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## 29 Freight Cars Sprawl On Twisted Tracks At Vass



You can count only 26 or 27, but some freight cars are hidden under others in the piled-up debris of the worst train wreck the Seaboard Air Line has had in many years.

A young veteran, surveying the scene Sunday morning, said, "It looks like the things we saw in Europe in the war. Just as if a bomb had hit." Oranges and cabbages, though, were the only casualties.

This splendid picture was made by Emerson Humphrey, of Southern Pines, from a plane piloted by Harold Bachman, about three hours after the wreck. Wreckers were on the way but nothing had been moved.

## Tuesday Hunt Honors Founder Boyd; Hounds Have Good Sport, So Does Fox

It was a day with a rare benison upon it. No finer day for hunting has been seen this season, said MFH Ozell Moss, than was Tuesday, when the Moore County Hounds gathered for the George Washington's Birthday hunt, traditionally held in memory of their founder and joint master.

"Hounds meet today in honor of Mr. Jim Boyd," Master Moss, his voice touched with deep emotion, told the field of half a hundred, gathered early on Boyd ground. "Just as there are in this entry many of the sons and daughters of his earlier packs, so are there many of his old friends who, here in the Sandhills, cherish his spirit. May hounds show good sport on this day of memory, and wherever he is, may he hear their music."

And it was good music that day, to bring joy to a listening, unseen lover of the hunt. Through the misty morning, without wind, the hounds led into Azalea swamp, where they picked up an illusory trail which was soon lost. Despairing of jumping fox in that deer hunting country, and getting too close to the reservation, they picked up the hounds and moved over to fox land. Behind the McBride stable the puppies got excited at a scent they found, but the oldsters refused to pay any mind

and the fox seemed farther away than ever.

Drawing over to Sawdust Head, all at once the whole pack showed unmistakable signs and it was known Reynard was in the vicinity. Ah, but he was a smart one! They ran him for an hour, on to Skyline airport, crossing Highway 1, their cries ringing out through the brightening morning.

Another half hour found the hounds halfway to Lakeview and close to the fox, when all at once they lost him. Racing through a swamp and onto several hundred acres of burned ground, he effectively cut off his pursuers and vanished into thin air.

The hounds didn't take it lying down, but by then the sun was high and it was decided to leave that particular brush for collecting on another day—perhaps Thursday, when, according to announcement by MFH Moss, the hunt would end at Mile-Away for a cocktail party and chicken fry, with George Brewster and Happy Hoy as hosts.

### NEWS OMITTED

On account of an unusual run of late news this week, many social personals have had to be omitted, also some entire news stories and parts of others. We'll try to catch up on everything next week.—Ed.

## Moore Red Cross Peacetime Quota Set At \$17,420

### Fund Raising Drive Planned For March In All Communities

An intensive drive for funds for the American Red Cross gets under way next week in Moore county as campaign workers seek to raise a total county goal of \$17,420. A. B. Patterson of Southern Pines, is county chairman.

The goal this year is less by far than in previous years. During the war years, approximately \$39,000 was asked and last year a total of \$19,867 was sought from Moore County citizens.

Mrs. Audrey Kennedy, executive secretary of the Moore County chapter of the American Red Cross, pointed out this week that, although the goal is less, the need for meeting it has not diminished.

The Red Cross no longer has many of its heavy wartime duties, but its peacetime services are still badly needed.

Of the 1949 goal, Southern Pines, under the leadership of Mrs. George Moore, residential division, R. L. Sugg and John Storey, business division, and Mr. and Mrs. William Stratton, advance gifts division, will be asked to contribute \$5,500.

Carthage, under the leadership of R. G. Frye, will be asked to give \$1,350. Robert Page, 3rd, is director of the Aberdeen campaign, where \$1,500 is requested. Pinehurst will be asked to give \$5,500. W. J. Bryan is director of the Pinehurst campaign.

Other goals and campaign leaders are: Addor, \$45, Mrs. Henry Addor; Cameron, \$300, Mrs. Irene McPherson; Eagle Springs, \$375, the Rev. H. A. McBeth and Miss Ellen Maurice; Eureka, \$100, Preston Blue; Glendon, \$25, Mrs. W. Hewitt; Hallison, Putnam, \$50, Mr. Parks; High Falls, \$175, Miss Lillian Davis; Jackson Springs, \$150, Mrs. Herbert Carter; Knollwood, \$800, Dominic DiFatti; Pinebluff, \$400, W. D. Shannon; Robbins, \$1,400, Stacy Brewer Jr.; Vass, \$600, Monroe Chappell, and West End, \$400, I. F. Horton.

## Moore Citizens Join Referendum March On Raleigh

Nearly 100 Moore citizens were said to have been among the 2,300 which thronged into Raleigh last week, voicing the cry of the Allied Church League that the liquor question be put up to a statewide vote.

All sections of the county were said to have been represented in the group, which attended the hearing of the joint committee on propositions and grievances at which the "dry" side was scheduled to be heard.

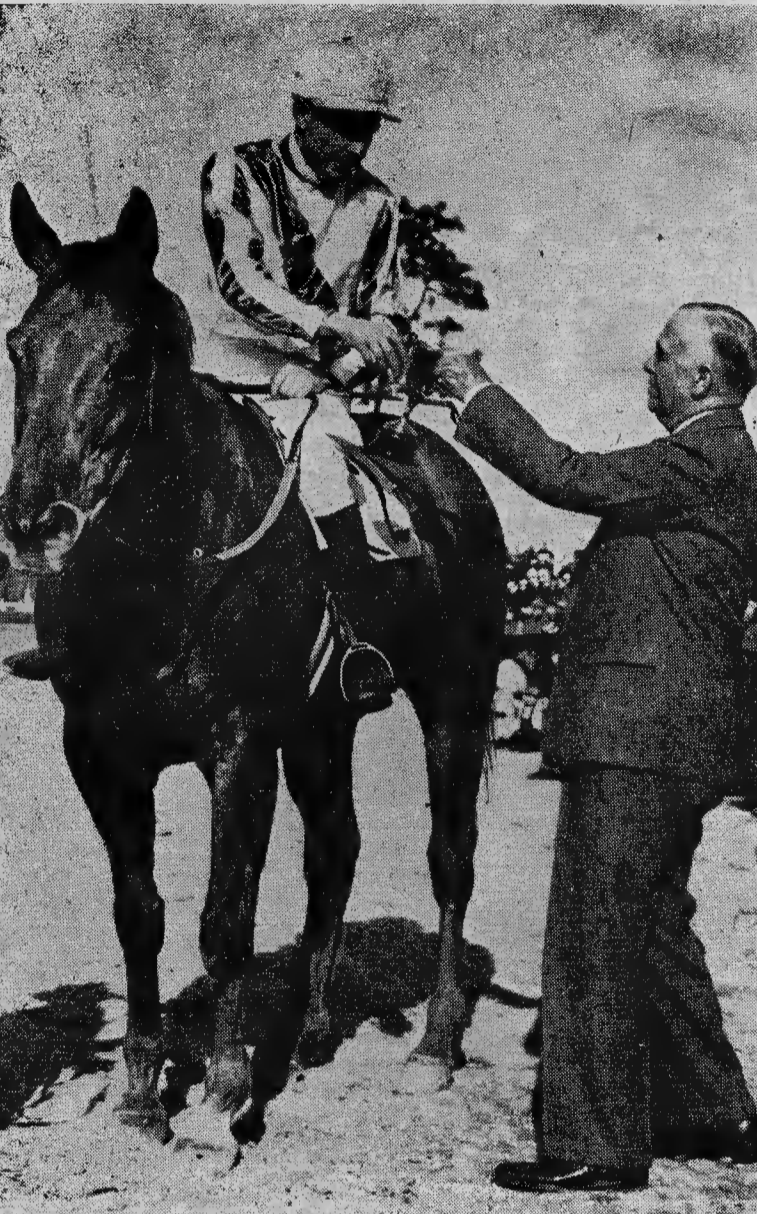
Though no count was taken, it is believed that this county was also represented Tuesday of this week, when public hearing of the non-dry side brought more than 2,000 to Raleigh.

For both public hearings the joint committee was forced to move to Memorial auditorium to accommodate the swelling throng. Speeches pro and con were made, presenting all views and making plain that this was an issue of strong feeling on both sides.

Few names of those in the Moore delegations were obtainable, with the exception of the Rev. B. O. Merritt, of Robbins, and J. B. McLeod, of Carthage, both prominent in Allied Church League activities of the county. Mr. Merritt, president of the Moore county unit, modestly disclaimed an eloquent speech which he was quoted in Raleigh News and Observer as having made. His name was called, he said, but before he could get to the rostrum from his balcony seat someone else had responded and was making an address.

In the delegation, said Mr. Merritt, were a large number from the Cameron section, about a dozen from Robbins, some from Eagle Springs and others from various townships, mostly in the north end of the county. From the south end, he said, he saw some from Aberdeen, but none from Southern Pines or Pinehurst though he said he heard some there.

## Gen. Marshall Presents Race Trophy



As Gen. George C. Marshall, of Pinehurst, presented the third race trophy he expressed appreciation for the honor. "Thank you, General, and I appreciate the honor of having served under you in the war," was to answer given by Carter Brown, of Tryon, shown on Moonshoe above. The general then clasped Brown's hand and gave him a warm smile. (Photo by Humphrey)

## Successful Race Event Is Held At Local Track

A crowd of some 2,500 came from all points of the compass Sunday afternoon, to witness the first racing and steeplechase event to be held in Southern Pines since pre war days, sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce.

They saw an exciting program of five races, on the flat, over brush and over timber, which won the commendation of the judges and other race-wise individuals as "equal in many ways to the best put on at any of the big tracks."

And no wonder, for flashing over the new Stoneybrook track, approximately five-eighths of a mile in length, were many horses of big-time experience, their riders wearing silks familiar to the top ranking courses. The less experienced horses and riders kept magnificent pace, offering real competition.

Events which appeared to be best liked by the crowd were the first, a quarter-mile race for juniors, in which a half dozen teenage misses acquitted themselves like veterans; and the last, the two-mile Stonybrook Steeplechase, in which The Cobb, entry of Britisher Graham Grant, showed himself a horse of mighty heart, well worthy of his fame. Starting off at an apparently sleepy gait, The Cobb kept showing along as though piston-driven, clipping off one after another of the five jumpers to beat them all over the last brush jump, a half length ahead of his nearest competitor.

In this race occurred the afternoon's only mishap of any note, when Stonybrook stables' Honor Maid threw her rider, Carlyle Cameron, circled the track once ahead of the field as though determined to win alone, then broke off through the grounds near the gate. She was found later near the Country club, some three miles from home. Cameron was unhurt.

### Lucky Weather

Luck and the almanac blessed the occasion, as after a day and night of solid rainfall, February reached into her bag of tricks and pulled out a perfect Sunday. Sunshine streamed down, moisture disappeared, and the temperature soared to 80 degrees. Many in the crowd shed their coats, and some said the Sandhills is the only place in the United States where so much rain could fall, and track (Continued on Page 5)

## Airmen Bail Out Near Robbins In Soupy Weather

### Four Fliers Unhurt; Plane Is Wrecked

The heavens, dripping a dismal grey rain all day Saturday, opened up and spilled out something else that afternoon on the Zion Grove community, near Robbins—four parachuting fliers and their T-11 Beachcraft, which they had to abandon when they got lost in the murk.

Running low on gas after failing to make connection at the Charlotte airport, the three Army Air Force officers and one National Guard officer bailed out at 4:30 p. m. and landed unhurt in the churchyard at Zion Grove, a Negro community.

Residents of the community, whose names were not ascertained, took them by car to Robbins, where they "checked in" with Chief John J. Lanier and the AAF men telephoned their base, Gunter field, near Montgomery, Ala. Maj. Jean Doar, of Charlotte, operations officer with the N. C. National Guard, based at Morris field, telephoned his wife, and Chief Lanier put him on the next bus headed for Charlotte.

A car was sent from Pope field at Fort Bragg for the army airmen, Lieutenants Herring, Robert V. Colley and James L. Motley.

The fliers' telephone messages ended the suspense which had cloaked airfields in both Carolinas after a radio message had gone out from the Beechcraft telling of their predicament, and intent to bail out.

Lieutenant Motley was piloting the ship, which took off from Gunter field at 12:02 p. m. on a routine flight to roll up hours. (Continued on Page 5)

## Cage Tournament Starts Wednesday

The annual Moore county high school basketball tournament, sponsored by the Educo club, will be held in the gymnasium of the new Vass-Lakeview school for five days beginning Wednesday.

The tournament will bring all teams of the county together in progressive eliminations for the county trophy, which will be awarded next week. The girls' finals will be played at 8:30 p. m., Tuesday, the boys' finals at 8:30 p. m., Wednesday, with the "consolation" games of semi-finals runners-up at 7:30 on those evenings.

Games on the opening day will be as follows: 5 p. m., Cameron vs. Vass boys; 7 p. m., Southern Pines vs. Westmoore boys; 8 p. m., Southern Pines vs. Robbins girls; 9 p. m., West End vs. Highfalls boys.

Thursday games will be: 3 p. m., Aberdeen vs. winner Vass-Westmoore game (girls); 4 p. m., Carthage vs. Farm Life boys; 5 p. m., Farm Life vs. Cameron girls; 7 p. m., Aberdeen vs. winner West End-Highfalls game (boys); 8 p. m., Pinehurst vs. Carthage girls; 9 p. m., Pinehurst vs. winner Cameron-Vass game (boys).

Other games will be held Monday and Tuesday.

## Fine Timberland Left In Black Ruin As Crews Battle Wind-Driven Flames

After a fall and early winter of comparative freedom from forest fires, January and February have been bad months for spot fires, originating mostly in the burning of brush, this week said County Forest Warden E. W. Davis.

Three bad forest fires occurred within five days of each other, from February 11 to February 15, a period of extreme dryness and much wind.

On Friday, February 11, a spark from a train set fire to a woodland of young pines at Wendover, the Virgil Clark home near Niagara. Wind set the flames ripping through the pines, which had been set out by Mr. Clark on a 25-acre tract between his house and the railroad over a period of several years. Neighbors Walter Staples and Harold Bachman not only sent out an alarm but rallied to the battle, and when the county fire-fighting crew arrived, had stopped the blaze near the house.

No one was home, and Warden Davis gave Staples and Bachman full credit for saving the home, though the woodland was almost totally destroyed. Mr. Clark, summoned from the Rotary meeting in Southern Pines, expressed deep gratitude for their unselfish labors.

### Season's Largest

Three days later the county crew was called out on what proved to be the season's largest fire, which a five-hour battle could not prevent from burning over approximately 155 acres of young timberland, on the Laurinburg highway south of Aberdeen. The fire originated on the David Hobbs place and leaped to that of S. R. Ransell, on which most of the damage occurred.

The next day, arrest was made by N. T. Faulkner, state fire law enforcement officer, of A. B. Blyther, Negro, on charges of burning (Continued on Page 5)