

Permanent County Unit Is Planned For Cancer Work; Drive Under Way

Funds Will Return To County If Committee Is Formed

Chairmen, Quotas Listed

Plans for a Moore County unit of the North Carolina division, American Cancer society, were announced coincidentally with the start of the 1948 cancer control campaign, at a luncheon meeting at the Carthage Hotel Tuesday.

Organization of a permanent executive committee for administration and supervision will mean that 40 per cent of the money collected during the April drives can be brought back to the county, for cancer prevention and control.

The luncheon was given by the Carthage Junior Chamber of Commerce, which has undertaken sponsorship of the campaign, with community chairmen and representatives of press and radio as invited guests. W. B. Hill, president of the Junior Chamber of Commerce and chairman of the campaign, announced this year's quota to be \$2,500, considerably above the \$1,500 assigned last year but in line with what was actually given—\$2,403.61.

Chairman Hill presented Hoke Pollock, of Southern Pines, chairman of last year's successful drive, who spoke on the value of the work of the American Cancer society, and gave suggestions concerning conduct of the drive.

Raleigh Meeting

Mrs. J. L. McGraw, head of the Carthage drive, and Dave Ginsburg, assistant campaign chairman, reported on a recent meeting of the North Carolina division at Raleigh which they attended, and where they learned that, with a permanent county setup, a large part of the funds may be used here.

Outlining plans for immediate steps in this direction — with hopes of setting up the committee within two months—they discussed possible uses for the returns: aid to cancer victims, purchase of hospital equipment for use in cancer detection and treatment, or eventually, if the funds are earmarked and allowed to accumulate to the county's credit, a county clinic or detection center.

Last year, it was reported 180,000 died of cancer in the nation, 2,600 in North Carolina, 84 in Moore county, many of whom could have been saved with better cancer control education, with facilities for early detection. Research paid for by campaign (Continued on Page 5)

City Limits "Straw Vote" Draws Scant Response; Majority Favor Extension

The matter of whether or not to extend the city limits to built-up sections just over the line is apparently one of indifference to many residents.

Of 899 "straw vote" ballots sent out last week to Southern Pines boxholders, only 177 had been returned by Wednesday night.

However, of the ballots received, a preponderant majority favored the extension, according to a tabulation by Tom G. Wicker, secretary of the Chamber of Commerce, which is conducting the straw vote independently as a phase of its community service.

Voting for the expansion were 139, with only 38 against it, or 78.5 per cent "pro," 21.5 "con."

Of those who sent ballots, 141 are residents, now included in the city limits, and 36 non-residents. The residents showed a vote of 130 for, 11 against; the non-residents, nine for the extension, 27 against.

More Ballots Wanted

"These figures are, of course, only accurate for those voting," it was emphasized by Wicker, making a strong request that those who have not sent votes do so before Sunday midnight so that a true community sentiment can be shown. "They are felt to be a fairly accurate cross-section of those now in the city limits, but not of those outside. Votes will continue to be tabulated as they come

AUGUSTA FLIGHT

Golf enthusiasts of this section may attend the Masters tournament in high style, flying to Augusta, Ga., and back Sunday in one of Resort Airlines' super-special 26-passenger DC-3's.

The plane will leave Resort field at 9 a. m. and land at 8:20 p. m. on the return trip. The trip to Augusta takes an hour and 20 minutes. Several reservations had already been made by midweek. They may be made through hotel transportation clerks or by calling Resort field.

The first Masters Tournament flight from Resort field, held last year, carried a jolly crowd representing a number of North Carolina cities. It is expected this year's trip will be equally successful.

Two Women Shot, Negro Railroad Employee Sought

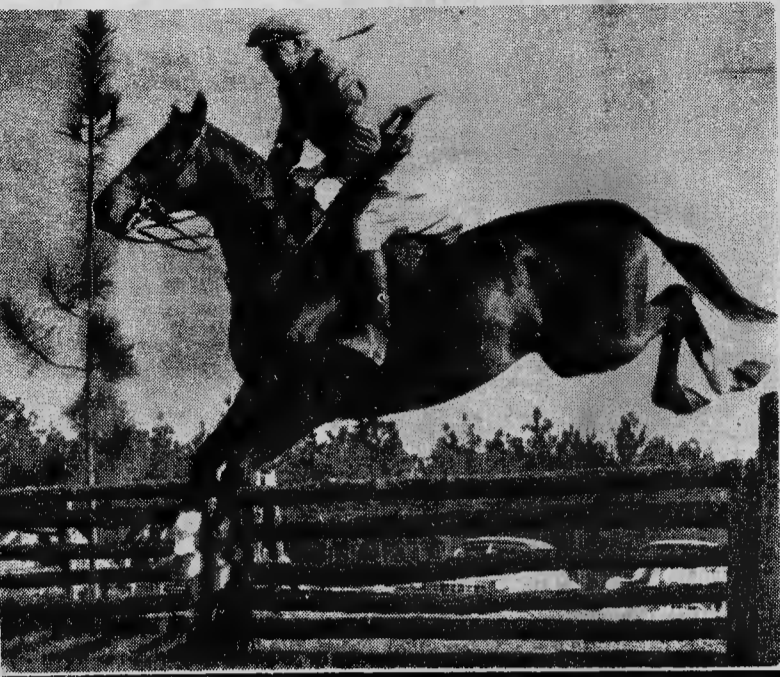
Maggie Ransom and Thelma Wilson, Negro residents of Manly, were in a serious condition from gunshot wounds at the Moore County hospital this week, and James Walker, Negro, also of Manly, was sought by city police and the sheriff's department, as the result of a shooting in the home of the women at Manly Saturday night.

According to evidence gathered by the sheriff's department, Walker, accompanied by his wife, entered the house where the women and their families lived, and shot Maggie in the legs and breast, Thelma in the stomach. He then got back into the truck in which he had driven from his own home some 400 yards distant and drove off.

The truck, property of the Seaboard Air Line railway, by whom Walker was employed, was found abandoned and considerably damaged at Vass Sunday night.

According to Sheriff C. J. McDonald, Maggie Ransom was in bed with her husband when Walker aroused the household and began shooting. Thelma was also in bed. Her husband was not in the house.

The three couples had allegedly attended a dance in West Southern Pines earlier in the evening. A quarrel was said to have sprung up between Walker's wife and one of the other women. After they all reached home (Continued on Page 5)



It was a little Madison Square Garden here last weekend, and we've pictures to prove it! Top—Bob-o-Link, of Mrs. Audrey K. Kennedy's Seven Star Stables, with Mickey Walsh up, winning the green hunter championship at the Sandhills show just as they did at the Garden last fall.

Below is an unusual and newsworthy picture: Spunky (June) Fisher, Jr., 12, of Salisbury, who won the Maclay trophy Saturday to qualify for the Garden, surrounded by Garden and Sandhills Show riders, all of whom live or winter in the Sandhills. Welcoming the youngster into the tribe are, from left, Junebug Tate, Cappy Smith, Ed Daniels, Mickey Walsh, Jack Goodwin and Billy Tate. (Photos by Humphrey)

Best Of Riders, Horses And Weather Make Sandhills Horse Show Success

Favorites Win Many Events, Though Some Surprises Are Seen

by E. O. Hippus

The Sandhills Horse Show ended like a Horatio Alger success story as the local boy walked away with the honors from under the superior noses of his great rivals in the ring. Henry's Dream was the local boy owned and ridden by the local girl, Mrs. Peggy Mechling, and his winning of the championship conformation hunter on Sunday had a tinge of O. Henry, too, that master of the surprise ending. Chances are it was a bit of a surprise for everyone concerned, horse, owner, the other exhibitors. The judges could just say "Because we liked him best," and that was that. And maybe that's not a bad way to choose a hunter.

Henry had won the lightweight working hunters but had been shown in none of the conformation classes; apparently his owner had not considered it worthwhile to put him in; he was a post entry in the final \$500 conformation stake and when he won it over such contenders as Bob-O-Link, winner of every model class in the Garden last year, of Faugh A Ballagh, also a Garden winner and champion of the Chamber of Commerce Show here, of Mile Away Farms' Octebony, and the two Cardy stars, Jervis Bay and Bimbalo, spirits of ammonia... at least... were being called for in several quarters of the ring.

That was the climax of a very fine show in which the ribbons were on the whole pretty evenly distributed among the various entries.

Ladies Hunters

Perhaps the most outstanding class of the day and the one that attracted the most attention was the Ladies' Hunters, climaxing with the presentation to the winner of the Eloise Everest Chal-

lenge Trophy, given by Charles Everest, Jr., in memory of his sister.

Vernon Cardy's Bimbalo put in one of the prettiest performances of the day to win it, under a beautiful ride by Edith Ferguson. The lovely grey kept a good steady (Continued on Page 11)

Drive-In Theatre Named "Starview"

"Starview" is the descriptive name chosen by judges Wednesday, in the contest held last week to name the Sandhills' new drive-in theatre.

For his apt selection T. L. Campbell, of West New Hampshire avenue, Southern Pines, was awarded a prize of \$25 in a broadcast on WSTS Thursday morning. Show passes are being mailed out to the first half hundred entrants.

Miss Rheba Matthews, of Carthage, Rt. 3, also sent in the name "Starview." However, her entry was postmarked the day after Campbell's, and by previously announced contest rules, this was to be the decisive factor in event of a tie.

A total of 349 entries were received in the contest, which was widely publicized in press and radio. Every county community was represented, besides several from outside the county.

The theatre, of which Wallace A. Brown, of Southern Pines, is manager, was scheduled to open Thursday night with a showing of the Technicolor film "Holiday in Mexico." Located on Highway 1 between Southern Pines and Aberdeen, it has been rushed to completion during the past few weeks to be ready for showings on the spring evenings. It is owned by a local corporation of which D. M. Williams is president, C. A. Huntley of Aberdeen, vice presi-

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County Bond Issue, County Commissioners Announce For Reelection; Henson Files For Board

Revision Seen As Southern Pines And Pinehurst Add Claims

The boards of education of the special districts of Southern Pines and Pinehurst will meet Monday afternoon at Carthage with the county board of education, to determine their own needs in the proposed bond issue for school building and improvements.

The commissioners at their regular meeting Monday received the county board's recommendation for approval of a \$975,000 bond issue, presented by Supt. H. Lee Thomas, and also heard requests of Southern Pines and Pinehurst representatives for a revision in their allotments. Approval of the proposed bond issue was withheld pending the meeting next Monday.

Since the boards of the city administrative units, as set up by state law, have the responsibility of determining their own needs, with those of the county system left to the county board, the commissioners decided that the bond issue's final total should be a matter for cooperation among the three. Final approval, or disapproval, is the job of the county commissioners.

High School Wanted

At the Monday meeting the Southern Pines delegation, consisting of John Howarth and Supt. P. J. Weaver, asked inclusion of an additional \$250,000 (approximately) for a new high school building, on the grounds that the present building, part of which was built in 1895, is obsolete, unsafe and unworthy of further repair.

The Pinehurst delegation, consisting of Supt. Lewis Cannon, I. C. Sledge, G. L. Black and J. F. (Continued on Page 5)

Pierce Awarded Postmaster Job

Garland F. Pierce, local insurance man, received notice Wednesday from Washington, D. C., that his name had been submitted to the Post Office department for the position of acting postmaster of Southern Pines. Installation will follow shortly according to the usual procedure, he was notified.

He will succeed L. T. Hall, who has resigned to accept a permanent clerkship in the Southern Pines post office. Before his installation in June, 1947, Hall held a substitute clerkship.

In his letter to Pierce, Representative Deane had praise for Hall's service here, saying he has "performed his duties most acceptably."

He will rely greatly on Hall and Mrs. G. M. Thompson, assistant postmaster, as well as others of the post office staff in learning his new duties, Pierce said yesterday, adding, "With their help I hope to maintain the high standard of service which has been set." The local post office has consistently won high ratings on its annual inspections.

Pierce, a native of Leominster, Mass., came to Southern Pines 20 years ago, and served as assistant manager of the Belvedere hotel. He went to the army in December 1943, and was discharged after two years as a technical instructor with a special training unit of the Army Service Forces at Fort Bragg. On his return he became manager of the Highland Pines Inn, resigning in December, 1947, to devote his full time to the Paul T. Barnum Insurance agency, of which he is president.

He is married to the former Dorothy Stutz of Southern Pines and they have two children, Garland Frank, Jr., 10, and Connie Greer, five years old.

It is understood that an acting postmaster was sought within the ranks of the present staff but none wished to yield the security of their permanent jobs. The acting postmastership, however, appears now to have an extended future, as unsettled political conditions seem to preclude an early permanent appointment.

YDC RALLY

A Moore County YDC Rally will be held Friday evening, April 16, at the Club Chalfonte, according to announcement by J. Hubert McCaskill, county YDC president, following a meeting of Young Democrats at the Chalfonte Monday evening.

Capacity is limited to 75 for the buffet supper, which will begin at 7:30 p. m. and since the rallies have always drawn large crowds President McCaskill suggested getting tickets early. They may be secured from him at Pinehurst, Jere McKeithen at Aberdeen, Lamont Brown at Pinebluff, T. C. Auman at West End, Clint McCaskill in Carthage and Roy McSwain in Robbins.

Arrangements are being made for a topnotch speaker, and an excellent program in line with the traditions of this lively organization.

Blue Announces House Candidacy

Activity Stirring As Deadline Approaches

Applications were filed last week with the county board of elections for membership on the county commission by all of the present incumbents, Gordon M. Cameron, of Pinehurst; John M. Currie, of Carthage; Z. R. Reynolds, of Leamons; W. H. Jackson, of Robbins, and T. L. Blue, of Carthage Rt. 3 (Eureka section).

Also filing for the county commission this week was Everett P. Henson, of West End. Secretary of the Sandhill Furniture company, Henson is well known throughout the county, though he has not held political office nor filed for any before. He is opposing Gordon M. Cameron, incumbent, in his district.

Blue Will Run

Announcement by H. Clifton Blue, of Aberdeen, that he will be a candidate for the House of Representatives again this year, with the filing of six applications for five county commissioner jobs touched off the first political activity seen in county circles in this election year.

Blue, who is editor of the Sandhill Citizen at Aberdeen, served his first term in the General Assembly in 1947. His announcement this week was brief, saying only that he expects to be a candidate for renomination to the House, subject to the Democratic primary of May 29. He added, however, that he will give a definite statement next week.

While Blue so far has no announced opposition, rumors are persistent that J. Hawley Poole, of West End, means to run for the House, in which he represented the county for several terms in the 1930's. Friends are said to be pushing his candidacy, though Poole is taking his time about making up his mind.

Other Candidate

Only two other candidates for county office had announced early this week, according to Sam C. Riddle, election board chairman. W. A. Leland McKeithen, incumbent, announced for the solicitorship, J. L. McGraw, insurance man of Carthage, filed for the county board of education, but it is understood this was a tentative candidacy and may have been withdrawn by the time this is published.

In fact, it is understood that he and H. G. Poole, incumbent, are almost ready to toss a coin over which shall make the race. Both are from Carthage, are good friends and each says he had rather support than contest the other.

Not Running

Two members of the present (Continued on Page 5)

Handicraft Show At Shaw House Visited By Many

Eighth Grade Will Present Exhibit Tuesday, Wednesday

Many visitors have been attracted daily to the Shaw House this week to see the exhibit of old Moore County handicrafts, which will continue through Saturday afternoon with hand-weaving by Miss Laura Williams, of Robbins, as the highlight.

Interesting events at the Shaw House will continue next week with an exhibit by Miss Martha Langston's eighth grade Tuesday evening and Wednesday. In connection with their study of North Carolina, the boys and girls have made and collected many objects of interest connected with Moore County history and lore. These will be on display to their parents and members of the Moore County Historical association at an open house held Tuesday from 7:30 to 9 p. m., and to the general public from 2 to 6 p. m. Wednesday.

Many of the articles shown by the eighth graders have been handed down from the old days in their own families.

Monday Opening

The current exhibit is open from 3 to 6 p. m. A distinguished gathering was present for its official opening Monday afternoon, at which time also Mrs. W. C. Deadwyler was hostess at tea to a group of old friends of Mrs. Scott Newton, member of the or-

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Just As In Bygone Days



Miss Laura Williams at her loom at the Shaw House, where she is weaving every afternoon this week as part of the Moore County Historical association's exhibit of old handicrafts. (Photo by Hemmer)