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C of C Meeting Sees Plans Begun For Coming Season

Membership Report Is Good Though Treasury Bare

Will Have Guest Register. Calendar of Events. Card File of Services

Chamber of Commerce directors in regular meeting Tuesday discussed the coming municipal referendum...

Opened the program of securing conventions for the coming year, asking that any citizen attending a convention check with the secretary, Mrs. Madeline Prim...

Heard a letter from the manager of the Detroit Tigers' farm clubs which held spring training here this year...

Approved the acquiring of a book to serve as a visitors' guest register, to help tourists locate friends in town...

Decided to keep a calendar of coming events for the public, to be posted at the Chamber office and in all the hotels...

Expressed interest in a proposal to sponsor a tri-city directory with Aberdeen and Pinehurst...

Planned a "clean-up, fix-up, paint-up" campaign to be sponsored jointly with the Town...

Foresaw benefits to the Chamber in a project of Mrs. Madeline Prim, secretary...

Were commended by their president, Harry Fullenwider, for their interest and support...

Were reminded that seven new directors, maybe eight, are to be elected in October...

Adjourned with the satisfaction of a busy evening well spent, and with plans for a busy 1950-51 season already getting under way.

SAVINGS BONDS

Moore county is within \$11,000 of the Independence Drive goal, and must buy this amount in Scries E. U. S. Savings bonds by tomorrow (Saturday) if the quota is to be met...

Moore has stayed ahead during the drive and two weeks ago was listed as one of the top 14 North Carolina counties in bond purchases...

FOR THE KIDS

Kids—have you registered for the junior tennis tournament, due to start Monday, July 31?

This will be the first event to follow completion of the two new town courts. Finals will be held at night, under the lights.

The tournament is for two age groups—up through 15 years old, and 16 through 18, with singles and doubles for both boys and girls, also mixed doubles...

The event is part of the summer recreation program, with the Sandhills Tennis association cooperating. Register with Director A. C. Dawson, Jr., at the Foxhole.

For weekly highlights of the summer recreation program, see the schedule printed on Page 5.

W. C. Fownes, Steelman, Golfer Dies At Oakmont

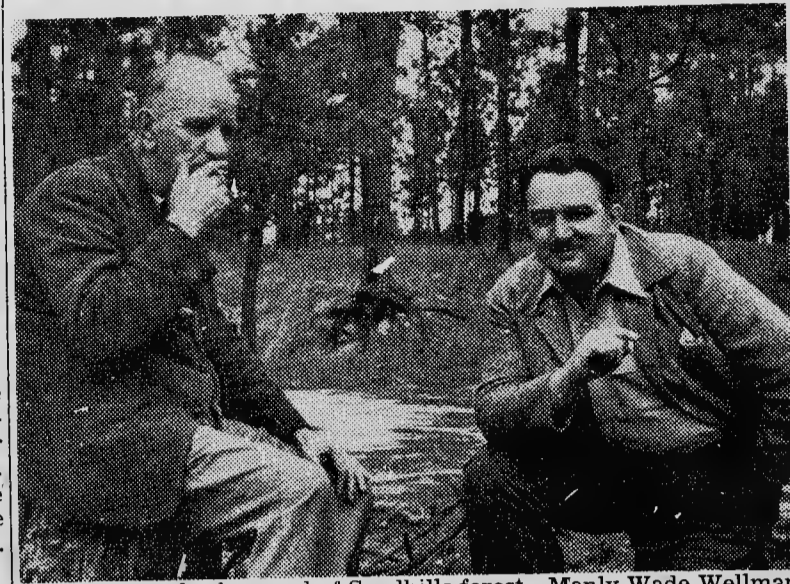
William C. Fownes, Jr., 72, of Southern Pines and Oakmont, Pa., died Tuesday, July 4, at his summer home at Oakmont, following a heart attack suffered in convalescence from an operation performed June 21.

Dr. T. A. Chestam of Pinehurst officiated at the funeral services. Burial was private.

Mr. Fownes was a leading figure in the history of Pittsburgh steel manufacturing, up to his retirement 20 years ago. He was also at the very top in the golf world for a number of years, and was a former National Amateur champion.

Since his retirement in 1920 he spent much of his time at his home in Knollwood here, which includes a modern small farm, and had taken part in the social and golfing life of the Sandhills (Continued on Page 5)

Father Wellman And Author Son



Against a background of Sandhills forest—Manly Wade Wellman, author of "The Raiders of Beaver Lake," with (left) his father Dr. Frederick Creighton Wellman, to whom the book is dedicated. Dr. Wellman, also an author, formerly lived in Pinebluff, now lives in Chapel Hill.

Wellman's New Book For Boys Has Moore County Background And Flavor

Manly Wade Wellman has written a book for boys, laid in Moore county.

"The Raiders of Beaver Lake," issued this month by Thomas Nelson and Sons, is all Moore from the first page, where the hero gets off the train at Aberdeen, to the last, where Randy Hunter and his friends celebrate the plot's happy outcome with a fish fry on the home farm near Drowning creek.

Between Page 1 and Page 160 is a story filled with more adventure and excitement than is generally found in Moore county, made plausible by the lively writing, nature lore and knowledge of boys and their activities which have won Junior Literary Guild

awards for two previous Wellman adventure stories.

Manly Wellman, successful author of 20 years' standing, has lived in Pinebluff three and a half years. He has many interests, Boy Scouts among them, and "The Raiders of Beaver Lake" bears evidence not only of his interest in but his knowledge of scouting, which plays a large part in the plot.

Familiar Touches

He is deeply studious of Moore county history and the general Sandhills scene, and the resulting knowledgeable touches all through the book will delight the adults, as well as the youth, of this area.

Moore county readers will recognize descriptive touches, argue over the precise locale of the farm (Continued on Page 5)

Three Break-Ins And Convict Hunt Keep Police Busy

Covington Picked Up On Highway 1 Monday Afternoon

A break-in Friday night, two more Saturday night and a hunt for an escaped convict in between featured weekend activities of the city police, aided by Sheriff C. J. McDonald and highway patrolmen.

The search for Tom Covington, about 26, escapee from the Granville Prison camp at Oxford, ended Monday afternoon with the news that the man had been picked up by the State Highway Patrol walking north on US 1 in Chatham county, some miles beyond Sanford.

This did not end the search for the person or persons who broke into Patch's Department store and Mack's Five-and-Ten sometime during Saturday night, as Chief C. E. Newton said there was no definite link between these incidents and Covington's presence in the vicinity. Entry at both places was made by breaking the front door glass. At Patch's, nine pairs of slacks were missing from a rack in the Tog Shop, and four fancy mesh T-shirts from a counter box.

At Mack's, cash totaling \$18 in face value—worth considerably more to the owner—was removed from a box in a trunk on the office mezzanine. The 1,400 Indianhead pennies and four old, large-size dollar bills were the personal collection of Mrs. Thelma K. Holt, manager, made over a period of years.

One roll of Indianhead pennies was found Tuesday in a trash can behind the A. P. store, Chief Newton said. None of the rest of the loot was located.

Last Friday morning, the police were called to Diggs cafe, to investigate a break-in in which a piccolo had been broken and robbed of some \$40. Cruising in the neighborhood, they saw a car with South Carolina license parked a block and a half away. Neighbors said it had been there all night. A search revealed that the car was out of gas, and contained papers bearing the name of Samuel F. Clark, of Rockingham.

Checking with Chief Allen of Rockingham, Chief Newton found that Tom Covington, prison camp fugitive, had made his getaway from police there Friday in the Clark car. A companion, William James, was apprehended. Covington had six years to serve for breaking and entry, larceny and auto larceny. The two were reported to have stolen several cars in their flight, running each till the gas gave out.

Fled Into Woods Chief Newton, who knew Covington of old, accompanied by Patrolman Baker sped to the home of Biggie Harrington, father-in-law of the convict, at Manly. As they drove up they saw Covington in the yard. On spying the police car, the man fled into the woods. Radioing from the police car to have bloodhounds sent, the policemen started a search of the woods.

By the time the bloodhounds arrived from Rockingham the trail extended to the woods near Niagara. The animals sniffed their way to a country road where fresh car tracks indicated the fugitive had caught a ride.

Rain falling about that time ended the search efforts, which (Continued on Page 5)

POSTPONED

The opening of the new Collins Department store at Aberdeen has been postponed from Thursday, July 20, to July 27—just a week later.

Fixtures due to be installed this week were delayed, and the store will be open Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, not closed as advertised on Page 11 of this issue.

The news came to The Pilot after the section including the Collins ad was already printed.

First Draft Call Finds Moore Board Unready; War Clouds Gathering

Board Reduced To Two, Chairman Away; No Instructions Are Received As Yet

Gears meshed this week to start up the Selective Service machinery, unused since January 1949, as the two-week-old conflict in Korea began to look like a real war.

Battle news from the front, the

first casualty lists, troop movements and headlines indicating a prolonged struggle caused Americans first to wonder, then to feel a growing certainty—"This is it." The President's fast action and the United Nations' support in meeting the Red Koreans' armed onslaught met with general approval, as representing the only sensible course.

Army units and Marines were summoned to war from the west coast. If there were any general troop movements at Fort Bragg they were not revealed. Selected specialists, however, received word that they were to be transferred overseas.

A number of reserve officers received urgent invitations to return to service. Most felt that the call would become imperative within months—or weeks. Several here have expressed the certainty that their time at home is short.

Commissioners Tentatively Set \$1.10 Tax Rate

The county commissioners, meeting in protracted special session at Carthage Monday, set a tentative tax rate of \$1.10 for the year 1950-51.

This represents a reduction of 10 cents from last year's rate, made possible through the fact that the 1949-50 revenue exceeded expectations.

The new rate is based on a property valuation of \$34,000,000, in round figures. The actual book evaluation resulting from the revaluation of real property which was completed last January is \$34,992,817.

Last year, the budget was based on an estimated valuation of \$31,000,000, conservatively set while the revaluation of real property was still in progress.

Another source of extra revenue was the ABC store tax, which had been estimated at \$116,000, but actually turned out to be in the neighborhood of \$150,000. This year it is being figured in at the full \$150,000, said G. M. Cameron, of Pinehurst, chairman of county commissioners.

Last year's estimated budget totaled \$935,995, of which the tax levy was to provide \$370,255 (after deductions for uncollectibles, collection commissions and taxpayers' discounts). No comparable figures are available for the current year as yet, as the commissioners are still "adjusting."

The amount of money which actually rolled into the county coffers last year, up to and including June 30, final day of the fiscal year, came to approximately \$965,000, according to Miss Maida Jenkins, tax supervisor, who said that of this amount approximately \$421,300 was in ad valorem taxes. About \$79,000 in ad valorem taxes for 1949-50 have yet to come in, Miss Jenkins reported.

Revenue anticipated for last year, it is understood, included the bonds sold for the building of the Aberdeen school, which was included in the capital outlay for schools. This year no such large amount will be available, and it is doubtful that the new budget will equal that for 1949-50.

In making their "adjustments," Mr. Cameron said, many demands are having to be taken into consideration. He said no salaries at all are being raised, as "if we raise any we will have to raise all," which, the board feels, cannot be afforded at this time.

First Draft Call

Saturday, from Selective Service headquarters, word came to set up local boards again "though no one may be drafted for a long time." President Truman authorized increasing the strength of all services to unannounced figures, which might, it was thought, be met by enlistments.

But they decided not to wait. Tuesday came word that the first draft call for 20,000 men is imminent, beginning with the 26-year-olds. North Carolina's quota—400, to be in uniform by September 30.

The news caught Moore county unprepared, and doubtless hurt—(Continued on Page 5)

Beer License Revocation Is Moore's First

The first beer license revocation for Moore county under the state ABC laws was made last Saturday, July 8, said Herman H. Grimm, state beer inspector under the ABC program.

License was revoked for the One-Mile Run Beer parlor, T. A. Smith, proprietor. Address of the beer place is Candor. The One-Mile Run is at the county line, just over the Moore county side.

Arrest of Smith was made in June for having drunks on his premises. The drunks, and also Smith, were arrested. Officers in the case were C. C. McGee, ABC law enforcement officer, and Constable Sharpe of West End.

Smith was given a hearing before Justice of the Peace Hugh P. Kelly at Carthage. Mr. Grimm investigated the case and ordered revocation of the license.

Smith had been in trouble with the ABC officers before, when his license was suspended in January for selling beer to intoxicated persons.

Timely Phone Call From Son Means Miraculous Escape For Mrs. Johnson

Whether by strange chance or the hand of God, Mrs. J. Talbot Johnson of Aberdeen this week had an escape little short of miraculous, from injury or possible death.

Alone in her home Sunday afternoon, she lay down on her bed for a nap. The ring of the bedside telephone woke her from a sound sleep. It was her son Lawrence calling from Asheville, asking her to send a suitcase he had left behind in a closet.

Rubbing the sleep from her eyes, Mrs. Johnson got up to go across the hall and look in the closet. In less than a minute she heard a roaring crash.

The heavy plaster of the ceiling above the bed had come tumbling down on the spot she had just quitted.

The ceiling was plastered more than 30 years ago. The plaster is more than an inch thick. A huge piece falling exactly where Mrs. Johnson had lain was 46 inches long, about a yard wide, sharp-edged and weighing about 150 pounds. Heavy pieces flew about the room. One knocked the telephone to the floor and broke it.

Later investigation indicated that recent rains had soaked into the attic under a loose shingle, weighting the rock wool insulation until—at the moment Mrs. Johnson arose at her son's behest—the plaster suddenly could bear its weight no longer.

Mr. and Mrs. Johnson this week both expressed their thankfulness and wonderment at what had occurred.

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