

Telephone Users Asked To Voice Service Complaints

Siler City Secretary Seeks Alliance Of Protesting Towns

Letters are being received by Southern Pines telephone subscribers opening the way for expression of complaints against local telephone service by those desiring to make them.

A petition to the Utilities Commission asking improvement in the service, as provided by the Central Carolina Telephone company, is being circulated here also.

The letter, from Dan L. Walker, secretary of the Siler City Chamber of Commerce, is as follows:

To the Telephons Subscribers of Southern Pines & Pinehurst:

Fifteen of the 18 communities serviced by the Central Carolina Telephone company have appeared before the N. C. Utilities Commission asking for an improvement in telephone service.

The following testimony is copied from a transcript of the testimony before the Utilities Commission:

Mr. George Thompson, general manager of the Central Carolina Telephone company, when asked by the representative of the Utilities Commission about the service at Southern Pines and Pinehurst said: "Pinehurst is the latest and newest equipment that is made... the plant is in very good condition."

Mr. John E. Cline, executive vice president of the Central Carolina Telephone company, stated under oath to the Utilities Commission that they had "no difficulty in Southern Pines," that they had a "very high grade of toll service" and in his opinion the service "is extraordinary for a town the size of Southern Pines."

If you should agree or disagree with the remarks regarding the phone service in your community, you will write the undersigned IMMEDIATELY so that arrangements can be made to include the needs of your community when the hearing is resumed.

Very truly yours, Dan L. Walker, Secretary Telephone Hearing Steering Committee. Siler City, North Carolina. WRITE: Dan L. Walker, Executive V. P. & Sec., Siler City Chamber of Commerce, Phone 329.

Mrs. Paul Collins Falls From Horse, Breaks Arm

Mrs. Paul T. Collins of New York, who has been visiting Mr. and Mrs. David Sutherland, had a fall from her horse when riding on Tuesday morning, which resulted in a broken arm.

At the Moore County Hospital, X-rays showed the break to be a severe one of the left arm, just below the shoulder. It is expected that the patient will be at the hospital a few more days, though reports are that the break is healing well.

Mrs. Collins, who is married to Mrs. Sutherland's brother, had not done much riding in some time, and attributes her fall to lack of recent practice. An added disappointment it caused was her inability to be present at the cocktail party given Tuesday afternoon in her and her husband's honor, by their hosts.

NCEA President Dawson And Family



The next president of the state NCEA—Amos C. Dawson, Southern Pines High school teacher and coach—is shown here with his new son, Amos, Jr., four-year-old daughter Donna, and Mrs. Dawson, in their home on May street.

Dawson is attending the annual NCEA convention, being held Thursday, Friday and Saturday of this week at Asheville. A hard-working vice president and acting president during the past year, he is unopposed for the presidency of the organization, at elections to be held Saturday.

He will lead the NCEA through what may well be its busiest and most successful year. (Photo by Humphrey)

Local Team Opens Pre-Season Series With Game At Robbins Saturday Night

By Slim Forsythe

The Southern Pines Town team of the Peach Belt League, will start a series of pre-season games Saturday night at the Robbins ball park with the Robbins entry in the Peach Belt League.

This game will be under the arcs and game time will be 7:45.

Then on Sunday, April 18, at 3 p. m., Southern Pines will play Robbins at the Southern Pines athletic field, to begin a series of Sunday games preliminary to the season's official opening May 5.

Gross receipts of these games will go toward paying for the new bleacher section, to be given by the ball club to the field.

It looks like the Southern Pines team will field about the same lineup as last year with the exception of Les McNeil. Les is playing for Concord now in pro status. Candidates for his position will be Floyd Seals, Chuck Hor-

niday, Tom Wicker and Big Fred Hall. Of course as coach, Amos Dawson stated, "This year we are out to win, and every position is open." With the teams in the Peach Belt League being able to increase their rosters to 25 players this year, the local team hopes to find some new talent.

The Southern Pines town team is made up of young athletes from this immediate area. These boys receive nothing for their services. They play purely for the love of this great national pastime. Their record is a good one. If it had not been for a bad decision last year there is no doubt but what Southern Pines would have won the Peach Belt League title. These boys are certainly worth the support of each and every ball fan. So be out there, ball fans!

Aspirants for positions on the team are asked to make application to Coach Dawson as soon as possible.

Editor Attends Women's Convention Urging Support Of UN Peace Efforts

The Pilot Editor, Mrs. James Boyd, was a delegate at the convention of the Woman's Action Committee for Lasting Peace, representing North Carolina at the gathering held in the Shoreham Hotel in Washington, D. C. last week.

As a member of the resolutions committee, the North Carolina delegate worked early and late, drawing up the set of resolutions presented to the convention, dealing with the desire of those assembled that the U. S. should back to the full attempts to strengthen and support the United Nations in all its aspects. Resolutions favoring this country's entrance into the World Health Organization, passage of legislation permitting the entry of Displaced Persons, participation in the Reciprocal Trade treaties, as well as blanket endorsements of the aims and purposes of the UN were among the measures recommended unanimously.

On Friday morning, all delegates assembled at the Capitol where visits were made to each one's representatives. Mrs. Boyd called on Senator Clyde Hoey and Representative Charles B. Deane, but found that Senator Umstead was absent in North Carolina.

Reporting on the interviews, Mrs. Boyd said that she found both legislators in favor of the (Continued on Page 5)

North and South Golf Brings Many Stars Here

The "Golfer's Paradise" is proving its name well-deserved. The Women's North and South tournament being held in Pinehurst this week is bringing out the fine golf to be expected in this major event, and has more entrants than in many years.

It will not surprise their followers, or anyone familiar with golf to see the headlines: Suggs and Kird Lead The Field." Despite unexpectedly stubborn opposition in three cases, the favored players moved into the quarter-finals with the following pairings as a result of Wednesday's play:

Upper bracket. Peggy Kirk, Findlay, Ohio, vs. Mrs. J. D. Platt, Jr., Pinehurst. Mrs. J. A. Page, Jr., Chapel Hill, vs. Grace Lenzyk, Newington, Conn.

Louise Suggs vs. Mary Agnes Wall, Menominee, Mich. Carol Diring, Tiffin, Ohio, vs. Helen Sigel, Philadelphia.

Play was over the No. 2 course with a women's par of 74 and front tee distance of 6,142 yards.

Due to a late starting time, the players were still way out on the course, as the Pilot went to press. No news of Thursday's play was therefore available.

GOOD MUSIC

"Why can't we have more good music here?" Are you one of those who ask that question? If so, take note of the concert to be given at the Church of Wide Fellowship tonight, (Friday). If it's anything like last year's concert, you will hear as fine a program, as beautifully rendered, as you could ask anywhere.

The Luke University Madrigal Singers, whose concert here the Civic Club is sponsoring, are famous here and everywhere they have carried their rare and lovely melodies.

Town Team Will Give Bleachers To Athletic Field

The Southern Pines Baseball club is making a gift to the town athletic field of a 100-seat bleacher section, to be paid for by a series of pre-season exhibition games, it was announced following a meeting of the directors Friday night.

Partially financed by sale of stock, order for the bleacher section was placed at once and installation is expected in about two weeks. It will add 100 badly-needed seats to the present seating capacity of the field, built of wood on a steel frame and with a canvas cover to provide sun-and-shower protection.

An additional 25 cents will be charged each ball fan for a seat on the new bleachers until enough has been made to retire the stock issue, and from then on it will be "every man for himself," it was announced.

Directors are Chan W. Page, who is also chairman and business manager; J. W. Dickerson, C. Ed Newton, Jr., field captain, and A. C. Dawson, coach. Slim Forsythe is handling publicity for the team, which is Southern Pines' entry in the Peach Belt League.

Funds Coming In, Says Mrs. Milliken, Cancer Drive Head

While the county committee goes ahead with its plans for the drive of the American Cancer society, in Southern Pines the local chairman of this work, Mrs. James S. Milliken, has made a good start on her share of collections.

"They are beginning to come in," she told the Pilot. "I have sent out a great many letters and, though it is still too early to make a definite report, I can say that returns indicate we should be able to make our quota of \$700. That is, of course," Mrs. Milliken added, "if all the people I wrote to respond as the first ones have."

The chairman said that it was, she felt, some disadvantage to the cancer drive to have it come toward the end of the season when so many other drives had preceded it. On the other hand, in many ways the present urge to do something to combat cancer is stronger than other causes. It has been so clearly demonstrated that early recognition of the disease can save or prolong lives that the need for education of the people at large has been recognized as never before.

The work of the American Cancer society, said the Southern Pines chairman, is widely known, but it remains necessary to raise the funds without which it could not function. The chairman was confident that Moore County people will not fail this cause.

EAGLE SCOUTS

Six Moore County Boy Scouts will be awarded their Eagle badges at the April court of honor, to be held Monday at 7:30 p. m. at the Page Memorial Methodist church, Aberdeen.

Parents of the new Eagle Scouts will participate in the ceremony to decorate their sons, who will be advancing to the highest rank in Boy Scouting. A large attendance is expected. A. L. Burney, advancement chairman, will preside.

Chamber Will Seek Additional Funds In Tuesday Drive

31-Point Program Of Planned Activity To Be Presented

The Southern Pines Chamber of Commerce, now plumb out of pocket and proud of it—the money has all been used in furthering some notable achievements—will ask its membership for additional funds, and also enroll new members, in a one-day drive to be held Tuesday.

Presenting its list of accomplishments of the past six months, plus a 31-point "program of work" for the coming year, it will endeavor to raise money for a budget of around \$6,000 for 1948-49.

Campaign workers will include most of the 15 directors, each of whom will select a teammate from the membership at large all to attend a "dutch breakfast" at the Hollywood hotel at 8:30 a. m. Tuesday before setting out on their money-getting assignments.

A. C. Reed is chairman of the business district, to which the campaign will be largely confined. Residential districts will not be canvassed this year, as the Chamber has grown to the point where it can live up to the timeless motto of all Chambers of Commerce: "Of the businessmen, for the businessmen, by the businessmen."

One Membership—\$25

Another upward step is marked by the fact that the \$25 membership will be strictly adhered to. No business or individual can be called a member of the Chamber of Commerce unless he has paid annual dues of at least that amount. Larger businesses will be asked to take out more than \$25 membership. Contributions of lesser amounts from interested persons will be accepted with thanks—but not in exchange for membership in the Chamber.

The lack of funds presently noted—in fact, it is a deficit—is attributed to three major causes: a disappointingly small collection in the membership drive held last fall, mostly pledges of which many remain unpaid; the first annual Chamber of Commerce Horse show held in March, which put the Chamber some \$400 in the red but amassed thousands of dollars of publicity and brought many visitors to town; the employment of a full-time executive (Continued on Page 5)

Poppies Will Be Sold Saturday

American Legion auxiliary members and their assistants—young girls from the Southern Pines junior high and high school grades—are all set for their big annual selling job Saturday, on which they will offer to all Southern Pines residents and visitors the privilege of buying and wearing a memorial poppy.

Yes, it will be Poppy Day here tomorrow and on downtown streets and adjacent residential sections, on golf courses and at hotels the little scarlet paper flowers, made by patients at the Fayetteville Veterans' hospital will be vended for the benefit of disabled veterans and their families.

Mrs. Joe Garzik is chairman of this year's event, for which headquarters for the day will be established at the Red Cross; poppies will be distributed from headquarters to the volunteer workers, with hopes that all will be disposed of before the close of day.

The event will be brightened also by another feature—display of the winning posters made by boys and girls of the Southern Pines school during the past few weeks. The contest has been a keen one, with some interesting entries. Winners are to be chosen by the end of the week, and will be exhibited on Poppy Day in the Shaw Paint and Wallpaper company's window.

Mrs. L. A. DesPland is serving as the poster contest chairman, as she has for the past several years. Mrs. Haynes Britt is president of the local unit of the Auxiliary.

Aberdeen School Building Priority Is Proposed, Others To Get Theirs Later

FIREMEN'S BALL

Come out, all, and shake a foot at Scottie's Tuesday night—it's the Southern Pines Volunteer Fire department's benefit ball, pleasure highlight of the year.

Bob Astor's band, well known in top night spots and over the air, will bring you the latest dance tunes both sweet and hot, with something new added—their gay and different band revue, called "Astormanian."

George Little is chairman of the local committee, assisted by Harold Fowler, Joe Garzik, P. V. Hatch and Fred Hall, Jr. Get tickets from any of the volunteer firemen, at business places downtown or at the door—by two's please! Couples only will be admitted.

Get your twosome together—we'll see seeing you at Scottie's, come Tuesday.

Miss Edith Lowe Loses Her Life At Railroad Crossing

Taking her first walk about the town alone a week after arriving in Southern Pines, Mrs. Edith R. Lowe, 74, lost her life here Sunday afternoon, in an accident which shocked the community to renewed realization of the dangers of the downtown railroad crossings.

Mrs. Lowe was instantly killed as she walked in front of a south-bound troop train, as she crossed Broad street westward at Massachusetts avenue at 4:04 p. m.

Thrown from the track by the engine's impact, she was dead when Dr. W. C. Mudgett, of Pinehurst, a witness, reached her side. Besides a deep head wound she sustained compound fractures of both legs and one arm.

Witnesses questioned by city police said she appeared neither to see nor hear the train, which was moving slowly, with whistles blowing and bells ringing. "One more step and she would have made it," one of them declared. The train was stopped at once, and Wacs and other army personnel alighted to offer aid. Dr. McMillan was also quickly on hand. Coroner Hugh P. Kelly was summoned, but declared an inquest unnecessary.

With only a card from her purse to go on, the police called Gardiner, Me., and also checked local hotels here in a two hours' quest for friends or relatives.

Then Mrs. D. H. Turner, of South Ashe street, uneasy at the protracted absence of her guest, and unaware of the accident phoned the station to make in- (Continued on Page 5)

Maneuvers Again Held In Sandhills

Maneuvers being held in the area this week are striking a heavily reminiscent chord in the hearts of those who remember 1940.

News has also come that members of the selective service board, who thought they had wound up their affairs for good, have been placed in a "Selective Service Reserve" to be alerted for duty at any time. Members of the Officers' Reserve of both army and navy have also received their notices to be ready for call on 30 days' notice.

All this sounds bad to some—and good to others, who hold that a prepared nation is a safe nation; as safe as possible, anyway, in these disturbing times.

Week-long maneuvers began Tuesday morning with mechanized cavalry fanning out over a 15 to 20 mile front between Southern Pines and the Fort Bragg reservation. Paratroopers of the 82nd division were also working eastward to "recapture" Pope field. Almost 10,000 men are in the field, ready for even larger maneuvers to be held in Kentucky and Tennessee next month, according to announcement from Fort Bragg.

Board Of Education To Study Revisions At April 27 Meeting

A proposal by the Southern Pines delegation that the county school improvement bond issue be sharply reduced from the projected \$975,000, and be held exclusively for the building of the Aberdeen school, concluded a five-hour session of the county board of education, county commissioners and representatives of five school districts held at Carthage Monday afternoon.

The meeting, called to determine specific needs of schools protesting their allocations in the proposed bond issue, had reached a deadlock after a five-hour session in which nothing had been decided.

Matters were left that way, as the Southern Pines proposal met a varied reception, and further discussion was postponed until the regular meeting of the board of education April 27.

Later Aid Seen

Proponents of the bond issue reduction, voicing the general sentiment that the need for more space at Aberdeen is paramount, said that to provide this first would be of benefit to the entire county and should have every district's support. Also, it would not preclude later bond issues for aid to other schools.

Potential sources of aid were seen in estimated larger tax revenue following this year's property revaluation, to speed up the "pay-as-you-go" plan favored by the commissioners; also the bill for state aid to schools which is expected to be presented at the 1949 General Assembly.

In the expressed opinion of At- (Continued on Page 5)

Abandonment Of Moore Central Is Fought At Hearing

The Interstate Commerce Commission took under consideration the application for abandonment of the Moore Central railroad, following a hearing Tuesday at the Moore County courthouse before Examiner John S. Pritchard of the ICC.

Van B. Sharpe was applicant for the abandonment of the railroad—a 12-mile line connecting Carthage with Cameron, on the Seaboard.

Sharpe was represented by Jones and Jones and H. F. Seawell, Jr., attorneys. W. D. Sabiston, Jr., represented the contestants of the proposed abandonment.

Director of Transportation H. M. Nicholson of Raleigh appeared for the Utilities Commission.

It was revealed in a statement by Sharpe that the railroad ceased to operate February 1, 1947, after he sustained losses and difficulties too great to continue. He cited his 1945 deficit as an example when operating revenue was \$19,958 and his operational expenses were \$29,942.

He further testified that he handled 361 cars of freight and paid \$5,520.20 to employees.

\$60,000 For Iron On cross-examination by Sabiston Sharpe stated he paid \$5,250 for the railroad and that \$60,000 is being held in escrow by a concern for the purchase of the railroad iron alone, pending the ICC decision.

Vance Sikes, division engineer of the Seaboard, estimated that it would cost between \$9,000 and \$10,000 a mile to totally repair the road; and from \$4,000 to \$5,000 a mile if the old cross-ties were used.

Senator W. H. Currie, opposing the abandonment, testified that he averaged from 200 to 300 cars of lumber yearly over the road; that he shipped hosiery and rented tobacco packhouses to buyers of tobacco who were heavy shippers over the same line.

He further testified that it cost him \$7,500 extra to ship last year without the railroad and that the employment of approximately 200 persons under him (Continued on Page 5)