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Graham Tells YDC Of Responsibilities Facing Country

Local Delegation Attends Meeting At Winston-Salem

"The finest YDC meeting yet" was reported by H. Clifton Blue, of Aberdeen, president, and Moore County members of the North Carolina Young Democratic clubs who journeyed to Winston-Salem Saturday for the Executive Committee meeting and midsummer banquet.

About 125 members attended the afternoon meeting, and more than 200 were present at the banquet at which Frank Porter Graham, North Carolina's junior senator, was principal speaker. Both were held at the Robert E. Lee hotel.

In the delegation from Moore were President Blue, who presided; J. Hubert McCaskill, of Pinehurst, Eighth District chairman; W. Lamont Brown, of Pinebluff, president of the Moore County YDC, with Mrs. Brown; E. O. Ledbetter, of Pinehurst; Raymond Wicker, of Aberdeen; Mack Callahan, Monroe Chappell and Henry A. Borst, Jr., Vass.

Among the distinguished guests and speakers were Gordon Gray, of Winston-Salem, acting Secretary of the Army and Secretary-designate (since confirmed); Hon. Capus Waynick, newly appointed ambassador to Nicaragua; Fifth District Congressman Thurmond Chatham, who introduced Senator Graham; and Hon. Walter Lambeth, of Thomasville, former Eighth District congressman, who was accompanied by his bride of one week.

A welcome was given by William Mitchell, president of the host club, to which Lamont Brown gave a response which aroused waves of enthusiastic applause.

Presentation of a gold watch to Ambassador Waynick as the YDC's going-away gift was made by James Little of Raleigh, national committeeman.

New Bern was selected as the site for the fall meeting, at which election of officers will be held.

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Senator Graham in his speech (Continued on Page 5).

W. L. Nicholson Is New Partner At Highland Pines

Walter Lee Nicholson, Jr., formerly of Charlotte now in business in Baltimore, has secured an interest in the Highland Pines Inn and will be an active partner with the opening of the fall season, it was announced this week by Charles Stitzer, owner of the hotel.

Mr. Nicholson and his family will move to Southern Pines where he will be engaged in operation of the Inn. Both partners will come here next weekend for local conferences, looking toward a successful season with promotion of golf and other events attractive to visitors.

The new manager is an enthusiastic amateur golfer and a former member of the Charlotte Country club.

He attended Duke university and served overseas in World War 2 as a naval officer. Later he was assistant manager of the Neo-Gravure company of Chicago, subsidiary of the Cuneo Press, largest printing concern in the country. After some time in Chicago he was sent to New York City as sales manager for the Neo-Gravure Printing company, a Cuneo associate.

For the past two years he has been operating a veterans' trade school in Baltimore, but has been seeking an opportunity to get back to North Carolina, with the Sandhill section as his preference.

He is married to the former Miss Fancesca Braswell of Mississippi, who has lived also in Chattanooga, Tenn., and in Seaside, N. Y. While in New York City her unusual beauty won attention and she was a model for both the Powers and Conover agencies. She has a young son, William Lee Nicholson, 3rd.

Appointed To High State Posts



JOHN RUGGLES
Ruggles On Hospitals Board of Controls

The appointment of John S. Ruggles as one of three new members on the six-member State Board of Hospitals Control was announced Monday by Governor W. Kerr Scott.

He will be sworn in shortly for a term which will end April 1, 1953.

Mr. Ruggles, head of the John S. Ruggles Insurance agency here and a recently elected member of the Southern Pines town board, was active in support of a bill passed by the 1949 General Assembly for the setting up of a state hospital for alcoholics.

Moore county's representative, Clifton Blue, was a leading sponsor of the bill, which at one time appeared lost in a tax-obstructionist committee until Mr. Ruggles stirred the interest of members of Alcoholics Anonymous.

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CLIFTON BLUE
Blue Wins Party Secretaryship

Moore county's representative, Clifton Blue, newspaper publisher of Aberdeen, was appointed Tuesday to the important office of secretary of the State Democratic Executive committee, according to an announcement by the chairman, Everett Jordan of Saxapahaw.

Mr. Blue is president of the North Carolina YDC, which last fall did a monumental job in organizing all 100 counties of the state to get out the vote in the November election. He has been highly commended for his work in this regard by Governor W. Kerr Scott, Hon. Capus Waynick, Jonathan Daniels and other party leaders.

He succeeds Victor Bryant, Durham attorney who resigned the secretarial post in order to devote more time to his new job as chairman of the committee to select a president of the Greater University of North Carolina.

It had been freely predicted in the state papers that Mr. Blue would succeed to the party post, as the choice of Governor Scott and also of Mr. Waynick, retiring (Continued on Page 8)

75 Kids Turn Out For Play Program; Long On Fun - But Short Of Funds

The summer recreation program opened successfully with 75 kids present for the first play session Monday morning, and excellent attendance continuing all week.

Forty boys and girls showed up to go swimming Tuesday afternoon and were transported by the school bus to Lakeview, where the proprietor, W. H. Cook, is giving swimming privileges free for the group. There is a life guard. The bus leaves the Men's club building at 2:30 Tuesday and Thursday afternoons—and the more taken along, said Director A. C. Dawson, Jr., the merrier.

The program is held from 10 a. m. to 12, 2 to 5 p. m., five days a week, with tennis, badminton, baseball, softball, pingpong and other indoor games scheduled along with swimming. A story

hour is being arranged and there will probably be news of this next week.

Friday evenings, teen-age social events, such as dances and picnics, will be held. Headquarters for the program is the Men's club building, with the town park opposite and the athletic field used for outdoor sports.

Less than half the needed fund—\$1,100, to be exact—had been received by John Pottle, treasurer, by Thursday of this week. Considerably more will be needed and he asked that those who have delayed in sending contributions kindly shoot them on in. This is a program for everybody, not just the neighbor's little boy, he reminded, as "what helps our young folks helps our whole community."

Young Flier's Memory Is Inspiration Of High School Award Given By Friend

The memory of a splendid young life, lost in the war, and of a fine friendship between two young men, has flowered into future benefits for other boys, according to a recent surprise announcement.

The announcement was made by Supt. R. C. Fields of Aberdeen, who at the high school commencement of June 3 presented an award in memory of Lieut. Lawrence Rowe, given by an anonymous donor.

The cash award of \$50 was presented to Walter Wright, Jr., chosen by the school board as highly worthy by character, ability and promise, of the honor.

In the surprise announcement, which proved deeply moving to the audience, Superintendent Fields said the donor plans to make the award annually, converting it within a few years to a four-year scholarship at the University of North Carolina.

"I did not have the privilege of knowing Lawrence Rowe personally, as his student days here were before my time," said Mr.

Fields. "However, I feel it an honor to serve a school which has graduated a young man of such distinction and inspiration. He deeply impressed those who knew him, and his memory lives in their hearts."

In the audience were Judge and Mrs. J. Vance Rowe, parents of Lieutenant Rowe, who was Moore county's first war casualty when stationed with the Army Air force in Australia, in August, 1942. Government advice to his parents said he was killed in a plane crash.

Memory Lives On
Not even they know the name of the young man who is thus honoring the memory of their son, other than that he was a college mate and friend.

Sole possessor of the knowledge is Mr. Fields, who said he first heard from the donor last November, expressing a desire to establish the award subject to the school board's approval. Concerning his reason for doing so, he wrote, "Lawrence Rowe was a (Continued on Page 9)

Moore Is State Leader In Poultry Processing Plants

New Places Open; All Conforming With New State Laws

Moore county has within the last few months become the North Carolina leader in number of poultry processing plants and the quantity of poultry handled commercially, said Jesse Canady, of Raleigh, state sanitarian, while on a visit here this week.

Mr. Canady spent Wednesday visiting all the poultry processing plants in company with Russell Mills, county sanitarian, to check up on their conformity with laws passed by the 1949 General Assembly in regard to their maintenance and operation.

Until recent months Moore county had two poultry processing plants, the Carolina Poultry company at Pinehurst, operated by C. H. Ritter and W. C. Moon, and Rouths Poultry plant at Robbins, operated by W. G. Rouths.

Lately three more have entered business in brand new buildings, especially built—L. M. Hussey's and A. E. Hussey's plants at Robbins, and George Purvis at High-falls. Purvis is the only grower also to become a processor. He has a flock of some 20,000 chickens.

In addition there is the splendid turkey processing plant of H. R. Harrison at Eagle Springs.

Two Almost Ready
Two new poultry plants are just about completed and will go into operation soon, one at Robbins and the other south of Aberdeen.

Through the plants now operating, according to a rough guess hazarded by Mr. Mills, pass some 15,000 fowl each week, all raised on Moore county farms. The dressed fowl are shipped out to points all over North Carolina and also to the north. In addition, there are "uncounted thousands" of live chickens sold through feed stores which provide the feed and also the sales outlets. All this means a growing cash income for the farmer and also for the commercial processor.

Mr. Mills has been working closely with all the processing plants, which now must operate under laws of stringent sanitation very much like those governing abattoirs. They must have smooth, impervious walls and floor, toilet and drainage facilities, screens at doors and windows, metal eviscerating tables which can be subjected to a constant flow of water, and other features (Continued on page 8)

Search Fails To Dig Up Diggs

It may not have been James A. Diggs, Negro murderer-outlaw, hiding out in this vicinity last week end but, said local officers as they relaxed their search Sunday, "There certainly is—or was—someone in those woods who didn't want to be caught."

They heard him crashing through the Mid Pines forestland just ahead of them Saturday night, heard the splash as he waded into the Mid Pines lake and fell down, then scrambled up and made his way to a swampy place beyond. The bloodhounds gave out just about then, and an all-night vigil kept by a highway patrolman and his deputy brought no results. Daylight showed the fugitive's footprints at the edge of the lake.

The search for Diggs started Friday night in the Aberdeen section, when two reports that he had been seen lurking along the highway, brought all the local forces of the law into action, augmented by members of the SBI from Raleigh and a pack of bloodhounds from Rockingham. The fresh trail led into the Old Bethesda section and ended at the Seaboard railroad track. A north-bound freight which passed at the height of the search was stopped just beyond Southern Pines and searched by highway patrolmen.

The next morning, a report that a suspicious-looking character had been seen riding the south-bound passenger train caused a search of the train when it stopped here at 9:18.

On Midland Road
Soon after 11 a. m., John Ferguson, of Southern Pines, reported that he had spotted a character resembling newspaper pictures of the wanted man, who ducked into the woods about a mile out on the Midland road as Ferguson's car approached. All policemen, patrolmen and members of the sheriff's department joined in the search, which, as the day wore on, became a matter of hot news interest to radio broadcasters, the AP, UP and state dailies. News of the man-hunt crackled forth over the state, and soon other reports of "someone resembling Diggs" trickled in over the area.

No tall, thin colored man wearing spectacles was safe from investigation. One lanky brown youth spotted at the railroad station pulled forth a paper he was carrying with him, stating that he had been stopped at Rockingham and cleared of suspicion of being Diggs.

On Homeward Route
A report of a colored man walking along the road toward Sanatorium brought police hot along his trail, to find he was a peaceful citizen wending his way home to supper.

How much was real, how much was hysteria will probably never be known. Several circumstances led the police to a positive belief that there was a fugitive in the area. They said they doubted, however, it was Diggs, who is wanted in Norfolk, Va., for the slaying of his wife and two children, and at Hamlet for the near-fatal shooting of a young policeman who tried to arrest him. Following his escape at Hamlet, Diggs was declared an outlaw, to be shot on sight by anyone.

Resort Airlines Wins Victory in Fight For Skycruise Certification

Sky Giants Couldn't Keep Him Down



You'd grin, too, if, like Squeak Burwell, you had just won a three-year battle against seemingly hopeless odds. The former AAF lieutenant-colonel is president of Resort Airlines, pioneer of international Skycruises for which a CAB certificate has just been granted.

(Photo courtesy Charlotte News.)

Kiwanis Club At Samarcand Manor Hears Leonard Tell of State Program

Young Singers Give Enjoyable Concert

Sandhills Kiwanians were luncheon guests at Samarcand Manor Wednesday, heard a splendid program by a group of the "singin'est" girl students in the state, enjoyed a tour of the campus and buildings and listened to an address by State Commissioner of Corrections and Training Samuel E. Leonard, who told

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them, "The hardest part of our work in correctional institutions is not while the child is with us but when he leaves—and that is where you can help."

The program, called one of the finest in the annals of the Sandhills Kiwanis club, was arranged by A. L. Burney, of Southern Pines, 1948 winner of the club's Builder's cup and one of the nine members of the State Board of Corrections.

At the close of the program a gift of athletic equipment for the school was presented by Voit Gilmore, in behalf of the club, to Miss Reva Mitchell, superintendent. The equipment, which filled a large table, included a basketball, volleyball, softballs, tennis balls, tennis net and racquets and several other items in sufficient quantity for a group of girls to use.

For most of the Kiwanians it was their first visit to Samarcand Manor, which is tucked away in the orchard country of Mineral Springs township, southwest of Eagle Springs.

"No Mysteries"
The guests were served a delicious meal of country ham and all the trimmings, prepared and served by the young girls of the institution. They were given a welcome by Miss Reva Mitchell, superintendent for the past five years, who told them, "There are no mysteries here. We are happy when such groups as yours show interest." The Rev. Zeb Caudle, Aberdeen minister, spoke of the religious program there, shared by himself, the Rev. F. Craighill Brown of Southern Pines, the Rev. R. R. Ramsey of Jackson Springs and the Rev. Mr. Williams of Biscoe—"a most rewarding work."

District Governor Paul C. Butler, of Southern Pines, commended a number of people of the vicinity who give, or have given service to the Manor in various ways. Some were present, to receive his tribute. They included Dr. J. P. Bowen, of Aberdeen; Dr. G. G. Herr, Dr. J. W. Wilcox and Charles W. Picquet of Southern Pines; Gordon M. Cameron, of Pinehurst; J. D. Parker, of Eagle Springs; Otis Poole, and Rep.

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Becomes Only International Carrier Without Subsidy

It took a President to do it—but, at long last, Truman's nod last week brought certification of Resort Airlines for two of its projected Sky-cruises for a five-year period, with a third one pending.

The announcement of the Civil Aeronautics Board's decision meant a victory in the three-year, \$150,000 battle of the local airline for practical realization of its original plan of packaged vacation flights.

Slugging every step of the way against a combined lobby of 14 major airlines—all of whom thought they could do the job better than the man who dreamed it up—L. C. Burwell, Jr., Resort's president, never quit to draw breath after the application was filed in July, 1946. While a battery of lawyers drew briefs on both sides to present at hearing after hearing, "Squeaky" saw everybody in government and aeronautics who might help. Since last January Washington has been his home. Finally President Truman himself summoned the ex-combat flier to his private office, to hear his convincing (Continued on Page 5)

School Tops in State Latin Contest

Another distinct honor has come to the Southern Pines school in the announcement that, in the state contest for first-year Latin students, one Southern Pines student has won first place and two honorable mention, giving the local school a top position in the statewide contest.

The announcement that Doris L. Bowles had placed first, with honorable mention going to Alec McLeod and Eddie Menefee, was made this week by Dr. E. L. Ullman, head of the department of classics at the University of North Carolina, through which the Latin tests are given annually.

No other school placed more than one student in the top 10, whereas Southern Pines High school placed three, according to the information sent by Dr. Ullman to Supt. P. J. Weaver.

Miss Pauline Miller is teacher of the Latin class. The winning students are all rising seniors.

This is the second high educational honor to come to Southern Pines within a short time, as in May the elementary school was announced as winner of a national art contest, with 23 out of 50 winning entries selected from elementary schools all over the country.

The trophy in this contest, held annually by the National Board of Examiners, arrived last week and has been placed in the school library. It is an ivory statuette touched with gold, with a suitable inscription on its base.

SAFE DEPOSIT

The Moore County hospital's brochure, donated by the Auxiliary last year, took part in an operation last Saturday for removal of a dime which had lodged in a man's lung for 50 years.

About two weeks before, Arthur Thompson, 64, of Bladenboro, had developed a cough which yielded to none of the usual remedies. He visited his local physician, who X-rayed him and saw what looked like a dime. Thinking it might be a button, the doctor had Thompson remove his shirt and X-rayed again. The object was still there.

At the hospital Thompson remembered that when he was 14 he caught fire, ran and fell, spilling some coins he was carrying in his mouth. After he was "put out" his mother searched and found the quarter and two pennies, but never did find the dime.

Last week Dr. William F. Hollister removed the dime, now old and corroded. Thompson left the hospital two days later with the coin as a souvenir.