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Southern Pines Bids for Consideration As Site of New U. S. Air Force Academy

Chamber Application To Site Committee Presents Advantages

The Chamber of Commerce has put in a bid for consideration of Southern Pines as the site of the proposed new U. S. Air Force academy, according to Harry Fullenwider, president.

On learning that sites were to be studied by army engineers, and that the deadline for applications was December 31, Mr. Fullenwider wrote members of the site committee at Washington, D. C., in behalf of the Chamber. The action was unofficially approved by a group of directors meeting (without a quorum) at the regular session time Tuesday night.

Head of the site committee is Gen. Carl Spaatz, former Air Force chief of staff, appointed to the job by Air Secretary John Lieut. Gen. Hubert R. Harmon, senior Air Force member of the military staff of the United Nations, and Maj. Gen. David M. Schletton, assistant chief of staff of operations for atomic energy.

Mr. Fullenwider said he sent a copy of the letter also to Gen. Hoyt S. Vandenberg, present chief of staff of the U. S. Air Force, as a person whose opinion should carry weight and who is well acquainted with Southern Pines and the Sandhills.

Goldsboro (Seymour Johnson field) so far is the only site known to be on the "recommended" list for the engineers' inspection. Whether sites in other states are being considered, and where they are, has not been revealed.

Requirements are said to include adequate water and other utilities, suitable climate and nearness to a large population center. It is also said to be considered desirable (though not essential) that a civilian airfield be located nearby.

A tract of some 9,000 acres will be needed, it was learned, for the site of the proposed academy, which is to be the Air Force what West Point is to the Army and Annapolis to the Navy. A student body of 2,500 to 5,000 cadets is anticipated.

In his letter Mr. Fullenwider pointed out the advantages of utilities and climate to be found here; the current local water system expansion program; the proximity of Fayetteville and Fort Bragg, and of two civilian airfields, Knollwood and Skyline; also the availability of the Camp Mackall area and other nearby acreage.

The directors agreed wholeheartedly that Southern Pines has priceless advantages to offer and that "this can be the biggest thing that ever happened here—IF! That 'if' was the big question as they considered ways and means (Continued on page 5)

COAL CRISIS

Rep. C. B. Deane is doing what he can to help in the current coal crisis, which has emptied local coal bins and created a menacing situation.

In answer to a telegram of the Chamber of Commerce, the Eighth District congressman wrote: "I have already been in touch with the authorities regarding the urgency of this situation, and wish to assure you that I will continue to meet this problem in every way possible."

Harry Fullenwider, Chamber president, last week sent telegrams to President Truman, Governor Scott, Representative Deane and Senators Hoey and Graham calling their attention to the critical situation. Hoey wired that he would take up the matter with the President.

In the meantime, mild weather continues to stave off disaster.

Toys For Children Overseas Will Be Sought Next Week

Collection boxes have been placed at O'Callaghan's Appliance store and the Broad Street drug store for toys to help swell the American Legion's "Tide of Toys" for European children, this week said Charles W. Swoope, commander of the Sandhills post.

School authorities will be asked to cooperate also when school starts next week, and the aid of all children and their parents will be enlisted in the collection which is due to end Saturday, January 7.

Notes of greeting and good will, with the names and addresses of their donors, should be attached to the toys to go with them to their new owners overseas if desired. Also, the donors may specify if they wish, by means of a tag, to which country they would particularly like their gifts to go.

While used toys as well as new ones are requested, these should be in good condition, requiring no repairs before they are shipped overseas as ambassadors of friendship between the children of America and those of the lands recently ravaged by war. The toys should be simple and sturdy. Fragile toys, those electrically powered and breakables such as china dolls or dishes cannot be shipped. Also, said Mr. Swoope, it is specified that no warlike toys be included.

The Sandhill post is cooperating (Continued on Page 5)



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THE PILOT

Pinebluff Lad's Thoughtful Deed Is Honored On Air

Lee Lynch, 11, of near Pinebluff, was honored on a nationwide broadcast Tuesday morning for presence of mind far beyond his years, shown in bringing rescuers to the aid of an aged colored woman who had fallen in a well, last October 5.

Lee will receive a brand-new Schwinn Deluxe bicycle as a gift, said Walter Mason, star of the Mutual Broadcasting System daily (9:15 a. m.) program, "Tell Your Neighbor," which spotlights unusual deeds of neighborliness, thoughtfulness and courage.

Mason said also that a prize will go to Mrs. Alice Hudson, of Pinebluff, who sent in the story of Lee and "Aunt Isabel" Perry. Mrs. Hudson's prize will be a automatic electric "roasterette."

The program was heard over WEEB, whose production manager, Ed Cox, was notified in advance and arranged for Lee, his mother and Mrs. Hudson to be at the station at broadcast time. It was all kept a secret from Lee, who heard the start of the program in the family car on the way to the studio and arrived at WEEB in time to hear his own name on the air, and the big news.

The thrilled, surprised boy was the center of a studio program held following the "Tell Your Neighbor" broadcast. He was "tickled pink," he said in an interview, adding, "Gee, I sure will be able to use that bicycle." Mrs. Hudson was also interviewed.

Not only the drama of the rescue of the aged woman, past 80 years old, but the fact that it was made possible by Lee's daily kindness to her was emphasized in the award. If he had not been in the habit of going each day from his farm home nearby to draw water for her he would never have noticed the torn planking of the porch of her ancient cabin, nor looked down to see her clinging grimly to the side of the well far below.

She had then been in the well more than seven hours, and would undoubtedly soon have lost consciousness and fallen to her death. Lee ran quickly to the nearest telephone, some distance away. Aid came shortly in the form of the Pinebluff fire truck and volunteer (Continued on page 5)

Fourth Graders' Santa With Sleigh, Shepherd Scene Win Display Prizes

NEW YEARS DAY

Local schools will reopen for a full class day Monday, but otherwise a general holiday will be observed in token of the New Year. With both Christmas and New Years falling on Sunday this year, Monday holidays following each one are taking their place for the business people.

Business houses, stores, city offices and the Citizens Bank and Trust company will be closed.

At the post office, windows will be open from 8 to 10 a. m. Mail will be distributed in the boxes as usual throughout the day.

In Carthage, county offices will be closed, county commissioners will hold their January meeting Tuesday instead of Monday, and recorders court—the first session since December 19—will be held Tuesday. Jury trials ordinarily held the first Tuesday in the month are set for the following Tuesday.

32nd Field Trials

Open At Pinehurst

The annual field trials of the Pinehurst Field Trial club will be run at Pinehurst beginning Monday, and continuing through the week. Drawings for the amateur stakes, the first two stakes to be run, will be made Sunday evening at the Holly Inn, headquarters for the meeting.

Judging the five-stake program will be Elias C. Vail, Kankakee, Ill. Associated with Vail will be two other judges, Hoover Black, of Charlotte, in the open stakes, and Edward Donovan, Stamford, Conn., in the amateur.

The meet will open with the Amateur All Age for the Shore Memorial trophy. Second stake will be the Amateur Derby, open to dogs whelped on or after January 1, 1948, and handled by amateurs. Then comes the Open Puppy Stakes, open to dogs whelped on or after January 1 (Continued on Page 5)

Judges Announce List of Choices In Chamber Contest

First place winners in the Chamber of Commerce Christmas display contest were, for the business district, the smiling gift-laden Santa in the window of Tots Toggery, and, for the residential, the lifelike shepherds and their flock at the home of Mrs. W. A. Benson on West Vermont avenue, between Bennett and Page.

These will receive prizes of \$10 each, said Harry Fullenwider, Chamber of Commerce president. Other winners were announced as follows:

Business district—second prize (\$5), Paul T. Barnum, Inc., Inc.; honorable mention, John C. Parrish, franjeans.

Residential—second prize, a tie (\$2.50 each) between homes of Dr. Vida McLeod, North Ridge street, and the Sydney Everts, Massachusetts Avenue extension; honorable mention, Mr. and Mrs. James R. McCabe, May street at Massachusetts, and Mr. and Mrs. Fred Chappell, North Ridge.

The Tots Toggery prize is actually that of the fourth grade of the elementary school, and is the second consecutive such prize they have won with a display made originally for their schoolroom, then placed in Tots Toggery window for all to enjoy. The fat Santa in his sleigh, with his team of sparkling reindeer against a panoramic backdrop is the clever handiwork of the fourth graders themselves. Miss Bess McIntyre is their teacher.

The picturesque scene at the Benson home, winner of the residential contest, is one of the most unusual ever seen here and is drawing many visitors each night. In the yard of the cottage home a floodlight illuminates three life-size shepherds in Biblical garb, with five woolly sheep. In attitudes of wonder they are facing a brilliant star.

Judges in the contest were Mrs. E. Nolley Jackson, Mrs. Claude Reams and Mrs. R. W. McMillan. While displays were fewer this year, they included some of unusual beauty and originality, making the judges' task no easy one.

HS-Alumni Game Will Open New Gym Tonight

Big Turnout Seen For Annual Classic

The annual Southern Pines basketball classic, the High School-Alumni game, will be held at 7:30 tonight (Friday) in the new gym.

The final word is that everything is all set for the "Big Game" tonight. For the uninitiated the "Big Game" is the annual High School-Alumni basketball game with both boys and girls teams participating. For sheer excitement and thrills the game will probably be the best seen on the local court this season. It also marks the unofficial opening of the new gymnasium, and a holiday greeting and welcome to the

One Youth Hurt, Five Escape As Car Overtakes

One young man was injured and five others escaped with minor hurts when the car in which they were riding overturned early Wednesday morning on Pennsylvania avenue, near the stoptight in West Southern Pines. The car, a 1942 Chevrolet sedan belonging to Mrs. Fred H. Arnette, was demolished.

The car was driven by Fred Arnette, Jr., 21. City police, who investigated, said it apparently skidded, hit the sandy shoulder and turned over several times, landing upright.

Edward Nicholson, 20, who was thrown from the car, was picked up by a passerby, Douglas Leslie, of West Massachusetts avenue, and taken to St. Joseph of the Pines hospital. He was found to have sustained a slight concussion, two fractured vertebrae, a fractured finger and a severe cut on his left hand. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. S. O. Nicholson and a former U. S. Marine, now a senior at the Southern Pines High school.

Arnette, a freshman student at Atlantic Christian college, also went to St. Joseph's, where he remained as a patient for observation. Others in the car were Jack Ruggles, Proctor Goldsmith, Francis Shea and Elmer Andrews. All are from Southern Pines, and had been attending a holiday dance near town.

Chief C. E. Newton said young Arnette would be charged with careless and reckless driving resulting in an accident and causing bodily injury, for trial at recorders court.

students of the past and present who have played a great part in making the new building program possible.

Always drawing a packed house, the game this year will have an added attraction. Don't ask us how it happened but Coach Dawson and Superintendent Weaver ordinarily an inseparable pair, for the game tonight will be opposing coaches sitting on opposite benches—Weaver as coach of the alumni boys' teams, Dawson for the regular Blue and White.

Miss Aline Todd, who coached the girls last year and this year is on leave taking her master's degree at the University, will be back to handle coaching for the alumni girls. Coach Leonard, who has been doing a swell job coaching the offensive for the high school girls this year, will be on their bench Friday night.

Now for the game itself—at the moment both alumni teams are favored, but only slightly. Last year the high school split the double bill, the boys winning theirs by a one point margin and the girls dropping theirs by a wide differential.

There will be several family pairs pitted against each other in this game, too. For the girls, Shirley Dana will try to outscore her southpaw sister Pete Dana on the high school team. Ruth Guin Straka, class of '47, will be facing Barbara Guin; Pat Caddell against Faye Caddell; Bailey against Bailey; Stephenson against Stephenson. For the boys, Chan Page will square off against younger brother Andy; Gary Matlocks against brother Dick; Milton Kaylor against Richard; Ed Newton vs. Richard Newton, Worsham against Worsham and there may be more of them.

Coach Weaver, if he chooses, may start the winners of the Eastern Championship for 1946, a team that dropped only two games for the season, and piled up a 17 straight victory string before it was snapped by Kernersville in the state final. This team had Worsham and Page at forwards, John Neal at center, with Drennan Mann and Tommy Grey at the guards. To add insult to injury, he could rest this outfit with Maples and Sledge as forwards, Harrington at center, Matlocks, Grey, Tink Bowen, Brown, or Arnette at the guards.

Dawson says that he will start Page and Dickerson forwards, Baker at center, Copley and Stuart at guards. This team has won two starts, is developing slowly, but lack of reserve strength is going to hurt. But the opposing coaches say both the alumni and high school squads "have been ready. Period."

(Pictures of gymnasium on Page 9.)

Carolina Hotel Will Celebrate Golden Anniversary; First Opened Its Doors At Pinehurst January 1, 1900

One of the most notable landmarks in the State of North Carolina, keeping pace with the 20th century, will celebrate its fiftieth birthday on New Year's day. The place which can claim the distinction of having welcomed more visitors from the rest of America in that half century than any other in North Carolina, is the Carolina hotel, Pinehurst.

Acclaimed as the "Queen of

the South" when it opened its doors for the first time January 1, 1900, the Carolina has played an important part in Pinehurst's attraction for the many scores of thousands of people who have come here from all over the United States and foreign countries since that time. By simply being the goal for so many out-of-state people, it has been a continuous asset to the Tar Heel

State. When the Carolina first opened, this resort, now famous wherever golf is played, was much further away in terms of travel from the northern and eastern parts of the country than it is today. It took the best part of 24 hours by rail to get to the Sandhills from New York or Boston, while the journey by road was a major expedition fraught with all kinds of hazards.

It was not until 1911, in fact, that the first through automobile journey from New England to Pinehurst was completed. It took the three intrepid pioneers who made that trip nearly 12 days to get here from Boston, Mass.!

The big hotel, which stands in its own park and can accommodate 475 winter guests at a time, is marking its golden anniversary with a number of events featured by a strong nostalgic touch. Manager W. J. Fitzgibbon has arranged, for instance, that on Sunday the hotel orchestra will play the same concert program that was given in the first musical program ever played there, in January, 1901. Monday evening there will be a Golden Anniversary dinner, duplicating the first diner served in the hotel.

On display in one of the hotel's sun terraces is a large exhibition

of early photographs of the Carolina and Pinehurst. These include shots showing the days when Pinehurst village was surrounded by its own "iron curtain," a wire fence erected to exclude from the resort's gardens the horde of wild hogs which then inhabited the area. There are pictures of the early golfing days which are an important link with the development of the game in this country, for Pinehurst is acknowledged to have been one of the foremost centers in popularizing the royal and ancient game. The exhibition has created great interest among the many residents and winter guests who have known the resort for very many years and is fascinating for visitors who do not remember Pinehurst in the days when even its trees were growing up.

Later in the season there will be a "Turn of the Century" ball, with costumes of the period in order. Among other appropriate events will be some odd golf matches in which it is planned to pit the early implements of the game against the modern ones, and in other ways celebrate the game which more than anything else has made Pinehurst such a magnet for so many from far and near.



(Left) A modern view of the great Carolina, and (right) as it looked near the start of its first half century.