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Plans For County Safety Council Made At Carthage

Committee Will Select Chairman For Moore Program

A chairman is to be selected within a short while for the initiation of "Operation Safety" by a Moore County Safety Council, for the reduction of traffic accidents through a safety education program, it was decided at a meeting of civic leaders held at the Carthage Community house last Friday night.

O. D. Griffin, of Southern Pines, district safety director of the N. C. Highway Safety division, was in charge of the meeting.

A nominating committee, for the choice of a chairman to head the countywide program, was chosen as follows: Senator Wilbur S. Currie, of Carthage, chairman; John S. Ruggles, Southern Pines; T. C. Auman, West End; I. C. Sledge, Pinehurst; Jere McKeithen, Aberdeen, and H. Lee Thomas, Carthage.

According to plans outlined at the meeting, the chairman will choose key individuals and representatives or organizations all over the county to assist him in "Operation Safety," a program of the non-commercial, non-profit National Safety Council now being set up on a statewide—or nationwide—scale.

Preventable Accidents

The theory behind "Operation Safety," is was explained by Mr. Griffin, is that more than half the traffic accidents are due to preventable causes. Ignorance and carelessness play a part in nearly all of these.

While in 1947 such accidents in North Carolina showed a slight decline over 1946, overall statistics are such that half the per-

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"Blue Mirror," New Supper Club, To Open At Pope's

Mrs. Lois Beauregard and Paul Gargis, of Southern Pines, have leased Pope's restaurant on Highway 1 and will open it October 15 as the "Blue Mirror," a supper club featuring music, dancing and fine foods.

The building will be completely redecorated in the next two weeks, styled in a decor of light and darker blue, with mirror ornamentation and soft lights in pastel colors. "A nice place for nice people," Mrs. Beauregard said is their aim, and all plans are being made along these lines.

The "Blue Mirror" will introduce several innovations. Pope's present "Coffee shop" will be restyled as a businessman's dining room, with tasteful comfort as the prime note.

Supper club and dining room will cater to adults only, but for the young people the outdoor grill will be available at all times, with food provided from the club kitchen. Luncheons and other daytime affairs will be served for private parties, clubs and organizations by pre-arrangement with the management.

Roland Beauregard, Mrs. Beauregard's husband, who is employed by Resort Airlines, and Mrs. Gargis are to be "silent partners" in the business.

Mrs. Beauregard, a native of Newark, N .J., where she grew up in her parents' catering business, has been a restaurant and supper club hostess in New York City and Florida. She and her husband came to Southern Pines two years ago.

During the past summer she has been in charge of "Scottie's Kitchen," an adjunct of Scottie's Tavern serving private parties and clubs at luncheon and afternoon affairs. Mr. Gargis has been her assistant and together they built up a successful reputation.

The partners are leasing only the restaurant facilities from G. M. Pope, owner, not the tourist cottages. The basement is occupied by the Nonpareil Photoengraving company.

New Officers Of State YDC

Shown above are the newly elected officers of the North Carolina Young Democratic Clubs. They were elected Saturday at the YDC session in Greensboro. Front row, left to right: Eunice Ayres, Winston-Salem, vice-president; H. Clifton Blue, Aberdeen, president, and Margaret Taylor, Asheville, vice-president. Back row, left to right: Walter (Buck) Powell, Whiteville, secretary; Theresa Shipp, New Bern, national committeewoman, and James C. Little, Jr., Raleigh, national committeeman. Absent when the picture was taken was John I. Barnes, Jr., of Clayton, treasurer. (Photo by Seth Muse.)

County, District Strongest At State YDC Meet; Blue Elected

Skip Alexander Mid Pines Pro; Opening Planned

Skip Alexander, one of the country's top ranking professional golfers, will be the Mid iPnes pro during the coming year, it was announced this week by Frank E. Cosgrove, manager of the resort hotel.

Mr. Alexander, who was one of the op five "in the money" in tournament play during the past year, will be taking his first pro job when he comes to the Mid Pines on its opening October 16. He will be assisted by Buck Worsham, of the famous Wingfoot club.

Pro Alexander, native of Lexington, is now living in Durham. He is well known on golf courses of ths area, where he has olng been a familiar tournament figure. Just married this month, he will bring his bride with him to the Sandhills.

In the pro position at Mid Pines, he succeeds Roy Grinnell,

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Secretary Brannan Will Give Address At Monroe Monday

Hon. Charles F. Brannan, Secretary of Agriculture, will speak at Monroe Monday at 11 a. m., through arrangements made by Rep. C. B. Deane of Rockingham, it was announced this week from Mr. Deane's Washington office.

Moore County Farm Bureau members and other farm leaders of the Sandhills are given a special invitation to attend the event, according to the announcement. Some 2,000 people are expected from the Eighth district and other parts of the state to hear the address and attend a fish fry, to be held immediately afterward under sponsorship of the Farm Bureau of Union county, hosts of the day.

Secretary Brannan will discuss the price support program and other questions of vital import to farmers, now facing many acute problems with prospects of the greatest crop production in history.

Secretary Brannan will speak in the Monroe High School stadium.

Deane Lends Aid: McCaskill Named District Chairman

By Valerie Nicholson

Rep. H. Clifton Blue, of Aberdeen, backed by a solid delegation from his county and district and with his congressman, C. B. Deane, acting as campaign manager, slid into the presidency of the Young Democratic clubs of North Carolina on greased wheels, at elections held Saturday afternoon at the annual state convention at Greensboro.

The election by acclamation went through smoothly, but it was a different tale during the pre-election days Thursday and Friday, when one candidate after another came up, and went down, before the smiling solidarity of Blue's supporters. A number of delegations were already committed to him, in the event of his candidacy; others came through like clockwork, and when the giant 30-vote Mecklenburg club relinquished its support of Tom Broughton, of Lenoir, in Blue's favor, the election was as good as over.

Sponsors

At the election, Blue's name was presented by Ralph Monger, Jr., of Sanford, and was seconded by Roy Taylor, of Buncombe county. His candidacy, which he did not definitely accept until the convention, had previously been endorsed by the YDC clubs of Montgomery and Moore, and the Eighth district as a whole.

Congressman Hamilton Jones made a brief appearance during the convention, but no other congressman showed up for the conclaves except Deane, and the "Fighting Eighth" was the only district to have its congressman at hand throughout. This was one of the factors which made it possible for Moore, the district's—and the convention's—best represented county to win a respect previously accorded only to such counties as Mecklenburg, Wake, Guilford and Forsyth.

District Election

In the district caucus held Saturday morning, Hubert McCaskill of Pinehurst, was unanimously elected Eighth District chairman, succeeding Jeff Wilson, of Biscoe, one of his most active promoters. Also elected for the district were Mrs. Howard N. Steed, of Thomasville, vice chairman, and Mrs. Valerie Nicholson, of Southern Pines, secretary.

The convention was mem-

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NO POLIO

"No polio" was the report again this week from the county health office—welcome news indeed, with the polio ban now off and all schools of the county under way.

Fingers were still crossed, as scattered cases (for a total amounting now to more than 2,100) were still being reported in the state.

However, it seems now apparent that Moore county's epidemic, which began early and hit its peak in July, has now run its course, and that any cases which come to light from here on will be those of normal incidence, such as are reported in any non-epidemic year.

Town, County Schools Show Enrollment Rise

Enrollment at Southern Pines schools, tallied at 630 on the opening day (September 15) had jumped to 752 early this week, with additional students still expected.

At the Southern Pines High school, increase was noted from 127 to 140, and at the elementary school from 273 to 299, for a total of 439—an increase of 39.

At the West Southern Pines school, the high school increased from 72 to 102, the elementary from 158 to 211. Total, 313, a rise of 83 in the first few days. A good many students are still out picking cotton, Principal J. W. Moore said it was believed, and will rejoin their classmates within a week or two.

Both figures are considerably up from those of last year, when first-day enrollment of 682 was reported.

County Schools

Supt. H. Lee Thomas said that incomplete figures early this week showed an increase in practically all schools reporting, with only the Highfalls school and the Farm Life High school remaining at just about the same figure as last year.

Greatest increase was seen at Carthage, Robbins and at Vass-Lakeview. First day enrollment of 493 at he new Vass-Lakeview school, he said, was the highest in its history.

The figures did not include those of the Aberdeen district, where the opening of schools was delayed a week on account of last-minute repairs found necessary at the high school building.

Through use of the Community for some elementary grades, and other means, 160 seats had been added to take care of a large anticipated increase in the schools' membership.

"Lefty" Golf Meet At Pine Needles; Grinnell Returns

The Left-Handed Golf association of North and South Carolina will hold their annual tournament Sunday on the Pine Needles golf course, it was announced by Roy Grinnell, manager.

This is the first time the "lefties," who number some of the country's best amateur golfers, have held their tournament at Southern Pines. It will be an all-day affair.

Mr. Grinnell and his family returned this week from Rhode Island, where he has been spending the summer as pro at the Seaconnet Country club, Little Compton. He will devote his full time to the Pine Needles with his partner and fellow pro, Russ Birch, who has been in charge since July 1.

The summer season has been a fairly busy one for the Pine Needles course, now in year-round operation for the first time in its history, and plans are now being made looking toward a successful fall and winter program for the Pine Needles club.

The plans include the reopening of the dining room and ballroom, under supervision of Mrs. Grinnell and Mrs. Birch.

Plans Proceeding For County Fair October 25-30

Jaycees Lining Up Farm Exhibits, Midway Shows

The Carthage Jaycees have just about completed plans for staging their first Moore County Agricultural fair to be held at Carthage the last week in October.

Colin G. Spencer, Jr., chairman of the fair committee, has had his group hard at work the past few weeks lining things up for this big event.

The show that will play the midway has been signed and the owner of this show has given his assurance to the Jaycees that there will be plenty of rides for the kiddies, and also the grown-ups, along the midway. There will also be a number of side-shows.

It is hoped that an outstanding free-act event can be lined up as in past years. This event is always one of the highlights of any fair and it is with this thought in mind that every effort will be made to get such an event booked during the fair week, Mr. Spencer said.

E. H. Garrison, Jr., county agent, and Miss Flora McDonald, county home demonstration agent, are giving their help in seeing that there are plenty of farm exhibits on display at the fair. The Jaycees are asking all the farmers to bring their best poultry, hogs, canned goods and other agriculture products to the exhibit tent.

Every civic organization in the county is extended an invitation to have a display at the fair, because the Jaycees are going to do all they can to make this a real Moore county fair, accordng to information from the committee.

The premium book with the list of prizes to be given away will soon be ready for distribution throughout this and surrounding counties.

A more detailed account of the progress of the fair will be forthcoming within the next few weeks, it was announced.

CP&L Leases Scotties For Divisional Offices

New Headquarters For Central Division In Expansion Program

Announcement that the Carolina Power and Light company has leased Scotties Tavern, south of Southern Pines on Highway 1, for its Central Division operating headquarters, was made this week by Joe N. Steed, division superintendent.

The spacious building will be remodeled in the next few weeks for occupancy December 1 by all the division offices, which will move from the second floor of the present building on North East Broad street. The first floor will continue to be occupied by the Southern Pines district office.

Located in the new building will be the line section, engineering department, sales department, personnel department, contractors' office and relay engineer serving the division, which consists of the counties of Moore, Montgomery, Randolph, Anson, Richmond, Hoke, Lee, Chatham, Harnett, Cumberland, Sampson and parts of Wake, Robeson, Orange and Alamance.

Expansion Program

The division operating department is being considerably reorganized and expanded said Mr. Steed. A number of new men have been taken on in the past few months, and others are to be added in the current CP&L postwar expansion program. Besides giving all the offices extra space, the new building with its 6,000 square feet of floor space will serve as a warehouse from which materials will be shipped to the various communities in the central division.

The lease is for 10 years, with option of renewal.

Present division personnel, all of whom live in Southern Pines, who will move their headquarters to the new location are: line department, Joe N. Steed, superintendent, R. L. Stuart, L. L. Woolley, J. P. Cook, W. H. Daeke, C. L. Wicker, Miss Kathleen McDonald, Miss Martha Aden, D. P. Morrison, E. E. Blake, R. S. Blue, 10 line crewmen; engineering, W. F. Harper, engineer, P. W. Choate, R. N. Newsome, G. T. Douglas, Francis Fisher, J. A. Springer; sales, J. M. Howarth, J. L. Ponzer, Paul C. Butler, William Darden, Mrs. Mary G. Chatfield; personnel, J. A. Phillips; O. H. Rawlinson, relay engineer.

Alton Scott, owner of the building, will retain his present office space, and will also temporarily retain the basement as a workshop and production center for the Scott Manufacturing company, tobacco curers.

Favorite Nightspot

The building was built in 1939-40 and opened in the spring of 1940 as the new home of Scotties Tavern, which had operated

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LICENSE EXAMS

The schedule of Walter E. Yow, state license examiner, is being revised this week to include Pinehurst, where Mr. Yow will be stationed on Fridays hereafter. He will be at the fire station there for the present.

His full week's schedule includes Aberdeen (A&R building) Monday, Tuesday; Raeford (courthouse) Wednesday, Thursday; Pinehurst (fire station) Friday, and Southern Pines (old bus station) Saturday until noon. Hours except Saturday are 9 to 5 p. m.

Mr. Yow issued a reminder this week to those whose names begin with E, F and G that they should apply early for license examination rather than push the deadline of December 31. If they wait until later, he said, they are apt to have to wait in line, whereas now he can take them as they come.

Mascal Appeals To Superior Court In Assault Case

George Mascal, proprietor of Pine Valley Inn, de luxe French restaurant on the Old Pinehurst road, was sentenced in recorders court at Carthage Saturday to two terms of six months on the roads, to run concurrently, on a dual count of assault with a deadly weapon with intent to kill.

Appeal was filed later to superior court. At last report Mascal was endeavoring to make bond, set at $1,000.

Judge Rowe also ordered the sheriff to destroy the weapon in the case, an automatic revolver of foreign manufacture, with which Mascal is said to have threatened Steele du Bosque, investment counselor of New York

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Blue & White Has Second Win Against Biscoe In Home Game

Southern Pines High school opened their home season by defeating Biscoe High 58 to 25 here at Memorial park Wednesday afternoon. As the score indicates, the game was one-sided, but it had its thrills, and the game efforts of the Biscoe team to make a game of it to the final whistle had the Southern Pines cheering section giving them a great hand.

Coach Dawson used practically every man in uniform, sending onto the field throughout the game five complete teams, the Blue and White first team playing only three minutes of the entire game.

Biscoe received to open the game and, after a pass and two running plays failed to gain, had to kick. Southern Pines then took the ball over on the Biscoe 38. On the first play from scrimmage, Mattocks, sweeping wide to the left, raced over for the first touchdown of the game, and Newton converted from placement to make the score 8-0. Biscoe, again taking the kickoff, failed to gain and had to kick,

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Clansmen Gather Sunday For Old Bethesda Homecoming

Sunday will be the date of the annual Homecoming at historic Old Bethesda church founded by Scottish pioneers in 1790. Story on Page 14.