

Four Fined \$100 Each For Illegal Hunting Of Deer

Many Cases Cleared In Four-Day Term Of Criminal Court

Members of a four-man hunt party, at first pleading not guilty to charges of hunting deer of season at night by artificial light, withdrew their plea after jury was empaneled and evidence heard at criminal court at thage last week.

Entering pleas of nolo contendere, Herman Henry Hill, D. L. Joseph L. Hill and A. C. C. paid costs and a fine of \$100 each, as prayer for judgment continued for two years for defendant. In addition, Judge Clement ordered confiscation of the guns, ammunition, lights and knives taken from them by law enforcement officials, and said they might be sold according to law.

The four cases were consolidated for trial.

Two other defendants docketed trial on charges of game law violation failed to answer to their pleas, and judgment of nisi sci and capias were issued. These are Floyd Brown and J. L. Brown, charged with killing a doe. J. L. Brown had also been indicted for hunting on posted land.

City Business
The oldest case on the calendar, which K. M. Combs of Pinebluff was charged with embezzlement, was continued to next week.

Historical Meeting At Struthers Burt Home February 13

An "All-Moore County" program is being prepared for the annual meeting of the Moore County Historical society, it was announced this week by Mrs. Ernest L. Ives, of Southern Pines, president.

The meeting will be held Tuesday evening, February 13, at H. H. Struthers Burt in South-Pines. Mr. and Mrs. Burt, who are spending the winter here for the first time in several years, have very kindly opened their home to the society for this occasion. Both are authors of national repute, with many books to their credit.

The program is being prepared under the direction of Manly Wellman, of Pinebluff, program chairman of the society and also a well-known author. He is being assisted by Mrs. Ives, Miss Flora Donald and others.

The meeting is for members of the society, who hail from every county in Moore county. Non-members will be welcomed as usual, said Mrs. Ives, and will be requested to become members at the door. The membership fee is \$1 per year, which is used for historical and restoration work of the society.

Rabbits Set Kiwanians Good Example In Friendship, Cooperation, Growth

A unique interclub project sponsored by the Sandhills Kiwanis Club has resulted in some fine cooperation among nine clubs of the district, and the incidental production of a large amount of stock.

The project originated in the brain of James M. Pleasant, Sandhills interclub relations chairman. As a result his appointment, Garland McPherson, then president, and L. L. Hallman, moved to visit the Raeford one day last May. They carried with them a friendly gesture—a pair of handsome rabbits. The rabbits were handed over to the Raeford interclub relations chairman, with instructions to pass them on to the next club.

The rabbits visited clubs of Raeford, Laurinburg, Lumberton, Fayetteville, Angier, Benson, Selma and finally Smithfield, from which they were brought back to Sandhills Kiwanis club last week.

Only instead of two rabbits, there were eight. Reports of their journey about the district showed that at one time the number reached 42. The six which came back to Moore county along with the original pair were several generations removed from their placid and productive ancestors.

What happened to all the other progeny along the way was not recorded. The eight bunnies on hand last week, however, have been turned over to J. Talbot Johnson, who says he is giving them away as fast as possible to "future Kiwanians." The young sons of Aberdeen Police Chief Lamar Smith, Deane White and Lamont Brown have become proud possessors of three of them, and two are being reserved for Mr. Johnson's grandchildren. Other little boys wanting rabbits are asked to apply at once, before some more generations are on the way.

Southern Pines Lions Club Receives Charter



Holding the charter of the new Southern Pines Lions club are, at left, District Governor Dewey B. Edwards, Fayetteville, and W. L. Baker, president of the local club.

Local and visiting Lions officials here for the presentation of the charter Friday night were, front row, left, A. R. Preiss, Southern Pines, secretary-treasurer of the new club, and right, President Paul R. Von Canon of the West End (sponsoring) club; second row, Toastmaster Fred Chappell, Southern Pines, vice president of the new club; Past International Director Edward H. McMahan of Raleigh; State Secretary Norman Trueblood, Elizabeth City.

Third row, District Deputy Governor Lyman Austin, Albemarle; Zone Chairman J. L. Hobbs, Pinehurst; Zone Chairman John R. McInnis, West End; Cabinet Secretary-Treasurer Roy W. Boling, Fayetteville.

Huge Forest Fire Shows Signs of Incendiary Origin

The Moore County Forest Service crew fought its worst fire of the season Monday, an eight-and-a-half-hour battle against flames believed started by a firebug.

High wind and dry weather whipped the flames over about 425 acres of brush and timber near the Moore-Hoke line, between the Lakeview and Sweetheart Lake roads, despite the hard labors of the crewmen aided by about 50 volunteers. All the heavy equipment was pulled out to aid in the fight, which lasted from about 10 a. m. to 6:30 in the evening.

County Forest Warden E. W. Davis said the firefighters found Sweetheart Lake road ablaze on both sides for a considerable distance, in a manner which plainly indicated incendiaryism. An investigation is under way.

A barn close to the home of Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Honeycutt was destroyed, and the home itself, into which the elderly couple only recently moved, was seriously threatened. It was saved only by strenuous work, by means of firelines plowed all the way around it.

The fire burned almost all the way from the Skyline airport to Manchester road, over acreage belonging to the county.

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Principles of Lionism Explained At Charter Banquet; 51 In Local Club

Serious Note Added To Festive Program Of Fun, Fellowship

The Southern Pines Lions club received its charter Friday evening at a banquet held at the Southern Pines Country club, attended by most of the 51 charter members and their wives, district and state dignitaries of Lions International and delegations of

March of Dimes Extended, County Reports Are Made

Announcement was made this week that the March of Dimes will be extended to February 15, even as word came of the first Moore County community to go officially over the top. This was Lakeview, whose chairman, Mrs. Louis Bellet, said her quota was in hand and she was keeping right on working.

Mrs. E. W. Bruton, Jackson Springs chairman, reported her \$200 quota achieved, with a total of \$218.88 in hand and "we hope to add a little more yet."

Herbert Bost, Eagle Springs chairman, startled his fellow chairmen out of their chairs at the pre-campaign meeting by announcing that his quota had already been passed. The sum of \$125 had been made though holding a community square dance. He has not yet made this official, however, and is believed to be engaged in a strategic offensive toward becoming the first to double his quota.

This week E. J. Burns, Carthage chairman, reported that about \$600 had been collected toward that community's \$1,000 goal, with a number of workers and the whole Negro division yet to be heard from.

Southern Pines Chairman Paul C. Butler reported about \$1,300 contributed here, with half the community yet to be heard from. He appeared confident that the \$1,700 quota would be surpassed but added, "That is a minimum. The need is great and we're hoping the response will match it."

Mrs. Pete Phillips, Cameron chairman, is about "halfway along" with \$100 in hand.

Other promising reports were beginning to come in as H. Clifton Blue, of Aberdeen, campaign chairman for Moore county, announced the time extension. The

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well-wishers from 13 other Lions clubs of Moore and neighboring counties.

In becoming a part of the world's fastest-growing international civic organization, the local group was listed as the 10th Lions club in Moore county, the 47th in District 31-D, the 265th in North Carolina. According to information given by the guest speaker, Past International Director Lion Edward H. McMahan of Raleigh, Lions International consists of some 8,000 clubs in 29 countries, with more than 400,000 members, and new clubs being chartered at the rate of three a day.

The ceremony, which had its serious moments, took place in an atmosphere of frolic and fellowship.

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Nurse Training Scholarship Drive Will Open Monday

The Sandhills Veterans association's annual "mail-a-dollar" drive to finance Moore County nurse scholarships begins next Monday, bearing the strong endorsement of Moore County Hospital Administrator E. T. McKeithen who stated, "Never at a time in our history were additional nurses needed more."

All dollars collected in the campaign are used to finance scholarships for deserving Moore County girls who agree to practice nursing within the county following completion of their training.

Writing to SVA Chairman Bert Premo, Mr. McKeithen said, "I want you and the other members of your veterans' group to know the great benefit this hospital is now receiving from your efforts in nurse education. Not only did your first scholarship winner join our nursing staff, but four of her classmates did the same. None of these young ladies would probably be with us unless their attention had been directed this way as a result of your training program. I wish to express my deep gratitude and that of the directors of the hospital for your splendid work."

R. L. Chandler, Jr., head of the 1951 SVA drive, states that appeal letters will be mailed Monday to hundreds of Moore County residents known to be interested in better nursing service for Moore county. To show their own confidence in the project, the veterans enclose a one-dollar bill in their letter and invite the recipient to return it with a companion dollar, to help train more nurses for Moore county.

Council Is Elected Library President; Yeomans Honored

Annual Reports Indicate Progress During Past Year

The Southern Pines Library Association, at its annual meeting held at the library Monday afternoon, elected Clyde Council, for several years a member of the board of trustees, president for the coming year.

Alfred B. Yeomans, president since 1942, was named president emeritus.

The trustees elected Mrs. Reid Healy first vice-president, and the Rev. Robert Lee House second vice-president. Mrs. James B. Swett and Miss Laura Kelsey were re-elected secretary and treasurer respectively. Owing to Mrs. Healy's absence from town for the past several weeks, it was impossible to ascertain whether she would be able to serve, but expectations were high. Mrs. Healy has been chairman of the hard-working book committee for several years.

New trustees elected were Arch Coleman, taking the Rev. Davis' place, and Mrs. C. A. Smith, in place of Mrs. Ernest Ives, who tendered her resignation. The full board includes, besides those previously mentioned: Mrs. J. H. Towne, Mrs. L. T. Avery, Mrs. Wallace Irwin, Miss Birdie Bair, Mrs. W. M. McCord, J. A. Phillips, Mrs. James Boyd, the Rev. Charles Covell, Mrs. Howard Butler, Philip J. Weaver, Mr. and Mrs. Struthers Burt are honorary trustees.

Mr. Yeomans Honored
The treasurer's report, read by Miss Kelsey, showed a balance of \$1,987.43, beating last year's record by more than \$850. It was voted to invest \$1,000, which included \$500 each from the McKinney and Ives bequests, the remainder to be kept on hand to buy books this year.

Highlight of the trustees meeting was the tribute paid the president, Mr. A. B. Yeomans, named president emeritus by unanimous vote. A resolution, emphasizing his many contributions to the community, was adopted.

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Triple-Header Will Be Seen On Local Court Tonight

Southern Pines basketball fans will be offered a real treat here tonight (Friday) with a triple-header program at the school gym starting at 7:30.

Fessor Sinclair and Coach Tucker will send their West End teams up against the Blue and White for the scheduled double-header of first, the girls' teams, then the boys'.

An extra added attraction will be a third game, the local debut of a group of alumni, who will play the Carolina Cooks from Pinehurst. These are adult teams, and advance reports say they are full of vim.

In meeting the West End teams, the local players will face old friends and rivals. J. F. Sinclair, affectionately known to his students of past and present as 'Fessor, is held in respectful awe by other coaches as the "Ole Fox." Many a brash young coach, optimistic to the point of commiseration with the 'Fessor on his forthcoming defeat, has seen his team routed by a West End planned defense, brilliantly executed.

For almost 24 years basketball in Moore county and Mr. Sinclair have been synonymous in the public mind.

A near-capacity crowd came to the Southern Pines gymnasium for Sinclair night, held just one week ago. The Blue and White split with West End, the boys winning and the girls getting a draw. The first meeting of the teams this year at West End, the Blue and White again split, the boys dropping theirs, and the girls winning a thriller. This was the night on which the Blue and White had the honor of playing in the dedicatory games of Sinclair gymnasium.

Supt. Weaver Resigns To Go To Greensboro; Dawson Is Successor

POLIO DANCE

"Dance so that others may walk"—that's the slogan for tonight (Friday) when the Blue Mirror will sponsor its annual dance for the benefit of the March of Dimes.

Admission fee has been set at 50 cents for all. Those attending are asked to bring a gift-wrapped package for a "pig in a poke" auction. Admission fees and auction sale proceeds will go in their entirety to help swell the Southern Pines fund in the current polio campaign, said Mrs. Lois Beauregard, Blue Mirror proprietor.

The event will be for all ages, in the interest of a good time for a good cause.

Boy Scout Week Will Be Marked By Special Events

Boy Scouts of Moore county will observe Boy Scout week next Monday, February 5, through Sunday, February 11, in company with 2,000,000 others throughout the land in salute to the 41st anniversary of Boy Scouting.

Each troop in Southern Pines and Moore county will develop some special project of its own in connection with the event. These will include some special window displays for which downtown merchants will be asked to contribute space. The displays will show something of the wide range of Boy Scout activity, for the information of those who may not know all that the boys are doing.

The projects will be judged for the awarding of troop prizes.

The Cub Scouts, little brothers of the Boy Scouts, who have a coordinated program of their own, will also observe the anniversary week. The two Southern Pines packs will hold "Blue and Gold" banquets, Pack 71 at the school cafeteria Tuesday night, Pack 73 in the Brownson Memorial Presbyterian church basement Friday. The Cub Scouts are inviting their families, and special programs are being arranged.

Tentative plans were revealed by Ray McMullen, of Southern Pines, district camping and activities chairman, for the holding of a countywide parade of Boy Scouts and Cub Scouts here next Saturday. Announcement will be made later concerning this proposed event.

Climax of the week will be church services next Sunday morning for all Scouts. Special services will be scheduled in all churches sponsoring troops or packs, and club-sponsored troops will attend along with the church-sponsored ones.

Mr. McMullen is chairman of the week-long observance.

Eagle Springs Fire Tower Gets Radio Installation, 3rd Girl Operator In State

Moore county's first permanent Forest Service radio installation went into operation at the Eagle Springs fire tower Thursday, with a girl as operator.

Miss Dorothy Britt, a 1949 graduate of the West End High school, is one of only three women employed in this capacity by the Forest Service in North Carolina. She will move soon to the new cottage recently completed by the Forest Service on the fire tower grounds, and will keep regular morning and afternoon hours at the tower controls. She will be on duty or on call 24 hours a day, starting about the middle of February.

Her father, a farmer of the West End community, will live with her at the tower.

Miss Britt is mastering the radio technique under instructions given by County Forest Warden E. W. Davis, of Southern Pines, and a state radio technician. She is described as an apt pupil.

The Southern Pines tower has for some time been using radio in portable form. The Eagle Springs installation will be the central radio control for the county, and with that at Hoffman will provide protection extending all over the Sandhills area.

School Board Grants Contract Release With Deep Regret

11-Year Regime Has Been Marked With Progress

The school board in special session last Thursday night accepted the resignation of Philip J. Weaver, Southern Pines school superintendent, and appointed A. C. Dawson, Jr., high school principal, as his successor.

Mr. Weaver is resigning to accept the position of assistant superintendent of the Greensboro school system. He will leave April 1.

In making the announcement, Dr. G. G. Herr, school board chairman, revealed that the resignation was not immediately accepted, but was tabled overnight when first presented in the hope that Mr. Weaver would change his mind. By unanimous action the board urged him to reconsider, and sought special inducements which they might offer to get him to stay.

However, in the interest of his professional advancement in going to a wider field, and in the belief that a notable career as an educator lies before him, Dr. Herr said, they then acceded to his request and released him from his contract.

Community Mourns
Though no official announcement was made until today, the news got abroad and brought shock and mourning to those who heard it. In 11 and a half years of service Superintendent Weaver has headed a program of great progress in the schools, and has won the loyalty and devotion of the community in a measure few schoolmen ever know.

Satisfaction was expressed, however, in that a suitable successor was at hand. Superintendent Weaver and "Coach" Dawson have worked together as an effective team in the conduct of the school program, and it is anticipated that the policies of the schools will go forward unchanged.

The Greensboro school system, which with 13,000 children, is one of the state's largest, is also rated as one of the best.

Years Were Happy

In revealing plans for his departure Mr. Weaver said, "No community can ever supplant Southern Pines in my regard. My years here have been happy ones and it is hard to think of leaving."

"This community has given me the best gift any schoolman can have—its support and loyalty in all phases of the school program. The strength of the schools lies in the cooperation of the townspeople and the devotion of the alumni. I am sure this will continue to be the case, for greater accomplishments in the future."

Highlights of his regime here have been the building of the new

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