

Red Cross Slate Ready For Annual Meet At Mid Pines

Durham Mayor Will Be Speaker At November 30 Event

Annual meeting of the membership of the Moore County chapter, American Red Cross, also the annual election will be held at the Mid Pines club at 8 p. m. Thursday, November 30, according to announcement made last week by Mrs. M. G. Nichols, of Southern Pines, chapter chairman.

Guest speaker will be Mayor Dan K. Edwards of Durham, one of the state's best known young men and most dynamic personalities. Mayor Edwards is a director of the American National Red Cross. He is a past chairman and present director of the Durham Red Cross chapter.

General Field Representative Susie Edgerton, of the area office at Atlanta, Ga., will also be on the program, and chapter chairmen will make their annual reports of the work of the year just ended.

All who paid their dollar, or more, in the Red Cross fund campaign last March are members of the county chapter, Mrs. Nichols emphasized. All are invited to attend the meeting, and will be privileged to vote.

A much larger slate is to be elected than ever before, as in addition to the chapter officers, directors will be named. The directors have previously been secured by appointment. This is in accordance with a new constitution and bylaws recently adopted.

Also, the board of directors has been expanded to include 21 members, including representatives of all communities in the county. This system of representation has been adopted through vote of the branch chairmen, who were given the option of continuing the branches as organized units, or having delegates represent each community on the board. The latter method was adopted through vote of the chapter chairmen at a recent meeting.

Nominations
Names submitted by the nominating committee include the following as chapter officers: Col. G. P. Hawes, Jr., Pinehurst, chairman. (Continued on Page 8)

CHRISTMAS SEALS

Christmas seals are being placed in the mails for Southern Pines residents this week, and all are asked to buy them for use on their mail and parcels throughout the coming holiday season.

In doing so, they are reminded by Norris L. Hodgkins, Jr., local chairman, they will be helping this community do its traditional good part by the annual campaign for the Moore County Tuberculosis association.

Southern Pines' quota has been set at \$1,400, to be used for tuberculosis prevention and control and aid to Moore County sufferers with the disease.

Mr. Hodgkins has appointed A. B. Patterson, P. T. Kelsey, Miss Birdie Bair and Mrs. P. P. McCain as members of his committee, to assist with the local campaign.

First Gymkhana Set For Sunday In Carolina Ring

The first gymkhana of the 1950-51 season will be held in the riding ring of the Carolina hotel in Pinehurst Sunday with post time for the first event set at 2 p. m.

This will be the first of a fortnightly series to be held in the Carolina ring. As in the past, the show is entirely free—for both spectators and competitors.

The word gymkhana, which derives from the Hindustani language, actually means a program of miscellaneous mounted races, sports and games, or "fun on horseback." As applied in the Carolina ring it is an informal afternoon during which anyone, young or older, may mount a horse and take part in mounted frolics like musical stunts, balloon chases, egg and spoon and sack races and other stunts designed for entertainment. To balance the humorous events, regular horse show numbers, such as children's horsemanship and a variety of jumping events, are included. The latter bring into the Pinehurst ring some of the best-known riders and jumpers in the country from among the many stables in the Sandhills district. They include winners from the great horse shows such as the International. (Continued on Page 5)

Eighth Graders Will Present Original Historical Pageant For State Society

The "Miniature Pageant" presented so successfully by Miss Martha Langston's eighth grade at the Shaw House here two years ago, depicting scenes which took place there 100 years ago, will be given at the Sir Walter hotel in Raleigh before the N. C. Society for the Preservation of Antiquities next Thursday evening, by special invitation.

Eighth graders wearing authentic costumes of olden days will show a quilting scene, a square dance and Virginia reel and fire-side scene, portraying the life of the Shaw family in what was later to become Southern Pines—then called Shaw Ridge.

The pageant will be presented at the school auditorium for the "home folks" Thursday, December 7. All eighth grades of the county will be invited to attend a morning showing at 10 o'clock, and the Southern Pines community will be invited at 8 o'clock that evening.

The pageant, in the form of three brief playlets, was written by the eighth grade children in accordance with their own ideas arising from their study of North Carolina history. They have been assisted along the way by their teacher as supervisor and director, and by others of the community, so that the presentation at Raleigh will be in a way a real community project.

Coordinators
Mrs. Ernest L. Ives and Mrs. W. D. Campbell, members of the Moore County Historical society and also of the N. C. Society for the Preservation of Antiquities, are working closely with the group as coordinators of all

phases of the program. They are sponsors of the program at Raleigh.

Mrs. Scott Newton has loaned quilts made in the old house 70 years ago, and Mrs. Jeannette McDonald has taught spinning. Mrs. Beulah McPherson and Ray McDonald have served as instructors in the square dance.

Mrs. Page Choate will accompany the group to Raleigh, and will sing two old ballads of upper Moore county while wearing a dress which belonged to Mrs. Cladie Scott's grandmother, loaned by Mrs. Scott. Manly Wellman, of Pinebluff, has helped with historic details. Dick Ray, a great great grandson of C. C. Shaw, has loaned letters, and given information concerning the family life and customs as they have been handed down to him.

Don Moore, of the Southern Pines school faculty, helped with the backdrops, and Mrs. Robert Speller with the costumes.

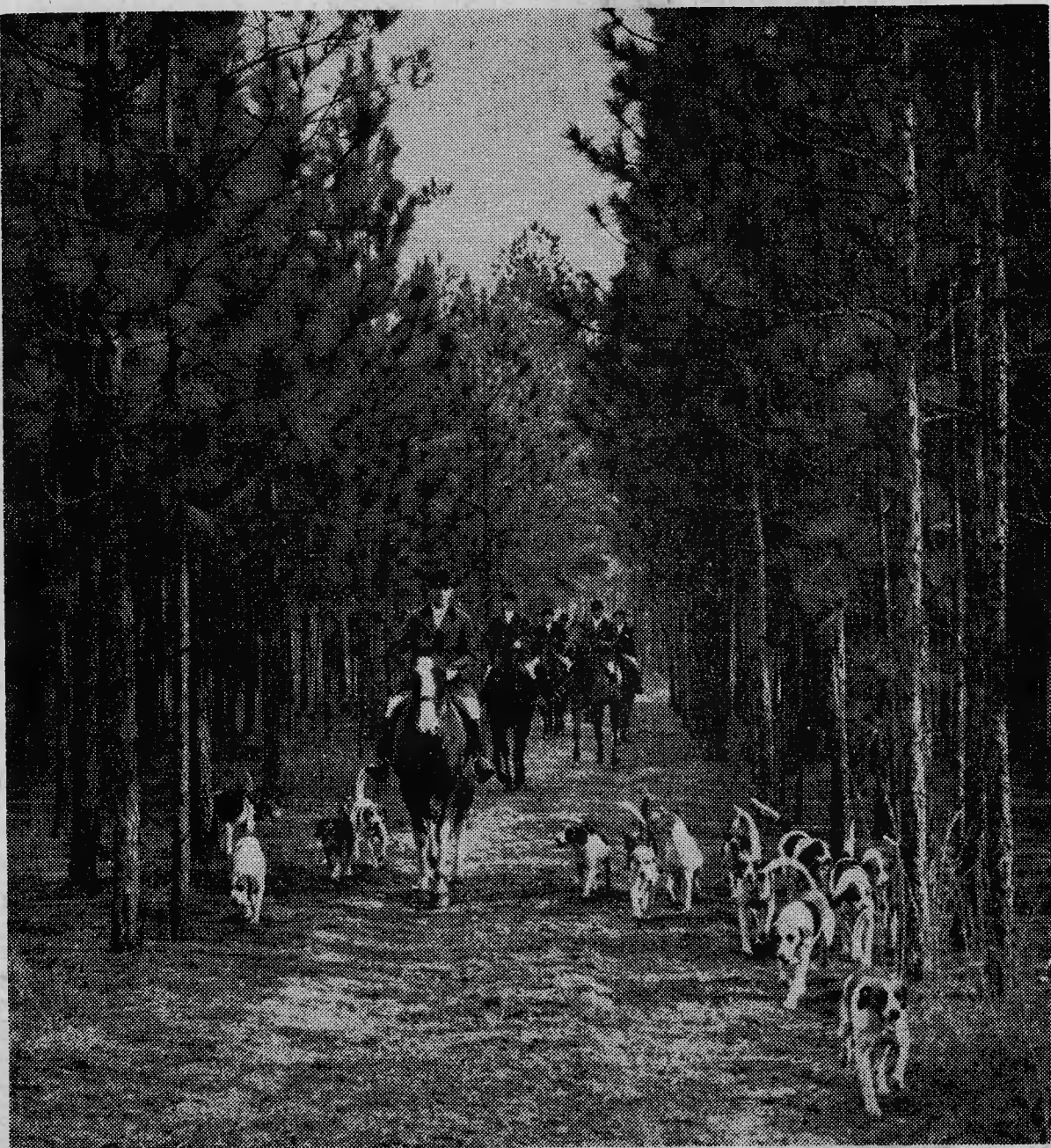
Woodblocks by Rounds
Glen Rounds has made woodblocks for illustrations on the program folders.

Real old-time fiddlers who will furnish music are Gurney Bowles, Arch Yarborough, James Stoots and Jack Stoots.

Rodney Whiting will be "caller." John Speller will act as historian, Garland Frank Pierce will act as stage manager. All are members of the eighth grade.

A number of authentic "props" have been loaned by the Hall of History at Raleigh, through arrangements with the director, Mrs. Joye E. Jordan. A committee of eighth graders will be assigned to care for them.

"They're Off!" — Through Fields And Woods, After the Fox



MOORE COUNTY HOUNDS: MFH OZELLE MOSS IN LEAD

Opening Meet of Moore County Hounds Traditional On Thanksgiving Morning

Field Assembles For Favorite Winter Sport of Sandhills

By E. O. Hippus

The opening meet of the Moore County Hounds will take place today, Thanksgiving Day, with hounds meeting near Jorema Lodge on Young's Road, almost opposite the Harold Collins place. For many years, ever since the

organization of the Moore County Hounds, the first meet of the season has been held on Thanksgiving Day, time of feasting and fellowship and for saying thank-you for good things, among which, in the minds of sportsmen, good hunting ranks high.

This year's hunt will follow the tradition, also, in being a drag. Hounds will probably hunt the Carroll's Branch country with a line laid among its draws and pine-groves, where the going is open, and occasional sallies across the neighboring farms can be made. Deer seem to be more plentiful than ever this year and Ozelle Moss, huntsman and joint master with William J. Brewster, will play it as safe as possible on opening day, and stick to the home country.

A few visiting sportsmen have arrived, among them Mr. and Mrs. B. A. Tompkins of New York, who are stopping at Mileaway and Miss Marguerite McRae of Wilmington, who hunted here a good part of last season. Mrs. Moss's sister, Mrs. Sarah Stillwell, and Tayloe Compton are up from Savannah and, from hither and yon, comes word that other enthusiasts are on their way. (Continued on Page 5)

SBI Investigates Sudden Death Of Negro Woman

An investigation has been carried on in Moore county for the past two weeks by the SBI in connection with the death last September 4 of Mrs. Alton McCrimmon, Negro woman of Vass RFD, Sheriff C. J. McDonald said this week.

The woman lived with her husband and four children just over the line in Hoke county. The investigation centered here, however, because her death occurred within a short time after she paid a visit to the office of Dr. W. H. Ross, West Southern Pines physician.

The SBI investigation was made on request of M. G. Boyette, of Carthage, district attorney of the superior court, and the report, now completed, will be turned over to him this week.

The woman is said to have gone to Dr. Ross's office in good health, for a routine examination on suspicion of pregnancy.

It was alleged by the woman's husband that when he went to the office to get her he found her unable to walk, or to speak more than a few words; that he had to carry her in his arms to the car, where their children were waiting; that she lost consciousness without speaking again, and was dead by the time they reached home.

Her husband then rushed the body to St. Joseph's hospital, where Dr. Francis L. Owens pronounced her dead and performed an autopsy. Examination of vital (Continued on Page 5)

Trailer Museum Of French Gifts On County Tour

A trailer museum of selected items from the French "Merci" train will be on view at various points in the county next week under sponsorship of the Moore county schools. Arrangements are being made for every school child to visit the trailer, to see the valuable gifts sent by French towns and the French government as a "thank you" for gifts sent by Americans to France.

For the adult population, one-night stands have been arranged at the Southern Pines town park Monday, and the courthouse at Carthage Friday, from 7 to 9 o'clock.

District superintendents have been requested by H. Lee Thomas, county superintendent of schools, to use school buses if necessary to transport the children to the trailer museum, unless the state board of education intervenes to the contrary, which is not anticipated.

Supt. P. J. Weaver of Southern Pines said that probably the Southern Pines boys and girls will be carried to Aberdeen to see it Monday afternoon. The West Southern Pines school children will see it at their own school (Continued on Page 5)

COMING EVENTS

Thursday, November 23—Thanksgiving day. Opening meet Moore County Hounds, Jorema Lodge on Youngs road, 10 a.m.
Sunday, November 26—First Gymkhana and pet show, Carolina Hotel ring, 2 p.m.

Monday, November 27—Moore District Boy Scout court of honor. Dr. Douglas L. Rights, speaker, auditorium, 7:30 p.m. Supper at Elks lodge for Boy Scouts, 8:30 p.m. French "Merci" museum trailer on display at town park, 7-9 p.m.

Thursday, November 30—Annual meeting Moore County chapter, American Red Cross, Durham Mayor Dan K. Edwards, speaker, Mid Pines, 8 p.m.

Tuesday, November 28—"Open Day" at Sandhills Womens Exchange, Pinehurst. Christmas bazaar and silver tea, 11 a.m.-5 p.m.

Wednesday, November 29—Annual pre-Christmas bazaar and dinner of Woman's society of Church of Wide Fellowship, Civic club building. Bazaar, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Baked ham dinner, 12 to 1:30 p.m. St. Joseph's Guild card party, Southland hotel, 8 p.m.

Sunday, December 3—Elks Club memorial service, 3 p.m.

Tuesday, December 5—Pinehurst Lions Minstrel Revue, auditorium, 8 p.m.

Thursday, December 7—Miniature historical pageant presented by eighth grade, community invited, auditorium, 8 p.m.

THANKSGIVING

General holiday will be observed here Thursday. Thanksgiving day. Businesses and the bank will be closed and the post office will keep holiday hours, with no mail delivery.

School children will have both Thursday and Friday as holiday.

A union service will be held at the First Baptist church at 8 p.m. for all denominations, conducted by the pastor, Dr. W. C. Holland, assisted by Dr. R. L. House of the Church of Wide Fellowship, with sermon by the Rev. C. V. Covell of Emmanuel Episcopal church. Offering will be for the American Bible society.

Holy Communion will be held at the Episcopal church at 10 a.m.

Vass Man Burned To Death After Gas Explosion

A tragedy that stunned the entire community occurred around 11 o'clock Saturday morning in Vass, when Henry B. Parker, 33, was burned to death in a gas truck explosion at the Esso distributing plant there.

Mr. Parker was working just for the day on the truck regularly driven by his cousin J. B. Parker, who was away. He had made some deliveries and was back at the plant, alone, refilling the truck when an explosion heard throughout the town occurred, sending a burst of flame as high as the tree-tops.

Nearly residents, alerted by the blast, looked on in horror as Mr. Parker, enveloped in flames, ran screaming from the loading shelter to the lower end of the wire enclosure, a distance of around 75 feet, where he collapsed.

W. D. (Bill) McGill, driving from his place of business up the street, was first at the scene. Mr. McGill crossed the fence, the gateway being blocked by the burning truck, and found both gasoline and kerosene pumps in operation. He closed the valves and pulled the emergency switch to guard (Continued on Page 8)

New Site Meets Approval For Battery Building

Representatives of the N. C. National Guard, visiting Southern Pines last week on request of the town board, accepted a construction site as a gift from the Town slightly different from the one they had selected before.

The new site, on which all quickly reached agreement, is slightly to the east of the former one on the Old Pinehurst road. The old site cut deeply into the town horse show grounds adjoining. The new one includes no part of the showgrounds for the planned construction. However, it does include the road entering the showgrounds and a strip of about 100 feet to the left of it, for possible future use.

If this strip should ever be needed by the Guard, said Mayor C. N. Page the road could easily be relocated and the showgrounds would not be appreciably reduced. The tract comprises about four and a half acres altogether.

Engineers were to come this week to plot the construction, and their plans will be submitted for Army approval. As soon as this is forthcoming, construction on the motor vehicle storage building for the local battery is expected to begin. This will be used as a combination garage and drill hall until such time as an Armory can be built.

The town crew will remove some trees from the tract, which is thickly wooded, the Mayor said, and will also level and firm the soil for the battery's use.

Visiting the site Wednesday were Colonel Foreman of the Guard headquarters at Raleigh; Mr. Lassiter of the Adjutant General's office; Town Commissioner L. V. O'Callaghan, Town Clerk Howard F. Burns and Sgt. Lennox Forsyth, administrative officer of the Moore County battery.

Mrs. Ives Elected President Moore Historical Society

Wellman Tells Story Of Fascinating Lady Of Civil War Days

Excellent Reports Heard At First Fall Meeting

The Moore County Historical association, meeting Tuesday night at the Southern Pines library, elected as president for the new year, Mrs. Ernest L. Ives, who as secretary since the founding of the association and leader in the restoration of the Shaw House, has been one of those most responsible for the success of this Sandhills organization.

Said retiring president J. Talbot Johnson in announcing the result of the election by the directors: "We all feel this is a long-deserved tribute and means even better things in store for our Historical Association in the year to come."

Other officers elected were: W. A. Leland McKeithen, of Pinehurst, George Maurice of Eagle Springs and Julian Bishop of Knollwood, vice presidents, Mrs. George Heinitsch, secretary, and Norris Hodgkins, Jr., treasurer.

Directors elected were: Julian Bishop, Mrs. James Boyd, Norris Hodgkins, Jr., Mrs. Ernest L. Ives, J. Talbot Johnson, Colin G. Spencer, E. T. McKeithen, Leland McKeithen, Mrs. Katherine McCall, Clyde Shaw, Mrs. L. T. Avery, R. E. Wicker.

Progress noted
The meeting opened with a brief review by the president of the high spots of the year. Featured among them was the barbecue for members of the association, given last spring by Mr. and Mrs. Ives at Paint Hill Farm, at which the Governor General of Northern Ireland, Sir Basil Brooke, and Lady Brooke were guests of honor, and which was attended by Governor Scott and other notables.

Committee reports following indicated progress in membership; a balance of \$960.50 in the bank was reported by the assistant treasurer, Norris Hodgkins, Jr., Mrs. Ives, reporting for the Shaw House committee, said that needed repairs had been completed there: the Tea Room had served 406 teas and 384 lunches. She made special mention of the work on the grounds carried on this summer under the supervision of Mrs. C. A. Smith, and Mrs. Charles Covell's success with the herb garden. There is need, she said, for funds to buy more plants and seeds for this garden and also to enclose the Ethel Maurice Garden.

Mr. Johnson read the report of E. T. McKeithen, who was unable to be present. As chairman of the historical markers committee, Mr. McKeithen described the markers already erected, one to James Boyd, the novelist, and the other to Maj. Alexander McLeod, on the road between Pinehurst and Carthage, erected in honor of this (Continued on Page 8)

PRESIDENT



L. L. HALLMAN of Aberdeen was elected president of the Sandhills Kiwanis club, meeting Wednesday at the Hollywood hotel.

Also unanimously elected were Dr. P. J. Chester, vice president; John Howarth, treasurer; directors Harold A. Collins, M. C. McDonald, T. R. Phillips, Hoke Pollock, B. U. Richardson, J. Vance Rowe and John F. Taylor.

They will be installed January third.