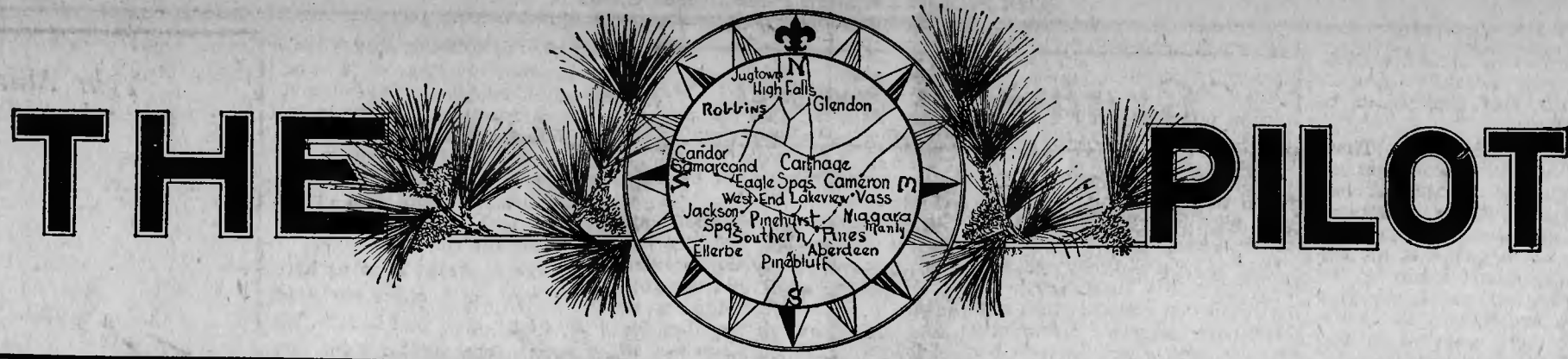


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Polio Drive Nears Final Stages With Few Reports Made

Contributions Will Be Collected During Saturday Radio Rally

The Moore County polio fund drive is meeting with a good response in many quarters, it is indicated by the few reports which have been turned in, and some special coming events are expected to give it an extra boost.

Among weekend events will be a listener participation "campaign party" to be given by WEBB Saturday afternoon, and a dance to-night (Friday) at the Aberdeen Warehouse, given by the Aberdeen Police Athletic club. Dancing will start at 8:00.

Manly, reported by Chairman L. F. Garvin last week to have gone over the top, remains the first and only county community to make this report. A second report this week is that the quota of \$50 has been doubled.

Mack Callahan, at Vass, said his town is "on the verge" and he hoped the weekend would see the \$300 quota made. At Robbins, Chairman Ralph Steed also said said things are going well and he hopes to make an announcement next week. Paul C. Butler, Southern Pines chairman, reported his town still some distance short of the goal.

He announced the appointment of the Rev. L. R. Bennett as general chairman of the Negro division, with J. W. Moore in charge of Negro schools. The colored people are hard at work and apparently doing an excellent job, he said.

Radio Rally

A gala time for all on the air and a big lift for the March of Dimes will be the WEBB rally, to be held in the form of a street broadcast here in front of the Citizens Bank and Trust company, beginning at 2:30 p. m. tomorrow (Saturday).

Cars are to be stationed in Southern Pines, Aberdeen, Carthage, Robbins, Pinehurst and various other places throughout the county, and as listeners telephone in their willingness to make a donation, the cars will go straight to their homes and make collection. Arrangements are being worked out with the Central Carolina Telephone company for a special phone by which collect calls may be received direct by the broadcasting team of Ed Cox and Joe Warren. Announcement will be made over the air as to who is calling.

Credited to Home Town

In the case of donors who live too far for the pickup to be made at once, names will be taken and someone will come for it later Saturday or on Sunday, said Jack Younts, station manager, in charge of arrangements for the "party." Gifts will be credited to the communities from which they come.

The Southern Pines High school band will be at the scene and will broadcast at intervals throughout the program. County and community leaders will

ANNUAL BANQUET

William H. Neal, vice president of the Wachovia Bank and Trust company of Winston-Salem, will be the guest speaker at the annual membership banquet of the Southern Pines Chamber of Commerce, to be held Tuesday evening, February 8, at the Highland Pines Inn.

Mr. Neal is not only one of the state's best known men in banking and business circles, but is also much in demand as one of the finest of dinner speakers.

Roy Grinnell, chairman for the event, said some special entertainment features are being planned, including songs by Tom Cordon and dances by Martha Aden Bowler. A large crowd, including most of the membership and many guests, is expected, and at the Tuesday night board of directors' meeting, tickets were rationed out to the directors, from whom they may be secured as long as they last. The event will be formal for the ladies.

Season's First Gymkhana Here Sunday Afternoon

The first gymkhana of the season for Southern Pines will be held Sunday at 2:15 p. m. in the horse show grounds at the Southern Pines Country club, it was announced this week by Louis Scheipers, chairman of the equestrian committee.

The Southern Pines High School band, newly uniformed will play before the show.

Mr. and Mrs. Williamhurst, of New Jersey, will be the judges. Lloyd (Junebug) Tate of Pinehurst will be the announcer, and ringmasters will be Morris Johnson, and J. T. Overton.

It will feature six events, two of them for children; and broom polo and a potato race, always enjoyed, which generally provide some tense moments along with the fun.

This will, in fact, be the first gymkhana held here in well over a year as those of last winter, scheduled every other week, were canceled on account of unfavorable weather. Weather conditions this year have been much better, with springlike days, and a good crowd is expected out.

A number of Southern Pines riders who have been riding in the Pinehurst gymkhanas are expected to take part in next Sunday's event, for which the schedule follows:

Children's horsemanship, for riders up to 14 years of age; broom polo; green hunters, four years and under, on the outside course, with judging based 75 per cent on performance, 25 per cent on conformation; children's working hunters, inside the ring, performance 50 per cent, horsemanship 50 per cent; open jumping; potato race.

There is no admission charge. Parking space is also free and plentiful, said Mr. Scheipers.

Pilot Reporter and President Truman Both Have Fine Time At Inauguration

By Valerie Nicholson

Inauguration day at Washington last week was a great occasion for at least two folks—a bright, brisk, businesslike man named Truman, and your Pilot reporter, who watched shivering and popped while one historic event after another was unrolled.

Of course there were several million other people there, who seemed to be having a fine time too. Hemmed in with rain fore and aft, Thursday itself was a day like a diamond. The sunshined streets were bright with flags—even the trolley cars wore them.

I found one warm spot—Congressman C. B. Deane's hospitable office, where a gay crowd convened. Mr. Deane and his secretary, John Lang, of Carthage, with pretty Miss Virginia Webb of Rockingham, made everybody feel at home, and the guest book became filled with Eighth District names.

There's something about North Carolinians—they really have fun when they get together. Wandering around the marble halls of the House office building, reading the

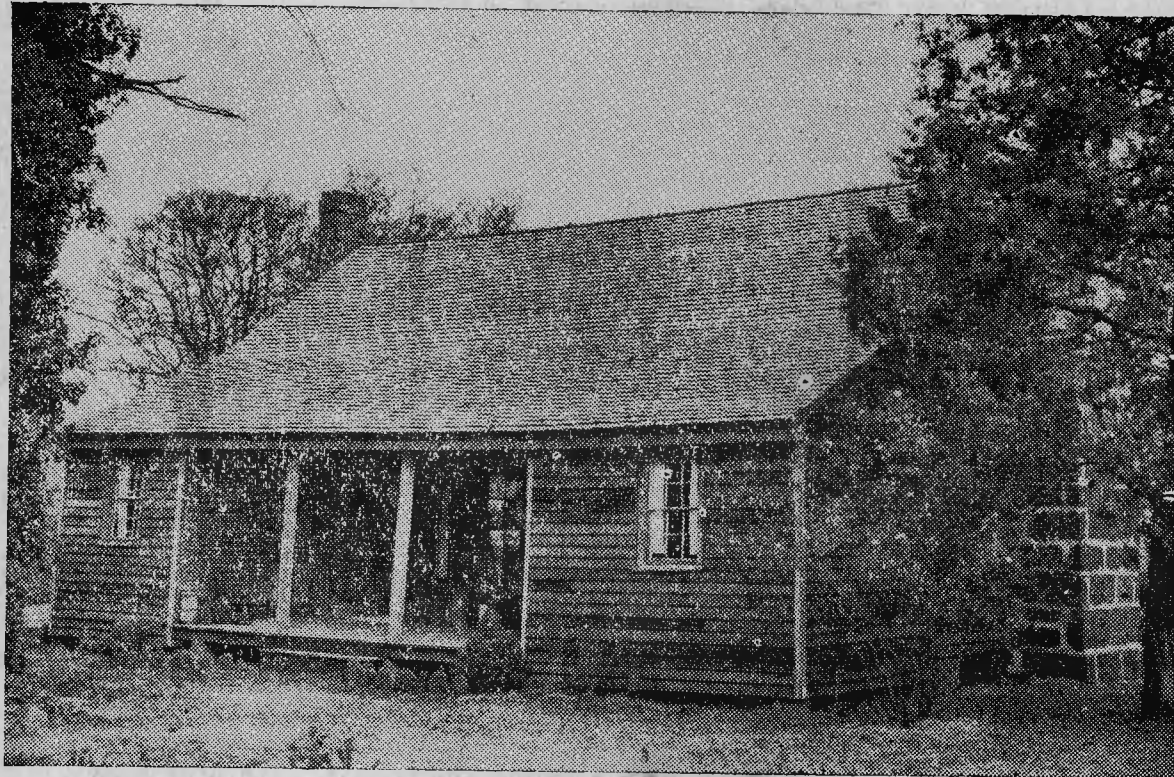
brass plates with names of representatives from many states, I saw many doors open. The jolliest crowds, the most fun were to be seen in two of them on that floor—C. B. Deane's and also Thurmond Chatham's, where the Winston-Salem folks were foregathering with happy yells.

In Senate Building
I ran over to the Senate building too (and that's some run, for just one block) but too late—the inauguration hour was near, and our Senators were meeting at the Capitol briefly beforehand. Here, too, office doors were open, secretaries busy receiving the folks from home. I was impressed anew with how accessible are the men who run our government. You can drop in on them any time, when they are at their offices, just as you can on the folks next door.

As noon approached, I joined the crowds converging on the Capitol building, channeled by ropes and guards to the vast platform in front. Yes, I had an invitation to sit there, one I appreciated more fully as I found how

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The Shaw House Offers Old-Time Hospitality To All



The Shaw House, standing at the entrance to Southern Pines, welcomes the stranger and adds charm and distinction to this southern gateway. The property of the Moore County Historical Association, the old home has been restored and outfitted with early North Carolina furnishings.

Honeymoon Here Will Be Prize On Weekly Broadcast

Southern Pines will be a widely publicized honeymoon haven, beginning weekend after next, when the first pair of bride-and-groom radio prize-winners to be selected by a Cincinnati station will arrive by plane for a weekend at the Highland Pines Inn.

Station WCPO, powerful Mutual affiliate, is offering a honeymoon at Highland Pines, plus air transportation here and back, as the prize on a new romantic quiz program, to begin next week.

The first couple will arrive by Piedmont Airlines Friday, February 11, to remain until Monday, St. Valentine's day, when they will be flown back to their home town. Thereafter, a new pair of lovebirds will fly here each weekend as long as the program lasts.

The station has enlisted the cooperation of the Highland Pines Inn management and the airline in providing this very special, and unusual, prize, and Charles Stitzer, Highland Pines manager, said he plans to roll out the red carpet and in every way give the young people a memorable time.

In this he will have the aid of the Chamber of Commerce, whose directors heard with interest of the program at their Tuesday night meeting, and forthwith delegated their manager, Tom White, to arrange for all possible cooperation.

Director Roy Grinnell said he will give the courtesy of the greens at his Pine Needles golf course to those honeymooners who happen to be golf-minded, and suggestions were made as to various other ways in which members can help. Flowers, souvenirs, a tour of the Sandhills, riding, and participation in other local sports were all suggested.

It was felt that many merchants and others will be glad to have a part in such an excellent opportunity to spread the good word about Southern Pines.

Besides the publicity on the broadcasts, which will cover the midwest, it is expected that news stories will be carried in the all Cincinnati newspapers. The program bids fair to be a popular one, with many local tie-ins, and the virtues of this resort as a honeymoon heaven and beauty spot should be well

MAIL CLOSING

Nine p. m. is the final closing hour for both north and southbound mail at the Southern Pines post office, according to Acting Postmaster A. Garland Pierce.

The mail closing schedule has recently undergone some revisions, on account of train schedule changes, and this is the way it stands now:

Northbound, 9:30 a. m., 6:15 p. m. and 9 p. m.; southbound, 5:30 p. m. and 9 p. m.

NOVEL NEWS

A novel by Katharine Newlin Burt, to be published by Scribners in March, has been chosen as a selection of the Fiction Book club and will be brought out in a special edition for their membership later in the spring.

The novel, "Strong Citadel," will be the 27th for the Southern Pines author.

Choice by the Fiction Book club is a distinction for an author, with its practical assurance of best seller sales. Nationwide advertising in mass-circulation media is also something not to be low-rated. The club's current selection, "Bright Feather," by Robert Wilder, with two popular historical romances as membership dividends, is currently advertised in Life.

Mrs. Burt and her author husband, Struthers Burt, Southern Pines residents for more than 20 years, are at present away on a journey to the Virgin Islands.

Neighbor Towns Will Have Speedy New Mail Service

Additional mail service between Southern Pines, Aberdeen and Pinehurst will be inaugurated Monday, by cooperation of the three post offices and their air-mail carrier.

First class mail will be carried on special trips twice a day, leaving Southern Pines at 7:10 a. m. and 1:45 p. m. These are the same trips which have been made for some time for the collection of airmail for Resort field.

Local closing time for the early trip will be 6:45 a. m., and of course mail posted the night before will also be carried. Delivery will be made at Aberdeen at 7:20 and at Pinehurst at 7:30. Mail will also be picked up at these two places and the return to Southern Pines will be at 8 a. m.

In addition, there is the regular mail trip to Pinehurst at 9 a. m., with 8:30 as the closing time here.

The afternoon round trip, leaving here at 1:45, stops for business at Resort field first, reaches Pinehurst at 4 p. m. and Aberdeen at 4:15, returning here at 4:30 p. m.

Both delivery and collection are to be made at all points, giving the three towns probably as good mutual first class mail service as there is in the country.

Through this service it is possible for anyone in any of the three towns to send a letter to either of the others in the morning, and receive an answer that same afternoon.

Acting Postmaster A. Garland Pierce of the local post office said that mail for these trips posted in the street mailbox will be picked up each time, as it is at all mail closing hours, day or night.

Visitors Enjoy Hospitality At Old Shaw House

The Shaw House has been the scene of several charming entertainments this spring. Even more frequented has it been, however, as a delightful place to drop in for a quick informal lunch.

If you are a big party you gather about the huge round table with its quaint lazy-susan turn-top. The hot dishes and cool, spicy green salad in its wooden bowl will be placed on the center circle, to be whirled round as each one takes his choice of the good things.

If there are only two or three for lunch, Evelyn sets the square table in the front room. There, with the fire crackling merrily near by, the white native pottery from Coles looks quite at home on the old pine table.

Coles is the wizard potter of Star, from whom most of the Shaw House pottery was bought. Mr. Cole died a while ago, but the family is carrying on and the pottery is as lovely as ever.

In front of the fire stands a trivet holding the big yellow pot of baked beans. They are cooked according to a recipe given to the Shaw House kitchen by Mrs. Jackson. (Continued on Page 5)

Sanford Attorney To Speak Before Local Historians

Early Moore County history will be the subject of the next session of the Moore County Historical Association, at the meeting to be held next Friday, Feb. 4th, at 8 p. m. at the Southern Pines Library.

The meeting will have, as speaker, Harold W. Gavin of Sanford. Mr. Gavin, who is a practicing attorney of the Lee County town, has long been interested in local history and has made some research into the period when Lee County first came into being.

This neighboring county was once part of Moore. It was the so-called "pocket section," which stretched almost as far west as the Allston home in the bend of Little River, and took in what is now Lee County. Many of the most interesting tales of early times centered in this section. Later it "seceded" from Moore and it is about these circumstances that Mr. Gavin is expected to tell.

Mr. Gavin is well versed in the history of those times, having spent much time and energy in research and the "poking around" that local historians love, and his talk is expected to be a highlight in the series which started, last month, with the paper on Colonel James Moore by Manly Wellman of Pinebluff.

Horse Race Program To Be Sponsored By Chamber Next Month

STOPLIGHT

"Stop--Turn Right on Red" is the clearly visible legend on all four sides of metal crowns being placed this week on all Southern Pines stoplights.

"And we mean it," said Chief C. E. Newton. "This law is going to be enforced." That means no going straight ahead, no turning left when the red light shows -- no going at all, in fact, unless you are turning right.

And even then, you must stop before proceeding.

Many towns permit no motion at all when the light is red. Some motorists have found it confusing that cars here may turn right. However, it is soon found to be a greater convenience, and does not interfere with the smooth flow of traffic.

However--watch that light! If it's red. Stop. Otherwise you break a town ordinance and are subject to arrest and a fine.

New Race Track At Walsh Place Will Be Used

The first horse race program for the Sandhills since pre-war days (except for timber races at the hunter trials last spring) will be staged under auspices of the Southern Pines Chamber of Commerce sometime late in February, according to tentative plans presented to the directors meeting at the Belvedere hotel Tuesday night.

The site will be the new race track, five-eighths of a mile in circumference, now being completed by Mickey Walsh at his Stonybrook Stables. With some 20 excellent race horses wintering here, and good prospects of cooperation from their owners, the directors said they thought a fine program could be worked out, to draw a large crowd of spectators and provide some unusual thrills.

The exact date was to be set at a dinner meeting of the Chamber committee with representative "horse people" of Southern Pines and Pinehurst, to be held this week at the Highland Pines Inn. It was expected that details of the event would be worked out at this meeting.

Heading the Chamber planning committee for the races is Herbert N. Cameron, assisted by E. Nolley Jackson, Lloyd Clark and Hoke Pollock.

Both flat and jumping races are planned, with the program tentatively calling for several running races with thoroughbred horses, some steeplechase events, a relay race, a children's race and some novelty events such as a mule (Continued on Page 5)

Commissioners Let Courthouse Work

Moore county commissioners, who must handle budgets and dole out appropriations for many county needs, were smiling this week over the prospect of getting at last something they themselves have wanted for a very long time -- additional office space in the courthouse at Carthage, made possible by the complete renovation of the basement floor.

Bids were opened and contracts let at a special session Monday for the partitioning of seven downstairs offices, remodeling of the present rest rooms for white and colored men and the installation of new, large rest rooms for courthouse employees, and for white and colored women.

The auditor's office on the first floor will be made larger by the addition of space now occupied by a women's rest room.

In the basement, all the temporary partitions now in use will be torn down, and an all-new, all-modern appearance will be presented.

The general contract was let to O. W. Godwin of Dunn on a low bid of \$8,784. Mr. Godwin was also low bidder on the contract for the Berkeley school at Aberdeen, which he has now under construction.

The plumbing contract went to H. H. Grimm of Carthage, for \$2,518.40. The electrical contract, it was found, will need some changes in specifications and bidding will be reopened for this next Monday.

A number of bids on all contracts were received.

"We hope to comply with all the recommendations of all the grand juries for the past 12 years," said G. M. Cameron, chairman of county commissioners. Grand juries have been unanimous, it seems, in urging the renovation, for more space and convenience, and better sanitation. Conditions have long been crowded. Hazards were also seen in such details as the steep and well-worn concrete steps (Continued on Page 5)

Fowler Sentenced To Die March 11; Two Go To Prison; Full Docket Seen

Jack Fowler, alias Jimmy Davis, alias Happy Jack, alias Laughing Papa, Tuesday afternoon became the first man to be sentenced to the gas chamber by a Moore county superior court.

One or two sentences to the electric chair are on the county's record, but no death sentence from Moore has been carried out in more than 20 years.

Found guilty of murder in the first degree without recommendation of clemency, the dapper saddle-colored Negro hardly changed expression as Judge W. H. Bobbitt, of Charlotte, sentenced him

to die March 11 for the axe murder of a Negro woman, Mamie J. Wilkerson, at Vass in November, 1947.

A packed courtroom heard the choosing of the jurors, 10 white men and two Negroes, Monday afternoon, and the opening phases of the trial. A crowd again appeared Tuesday to hear the pitiful testimony of several small children of the slain woman, whose mother was instantly killed before their eyes with an axe wielded by her erstwhile lover, as she sat in her rocking chair at her home.

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