



County Beer Dealers Commended For Clean-Up, Hear New Laws Explained

Beer Place Can Be "Good Neighbor," Upchurch Says

Moore County beer dealers are making much progress in their "clean-up" campaign under the new ABC laws, local and state control leaders told a large group of them meeting here last week. That the credit is their own, without the infliction of force, was shown by the statement of H. H. Grimm, beer inspector for the area, that no permit has been refused or revoked in the county so far. One dealer is "in danger" but is making an effort and is expected to pull through safely. By adherence to the ABC directives beer retail sales outlets are making good neighbors of themselves, assets instead of liabilities to their communities, he said.

Other speakers at the meeting, attended by more than 50 members, or 80 per cent of total membership, of the Moore County Beer Dealers' association, were C. A. Upchurch, Jr., head of the state ABC Malt Beverage division; Ray Galloway, former American Legion department commander, now North Carolina director of the National Brewers Foundation; and W. P. Johnson, executive sec- (Continued on Page 8)

Vets Will Help Secure Refunds

Local units of the VFW and American Legion will cooperate to the fullest, it was announced by both of them this week, in a new task set them by their department commanders—that of assisting veterans to file application for their National Service Life Insurance dividends.

This will be done on a statewide basis by the veterans' organizations, beginning soon after the issuance of the application forms August 29.

In the John Boyd post, VFW, insurance men Walter S. Topping and John Buchholz have been appointed by Post Commander John H. Stephenson to handle the job. Major Topping said this week they plan to set up a table at the post office and also at the VFW Home, to handle the applications expeditiously.

Will Cooperate
Sandhills Post Commander Charles J. Swoope, of the American Legion, said the Legion post members plan to keep evening hours at the Legion hut, starting as soon as possible after the application forms are received.

In the meantime, he suggested, veterans who do not know their NSLI policy number should look it up, as this information will be necessary, along with name, address and service number.

Millions Refunded
The declaration of a dividend on the vast reservoir of National Service Life Insurance funds means that the Veterans Administration will pay out some \$28 million to policyholders by January 1, 1950. The 400,000 World War 2 veterans of North Carolina will receive a total refund of some \$70 million. Average refund will be more than \$175 per man.

Veterans who have had their policies 90 days or longer will be eligible to receive the dividend.

Unsung Hero Lives Isolated Existence To Protect Fellow Citizens In County

By Valerie Nicholson

Somewhere in Moore county, living in a simple country home, is an unsung hero—a man who has voluntarily shut himself off from society for the good of others.

For his own sake, and that of his family, his identity is carefully concealed, known only to Dr. J. W. Willcox, county health officer, and others of the county health department.

For more than 10 years he has lived his solitary life, never leaving his home-place, on which he works about the farm and yard but is careful never to touch food others may eat, or articles they use intimately.

He is a typhoid carrier—a man with the germs of typhoid permanently active in his body,

AGAIN!

Billy Warner has done it again. Not many win two Harvard scholarships in a row, but that is just what this 1948 Southern Pines High School graduate has done.

He attended Harvard last year on a freshman scholarship awarded, on a basis of scholarship and ability, by the Associated Harvard Clubs. He acquitted himself well, making the dean's list.

This week he was notified that he has won a Harvard President and Fellows scholarship of \$400, for his sophomore year. The letter from the Committee on Scholarships concluded, "Congratulations on your good work."

Billy, son of Mrs. Ruth Warner Swisher, is working during summer vacation for Paul Van Camp, local consulting engineer.

Barber, Fowler Will Speak At Old Bethesda Sept. 25

Two speakers of unusual interest have been secured for the annual Homecoming Day observance of Old Bethesda church, for which the date of Sunday, September 25, has been set, it was announced this week by J. Talbot Johnson, of Aberdeen, chairman.

The Rev. E. L. Barber, a beloved former pastor of the historic church, will deliver the sermon at the morning service.

In the afternoon, the speaker will be Malcolm Fowler, of Lillington, president of the N. C. Society of County Historians and a recognized authority on the early settlement of the Cape Fear district.

Large Attendance

Anticipated normal attendance at the Homecoming Day event is some 500 persons, including not only the membership of the 159-year-old congregation but the children of the congregation who have scattered to other counties and states, said Chairman Johnson. The attendance was lowered considerably in 1948 on account of the polio incidence, but is expected to resume normal proportions this year.

Among them will be many who were members during Mr. Barber's tenure, and who have retained the pastor and his family as friends during the intervening years.

The Barbers now live in Moultrie, Ga., where Mr. Barber is stated secretary of his presbytery.

Daughters Born Here
He will be accompanied to the Sandhills and the Homecoming by Mrs. Barber, and also by their daughters, Betty, a recent graduate of Queens college at Charlotte, and Lillian, still a Queen's student. The girls were born during their parents' residence at Aberdeen.

Further plans and committees for the event will be announced later by Mr. Johnson, Homecoming Day chairman for the past 25 years.

The Rev. Charles W. Worth is pastor of the church, which has a modern building at Aberdeen, maintaining the old church building as a historic shrine.

West Virginia Forestry Group In Weymouth Woods



Forty forestry students, with two professors, of the school of forestry of the University of West Virginia visited Southern Pines on an inspection tour last week as part of their study of forest management and utilization. They spent Wednesday morning in the woods on the Weymouth estate, where they admired the large areas of original growth, such as they said they had never seen in their own home states.

Near a cool spring they chose a spot for their picnic lunch, and afterward Don Traylor, Weymouth forester, took them to a cathedral-like grove nearby where he told them the story of the preservation and protection of the trees—some hardwood, mostly pine.

In foreground, with neckties, are, right, Forester Traylor, and left, District Forester James A. Pippin, who arranged the tour. Far left, with sun helmet, is County Forest Warden E. W. Davis, who gave a talk and demonstration on forest fire prevention and control. (Photo by Emerson Humphrey)

Family's Valiant Efforts Save Barn As Tobacco Burns

The first tobacco barn fire reported in the Pilot area this year occurred Tuesday about 1 o'clock on the farm of E. C. Patterson, Vass, Rt. 2, destroying almost the whole barnful of tobacco, though the building was saved.

When the fire was discovered in the leaves and sticks, and coming out through the roof, the whole family—mother and father, a grown son and two small boys—pitched in with a will, working unaided, to save not only the barn but neighboring outbuildings and a pile of slabwood close by. A moment of great relief came when, as the men worked on the roof, the mother and two little boys rolled out five drums of oil which had been attached to the oil curer.

Time Lost

Valuable time was lost when the eldest son, Hoover, rushed to nearby Skyline to phone the Southern Pines Fire department for help. However, aid could not be secured from that quarter, as they were too far out in the country, and it took an hour and a half of hard work before the Pattersons felt they had the blaze under control.

All the water had to come from the family well, which had already filled many demands for humans and livestock that day and was unusually low.

The tobacco, their second priming and "the very best of the crop," was estimated to have been worth about \$600 at current prices. Some was salvaged which will have to be sold as "trash," bringing perhaps \$50. No insurance was carried.

Curer Disconnected

The oil curer had been temporarily disconnected between firings, and Mr. Patterson had planned to clean out the flue after lunch before hooking it up and starting it going again. Since the blaze appeared to originate in the curer, it was believed that some sparks had remained alive in the soot, and were fanned by the draft created when the flue was loosened.

Hoover Patterson, with his wife and newborn baby, had stopped by for lunch with his parents on their way to their own home, which is on the same farm.

The other sons are Edward, Jr., 11, and John Grady, seven. "They worked like real men," their mother said with pride, in relating the story.

Veterans Name Committees, Plan Big Time For County V-J Observance Here

COOTIES

The Grand Council of Administration of the Order of the Cootie, scheduled to hold its "scratch" here August 13 and 14, will join in with the Moore County Veterans V-J day celebration that Saturday evening.

The veterans' countywide chicken fry and public street dance to be held here will be included on the Cootie agenda, according to John H. Stephenson, provost marshal and chairman in charge of arrangements.

In addition, the Cooties, fun organization of the VFW, are expected to treat the community to one of their famed costume parades during the evening.

Some 75 to 100 members from all over the state are expected to attend the two-day Council meeting.

School Plans GI Business Course If Interest Shown

A GI business and comical course will be given at the Southern Pines High school during the coming year provided a sufficient number of veterans are interested, it was learned from Supt. P. J. Weaver this week.

Enrollment of 12, preferably 15, will be needed before the course can be inaugurated, under the Veterans Administration educational program by which the students receive subsistence pay while studying.

Classes will be held three hours a night, five nights a week, for a course which will probably coincide with the school year. Definite plans as to the length of the course and the starting date are to be determined later.

Classes will be scheduled for the evenings for the benefit of veterans who are employed in the daytime. Subsistence payments will be made through the VA up to \$37.50 a month, subject to restriction limiting total income veterans may receive under the GI bill.

Superintendent Weaver asked that veterans interested in taking the course contact him as soon as possible, so plans may go forward without delay.

Tickets Must Be Bought In Advance; Sales Places Noted

Tickets went on sale this week for the big Moore County V-J Day Veterans Reunion chicken fry—a matter of import to all who are planning to attend as the entire ticket sale will be strictly in advance.

No tickets will be sold at the gate, according to Chairman Charles J. Swoope of the sponsoring Moore County Veterans committee. To prevent waste and make a modest price possible, it must be known in advance how many will be on hand.

The chicken fry will be held on the Southern Pines High School Memorial Athletic field at 6 p.m., Saturday, August 13, followed by a street dance on the City Hall block which will be free to all.

Committees Named
Committees were named at a meeting held last Friday night at the Legion hut. Members of the Pinehurst and Southern Pines (Sandhills) Legion posts and the John Boyd post, VFW, of Southern Pines will serve as ticket takers and "chow servers." Shields Cameron, of the Sandhills Legion post will serve as chairman of the dance.

The committee and all other interested veterans will meet again tonight (Friday) at the Legion hut at 8 o'clock for furtherance of (Continued on Page 5)

Workers' Illness Laid To Effects of Chemicals Used At Insecticide Plant

Governor Scott Expresses Interest In Doctor's Cause

Two cases of illness among workers at the Geigy Chemical plant at Aberdeen last week were apparently due to the effects of the chemicals with which they had been working, according to their physician, Dr. R. F. Mobbs.

Concerning two other workers taken ill during the past week Dr. Mobbs said he could not say, as they were not his patients. Both were taken to St. Joseph of the Pines hospital.

Dr. Mobbs said he believed the two who came to him, Chester Collins and Lonnie Taylor, Negroes, quite possibly did so because they knew of his interest in the effects on human beings of some of the chemicals being used in the manufacture of modern in-

County Tennis Tournament Scheduled Next Week On Lighted Local Courts

POSTPONED

You'll have to wait a week from the scheduled date to see that fine Raleigh tennis team in action on the local courts, playing against the equally fine—we're sure—Southern Pines tennis team.

Tom White, Chamber of Commerce manager, who had arranged the match for next Saturday evening, August 13, has heard from the Raleighites that a conflict in dates necessitates a postponement to Saturday, August 20. The match was originally planned as a climax to the First Annual Moore County Closed Tennis tournament, scheduled Monday through Friday next week.

Players on the local team are Angelo Montesanti, Jr., Harry Lee Brown, A. C. Dawson, Jr., and Frank de Costa.

Maybe Not Quantity But Top Quality of Tennis Is Foreseen

Entries in the First Annual Moore County Closed Tennis tournament, to be played next week on the lighted municipal courts, this week were few but prophetic of some first-rate tennis, both singles and doubles, for the spectators' enjoyment.

Those who at midweek had paid their \$1 entry fee included Harry Lee Brown, Angelo Montesanti, Jr., A. C. Dawson, Jr., Frank de Costa, Page Choate and Harry Watson, of Southern Pines; P. A. Wilson, of Vass, and Robert Barefield, of Aberdeen; also Audrey West Brown and Millie Montesanti of Southern Pines. Other entries were anticipated over the weekend.

Originally planned as an all-male contest, the tournament was opened to the girls when their interest was evidenced. They will play on an equal basis with the men and the chances are it is the men who will have to look to their laurels.

State Doubles Champ
Miss Brown, with Mary Ruth Davis of Robbins, won the state doubles championship at the North Carolina Closed tournament held at Greensboro in September, 1948. Miss Montesanti is also a fine, fast player, well known on local courts.

Of the male players, most have a background of tournament experience. Dawson, high school athletic coach, has trained many excellent players, including Harry Lee and Audrey West Brown. Angelo Montesanti, Jr., is a member of the State College tennis team.

Tom White, Chamber of Commerce manager, is assisting Angelo Montesanti, Jr., Robert Barefield and P. A. Wilson in management of the tournament. Entries must be made at the Chamber of Commerce office at the Belvedere hotel by 1 p. m. Monday. Pairings will be made at 2 p. m.

From the management committee this week came word that "we want all players to enter, regardless of ability. If you are an average player, don't be scared because we have a champion or two on the list. They may not be so good as you think—and besides, the tournament's main purpose is the extension of interest in tennis for the benefit of all sports lovers of the county, and for future tournaments."

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National Guard Will Swear In Eight More Men

An array of would-be Guardsmen have passed all requirements and are now only awaiting a mass swearing-in ceremony to be held Tuesday, August 16, to become members of the newly organized local unit of the National Guard.

Eight young men so far are ready for membership, to be added to 12 already sworn in—a total of 20, well along toward the 30 required before a federal inspection can be made, and the battery can start active work.

And, according to those in charge, several more applications are pending, and enough inquiries have been received, and interest shown, for them to feel pretty confident of meeting the requirements in time.

The mass swearing-in date was set on account of the absence from town of Capt. Clifford Carpenter, commanding officer, the only one empowered at present to receive new members officially. Since he had to take one extended business trip, and faces another next week, it was decided to let the applications accumulate and take in all the new members at once.

Captain Carpenter will, however, be in town Saturday and will be stationed at the table at the post office to give information and receive applications from 9 a. m. to 12 noon.

In the meantime, information may be secured from First Lieut. C. S. Patch, Jr., at the Tog Shop, or John H. Stephenson, commander of the John Boyd Post, VFW.

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