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NEA National Meeting And Tour Bring 400 Editors, Publishers To Sandhills

Cherry, Royall, Noted Journalists On List Of Speakers

Tea At Weymouth Saturday Afternoon

This week, Pinehurst and the Sandhills is host to one of the few national conventions to come here. This is the meeting of the N.E.A., the National Editorial Association, to which have come the editors of newspapers, big and little, dailies and weeklies, from all over the nation.

To meet with the press have come, also, some of North Carolina's celebrities, notably Secretary Kenneth Royall and Governor Cherry. The secretary of the army, who will be introduced by Editor Josh L. Horne of Rocky Mount, will make the principal address at the banquet Friday night, while the governor opened the convention with a greeting on behalf of his state, last evening.

Leading Newsmen

Addressing the large gathering of newspaper people before him, the Governor said that the first newspaper was printed in North Carolina when the word CROA-TAN was carved on the bark of a tree over 350 years ago on Roanoke Island. It was a mysterious headline. When the message was carved, something happened to the first English colony in America and its members disappeared forever from our intelligence.

"Today," he said, "we read headlines which give us no directions. They are tragic headlines and sometimes we fear that few of us, either in the press, or in the various arts and sciences of humanity, are meeting deadlines with any satisfaction or assurance."

The Governor then gave the English speaking world credit for maintaining a free press, at the expense often of privation, bankruptcy, ridicule, ostracism and every device employed by majorities and minorities to suppress criticism.

At this opening dinner, Al Resch, president of the state press association, acted as toastmaster. (Continued on Page 5)

FREE PRESS

In 1722, James Franklin, editor of The New Boston Courant, was jailed for printing matter distasteful to the authorities. His younger brother Benjamin continued to get out the paper, in which his lead editorial said: "Without freedom of thought, there can be no such thing as wisdom; and no such thing as public liberty without freedom of speech; which is the right of every man as far as by it does not hurt or control the right of another."

Carthage Meeting, Historical Tour Set For May 12

Special plans have been made for the May meeting of the Moore County Historical association, which will be held at the courthouse at Carthage, Wednesday, May 12, at 2 p. m., followed by a motor tour to spots of historic interest in the county.

Distinguished speakers and guests will be present, and the event is expected to be one of exceptional interest to the historically-minded of the entire Sandhills section, repeating the success of the first such pilgrimage held in April, 1947.

The meeting at Carthage will be featured by the presentation of awards to winners of the Historical Association's annual essay contest among schoolboys and girls of the county. Winning entries from a number of schools are now in the hands of the judges.

Dr. Johnston Invited

Dr. Frontis Johnston, of the history department of Davidson college, has been invited to be the speaker at this meeting, according to announcement made this week by W. A. Leland McKeithen, of Pinehurst, president of the association. Dr. Johnston is now engaged in the writing of a biography of Governor Zebulon Vance and it is probable that this (Continued on page 4)

Plans Announced For Remodelling Present Station

SAL Officials Pledge Entire Modernization Inside And Out

Plans for changes in the Seaboard station here have finally been approved, it was announced Monday by W. D. Simpson, chief engineer of the railroad. Saying that the plans had been approved by the Town Board of Southern Pines, Simpson stated that final blue-prints had been drawn up and the work was ready to proceed.

The changes and additions that are to be made involve principally the interior of the building, which will be re-arranged and modernized. The white waiting-room will be enlarged by the removal of the women's retiring room, unnecessarily large. Both the white and colored waiting-rooms will be provided with asphalt tile flooring and the existing wood wainscoting will be replaced with a paneled wainscot of masonite or similar material. Large ticket windows of modern design will be provided in both rooms.

Welcome Improvements

The present high ceilings will be lowered, thus materially improving the looks of the rooms; fluorescent lights, flush with the ceiling, will be installed.

Welcome addition will be the installation of modern electric drinking fountains in both rooms, and a complete new heating plant, thus eliminating the unsightly and inefficient coal stoves.

New toilet facilities for both rooms will be constructed, with ceramic tile floors and modern plumbing, more conveniently arranged than the present rest rooms.

The exterior will see a general refurbishing. The two ugly dormers in the ends of the roof will be removed and a new roof of asbestos shingle put on to replace the present metal affair. The outside of the building will be painted "whatever color the town would like."

A What Shed?

Another welcome addition will be the construction of a shed, "of the butterfly type," along the tracks from the south end of the station all the way to Connecticut avenue, "a total distance of 435 feet."

Questioned as to what was a butterfly type of train shed, Pete Ivy, SAL public relations man speaking for Chief Engineer Simpson, said: "It kind of goes up in a peak . . . no, wait . . ." (Continued on Page 5)

Carthage Man Meets Death In Auto Accident

John Nunnery, about 70 years old, of Carthage was fatally injured Wednesday about 1 p. m. at Carthage when, according to evidence revealed in Patrolman Apple's subsequent investigation, he walked into the side of a moving car.

The car was driven by Dr. James P. Hendrix, of Durham, who was on his way to Pinehurst for the closing session of the North Carolina Medical society. A coroner's inquest held soon after the accident exonerated the doctor, who said he attempted to dodge Nunnery as soon as he saw him moving toward his car, but was unsuccessful.

Nunnery was taken at once by ambulance to the Moore County hospital, but died on the way. He had been in failing health, and his poor hearing and eyesight were considered to be contributory causes of the accident, which took place just inside the city limits on the Carthage-Sanford road, opposite Bennett's Service station.

Nunnery had lived in Carthage all his life. His wife died several years ago. The following children survive: Jesse and Dan Nunnery, Mrs. Lino Smith, Mrs. Carl Morrison, Mrs. Margaret Brown and Mrs. Marybelle Barber, all of Carthage.

DEMOCRATS!

Democratic precinct meetings are scheduled to take place in all county towns this Saturday at 2:30 p. m. Chairmen are being notified by county Democratic chairman M. G. Boyette, to call these meetings of all registered voters to elect delegates to the county convention to be held in Carthage the following Saturday.

Boyette specifies that he has served as county chairman since 1932, and does not feel he can continue in this post.

The Southern Pines committee members are: John S. Ruggles, chairman, Mrs. James Boyd, vice-chairman, C. S. Patch, Jr., Ernest Wilson and Ralph Mills. The meeting place is the Community Center.

County Bond Issue Vote For Schools Scheduled July 6

\$975,000 Total Given Commissioners' Approval

The special election for a bond issue for \$975,000, to be used for essential school building needs in 10 county school districts, will be held Tuesday, July 6, by decision of the county commissioners in regular session at Carthage Monday.

The commissioners approved a resolution of the county board of education asking for the election, as drawn up by County Attorney M. G. Boyette.

Plans for the county vote will in no way affect the Southern Pines district vote on a separate \$45,000 bond issue, to supplement any funds forthcoming from the county for construction of an auditorium-cafeteria and a gymnasium, this week said Southern Pines Supt. P. J. Weaver. The local vote will be held Tuesday, June 15, with registration opening Saturday, May 15, and continuing for three Saturdays.

Mr. Weaver, with representatives of the Southern Pines town and school boards, attended the Monday meeting to register a last-ditch protest against Southern Pines' allocation of \$200,000 in the anticipated county bond issue. It had been hoped funds for a new high school building could be included.

Practically all the districts, in fact, have protested that their allocations are insufficient, and approval of the commissioners has been withheld for a month while the county boards studied the situation.

"We know the amounts allotted are not what the districts want," said one commissioner after Monday's meeting, "but at least they will provide a start. Something is certainly better than nothing, and it appeared that meeting all requests was an impossible task."

"There is always the possibility, too, that federal funds will be provided later, if legislation now planned goes through."

The \$975,000, if it passes, will provide \$50,000 for eight of the districts, \$375,000 for Aberdeen "for classrooms and other needed additions" and \$200,000 for Southern Pines for "an auditorium and other needed additions." The only district omitted is Vass-Lakeview, where a new school is nearing completion, paid for out of current funds.

Attending the meeting from Southern Pines were Mayor C. N. Page, E. C. Stevens, N. L. Hodgkins, John Howarth, L. L. Woolley and P. J. Weaver.

Kaylor Will Broadcast On Model Locomotives

Frank H. Kaylor, of the Southern Pines Volunteer Fire Department, will appear on next Wednesday's "Voice of the Sandhills" program over Station WEEB in an interview on the subject of constructing model locomotives. Mr. Kaylor, a past master at building steam-driven models of railway locomotives, is a member of several organizations devoted to that hobby.

The program will originate at the fire department, and will be recorded for broadcast at 4:30 Wednesday afternoon.

Joint Committee Established For Resort Interests

Tufts Addresses Chamber And Guests On Coordination

Richard S. Tufts, president of Pinehurst, Inc., came over to Southern Pines Wednesday night, to meet with the directors of the local Chamber of Commerce and give them the benefit of his extensive experience as head of the greatest resort in the south, and the greatest golfing center in the nation.

It was strictly "shop talk" at the specially called meeting at the Community Center, with Mr. Tufts making the opening speech and then members and hotel operators, who were present, chiming in. The theme was: cooperation between the two towns of Pinehurst and Southern Pines.

"What is good for one of us is good for the other," said Tufts. The president of Pinehurst went on to say that in 1929 he had addressed an annual meeting of the Chamber of Commerce here and had tried to suggest the same idea. "But I don't think I got very far," he said. "Tonight I want to express again the opinion I held then, and which has since grown stronger, that there is no competition between Pinehurst and Southern Pines and that cooperation wherever possible will bring benefits to both places."

Tufts listed two points in particular as deserving of this joint attack: (1) An attempt to build up a longer season, and (2) an entertainment program for the entire area. As regards the latter, he said that conflict on dates must be avoided, necessitating early cooperation in making up the program of events for the two resorts, and he said that simultaneous, or following, golf tournaments would frequently be easy to arrange and would help both places.

There followed an open forum discussion with John Ruggles leading the talk, concerning ways and means of coordinating advertising programs, activity schedules and other phases of the resort business.

In line with a tentative plan already proposed by the Chamber, a joint committee was named composed of Howard Burns, Southern Pines town clerk, Tom G. Wicker, Chamber of Commerce secretary, and a Pinehurst representative, to confer on coordination of the two resorts' activities throughout the year.

Time To Register For Primary Vote, Later For School

Beginning this week, three successive registrations are on the schedule for Southern Pines, and two for the county outside Southern Pines.

Objectives vary, from the choosing of a governor of the state to the building of a school gymnasium.

For Southern Pines citizens, the task is simplified for the first two registrations. The place is the same—the Chamber of Commerce office in the Community building, where Tom G. Wicker, Chamber secretary, will preside as registrar at both. His hours are 9 a. m. until 5 p. m.

The first registration, that for the Democratic primary of May 29, opened last Saturday, and will continue through two more Saturdays. It affects you only if you are not a qualified voter—and it behooves each one of us to check on that fact and make sure our names are on the registration books. Those who have become voters since the last election, or who have recently moved into the county, must register if they are to vote. Residence in the county should have continued consecutively for four months or longer.

The second registration will be a new one for everybody in this school district. This is for the special election for a \$45,000 bond issue to supplement county funds for a new school auditorium. (Continued on Page 4)

Dr. Mark Depp, Dr. Sylvester Green Will Speak At Commencement Events

SPEAKERS



DR. DEPP



DR. GREEN

Tags To Be Sold Saturday To Help Maternal Welfare

On Saturday the Moore County Maternal Welfare Committee will hold their annual Tag Day, it was announced by the chairman, Mrs. James Boyd.

On the streets of all the towns of the county tags will be sold, following the annual custom, for ten cents or as much more as the generosity of the public prompts them to give. The chairman said that, in the past, few had given the minimum amount, but most of those solicited, realizing the importance of this public service, had given generously to the cause.

The chairman said that the money raised would go for several purposes. The salary paid to Mrs. Worth McLeod, county nurse-midwife, in charge of maternity work in the health department, is supplemented by a travel allowance, enabling her to cover the extended territory needed in this type of work. Supplies for the prenatal and baby clinics are paid for, and extra medicine or food is purchased for the mother and baby.

Mrs. Boyd said, also, that this year a new expenditure was anticipated. It is hoped to raise enough money to increase the fee which is paid to the doctors who attend the clinics and give so freely of their valuable time.

"Our county doctors are the mainstay of this work," Mrs. Boyd said. "We think that they should receive more than the current \$10 for giving up an afternoon a month to this service, and, if our Tag Day is a success, we think we will be able to add to this fee."

Tags will be sold at the post office by Mrs. Avery, secretary of the committee, and Mrs. P. P. McCain, first vice-chairman, while Mrs. J. H. Towne will have charge of the table in front of the bank, where she will be assisted by Mrs. Riggs McConnell and members of the committee.

In Carthage Mrs. F. H. Underwood, treasurer of the committee, Mrs. M. G. Boyette and Mrs. W. D. Sabiston are in charge of Tag Day, and Mrs. Worth McLeod will give them the benefit of her help and advice in the outlying districts.

In Pinehurst, the sale is handled by Mrs. Hugh Carter, second vice- (Continued on Page 5)

Distinguished Men Accept Invitations Of Local School

Finals May 30, June 1

Two distinguished men have accepted the invitation of the local school authorities to speak at commencement events—one an outstanding Methodist minister, the other a newspaper editor who has won his laurels also as minister, college president, author, lecturer and civic club leader.

Dr. Mark Depp, pastor of Centenary Methodist church at Winston-Salem, will be the baccalaureate speaker, at services to be held at 8:15 p. m. Sunday, May 30, at the Church of Wide Fellowship.

Dr. Sylvester Green, editor of the Durham Morning Herald, will speak at the graduation exercises to be held Tuesday evening, June 1, at 8:15. This event will also be at the Church of Wide Fellowship, on account of the current lack of a school auditorium.

An interesting connection of the school with Dr. Depp is seen in the fact that he is pastor of the church formerly served by the late Dr. C. C. Weaver, father of Southern Pines Supt. Philip J. Weaver. In fact, it was during Dr. Weaver's pastorate that the Centenary church, one of the state's largest and most beautiful, was built.

"Place For Religion" Dr. Depp's topic will be "A Place For Religion." A native of Dunsmutawney, Pa., graduate of Allegheny college and Boston University school of theology, Dr. Depp served churches in Virginia, Maryland, the District of Columbia and Pittsburgh, Pa., before coming to the Winston-Salem church in 1945.

Among his churches were Calvary in Washington, St. Mark's in Baltimore and Christ church, Pittsburgh, where he was pastor for nine years.

He was a chaplain in World War I, and has held many high offices in his church. He is at present a member of the Methodist Federation for Social Service, the church's Commission for World Peace and the executive committee of the Crusade for Christ.

Dr. Green

Dr. Green, a graduate of Wake Forest, holds advanced degrees (Continued on Page 4)

Pinehurst Wins Picquet Cup In Glee Club Contest

The Pinehurst Glee club of 25 mixed voices won the third annual county high school glee club contest, held at the Mid Pines Wednesday following the luncheon meeting of the Sandhills Kiwanis club Wednesday.

Paul V. Peck, director, received the silver Picquet cup from the hands of its donor, Charles W. Picquet, and also won the sincere applause of the club and many guests for his share in an excellent program, ably presented.

It was a double share, for this year for the first time his West End High School glee club, presenting their second public performance, took part, increasing by one the list of contestants which to date has included only Pinehurst, Aberdeen and Southern Pines high schools. The Southern Pines school has been the winner in the two previous competitions.

Points For Judgment

Dr. Robert Reuter, director of music at Flora Macdonald college, who with Mrs. Reuter served as judge for the third time, before giving the name of the winning group explained to the audience the points on which the judging had been based. These included the good appearance and poise of the singing groups, in which he said all scored equally high; intonation—the manner in which tones are "struck," the manner of beginning, continuing and ending musical phrases; general musical (Continued on Page 5)



The Pilot is proud of this fine picture of a fine old gentleman, the late John A. MacLeod (see story above). Made some 15 years ago, it shows him "drawing" shingles in the yard of his home. He was an expert at this from his early youth, when all homes of the section were roofed with hand-drawn shingles.