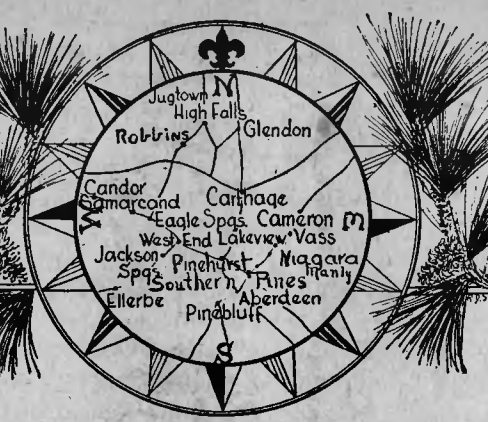


# THE PILOT



## VFW Post Will Dedicate New Home With Outstanding Ceremonies April 9

### Marshall, Other Dignitaries Will Be Banquet Guests

#### Statewide Broadcast

The John Boyd post, VFW, of Southern Pines, will command state and national attention on Saturday, April 9, with the dedication of its new post home and observance of the VFW Golden Anniversary.

The week of April 3-9 has been set aside for the national observance of the founding of the Veterans of Foreign Wars a half century ago, and it is doubtful if any post in the country will top the local celebration.

Gen. George C. Marshall has accepted the invitation of Post Commander C. S. Patch, Jr., to be present, with Mrs. Marshall, at the banquet to be held at the new home at 7 o'clock. Department and national VFW officers and high officials of the State of North Carolina are also expected to attend.

#### Radio Broadcast

That afternoon, from 3 to 3:30 o'clock, a statewide radio broadcast honoring the occasion will originate with WEEB here, under direction of Jack S. Younts, station manager and VFW department radio chairman. This will be the largest hook-up ever to originate with any North Carolina station. It will be fed to all stations of the state requesting it. (Continued on Page 5)

## Peach Blossoms Killed, Crop Hurt By Freeze

If the Sandhills peach crop survived Wednesday night's frost, following the considerable hurt caused by Tuesday night's freeze, it was a miracle.

Extent of the damage will probably not be known for several days, said W. G. Caldwell, assistant farm agent, yesterday. It is likely that what damage there was was spotty, and that enough peaches will be left to make a crop, was his belief.

However, on Tuesday evening Bob Donaldson, West End peach grower, said, "A bad frost, without wind, could take all the peaches we have left."

Neither he nor J. Hawley Poole, who has extensive orchards in both Moore and Hoke counties, seemed over-alarmed about possible losses caused the first of the week. The mercury's sharp plunge to around 20 degrees Tuesday night caused damage, both said, killing all the fully opened blossoms, "but some peaches were left in all varieties, and many varieties had not yet bloomed." Cool weather of the preceding week had, beneficially, as it turned out, held back the blooming into which it had seemed earlier that the trees were rushing in headlong fashion.

Though some visitors to the Sandhills Sunday were disappointed not to find the orchards in full bloom, as had been anticipated, less beauty than may mean more peaches for them later.

## Auman For Senator?

With 48 nominations by various interested parties on hand for the job left vacant by Senator Broughton's death, it was not surprising this week to find a Moore county man's name on the list.

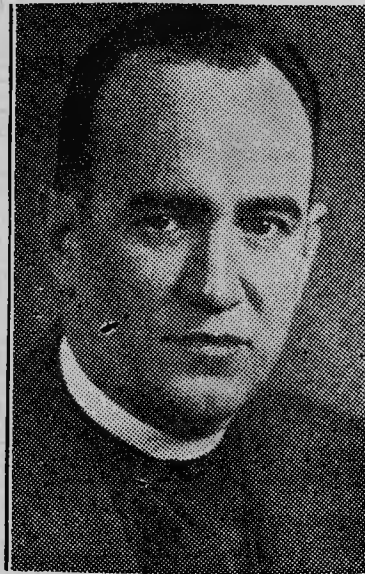
Since the list as released by Governor W. Kerr Scott is in alphabetical order, T. Clyde Auman of West End is second from the top, directly following that of Mayne Albright.

Who has nominated Mr. Auman nor how strong is his support, was not revealed, but several local citizens receiving the news said they thought Governor Scott could do a lot worse than to appoint Mr. Auman, well known progressive farmer and peach grower, president of the Moore County Farm Bureau and active in many county movements for progress. He served as the Scott manager for Moore county in the campaign of last spring.

#### Many Dark Horses

However, with 48 in the field and "dark horses coming in the

## RESIGNS



REV. T. G. HUMPHRIES

## Tucker Humphries Accepts Call To Reidsville Church

### Congregational Pastor Offers Resignation After Six Years Here

The Rev. Tucker G. Humphries, pastor of the Church of Wide Fellowship here for the past six years, has accepted a call from the Puritan Congregational Christian church of Reidsville, and will move there with his family April 18.

News of his resignation, given to his congregation at the Sunday morning service, was received with expressions of deep regret not only by its members but throughout the community, where he has been active in civic affairs and has become well known and beloved by many.

His hearty enthusiasm, untiring energy, and his gifts as a leader and a speaker have been called on for many a community project, and he has responded with unflinching generosity throughout the years.

In his church, he has received 115 new members during his tenure. (Continued on Page 5)

## First DP Finds Journey's End Here; Polish Girl Welcomed, Others On Way

### Mary Ciszak Finds Home At St. Joseph of the Pines

A slender, youthful-looking woman looked about her curiously as she stepped off the 7:11 northbound train here Tuesday evening, to be welcomed by two Catholic priests, a reporter and photographer.

She wore a perky brown felt hat, glasses, and a brown coat, with slight rumples in it the only indication that she had spent many long hours en route. Her fresh complexion shone with cleanliness. Her smile was warm.

The reporter and photographer were prepared to "hold their fire" in case their presence should dis-

concert Southern Pines' first arrival of some 30 or more "displaced persons" expected here. But Mary Ciszak, 39, formerly of the Polish city of Posen, knew at once what was desired and graciously posed with a minimum of instructions.

Indeed, any instructions, even welcoming speeches, had to be kept at a minimum, as her English proved to be extremely scant. "Yes" and "No" comprise almost her whole vocabulary. Yet she did not have to say a word about being glad to be here. That showed in her quick bright looks about her, her eager smile which came and went, and her efforts to find understandable phrases to express her emotions.

#### Many Delays

One phrase she knew well — the name of the local family for whom she was ticketed. However, applications had been made, through Father C. F. Hill, assistant pastor of St. Anthony's church, some six months ago. At that time DP's were expected within a few weeks. Delays were interminable, however, and the job offered her had been filled.

Another family on the list was eager to receive her, but they had applied for a man and wife, and other DP's are on their way to them now, to arrive perhaps next week.

So Father Hill had arranged for Mary to go to the Sisters at St. Joseph of the Pines hospital. It was there she was taken Tuesday night.

Though their placement in jobs was undertaken by the Catholic church in this country, all DP's thus placed are not Catholics. Mary, however, wore on her coat a badge, "NCWC"—National Catholic Welfare Council. The sight of Father Hill and Father Herbert Harkins, local pastor, at the sta-

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## Blue Introduces Amendments To Referendum Bill

### Other Legislation May Have Bearing On Local Situation

#### Campaign Expense Bill Is Killed In House

A bill presented in the House last week by Representative H. Clifton Blue stiffened requirements for securing a liquor vote in the county, but made it easier for dry forces to win once it is secured.

The bill seeks two amendments to the Currie referendum bill of 1947, which mightily displeased the county's dry element by specifying a vote against the registration. One of Mr. Blue's amendments would change this to a simple majority. The other amendment would set the number of necessary petitioners at 25 per cent, rather than 15 per cent, of qualified voters.

Mr. Blue's move was no surprise, as he has never camouflaged in any way, before or since election, his feeling that a referendum should be allowed in the county "if enough voters want it." What was meant by "enough" his bill has now indicated.

Some leading citizens of Southern Pines, a community well known to be preponderantly for ABC control as now set up, were reported this week to have sounded out Mr. Blue on the chances of a special act for a local municipal referendum. He was said to have been unresponsive to the idea of personally introducing such a bill at this time.

However, a bill is now on its way through the House, to make a special act unnecessary for a municipal liquor vote. This was not sponsored by Mr. Blue.

#### Statewide Referendum

The statewide referendum this week met death in the House, and Representative Blue was given shocked credit, in some quarters where his stand in its favor was well known, for having helped to kill it. This arose from some confused reporting (or reading) of the roll-call on a motion, to table a motion, to bring the referendum bill out of committee. Votes labeled "against" were against the

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## Garden Tour Here In April

Southern Pines at her blossoming best will be placed on display April 12 and 13, when eight of her loveliest homes and their gardens will be opened to the public as this community's participation in the North Carolina Garden club's Seventh Annual tour.

Twenty North Carolina towns are listed on the tour. Many North Carolinians and visitors from other states are expected to follow its trail from coast to mountains, or join the tour en route, during April.

This will be Southern Pines' first participation in the tour, as it is the first year the town has had a Garden club to sponsor the showing. It will also be the first time these particular homes have been put on public display.

Also on the list of places to be shown is the new elementary school, one of the state's most beautiful and modern, whose planting is a present project of the Southern Pines Garden club.

Headquarters for the visitors here will be the Shaw House, restoration project of the Moore County Historical association, through cooperation of the association, with the Garden club.

Luncheon and tea will be served there on both days for the tour members.

Homes to be visited include Weymouth, estate of Mrs. James Boyd; the homes of William D. Campbell, Kenneth B. Trousdell, D. W. Winkelman, Harry M. Vale, Mrs. Audrey K. Kennedy and, at Knollwood, W. C. Fowles, Jr., and Bilyeu Farm, home of Mr. and Mrs. Louis C. Meyer.

Originally included on the tour, but since withdrawn, were Hibernia, home of Struthers and Katharine Newlin Burt, and Fox-hollow Farm, the Hugh Sicard home.

These are described, with the others (except the Vale home, added later) in a handsome booklet issued this week by the North Carolina Garden club as the March issue of its official publication, the North Carolina Gardener.

The booklet contains a full description of the homes and gardens to be shown in each of the 20 towns on the 1949 tour. The section on Southern Pines is illustrated with a photograph of Weymouth.

Mrs. Paul P. McCain is president of the Southern Pines Garden club.

## Miniature Pageant At Shaw House Shows Life Of Real Family Of 1848

### Continuous Showings For Public Today, Tonight

A unique entertainment, the "miniature pageant" of the Southern Pines eighth grade, will be in continuous performance for the public today (Friday) at the Shaw House from 3 to 5 and from 7 to 9 p. m.

Against the authentic background of the century-old home, restored by the Moore County Historical association, the eighth graders will portray scenes in the

life of a real family of olden days. The scenes will be shown in the three front rooms, to which visitors will be taken in groups of 10 by student guides and narrators.

Entrance will be by the side door, and waiting will be in the dining room if the weather is cold.

A number of out-of-town guests are expected, including Dr. C. C. Crittenden, state historian, and Mrs. Joye Jordan, state archivist, of Raleigh, who have expressed interest in the unusual approach of the grade to their study of North Carolina's history and people. Miss Martha Langston is the teacher.

#### Adult Aides

The young people have done their own research and writing, consulting local experts all along the way, and have secured several unusual adult characters to join them in the actual presentation. In the workroom scene Mrs. (Manry Shaw) Scott Newton will be seen carding wool, as she did it in long ago days in this very house, where she was born. Alternating at the loom will be Mrs. John Frye, of Pinehurst, a former weaver with Anglow Tweeds, and Dr. Eliza Taylor Ransom, a visitor 81 years of age, an author and medical doctor with a bond in common, in her Scotch descent, with many Moore County folk.

Also helping in the workroom scene will be Sarah Baskerville, aged 95, born in slavery times, who will spin the wool.

In the square dance scene, authentic airs of long ago will be played by a trio of old time fiddlers, Arch Yarborough, R. Yonker and Ark Caddell of Pinebluff.

#### Whole Grade Takes Part

All the eighth graders will take part. Edward Cheatham and Pedro Medlin will be in the workroom scene. In the square dance Billy Walker will call the figures. (Continued on Page 5)

## Shaw House Is Real "Stage Set"



The Shaw House, more than a century old, restored by the Moore County Historical association, provides within its walls an authentic background for the eighth grade's "miniature pageant."

The Shaw House will also be headquarters for the State Garden tour when it reaches Southern Pines April 12 and 13.

(Photo by Humphrey)

## Commissioners Give Support To Scott's Good Roads Program

### BANQUET

The Southern Pines Rotary club will follow one of its finest annual customs next week, by having as their guests at a banquet members of the boys' and girls' basketball squads of the Southern Pines High school.

The banquet will be held at 7 p. m. Wednesday at the Hotel Lakeview, honoring the squads which have just completed their 1949 season. Letters and special awards will be presented by Coaches Dawson and Todd, and the Rotarians are making plans to give the Blue-and-Whites a royal good time.

A. Garland Pierce is chairman of the Rotary committee for the event, with L. T. Clark, June Phillips, Russell Lorensen and Morris Johnson on his committee.

## Coble, Whitfield Explain Plans On Carthage Visit

### School Bus Routes Will Be Repaired

Governor Scott's \$200,000,000 road program, initial step in the "Go Forward" program which he vigorously campaigned, was endorsed by the Moore County commissioners last Friday afternoon.

The endorsement followed a conference at Carthage with George Coble, of Lexington, highway commissioner from the Sixth division, and L. E. Whitfield, of Asheboro, division engineer, who explained the program in detail, specifying what it would mean to Moore county, and besought the commissioners' support in bringing it to a referendum of the people.

Mr. Coble said the program, if it is affirmed, would be handled in each county largely through the commissioners, who would have charge of working out all local angles, and that he was visiting all county commissions on Governor Scott's request, to make sure the program is clearly understood.

#### School Bus Roads

While at Carthage he also conferred with Supt. H. Lee Thomas of the county schools, requesting an immediate report on roads which are traveled by school buses, and which need repair. Mr. Thomas sent out letters at once to all principals, seeking this information by today (Friday) as Mr. Coble promised prompt action and the work, Mr. Thomas said is badly needed.

Mr. Thomas expressed his delight in the prospect of seeing something done for the school-

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## Reynoldstown And Little River Lead In Timber Races

### Crowd Braves Windy Weather To Cheer Moore Hounds' Event

#### By Howard F. Burns

Reynoldstown, a chestnut gelding owned by Mrs. Lloyd Tate, Jr., the former Ann Cannon Reynolds, piloted by her husband flashed around a stiff one-and-one-half mile timber course before a large crowd that surrounded the picturesque Swamp Fox course Wednesday afternoon, to win by two lengths over Red Sheen of the Stoneybrook Stables with Carlyle Cameron up. Carry On, owned by Tyler Smith, Bob Smith up, finished third in the field of five entries.

Little River, a bay gelding owned by the Mile-Away Farms, brilliantly ridden by Mrs. W. O. Moss, was awarded the blue ribbon in the mile and one-half timber race for ladies. The Potter, entered by Mrs. John Abbot of Boston, Joan Walsh up, was second, with Dream Girl, owned by Pat Keel, also of Boston and ridden by Kathleen Walsh, third in the class.

#### Hunt Teams

Vernon G. Cardy's Eglinton hunt team of Toronto, Canada, captured first place over four hunt teams of three horses each in the feature event on the afternoon card of the 12th Annual Hunter Trials, held for the benefit of the Moore County Hounds.

Cardy led the team on Times Square, with Edith Ferguson riding Shamrock and Jack Goodwin on Mount Vernon.

The Lake Lawn team led by Dwight W. Winkelman of Syracuse, N. Y., was second with the Stoneybrook team, captained by Mickey Walsh, third.

Despite the fact that it was a cold, windy day, a large number of spectators surrounded the rolling course. The judges were Nathan Ayers, MFH of the Sedgwick Hunt of Greensboro, and Gilbert Scott, whip.

#### Winners Listed

Summary: Lightweight Hunters: First, (Continued on Page 8)

## BASEBALL

Fourteen out of an expected 25 candidates for this year's high school baseball team reported Monday afternoon to Coach Phil Weaver, and immediately began limbering-up drills at Memorial park. Cool, windy weather Monday and Tuesday held the activity to a minimum, and Wednesday's cold snap forced the squad indoors for skull drills.

By the end of the school week, however, all squad members are expected to be present and, weather permitting, work will be speeded up, as little more than two weeks remain before the first game.

The Pilot will publish the official schedule of games next week, and also will have an analysis of the team and the season's prospects.

## Nine AA Groups Sponsor Priest's Address Thursday

An open meeting of Alcoholics Anonymous, under the joint sponsorship of nine AA groups of the Carolinas, will be held at the Pinehurst theatre Thursday at 8:15 p. m., with a priest of the archdiocese of Indianapolis as the distinguished speaker.

Co-sponsors with the Southern Pines group will be those of Hamlet, Lumberton, Laurinburg, Fayetteville, Dunn and Sanford, in North Carolina, also Bennettsville and Cheraw, S. C.

All are expected to send large delegations to, hear the speaker, called one of the most dynamic of the AA movement. He has spoken before many AA groups, both large and small, throughout the country, and in fact is at present dedicating his time to this work.

The meeting is open to all, both inside and outside the membership of the AA. There is no charge but tickets must be secured in advance, as capacity of the theatre is limited. They are available for the asking, as long as they last, at the office of John S. Ruggles, the L. T. Clark Furniture company and the Southern Pines pharmacy here, and at the Pinehurst pharmacy in Pinehurst.

The sponsoring groups are extending invitations, and sending tickets on request, to all other groups of the state. The response so far indicates a good attendance, those in charge of the meeting said this week.

Besides being the first big meeting of local group has held in conjunction with others, it is by way of being a personal celebration of their own.

This month marks the second anniversary of the founding of AA in Southern Pines. The clubroom was opened in March, 1947, after several from this area had attended meetings for two or three months with the Fayetteville group.

From the meetings in Southern Pines have sprung three new groups, those of Hamlet, Laurinburg and Sanford, each now larger than the parent group.