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TEN CENTS

County, Local Seal Sale Chairmen



Norris L. Hodgkins, Jr., right, receives the congratulations of William A. Wright, of Pinehurst, county chairman of the Christmas Seal sale, on accepting the community chairmanship for Southern Pines. The 1950 Christmas Seal is displayed on the poster Mr. Wright is holding. Story on page 5.

HOLIDAY DEADLINE

Wednesday, instead of Thursday, will be the Pilot's publication day next week, to allow the staff to enjoy Thanksgiving with their families.

Advertisers and those with news items they want to put in the paper are asked to do so as early as possible, as the earlier publication date will necessitate a rushed-up schedule. Deadline will be 12 noon Wednesday instead of Thursday—but please don't wait until the last minute or we may not be able to handle your copy until the following week.

Thanks, folks!

Virginia Prison Escapes Nabbed By Moore Officers

Two young men picked up in Robbins three weeks ago, tried for vagrancy, convicted and sentenced in recorders court, turned out to be escapees from the Virginia State prison at Richmond, it was learned from the sheriff's department this week.

James Allen Loving and Jim Bill Meredith, both in their early 20's, have been lodged in the Carthage jail. They have declared they will fight extradition.

When arrested on Suspicion October 28 by Chief Garner Maness at Robbins, Meredith gave the name of Bill Payne, and Loving that of Lewallen Martin. In recorders court they received 30-day jail sentences, to be suspended on payment of fine and costs.

For lack of money to pay out, Loving remained in jail. Meredith, however, was bailed out by a young girl, a member of a family which recently moved near

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Blue & White Wins Second Playoff To Stay In Lists For Eastern Title

By Bill Welborn

The Blue and White remained in the lists this week for the Eastern Conference championship by scoring a decisive victory 28-6 over Red Springs Wednesday night, in the second out of four district playoffs.

This will mean a chance for a Thanksgiving game for Southern Pines. The team will meet Whiteakers next week, but information as to which day, or on what field, was not available at presstime. School authorities hoped to schedule the game here Thursday, but it is possible a neutral field may be chosen, and that Wednesday will be the game day.

Scoring twice in both the second and fourth periods against Red Springs at Laurinburg, Southern Pines extended its unbeaten streak to 22 games. An estimated crowd of well over 1,000 turned out for the arc-light affair, which failed to produce any scoring until the second quarter, though Red Springs threatened twice in the

first period with long sustained drives into Blue and White territory.

25-Yard Run

On the third play of the second quarter Richard Newton, fading back for a pass and failing to spot a receiver, elected to run with the ball, streaking down the left sideline to tally on a 25-yard run. His placement was blocked and the score was 6-0.

Southern Pines made it 14-0 on a play which saw Newton passing to Carl Bowers, who lateraled to Coy Bowers on the 16, with Coy then maneuvering his way through and around the entire Red Devil team on a beautiful run. Newtite converted.

Brilliant defensive play in the third quarter held both teams at a deadlock, then Red Springs moved into high gear as the fourth quarter opened, and marched 48 yards down field to score on a line buck on the 1 from Nye. Attempted conversion was blocked.

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Municipal Vote On Beer And Wine Set January 9

Voters Present Petitions To Town Board

The date of Tuesday, January 9, has been set by the town board for a municipal election on the legal sales of beer and wine.

The calling of the election followed the presentation of petitions at the regular meeting of the board last Wednesday night. The board turned the lists over to the town attorney for checking, to make sure they contained the required number of qualified signatures, making the calling of an election mandatory.

Voting in the election will be restricted to those resident within the corporate limits of Southern Pines, who are registered on the municipal books. The sale of beer and the sale of wine will be voted on separately, as required by law.

The setting of the date in January was determined by the length of time required for advertising the vote, and for opening the books on three successive Saturdays for new registrants.

The holding of the vote hinges now on only one factor—the decision of the State Supreme Court on the question of the validity of the countywide election by which legal sales of beer and wine were voted out of Moore county August 26. The vote was carried by large majorities in the rural sections, overwhelming the decisive majorities against the prohibition in Southern Pines, Aberdeen and Pinehurst precincts.

The court is expected to hand down an opinion either on November 22 or December 13.

Bank Addition, Showroom-Garage Are Being Built

Two permits were issued and work started this week on new business construction of interest to the town.

Foundations are being laid for a 32-foot extension of the Citizens Bank and Trust company, taking up all the space between the rear of the bank and the parking space at the back. The one-story addition will provide a new directors' room, president's office and considerable more work space, said N. L. Hodgkins, president, this week. Contractor is the L. P. Cox Construction company, of Sanford, following plans drawn by B. G. F. Lasslett of Fayetteville.

This will be the first expansion of the bank since construction of the present building about 22 years ago. Aymar Embury II was the architect of the building, considered one of the most beautiful banking places in the state. Built at the same time, and then owned by the bank, were the wings at each side, forming a quadrangle with the main building. The wings have since been sold to private owners. One is now the Barnum building, the other the Burns building.

The bank was founded in 1905, and has seen almost a half century of conservative but consistent growth. Mr. Hodgkins came from Albany, N. Y., to join the staff as cashier in 1935, and became president in 1940.

Also getting under way this week was a new building on South Broad street, on the lot adjoining Dante's restaurant, where David A. McCallum is putting up a modern showroom and garage on his land for lease to George B. Little and C. L. Worsham, Nash dealers. They will take a 10-year lease, with option of renewal, they said.

The partners applied for a permit at the last meeting of the town board, but this was left in abeyance pending determination of the legality of a town ordinance prohibiting the erection or expansion of service stations and public garages in the business section. The ordinance was recently

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OPENING HUNT

The opening meet of the Moore County Hounds will take place on Thanksgiving Day. This has been Opening Day ever since the hunt was organized. The time is 10 a.m. and the place of meeting to be announced next week.

Many sportsmen have written in to say that they are coming for this long-anticipated event and a large field is expected. Ozelle Moss and W. J. Brewster are joint masters and Mrs. Ozelle Moss, secretary and first whip, of the pack.

Holiday, Church Service To Mark Thanksgiving Day

The traditional general holiday is planned here for Thursday, November 23—Thanksgiving day.

Schoolchildren will have holiday both Thursday and Friday, giving them a long weekend vacation. The bank and businesses in general, will be closed on Thursday, and the post office will keep holiday hours.

A union service of all churches will be held at 8 o'clock Thanksgiving evening at the First Baptist church, conducted by Dr. W. C. Holland, pastor, assisted by Dr. R. L. House of the Church of Wide Fellowship. Sermon will be by the Rev. C. V. Covell, of the Emmanuel Episcopal church. There will be music by the Baptist choir, and a special offering will be taken for the American Bible society, to assist in its work of distributing the Scriptures in many languages over the world.

Just one church so far has announced a special service of its own for Thanksgiving day. This is Emmanuel Episcopal, where Holy Communion will be distributed at 10 a. m. The junior choir will join the regular choir for a program of sacred music, and an offering will be taken for the Thompson orphanage at Charlotte.

Shaw House Will Reopen Monday For Season

The Shaw House tea room at Southern Pines will reopen Monday for the season, according to Mrs. E. L. Ives, Shaw House chairman of the sponsoring Moore County Historical society.

Luncheon and tea will be served daily at the quaint century-old cottage restored by the Society, also dinners and other special parties by arrangement.

The Shaw House, authentically restored and furnished, in its old-fashioned garden at the southern city limit of Southern Pines, has for the past three years been a leading tourist attraction of the Sandhills, and has won high ranking among authentic restorations of the state.

Considerable work has been done on the grounds and garden, especially the herb garden, during the summer. An added note of color inside is the large wool rug woven by the students of Samarand Manor as a gift to the project. This year for the first time Jugtown pottery, made in upper Moore county by traditional old-time methods, will be sold there.

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With "Grass Roots" Opera Company



ROBERT C. BIRD



MARIE VAN HOY

Mozart Opera, "School For Lovers," Will Be Sung In English Here Tonight

Ritter Succeeds W. P. Saunders As Robbins Mayor

The Robbins town board this week appointed Marvin H. Ritter mayor, to fill out the unexpired term of W. P. Saunders, who resigned because he is moving to Southern Pines.

This gives Robbins its first change of mayors since it was incorporated, and its name changed from Hemp, about 10 years ago. Elected mayor at that time, Mr. Saunders has been consistently re-elected for each successive term.

He has been seeking a home in the Sandhills section since the main office of the Robbins Mills, Inc., of which he is president, was moved from Robbins to Aberdeen several months ago. He recently purchased the Col. Wingate Reed home on East Massachusetts Avenue extension here, and will move about December 1.

The new Mayor of Robbins is a native of that community. He has operated a hardware store there for about 30 years. He has served on the town board since the town's incorporation, and has worked closely with the former mayor in all phases of town government and other civic affairs.

He is married to the former Miss Myrtle Purvis of Moore county, and they have two children, Mrs. Stacy Brewer, Jr., and Marvin Ritter, Jr. His son and son-in-law are both associated with him in business.

Mr. Ritter is also secretary-treasurer of the Robbins Building and Loan company, from the presidency of which Mr. Saunders has just resigned.

POSTPONED

The Moore District Boy Scout court of honor for November has been postponed from Monday evening to the following Monday, November 27, according to Voit Gilmore, advancement chairman.

The court of honor will be held at the Southern Pines school auditorium at 7:30 p. m., with Southern Pines Troop 73 as host. The troop will also be host at an outdoor supper for all the Boy Scouts to be held on the Elks Club Grounds at 6:30 preceding the court of honor.

COMING EVENTS

Friday, November 17—"School for Lovers," Mozart opera in English, sponsored by BPO Does, auditorium, 8 p.m.

Monday, November 20—Thanksgiving card party sponsored by NCCLA, Southland hotel, 8 p.m. Opening of Shaw House tea room.

Tuesday, November 21—Fall meeting Moore County Historical society, Manly Wellman speaker, Southern Pines library, 8 p.m.

Wednesday, November 22—Cora Annette Harris, speaker on "Shrubbery and Fall Plants," Southern Pines Garden club, Civic Club building, 3 p.m.

Thursday, November 23—Thanksgiving day. Opening Meet Moore County Hounds.

Monday, November 27—Moore District Boy Scout court of honor, auditorium, 7:30 p.m., preceded by supper at Elks lodge for Boy Scouts, 6:30 p.m.

Thursday, December 30—Annual meeting Moore County chapter, American Red Cross, Mid Pines, 8 p.m.

State Commission Calls Hearing On Bus Station Here

Coach Company Summoned: Town Leaders Will Attend

The State Utilities Commission has ordered the Queen City Coach company of Charlotte to appear at a hearing at Raleigh Tuesday, December 19, to show cause why it should not erect a bus station at Southern Pines.

In its order, according to an Associated Press dispatch, the commission pointed out that Southern Pines has no bus station, and the Queen City is the only major bus carrier operating through this community.

Southern Pines has had no bus station in two and a half years. During that time the town board and Chamber of Commerce have made numerous efforts to have one established here, but to no avail.

Mayor C. N. Page said this week that he and other members of the board will attend the hearing. Arch Coleman, president of the Chamber of Commerce, will also be present. All persons interested in the establishment of a bus station here are invited to attend.

The hearing set for December 19 is the fruit of conferences held several months ago, following a letter written by Mayor Page to the Commission. A utilities commissioner visited Southern Pines and a conference was also held with the commissioner and representatives of the Chamber of Commerce and of the bus company.

At that time the commissioner indicated that definite action would be forthcoming. The bus company representatives offered cooperation, but the extent of this cooperation seen so far has been insufficient to build a bus station.

Cora Harris Will Speak Wednesday To Garden Lovers

Miss Cora Annette Harris, of Charlotte, well-known landscape and garden consultant and author of gardening articles, will be the guest speaker at the first open meeting of the Southern Pines Garden club, to be held at the Civic Club building at 3 p. m. Wednesday.

Miss Harris' talk, illustrated by colored slides, will be on the subject "Shrubbery and Fall Planting." While giving information concerning the cultivation and care of many favorite shrubs, she will also bring news of new shrubs suitable to this section. In a "postscript" to her talk, also illustrated with slides, Miss Harris will discuss the history of herbs and their early uses, also some famous herb gardens of this state.

The meeting will be open to the public, with especial invitation extended to garden groups, according to Mrs. E. L. Ives, program chairman of the Southern Pines Garden club. No admission will be charged.

Miss Harris is garden editor of the Charlotte News, and southern garden editor of a national magazine, Living, for young homemakers. She is a member of the Royal Horticultural Society of London and other high ranking organizations for those specializing in garden interests.

COUNTY CHORUS

The third meeting of the Home Demonstration county chorus will be held Saturday at 3 p.m. in the Presbyterian Sunday School building at Carthage.

Dean Robert Smith of Flora Macdonald college is director of the chorus. This chorus is for anyone who is interested in music. No previous music training is necessary.