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## Ulster's Prime Minister And Wife Tour Farms And Orchards of Moore

Sir Basil And  
Lady Brooke Are  
Sandhills Visitors

GRAHAM MANAGER

ink dogwood, iced tea and chicken eaten with the friends outdoors—these have been among the most charming of their new experiences, this week the prime minister of Northern Ireland and his lady, are visiting here.

Sir Basil and Lady Cynthia Brooke are spending the week with their friends Mr. and Ernest L. Ives—unofficially, which is the part they are enjoying best of all.

The pink dogwood, along with the white, they revel in everywhere. The iced tea and fried chicken turned up in a picnic served them by Mr. and Ernest L. Ives, of Jacksonville, whose farm home they visited Tuesday.

The visit was part of a tour of the farming areas on which they were guided by Miss Flora Donald, county home demonstration agent. Mrs. Ives, an old hand at country doings, went along too. But even the home demonstration agent was hard to keep up with the ranging agricultural talk of the distinguished guests.

Their interest in farming is genuine. Sir Basil was Minister of Agriculture before he came to America (with an in-laws as Minister of Commerce). He owns a large farm in Ulster. Lady Brooke is chairman of the Women's Institute in Ulster. This, she explained, is similar to our home demonstration program, except that all are volunteers.

The picnic lunch Sir Basil and Lady Brooke had together with Mr. Rankin on the farm was a camp for U. S. soldiers during the war and Lady Brooke conferred with Mrs. Rankin on deep-freeze processes. Mrs. Rankin had plenty of prize winners. She is one of the prize makers and canners of the Springs home demonstration club, "A delightful time," the visitors' verdict on their day.

They spent the day popping in and out of unexpected places. Dr. T. A. Cheatham and Wade Stevick at Pinehurst, the huge flocks of gobblers and their admiration. They visited the Sandhill Furniture factory at West End, attracted by furniture made from large apple and peach orchards near West End, where Brooke grieved over the killed peach blossoms, but the rich bloom of the (Continued on Page 5)

## Forest Fire-Fighting Crews Continue Yearly War; Eight In One Record Day

EMERGENCY

state of emergency in Moore county Sunday set a new record for the county fire fighting crew of the N. C. Forest Service, already weary and worn with their worst season in many years—or ever.

Old timers say that 1941-42 brought a dry windy season as bad for forest fires as this one. County Forest Warden E. W. Davis says this is the toughest he remembers, and this week repeated his warning to be careful, "With the woods as dry as they are now, anything can start a fire," he said. "It will take not just rain, but several days of it to help much."

Sunday brought the month's total of reportable fires since April 1 up to about 30. These have been interspersed with daily "spot fires" extinguished before much damage is done.

A Saturday alarm by highway patrol radio took the crew to the farm of Naoma Leslie, about three miles out of Carthage toward Sanford, where a fire started to "burn off new ground" got out from under control. About 16 acres of woods were burned over.

Sunday morning, the crew was summoned to Eagle Springs and (Continued on Page 8)

## N. C. Symphony Presents Concerts Here Wednesday

Tickets Are Still  
Available For  
Evening Performance

Some tickets will be available for box-office sale for the N. C. Symphony to be presented at the new school auditorium Wednesday evening, it was learned this week.

With such a large auditorium available for the first time, a "sell-out" could not be made in advance. However, those who wish to have their choice of seats are still advised to buy their tickets before concert time, at the Barnum Realty company on West Broad street.

The famous orchestra of 63 pieces, directed by Dr. Benjamin Swalin of Chapel Hill, will present a free concert for schoolchildren of the county in the afternoon. Tickets have been rationed out to the various schools.

The night program, to begin at 8:30, will present the following selections: Trumpet Voluntary, Purcell; Symphony No. 3, Opus 90, Brahms; Ballet Music from William Tell, Rossini; Arkansas Traveller, arranged by Guion; Rumbalero, Camarata; Ballet Suite No. 1 (two excerpts), Gluck-Mottl; In a Ranch House—Portrait of a Frontier Town, Gillis; Tales from the Vienna Woods, Strauss.

The appearance of the N. C. Symphony orchestra here is the first formal offering of the Sandhills Music association, and the first full orchestral performance for the Sandhills. The acquisition of a new auditorium has made possible the securing of the full N. C. Symphony, rather than the Little Symphony of selected pieces which usually plays in the state's smaller towns. Only state-supported symphony orchestra in the country, it is rated on a par with most of America's fine orchestra, and in its tours about the state has brought the best in orchestral music to many thousands of listeners.

## Baseball Clubs Departing, May Return Next Year

The Jamestown Falcons, with 27 men aboard their special bus, left early Thursday morning for their home base in New York, after three weeks' of spring training here.

The Butler (Pa.) Tigers will depart next Wednesday.

They leave a community well pleased with its venture into being a spring training site, satisfied that pleasure and benefit accrued to both sides and hoping that the boys will come back next year. Besides providing continuing entertainment for the town's baseball fans, they made many friends and numerous homes were opened to them.

Harry Fullenwider, president of the Chamber of Commerce, which was instrumental in helping the two farm clubs of the Detroit Tigers locate here this spring, said, "We have been honored to have the Falcons and Tigers with us. They have been a pleasure to entertain and we are looking forward to their return." Chief of Police Newton said, "They have certainly been the best of guests, giving no trouble at all to our department." Mayor C. N. Page echoed their sentiments.

Falcon Manager Bob Shawkey, (Continued on Page 5)

## POPPY DAY

Buy a poppy tomorrow (Saturday) in honor of our war dead, and help the living veterans too with your contribution.

The scarlet flowers will be sold by high school girls downtown all day, under auspices of the American Legion auxiliary. The poppies were made by veterans at the Fayetteville hospital, who have worked in their beds' shop. The proceeds will go into the auxiliary's fund for needy veterans and the families of the war dead.

"Lest we forget" — don't forget to wear a poppy.

## D-Day For Exercise Swarmer

D-Day for Exercise Swarmer has been set for today (Friday), according to an announcement by Lieut. Gen. Lauris Norstad, commanding general. Early today the first of 32,000 troops are scheduled to be committed into an airhead entirely by air, and supported by equipment and supplies put in by parachutes.

The first action will be the plummeting of elements of the 11th Airborne into the first drop zone near the cantonment area of old Camp Mackall, hitting the ground in approximately the same spot where the 11th was activated in World War 2, seven years ago. The road rip took them into the Pacific war, the postwar occupation of Japan and back to Camp Campbell, Ky., not returning until today to the place of their origin.

After the maneuvers, the 11th Airborne will participate in a ceremony naming the drop zone Luzon, in honor of their Philippine campaign.

General Norstad listed some distinguished visitors who will be on hand before and during the exercise. These include Lieut. Gen. Alvin C. Gillem, commanding general of the Third Army, who served as deputy commander of Exercise Tarheel a year ago; Thomas Finletter, secretary of the Air Force; Gen. Mark Clark, commanding general of the Army Forces at Fort Monroe, Va.; Frank Pace, Secretary of the Army; Gen. Hoyt S. Vandenberg, Chief of the U. S. Air Force; Gen. J. Lawton Collins, Chief of Staff of the U. S. Army.

A total of 671 planes will take part in Exercise Swarmer, with a troop list from the three services involving 60,000 men. The Army's three primary units will be Headquarters V Corps, the 82nd and the 11th Airborne divisions.

More than 26,000 tons of equipment and supplies will be dropped in an extended airlift operation, effecting a buildup to breakout proportions and maintaining a sustained military offensive.

## New Southern Pines Auditorium Is Completed, Will Be Used This Week

Handsome Building  
Will Fill Real  
Community Need

The new school auditorium is getting off to a flying start.

Reckoned one of the finest small school auditoriums in the state, its extra-curricular place in the community promises to be great. If plans for its use by local organizations continue at the present rate, it is sure to rank as one of the most popular, as it is already one of the most attractive of town assets.

Starting with the opening session of the Alcoholics Anonymous convention today, the hall will be used by the Red Cross for a safety program next Tuesday while the following evening, Wednesday, the State Symphony will present their first program in the Sandhills, under the sponsorship of the Music Association.

Built by the Cox Construction Company of Charlotte from the plans of Raleigh school architect, W. H. Dietrich, the hall was, this week, receiving the finishing

touches for its opening. Wiring was being connected up, the floor was about to have its asphalt tiling laid in aisles and lobby and, on the big stage, men were busy with the arrangements for backdrop and wings.

By day the auditorium is a striking sight with the sunshine pouring in through its high wide-opened windows. It strikes across the white walls, shining on the soft brown of the wooden seat-backs topped by their faintly glistening rims of dull chrome. It lights the blue of the seats, the same soft blue as the sky outside.

These seats are comfortable as well as handsome. They are well-designed from the seeing angle, too. Not only is the floor gently sloping, but, by an ingenious device, the seats in the middle section are so arranged that no one is directly behind another. This result is obtained by having seats of three different sizes in each row.

Another unusual feature of the auditorium is its ceiling, made of "acoustical plaster," the finish left soft to act as an absorbent cushion for sound.

The hall, which is 60 by 70 feet, will seat 720 people, and the stage, 28 by 37, is large enough to accommodate symphony orchestras and college glee clubs which, it is hoped, will be among the entertainments to be enjoyed there in the future.

The state symphony orchestra will be the first performers to take the stage. By next Wednesday night, when this famous and beloved group of musicians take their places behind the footlights, the soft grey backdrops and the stage curtains of royal blue are expected to be in place, with matching draperies on the big side windows.

As Director Swalin mounts the podium and raises his baton, next Wednesday evening and the first strains fill the great hall, these sounds, it is confidently believed, will usher in an era of lovely music and delightful entertainment in the Sandhills, in an auditorium worthy of the best, of which every citizen of Moore County may be proud.

## Star-Studded Audience Sees "Big Lift" At Carolina Theatre

Maj. Gen. William H. Tunner, who commanded the Berlin airlift, told a picked audience at the Carolina theatre here Tuesday night that "we are prepared to put on the same operation in defense of our country anywhere, any time, for a period of any duration, regardless of geography or climate."

The showing, which presented "The Big Lift," drama made by Twentieth Century-Fox in Germany during the airlift against the Russian blockade, took place on the eve of D-Day of Exercise Swarmer, on nearby Camp Mackall. In the audience were 50 Army, Air Force and Navy pilots of the Berlin airlift, here to participate in the nine-day airlift climaxing the maneuvers; top brass of the exercise, and of Fort Bragg; retired generals and admirals living in the Sandhills; mayors and their wives, also newspaper ed-

## Alcoholics Anonymous Arriving Today For State Convention Here

MEDAL OF HONOR



Master Sgt. Jake W. Lindsey, a member of the John Boyd post, VFW, of Southern Pines, is one of two holders of the Congressional medal of honor stationed at Fort Bragg. He was the 100th man to be awarded this highest of decorations, for outstanding courage in World War 2.

Sergeant Lindsey, who is from Lucedale, Miss., is taking part in Exercise Swarmer as a jumpmaster with the 505th AIR, 82nd Airborne division.

(Armed Forces Photo)

## Red Cross Plans Tuesday Program At New Auditorium

A public meeting, with a program of varied items of interest, will be held at the new school auditorium at 8 p. m. Tuesday, teeing off the May safety campaign in Southern Pines as the Moore County chapter, American Red Cross, assumes sponsorship for the month.

A demonstration of first aid procedures in both usual and unusual situations will be given by Frank Kaylor, assisted by a number of boys and girls of the Southern Pines schools.

A dramatic film, "Paradise Valley," will be shown, presenting a safety message in 20 technicolor minutes.

L. Lewie Hallman, of Aberdeen, chapter vice chairman, will be master of ceremonies, presenting Ellis D. Fysal, of Atlanta, Red Cross area director of safety services, for a brief address. Another anticipated speaker is Col. James R. Smith, new commander of the State Highway Patrol, though at the Pilot's press time had not been learned if he could come.

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## Local People Take Part In Eventful Three-Day Program

Southern Pines will welcome this weekend several hundred members of AA groups, with many non-member friends, who will attend the Third Annual N. C. Alcoholics Anonymous convention from Friday evening through Sunday afternoon.

They will fill the hotels, motels, guest houses and inns, and for their business sessions and speeches will gather at the new school auditorium, opening for this meeting for the first time. Social functions will center at the Highland Pines Inn, with a Saturday night barbecue at Aberdeen lake.

A richly varied program has been prepared by a committee of the Sandhills Intergroup association, whose local members have worked hard to make this the best of conventions.

Speakers will include distinguished specialists in alcoholic studies, as well as outstanding members of AA.

Saturday afternoon will be turned over to the entertainment of the guests, with a long list of local facilities listed for their benefit—golf courses, tennis courts, theatres, riding stables, fishing lakes, guided tours and a merchants' contest.

The Friday evening session at 8 o'clock at the auditorium will be preceded by a half-hour of music by Jimmy Lawson and his Hammond organ. Mayor C. N. Page will welcome the guests. An AA member will respond, and Walter E. Vassar, of the Vassar Studios at Greensboro, will sing.

Two talks will feature this session, one by Yvelin Gardner, associate director of the national committee for education on alcoholism, with headquarters at the Yale clinic, New Haven, Mass., the other by an AA member of New Brunswick, Canada, a former Southern Pines resident.

The Saturday morning session, opening with organ music by Jimmy Lawson at 9:30, will continue at 10 with two talks by AA members of Baltimore and Chicago.

Address by Sociologist  
A Wadesboro group member will preside over the Saturday evening session, which will offer a super-magic show, "Gordon's Magic Carpet," put on by Scott (Continued on page 5)

## Kids Will Stage Bicycle Parade Saturday 2 p. m.

Boys and girls of the Southern Pines elementary school will hold a bicycle parade Saturday at 2 p. m., to climax the schools' April safety campaign held in cooperation with the Southern Pines Safety Council.

Drummers from the Southern Pines school band, cars filled with town officials and a unit of the Moore County Red Cross, which will take over the safety campaign in May, will also be in the parade.

An escort of police and the State Highway Patrol will conduct the decorated bicycles, with costumed riders, along the chosen route: from the Johnson-Brown Furniture Store corner along West Broad to Vermont, thence to East Broad street and back to the town hall.

More than 100 bicycle riders are expected to take part, according to Miss Billie Williams, faculty safety chairman during the month. More impressive even than the parade will be the knowledge that each rider has passed a bicycle safety test of 40 questions, and each bicycle has been checked for mechanical safety by a high school committee.

Bike decals and membership cards in the N. C. Bicycle Safety club have been awarded the children who took and passed the test, pupils from the third through the eighth grades.

Parade of Heroes  
The occasion constituted the (Continued on Page 5)