

Poppy Day For Veterans' Aid Set April 29

Everyone in Southern Pines will be given an opportunity to wear a memorial poppy in honor of the war dead on Poppy day, Saturday, April 29, under plans for observance of the day which were completed at a meeting of the Sandhills unit, American Legion auxiliary, last week.

The observance will be directed by Mrs. Virgil P. Clark, president of the Auxiliary, who will be assisted by members of the organization, and by high school girls who will sell the poppies.

All contributions given for the poppies will go to support American Legion and Auxiliary welfare work for disabled veterans and needy children of veterans.

Poppies for the day have been ordered from the Veterans hospital at Fayetteville, where they are being made by disabled war veterans. They are crepe paper replicas of the wild poppies which bloomed "between the crosses, row on row" in the war cemeteries in France and Belgium, and which have become the memorial flower of the English-speaking world. Making the poppies provides employment for thousands of veterans unable to do other work.

Mrs. Dan R. McNeill Wins Prize In Newspaper Contest

Mrs. Dan R. McNeill has received an autographed copy of Fulton Oursler's popular book, "The Greatest Story Ever Told," presented to her by Grady Cole as a prize in a Charlotte News contest.

The book, in condensed form, is appearing serially in that paper, and four contests are being run, one for each unit of 10 chapters, with a \$25 war bond and nine books being given in each contest for the 10 best letters sent in regarding the chapters. Mrs. McNeill's winning entry was on Chapter 27 and her name appeared in the list of winners on April 6.

Mrs. McNeill has been asked to share her winning entry, the body of which follows:

It seems to me that in the last 10 chapters of the story "The Greatest Story Ever Told," the 27th is filled with more significant events closely woven together.

In the Upper Room, the washing of the disciples feet by the Master was of great importance, for it taught them such a wonderful lesson in humility. Jesus says to them: "If I then, being your Lord and Master, have washed your feet, you ought to wash one another's feet. For I have given you an example." He further states that the servant is not

greater than his lord. There must be hidden meaning in this statement, for which of us would think that the servant was greater than the one whom he served? But when we think this particular event through, we know that The Master was willing to act as servant; to humble Himself to give them an example of loving service; to show them that He did not feel too "great" to act as their servant and show them they should never put on a display of "greatness." He shows that he can be their servant, but their Master also. His significant sign when He finished washing Judas' feet, is filled with a depth of meaning too, for He tells him that he (Judas) is not wholly clean. Jesus knows the "end from the beginning," and that Judas will betray Him, and tells him later, as they dip the bread, that he "is the one."

After Judas went out and crouches on the stairway, listening, he hears the rites of the Last Supper being partaken without him; hears the Master when He says: "It is My Body; It is My Blood; Do it in Commemoration of Me." Then, before they leave for Gethsemane, Jesus says: "Peace I leave with you. My Peace I give unto you.—Let not your heart be troubled."

What chapter could be filled with more meaning? The great lesson in humility, commemoration of the Last Supper, the Suffering Saviour telling His dearest friends that He leaves His Peace with them. Oh, what a Master, what a Friend!

HOME FROM ARCTIC

Staff Sgt. Paul M. Fowler, son of Harold M. Fowler, spent the past month at his home here after a year within the arctic circle. He has been stationed at Skull Cliff, Alaska, north of Point Barrow, one of the farthest of U. S. Army outposts.

Sergeant Fowler left last week for his new assignment in a quite different climate, at Keesler Field, Miss., where he will be radar training instructor.

WILL SPEAK HERE



MISS FRANCIE ROWE

Credit Women Will Hear National Officer Speak

Miss Francie Rowe of Washington, D. C., first vice-president of the Credit Women's Breakfast Clubs of North America, will be the featured speaker at the North Carolina clubs' convention at the Hollywood hotel here Sunday through Tuesday, May 7-9.

She will speak at the Monday luncheon and install the new officers at the final session.

Upwards of 125 women, representing 21 clubs, will participate in the three-day gathering, which is to be held in conjunction with the 1950 convention of the N. C. Merchants association.

Mrs. Mary Etta Johnson of Winston-Salem, retiring president of the N. C. Credit Women's Breakfast Clubs, will preside. Sessions will be held at the Hollywood hotel and Highland Pines Inn.

Officers assisting Mrs. Johnson include: Mrs. Hattie Melvin of Greensboro, first vice-president; Mrs. Mary James of Reidsville, vice-president; Mrs. Myrtle McGee of Concord, recording secretary; Mrs. Doris O'Neal of Durham, treasurer; Mrs. Violet Warner of Winston-Salem, corresponding secretary; Mrs. Grace F. Medearis of Winston-Salem, historian; and Miss Ethel Porter of Charlotte, parliamentarian.

Selection of a "Clubwoman of the Year" and presentation of trophies for outstanding accomplishments will be some of the major items before the convention.

Bike Parade Will Climax School Campaign April 29

Kids at the Southern Pines elementary school are getting ready for their big bicycle parade, a feature of their April safety campaign to be held next Saturday afternoon, April 29.

Hour and route of the parade will be announced next week, said Miss Billie Williams, chairman for the campaign in the schools. In the meantime the boys and girls are learning bicycle safety rules, with questionnaire tests. Those passing the tests get certificates of membership in the N. C. Bicycle club, a bike "decal" and the right to ride in the parade.

J. G. Womble, director of the school band, has said his band "positively will" be able to march and play at the same time by April 29, and will appear as a marching unit.

O. D. Griffin, field supervisor of the State Highway Safety Commission and executive secretary of the Southern Pines Safety Council, is making talks to all the elementary grades on street and bicycle safety. The campaign is being held in cooperation with the Safety Council, which promotes a different safety program each month.

Safety films are being shown in both the Southern Pines and West Southern Pines schools.

A one-minute safety film was shown last week at the Sunrise theatre, and is at the Carolina theater, through courtesy of the management of both theaters cooperating with the school campaign.

AT FLORA MACDONALD

Frank Guarrera, 24-year-old Philadelphia baritone, Metropolitan Opera star rated as one of the foremost young artists on today's concert stage, will be presented in a concert at Flora Macdonald college Monday at 8 p. m. This will be the last number of the year's artist series at the college.

Pinebluff Troop Wins Merit Badge Contest For April

Large Number of Awards Made At Court of Honor

Troop 206, up-and-coming Pinebluff Boy Scout aggregation, won honors at the April court of honor Monday night for having earned the largest number of merit badges, "Merit Badge of the Month," in the preceding four-week period. For this each member received a prize of a flint and steel firemaking set. Members of Troop 73 of Southern Pines and Troop 68 of Aberdeen won merit badge sashes for a second-place tie.

Citizenship will be the "Badge of the Month" for May, it was announced by Voit Gilmore, advancement chairman, who presided over the well-attended meeting held at the Page Memorial church in Aberdeen. He introduced R. F. Hoke Pollock, Southern Pines attorney, pinch-hitting for Solicitor W. A. Leland McKeithen in briefing the boys on the meaning of citizenship.

Mr. Pollock outlined the structure of local, county, state and federal government, and counseled the Boy Scouts to take interest in public affairs. A good citizen is first of all an informed citizen, he said, advising them that a good place to begin is with their own town council. Interest in such events as the coming primary would help prepare them for the duty and responsibility of the vote, he said.

Another address of interest was that made by Raymond Smith, a member of the Pinebluff troop, who earned his public speaking

merit badge by his excellent delivery of a talk on camping activities of his troop.

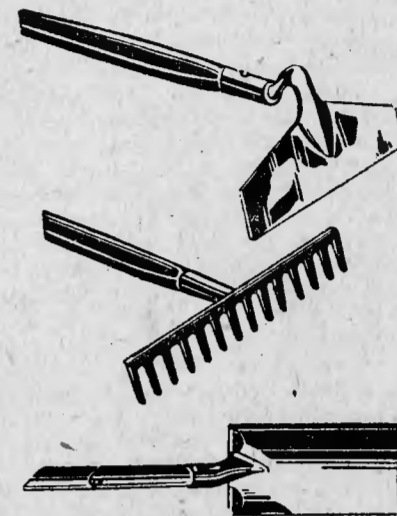
An unusually large number of rank advancements and merit badges were awarded, with the presentations being made by scoutmasters. Outstanding among the awards was that of the Gold Palm to Arthur Rowe, of Aberdeen, already an Eagle Scout and Bronze Palm winner.

Wesley Stoltz, of Southern Pines, led-in group singing, to accompany Mrs. L. D. McDonald, also of Southern Pines.

The meeting was opened with prayer by L. L. Hallman of Aberdeen, district commissioner, and closed with the playing of taps by Michael Lewis, 11-year-old member of the host troop, presented as undoubtedly one of the youngest expert buglers in the country.

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