

Governor Joins YDCs in Honoring Blue In Surprise Event at Mile-Away Farm

Secret Well Kept: Big Crowd Attends Gala Chicken Fry

Winds Up in Stable

Moore County Young Democrats held a unique surprise party Tuesday evening honoring H. Clifton Blue, of Aberdeen, their past president and now retiring state YDC president, attended by some 200 of his friends including Governor W. Kerr Scott.

The party was held in the form of an old-fashioned chicken fry on the W. O. Mosses' beautiful Mile-Away Farm, home of the famed Moore County Hounds, on Highway 1 north. All-day rain let up for a while in the party's early stages but during the after-supper program it started coming down again, driving the crowd to shelter in an enormous 12-stall stable.

The speakers' platform was moved into the stable and the party went right on. Blooded hunters and jumpers thrust their noses from their stalls in curiosity, and joined the applause after each speech with loud appreciative whinnies. The highly bred hounds mingled in friendly fashion with the crowd, wagging their tails in pleasure at these strange goings-on.

Governor Scott seemed right at home. "Shucks, I was raised in a barn," grinned the state's Chief Executive. So, for that matter, was "Cliff" Blue, the guest of honor, who from simple beginnings on a farm in Hoke county (from which he moved to Moore as a young man) has risen to the state's highest YDC post, Moore's representative in the General Assembly and secretary of the N. C.

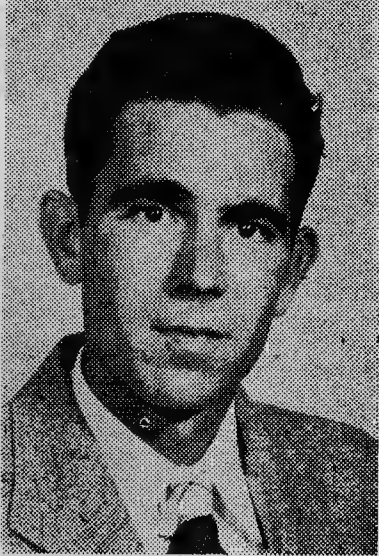
TENNIS MATCH

Tennis spectators are due for another full evening of pleasure, when a team from the Raleigh Tennis club meets a local team of four on the lighted municipal courts tomorrow (Saturday) at 8 p. m.

Members of the local team will be Junior Montesanti, Harry Lee Brown, Page Choate and Robert Barefield, of Aberdeen, all finalists or semi-finalists in last week's Moore County Tennis tournament. Four singles and two doubles will be played—just about all the tennis that can be crowded onto two courts in one evening.

The visitors will stay overnight as guests of the local players. The match was arranged by Tom White, Chamber of Commerce manager.

POSTMASTER



MACK CALLAHAN this week received notice of his appointment by President Truman to the postmastership at Vass, following confirmation by the Senate last week. He will be sworn in soon by a representative of the Postal department.

Deane's Efforts Win; Mackall Is Returned to State

Interior Secretary J. A. Krug on Tuesday signed a deed which gave the State of North Carolina title to 54,165 acres of land—which had been part of Camp Mackall during World War 2—to be used for conservation of wildlife.

The tract—in Richmond, Scotland and Moore counties—is one of the largest conveyed in modern times to a state agency. Transfer was made under a law passed by the 80th Congress which permits land no longer needed by a federal agency to be transferred to a state agency on condition that the property shall continue to be used for wildlife conservation.

Before the war this area was administered by the State of North Carolina for wildlife conservation uses under a long-term lease, with general supervisory control by the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service. During the war the lease was cancelled and the land became part of Camp Mackall military reservation. In 1948, the property was returned to the Department of the Interior.

The transfer to the state, a move sponsored by Representative Charles B. Deane of Rockwell.

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"Laughing Papa" Draws Life Term In Second Trial

All-Male Jury Clears Highfalls Man of Capital Charge

While there's life there's hope, may have been the theme song sung by Jack Fowler, alias Jimmy Davis, alias Happy Jack, alias Laughing Papa, as he was taken back to State Prison and life imprisonment following his re-trial Wednesday afternoon in Moore superior court.

Fowler, convicted of first degree murder at the January term and sentenced to die in the gas chamber, was granted a new trial on technical errors. Returning to Moore at the term of criminal court being held this week at Carthage, the Negro submitted a plea of guilty of accessory after the fact, which was accepted by the court.

Since this time a jury did not have to be convinced, few of the details of the axe slaying of Mamie Wilkerson, Negro woman of Vass, in November, 1947, were rehearsed. W. D. Sabiston, Jr., served as Fowler's attorney, a post to which he was appointed under the statute for paupers.

Acquitted of Rape
Another defendant in a capital case was acquitted at this week's term. Willis Brady, young married man of Highfalls, walked out of the courtroom a free man, as a charge of rape brought by a Highfalls schoolgirl failed to stick. H. F. Seawell, Jr., was attorney in the case, longest of the current term, for which a special all-male venire was drawn. The trial started early Tuesday and continued until Wednesday.

Judge Allen H. Gwyn, of Reidsville is presiding judge at this term of court, which opened Monday at 10 a. m.

Aberdeen Theft Case
Prison terms were handed four Negroes, two men and two women, arrested following the theft of a considerable quantity of clothing from Johnson's Department store at Aberdeen in the spring.

James Kelly Robinson, of Aberdeen and Winston-Salem, was sentenced to two years in prison for receiving, and Willie Robinson received a sentence of not less than three, nor more than five for larceny.

For breaking and entering and larceny, James was given a seven-year prison sentence suspended for eight years, and for breaking and entering, Willie got five years in prison, also suspended. Conditions of the suspended sentences were unusual. Both are to return to Moore county after their non-suspended prison terms are done, secure employment and remain in the county until C. J.

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Tennis Association Planned

The success of last week's tennis tournament and the interest shown during five nights of play has encouraged local supporters of the game to plan the organization of a Southern Pines Tennis association, for sponsorship of more tournaments and general promotion of the game here.

Non-players are more important to such an association than players, according to Angelo Montesanti, Jr., a spokesman for the group which is pushing the plans. Players get out there and play tennis—the non-playing members lend interest and support behind the scenes, exercising their planning abilities to create more opportunities for them to play.

Such an association is seen as important to the sporting life of the Sandhills, opening an entirely new field of interest—or rather one which has lain fallow for a good many years.

An organization meeting will be held Monday at 8 o'clock at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Frank de Costa, Southern Pines Cottages, Highway 1. All who are interested in such an enterprise are invited to attend, said Mr. Montesanti. Officers will be elected and the likelihood is that a project will be offered them right away—another tournament, open to all Sandhills

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Moore County Fair Set Sept. 19-24; Carthage JC's Building Cattle Barn

PARKING METERS?

Everyone has something to say on the subject of parking meters—and Tuesday night you'll have a chance to say it where it will do some good.

A public meeting on the matter will be held at the Church of Wide Fellowship at 8 p. m. Tuesday.

The town board, requested to consider installation of the meters here, has turned the matter over to the Chamber of Commerce for an expression of public opinion. The meeting is their way of getting it.

Hoke Pollock, Chamber of Commerce president, said that members of the Chamber and of the Merchants association are being especially requested to attend, and that all other interested persons will be welcomed.

Harry Lee Brown, Montesanti Win Tennis Trophies

The smooth game of Harry Lee Brown and smashing strokes of "Junior" Montesanti won for them last Friday night the doubles championship and trophy of the First Annual Moore County Closed Tennis tournament, with score of 6-3, 6-4 against a well-matched pair of opponents, A. C. Dawson, Jr., and Page Choate.

Brown is a graduate of the singles championship in a fast match played with Choate earlier in the evening, by a coincidence to the same score—6-3, 6-4. All the games were close and playing was consistently fine, with probably only the fact that the winners had about a 10 years' edge on their opponents in age deciding the scores in their favor.

Mayor C. N. Page presented the trophies.

Brown is a graduate of the University of North Carolina. Montesanti is a student at State college, where he is a member of the varsity tennis team. Both are war veterans in their early 20s.

Interest Mounts
They had a real war on their hands from the start of the tournament Monday, as 20 players entered for singles, and 20 for doubles—26 in all, as a number entered for both. Playing was of consistently high level, and local pride mounted along with the interest.

Grid Practice Starts Monday

Some 20 high school footballers are expected to report Monday morning at High School Memorial field to begin fall grid practice, and preparing for their opening game with Candor High here, September 14.

For the first week the squad will be under the direction of superintendent Weaver filling in for Coach Dawson, who will be taking a short vacation. But the boys and Mr. Weaver are no strangers to one another in football, the superintendent of schools for the past several years volunteering as line coach for the Blue and White.

Football coaches are notorious "blues singers" and Weaver and Dawson, never too loquacious, are not disloyal adherents to the

theme song of their fraternity of "admitting nothing." But it doesn't require a savant or an admission of the coaches to reveal an already discernible fact, and that is this year's Blue and White gridiron edition will be an unknown quantity. Monday's roll call will show that.

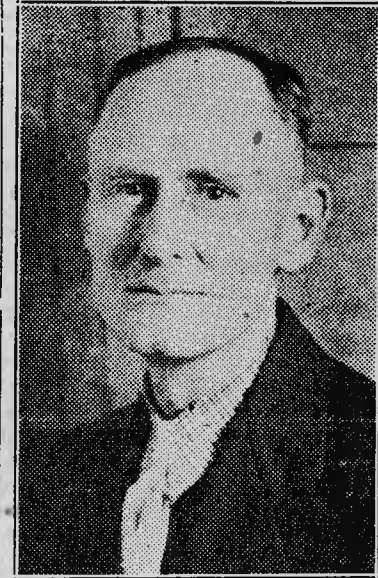
Lettermen Missing
Among the missing will be Freddy Arnette, Gary Mattocks, Richard Kaylor, Bobby Culler, Joe Bennett, and Dillon Short, Arnette, Mattocks, and Kaylor were varsity lettermen, and Culler, Bennett, and Short letter reserves.

Finding replacements for Arnette, Mattocks and Kaylor will be the No. 1 problem of the coaches.

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Town Board Maps Out Areas To Be Annexed

COMMISSIONER



W. J. DUNLAP

Dunlap Appointed Commissioner to Succeed Jackson

William J. Dunlap, Robbins jeweler, was appointed as county commissioner last week to fill the unexpired term of William H. Jackson, Jr., also of Robbins, who died August 5.

The responsibility of making such an appointment is that of the clerk of superior court. In appointing Mr. Dunlap, Clerk of Court John Willcox followed a precedent set 10 years ago.

In March, 1939, when D. G. Crimmon resigned from the county commission, Mr. Willcox named Mr. Dunlap to fill out the unexpired term. Mr. Dunlap then ran for the office in 1940, 1942 and 1944 and was reelected each time.

In 1946, he declined to offer for reelection and Mr. Jackson took his place on the slate and was elected, then reelected in 1948.

With the swearing-in of Mr. Dunlap the county commission will function as a five-man board again, for the first time in a considerable length of time. Mr. Jackson had not been active during several months of his final illness. He had not been able to attend a meeting since his reelection last November.

Mr. Dunlap is a native of Sheffield township, where he was raised on a farm. He is 58 years old.

He has been active in the Democratic party since he was 21, and has always taken an active interest in community and county affairs.

More Kids Had More Fun Than Ever in Summer Program, Closing This Week

The summer recreation program is closing here this week after a 10-week series of events, in which an estimated total of 175 different children have taken part.

Chief events of the final week are a wiener roast for all the kids held Thursday afternoon at Lakeview, and dance for the teenagers this evening (Friday) from 8:30 to 11:30 at the High School.

A. C. Dawson, Jr., director of

the program for the four successive summers of its existence, said that this one "was the most successful ever held here and certainly the most well-balanced." He gave much credit to the volunteers who have helped him with the various activities.

Good Attendance

He said there was no really accurate way of "counting noses" of all the young people who took part. While some came regularly, others came and went. He estimated that the twice-a-week swimming sessions at Lakeview were attended each time by an average of 45 children. Teenagers flocked to the Friday night special events. Thirty-five boys between eight and 14 took part in the baseball program. Other sports drew varying numbers and the High School club with its pingpong tables was in constant use.

The inclusion of cooking, sewing, art and a story hour gave the local program elements many big-city programs do not offer. There was something for everyone, no matter what his age or interest, from the pre-school youngsters right on up.

Volunteers

Director Dawson expressed deep appreciation to the volunteers who worked with him on these and other phases of the program.

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Weymouth, Pinedene, Portion of Country Club Are Included

Seen As Necessary To Growth of Town

The town board in special session at the city hall Friday night found itself of unanimous opinion that the city limits should be extended.

The town is suffering "growing pains," they said, which will grow constantly more painful if it remains restricted within the present close-confining bounds.

They mapped out areas proposed for inclusion in the city limits, and turned over the project to Paul Van Camp for a survey, to estimate costs of extending town utilities to these areas; also to J. D. Arey for a listing of all property owners in the areas and their property evaluations.

Property owners in the areas will be duly notified, with time allowed for discussion and protest. When all information is in a date will be set for a public hearing, according to law, said Mayor C. N. Page.

If at this meeting a petition containing the names of 15 per cent of the property owners, who are also qualified voters, is presented with request for an election, a vote of these property owners will be held.

This is according to a statute passed by the 1947 General Assembly, which substitutes the method of extension by popular will, where it is desired, for the old

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National Guard Inducting 17 at Meeting Tonight

Seventeen men are expected to be sworn in tonight (Friday) as members of the new Moore County unit of the National Guard, in a ceremony to be held at the VFW club on East Broad street at 8 o'clock.

Capt. Clifford Carpenter, commanding officer, said he has asked that the 12 who have already been sworn in also be present at the ceremony at which considerable information concerning activities and duties of the National Guard will be given.

A Technicolor film will also be shown. However, said Captain Carpenter, the meeting will be kept brief. Anyone interested may attend and the men taking part are all asked to bring friends and relatives if they wish.

Total of membership at the close of ceremony will be 29 men, two officers, leaving a minimum of just one more member needed before federal inspection can be made for approval of the local unit.

Four New Applicants

Five new applicants accepted this week, in addition to those previously announced, are Lavonne Tyner and Matthew Poe, Jr., of Southern Pines, William Riley of Aberdeen and Richard Frye and Henson Williams of Manly. Recruiting has been under way five weeks. Among the recruits are men from several towns of Moore county, both veterans and non-veterans.

Among the veterans, who represent all branches of the service, are several non-coms who will enter the unit with their former rank, drawing slightly more than the \$2.50 federal pay per drill session for privates.

Won't Be Long

Drill pay and other benefits will begin as soon as the unit is approved and activated, which in turn is dependent on the securing of the minimum of 30 members. This should not be long, said Captain Carpenter.

An information and recruitment table is set up at the post office each Saturday morning, and application may be made during the week to Captain Carpenter, at 5725; C. S. Patch, Jr., platoon commander, at the Tog shop, or the VFW home on New York avenue.

Mobile X-Ray Unit Will Visit Your Community Soon



This is one of the mobile X-ray units of the state health department which will pay visits to all communities and rural areas in Moore county August 26-October 6, to give all citizens a free chest X-ray. A small proportion of all the population has tuberculosis in its early stages, which if detected early can be dealt with more easily than later. The survey is of greatest value when it is 100 per cent—so make your plans now to visit the mobile unit when it is stationed near your home.