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Chamber Commerce Will Move, Offer Business Services

Building Adjoining Sunrise Theatre Will Be Office

The Southern Pines Chamber of Commerce, which this week announces the acquisition of a new secretary, Mrs. Donald Scheipers, also announced that it will have a new home shortly, and will soon be offering a whole set of brand-new services.

President Arch F. Coleman said a lease is being signed for the Sunrise Theatre building annex, following the wish of the new board of directors to secure an office with an entrance opening directly on Broad street. In this way it is felt more service can be rendered to transients and others in the town, he said.

The building is that formerly occupied by Atkinson's, directly across from the passenger station. It will give the Chamber considerably more room than it has in its present quarters in the Belvedere hotel.

Plans are being made to provide a complete set of services for travelers and businessmen there: public stenographer, direct mail advertising, mimeograph, addressograph, long distance pay station and also, for local merchants, a billing service if desired.

The credit rating bureau will be continued there, as the Merchants association is to be reorganized. (Continued on page 8)

National Guard Passes Inspection With High Rating

The Regular Army took a look at the local battery of the National Guard last week, and gave it credit for doing a topnotch job.

Standing their annual inspection last Wednesday night, the Guardsmen came out with a Superior rating—the highest—in maintenance, and excellent in personnel and administration.

The inspecting officer, Col. John M. Schonholz IGD, Third Army, McPherson, Ga., commended the unit on its spirit and the fact that it had "done so much with so little." If it had not been for a lack of adequate space and facilities, it would undoubtedly have achieved the Superior rating in all departments, he said.

Accompanying Colonel Schonholz were Col. H. H. Harris, senior Regular Army instructor for the N. C. National Guard, and Master Sgt. Young, administrative specialist, from Third Army headquarters.

The battery was present 100 per cent for the one-hour formal inspection, followed by an hour of general drills and close-order work, which occupied their regular drill period.

Attending from battalion headquarters at Raeford were Lieut. Col. William Lamont, Jr., commanding officer; Maj. T. B. Lester, Jr., and Maj. Paul Dickson, of Colonel Lamont's staff; and Sgt. William Marler, Regular Army instructor for the battalion.

Arriving in the afternoon, Colonel Schonholz inspected all the equipment and interviewed the acting commander, Lieut. James L. Irvin, while Sergeant Young inspected the records.



The 1950 Blue and White six-man football squad of Southern Pines High school, champions in their district and runner-up for the Eastern Conference title, will be honored by the Southern Pines Elks Club at a banquet at the school cafeteria next Saturday evening, December 16. Letters and stars will be awarded, and local fans will have opportunity to pay honor to their team. "Peahead" Walker, famous coach of Wake Forest college, will be the speaker.

Above, the Blue and Whites: from left, front row, Franklin Johnson, manager; Joe Smith, Paul Warren, Tommy Ruggles, George Morrison, Tommy Spease, David Page.

Second row—standing, Coach W. A. Leonard; seated, David Woodruff, David Bailey, Roy Newton, Marshall Palmer, Reginald Newbon, Paul Williams, Eugene Lee, Dickie Mattocks; kneeling, Joe Horner, manager.

Third row—Coach A. C. Dawson, Jr., Carl Bowers, Richard Newton, C. L. Worsham, Coy Bowers, Bob Stewart, Gene Poe, Dick Ray, Charles Covell, and Alec McLeod, manager. (Photo by Emerson Humphrey)

Thieves Net Haul At Jewelry Store Via Theatre Lobby

Thieves broke into Ormsby's Jewelry store early Saturday morning, entering by way of the adjoining Carolina theatre, and made off with an estimated \$1,400 worth of watches, rings and other items from the Christmas display in the window.

John Ormsby, proprietor, said an inventory taken Saturday showed the loss of 23 watches ranging in value from \$39.95 to \$65 seven rings including several men's rings in gold with large stones; four Ronson lighters and a pair of sterling silver earrings set with rhinestones.

Several leads are being followed, said Chief C. E. Newton, but if he had any definite clues he did not reveal them. The SBI was called in to assist with the investigation.

The intruders also broke into W. L. Wiggs' and J. D. Hobbs' insurance office, on the other side of the theatre lobby, and removed a small amount of cash from a drawer.

They came in by way of the stage entrance at the back of the theatre, where they cut or pried open a lock, and crossed the darkened theatre to the lobby. Large windows covered with curtains give onto the lobby from the two stores, one on each side. Behind the locked theatre door, the thieves broke panes from each window and climbed through.

To get into Ormsby's, they had to push aside a bench on the lobby side and a cabinet on the other side. Once in the store, they turned off the master light switch in a back closet, and went to work with careful precision.

They removed the things from the window without disturbing any of the small ornamental items they didn't want. They emptied trash from a nail keg which was (Continued on Page 8)

Southern Pines Men Fight In Korea; No Further Word of Prisoner of War

NEW MEMBER
The town of Pinebluff, one of the few to have an all-GI town board—probably the only one in the state—swore in a new member Monday night to replace one who has returned to the armed services, and, yes, he's another ex-GI.

M. Harvey Lathan, a former Navy man, stepped into the place recently vacated by Harry Howie, who resigned to return to the Army Air Force as a lieutenant.

Howie, a World War 2 airman, was shot down over Germany and remained as prisoner of war for many months, until liberated by US forces.

Wildlife Leaders Organize Here For State Field Trials

A meeting of historic interest for Tarheel sportsmen was held Sunday afternoon at the Southland hotel here, when a group of wildlife leaders organized the Championship Field Trials association of the N. C. Wildlife Federation, Inc.

The association will sponsor North Carolina's first statewide field trials, with official trophies offered annually for bird dogs, foxhounds, coon dogs and beagles.

Meeting with the group were Eugene McDonald of Pinehurst, president of the Sandhills Wildlife club; J. A. Ferguson, Ed Starnes and Herbert Cutter of Southern Pines, and James W. Tufts of Pinehurst. Others present were Mr. McClamroch; Ross O. Stevens, of Raleigh, executive secretary of the Federation; D. K. Sing, Charlotte, vice chairman of the N. C. Wildlife Resources Commission; Clyde P. Patton, Raleigh, director of the Commission; Max Capel, of Mt. Gilead, Win Donat and Rod Amundson of Raleigh, who are connected with the Commission.

Also T. S. Scarborough, Raeford, P. K. Gravelly, Rocky Mount; Ralph E. Daniel, Durham; W. Frank Black and J. S. "Sandy" Mitchell, Charlotte, and O. E. Sharkey, Albemarle.

These constituted a planning committee to follow up a resolution made at the Federation's annual convention that such field trials be established, along the lines of those held in Virginia and some other states.

Mr. Sing and Mr. Patton, speaking for the N. C. Wildlife Resources Commission, offered cooperation and all their facilities. (Continued on Page 8)

Town, Families Await News As War Grows Crucial

The families of Southern Pines men fighting in Korea, and of one who was reported a prisoner more than two months ago, have the sympathy of the community at this time at the start of what should be the year's happiest season.

Just when peace seemed in prospect, all hell broke loose over there, as the Chinese communist armies came swarming over the border to push United Nations' forces back the way they had come, or to trap them in the North Korean hills.

As this is written the situation is critical, and there seems no way of knowing who is safe and who is not. At least three local men are in Korea, fighting the most difficult sort of battle in sub-freezing temperatures, against deadly odds.

Cpl. Pete Myers, 22, brother of Mrs. Lois Beauregard is believed to be one of the U. S. Marines trapped in the Changjin reservoir area. His last letter was dated October. It was then bitterly cold, and he had been issued no winter clothing—a situation which was reported to have been remedied since. "We have lost so many men, and the replacements are no new and green that I am known as the old man of our outfit," wrote Pete, a World War 2 veteran.

Cpl. Francis Shea, son of Mrs. Frank Shea, was shipped out only last September. He is 23 years old, attached to a chemical motor battalion. This is his third year in the Army, his first time overseas. His recent letters also spoke of the bitter cold, but gave no details of what was going on.

Col. Stephen W. Holderness is with the I Corps of the Eighth army, which has been pushed back toward Seoul and at last reports was grouping to make another stand against the onrushing hordes. Colonel Holderness' wife and two little boys live on East Indiana avenue. The officer, a West Point graduate, was awarded the Bronze Star a month ago for gallantry in action.

Enduring a prolonged ordeal of waiting and praying is Mrs. Henry Bradford, who had word October 1 from the Defense department, through the International Red Cross, that her husband was a prisoner of war. He had previously been reported missing in action.

No word has come since. The Moore County chapter, American Red Cross through its home service department has tried hard to find a clue, but has to stop short. (Continued on Page 5)

Sandpipers Plan County Program, Monthly Tourneys

The Sandpipers, 20-year-old golf organization of Southern Pines, is expanding its scope of activities to take in all of Moore county, and will hold its first tournament under the new program Sunday at the Pine Needles Golf club.

This will inaugurate a year-round series of monthly tournaments, in which all golf courses in the county will be visited. Membership is at the same time being opened to all men golfers in the Sandhills and winter residents, according to Leo Walper, recently elected Sandpiper president. Applications should be made to the membership committee, which is composed of the officers, President Walper, George Pottle, vice president, and R. L. Sugg, secretary-treasurer; and directors John Pottle, Will Wiggs, Barney Avery, Jack Carter and Joe Montesanti, Jr.

Membership has heretofore been restricted to Southern Pines. (Continued on Page 5)

Cage Schedule Listed, First Game Tuesday

Basketball season for Southern Pines boys will start next week with the first game scheduled for Tuesday night at Carthage.

Practice got under way in earnest last week following the closing of the football season with Coaches Dawson and Leonard working with the boys, Miss Lillian Rosenberger and Coach Leonard with the girls. This will be the first season they will have the advantage of practice in the new gym, with its twin practice courts, from the very start of the season, as its opening last winter was delayed until December 31.

The schedule for the Blue and White quintet as announced this week is as follows, with all games starting at 7:30 p. m.

December 12, Carthage there; 15, Hamlet there; 19, Hamlet here; 22, 26, 29, to be announced.

January 2, to be announced; 5, 6, Morehead City here; 9, Vass-Lakeview here; 12, West End there; 16, Carthage here; 19, Pinehurst here; 22 Robbins there; 24, Vass-Lakeview there; 26, Aberdeen here; 30, Maxton there.

February 2, West End here; 6, Robbins here; 9, Pinehurst there; 13, Aberdeen there; 16, 17, Morehead City there; 20, Hope Mills; 23, Maxton here.

Santa Claus Parade Will Open Christmas Season Here Saturday

SWORN IN

Twelve county officials were sworn into office at Carthage Monday morning.

Judge J. Vance Rowe administered the oath to Carlton C. Kennedy clerk of court, at 9:30 o'clock. Mr. Kennedy then did the same for all the others, ending with the county commissioners who came in to start their monthly meeting at 10.

No ceremony was held and as soon as they were sworn in each official buckled right down to work.

Post Office Gets Ready For Rush; Here Is Advice

The Southern Pines post office is getting braced for the Christmas rush—hoping that people will do their mailing early.

Beginning this Sunday, the post office will be open for the mailing of parcels from 2 to 6 each Sunday afternoon, and next week will start also keeping open on Saturday afternoon.

It will be most helpful if people get their Christmas cards mailed next week—but no matter when you mail them, said Postmaster A. Garland Pierce, on local mail use street number or box number. If you do not do this, your mail may be delayed and may not get there at all. They guarantee no delivery of mail not so marked.

He suggests buying sheets of stamps for Christmas cards and letters by December 12, getting cards out by December 15. He reminds that all Christmas cards, including local, take a three-cent stamp if sealed; if unsealed, two cents.

By Army authority, the National Guard battery has loaned the post office a two-and-a-half ton truck to help with parcel post delivery. It went to work this week, with Yates Poe as driver, and Postmaster Pierce is looking for a handler to help for two weeks. Want the job? Veterans preferred.

Parents Protest Route Revisions; Blue Seeks Relief

Rep. H. Clifton Blue will go to Raleigh today (Friday) to visit the state board of education in behalf of a large number of disturbed parents in Moore.

The shortening and revision of a number of school bus routes throughout the county by the state, in an economy move, have caused a number of hardship cases, it was learned. The parents protested to the county board of education, and a formal protest was sent by the county board to the state two weeks ago—without any result.

Many of the parents then visited Representative Blue to get him to take up their cause, which he is doing.

In most of the cases, the change in routing forces children to walk distances parents feel is much too far, frequently along busy highways. One case reported was that of a primary grader who must walk a half mile along the highway, even though the bus goes right past his home.

The changes were made by a state representative several weeks ago. Other revisions suggested by the county board have failed to meet with state approval, and their efforts to secure more satisfactory routings have had no success.

Old Saint Nick Will Have Honor Escort At 10 a.m.

The Christmas season will be officially opened here with a parade at 10 o'clock Saturday morning complete with the school band, led by the drum majorettes; Girl Scouts, Brownies, Boy Scouts and Cub Scouts, the fire truck, perhaps a few other things—just come and see—and of course, old Santa Claus himself.

He may not have reindeer, but he'll be there, to greet the children of Southern Pines in person as he pays his annual pre-Christmas visit to find out if they've been good.

Christmas music will hail his entry into town, where he will make one stop, in front of the bank. There the old Saint will alight, to shake hands with the youngsters and hear their Christmas wishes.

The parade, planned in his honor by the Southern Pines Chamber of Commerce, will form on the town park at Ashe street and New York avenue at 9:30 a. m. It will proceed to Broad street, march down east Broad to Massachusetts avenue, cross the railroad track to West Broad and thence to Connecticut, where it will cross the tracks again and go back along East Broad.

Christmas lights have been strung downtown and merchants are putting in their gayest window displays so the whole town will be bright with Christmas for the youngsters.

All of them are invited to see the parade and to meet and speak to Santa, said Arch F. Coleman, Chamber of Commerce president.

New Lions Club Organized Here With 11 Members

The Southern Pines Lions club was organized at a meeting held Monday night at the First Baptist church, at which temporary officers were elected and plans made for a Charter Night January 19.

With 11 members as a starter, additional members are to be sought to add to the charter list before it is made official.

W. L. Baker was elected president pro tem, with Fred Chappell, B. F. Godwin and W. S. Thomason as first, second and third vice presidents respectively; Arthur R. Preiss, secretary-treasurer; David Gamble, tail twister; Russell Mills, lion tamer, and James Clayton, membership chairman.

Others in the club so far are Henry Clayton, Roy Clayton and Maj. H. L. Antley.

The club will hold supper meetings weekly on Fridays in the basement of the Baptist church, starting at 6:30 and with the time limited to one hour and 15 minutes. The next meeting will be on the evening of December 15.

Assisting in the organization was Norman Trueblood, Lions International secretary for North Carolina, and a group of members from the sponsoring West End club, including their organizational chairman, John McInnis. Considerable time was spent on going over the projects and principles of Lionism, a civic organization dedicated to community service. The major Lions project is aid to the blind, with many related services which are carried on on a club and interclub basis.

TO BE INDUCTED
Twenty young Moore County men will take a chartered bus at Carthage early Tuesday morning, to be inducted into the Army at Fort Bragg, according to word from Mrs. Harry W. Davis draft clerk.

Rain Fails To Stop Hunt

By E. O. Hippus

Scared of rain? Faces red? Red faces don't combine well with pink coats as a rule but that's the state of things among members of the Moore County field this week, it is gloomily reported.

It appears Thursday was a day of surprises in the hunting field, not the least being what happened after the rain started and the riding contingent went home.

Starting off with a wild burst on deer that split the pack and wasn't stopped till the whips got to their heads around the Young place, the day ended with as fine a hunt and kill as you could ask for. Between the two came hard gal-

loping after a big red, viewed by Morris Johnson, a switch to a gray and a long piece of cold trailing. And the rain started. One by one, folks got discouraged and went home till only the staff was left: the master, and first whip, Mr. and Mrs. Ozelle Moss, and Kirk Dutton, honorary whip.

Then is when the fun started. The cry got louder, the galloping got faster, and the rain poured harder. At the airport head hounds were pushing him hard and the 24 couple pack triumphantly rolled him over near the old beaver dam.

Moral: never give up the ship. he laughs best who laughs last... and a few other inappropriate, (?) quotations.