Winter began acting up and some time was lost, so that fifth and sixth matches were then combined, George Pottle and Tom Smith winning. Seventh and eighth were also combined, Henry Graves and Will Wiggs winning.

Playoffs among winners for a tournament champion will be arranged later in the spring, said Will Wiggs, Sandpiper president.

Holy Week Services At Emmanuel Church

Holy Week will be inaugurated at Emmanuel Episcopal church with the Palm Sunday services, Holy Communion at 8 a. m. and Ante-Communion and Litany at 11 a. m.

Holy Communion will be held at 10 a. m. Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday and at 8 p. m. Maundy Thursday.

The three-hour Good Friday service, beginning at 12 noon, will be divided into three parts of one hour each, concluding at 3 p. m.

On Saturday, the eve of Easter, morning prayer will be held at 10 o'clock.

PALM SUNDAY MASSES

Palm Sunday masses will be held at St. Anthony's Catholic church at 7, 8 and 10:30 a. m. The first two will be low masses, while at 10:30 high mass will be held with the reading of the Passion. There will be distribution of the palms at all masses.

COMING EVENTS

Sunday, March 22: Moore County Hounds Hunter Trials, Swamp Fox course, 2 p. m.

Spring Junior Horse Show, Carolina Hotel, Pinehurst, 2 p. m.

Monday, March 22: Razook's Easter Fashion Promenade, Carolina Hotel, Pinehurst, 8:45 p. m.

Thursday, April 1: Wake Forest-Univ. of Pa. baseball game. Southern Pines town athletic field.

Friday, Saturday, Sunday, April 2, 3, 4: Sandhills Horse Show, Swamp Fox showgrounds.

Local Red Cross Goal Is Sighted; Delays In County

Horse Show Returns Will Push Southern Pines Over Top

Workers Are Listed

When the check for the horse show receipts comes in, the big Red Cross thermometer in front of the post office is due to blow its top, for it will mean the Southern Pines campaign goal has been passed, said A. L. Burney, local drive chairman, Wednesday.

The amount in hand, plus that which the Chamber of Commerce has announced will accrue to the Red Cross from the March 6-7 horse show, total \$6,339—well past the \$6,000 quota.

Some of the totals should be somewhat larger, as a number of workers' reports have yet to be received, and additional funds are expected in the coming week, said Burney, adding a reminder to chairmen and workers to rush in those reports.

Delays are also being experienced in the county campaign. As of last Friday, returns from all county communities had amounted to \$11,377.87, according to R. F. Hoke Pollock, chairman. The county goal is \$19,867.

In announcing achievement of the local goal, Chairman Burney expressed pride in the chairmen and workers of his organization, and gratitude to the Chamber of Commerce and other agencies which have assisted in bringing up the totals.

Two Accidents Damage Cars, Cause Injuries

Two accidents near Southern Pines Sunday night caused damage to three cars and a truck and injuries to two Fort Bragg soldiers, who, given emergency treatment at the Moore County hospital, were then removed to the Fort Bragg General hospital. Their injuries were not thought to be serious.

The two men, Staff Sgt. Paul R. Underwood, driver, member of the 82nd Airborne division, and Sergeant Victory, with a companion, Sergeant Bell, narrowly escaped worse injury or death when their 1940 Mercury struck a 1946 Ford truck, driven by Arthur C. Ferguson, of Carthage, about 7:15 o'clock. The rear wheels were knocked out from under the truck, and the Mercury overturned and was demolished.

No charges have been made, said Patrolman J. F. Swain, pending further investigation when Underwood's condition improves.

At 11 o'clock a 1940 Ford driven by Robert Lee Ring, of Carthage, Rt. 3, swerved across the road to collide with the left rear fender and wheel of a 1-29 Model A Ford driven by Willie Clyde Shaw, Negro, on Highway 1 near the Skyline airport. Shaw received minor injuries and both cars were badly damaged.

Ring was arrested for drunken driving, haled to recorders court Monday and duly sentenced on the charge, to which he pleaded guilty.

Boards Consider Bond Issue For County Schools

Aberdeen Needs, Others Seen As Extremely Urgent

An architect's estimate of \$500,000 as the cost of a proposed new school building at Aberdeen gave a sickly cast to the recommendation of a \$600,000 bond issue, to cover countywide school building needs, presented by the board of education to the county commissioners at a joint called session at Carthage Monday.

While Aberdeen's acute need was admitted, the half-million dollar estimate, backed up with architect's sketches, presented by the Aberdeen delegation was seen as a staggering one. With other needs also projected, however, a new summing-up was obviously in order, bringing first a suggestion of a million-dollar bond issue, then a million and a quarter, ending in a closed session at which, by later report, no decision was reached.

Tough Situation

Upshot was that the board of education is going to have to meet again and study some more, to find its way out of the school-building nightmare which, according to reports from all over the county, is dismaying local governments everywhere. Increased population growth, deterioration of buildings during the war years and high-scaled construction prices have them in a scissors-lock.

This seems true in Moore county despite the fact, as Commissioner John Currie itemized, that the county has, in the past 10 years, spent more than \$1,000,000 on school buildings and building improvements.

Delegations from High Falls, West End and Southern Pines were on hand Monday, with Aberdeen, to press their needs. One from Eagle Springs appeared also with a different plea. More pupils, it seems, are wanted in their new \$75,000 school building, as the less than 100 now attending command only two state-paid teachers.

Bursting At Seams

In contrast, Leon Seymour of Aberdeen painted a picture of

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"Milkman" Milks

Advance Payments

Customers waiting for Edward B. ("Flat Top") Kimball to start delivering their milk in Southern Pines and Knollwood may have a long wait, for information from the city police this week is to the effect that Kimball has left town, taking with him an estimated \$185 in advance payments.

Kimball is said to have taken a northbound train out of Southern Pines Saturday.

During several months of last fall and winter, when Harry W. Chatfield delivered Coble's milk in this vicinity, Kimball was one of his truck assistants. Chatfield quit his route two months ago.

Early this month Kimball visited Chatfield's former customers, announcing that he would deliver milk if he secured enough trade. Many said they wished delivery, and last week he visited them again, selling ticket books.

When no delivery started, several would-be customers looked into the matter and it was found that he had left. Three of them have sworn out warrants, Chief Newton said, and it is not known just how many have lost amounts of from \$1 to \$5 or more.

Kimball came to Southern Pines three years ago from Piedmont Carolina, and has a police record comprising various misdemeanors. At one time, it was learned, his wife and also a sister were in the N. C. Sanatorium at McCain. He lived on Leake street here and worked at a number of different jobs.

His wife is said to have gone to New York.

Kimball's action was in no way connected with the taking over of the Coble route by Leo H. Lupton, Jr., which is announced this week.

\$45,000 BOND ISSUE SET FOR BUILDING OF NEW SCHOOL GYMNASIUM

NO CANDIDATE

F. Dan Farrell, of Aberdeen, announced this week that he will not be a candidate for reelection this year to the county board of education.

He has served on the board during the past three terms, and is currently its chairman.

In a letter to M. G. Boyette, chairman of the Moore County Democratic committee, he wrote, "I assure the Moore County Democratic committee and the people of Moore county that I appreciate their confidence in me, and I only wish that I could have done more for the betterment of education in our county."

Season's Worst Forest Fires Burn Large Acreages

The two worst forest fires of the season, according to the experienced judgment of County Forest Warden E. W. Davis, occupied the attention of fire fighters from mid-morning until after midnight Monday, and destroyed more than 500 acres of woodland within a few miles of Southern Pines.

Aided by high March winds and recent dryness, the first fire swept an estimated 475 acres of the old Churchland vineyard grounds, now owned by T. C. Auman, and land owned by Pinehurst, Inc., and the Pleasants Sand and Gravel company, along the Norfolk and Southern railway to the left of the old Southern Pines-Pinehurst road.

Sighted from the Southern Pines tower at 10:20 a. m., it drew the entire county crew, with tractor and other equipment, aided by crews from Pinehurst, Inc., and the railroad, and Auman's peach orchard workers, for a fight which lasted more than nine hours. "If it hadn't been for the fireline Pinehurst, Inc., had plowed around their land last fall, there's no telling when we could have stopped it," said Warden Davis. "It traveled mighty fast, and we really had our hands full."

The fire was ascertained to have started from a spark from a passing train.

Reaching the tower soon after 7 p. m., the firemen spotted the second blaze less than an hour later, on the Pinecrest Manor grounds between the sanatorium building and the Old Bethesda road. The county crew, with a few extra workers picked up on the spot, fought this one until 12:30 a. m. At one time it threatened the Pinecrest Manor building, now empty. A firebreak was plowed around the grounds, saving the building, but an estimated 40 acres of woodland fell victim to the flames.

The fire was believed to have

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Temperance Group Will Meet Sunday;

"I'm Not Campaigning," Says McLeod

The Moore County Temperance committee, which organized last year to kick up considerable political dust in Moore county, is again on the move, this time with a view toward affiliation with a larger group for greater power and unity.

Steps toward the group's organization as a unit of the Allied Church League, Inc., are expected to be taken at a mass meeting to be held Sunday at 3 p. m. at the courthouse in Carthage, according to information from J. B. McLeod, of Carthage, chairman.

L. A. Martin, of Lexington, executive director of the Allied Church League in North Carolina, has been invited to be the speaker.

Against Liquor Sale

The League, said McLeod, is "non-political and interdenominational, crossing all party and

Will Supplement County Grant To Fill Major Needs

Unanimously Endorsed By Citizens' Committee

A special election for a bond issue of \$45,000 to supplement county funds already allotted for a school auditorium, gymnasium and cafeteria, was authorized by the county commissioners in a called session at Carthage Monday.

The authorization followed presentation by Mayor C. N. Page and Supt. P. J. Weaver of petitions bearing the signatures of some 300 Southern Pines citizens.

The bond issue is one approved by the General Assembly in 1937 and never held, as the amount was found to be insufficient for the needs. Further state approval will not be needed, it was ascertained.

Now, 11 years later, it will represent the difference between a one-building unit, with combined auditorium-cafeteria and a separate gymnasium and auditorium cafeteria more suited to local needs.

At the commissioners' meeting, held in conjunction with the county board of education, a bond issue to cover a wide range of county school building needs, including those of Southern Pines, was discussed, with estimates rising at one time as high as \$1,250,000.

However, said Weaver, in view of the fact that no decision is yet in view, plans for the local vote will go forward at once, as formulated by the school board and the citizens' committee, and in accord with regulations of the county board of elections.

Committee Meeting

Unanimous endorsement of the bond issue was made by the citizens' committee, a group of 50.

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PLAY BALL!

Southern Pines will meet Elise High of Robbins on the school field Wednesday at 3 p. m., for the opening game of the high school baseball series.

Leveled and graded, the ballground is said to be much improved this year. With bad weather and basketball only just over, only three regular practices had been held this week and no lineup had been picked. A good many boys are said to have come out, though, and a fine season is anticipated.

Season tickets will go on sale this weekend, sponsored as in the past by the citizen's committee, whose members will all have tickets and work actively for their sale. With single-game admissions at 35 cents, the 10-game ticket at \$2.50 represents a real saving, it is noted. Proceeds will go to the school athletic program.

The Moore County organization in its new form will most likely be interested in county representatives to the General Assembly, to be elected this year and later, though, McLeod said, so far as he knows it will not run a candidate of its own.

He himself is not interested, he said in answer to The Pilot's query. He admitted, however, that he had been approached on the subject. "I'm a farmer and that's a full-time job," said the young man, a veteran of World War 2 and native of the Eureka section. "Even if I wanted to make the race, I don't see how I could spare the time. I'm chiefly interested right now in helping the League organize, and will work with it toward achieving its aims.

The League, said McLeod, is "non-political and interdenominational, crossing all party and