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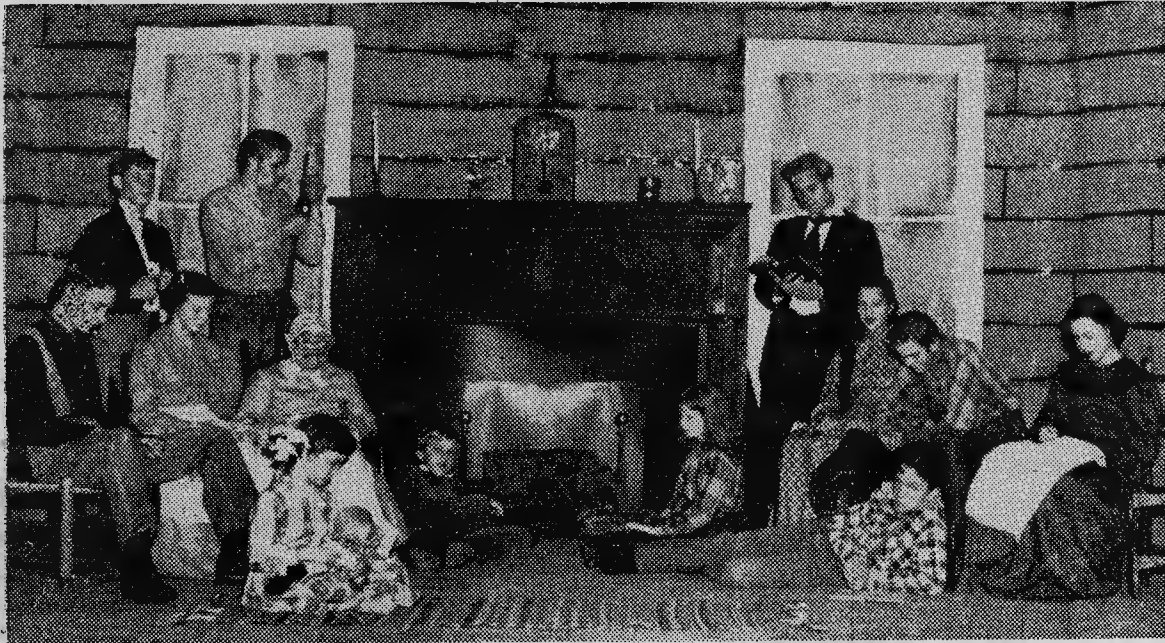
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Young People Portray Moore Family of 100 Years Ago



It looks like an old-fashioned Christmas card, but it's a scene from the eighth grade's historical pageant, "An Evening at Shaw Ridge," showing family life in Moore county 100 years ago. The play in three scenes was given December 6 at Raleigh before the N. C. Society for the Preservation of Antiquities, and last Thursday at the school auditorium for all eighth grades of the county in the morning, and the public that night.

In Scene 3, above, "A Fireside Gathering," the Shaw family of 1850 was portrayed by Duke Whiting, and Frances Pearson as the mother and father, Dick Ray, Edward Cheatham, Charles Bowman, James Williams, Jackie Haines, Dorothy Newton, Norma Boles, James Collins, Gail Givens, Marie Bowers and Charles Covell. (Photo by Emerson Humphrey)

Children Burned In Durham Fire, Small Boy Dies

Two little grandchildren of Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Blue, of Lakeview, were burned, one of them fatally, in a fire which destroyed their home on Durham, Rt. 5, Tuesday afternoon.

William Daniel Thompson, aged three, son of Mr. and Mrs. Garland Thompson, died of his burns at Watts hospital Wednesday. Funeral services were held Thursday morning at Hillsboro, home of his father's people. His four-year-old sister, Sarah Margaret, remains at the hospital "in critical condition."

The tragedy occurred when the mother, who said she seldom left her children, made a quick dash into town to take her husband's lunch to him at his business and to make an insurance payment. She was gone from home only a very short time. Returning, she saw smoke pouring from under the eaves of the house, and her little children clawing pitifully at an upstairs windowpane.

The mother, barred by flames from entering the front door, broke through a downstairs window to reach the children and snatch them from the fiery room. She rushed them in the car to Watts hospital without taking time to give the alarm. Firemen were notified by the hospital, and went to the home to find only ashes and cinders.

As they stood there, three others of the family's seven children got off a school bus nearby and were confronted by the sight of a pile of ashes where their home had been. They flung themselves to the ground bursting into tears. They were comforted by the firemen who assured them that their mother and little sister and brother had not been lost.

It was reported the family had (Continued on Page 8)

Korean Wounded At Bragg Hospital; Tarheel Lad Survived 'Tunnel Incident'

By Valerie Nicholson
A 20-year-old Tarheel in the Station hospital at Fort Bragg grins happily, though occasionally wincing with pain, as he relaxes in his hospital bed and reflects on how good it is to be home.

At one time home seemed a place he would most likely never see again. Pvt. Ray Hanchey, of Wallace, was for about two months a prisoner of the North Koreans, a survivor of a forced

march of more than 300 miles and of the grim "tunnel incident" which cost the lives of 200 or maybe 300, American soldiers. His wince of pain comes from the fact that his right leg, shattered by a communist's bullet and in a cast, is taking a long and painful time to knit. Other bullets passed through his upper body, but fortunately striking no vital parts, as he fell and "played dead" in a group of 25 or 30 prisoners being subjected to a quick and crude mass execution. "We didn't know what was up," says Private Hanchey, who looks even younger than his 20 years. "They had marched us along for days and days, about 25 or 30 miles a day through the (Continued on Page 5)

SCHOOL HOLIDAY
Boys and girls of the Southern Pines schools will have Christmas holiday starting with the close of school on Wednesday. Then—no more classes until Wednesday, January 3.

Three Moore Boys On Casualty Lists; Cpl. Meyers Wounded, On Way Home

CHRISTMAS ART

Reproductions of paintings by the world's great artists tell the Christmas story with glowing beauty and color at the Southern Pines library this season.

A loan exhibit from the Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York City was put in place in the Fine Arts room this week by Mrs. C. A. Smith, member of the arts committee of the Library Association, assisted by Miss Mary Bowman, an artist visitor from Gloucester, Mass.

The Metropolitan loan exhibit of last Christmas drew hundreds of visitors to the Fine Arts gallery during the season. This year's showing comprises a different, and larger, selection of masterpieces which promise even greater enjoyment.

Draft News

Blackout Lifted; Inductees Named

A brief but total blackout of all draft news, including names, calls, quotas and deliveries, which prevailed last week, was lifted Wednesday by order of State Selective Service Director Thomas H. Upton.

Mrs. Harry W. Davis, Moore County draft board clerk, thereupon released the names of the following Moore County men who were sent from Carthage to Fayetteville Tuesday for induction into the Army:

White men—Albert Cornelius Thompson, Willard Clayton Lewis, James Wendell Oliver, (Continued on Page 8)

From Changjin To Southern Pines By Christmas

Names of three Moore county boys on Korean casualty lists this week brought sorrow—but in one case a happy sequel followed almost at once.

Reported as wounded were Cpl. Peter Meyers, brother of Mrs. Lois Beauregard of Southern Pines, and Pfc. Bradley Williamson, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Williamson of Steeds.

Missing in action is Cpl. Rufus C. Poindexter, son of Mrs. Collie Poindexter, Carthage, Rt. 3.

After receiving news last week that her brother had been wounded, Mrs. Beauregard had a phone call from him Wednesday. He said his wound was not serious, that he had been flown to the west coast, would be sent to a North Carolina hospital and expects to be "home for Christmas." (Continued on Page 8)

"Peahead" Walker Will Speak At Football Banquet

Members of the Southern Pines High School six-man football squad, their managers and coaches will be honored by the Southern Pines Elks at the annual football banquet, to be held tomorrow (Saturday) evening at 7 o'clock in the school cafeteria. Douglas "Peahead" Walker, famed Wake Forest coach, will be the speaker, and Mrs. Walker will also be present.

Also invited to attend are Jim Weaver, physical education director at Wake Forest, who is the brother of Southern Pines' school superintendent Philip J. Weaver; Bill Baker, Ray Copley and Andy Page, who graduated from six-man football here to play for Carolina, and Gary Mattocks, another Southern Pines alumnus, now playing for Duke.

Awards will be made by Coach A. C. Dawson, Jr., recognizing the achievements of the team in the season just ended, in which they rolled up an impressive string of victories and were runner-up for the Eastern Conference title.

Parents, friends and fans may buy tickets for the banquet, and are cordially asked to attend, said Don L. Madigan, chairman of arrangements. For the first time in years the town has, in the school cafeteria, a place large enough to admit everyone, permitting the general invitation to be extended. Just to make sure the food will go around, he asks that tickets be secured in advance at one of the local drugstores or at the Elks club.

Supreme Court's Ruling Puts Moore In Beer Muddle

August Election Held Illegal, But What Comes Next?

The State Supreme Court on Wednesday ruled that the election by which Moore county banned the legal sale of beer and wine was not legally held.

What was to happen next, though, was not made clear. The decision could mean that the results of the election are illegal, and that beer and wine dealers may reopen their shops. It could mean that another election will be necessary.

Two municipal elections have been scheduled in Moore, January 9 in Southern Pines and February 6 in Aberdeen.

In view of the existing confu-

The State Attorney General's office is studying Moore's mixed-up beer situation, but an opinion is not expected before the middle of next week or later.

This is the latest information, received Thursday from District Beer Inspector H. H. Grimm at Carthage, who had just received a phone call from C. A. Upchurch, Jr., state ABC chief at Raleigh.

If the Attorney General rules that beer can be sold, the certified judgment must still be filed at Carthage. Mr. Grimm says he will then notify all beer dealers, returning their permits and setting a date for all to start selling at once.

In the meantime he warns them—don't jump the gun. Those who sell beer before the assigned date won't get their permits back at all.

sion, on the advice of Town Attorney Hoke Pollock the Southern Pines town board decided to go ahead with the preparations for the municipal election. Advertising will continue so as not to throw off the schedule if there is much delay pending clarification. Registration of new voters will begin Saturday as advertised.

Local beer dealers were notified Wednesday afternoon by their representatives in Raleigh that retail beer sales could be resumed within 48 hours and began making their preparations.

However, Attorney Pollock said, his latest advice was that "the Supreme Court's decision was about 12 pages long, it had not yet been fully deciphered in all its points and it may have to go back before a superior court judge." This would be at the next term of superior court here, which will open at Carthage January 22 with Judge Clement of Winston-Salem presiding.

Or, Raleigh sources pointed out, the Moore county election board, the Moore County election board and the State Attorney General may have to provide the answers.

All this arises from the fact that the Supreme Court limited its study to the election alone. Associate Justice Devin, who wrote the opinion, declared that, since a municipal election had been held in Southern Pines August 15—only 11 days before the county beer-wine vote—the time limit of the county election did not conform (Continued on Page 8)

Wyandotte Worsted Company of Maine Buys Acreage At Lakeview As Site of Large Industrial Plant

Board Authorizes Mayor To Act In Civil Defense

Mayor C. N. Page on Wednesday night asked for, and received, authority from the town board to proceed with the setting up of a coordinated civil defense plan for Southern Pines.

This will be done in cooperation with the civil defense director, Col. D. L. Madigan, along lines he has already laid out, and will involve coordination of local agencies and facilities to take care of any foreseeable war emergency.

"It seems to me it is high time this were done," the Mayor said. "Perhaps we are ahead of a good many other towns—of the state, maybe the nation. They appear to be moving slowly, while things in other parts of the world are moving fast. We may never need organized civil defense—but to need it, and not have it, is a far worse eventuality."

On hearing a general outline of Colonel Madigan's plan as given to the town board some weeks ago, Hoke Pollock, town attorney, had advised that authority from the board must be given, for legal correctness, before any part of it could be put into effect.

Doctors' Parking
Discussion of parking problems, including special privileges now granted to doctors, occupied a considerable part of the board's time at this week's regular session. In deciding which doctors were due (Continued on Page 5)

Here's Chance To Share Christmas With Unfortunate

The Moore county welfare department is making its annual Christmas appeal in behalf of many unfortunate persons of Moore county—neighbors both white and colored, including families with young children, and old people who know the pain of being forgotten at this time of year.

The plight of many of them is pitiful, and welfare department funds can't stretch to provide that extra bit of Christmas cheer which means so much. The families will appreciate anything, says Mrs. Walter B. Cole, welfare superintendent, but what the majority need most are shoes and warm garments.

Cash, toys, blankets and any useful article will be gratefully received, and there will be someone who can use anything you give. Acting as chairmen in the various communities are the following:

Col. Don F. Madigan, Southern Pines; Mrs. Foster Kelly, Pinehurst; M. B. Pleasant, Aberdeen; Vass Lions club, Vass and Lakeview; Junior Chamber of Commerce, Carthage; Woman's club, Cameron; Manly Wellman, Pinebluff; J. F. Sinclair, West End; Carl Scoggins, Robbins.

Items may also be sent or taken to the welfare office at Carthage.

COMING EVENTS

Friday, December 15—Sandhills Kiwanis Club annual banquet and Ladies Night, Mid Pines club. Cub Pack meeting, Presbyterian church, 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, December 16—Elks Club annual football banquet. "Peahead" Walker, speaker, school cafeteria, 7 p.m.

Sunday, December 17—"Yuletide Memories," Christmas cantata, Church of Wide Fellowship, 5 p.m.

Tuesday, December 19—Basketball: Southern Pines vs. Hamlet, auditorium, 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday, December 20—School Glee Club Christmas program, auditorium, 11 a.m. Elks Club Santa Claus party, Elks lodge, 2-5 p.m. Cub Pack meeting, auditorium, 7:30 p.m. School holidays begin.

Saturday, December 30 (tentative)—Alumni-varsity basketball game, school auditorium, evening.

Sunday, December 31—Fourteenth Winter Informal Horse show, Carolina ring, Pinehurst, 2 p.m.

Wednesday, January 3—School holidays end.

Friday, January 12—Wallace Lee, magician, sponsored by Civic club, auditorium, 8 p.m.

COMMISSIONER



Brown Appointed As Replacement On Town Board

H. L. Brown was the unanimous choice of Southern Pines town commissioners, in regular session Wednesday night, to fill the vacancy in their ranks left by the resignation of E. C. Stevens last month.

In presenting Mr. Brown's name to the board to fill out the unexpired term till next May, Mayor C. N. Page said he had been approached by a number of citizens in behalf of the appointment. The commissioners each said they also had had word of Mr. Brown's strong support, and several letters were on hand giving further evidence.

To this support, stronger than that of any other candidate, the commissioners added their personal words of commendation for Mr. Brown. In seconding W. E. Blue's nomination of him, L. T. Clark said, "I have worked with him in numerous organizations and projects and I don't know of a finer, more conscientious citizen in our town."

Mr. Brown is the third appointee on the board following a member's resignation, since the election of May 1949. This turnover of more than half the members in one term is unprecedented in the recorded history of the town.

The new board member, a native of Bedford, Va., has lived here since 1935, when he moved his business and family from Charlotte. He is proprietor of the H. L. Brown Agency, distributor for Underwood typewriters in nine (Continued on Page 5)

Kids Will Be Elks' Guests At Christmas Party

The Southern Pines Elks club will hold its annual Christmas party for all the kids Wednesday from 2 to 5 p.m., with Santa Claus as the chief attraction and speciality honored guest.

Santa will receive his young friends in the clubhouse grove if the weather is fine, indoors if it is bad. Favors, candy and fruit will be given each small boy or girl, up through nine years of age. There will be a lighted Christmas tree, and the school band will play and the majorettes perform.

The clubhouse, already flood-lighted for the Christmas season, will provide a festive background for the occasion.

Several hundred youngsters annually attend the party.

Don L. Madigan is chairman, as head of the club activities committee, a large group of active Elks all of whom will assist in one capacity or another.

The BPO Does are also assisting with some preliminary work. After the party, the Elks will have a buffet supper for their membership in the clubhouse.

Announcement Ends Long Period Of Negotiation

Moore Citizens Given Credit For Full Cooperation

Announcement was made this week by the Wyandotte Worsted company of Waterville, Maine, that they are exercising their options held on a number of tracts at Lakeview, six miles north of Southern Pines, for a site for the building of an industrial plant for the manufacture of woollen cloth.

The site of approximately 260 acres lies partly on the south side of US Highway 1, with the greater portion, however, on the north side, extending beyond the Seaboard main line to and including the Hotel Lakeview property. It includes the whole of Crystal lake, one of the finest bodies of water in this area, which will provide an ample supply of water for the plant operations.

The announcement comes after a long period of negotiations which began last April. Options were secured from a long list of property owners during the summer and early fall. During the past few weeks, exhaustive water and soil tests have been made, local advantages studied and comparisons made with sites under consideration in other southern states, culminating in the final selection of the Sandhills by the Wyandotte company as the location for their fifth manufacturing plant, their first in the south. (Continued on Page 5)

GLEE CLUB

The Southern Pines High School Glee club will give a program of Christmas songs at the school auditorium at 11 a. m. Wednesday. This will be the group's first public appearance of the year. The community is invited.

Carols and hymns, rounds and folk melodies from other lands will tell the Christmas story, as the boys' and girls' glee clubs sing separately, then together. Soloists will be Albert Crissman, Coy Bowers and Ed Cheatham. Guest soloists from the elementary school will be Linda Thompson, fourth grade, and Dolores Maready, fifth.

The glee club has sung this year at two chapel programs and also for the county inter-club dinner meeting held in October. The Christmas program will give parents and friends their first opportunity to hear them under their new director, Miss Barbara Young.

CANTATA

The annual Christmas cantata of the Church of Wide Fellowship, a highlight of the musical year in Southern Pines, will be given at 5 o'clock Sunday afternoon under the direction of Mrs. L. D. McDonald.

This year's offering, "Yuletide Memories," will present the church's three choirs, comprising more than 60 voices. Added to the senior choir will be the newly formed junior and young people's choirs, wearing their colorful new vestments for the first time together.

Tom Cordon and Mrs. Page Choate will be soloists. Among the regular church soloists who will be heard are Wesley Stoltz, Mrs. Bryan Poe, Miss Mary Alice Tate and Miss Merva Benjamin.

The cantata is said to be one of the most beautiful of modern choral literature, richly appropriate for the opening of the year's most sacred season. Members of all churches, also non-church members of the community are invited to attend.