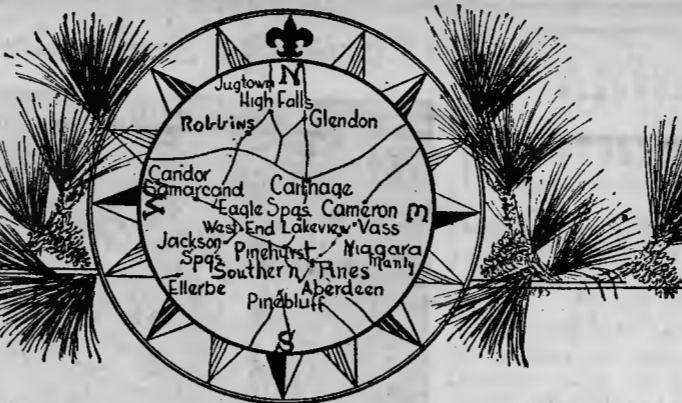


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TEN CENTS

Historians Elect Talbot Johnson, Plan New Projects

Shaw House Will
Open Next Week;
Markers To Be Set

J. Talbot Johnson, of Aberdeen, was elected president of the Moore County Historical association for 1948-49, at a meeting of the directors held at opener of the season, Tuesday evening at the home of W. A. Leland McKeithen, in Pinehurst.

Announcement of the reopening of the Shaw House tea room Wednesday (December 1) with discussion of other projects for the coming year featured the busy meeting.

Other officers named were: W. A. Leland McKeithen, president for the past two years, first vice-president; George Maurice, Eagle Springs, second vice-president; Julian Bishop, Southern Pines, third vice-president; Mrs. Ernest L. Ives, secretary; Mrs. Katherine McColl, assistant secretary; John S. Ruggles, treasurer; Voit Gilmore, assistant treasurer.

Mrs. Ives will again be in charge of the Shaw House tea room, operated in the century-old Shaw homestead at the southern entrance of Southern Pines, purchased and restored by the association, and successfully operated as a tea room last year.

Open from 12 noon to 6 p. m. daily (except Sunday), the tea room will not only serve small groups, but it will be available for special parties on notice given in advance, and also for selected

GAME FILMS

The first event to be sponsored by the John Boyd post, VFW, in support of their big project, purchase of floodlights for the High School Memorial field, will be the showing of some choice football and baseball films at the Community building at 8 p. m. Tuesday.

Movies of the Carolina-Georgia football game, also highlights of the 1948 World Series will be presented here. Both films are new to the section and are said to reveal the action clearly and dramatically, for an evening of real entertainment for the fans.

Slim Forsyth is chairman of the project, with Raymond Cameron and John Talbert on his committee. E. C. Stevens, N. L. Hodgkins and Hoke Pollock have accepted trusteeship of the fund, whose eventual goal is some \$14,000.

Elks Will Banquet Football Team At Hollywood Hotel

The Southern Pines lodge, BPO Elks, will hold their third annual testimonial banquet for the Southern Pines High School football team at the Hollywood hotel Saturday, December 11.

The program for the evening has been planned to provide an evening of entertainment for members of the squad and their dates with speeches held to a minimum, according to word from those in charge.

Tentative plans call for an excellent dinner, the presentation of gold footballs to the lettermen and medallions to the remainder of the squad by the Elks, thru the office of Coach Dawson; the awarding of "the most valuable senior player" award by a representative of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, and a few remarks by some well known sports figure.

Guests of the lodge will be the members of the Squad, the managers, cheer leaders, Supt. and Mrs. P. J. Weaver, Coach and Mrs. A. C. Dawson, Mayor and Mrs. C. N. Page and a number of other loyal supporters of this year's Eastern Conference champions.

After the banquet, the lodge will sponsor a dance for the young people at the Civic club.

Southern Pines Station In Modern Dress



(Photo by Humphrey)

Seaboard Station Remodeling Done; New Beauty and Comfort Are Added

—And As It Used To Be



Ancient "Depot" No Longer Eyesore

The remodeling and modernizing of Southern Pines' railroad station, built early in this century, was completed this week after five months' work, at an estimated cost to the Seaboard Air Line railway of close to \$60,000.

Citizens this week are gazing admiringly at what used to be their old eyesore; now painted a dazzling white with a deep green band at its base, its roof line changed, its waiting rooms fluorescently lit, handsome and clean, with radiators replacing the old central stove and a shed running the full length of the block. Nine-foot-nine feet and nine inches, to be exact.

The shed, known as "butterfly type," is something new. Only two others have been built in the state, at Raleigh and at Hamlet. The two sides of its roof slant upward, instead of down, in an inverted V design, with a copper gutter at the joining. Rainwater running into the gutter flows down the metal posts supporting the roof, and out into a storm sewer at Vermont avenue.

This is just one of the station's up-to-the-minute features. Another is the "masterplate" surfacing the cement of the shed floor, made of ground steel mixed with cement, to keep down dust.

Waiting Rooms

The two waiting rooms, for whites and Negroes, are just alike, except that for the Negroes is slightly smaller.

Their doors are chromium-trimmed, their floors of a new plastic tile, Flexichrome, in marbled caramel color edged in black. Wainscoting is of walnut-colored Masonite, walls above are of plaster in sand finish, in a pastel aqua shade, woodwork is a soft green-blue. Rest rooms are tiled throughout, with modern fixtures. Ceilings have all been lowered to a comfortable height.

In their office dividing the two

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VFW Post Buys Large Home In Downtown District

The John Boyd post, VFW, this week made a down payment on a home of their own—the old Scott house, fronting on West New York avenue just behind the Welch Gift shop, purchased on recommendation of the site committee after a five months' search.

The committee—Frank Neely, chairman, Raymond Cameron and Don Jones—recommended the purchase at the Monday night meeting after having investigated numerous properties about town in the post's search for a permanent headquarters.

Purchase was effected for \$7,250. Arrangements were made for a down payment and a mortgage, instead of paying the whole amount at once, so the post could make some needed improvements—planting of the grounds, shingling of the front of the building and others.

The interior of the 10-room, two-bath house is said to be in good condition, ready for immediate occupancy, which is made possible by the fact that tenants in the house have recently moved out.

The post's lease on the present clubrooms in the Straka building, occupied for the past 20 months, will expire December 31. It is believed that the new quarters will be ready before that time.

They will be headquarters for activities of both the post and the newly organized auxiliary, according to C. S. Patch, Jr., post commander. John D. Stephenson will be club manager, following resignation of Frank Neely to accept another position here in town.

Mr. Stephenson, who has been assistant manager to Mr. Neely, will have Carl Klabbatz as his part-time assistant.

Only a part of the building will be used at first. The kitchen and other rooms will be opened as the need is felt, and as improvements and furnishing can be effected, said Commander Patch.

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Sign Replacement Proposal Handed To Committee

The proposal of members of the Southern Pines Garden club to replace the town billboards with smaller signs, attractively planted, has been referred to a committee by members of the town board after a meeting with interested persons Tuesday morning.

Joe N. Steed and E. C. Stevens, of the town board, Hoke Pollock and Tom Wicker, representing the Chamber of Commerce, and George Pottle and A. C. Reed, representing local hotel interests, will meet to discuss the proposal from all angles and make recommendation to the town board.

Meeting Tuesday at the city hall were these and others, including Mayor C. N. Page, D. A. Blue, Jr., and L. V. O'Callaghan, of the town board; Charles Stitzer, of the Highland Pines Inn; Mrs. Lee Sobuta, of Jefferson Inn; John Pottle, of the Hollywood hotel; W. C. Hilderman, of Pine Cone Lodge; Mrs. Agnes Gruebl, of Colonial Inn. George Pottle is from the Hollywood, and A. C. Reed from the Belvedere.

The proposal to beautify the northern and southern entrances to town, with a change in the type of sign used, was presented to the board in regular session November 16 by Mrs. P. P. McCain, president of the Garden club, and members Mrs. Katherine McColl, Mrs. E. C. Stevens and Mrs. W. D. Campbell.

The present billboards, put up some 20 years ago, have been the subject of some controversy of recent years, as some have felt their method of advertising the town is not particularly attractive. Directors of the Chamber of Commerce some months ago sent a request to the town board that better looking signs replace them, and that a uniform design be used wherever signs are found necessary throughout the town.

Sentiment of the meeting last week appeared to be that a change to a more attractive type of sign would be welcome providing the new signs are large enough to be clearly visible to approaching motorists, and state their message as clearly as do the present ones.

The two billboards now maintained cost \$22.50 each, or \$45 a month, for eight months of the year, or \$360 a year paid to an outdoor advertising concern.

Christmas Seals Being Sold For County TB Aid

Chamber Resumes
Pre-War Custom;
Other Plans Made

The 1948 Christmas Seal sale of the Moore County Tuberculosis association opened this week, with thousands of little messengers of good cheer—the familiar and beloved seals, of honored tradition—placed in the mail for prospective purchasers.

Chairmen throughout the county will conduct their campaigns in their own way, by mail or by personal solicitation, or both, to collect as much as possible for the prevention and control of tuberculosis, and aid to its victims in this county. This is one of the only campaigns to be carried on without any quotas.

Community Chairmen

The Rev. Tucker G. Humphries, of Southern Pines, this week announced chairmen throughout the county who are working with him for another successful campaign: Southern Pines, A. B. Patterson

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Miss McDonald Receives Highest National Honor

Miss Flora McDonald, of Carthage, Moore County home demonstration agent, left today (Friday) for Chicago, where she will receive the Distinguished Service award of the National Home Demonstration Agents' association at its annual meeting to be held December 1-5.

Only six North Carolina home agents have received this honor before. This year three of them have been chosen for the award, the highest professional honor for home demonstration agents. Others will be Miss Florence Cox, of Halifax county, and Mrs. Elizabeth L. Tuttle, Forsyth county.

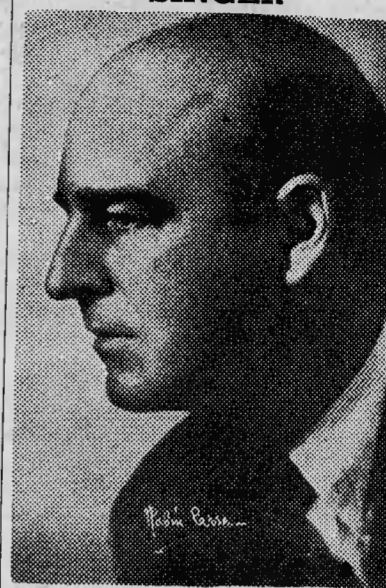
The award signifies outstanding service for 10 years or longer, cooperation in projects of the State Home Demonstration Agents' association, and effective cooperation with other county and state agencies in general.

Miss McDonald is a native of Moore county, member of an old Scottish pioneer family.

She has served as home demonstration agent in the county for 14 years. Before entering Extension Service work, she taught home economics at Robbinston, Luccama and Woodleaf. She is now serving her third term as chairman of the southeastern district of the North Carolina Home Agents' association, and was secretary of the state organization for one year.

In Moore she works with 21 home demonstration clubs, and in many county and community projects. Her support is considered important, and is generously given, in worthy causes and campaigns carried forward in the county.

SINGER



NORMAN CORDON

Kiwanians Elect Poole President, Hear Cordon Sing

N. C. Opera Star
Tells Of Plans For
University Work

J. Hawley Poole, of West End, prominent peach grower of Moore and Hoke counties, a former Moore representative in the General Assembly and member of the state board of agriculture, was elected president of the Sandhills Kiwanis club at its luncheon meeting Wednesday—a meeting distinguished also by a talk and two songs by North Carolina's own top-bracket music star, Norman Cordon.

Mr. Poole was unanimously elected, after he had been persuaded to withdraw his own nomination by his friend Jack Taylor, of Aberdeen.

Also on the slate as presented by Howard Burns, nominating committee chairman, and elected by acclamation, were John S. Ruggles, vice president; John M. Howarth, secretary-treasurer; C. J. McDonald, Jack Taylor, Boyd Creath, M. C. McDonald, Voit Gilmore, W. B. Corxton and Dr. E. M. Medlin, directors.

The meeting was held at the Hollywood hotel, with President Leland McKeithen in the chair.

Norman Cordon, presented by J. Talbot Johnson, of Aberdeen, spoke informally and enthusiastically of his three great loves—North Carolina, music and football.

Has Serious Plans

Broad-shouldered, strapping (six feet four inches) and a man of vibrant personality, he spoke with laughter throughout, but left no doubt of his seriousness when it came to revealing plans close to his heart.

It was his love for North Carolina, he said, which has brought him back to his native state (he was born in Little Washington, raised in Charlotte) after 12 years, first with the Chicago Opera company, then with the Metropolitan.

Now he is serving his state and its university as associate director of the extension division, with one goal in view—the bringing of

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Christmas Lights Will Sparkle Here By Next Week End

Chairmen Named;
Work Of Year
Told At Meeting

Christmas lights should be sparkling in the Southern Pines business district by next weekend, if plans of the Chamber of Commerce are carried through as planned.

Reports of Col. Wallace W. Simpson, of the Christmas lights committee, and Tom Wicker, secretary, made at the regular meeting of the board of directors at the Community building Tuesday evening, were to the effect that the cords owned by the old Junior Chamber of Commerce (now extinct), now in Morris Johnson's keeping, are available; that cables loaned out to two or three places are to be returned, and that all that it appears now will be needed are the bulbs. And lots of them.

With the number of bulbs and the lighting expenses still to be figured, the directors appropriated \$150 of the current budget to pay for the project. Slim Forsyth, present to express thanks for the Chamber's cooperation in the Veterans' committee's Armistice Day events, offered the help of his VFW committee in putting up the lights. This was gratefully accepted.

Arrangements are to be left with Colonel Simpson for prizes for the Christmas lights contest, in the business and the residential sections.

New Offices

Secretary Wicker reported that work on the new offices of the Chamber and the Merchants' association, to be established in the Belvedere hotel, was due to start at once, for completion within a few days. President Hoke Pollock, presiding, said he would appoint a committee of members who were on the board when the Chamber offices were set up in the Community building three years ago, to attend to details of the moving out. They are to see that the building is left in as good condition as it was found, or better.

He said John S. Ruggles would be asked to serve as chairman of this committee.

Besides thanking the Chamber

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Big Barbecue Wednesday Night At Mile-Away

With the theme of "all you can eat for two bucks," the Chamber of Commerce is making preparations for a large crowd and a big time at its barbecue and chicken fry to be held Wednesday evening at Mile Away Farm. Tickets have been on sale since Monday and early reports indicate that they are going well.

Ozelle Moss, a newly elected Chamber director and proprietor of Mile Away Farm, is in general charge of the preparation and cooking of the food, and promises that there will be plenty for all. Mrs. Jean Edson is in charge of a committee who will serve the barbecue and other food, Al Howlett is in charge of parking, and Harry Lee Brown is the ticket sales chairman.

Mr. Brown said that tickets are available from the members of the BPO Does, at the Elks club, at any of the three drug stores, at the Chamber of Commerce office, from most of the Chamber directors, and from several of the high school students who are helping with the arrangements. A ticket entitles the holder to all the chicken and barbecue, with trimmings, he is able to consume.

Proceeds will be evenly divided between the fund for the uniforms for the high school band, and the Chamber of Commerce treasury.

Serving will start at 6 o'clock and will continue as long as there is one empty plate to be filled, said Mr. Moss.

There will be plenty of room for parking. Tickets will be on sale at the gate for latecomers.

There is shelter at Mile-Away in case of rain, and the outdoor fireplaces are newly covered.

Scouters' Handclasp Transfers Chairmanship



Outgoing Chairman Paul C. Butler, of the Moore district, Boy Scouts of America, gives a warm handclasp to W. D. Campbell, newly elected chairman, at the annual district banquet and meeting at the Carthage hotel last Friday.

At Mr. Butler's left may be seen W. Lamont Brown and Rep. C. B. Deane, guest speaker, with A. L. Burney just glimpsed left of the flag. Right from Mr. Campbell are Roy Liles, of Raleigh, council executive, and Tom Durham, new field executive for Moore and Lee Counties, with L. W. Hewett, departing field executive, just glimpsed.

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