



THE PILOT



Aberdeen Seized "Communists" Jaycee Event

Freedom Program Opens With Taste Of Dictator Rule

Communists took over Aberdeen Wednesday. The fire truck, sirening its way every street between 6 and 7 a.m., awakened the citizens to a new world. On their porches Aberdeensians found Red Star Gazette, informing in forceful language of the overthrow of the "decadent American democracy" and their "liberation" at the hands of a communist dictatorship.

The Gazette also gave the citizens their orders for the day, and they if these were not obeyed. At the morning stern-faced in uniform, with the distinguishing Red Star on their helmets, arrested the town officials and other leading citizens, and led them in a wired stockade to the town jail. They took stores, the library and business of all kinds. By noon "prisoner" was dead.

The program, carefully worked out in a major and minor details, staged by the Aberdeen Jaycees on their "Let's Review Freedom Day. Citizens cooperated in spirit in which it was meant, but the result was no make-believe but an impressive demonstration of what communism is.

Democracy came to the fore in the afternoon, when a town parade was held, with (Continued on Page 5)

W Home Will Remodeled

John Boyd Post VFW will buy the former clubhouse of Southern Pines Elks on South street, but instead will use its own clubhouse on West York avenue and continue to use its headquarters there. A question was discussed at regular post meeting last week. A majority of the members voted to retain their downtown home, which they purchased in the fall of 1948 and related to some extent at that time.

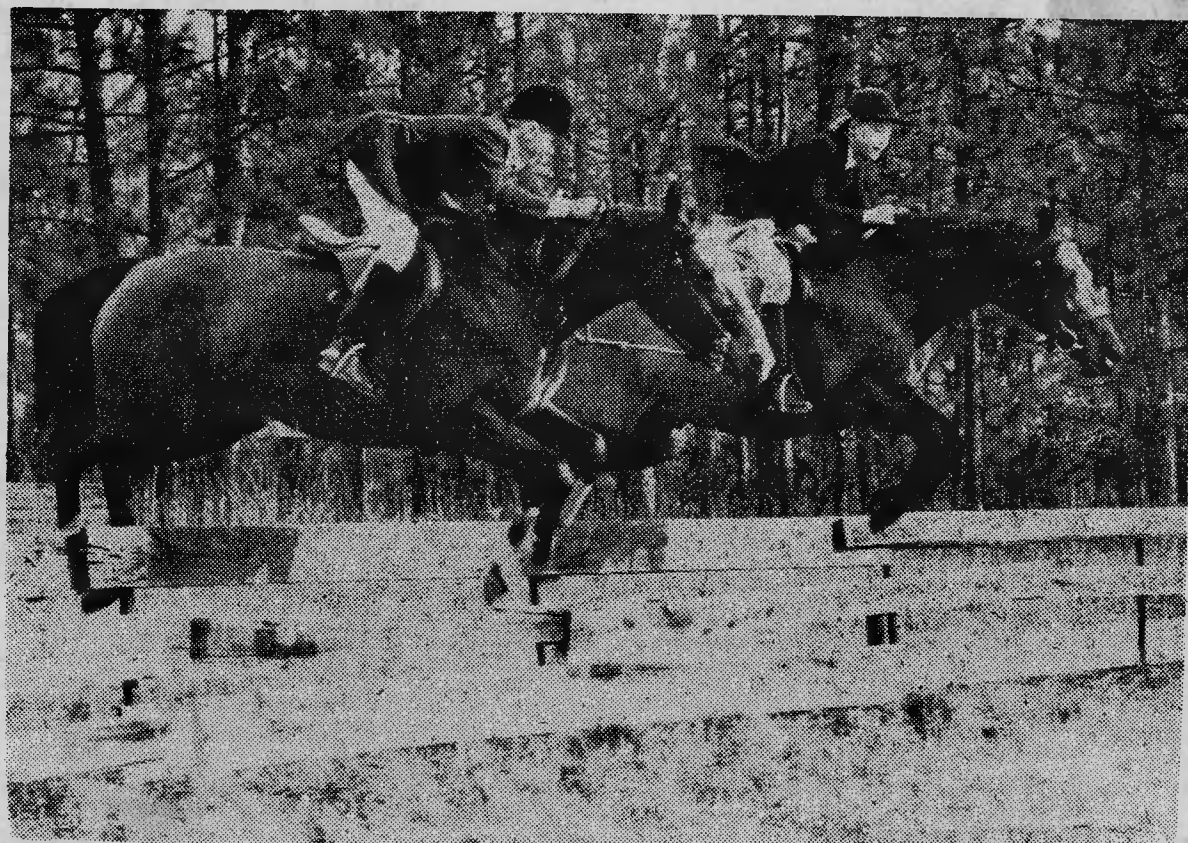
Last week's meeting John Boyd, convention chairman, made changes that should be in the building in order to provide proper hospitality to the VFW convention, which will be held here in June, and for the downtown post home to serve as headquarters for a number of activities. By appointment of Post Commander Don A. Leland Daniels, Jr., will be chairman of a work committee to undertake the alteration.

Long announcements of interest at the meeting: John Boyd post will be host of Ninth District post meeting to be held here April 15.

Her Remains Serene As Baby Girl Born In Car Speeding To Hospital

Stork won the race early morning of last week as a baby girl was born to Mrs. Blalock of Vass Rt. 2 in the seat of a car speeding to the Vass hospital. The wheel of the car as it sped along from Cameron to the Vass hospital was Mrs. Blalock's brother-in-law, Lloyd Ferguson. Beside her was Mrs. Ferguson. The arrival of the infant while they still a good long way from the hospital is reported to have been a severe fright, while Blalock herself remained calm and serene. She maintained her poise even when they reached the hospital and things in a rush, and all eyes were busy. "Oh, just tell 'em I wait," she said. "There's

Perfect Form Behind The Moore County Hounds



Page Blackmore on Mile-Away Farms' Another Lady and James Collins, Jr., on his Goldie Scamp clear a fence together in fine style. No, they aren't winning the pair class at the Moore County Hounds Hunter Trials, though it looks at least like a preview of that popular event. Actually hounds were in full cry ahead of this pair when the picture was snapped during a recent Saturday drag. James is expecting to show Goldie in the trials to be held next Saturday. Page is riding her own Rapid Joe.

Application For Building Permit Poses Problem

Leroy Lee, of Carthage, has made application through his attorneys to Everett V. Walker, city building inspector, for a building permit enabling him to extend his Broad street store building at the rear.

Granting of the permit has been held up for several months because his lot includes part of what was originally designated as a public alley, though title to the land was bought and sold. Title is now vested in Mr. Lee, though whether legally or not no one has been able to determine.

In letters sent to Mayor C. N. Page and each town commissioner, by registered mail, his attorneys state his position that, since many Southern Pines public alleys have already been sacrificed to private building, a policy has been set which should continue to be followed.

The suggestion is made that objectors among other property owners of Block K and 4 may have recourse to law to determine their rights in the matter. "We welcome any litigation they want to bring," the letter states. He says, however, he would prefer to avoid litigation with the Town.

No action has yet been taken, said Mayor Page this week, other than the appointment of Commissioner L. V. O'Callaghan to act as intermediary for the town in the matter, and of Commissioner H. L. Brown to discuss it with trustees of the Church of Wide Fellowship.

Some years ago the Church of Wide Fellowship wished to take over for private use the alleyway extending from Bennett street to the center of Block K and 4, adjoining the church property and in fact owned by the church. The town, however, forbade the closing.

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Moore County Hounds Hunter Trials Set Feb. 24 On Scotts Corner Course

TO BE INDUCTED

Forty Moore county youths will leave from Carthage Monday morning for induction into the Army at Fayetteville. In the group will be the following from Southern Pines: white, Elmer Renegar, Joe Douglas Soles; Negro, Luico Hallman, Alfred Lorenz Medlin, John Henry Stubbs, James Ernest Waddell.

Fred Franklin Arnette, called with this group, has been transferred to the Miami, Fla., selective service board. Charles Curtis David, Negro, has been transferred to New York.

The March preinduction call has been received for 45 men, who will take their examinations March 5, said Mrs. Harry W. Davis, draft board clerk. This call will dip deep into the 20-year-old group, as all 21-year-olds have now been examined. No induction call has been received as yet for March.

Contract Let For National Guard Building Here

Bids were opened at Raleigh January 30 and contract let to Norman C. Smyth, of Charlotte, for the "little armory"—a motor garage and storage building for the local battery of the N. C. National Guard.

The contract stipulates that construction will start within 90 days after letting, and will be completed by, or before, August 1. Contract arrangements were in charge of the office of Lieut. Col. M. H. Austell, property and disbursing officer with the N. C. Military headquarters at Raleigh.

A cinder-block building with close to 5,000 feet of floor space will be built on property recently deeded by the Town of Southern Pines, on the Old Pinehurst road adjoining the town horse show grounds. It will be located on the tract so as to leave plenty of room for drill and maneuver operations by the battery, also for the hoped-for later construction of a full-size armory.

Until that time the garage building will house the unit quite satisfactorily, according to Capt. C. J. Wilson, commanding officer, and also allow for expansion. Effective March 1 the membership ceiling of 50 men, voluntarily imposed on account of present space restrictions, will be lifted. A recruiting campaign will be held to bring the battery up to its allotted strength of 104 men, six officers. This will be undertaken before the building is completed, as with the coming of spring it is anticipated.

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Extensive Summer Maneuvers Set For Mackall Area

Preparations Under Way For Exercise Southern Pines

Joint Army-Air Force maneuvers involving more than 110,000 men will take place in June and July at Fort Bragg and Camp Carson, Colo., according to a Defense Department announcement made this week.

The maneuver in the Bragg-Mackall area will be known as "Exercise Southern Pines" or "Southern Pine." (Differing announcements have been made.) This will be the larger of the two.

Troops from the 82nd Airborne division, the 28th and 43rd Infantry divisions (National Guard divisions drafted last September), the Third Armored Cavalry and the 278th Regimental Combat Team (the "Aggressor" force) will take part. They will be supported by eight fighter-bomber squadrons, six squadrons of troop carrier planes, two light bomber squadrons and reconnaissance planes supplied by the Tactical Air Command.

Engineers have been at work at Camp Mackall for some time making early preparations for the vast maneuver. A clerical force has been moved up from the Third Army headquarters at Fort McPherson, Georgia. Lieut. Gen. John R. Hodge, Third Army commander, former commanding general at Fort Bragg, will direct the operations.

The Colorado maneuvers, to take place in a thickly wooded mountain area, will be called "Exercise Timber Line." Ninth Air Force Commander Maj. Gen. Willard R. Wolfenbarger will be in charge.

Town Team Plays Double-Header At Gym Tonight

In the absence of the local high school teams, who journey to Morehead City this weekend the fast-improving Southern Pines town team will play host tonight (Friday) in the school gymnasium against the Pinehurst Lions and the Carolina Cooks in a basketball doubleheader beginning at 8 o'clock.

Although two weeks ago the local squad numbered only five or six men, interest among players has increased to such an extent that it has now become possible to send two teams onto the courts. One team will play the Lions in the curtain-raiser, while the other will take on the Cooks starting about 9:30.

The locals are undefeated to date, although one of their wins was an overtime 40-39 spine-tingler against the Carolina Cooks two weeks ago. The Cooks, led by set shot artist Johnny Phinstrom, the fast-breaking Woodrow Johnson, are out to reverse that record.

Southern Pines will counter with several offensive threats of their own, most of whom are well known to local fans from their high school exploits. Davis Williams, flashy scorer; Gene Matthews, flashy guard; Drenn Mann, Chan Page, Jr., Bob Durr, Tommy Averv, H. Chaffield and Milton Kavlov are all ex-Southern Pines High players who will be very much in evidence for the locals.

Leading forward Jim Resley, UNC star Pege Choate and lanky center Gene Crawford will be their high scorers. Bill Wall, coach of the Pinehurst High School team, rebound artist Paul Horner, Larry Lyerly, Jim Gilbert, and Jimmy Lane are others who will be wearing the Pinehurst colors.

Manager Norris Hodgkins, Jr., of the Southern Pines team stated that the regular admission will be charged, with all proceeds going to the local high school, and promised that fans of this area who attend will see plenty of top-notch basketball.

General Assembly Act Will Make Traditional Town Caucus Legal

CHAIRMAN



F. H. BROWN
F. H. Brown Will Head Red Cross Drive In Moore

Farrell H. Brown, Aberdeen businessman and civic worker, has accepted the chairmanship of the 1951 Red Cross fund campaign for Moore county, it was announced this week by Mrs. M. G. Nichols of Southern Pines, chapter chairman.

The campaign will take place during March, with a quota of \$18,577 assigned to Moore. This is considerably larger than last year's quota, on account of increased responsibilities and a bigger job ahead for the Red Cross this year. A comprehensive civil defense program and rapidly growing military demands have put it back almost on a wartime basis.

Chairman Brown said this week he is lining up his community chairmen and expects to announce all or most of them next week.

Mr. Brown, a Moore county native, moved to Aberdeen from Troy in 1945, and is associated with Mid-South Motors there. He succeeded the late O. Leon Seymour as president of the corporation in 1949. He is active in affairs of his church, the First Baptist, in Boy Scout work and other youth activities.

Duplicate Tournament For March of Dimes

A duplicate bridge tournament will be held at Southern Pines Cottages Monday night, the final event in the local March of Dimes campaign. Mr. and Mrs. Frank deCosta, who are giving the party, say there will be no admission, though the hat will be passed and all contributions will go to the local polio fund. Reservations in advance will be appreciated.

The post-campaign event is important, said Paul C. Butler, chairman, as "every dollar and dime is needed, and will be put to good use."

Historians Provide Rich Program At Burt Home; Kermit Hunter Speaks

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Well over 100 people crowded into the huge, softly-lit pine-paneled drawing room for a program which brought the past enjoyably alive, and impressed the gathering, with utmost seriousness, with the value of the study of the past. Kermit Hunter of Chapel Hill was a guest speaker, and in many ways the star of the occasion. Speaking modestly and sincerely, the author of "Unto These Hills," historical pageant presented last summer in western North Carolina with outstanding success, told the gathering, "When we study

Old Democratic Process Set By New Englanders

Nomination Procedure Regulations Approved

A measure legalizing Southern Pines' biennial caucus of long and honorable tradition will be submitted to Rep. H. Clifton Blue with the request that it be introduced in the current General Assembly.

The bill as drawn up by Town Attorney Hoke Pollock was approved by the town board in regular session Wednesday night. It provides that the caucus shall be the legal means of nominating candidates for mayor and town commissioner, subject to the regular municipal elections held every other May; and also that at the caucus nominees shall be narrowed down to no more than two candidates for mayor, and no more than 10 for the five commissioner posts. No more than these shall be printed on the ballots, though "write-in" votes will still be counted as legal.

The bill specifies also that only persons qualified to vote in the general election shall vote at the caucus, under pain of committing a misdemeanor; that it shall be held on the second Tuesday before the election date, with notice given by the town clerk, through publication or posting, not later than the second Tuesday before that. Municipal elections are held on the first Tuesday following the first Monday in May.

This schedule would set up this year's nomination and election dates as follows: April 10, latest date for publication or posting of notice; April 24, town caucus. May 8 is election day.

While the bill will legalize the caucus in almost the exact form in which it has been held here for many years, it regulates certain phases which have hitherto been handled in highly casual fashion. There has been no set time for (Continued on Page 5)

PAY RAISE

The town board meeting Wednesday night gave official recognition to the high cost of living by approving raises for city employees averaging about five per cent of current salaries or wages.

All employees were included except the police department, in which upward adjustments were made last month.

The new raises were unanimously approved effective February 1, as recommended by the finance committee headed by Lloyd Clark. The increases will cost the town a total of \$3,770 per year, or an average of \$114.16 per month, he said.

While a few small pay hikes have been made here and there, from time to time, this is the first across-the-board pay raise in recent years for the municipal workers.

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the past, we re-create the forward-marching idea. The past is not dead. It is part of the present and of the future."

"As long as we remain alive to the past, our love of country will be a strong and living thing." Cherokee Story

Mr. Hunter sketched the tragic story of the Cherokees on which "Unto These Hills" is based. He gave experiences of its production and presentation, and of the reactions of the Cherokees themselves to the drama—at first doubt, mistrust and even antagonism, which gave way to confidence as they approved the handling of matters sacred in their lives.

The playwright paid high tribute to Paul Green as the master of the historic drama—"He's away (Continued on Page 5)