

Markets Remain Open, Carry Fight To Court Today

Delegations Will Attend Hearing At Raleigh

Middle Belt Merger Sought

Tobacco sales went on in nominal fashion this week at the four Middle Belt markets which are seeking to become affiliated with the Eastern Belt, and which have opened without buyers from the major companies on the Eastern Belt date (August 19) at Carthage, Aberdeen, Sanford and Fuquay-Varina.

With independent buyers taking some of the product and the warehousemen buying most of it at current high prices, the markets were attempting gamely to stay open in hopes a court decision would bring them the vital buyers.

The companies are to appear before Judge W. C. Harris in Wake County superior court this morning (Friday) to show cause why they should not be requested to furnish buyers to the markets.

Conspiracy Charged

Court action was started last Friday by the 11 warehouses involved. Discrimination and conspiracy to ban the markets was charged in the action, with defendants named as follows: R. J. Reynolds Tobacco company, Imperial Tobacco company, Liggett and Meyers, American Tobacco company, American Suppliers, Inc., J. P. Taylor and Company, Universal Leaf Tobacco company, Timmonsville Tobacco company, Reidsville Tobacco company, Bright Belt Warehouse Association, Inc., and Export Leaf Tobacco company.

Attorneys for the warehouses in the action are Robert A. Cotton of Fuquay Springs and Wilkins P. Horton and Daniel Bell, both of Pittsboro.

Monday, an answer to the suit was reported to have been filed by one defendant, the Bright Belt Warehouse Association, Inc., which denied the charges on the ground that it "is not now and never has been in the business of buying tobacco." The answer was filed in Wake by Fred S. Royster, president of the association, and his attorney, J. M. Broughton.

H. Clifton Blue, secretary of the sales supervision board of Aberdeen and Moore county, made the statement for the markets that they wish to become associated with the Eastern Belt, and that much tobacco of this area has formerly been sold on Border and Eastern Belt markets.

Meetings

The warehousemen will meet at Sanford tonight (Friday) to discuss the results of the court action and determine their next move, if it is unfavorable to their cause.

Aberdeen warehousemen, with a number of local businessmen

Waits Long But Gets His Fish



"I've been waiting 28 years for this," said Winky Chatfield (left), as he hauled the nine-pound large-mouth bass seen above out of the waters of Thagards lake last Friday. Winky was kind enough to allow his brother-in-law, James Prim, to hold the prize for this picture, while he himself displayed a string of more ornery members of the bass family, by way of contrast.

While the big fish sets no record for these parts, its equal is seldom seen among bass, even the large-mouth variety. As the news got around the local fishermen went flocking out, and soon the quietest of sylvan lakes was said to resemble Times Square. A happy weekend of sport was reported—though no more nine-pounders.

(Photo by Turner)

Registration Starts Monday; County Draft Board Gets Set

CHAMPS

The Robbins team was the winner in the Peach Belt playoffs held last week, with Beaunit of Rockingham contesting the championship.

Champions and members of all Peach Belt teams, with League officials and others who assisted, will celebrate the conclusion of their second successful series with a chicken barbecue, to be held tonight (Friday) at the Aberdeen lake.

and farmers of Moore county, held a meeting at Aberdeen Wednesday night. Support of the markets and their cause was affirmed.

A number volunteered to join an Aberdeen delegation attending the hearing at Raleigh today, where it is expected that delegations from Carthage, Sanford and Fuquay-Varina will also be on hand.

In the lack of buyers and the court action, the four markets are encountering continued hurdles in their long fight to open with the Eastern Belt. For some

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Central Office At Carthage, 3 Other Registration Points

W. E. Stewart, of Carthage, has been selected as the third man on Moore county's now-completed draft board, and plans this week were being rushed through in preparation for the new selective service registration which starts Monday, Aug. 30.

Maxwell Rush, of Southern Pines, and Allen McDonald, of West End, were the first members approved. From them came word Wednesday that a central office is to be set up in Carthage, on the second floor of the new Riddle building close to the stoplight.

Registration will take place at four points located conveniently about the county: the central office at Carthage, the Community building at Southern Pines, the Robbins school building and the West End school building. They will be open from 8 a. m. to 5 p. m. daily except Sundays and legal holidays.

Staffing of the offices will be in charge of Mr. Stewart at Carthage, Mr. Rush at Southern Pines, Mr. McDonald at West End and School Superintendent Hackney at Robbins.

All men between 18 and 25 must register, regardless of veteran or reserve status, except those actively in service in some branch of the armed services of the country.

Men born in 1922 after August 30 will register Monday.

Those born in 1923 will register August 31 through September 1; in 1924, September 2-3; 1925, September 4-7; 1926, September 8-9; 1927, September 10-11; 1928, September 13-14; 1929, September 15-16; before September 19, 1930, September 17-18.

As men born September 19, 1930, and later reach their 18th birthdays, they must register within five days.

This is an entirely new registration, it was emphasized. The selective service files for the last war have been closed, and so far as is known now will remain so.

Men being separated from the armed services are to report to the selective service office within 30 days of their discharge, though they will not, as veterans, be drafted.

Under the selective service act now in effect, those exempt from the draft, which will begin in

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Resort Airlines Recommended For Farflung Routes

Progress Made To Certification For Hemisphere Cruises

Victory In Long Battle

Resort Airlines, Inc., with headquarters at Resort field, was given a big push forward toward bigtime operation with recommendations made this week by Civil Aeronautics Board Examiner James S. Keith, in an 85-page report.

Examiner Keith recommended that the airline be authorized, for an experimental period of five years, to operate a specialized air service "between the co-terminal points New York City, Philadelphia, Washington, Pittsburgh, Cleveland, Detroit and Chicago and intermediate points in the United States, also the Caribbean area, Central America, Mexico and Canada."

The "specialized service" is the all-expense air vacation, or "Sky-cruise," in which Resort Airlines pioneered, and which is now their own exclusive specialty.

Must Be Ratified

The proposed air service must be ratified by the full Civil Aeronautics board and the President of the United States before it can go into effect. If this is done, Resort Airlines will become the first postwar, certificated passenger airline, from the thousands that started up after V-J day, and incidentally will be, at one fell swoop, one of the largest of United States carriers in point of authorized mileage.

The cruises will carry passengers from resort to resort in planned, prepaid vacation trips all over the western hemisphere.

The granting of the certificate, which has been sought by the airline for over two years, will preclude Resort's operating a regularly scheduled north and south passenger service from the headquarters field in this county. Both kinds of certificates cannot be granted a single carrier, according to information received from L. C. Burwell, Jr., president, and the transcontinental and international Sky-cruise service must understandably become their choice.

Resort Stop Here

However, Mr. Burwell said, steps are to be taken to have the Southern Pines-Pinehurst stop included as a regular resort stop on their cruises originating in the east and midwest and heading south. This will bring many visitors here for a day or two. Resort field will remain headquarters for all their operations, he said.

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Miss Witherspoon Resigns Teaching Position Here

Miss Phoebe Witherspoon, teacher of English and speech at the Southern Pines High school for the past three years, has resigned to accept a position in her home state of South Carolina, it was announced this week by Supt. P. J. Weaver.

Miss Witherspoon, who is from Laurens, S. C., will go to the University of North Carolina to take her master's degree in public health, then will join the South Carolina public health department as a public health educator.

Miss Witherspoon has served as senior class advisor, which has involved supervision of many senior class activities, with the recently published Year Book among the most outstanding.

In her capacity as teacher of speech, she directed a number of school plays, including a series of radio plays presented during the past year.

This is the first resignation this year of a member of the high school faculty. No attempt will be made immediately to replace her, said Mr. Weaver, as it would be difficult to secure a suitable person this late in the summer, and other teachers will divide her work.

SCHOOL BOND VOTE PASSES WITH CLOSE MAJORITY OF 81

Four New Cases Of Polio In County; School Opening Delayed To Sept. 15

Four new cases of polio were reported early this week, just as the county board of health had a meeting scheduled to consider the lifting of the quarantine after two polio-free weeks.

Two of the cases were children of West Southern Pines, the first polio victims within the Southern Pines city limits during the three-month epidemic period. The others were a small brother and sister, children of Mr. and Mrs. DeWitt Caviness of Eagle Springs.

The county board of health, meeting at Carthage Monday night, extended the quarantine to midnight, September 14, postponing the opening of all schools to September 15. There is a possibility it may be extended even further. Dr. J. W. Willcox, county health officer, gave it as his opinion that schools should not open

until at least two more weeks free of polio should have been passed.

Monday afternoon, Charles Caviness, aged four, was taken to the Guilford Polio Center at Greensboro.

Monday night, Harold Stroman, six-year-old Negro of Pennsylvania avenue, West Southern Pines, was taken to the Kate Biting Reynolds Memorial hospital at Winston-Salem with what appeared, it was said, to be a pretty severe case.

Harold lives with his grandmother, Sarah McGill, on Pennsylvania avenue. His mother is a patient at the N. C. Sanatorium. His father, Shelley Stroman, works in the north.

Tuesday, Miss Mary Swett, going to the Caviness home at Eagle Springs to quarantine the

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Five Precincts Of 17 Carry \$375,000 Issue For Aberdeen Schools

Total Vote 3,051

The bond issue for Aberdeen schools, presented to the county electorate for approval Tuesday, squeaked by on a narrow margin of 81 votes, with 3,051 voting.

A total of 1,586 voters approved the bond issue, with 1,485 against. A sharp cleavage of the northern and southern halves of the county was shown, as precincts in the northern and central sections (except Robbins) voted against the issue, and those of the southern half (except Pinebluff) voted for it.

In fact, it was only the concerted action of the Southern Pines, Pinehurst and Aberdeen precincts, with the heaviest vote and largest majorities, which saved the day for the Aberdeen schools.

Twelve of the 17 precincts of the county had majorities against the issue, with three of them showing not a single vote on the affirmative side.

Vote Count

The tally by precincts (affirmative vote listed first, negative second): Aberdeen, 754, 23; Bensalem, 5, 145; Cameron, 5, 88; Deep River, 2, 84; East Carthage, 20, 103; West Carthage, 31, 153; Eureka, 5, 19; Highfalls, none, 135; Pinehurst, 124, 36; Pinebluff, 54, 160; Southern Pines, 341, 9; Spies, none, 53; Spencerville, 1, 161; Robbins 164, 145; Ritters, none, 100; Vass, 42, 27; West End, 18, 44.

It was pointed out by appreciative Aberdeen citizens that the percentage of affirmatives in

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N. C. Softball Tournament Ends As Romancos Cop State Title, Trophy

Five-Day Event Seen As Community Success

With the tournament-wise Roanoke Rapids Romancos going all the way through the N.C.A.S. A. tournament undefeated, the curtain came down Wednesday on the big summer event here, with the Coca-Cola awarded winner's trophy in the hands of the Romancos.

The occasion marked the fifth time the Roanoke Rapids team had won the championship, as they took it four times straight from 1939 through 1942.

Runner-up was the Champion YMCA team of Canton, nosed out in the finals by the Romancos, 2-1, as famed Russ Deberry of Roanoke hurled his best game of the tournament. The game clincher was a home run by Chet Sims, Romanco shortstop, with a man on base. Sims had 11 hits for 15 trips to the plate during the entire tournament, and was the recipient of the Leading Hitter trophy. To complete the Roanoke trophy sweep, Deberry was named the outstanding pitcher of the affair.

Sixteen games were played in the tournament, and in the enthusiastically expressed opinion of many spectators, they were all alive with color and thrills. To some dyed-in-the-wool baseball fans, who had come to jeer, the speed and skill involved in the "little brother" of diamond sports was a revelation.

Speedy Eliminations

Five games were played on the first day, last Friday. Saturday, five more were played, and when the dust had cleared from Memorial field, Concord, Mt. Airy, and defending champs, the Mooresville Moors, had all been eliminated from the double-elimination tourney.

Sunday's three games saw Chapel Hill and Wilmington fold their tents and silently steal away, while Gastonia and Bur-Mil of Greensboro followed after Tuesday's semi-finals.

That left the championship up to the Romancos and the Canton Y's, and it was the Romancos who won not only the tourney, the trophy, and the state championship, but also the coveted trip to the regional tournament of the U. S. Amateur Softball association, to be held in St. Petersburg, Fla., beginning September 4.

While most of the teams left for home when their part in the tournament was over, the winners celebrated Wednesday evening with a party at Jack's Grill, with their handsome trophy as table centerpiece.

Good Event, Poor Gate

The Chamber of Commerce, sponsors of the event, reported it a success from a sports view and also the boosting of August trade in town.

However, said Chamber Secretary Tom Wicker, it was less successful at the gate. "The crowds

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FOR BABE RUTH

A spray of flowers went to Babe Ruth's funeral from the Moore County Legion Post Baseball team.

According to an account of the funeral in a New York paper, the token of remembrance from Moore county's young players to baseball's dead hero was displayed with others about the coffin of George Herman Ruth, as he lay in the Yankee Stadium for the last tribute of the crowds.

The flowers were sent by wire by the Carolina Gardens here, through arrangement by Charles Swoope, Sandhills Legion Post commander. It was not known here what sort of flowers were used, as that was left to the New York florist to whom the telegram was sent.

Appraisal Board Is Being Selected

The county commissioners have definitely decided, it appears, to use a local board for the 1949 countywide property revaluation, rather than employing a professional appraiser.

While no definite information has been released, it is understood that the commissioners spent a good part of their Monday meeting discussing the personnel of board, and selecting several names. J. D. Arey, Sr., of Southern Pines is said to be one of them.

Difficulty is being encountered, it is said, in finding five men of requisite experience and ability, who are also free to devote several months to this work.

New Pipe Organ, Memorial Pulpit In Use Sunday At Emmanuel Church

Sunday morning, the congregation of Emmanuel Episcopal church will hear for the first time the tones of their new pipe organ, one of the finest of the section, representing a dream of many years fulfilled.

The organ, whose installation was completed this week, is the gift of Mrs. C. T. Crocker, of Pinehurst and Fitchburg, Mass., a member of Emmanuel church. The room housing its many pipes, and complex apparatus was built as an annex to the church building as the gift of Mr. Crocker.

Also at this Sunday's service will be seen and used, for the first time, the new pulpit, especially designed to harmonize with the other church furnishings, gift of Mrs. Paul T. Barnum in memory of her husband.

Thus to this beautiful small church are added two more gifts of devotion, of which there have been a number during the past few years. The altar rail was given by Mrs. P. T. Kelsey in memory of her parents. The altar

Broadcasters Of State Will Meet Here In October

The North Carolina Association of Broadcasters will hold its annual meeting in Southern Pines October 22 and 23, it was announced this week by Jack S. Younts, of local radio station WEEB, by whom arrangements for the meeting were made.

Around 150 are expected to attend, including representatives of radio stations in all parts of the state, officials of all major networks, and others of radio-connected interests.

Harold Essex, general manager of WSJS, Winston-Salem, is president of the organization.

The Mid Pines will be headquarters for the convention, though it is anticipated that other hotels about town will also be called on for rooms.

This is the first large convention on the new season's calendar for Southern Pines.

itself, of restrained design, its dark oak touched with gold, was given last year by Mrs. Fraser Knight in memory of her husband, Lieutenant Commander Knight. The throne supporting the cross bears an unusual medalion design. It shows a golden anchor, also a rainbow, two symbols of Christian hope, symbolizing the life and death of this gallant young naval officer, lost during the recent war with the submarine he commanded.

The three-branched candlesticks on the altar were also given by Mrs. Knight, one in memory of her grandmother, the other in memory of her husband's.

Designed by Rector Most of the furnishings have been designed by, or following the suggestions of, the rector, the Rev. F. Craighill Brown, who began by having pews built to his own pattern when he first came here from the Orient 18 years ago. The high ceiling timbers are

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Grid Practice Starts With Youngsters Kept On Sidelines By Quarantine

Answering Coach Dawson's call for fall football practice beginning Monday afternoon at High School Memorial park, 20-some youngsters tanned to varying shades were on hand to greet their coach, most in good physical condition and eager to get going.

From last year's great team, lettermen on hand were Gary Mattocks, Jimmy "Cotton Top" Dickerson, Andy Page, Richard Newton, and "Mac" Patch, backs, Richard Kaylor, Joe Bennett, Bobby Culler and Bill Baker, linemen. Missing from the opening roll call was Fred Arnette, stocky end, Albert Adams, and George McDonald, backs. All three of the last named, however, are expected this week or early next.

Reporting from the reserve squad were Carlton Kennedy, Reggie Hamel and Dillon Short, along with Raymond Copley, husky transfer from Carthage High.

The above named don't add up

to 20, as C. L. Worsham, Coy Bowers, Edward Mcnefee, Roy Newton, Edgar Smith, Dickie Mattocks, and Eugene Lee will ruefully testify.

None of them believed it, when in issuing the call, Coach Dawson said that for the present, only those boys over 16 could take part in the workouts. And so promptly, at 4 o'clock these seven boys were on hand for practice.

It was a reluctant group of youngsters told to go to the sidelines, as the polio quarantine excluded them from the workouts.

As a matter of record, football practice was called only after consultation with members of the school board and the county health officer, Dr. J. W. Willcox. Since the quarantine applies only to those under 16, Dr. Willcox said that he felt light football practice such as signal drills and conditioning exercises would be all right.

With the opening game with

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