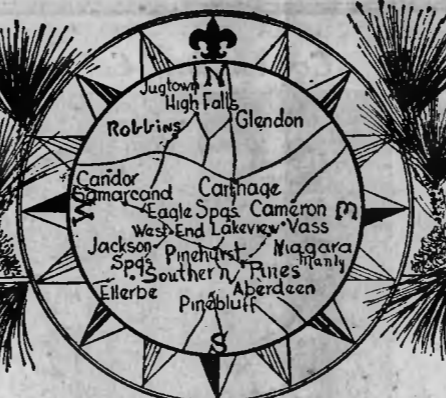


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VOL. 31—NO. 42 12 PAGES THIS WEEK SOUTHERN PINES, NORTH CAROLINA, FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 1950 12 PAGES THIS WEEK TEN CENTS

Six-Man Football Clinic Sessions Friday, Saturday

Game Analyzed For High School Coaches At Statewide Event

Keen local interest centers around North Carolina's first six-man football clinic, to be held here tonight (Friday) and Saturday. High school coaches and principals of a number of small high schools will attend, and interested persons of the community also may sit in.

Tonight, starting at 8 o'clock at the school auditorium, J. A. Phillips of Southern Pines will speak on "Your Team and Its Community Relationships." Principal Cannon of Pinehurst will discuss "Financing Your Six-Man Football Program" and L. J. (Hap) Perry, presiding officer and executive secretary of the sponsoring N. C. High School Athletic association, will interpret rules.

Saturday starting at 10 a. m., several coaches will dissect the game—Coach Park of Curry High, Greensboro; Coach Calhoun of the Junior Order Home at Lexington; Coach Giles of Clemmons, Coach Fussell of Elm City and Coach Dawson of Southern Pines.

A luncheon will be served at 12:30 Saturday in the school cafeteria. Afterward, game movies will be shown, and the group will go to the High School field to observe the Southern Pines squad in game-length scrimmage.

Carthage Church Will Observe Centennial Sunday

Observance of the 100th anniversary of the Carthage Presbyterian church, which was organized the first Sunday in September, 1850, will be held at the church next Saturday and Sunday, September 9 and 10.

The program will open Saturday evening with a supper at 6:30 o'clock in the Currie Memorial building, attended by the visitors, officers of the church and their wives and officers of the Women of the Church.

At 8 p. m., the widely known male quartet of the Lenoir Presbyterian church will give a sacred concert for the public. Ten-minute talks will be given by six ministers who went out from this church: the Rev. J. K. Roberts, Jr., Danville, Va.; the Rev. Philip Roberts, of Fredericksburg, Va.; the Rev. William S. Currie, Greensboro; Col. Walter G. Sugg, Jr., chaplain, USA; the Rev. Frank S. Blue, Linden; and the Rev. D. McL. McDonald, Columbia, S. C.

The Sunday morning (11 o'clock) service will be conducted by the pastor, the Rev. W. S. Golden, and two former pastors, (Continued on Page 8)

2,000 At Red Cross Water Show

Skill and talent in the water were placed brilliantly on display in the Red Cross "aquacade" held Sunday afternoon at Aberdeen



Maj. Gen. W. R. Wolfenbarger, left, commanding general of the Ninth Air Force (Tactical), and Maj. Gen. Williston B. Palmer, commanding general of the 82nd Airborne division, are shown looking over a marker presented to the headquarters of the Ninth Air Force by the 82nd, on their recent transfer for operational purposes to Pope Field. (Army Photo)

Moore Receives First Draft Call

One Polio Victim Worse, Another "Satisfactory"

Martha Ann, two-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Johnson of near Southern Pines, was reported in critical condition this week at Rex hospital, Raleigh, where she has been a polio patient since August 17.

Paralysis which originally affected only her face moved down to her lungs, affecting her breathing. Her life was said to have been saved Monday afternoon by a joint rescue operation of the Durham polio chapter, fire department and Highway Patrol, by which an infant respirator was rushed from Durham to Raleigh after an SOS came from the hospital. Forty minutes after the call went out, the child was in the respirator.

At the same time the condition of little Susan Lynn Carter, nine-months-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Carter of Southern Pines, was reported as "satisfactory." She was expected home this week from Rex hospital, where she has been a polio patient for about two weeks.

Susan was taken ill in South Carolina, where she had been for several weeks. The disease was undoubtedly contracted there, said Dr. J. W. Willcox, county health officer. She was transferred directly from South Carolina to Raleigh. A delayed report came Saturday to the county health department from the state health department. Her case is said to be a light one.

Group Leaves For Fayetteville Tuesday For Examinations

Moore county will send its first group of men to Fayetteville Tuesday for examinations preliminary to induction into the Army, under the reactivated draft laws. The call was for 64 men, said Mrs. Harry Davis, clerk. The local board in regular meeting last week reviewed the files and listed the names of some 70 men, to meet at the draft office at Carthage at 7 a. m. Tuesday and make the trip on two special buses.

Working down the lists by ages from the 26-year-olds, the board members found they had to get down to 22-year-old men before they secured the wanted number. In the older group, Mrs. Davis said, the majority of registrants are veterans of World War 2 or married, and thus not yet subject to draft, or they are 4-F.

After the physical and mental tests are made, those who pass both will return home to await the call, which will come as soon as they are needed. No deferments of the tests are allowable under present laws. However, Mrs. Davis said, in special cases induction may be deferred. These cases include students in high school or college, who may be deferred till the end of the school year, providing they are already attending school when called.

Those who feel they rate deferment of induction should write the draft board on receiving their call, indicating their reasons. No further call is anticipated until October, said the clerk. However she added—you never know.

Mercury Plunges From High To Low

The temperature took a dramatic nose-dive early this week, catching a lightly clad citizenry unprepared as it plunged more than 40 degrees almost overnight.

Summer took a final fling Saturday and Sunday with the hottest weather of the season, hovering little short of 100. The perspiring citizenry welcomed a slight cooling-off with showers Monday—then that night had to go to the blanket chest for extra protection.

The fringe of a coastal squall brought winds, mist and drizzle Tuesday and Wednesday—also goose bumps at temperatures around 55. Visitors were caught with only light summer clothing and several householders started up their furnaces.

By Thursday it was still rather dismal, but the thermometer was climbing a bit. Pleasant weather seemed in the offing as the squally weather passed on up the seaboard.

CIVILIAN DEFENSE

Tentative civilian defense plans for this community will be presented by Donald L. Madigan, director, to the town board for approval next Wednesday night.

He has gone ahead with a plan on request of E. Z. Jones, state civilian defense director, who said he will call a meeting soon of all community defense directors appointed so far. There are about 50 in North Carolina.

Mr. Jones has been in conference with national leaders on the subject, and will bring the group their ideas, also with the help of the community directors will coordinate their plans into a statewide pattern for civilian defense.

Deane Reveals Defense Set-Up At YDC District Rally

Congressman C. B. Deane of Rockingham, speaking at the Eighth District YDC rally at the Southern Pines Country club Saturday night, told more than 100 persons assembled there that "the situation is serious. We are going to have to pay and pay and pay, and tighten our belts."

The job ahead is twofold, he said—"to keep our nation militarily and economically sound, and to avoid an all-out war by all possible means—diplomatically, politically or economically." The cost of global war would be as suicidally great for the winner as for the loser—more than any nation can stand.

Buffet Supper

Hubert McCaskill, of Pinehurst, district chairman, presided over the meeting, held in the club's ballroom following an outdoor buffet supper. Paul Butler asked a blessing. W. Lamont Brown, of Pinebluff, gave a greeting from the Moore County club. Rep. H. Clifton Blue of Aberdeen introduced some outstanding guests, including Henry Bridges, state auditor, and Waldo Cheek, state insurance commissioner; several nominees for both House and Senate of the General Assembly; senior party and YDC officials of seven counties of the district.

Groups were present from Anson, Hoke, Moore, Montgomery, Scotland, Union and Richmond counties. The assemblage unanimously endorsed the candidacy of Miss Edith Marsh, of Monroe, for national committeewoman, following a ringing speech made by Henry Hill, president of the Union County club.

Shows Bikini Film
Congressman Deane, presented by T. R. Phillips of Carthage, presented a spirited defense of the administration's military preparations. His speech followed the showing of a color film he brought (Continued on Page 8)

Enrollment Is Up In Local Schools

Big Increase In Elementary Departments

Southern Pines schools opened Wednesday with an enrollment of 816 for all schools, 93 more than the opening day enrollment last year. The increase was all, so far, in the elementary department.

According to past experience, the figure will mount all year. The next two weeks will bring a good many additions and these are especially important, according to Sept. P. J. Weaver. The registration figure at the end of the first two weeks will be the state's basis for determining whether additional teachers should be allotted.

The faculty has already gained one teacher over last year, and two or more may be added.

Enrollment in the separate schools Wednesday was reported as follows (1949 figures in parentheses for comparison):

White—high school, 113 (125); elementary, 370 (349).

Negro—high school, 70 (66); elementary, 263 (193).

Total first-day elementary registration jumped from 532 last year to 633 this year, a gain of 101 in the white and Negro schools.

In the high schools, this year's figure was 183, a loss of eight from last year's 191. This is expected to be more than made up within the next two weeks. Some students are still out of town, and some of the Negro boys and girls are still busy on farms.

At the Southern Pines elementary school, one first grade and one second grade were placed in the home economics cottage as they could not be accommodated in the 10-classroom school. The construction of four new classrooms, two of them to be finished this fall, was due to begin yesterday.

Cafeteria Delay
Present prospects are that the new cafeteria will not go into operation until Monday, September 18, or even later, as some of the equipment still has not arrived, Mr. Weaver said.

The first assembly of the Southern Pines school will be held this morning (Friday), bringing the student body together in their new auditorium for the first time and marking the official start of classes on regular schedule.

School opens today at 8:30 a. m. First and second grades will let out at 1:15 p. m. for two weeks, then at 1:45; the third and fourth grade sessions end at 2:15, and high school classes at 2:45.

New Teachers

The schoolchildren greeted several new teachers of whom one had not been previously announced—Miss Edie Dantzler, of Woodford, S. C., who succeeds Miss Elizabeth Sawyer on the elementary school faculty. Miss Sawyer resigned about two weeks ago to go into other work.

Miss Dantzler is a graduate of Winthrop college, Rock Hill, S. C., taught for several years at Charleston, S. C., and comes to Southern Pines from the schools of Arlington, Va.

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Pinehurst School Is Completely Destroyed In Midnight Blaze



Audrey West Brown, 20, this community's first state tennis champion, who made a clean sweep at the N. C. Closed Tournament at Greensboro last week. She came out as singles champion, co-champion (with Mary Ruth Davis) in the doubles, and winner (with her brother Harry) of a special non-official invitational mixed doubles event.

At Carolina, where she will be a senior this year, Audrey plans to get in some special tennis instruction and lots of hard practice during the coming months. She is shown above with the trophy she won as singles winner in the Sandhills Open, held here last month.

Supreme Court Will Rule On Beer-Wine Vote

The N. C. Supreme Court will have the chance to rule on the validity of the Moore county beer and wine vote of August 26, attorneys in the case said this week.

Notice of intention to appeal was given at a hearing before Judge Hoyle Sink August 22, when Judge Sink turned down the injunction plea of a group of citizens who contended the vote would be illegal if held. The appeal is now being perfected, the attorneys said.

Ordinarily the case would be heard late in November. On account of the public question involved, the court will be asked to hear it earlier if possible.

Plaintiffs J. O. Ferguson, O. Philip Cole, Carl Klabbatz and Donald A. Jones, suing the Moore County board of elections, held that the vote was illegal by reason of a 1947 statute outlawing the holding of elections on alcoholic beverages within 60 days of any other vote in the county. A Southern Pines municipal election on civic improvements was held August 15, the beer-wine election 11 days later.

If the court does not act early, or if it renders an unfavorable decision, beer and wine salesplaces of Moore county will be forced to close October 26.

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Wind-Whipped Flames Threaten Residential Section of Resort

The Pinehurst elementary school burned to the ground in a spectacular wind-whipped blaze early Wednesday morning. The fire started soon after 1 a. m., less than eight hours before school was due to begin for the fall.

Supplies for both the grade and high schools were stored in the building. Radio broadcasts Wednesday announced the postponement of the white schools' opening to Monday, with elementary grades meeting at the Community church.

The call for help reached the Southern Pines firehouse at 1:30 a. m. Within a few minutes the truck, manned by five volunteers awakened from sleep, was rushing in the direction of a huge red glow that spread over the night sky.

The Aberdeen truck also arrived quickly, bringing more fire fighters to aid Pinehurst Chief Ellis Fields and his embattled squad.

The one-story building, containing 10 classrooms and large auditorium, was already a seething mass of flame, with huge tongues leaping 40 feet into the air. Sparks and firebrands flew on a stiff wind for a block or more. They rained like a Christmas display on nearby houses and the Community church across the street, with their thick surrounding pines and needle-strewn grounds.

For a time it appeared that the fire would inevitably spread. The building was obviously doomed and the firemen put most of their efforts on confining the blaze there. They were aided by the fact that mists and showers of Tuesday, plus a heavy dew, had thoroughly wet the trees and ground. Otherwise, one fireman said later, "Half of Pinehurst would have gone up in smoke."

It was rated the largest fire in the history of the resort village. A large crowd quickly gathered from all the Sandhills towns. Many of the men pitched in to help the firemen. Others of the crowd stood awed in the weird glaring light, watching as the roof crumpled and burned like tissue paper, and first one wall and then another tottered and crashed.

The classroom windows and columned entrance of the school stood out stark against the massed molten gold of the flames.

The fire ate its way ferociously through every cranny of the building. The basement windows were blazing rectangles, and the floor of the school was afire from below and above. Water from the hoses seemed to be fuel for the flames. It was an hour before the fire began to lessen. In another hour, at 3:30 a. m., all was under control and the Southern Pines firemen returned home. At daylight, the ruins were still (Continued on Page 8)

YDC TONIGHT

The Moore County YDC will resume activities tonight (Friday) when its county convention is held at the Carthage courthouse at 8 o'clock.

The organization has been in suspension for some months, following resignation of the president, W. Lamont Brown, early this year to accept a federal census supervisor's job. The job is now completed and Mr. Brown is expected to be on hand tonight to assist Miss Myrtle Frye, of Carthage, acting president, with the meeting.

"Business before the house" will include election of new officers, also of delegates to the state YDC convention to be held at Asheville next weekend.