

Hunters Give Prompt Greeting To New Deer Season, Sandhills' Best In Years

Venison Is Main Dish This Week

Some Lose Shirt Tails

The opening of the deer season Saturday saw the hunters starting out promptly, in parties made up all over Moore county and also coming to the Sandhills from all parts of the state.

The deer this year are fine and plentiful, said Game Protector Alex Fields. No sign has been seen in Moore of the illness which has struck them down in many parts of the south, amounting in some places to an epidemic of mysterious origin.

Hunting parties shot some 20 buck the first day, and each day since has brought new accounts of excellent sport. Among the earliest parties in the field were members of the Winston-Salem Gun club, who got nine deer, and of the Hamlet Gun club, who got three.

Little sleep was secured by Mr. Fields Saturday morning after midnight, as parties from long distances kept arriving at his home on Morganton road eager to get their licenses and start out. He didn't mind being awakened, though, he said—he's proud of Moore's deer hunting reputation, "the finest in the state," and the more who come to enjoy the sport the better he likes—provided they observe all the laws.

No Protector Chosen

He is being assisted this year by Woodrow McDonald, of the Old Bethesda road, who was sworn in September 2 as deputy game protector and will become county protector November 1, when Mr. Fields will retire after 21 years of service.

Announcement of the approval of Mr. McDonald for the job by the State Wildlife Commission, (Continued on Page 5)

GOOD SCORE

The four Robson brothers, who have been deerhunting together since childhood, went after the buck in southern Moore this week for a 100 per cent score.

Monday morning early, Hurschel shot a five-point buck, William a 10-point; Tuesday, Edwin got an eight-point, Lawrence a six-point.

Their father, Vander, went with the boys as usual. His score so far—zero. That's all right, he says; his tally for a lifetime of good hunting in the Sandhills is around 40 deer and will be more. Hurschel's kill was his 37th; William's, the 18th or 20th; for Edwin and Lawrence, this week's kill was their first.

All live at the Robson home near Southern Pines except William, who is from Rockingham.

Greenwood Will Be Speaker At Merchants' Meet

Thompson Greenwood, of Raleigh, assistant executive of the N. C. Merchants association, will address an open meeting of Sandhills merchants at the Church of Wide Fellowship at 8 p. m., next Thursday.

Mr. Greenwood, a well-known newsman and columnist in addition to his statewide work with retailers, is coming here under auspices of the Southern Pines Merchants association, to speak on the work of the state and local groups and ways in which merchants can cooperate for better business in their own communities.

Merchants of Pinehurst, Aberdeen, Carthage and other towns of the section are being given an special invitation to attend the meeting.

Mr. Greenwood was asked here as speaker for the local Merchants' Association annual meeting this week, but could not come at that time. It was decided to have the local meeting, with election of officers and other business, at the scheduled time, and meet again next week with guests from the surrounding area for the special purpose of hearing Mr. Greenwood.

TITLE WINNER



Dorothy Ann Swisher, 17-year-old member of the junior class, won the title of Miss Southern Pines in a lively contest held at the local high school last week, and will represent this community at the Carolinas Christmas festival to be held November 16 at Charlotte.

Music Lovers Will Meet Tuesday To Plan For Concert

If plans materialize as discussed by a group of music lovers, meeting in the Southern Pines library Tuesday night, the Sandhills will be able to enjoy a concert by the State Symphony orchestra this coming spring.

The meeting took place in response to a letter sent out by Mrs. James Boyd, Eugene Stevens and Voit Gilmore. Some 17 people in all, with Mr. Gilmore as temporary chairman, and Mrs. William F. Hollister serving as secretary, joined in a discussion which covered various angles dealing with the bringing of music to the Sandhills.

The State Symphony Concert was set as the major goal.

Though the talk was informal there was no doubt of the earnestness of all present to add this attraction to this section's program of seasonal events.

Mr. Gilmore described a talk he and William F. Henderson had had with Benjamin Swalin, director of the orchestra. Dr. Swalin had outlined the whole proposition and offered to come down himself later and talk it over with all those who were interested.

The consensus appeared to be that not only the symphony but (Continued on Page 5)

Rodeo, Aesop Get Colorful Treatment In Newly Published Books By Rounds

Glen Rounds has done it again—or rather, twice again, with the publication of two more of the handsome juvenile books for

One Killed, Five Injured In Crash On Pinehurst Road

A driver failed to keep his eyes on the road—and the next instant a car and a pickup truck were twisted steel and shattered glass, while in them and on the road lay a dead or dying woman, four adults and four children, all injured but a tiny baby in its mother's arms.

Mrs. Minerva Ann Hays, of Seagrave, Rt. 1, became Moore county's eighth highway casualty of the year in the collision on the Pinehurst-Jackson Springs road, about four miles from Pinehurst, Sunday about 4 p. m. Her son, Walter Vernon Hayes, 19, who was driving the pickup, giving his mother, sister and his sister's three small children a ride, came over the crest of the hill and saw the approaching car.

He told Patrolman J. P. Rhyne that, when he saw the driver was looking the other way, he blew (Continued on Page 5)

Citizen Petitions Recommend Clark, Ask Tennis Courts

Town Board Gets Two Requests With Many Signatures

Two petitions were presented to the town board at its October meeting held last Thursday evening, one presenting the name of Lloyd T. Clark to fill a vacancy on the board, the other asking the construction of two new tennis courts beside the present pair on the town park.

Petitions bearing the signatures of 214 citizens asking Mr. Clark's election were presented by Harry Fullenwider, Joe Garzik and Herbert N. Cameron. Mr. Fullenwider spoke in behalf of the petitioners, recommending Mr. Clark as a civic-minded citizen and tireless worker for the community's good, respected for his achievements and cooperative spirit.

Mr. Clark was nominated for town commissioner at the election held last May but declined at that time to run. The 214 signatures number more than the votes received by any one commissioner in May except the top man, L. V. O'Callaghan, who had 215 votes. E. C. Stevens, second high, had 211.

Mayor C. N. Page, paying personal tribute to Mr. Clark's accomplishments, said the request would be duly considered by the board.

More Tennis Courts?

Signatures on the voluminous petitions presented by the proponents of more tennis courts were uncounted but represented, they said, not only players but many non-players of the game. Frank de Costa, president of the recently organized Sandhills Tennis association, Walter Harper and Page Choate appeared in behalf of the project.

Local interest in tennis is at such a stage just now, Mr. de Costa said, that more space is urgently needed, or many younger players may become discouraged. Almost every day and night, he noted, games are going on and many are waiting their turn. The Tennis association, formed to foster such interest, is up against the blank wall of inadequate facilities, he said.

He presented a sketch showing how the new courts could be located on the park at the least sacrifice of space and trees.

To Commissioner O'Callaghan's suggestion that the courts might be located somewhere else, using up no public park space, Mr. de Costa said he thought this would not be the same thing; that the high spectator interest here is largely dependent on a central lo- (Continued on Page 5)

AT STATE FAIR

Visitors to the exhibit buildings at the State fair at Raleigh this week will see no more attractive sight than the exhibit of the Southern Pines Elementary school. Led by the eighth grade as coordinator, all grades contributed to the display.

In a space seven by 12 feet, a miniature Southern Pines has been laid out. Considerable artistic license has been taken, but the highlights will be recognized by all familiar with this community—centering, naturally, on the beautiful school building.

Other principal buildings, golf courses, riding rings, pine forests laced with bridge trails are all charmingly presented. A special feature of the decoration is a mass of orchids showing 10 species, given by the Carolina Orchid Gardens.

Beer Referendum Scheduled First Tuesday In March

The county board of elections meeting at Carthage Friday night set the first Tuesday in March as the new date of the countywide beer and wine referendum.

The date had previously been set at November 2, on presentation of petitions circulated under auspices of the Allied Church League. However, the holding of a bond election for a water plant in Southern Pines on September 6 nullified this date as it came within the 60-day limitation prescribed by law.

With the likelihood that another vote will be held in Southern Pines this winter, on extension of the city limits, the problem facing the board of elections was the selection of a date which would be outside the 60-day limitation for this vote at one end, and the primaries of May 29 at the other. The city limits vote here, if it is petitioned at public hearing November 9, must be held by the first week in January to allow the beer vote the first week in March.

If petitions bearing the names of 15 per cent of residents and qualified voters in the areas involved are presented at the hearing on extending the city limits, the election will most likely be held. Notice has been served by opponents of the measure that the petitions have already been circulated and contain a full measure of names and more.

County Workers Busy In One-Week Boy Scout Drive

The first report—only one so far—in the current one-week Boy Scout fund campaign showed the community of Aberdeen repeating its splendid performance of last year in being the first to go over the top.

Under Al Cruce, chairman, who also served in this capacity last year, the Aberdeen workers made their \$400 quota in one day's work, collecting an additional \$200 for local Boy Scout uses.

Other communities are expected to report within a week, said A. L. Burney, county campaign chairman, expressing confidence that the \$4,200 county quota would be speedily amassed.

The value of the Boy Scout program is too well known for support of the citizens to be lacking at this crucial point, he declared.

Community chairmen are as follows: Pinebluff, Leon Wylie, Aberdeen, Al Cruce; Southern Pines, N. L. Hodgkins; Vass, the Lions club; Cameron, L. B. McKeithen; Eureka, T. L. Blue; Carthage, Joe H. Allen; Robbins, Roy McSwain; West End, M. C. McDonald; Pinehurst, Hugh Carter. Each has selected his own group of workers.

H. L. Bryant, principal of the Berkeley school, Aberdeen, accepted the chairmanship of the Negro division for the county, Mr. Burney said. The county funds go toward financing full council and district programs for both white and Negro schools.

The Southern Pines drive got off to a good start with a breakfast held at Jacks Grill Monday morning. The Aberdeen drive also opened with a breakfast.

Contracts Let For Equipment Of New School Buildings

Low Bids Total \$22,744 For Gym, Auditorium, Cafeteria

Contracts were let by the school board last Thursday for most of the major items of equipment for the new auditorium, cafeteria and gymnasium of the Southern Pines High school.

Total of low bids accepted for the auditorium seating, cafeteria tables and chairs, and gymnasium bleachers and backboards was \$22,744, according to Supt. P. J. Weaver. When installed they will give the new buildings a place among the best equipped of the state and section.

All the items are entirely modern and were chosen for practicality and durability as well as usefulness and good looks, Mr. Weaver said.

The 740 auditorium seats, for which the contract went to the Universal Equipment company of Raleigh, were priced singly at \$13.49 for a total of \$9,982. They will be of natural colored wood, with plywood back and blue mohair cushion seat, with serpentine rather than coil-type spring insuring lasting quality as well as comfort.

For Cafeteria Universal also won the contract for 40 cafeteria tables at \$35.56 each, total \$1,430. These are a popular type with strong hardwood frames and formica tops in tan linen effect, permanent glazed and easy to clean.

The Clark Furniture company of Southern Pines was low bidder on 250 Thonet chairs, of bentwood, with saddle seat, a favored modern cafeteria type. At \$6.20 each, these totaled \$1,550. (Continued on Page 5)

Robbins Child Is Fatally Burned

A blonde baby girl, Angelia Elizabeth McNeill, not quite two years old, was fatally burned when her dress caught fire in the yard of her home at Robbins Saturday afternoon.

Angelia had been playing with her half-sister, Gayle, who is a little older. Unknown to their mother, they had discovered a fascinating new game—striking matches and lighting pieces of paper with them. Suddenly a piece of burning paper fell into Angelia's lap. Flames shot up about her body and face.

Inside the house, the mother, Mrs. Holt McNeill, heard the child screaming. She ran out and tried to beat out the flames with her bare hands, severely burning them in the process. The child was rushed to the Moore County hospital, where she died that night.

Funeral services were held Sunday afternoon at the Robbins Baptist church, conducted by the Rev. Reid Harris, pastor. Burial was in Pine Rest cemetery.

Surviving are the mother and father; one half-sister, Gayle, and a half-brother, Billy; the paternal grandfather, Coy McNeill, of Moore county, and the maternal grandparents, who live in South Carolina.

FIRST RETURNS

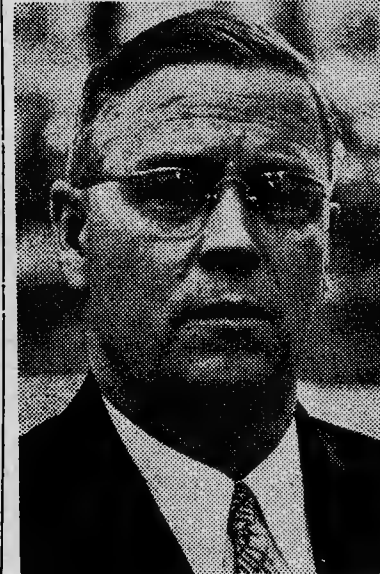
The hospital drive is beginning to take on material form. With the first batch of contributions listed, coming from only the very small portion of Moore County citizens who have been solicited thus far, an idea can be gained as to general progress. \$16,763.42 is the sum chalked up to date to the credit of the "Drivers."

With solicitors only just starting in most localities, the chairman, General Ira T. Wyche, with proper army caution, admits to being "fairly optimistic."

"I am reiterating the policy," General Wyche said, "that the drive will continue until we have attained our goal. The initial policy contemplated canvassing every person in Moore County, and that policy has not been changed."

Resort Inns' Opening Heralds New Season

COMMISSIONER



W. E. BLUE

Walter E. Blue Succeeds Ruggles On Town Board

Walter E. Blue, merchant, was elected by the town board in special session last Friday to fill the unexpired term of John S. Ruggles, who resigned as town commissioner recently in order to fill appointment to the State Board of Hospitals Control.

Mr. Blue was sworn in immediately by Mayor C. N. Page.

Though he has been active in community and also in church affairs, this is the first time he has held public office. He is retiring this week as president of the Southern Pines Merchants association, which he has served in this capacity during its first year of life. He is currently serving his second term as a director of the Chamber of Commerce.

Mr. Blue is an elder in the Presbyterian church and Sunday School superintendent of Brownson Memorial church here. In 1948 he was commissioner of the Fayetteville presbytery at the General Assembly held that year in Montreat.

A native of Moore county, he moved to Southern Pines in 1927 and was manager of Pender's store (now Colonial Stores, Inc.) for 11 years. He resigned to become a partner in the Modern Market, which opened in September, 1937, of which he is now sole owner and manager.

He is married to the former Miss Lola Blanche Poole and they have two children, Walter E. Blue, Jr., a student at State college, Raleigh, and Mrs. Richard Maybin of Toluca.

Elks, Does, Donkeys To Battle It Out Monday In Zoological What-Have-You

The donkeys are coming! If you don't believe it be at the ball park Monday at 8 p. m. for the most incredible, implausible, impossible game of softball ever played here—the Elks vs. the Does, their lady counterparts, mounted on sure-enough donkeys.

Yes, it's a Donkey Softball game, with 15 of the brutes, all sizes, shapes and colors and each with its own distinct personality, according to the manager of their home ranch, the Lazy K.

Each animal, he claims, is a graduate of "Donkey College" and a past master at his own particular specialty—base stealing, sliding, bucking or just plain standing still.

All the players except the pitcher and catcher will be mounted. In their precarious position they have to run bases, field balls and make all the other plays. At the same time they must cope with the donkey's ideas as to how to play the game.

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Mid Pines Host To Meetings, Golf Champions On Staff

Will Follow Soon Other Openings

Like flowers in the spring, resort hotels and entertainment places are popping open this month, bringing in the new season with all the traditional pomp and glory.

The Mid Pines—now to be called officially the Mid Pines club—opened Saturday, following the Carolina hotel at Pinehurst by just two days. The changing of the name should entitle this popular hostelry to full USGA club recognition, and golf events are expected to be stepped up in both quality and quantity through this new development.

Three New England state champions are on the hotel staff this year—Ruth Woodward, Massachusetts; Pat O'Sullivan, Connecticut, and Mae Murray, four-time title-winner in Vermont. Johnny Bulla will be associated with the club as playing pro, taking time out only to make the winter circuit and returning here in the spring. Bulla's assistant at the Westmoreland club, Pittsburgh, Pa., Zeke Browning, will be resident professional.

The Mid Pines club has already hung out the flags for two large and distinguished meetings during its opening week, the N. C. Urological association, which brought 60 medical men and their guests for their 19th annual meeting, and more than 100 factory and sales executives of the great Burlington Mills, convening today.

The textile men will spend this week end in golf and social activities. Several department heads from New York City are to be present.

Next week, the Mid Pines will be host to two more distinguished groups—the Automobile Dealers of Virginia and North Carolina, meeting Wednesday and Thursday, and on the week end, the 33rd semiannual Homer S. Cummings golf party of 50 or 60 nationally known legal, judicial and political headliners.

The former U. S. Attorney General and his friends have been coming to the Sandhills since 1932, and nobody ever has a better time than they. A tournament is held, and a trophy and consolation are awarded.

Hollywood Hotel The Hollywood hotel will open Sunday, October 30, with the N.C. Presswomen's association as their first convention. The presswomen, representing editorial and news departments of almost all (Continued on Page 5)

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