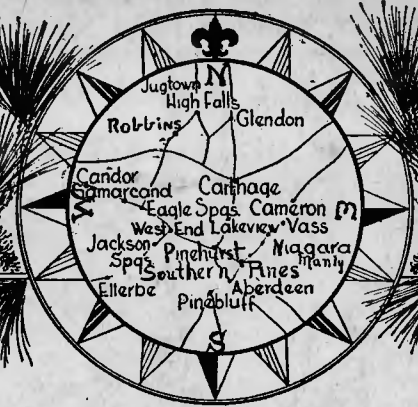


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ABC Raiders Sweep Through Resorts, Confiscate Liquor, Hale 31 To Court

Restaurants, Hotels Clubs Visited In Surprise Clean-Up

Moore county's resort section, described as "swanky" and "luxurious" in news stories right out of the front pages last week without the aid of the Chamber of Commerce.

A dozen night clubs, hotels and restaurants were visited by state and county ABC officials, assisted by county and local law enforcement officers, in a neatly engineered series of raids Friday and Saturday evenings, with the biggest haul made in one final visitation Monday morning. This was to the Jefferson Inn, where stock said to have been transferred from the Southern Pines Country club was found in two upstairs rooms: 41 cases of liquor, with 106 odd fifths.

The total haul from all places came to 41 unbroken cases, 248 fifths and 114 opened bottles containing various amounts of liquor, according to a tabulation made by ABC officials Monday evening.

No liquor was found in three of the places searched. However, the proprietors and some of the employees were arrested anyway, charged like the rest of the 31 defendants with possession of tax-paid liquor for sale, and selling. Indictments were made on the basis of evidence gathered during March and April, when, it was learned, cases had been built up through the work of undercover agents.

Six Tried Monday

Six of the defendants, from three of the raided spots, were brought to trial Monday afternoon in recorders court at Carthage, with the other trials scheduled to be heard May 3. Pleading guilty, and receiving three months' sentences suspended on payment of costs, or fine plus costs, were W. W. Sherman, owner of the Southern Pines Country club and Jefferson Inn, \$250 and costs; James Smith Negro employee, costs; Frank Cosgrove, manager of the Mid Pines, \$500 and costs; his employees Melvin O'Kelly and William Clarence Negro, costs; Dante Montesanti, proprietor of Dante's Restaurant, \$100 and costs.

These trials were held Monday by request as John D. O'Connell, attorney for all six, has to go to federal court at Rockingham next Monday, on which day the following are to be tried:

James Warman, proprietor, Catherine Faircloth, Bill Green, Dan Lewis and Mrs. Theo Hackney, of the Dunes club; George Buttry, proprietor, Dot Powell, Village Inn; G. H. Pope, proprietor, Loys Crissman, Mrs. James Cavallo, Pope's Restaurant; Tommy Morgan, manager, Benny M. Weeks, Skyruise club; Mr. and Mrs. George Mascal, Pine Valley club; Emmett Boone, manager, Sherman Patterson, Pine Needles; Mr. and Mrs. Henry Bernhard, proprietors, Naryan B. Fedarowski, French Restaurant, Pinehurst; Charles Herman, proprietor, Edward Day, Rose Van Wingerdean, (Continued on Page 5)

New Backstop, Also Dugouts (Maybe) Ready For Use At Next Week's Games

With two home games scheduled for next week, the last of the season for the Southern Pines High school team, at least one of the dugouts now being built at the field as the gift of the VFW post is expected to be ready for use.

Excavation of the dugouts, 50 by nine feet each, was begun by the high school boys last week, and construction has proceeded under direction of Charles Swoope, contractor and a member of the VFW post. This week the cinder block lining was being laid in the home dugout.

A new backstop has also been erected behind the home plate, as the old one was not high enough and was just about worn out. The new one, with stout metal posts giving firm support, is 12 feet high, four feet higher than the

GIRLS STATE

Nelia Johnson and Mavis Bowden, members of the Southern Pines High School junior class, have been chosen to attend Girls State at Woman's college, Greensboro, the first week in June.

Girls State, a practical means of studying democratic governmental procedures, is a project of the state department of the American Legion auxiliary, and the girls will go as representatives of the local auxiliary unit. They were chosen on a scholarship basis and on ability to gain from the experience, and bring back benefits of leadership to the school.

Nelia is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Cliff Johnson, and Mavis of Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Bowden.

Hotels Full Till Season's End, Will Close This Week

Resort Places Plan Early Fall Openings Looking To Long Season

The Sandhills season imitated the little girl with the curl, this year: when it was good it was very very good and when it was bad it was horrid. And, unfortunately, it was a long bad and a short good. Which didn't help matters.

However, a check around at the various hotels, now getting ready to "cease firing" finds owners and managers in good spirits. It appears that the last part of the season, when the weather was all that mortal man, or Sandhills visitor, could desire, was so fine that most people feel it made up for the rest. Anyway, it started folks looking forward to next year with real anticipation.

At the Highland Pines, plans are to close Monday. Then there will be the usual summer refurbishing and plans are going forward for various improvements.

The Pottles, at the Hollywood, will close up this Saturday but they themselves plan to stay for several weeks before going up to Jefferson, N. H. The Highland House, there, will open under their management on July 1st. They plan to do over some rooms at the Hollywood during the summer.

A few miles from them in New Hampshire the Southland crew will resume operations. These Southern Pines people are almost neighbors throughout the year.

Over in Pinehurst, the story is about the same, with the Carolina already changed over to its spring role as host to conventions. However, there is one change here, and a good one. Because of the early season demand, this popular hostel is planning to reopen earlier than usual this year, on October 14th. This is in line with its owner, Richard Tufts' carefully developed theory that the Sandhills resort business needs a longer season and can support one.

William Riggsbee Fatally Injured In Accident At Vass

Long Delay In Securing Patrolman Works Hardships

William Riggsbee, 44 of Vass, Rt. 2, was fatally injured Monday afternoon about 2 p. m. when he was thrown from a truck in collision with a car near the Vass Cotton mill at Vass.

He died at 5 a. m. Wednesday at the Moore County hospital without regaining consciousness.

The truck, driven by Ed McNeill of Lakeview, who was southbound with Riggsbee and Malsby Jones, of Vass, as passengers, was said to have turned abruptly and shot across the highway as a steering connection broke, striking a northbound car driven by C. L. Underhill, of Raleigh. H. J. Glisson, of Raleigh, was a passenger in the Underhill car.

The Underhill car was badly damaged, though its occupants were only slightly hurt. Riggsbee, tossed out on his head, was the only one to sustain severe injuries. An ambulance was summoned, to take him to the Moore County hospital—and from then on the story becomes one of, where were the missing highway patrolmen?

From 2 p. m. until 6:45 attempts by Vass citizens and others, to find one proved futile. The wreck lay sprawled in an unsightly mess across the highway. Underhill and Glisson, bruised and lacerated, waited at the scene through tedious hours. McNeill and Jones also remained on the scene.

Victim Unconscious

At the hospital Riggsbee lay unconscious and close to death, while authorities vainly attempted to establish his identity and have relatives notified.

Briggs, Riggs and Riggsbee were all names that tossed back and forth in question-and-answer for miles around, until finally word reached the Lobelia section of Hoke county and about 6 o'clock T. V. Riggsbee, father of the injured man, and a brother arrived at the hospital.

About this time, also, word reached the sheriff's department at Carthage, and Sheriff McDonald attempted to call the state highway patrol radio station at Raleigh. They would not accept a collect call, however, and he desisted from putting the call through.

Several calls were placed to Raleigh, however, by Underhill (Continued on Page 5)

May Party In Park To Welcome Spring

The town park will be gay with colors and ring with the strains of "hey nonny no", "summer is i-cumen in," or what have you, when the elementary school takes to the green on May 3rd with a music festival in celebration of the coming of spring.

There will be a maypole and a May court with a queen and all her attendants. Elaine Johnson of the 7th grade, has been chosen for the queenly role, while her maids of honor will be members of the 6th grade, Johnnie Ferguson, Shirley Garner, Gladys Bowden, atsy DuPree, Jane Lorenson, and Joan Cheatham, garbed in the pastel shades of spring.

In attendance also will be the 1st grade flowergirls Alice Ann Gamble, Carol Wells, Linda Thompson, and Arden Fobes. The crownbearers are to be Sybil Hunsucker and Russell Lancaster.

The 6th grade comes into its own as pages Gordon Proctor, Jay Childs, and James Hatch take part.

As an entertainment for the Queen, the lower grades will sing spring songs to be followed by the chorus of the upper grades in folksongs and a short operetta, the Magic Charm. The 5th grade will bring the afternoon to a close with a dance about the maypole.

The entertainment will start at five o'clock and is under the management of Miss Hope Bailey, in charge of music at the school. Patricia Kirk will be at the piano. The public is invited and... for free!

NEW DEPUTY

A. J. Dees, police chief at Pinehurst for the past 11 or 12 years, will be the new deputy sheriff, assigned especially to the south end of the county, it was announced this week by Sheriff C. J. McDonald at Carthage.

This will be the first time the sheriff's department has had a man especially for this area, which includes Southern Pines, Pinehurst and Aberdeen. Dees, a native of Aberdeen, was policeman there before he went to the Pinehurst position. He will enter on his new duties within a week or two, or as soon as the Pinehurst season is considered to have come to a close.

He will be succeeded at Pinehurst by Jasper T. Shepherd, native of Wake county and former Pinehurst policeman, who recently returned there after five years as a civil service employee at Pope Field.

W. Kerr Scott Is Moore Visitor At Thursday Meetings

Campaign Issues Discussed Here And At Carthage

Two enthusiastic meetings, one at Southern Pines, the other at Carthage, attended the visitation in Moore county last Thursday of W. Kerr Scott of Haw River, North Carolina commissioner of agriculture for 12 years until his recent resignation to campaign for the governorship.

At dinner at 6 o'clock at the Highland Pines Inn, Scott—"the only candidate for governor who lives on a dirtroad"—spoke briefly to a group of some 40-odd, with good roads and good health emphasized in his talk but good schools holding predominance.

At Carthage, as main speaker at a Moore County Farm Bureau meeting, Scott elaborated on these themes and launched into a vivid and vigorous attack on "the so-called major candidate"—not named, but recognized without difficulty as Charles M. Johnson, state treasurer.

"Sinister Intrigue"

He accused Johnson of using \$15,000,000 of the state surplus as a political weapon, "placing it about the state in banks, to draw no interest, where he thinks it will do the most good. I can tell just how strong I am in any section by the amount of state funds on deposit there." He also charged "a sinister intrigue of state, family and industry in the maintaining of excessive charges by the Tidewater Power company of Wilmington, "which has caused great losses of industry to 16 eastern counties.

"One law partner of the Tidewater company's attorney is his (Johnson's) campaign manager. Another is a director in a bank holding surplus state funds, and is also on the city council. A kinsman is on the State Utilities Commission which allows this to go on. The Insull ramifications are small in comparison."

Farmer, Businessman

Born on a farm, and a successful dairy farmer for many years, Scott proved himself eloquent in the use of colloquialisms, using rural figures of speech which drew smiles and appreciative nods from his hearers in the Carthage courthouse. He was not only a farmer, said Scott, but "the only candidate who continues since he came of age has met a payroll; and any man who can run a farm, keep up his buildings, pay for machinery, educate his children, take part in his church and community affairs and still have a clean shirt to wear on Monday is a good businessman."

He was also proud, he said, of his record of running the department of agriculture on the income from feed, seed and fertilizer taxes, also operating the state fair on these funds, and coming out with a surplus "which has been invested to get more income to render more service."

Such investment is made possible through a Scott-sponsored bill passed by the General Assembly (Continued on Page 5)

Educo Club Plans Film Library For County Schools

A library of educational films for the use of all schools in the county is to be established by the Moore County Educo club with a fund of \$600, net proceeds of the 1948 Educo-sponsored county high school basketball tournament.

Lewis Cannon, principal of the Pinehurst school, was named chairman to start making selections at once for the library, which will have as headquarters the office of the county superintendent at Carthage.

The announcement was made following the club's monthly meeting held last Wednesday evening at the Westmoore school, at which J. C. Phillips, Westmoore, was elected president for 1948-49, R. C. Fields, Aberdeen, was named vice president and N. W. McInnis of the Westmoore school secretary-treasurer.

The film library will be the latest in a series of benefits which have been provided the schools and the county as a whole by the club, a service organization of the men teachers, principals and superintendents of the schools which sponsors the county tournament each year.

An audiometer purchased with proceeds of the 1947 tournament, after essential tournament expenses were deducted, was received this spring after being on order for some time and has been used already in a number of schools in cooperation with the county health department.

In 1939, 1940 and 1941 the club operated a bookmobile, the first in the county, distributing books from a club-sponsored library before the county library was established. In another year, flags were bought for all the schools. Formerly one of a number of Educo clubs, the Moore County group was one of only a few which survived the war. Reorganization on a statewide basis has not yet been effected.

A. C. Dawson, Jr., of Southern Pines, retiring president, presided over last week's meeting, at which an excellent dinner was served by Westmoore High School home economics students.

Leading Doctors Of State To Meet In Pinehurst

The State Medical Society will hold its 94th annual session in Pinehurst Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday of next week. Doctors from all over the state are expected and there will be a hall of medical and technical exhibits.

This year the exhibit room will be a unique one, being under a large tent which has been set up in the riding ring of the Carolina hotel. This is expected to lend a country fair flavor to the august proceedings, to the entertainment of the medical men.

Two Moore County men figure on the program. Dr. Clement Monroe, is a member of the Committee on Obituaries, while Dr. R. M. McMillan, president of the county medical society, is one of the four judges of the Moore County award contest.

This contest, named after this county because it originated here, is between papers submitted at the previous annual meeting. The recipient receives the Moore County Medal as his prize. Dr. Clement Monroe won the medal several years ago, with a paper on the treatment of burns.

It is expected that many local people will attend the sessions of the convention at the Carolina hotel ballroom, especially that held Tuesday at 11:45 by Dr. H. S. Willis, state superintendent of the T. B. sanatorium at McCain, and that on Maternal welfare headed by Dr. Frank Locke, which takes place also on Tuesday at 10:05 a. m. Dr. Locke gives the complete report on his Maternal Welfare committee at 4 p. m.

While the doctors have their meetings, much activity will be taking place among the ladies of the Auxiliary. Mrs. P. P. McCain is chairman of past presidents' (Continued on Page 5)

Southern Pines District Vote Set For \$45,000 School Building Bond Issue

PHILLIPS FILES

Through omission in the announcement of the county board of elections, an error was made in the publication of the candidates for county offices last week.

Shortly before the deadline for filing April 17, T. Roy Phillips of Carthage filed for the county board of education from District 1, and H. G. Poole, previously a candidate, withdrew in Phillips' favor.

Phillips, a partner in the Phillips Motor company of Carthage, was principal of the Westmoore school for 11 years.

Struthers Burt To Take Part In State Ceremony Friday

Will Present Stone From House Of Commons To North Carolina Capitol

Welcome to Sandhills folks, who are glad to see their adopted fellow-tarheel in the local news once more, is the fact that Struthers Burt will take part on Friday in an interesting ceremony in Raleigh.

On that day the Southern Pines author will present to Governor Cherry, for the state of North Carolina, a stone from the House of Commons in London, the "Mother of Parliaments", destroyed by German incendiary bombs on the night of May 10th, 1941. The ceremony will take place in the Hall of History, at 11 a. m., with Dr. Christopher Crittenden, director of the State Department of Archives and History, presiding.

This is one in a series of similar presentations made to every state of the union, with a forty-ninth stone given to the United States Congress in Washington, Lady Astor making the presentation.

The project itself is the idea of two men, one an Englishman, Eric Underwood, and the other Massachusetts' Charles Sumner Bird, both members of the American and British Commonwealth Association, of which Bird is the American president, an organization devoted to the promotion of friendship and understanding between the two nations.

In his speech, released to the Pilot before delivery, Mr. Burt says: "The symbolism of these stones is obvious. The unbroken line of freedom, democracy and order under the law which we have inherited from England, and which we share with her, is clear to all of us. And I think, if I may say so, that it is peculiarly fitting that one of these stones should find a new home in this state.

Whatever may have been the authenticity of the Mecklenburg Declaration of Independence, we do know that North Carolina... the Englishmen, and Scotchmen, and the Germans who inhabited it... was amongst the first to organize and to strike for the recapturing of English rights in the War of the Revolution."

The \$975,000 includes \$50,000 (Continued on Page 5)

Old Timers Honored With Awards As Masons Celebrate 52nd Anniversary

Over 200 Masons, representing altogether nine states and 22 different lodges, were present at the Masonic Hall last Thursday night, to aid Lodge 484 of Southern Pines in the observance of their 52nd anniversary.

A barbecue supper with all the trimmings was served, after which a special meeting honored veteran Masons and visiting grand lodge officials. The distinguished guests included Dr. Maxwell R. Hoffman, of Asheville, making his first official visit since his election last week at Raleigh as Grand Master of Masons of North Carolina; Grand Secretary Wilbur L. McIver of Raleigh, and District Deputy Grand Master W. Leo Allen of Rockingham. Also an honored guest was Mrs. Maxwell Hoffman, who accompanied her husband.

Honor Awards

Slated for special honors were Joseph Frederick Cole, of Southern Pines, a Mason for more than 65 years, who was awarded a Veterans' button; Harry A. Lewis, also of Southern Pines, member of Burns Lodge 66 of New Hampshire in recognition of more than a half century in Masonry; and Charles Leach, of Candor, a member of the Southern Pines lodge for more than 50 years, whose Grand Lodge button was left for him with the lodge, as he was unable to be present.

Twenty-year certificates were presented to D. E. Bailey, Ernest W. Bush, Elmer Davis, Dr. James S. Milliken, James M. Patch, Frank H. Wilson, James B. Gifford and Lloyd L. Woolley, all of Southern Pines; Alton Cameron, (Continued on Page 5)

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