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## Sandhills Music Association Meets Plans Five Concerts For Next Year

### Gilmore Takes Helm Again, Same Officers And Board To Serve

Reelection of the board and officers of the Music Association was the reward, or penalty, for their fine work of the winter centered on their leaders by the members of the Sandhills Music Association at their annual meeting last week.

Gathering in the Southern Pines Library last Thursday night, some thirty members of the group heard their president, Voit Gilmore, give reports of the organization's achievements to date, notably the concert of the North Carolina Symphony Orchestra.

Except for two rows in the center section and scattered seats, the auditorium had been full. Many came from all over the county, as well as from outlying towns as far as Rockingham, Fayetteville and Umatilla. Gilmore said that he thought another year would see standing room only.

William F. Henderson, as treasurer, reported that finances were satisfactory with a balance of \$900. Some of this, he said, came from contributions whose donors wished to have the funds main as a backlog for next year's plans.

Congratulations were offered to Ralph Chandler Jr. for her part work on the children's concert and to Dr. and Mrs. W. F. Miller, the energetic and indefatigable co-chairmen of tickets for the main concert. A general vote of thanks to the entire group who carried out the highly successful program was proposed. Mrs. James Boyd, who said she thought "Voit and his co-workers deserve the thanks of the entire group." In a rising vote of thanks, the association voiced hearty commendation.

Election of officers brought about no change in the line-up. C. Stevens, a member of the board, took the floor to propose re-election of the entire slate: Voit Gilmore, chairman, Mrs. (Continued on Page 5)

### RAINING TREE

A strange phenomenon is to be seen these days at the home of Mrs. Louise Butler, 155 North Saylor street—a tree that rains.

Yes—that's right! From an oak tree in the side yard falls a constant fine drizzle. You hardly see it until the drops glisten in the sun. The yard is on a hill, with no water nearby. There had been no natural rain in a week. Yet the tree drizzles away.

The Butler children, Benny Junior and Martha, said they had seen it for several days. It was only this week their mother noticed the odd sight. The Pilot heard about it and went to look.

If there is any natural explanation, we don't remember about it. All we know is, it's true. The oak tree rains!

## Clary Thompson Will Give Address At V-L Finals

Clary Thompson of Washington, D. C., special assistant to Under Secretary of the Army Archibald S. Alexander, will return to his alma mater, Vass-Lakeview High school, to deliver the commencement address next Tuesday evening.

The youngest son of E. B. Thompson of Cameron, Rt. 1 and the late Mrs. Thompson, he is a graduate of Campbell college and the University of North Carolina with a B. S. degree in journalism. He worked on a Winston-Salem newspaper, the Sandhill Citizen and the Sanford Herald before going to Washington, where he first served as special assistant to Secretaries of the Army Royall and Gray. During the war he was a lieutenant commander in the navy.

Diplomas will be awarded the (Continued on Page 5)

## Deane Speach Answers Horner

Congressman C. B. Deane of the Eighth district cast off restraint at Carthage Wednesday night to "lead with his right and then with his left" against "Little Willie Horner of Sanford," who has been contesting Deane's reelection to the House with a campaign of smear and innuendo.

Expressing appreciation for the fine crowd of some 400 Moore County men and women who turned out for the meeting—including a sizeable delegation from Lee county—the Congressman set forth, simply, but forcibly, his principles of service to his constituents "great and small, rich and poor alike."

Then, to the evident relief of the crowd, he took a full-page advertisement placed in local papers by Horner last week, giving a point-by-point program of what the Lee County publisher means to do if nominated—and also what he WILL NOT do. Deane replied decisively to each point.

It was the first time the mild-mannered Congressman had "let go" in the current slugfest, and the crowd loved it.

Rayburn Tribute  
Since the last of the "will nots" concerned the B-36 investigation of more than a year ago, and referred to an editorial written by Dave Clark of Charlotte, in the Textile Bulletin, Deane replied also to this editorial, which has been reprinted and widely circulated by the opposition.

The editorial quoted an unidentified source as stating "Deane would be formally censured by the Speaker of the House in regular session."

Deane read a telegram sent to a Rockingham constituent by Speaker Sam Rayburn expressing his complete confidence in the Eighth District representative, and declaring no censure ever took place or was ever considered.

"I consulted Speaker Rayburn every step of the way. He approved every step," said Congressman Deane. "I have hesitated to draw a man of such calibre into petty local politics, but this has gone too far." He called Dave Clark "labor's worst enemy in North Carolina" and questioned the apparent close interest of a textile magazine in local politics.

Point By Point  
Horner's ad was answered point by point as follows:

Horner: "Will work for farm prosperity and high farm income. Favors the parity price system; is against the Brannan plan."

Deane: "Why, those are the things I've been working for for years. I worked to raise cotton quota allotments and am working now for relief for the poultry growers. Farmers know how I've gone to bat for them. As for the Brannan plan, I understand the opposition is claiming I voted for it. It has never yet come out of committee. No one has voted on it. No one knows what form it will finally take, or if it will be good or bad. I certainly don't intend to close my mind to new ideas. I'm there to try to find out the answers and help solve the problems."

Horner: "Will stay in Washington." (Continued on Page 5)

## US 1 Fatalities: Where does Blame Lie—With Highway Or With Drivers

### Speed, Liquor, Poor Driving Are Factors; Fisher May Act

Is the grim toll of accidents on US Highway 1 the fault of the highway—or of the people who drive along it? The fact that eight people have

been killed on the highway north of Southern Pines, in Moore county—nine, counting a Lee County fatality—within the past few weeks, has drawn concentrated attention to this small stretch of road. The dreadful fact is that this swift accumulation of deaths in a short time climaxes a series recorded over the years, of motorists and pedestrians alike. Mounting high above the death toll is the number of those suffering personal injuries, in the fatal accidents and in many others. Much property damage has also been noted. These accidents seldom "damage" cars, they totally demolish them.

Col. L. R. Fisher, Moore County native who heads the Highway Safety division of the N. C. Department of Motor Vehicles, is paying attention to what is happening. His notice has been called to Highway 1's tragic record by at least two Sandhills citizens—Dr. J. C. Grier, Jr., of Pinehurst, safety services chairman of the Moore County chapter, American Red Cross, and Mrs. Graham Culbreth, who lives at Lakeview close to the highway. Mr. Culbreth owns and operates the Southern Pines pharmacy here.

Col. Fisher Answers  
In answer to Dr. Grier's call, Colonel Fisher pledged that a survey would be made shortly, to see if the highway is at fault. In reply to Mrs. Culbreth's letter telling of her personal experiences with the highway, and observation of its hazards, Colonel Fisher sent a copy of a letter he wrote immediately to Capt. W. B. Lentz, commander of Troop C of the State Highway Patrol at Greensboro. (Continued on Page 14)

## National Guard Spends Weekend On Firing Range

Forty-six men of the local National Guard battery, 98 per cent of the full membership, spent the weekend on the firing range at Fort Bragg for qualification in the shooting of carbines.

Main purpose of the expedition was the training and qualification of the members without previous military experience. So well did the veteran members of the unit do their work as instructors that one of the non-veterans, Pvt. George McDonald, made the best score, 179 out of a possible 200; while another, Pvt. Lave-ne Tyner, placed third with 173.

The men rendezvoused at the drill hall Saturday at 7 a. m. for immediate departure via the battery-owned Army trucks. Reaching the reservation, they pitched camp, then spent the day in instructional firing on the KD2 range. Sunday, firing for record was held on KD2. They returned home Sunday afternoon.

Ninety per cent of the group qualified, and the others will receive further instruction here, in order to qualify while in summer encampment at Camp Stewart, (Continued on Page 8)

## MEMORIAL DAY

The local American Legion post will observe Memorial day Tuesday by holding a brief service at 12 o'clock noon at Mt. Hope cemetery and decorating the graves of veterans of all wars.

Ministers of all churches, all veterans and the public in general are invited to participate, according to D. D. Shields Cameron, who as chairman of the Americanism committee is in active charge of arrangements for the observance. Charles W. Swoope is Legion commander.

Those who have flowers to donate may leave them on the porch of the town hall by 11:30 Tuesday morning, if they are unable to carry them to the cemetery, Mr. Cameron advises.

## Rotary Sponsoring June Campaign Of Safety Council

The Southern Pines Rotary club will sponsor the community safety campaign in June, taking over from the Moore County chapter, American Red Cross, which has done an outstanding job in May.

Garland Pierce, chairman, and Elliott Shearon, Rotary representative, revealed tentative plans for the June campaign at the meeting of the Southern Pines Safety Council, held at the high school Wednesday afternoon. Several angles of safety education will be covered, with the first ones coming early, to reach the young people before school closes. Announcement of definite events will be made next week.

The final May campaign event, the aquatic show at Aberdeen lake at 3 p. m. Sunday, was announced by Dr. John C. Grier, Jr., Red Cross safety services chairman, who also reported on the full month's activities.

Mechanical Inspection  
At the suggestion of Police Chief C. E. Newton, who said many drivers are going about town with faulty lights and other bad equipment, the Council agreed to promote the return of a mechanical inspection law for cars. Chief Newton expressed his belief that such a law would be definitely helpful in accident prevention. (Continued on Page 5)

## Three In Race For Sheriff

C. H. Bennett, owner of a farm, a store and service station at Carthage, is a former Carthage chief of police. He is a candidate for sheriff of Moore county.

C. J. McDonald is probably Moore county's best-known citizen.

He has been sheriff of Moore county for the past 22 years. He has won wide respect in his work and during 1948 served as president of the N. C. Sheriff's association.

He is a member of the Carthage Presbyterian church; a veteran of World War 1, a Kiwanian, Elk, Mason and Legionnaire.

He is a Moore County native, descendant of Scottish pioneers. Born near Jackson Springs, he attended the old Elise academy and Farm Life High school, where he was a member of the first graduating class.

Sheriff McDonald is married to

## Democratic Primary Saturday Climaxes Hard-Fought Contest

### State, District, County Races Arouse Strong Feeling

Democratic voters will go to the polls Saturday to cast their ballots and bring to an end one of the most strenuous campaign periods Moore county, the Eighth district and North Carolina have ever seen.

The polls will be open from 6:30 a. m. to 6:30 p. m. In Southern Pines, the firehouse will be the polling place, with Mrs. Frank H. Kaylor as registrar.

In Aberdeen, voting will be at the Legion hall on Main Street. Political activities will draw

## Moore County Tennis Tourney Starts June 8

The Second Annual Moore County Championship Tennis tournament, sponsored by the Sandhills Tennis association, will be held on the Southern Pines municipal courts beginning Thursday, June 8. Entries must be made, to Harry Lee Brown, Jr., tournament chairman, by next Thursday, June 1.

Events for this year will be men's singles, men's doubles, women's singles and mixed doubles. There will be no junior events, as the juniors have just had their own tournament, also sponsored by the Sandhills association.

The June 1 deadline has been set so that drawings and pairings can be made in time to notify all players by mail of their first match. Positively no one can be permitted to enter after this date, said Chairman Brown.

A good many entries had already been made this week and the full list is expected to be a large one. The play in this section has greatly improved over last year and as yet there is no one who might be considered a favorite to win in any of the events, (Continued on page 8)

their last breaths with the activities of transportation committees bringing voters of differing faiths to the polls, and the distribution of cards at the polls in hopes of switching a last-minute vote.

In Moore county, a last political fling will be taken by supporters of Robert N. Page, Jr., of Aberdeen candidate for Moore County representative in the General Assembly, with the holding of a fish fry this evening (Friday) from 5 o'clock on on the shores of Aberdeen lake. Word from the sponsors is that all voters are invited with an especial welcome for veterans.

In Sanford, also tonight, W. E. Bill Horner, candidate for Congress, will entertain with a street dance, speeches, music and general entertainment.

Otherwise the candidates, of which there is a sizeable list, are expected to take it easy with the feeling that all has been done that can be done, and the rest is on the knees of the gods.

Registration  
Registration held on three Saturdays of April and May put 700 new registrants on the Moore County books, for a total of approximately 8,000, according to S. C. Riddle of Carthage, chairman of the county board of elections.

In Southern Pines, Mrs. Kaylor reported that she had registered between 150 and 175, and the total stands at about 1,075.

Registration proceeded in orderly fashion throughout the county, as far as could be learned, with only one untoward incident. This occurred when a Negro woman in one precinct reported that she was unable to get her name on the books.

The county board of elections, meeting Tuesday night to distribute ballots and check their rules, heard the complaint, tested the candidate, found her qualified according to usual standards and decided to query the Attorney general as to the possibility of getting her name on the primary books Saturday. This may not be possible, as books were closed May 13 and once closed, they stay closed—the law says. Senatorial Race

The contest between U. S. Senator Frank P. Graham and Willis Smith, Raleigh attorney, for the (Continued on Page 5)

## Aquatic Show At Aberdeen Lake Sunday Afternoon

An aquatic show will be given at Aberdeen lake Sunday at 3 p. m. under Red Cross auspices, with the whole county invited—no admission charge.

Safety measures in handling boats, canoes and various types of small watercraft will be demonstrated, with some thrilling "rescues." There will be exhibitions of swimming, diving and lifesaving, staged by a team of experts from the safety services group of the Greensboro chapter, American Red Cross, under the direction of Garland Murray, chairman.

Arrangements for the show have been made by Dr. J. C. Grier Jr., of Pinehurst, safety services chairman of the Moore County chapter, American Red Cross. It will climax a safety campaign which has been under way during the month of May, headed by the Moore County chapter, in cooperation with the Southern Pines Safety Council.

The campaign is one of a series covering all angles of safety, which began with formation of the Safety Council three months ago. In March, traffic safety was stressed in a campaign sponsored by the Southern Pines town board. In April, the schools took over, emphasizing safety for children on streets and highways, in school buses and at home. Next month, the Southern Pines Rotary club will be sponsor, noting the beginning of the vacation season with a campaign on water safety, toward which the current Red Cross campaign, emphasizing all safety services, has led up.

## Four Running For Register



D. A. McDONALD, JR.



BESSIE J. GRIFFIN

Candidates for register of deeds reduced from five to four in James B. Muse, Jr., with a couple of weeks ago—even so, that is more than timers remember ever having in a race for this office.

In fact, it has been a long time there was any kind of race. Miss Bess McCaskill held the job for a good many years, so highly was she regarded it was all hers at election. However, this year Miss McCaskill decided not to run for it.

Another woman is out for the trim, smiling little Mrs. J. Griffin, of Lakeview and she was town clerk of Vass many years. She and her husband live at Lakeview and operate an insurance business at Vass. As gone out enthusiastically to meet the people in the campaign and there is hard public meeting anywhere that does not show up.

A. McDonald, Jr., of Carthage is another out for this position. Mr. McDonald has a long history of county office and responsibility. His was clerk of court for Highfalls.