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## Merchants' Association Is Formed, Board Named, Credit Bureau Planned

### Blue, Hodgkins Head Temporary Directors

#### Lester Rose Speaks

Organization of the Southern Pines Merchants association, with election of a temporary board of directors, was effected at a meeting of local business and professional men held at the Community building Tuesday night.

Choosing Walter E. Blue and N. L. Hodgkins as their co-chairmen, the temporary board announced plans for a directors' meeting to be held within the next few days, to plan the setting up of a credit bureau and other features of the organization, preparatory to getting down to real work in the fall.

Other directors named were L. V. O'Callaghan, C. S. Patch, Jr., L. T. Clark, A. A. Howlett, Col. Wallace Simpson, Mrs. Jean Edson and Herbert Cameron. Election was by secret ballot from 25 nominations made from the full membership list of the Chamber of Commerce.

Another feature of the meeting, which was held under auspices of the Chamber of Commerce, was a talk by Lester Rose, executive secretary of the Raleigh Chamber of Commerce who serves in the same capacity for the U. S. Highway No. 1 association. He spoke on the work of the association and the advantages of membership.

#### 26 Attend

John S. Ruggles, president of the Chamber of Commerce, led the meeting, which was attended by a representative crowd of 26. Many had attended the meeting held the week before at Scottie's, at which W. L. Dowell of Raleigh, executive vice president of the North Carolina Merchants as-

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## Foresters Meet Here Aug. 17-18

A training meeting will be held at Southern Pines Tuesday and Wednesday, August 17 and 18, for personnel of the North Carolina division of forestry and parks from a dozen counties of this section of the state.

The meeting will be similar to one held here last August, with business sessions at the American Legion hut and demonstrations at the town Horse Show grounds.

So well adapted were these grounds found to be, for the demonstrations of new methods of fire fighting which are part of the training course, and also so hospitable were the people here, according to District Forester J. A. Pippin of Rockingham, that it was decided to hold this year's meeting at the same place. The demonstrations are to be open to the public.

Last year it was hoped to show Moore county's brand new fire fighting truck in action, but it

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## Red Cross Decides Against Purchase Of Building; Radio Station Surprised

A decision on the part of the Red Cross board of directors not to go through with the purchase of the WSTS radio station building here was made known Wednesday to the press of the county, in a prepared release by Col. G. P. Hawes, Jr., chapter chairman.

The reason, as stated for the chapter membership, were as follows: "Time . . . was short and, due to the amount of detail required, it has been impossible to complete the necessary forms, have the necessary legal details arranged, and investigations necessary by the National Headquarters made in time to take up the option on the WSTS building. So your chapter now finds it necessary to forego the purchase of this particular building."

In a telephone conversation with the Pilot Colonel Hawes repeated this insubstance, saying that some new laws of National Red Cross applicable to this area would mean that over a month

### THURMOND?

If you want to help in the movement to get J. Strom Thurmond's name on the ballot for election to the Presidency of the United States, you'll have the opportunity very soon.

Mrs. Ruth Swisher has undertaken to circulate a petition here, on request of David Clark, of Charlotte, co-chairman of the States' Rights Democrats in North Carolina.

Speed is essential, as petitions containing 10,000 names must be handed to the state board of elections by midnight of August 3 to get the States' Rights party on the ballot.

There is no organization here as such to promote the candidacy of South Carolina's Governor Thurmond and his running mate, Mississippi's Governor Fielding Wright, Mrs. Swisher said. However, she feels that there is sufficient interest to warrant the petition.

Thurmond and Wright represent the Democratic "chip off the old block"—chipped off at the recent national convention by Truman's civil rights program.

## Boxing Show Will Bring Stars Saturday Night

The boxing show to be sponsored here by the John Boyd post, VFW, which was announced for Friday night, will be held Saturday evening instead, beginning at 8 o'clock, at the High School Memorial park.

Some outstanding fighters, well known in boxing circles in this and other states, have been secured through efforts of Ray Backlund, post chairman for the event, and should put on an excellent show.

They include two from Charlotte, Heavyweight Mal Wallace and Welterweight Golden Glover Bobby Heather, also Ben Maceil, lightweight, of Denver, Colo., and Ramon Ancho, of Hawaii, both now stationed at Fort Bragg with the 82nd Airborne division.

A good crowd is expected to turn out for this, the first local sports event of the summer except the baseball games and Lakeview boat races in June, and a full evening's entertainment is anticipated.

The standard of fighting should be well up to that generally seen only in the larger cities, according to Chairman Backlund, who has had a good deal of experience in this field, both as a former amateur boxer and boxing instructor.



The "fogging" truck in Aberdeen. (Cut courtesy Sandhill Citizen)

## Southern Pines Is "Fogged"

Clouds of snow-white mist pouring from a jeep-type truck covered Southern Pines, street by street and alley by alley, Monday and Tuesday of this week as the town was thoroughly and completely "fogged" with DDT. The "fogging" was sponsored by the Town of Southern Pines to kill insect pests and, indirectly, to aid in checking the spread of polio and other insect-borne diseases.

It was done by William Capel of Candor, using 30 per cent DDT from the Taylor Chemical company in Aberdeen. The Capel concern is the same which recently did the job for Charlotte, and more recently in Moore county has "fogged" Carthage and Aberdeen.

In Carthage the Junior Chamber of Commerce footed the bill, and in Aberdeen the Lions club. The fogging has been supplementary to the DDT-handspraying of homes and grounds by teams in these towns and also in Pinehurst and Pinebluff.

The spray team working in Southern Pines last week completed its work in West Southern Pines, and started in Southern Pines, visiting each home in turn. The spraying, which is expected to cover the entire county, is being financed by a fund made available by the county commissioners to the Moore County chapter of the National Infantile Paralysis Foundation.

Results of the combined handspraying and fogging were noticeable in Southern Pines this week, where not a fly was to be found and where, at the height of the peach season, the gnats generally so prevalent at this time disappeared completely.

Besides checking up and down all streets several times over, the highly maneuverable small truck sallied in behind business places and homes wherever possible, and also on Tuesday evening gave an intensive fogging to the swampy section lying between the town and West Southern Pines.

## Business Building And Remodeling Give New Look To Robbins, Aberdeen

### New Belk Store Will Open At Robbins In August

The summer season has not slowed down business development in Moore County towns, and from two in particular, Robbins and Aberdeen, come reports of several interesting developments.

At Robbins, in a building now being completed, the county's first Belk store is expected to open about the middle of August. The handsome modern structure of two stories, is one of several in a block being built by Branson Williams in which two businesses—one new and one old—are already under way.

The new business, which opened last Saturday, is the Western Auto Associate store, owned and managed by Colon Cheek. These home-owned, home-managed stores sell well-known lines of automobile supplies and parts, home appliances of all sorts, tools, toys in season and such other standard items as lawn mowers, bicycles, radios, etc.

Mr. Cheek, a native of High Falls, is now living at Vass, but said he plans to move his wife and son to Robbins when he can find a home for them. He was employed by the Burlington mills before entering business at Robbins.

### Feed Store To Expand

The old business in a new home is the Robbins Feed and Seed store, dealing in seed, feed and fertilizer, established five years ago by W. H. Jackson. The small frame building it formerly occupied was torn down to make way for the new Belk store, and the feed store is now in a modern brick home, considerably larger than the old. Mr. Jackson said he plans expansion of his whole business in the fall to fit the new accommodations, adding new lines to his stock and probably hiring some new employees.

Mr. Jackson, a Pitt county native, came to Robbins 10 years ago for his health and remained to become an active member of its business life. His wife is a teacher in the elementary school.

### At Aberdeen

At Aberdeen, ground was broken last week for a new depart-

### REAL SERVICE

It's real service on local mail you're getting over at the post office, folks, as a ruling for first class post offices has gone into effect for putting up such mail in the boxes every half hour.

Heretofore, said Acting Postmaster A. Garland Pierce, local mail has been put up four or five times a day. Now it's 29 times between 7 a. m. and 10 p. m. In fact, he says, with 1,000 pieces of local mail a day the operation is practically continuous, taking almost all of one employee's time and costing the post office more than the one-cent postage.

Each half hour the time stamp on the postmark is changed again, and the job starts over. So continuous is the service that two local persons, if they were so minded, could answer each other's notes more than a dozen times in one day.

ment store for H. L. Ruluick, owner of the Quality Shops at Fayetteville. A one-story, two-room building, 40 by 70 feet, is to be built by the Player Construction company at an estimated cost of \$14,000.

The McDonald Feed store, of which C. A. McDonald is owner and manager, has been expanded and remodeled. The size has been increased from 20 by 60 to 20 by 100 feet, and a new front, with new floors and plastering, gives the place a much improved look inside and out.

The showroom of the Martin Motor company, of which R. S. Gwyn is proprietor, is being enlarged to 31 by 42 feet. The front is being modernized and other remodeling is under way, to be completed in about a month. K. M. Garner is the contractor.

The Pilot Service station is also undergoing remodeling and modernization, and when the work is done will face a different direction. The old front has been closed in with the building of a washing and lubrication room. The office is being considerably expanded.

## State Softball Tournament Here Set For Aug. 20

### 10 Teams To Play 20-Game Series In Five Days

Softball will be the big news in Southern Pines for five busy days starting Friday, August 20, when the High School Memorial Ball park will be the scene of the North Carolina Amateur Softball tournament, an annual event to be held here for the first time.

The state tournament will have spots for 10 teams, which are now being selected through sectional eliminations all over the state. The only one definitely named so far as a tournament entry is the Mooresville Moors, 1947 champions.

The date of August 20 has been tentatively set barring weather complications, polio or schedule changes in elimination play.

### C of C Is Sponsor

The series is being sponsored here by the Chamber of Commerce, through arrangements made by Tom Wicker, executive secretary, with Smith Barrier, of Greensboro, Daily News sports editor who is commissioner of the state association.

The necessary guarantee has been pledged by the Chamber members, and season tickets will be on sale at prices in line with those for baseball games here.

A 20-game double elimination tournament will be held, with both morning and afternoon sessions, and no session providing fewer than two games except possibly the finals, Mr. Wicker said.

### Finals August 25

It is expected that the finals will be played Wednesday afternoon, August 25, provided rain or other factors do not cause a shift in the tight schedule.

Fifteen or more players will probably be here with each squad. In the pre-tournament play are entries from as far as Wilmington on the east, Asheville on the west and many points between. The winner here will advance to the regional tournament to be held at St. Petersburg, Fla.

Most of the teams are expected to drive here for their day of play, returning home at night, though a few may play on two or more days and may stay overnight.

## Burns Purchases Business Building

The building at 134 West Broad street, northern wing of the Citizens Bank and Trust Company quadrangle, was sold this week by R. Clifton Johnson to George C. Burns for an undisclosed sum. It is occupied at present by Theodora's Gift shop, on a 10-year lease of the lower floor which has eight years to run. Upstairs, the front apartment is occupied by Clarence Thompson and his interior decoration business. Mr. Johnson and his family occupy the rear apartment. They will be succeeded there by the Burns family when the building is turned over to its new owner early in September.

This is the only change planned at present, according to Mr. Burns, who returned to town this week for a few days from Ocean City, N. J., to complete the transaction.

The building is one of a three-unit group which has added attractiveness to Southern Pines' business district since it was built by the Citizens Bank and Trust company in 1926.

Aymar Embury 2nd was the architect. With the bank set back in the center facing a grassy rectangle, on which open also the "wings" joined to the bank building by breezeways, it presents a distinguished and pleasing appearance.

The northern wing was sold by the bank in 1928 to the Southern Pines Realty company. Since then it has had a succession of owners until its purchase by Mr. Johnson in 1947.

The southern wing is owned by the P. T. Barnum company.

## Two New Polio Cases Noted In Moore As First Case Is Reported From Hoke

### Auction Sale

An auction sale of donated goods—"anything and everything salable"—for the benefit of the new Central Carolina Polio hospital now a-building at Greensboro, will be held on the public square at Carthage between 6 and 8 o'clock tonight (Friday) under auspices of the Carthage Junior Chamber of Commerce.

The Jaycees have planned the sale as a countywide event and hope to amass a considerable number of dollars as a Moore County contribution to the hospital, planned as a permanent center for the care of polio victims from central Carolina counties, including Moore.

Goods to be auctioned are being received at the Carthage Food store of which Jaycee Walter Spivey is proprietor, and by any and all other members of the organization.

This is just a part of the Jaycees' participation in the fight against polio, as last week they paid the bill for the "fogging" of their town with DDT by the ground method.

## Dr. Lide Will Go To Bowman Gray As Instructor

Dr. Thomas N. Lide, pathologist at the Moore County hospital since January, 1947, has resigned effective August 15, to accept a position as instructor in pathology for the Bowman Gray Medical college at Winston-Salem. He will also serve as pathologist for the Baptist hospital there.

During his year and a half here, Dr. Lide has served the N. C. Sanatorium at McCain as well as the Moore County hospital. He is a member of the Moore County Medical society, and also of the Sandhills Kiwanis club.

Just a few months ago Dr. and Mrs. Lide bought a home on South Ashe street here, which they say they do not plan to sell any time soon. Mrs. Lide and their two young children will remain in Southern Pines until a suitable home is found in Winston-Salem, which may take several months.

Dr. Lide, a native of Anderson, S. C., and graduate of Clemson college, graduated in 1938 from the Duke school of medicine, interned at Germantown hospital in Philadelphia and was made a fellow in pathology at the Pennsylvania hospital there. He entered the army at the outset of the war, and served almost three years overseas, in station and general hospitals.

On his return he spent 14 months as pathologist at Duke hospital, from which he came to Moore county.

## Moore Doctor Brings News From World Polio Meeting

Dr. Myron W. Marr, of Pinehurst, was one of more than 1,000 medical men and health leaders from many states and 33 foreign countries to attend the First International Poliomyelitis Conference, held July 12-17 at the Waldorf-Astoria hotel, New York City, under the sponsorship of the National Infantile Paralysis Foundation.

Dr. Marr, who has been interested in polio for many years, was sent by the Moore County hospital as its staff representative at the instance of Paul C. Butler, chairman of the Moore County Foundation chapter, and Philip S. Randolph, of Chapel Hill, head of the state organization of the Foundation. He is believed to have been the only representative of a North Carolina hospital at the conference.

The conference, planned for many months, by chance coincided with the serious outbreak in this state and county, and it was

### Doctors Confer With Polio Team

#### Local Decline Definite

The polio decline in Moore county this week seemed to be definite, with just two new cases reported.

By a miracle no case has yet occurred within the city limits of Southern Pines, largest town in the county, though it has touched practically every other Moore community for a present total of 53 cases since the first of the year, 52 in the past three months. One case was from just outside the city limits, on the Old Bethesda road.

This week's cases include the oldest victim yet reported, Fletcher Lloyd Dockery 24, of Eagle Springs, Rt. 1, unmarried Negro. He was taken Saturday to the Kate Biting Reynolds hospital at Winston-Salem, suffering with what Dr. Willcox said appeared to be rather a severe case.

Betty Sue Garner, aged four, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Garner of Robbins, Rt. 4, was carried to Rex hospital at Raleigh Wednesday.

#### Hoke's First

Dr. Willcox, who is serving as health officer for Hoke county also, said that Hoke's first case was reported Sunday—a McPhaul child, four years old, from the Antioch section, who was taken to Duke hospital that night.

Though he feels confident that the worst is over for Moore, Dr. Willcox said the quarantine will remain in effect as before. The incidence is still mounting in the state, and in some counties it is just beginning. "If they have anything like we did to go through, bad times are still ahead," he declared.

#### Polio Team

The polio team, sent by the National Infantile Paralysis Foundation to confer with doctors at Raleigh and Wilmington and give demonstrations of polio care, could not in the brief time at their disposal, accept the invitation of the Moore County Medical society to visit here.

A telephone call from Dr. Jessie Wright, head of the team, expressed her desire to bring the team here and regretted the impossibility of doing so.

Dr. R. M. McMillan, president (Continued on Page 5)

### OPEN MEETING

An open meeting of the Southern Pines chapter, Alcoholics Anonymous, will be held this evening (Friday) at 8 o'clock at the clubroom in the Arcade building.

Dr. John C. Greer, Jr., will be the guest speaker, on the subject "Neuro-Psychiatry in the Treatment of Alcoholism."

All interested persons are invited to attend, according to the word which reached us this week—whether they are interested for themselves, for someone else or in a general way.

### Local Conferences

It has already proved so. Since his return Dr. Marr has conferred at the Moore County hospital with practically every doctor in the county. The polio convalescent center has also had the advantage of this concentrated experience. He spoke last Friday on special invitation before the Southern Pines Rotary club, in an informative program on polio in which Mr. Butler also took part. Monday night, he talked informally with members of the Moore County Medical association, before which he is expected to give a detailed report at a later date.

In informal conversation soon after his return Dr. Marr revealed that he is more than ever convinced that physicians are on the (Continued on Page 8)