

## Horse Show March 31 - April 1 Will Be Opener For Starland Stables' Ring

### Countries Will Be Largely From Local Owners And Trainers

by E. O. Hippus

A date has been set for the horse show and the place, that is the news in the hills sporting world this

announcement was made by P. Tate that his offer of the ring, newly built on the site of the old steeplechase course of the owner, had been accepted by the show committee.

The day - and - a - half event has been scheduled for the morning and afternoon of Saturday, March 31, and Sunday afternoon, April 1.

Friday will be the time of the best competition as championships will be awarded from the classes run off on the previous day.

The word is that this event is strictly "a horseman's show" and every local owner and trainer is participating in the planning and carrying out of it. It will also feature classes for the horses. This first year in the location no attempt will be made to secure out-of-country entries. The prize money does not appear to be large and, with no money available for visitors, few are expected. Local stables, some of which number among their (Continued on Page 8)

## State Cage Meet Starts Finals Here

Crowds are turning out tonight to watch the progress of the State High School Basketball tournament for girls, which started Monday at the Southern gymnasium.

The invitational tournament, with 16 top teams as participants, started the quarterfinals Wednesday night with the following still in the running: Lincoln (first quarterfinals winners), Cool Springs, Windsor, Gold-Trinity, Calypso and Biscoe. Quarterfinals were to continue Saturday night, with games starting at 6:30, 7:30 and 8:30 (no reportable for this issue of the Pilot).

Finals will be held Friday night and 8:30 p.m. Saturday evening, a consolation between runners-up will start at 7:30 p.m., with the finals at 8:30 as grand climax of a week of biting play.

The team brought along a constant stream of strong rosters, and the interest has also been keen, with the only Moore County team on the list, Aberdeen's Redettes, were eliminated in a thriller Monday night. "The of the Sandhills" met a 46-foot at the hands of the sex-ton Low Gap, which in turn defeated Lincoln 53-52 in the quarterfinal bout.

Scoring play, fast action and scores have distinguished the tournament, the second successive to be held here under auspices of the Southern Pines and Aberdeen schools. There is no official reference or state play for girls' basketball, though it is hoped this set up along the lines of basketball, as interest is deepened and evidenced in the both as sport and spectacle.

## Garden Club Makes Beautiful Showing Flower Arrangements At Library

There has come to the town tonight, led there by the skillful artistic hands of the members of the Garden Club, who created in the Fine Arts room one of the most charming displays, it is felt, ever to be held.

Eight or nine arrangements of flowers, each quite different from its fellows and quite as beautiful, stand about on the book-top, while hanging on the wall above are flower prints. To the climax delicate butterflies seem to hover about the flowers. Culled from the finest of Charles Covell, Jr., butterflies are fastened, with their outstretched wings, creating an effect altogether delightful.

According to the feeling of spring, delicate china birds: robins, bluebirds, magpies, perch here and there, while a real bird swings from his perch in a silvery cage. He is yellow, the spring color, and it is said that on occasion his feelings get the better of him, in the midst of all this spring, and he lets out a sound of weird and penetrating eloquence.

It would be impossible to choose the most outstanding from among the flower arrangements. Everyone would have his favorites. We recall especially the delicate platter of pixie moss, arbutus and tiny white flowers, as being especially lovely and original; the arrangement of green leaves and vines, in its brown wooden container near the door, had a lingering grace and poetic beauty.

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### AT C OF C OFFICE

The new Social Security itinerant station for this area will be in the Chamber of Commerce office on North West Broad street. A field representative of the Charlotte Social Security office will be there every fourth Thursday from 10 a. m. to give information, assist with filing of claims and deal with other matters of retirement benefits, old age and survivors' insurance under the Social Security program. The representative's next visit will be March 22.

Also, on Monday the Chamber of Commerce office will become a branch agency for the sale of all types of motor vehicle licenses, and title transfers in connection with the securing of licenses. H. P. Kirk, field secretary of the Carolina Motor club, will be in attendance for several days to help the new agency get off on the right foot.

## Bloodhound Leads Law Officers To Alleged Arsonist

The N. C. Forest Service bloodhound, who lives at the local fire tower, helped track down an alleged vengeful arsonist, setter of three fires near Pinehurst, early Saturday morning, according to County Forest Warden E. W. Davis.

The bloodhound, starting out at the spot where Taylortown residents said they had seen a fleeing man, went straight to the scene of the first fire, then led Davis and his crew and Pinehurst police to two others in full blaze, circled around to the home of James Gaddy, went in the door and straight upstairs, and jumped up on the bed where Gaddy lay asleep.

The 20-year-old Negro, waking to find the law and the hound at hand, jumped up and ran out of the house and into some woods nearby. He was not found for a while and in the meantime, it was learned later, went to a neighbor's house and tried to borrow a shotgun. Officers did not worry about whether they would get him, as he had left without shirt or shoes, in pretty cold weather. They caught him about 8 a. m., took him before JP Frank McCaskey at Pinehurst and put him in jail to await trial at superior court on the following array of charges: arson and wilfully setting fire to forest land, attempting to break into a place of business for purpose of robbery, and attempting to borrow a firearm to harm law enforcement officers.

Pinehurst officers enlisted Warden Davis' aid about 4:20 a. m. when a report came to them from Lacy Rush, Negro supper club proprietor at Taylortown, that someone had attempted to break into his place, and had set a fire at the rear. By the time the officers got there Rush had managed to get the fire out after it had covered about a quarter of an acre.

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## A Breath of Broadway On Broad St.



It was cold and wet when Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Blackmer visited Southern Pines Tuesday, but their stage and screen training would never let them show it. When the camera pointed their way, the smiles were there.

Sidney Blackmer is North Carolina's first gentleman of the theatre. His wife, Suzanne Kaaren, is also of stage and screen. Their home is at Salisbury, though a busy professional life keeps them away most of the time. (Photo by Emerson Humphrey).

## Sidney Blackmers Sit In On Rehearsal, Give Acting Tips To Amateur Cast

**SPRING HOLIDAY** Spring holiday for Southern Pines school children will begin Wednesday after school. Classes will be resumed Wednesday morning, March 28, said Supt. P. J. Weaver.

## Parkway Cleaners Will Open Monday In New Building

A new business for Southern Pines, Parkway Cleaners, will open Monday in its recently completed building on East Pennsylvania avenue facing the town park.

The attractive small building is of Williamsburg-type architecture, with old brick front, many-paned windows and a pendant sign over the door. It has been neatly landscaped. Inside, modern equipment has been installed throughout.

Elliott Shearon, proprietor, announced a special event for the opening—registration of names from 8 a. m. to 8 p. m., at which time a "lucky drawing" will be held. A total of \$40 worth of dry cleaning will be given in prizes—\$25 in dry cleaning for the first prize, \$10 second and \$5 third.

Special services offered will include the re-blocking of hats, cleaning of leather jackets, mothproofing and free alterations and repairs for all garments sent to be cleaned, including replacement of pockets and zippers. "Pressing while you wait" will also be featured.

The business will operate at first on a cash-and-carry basis but expects to inaugurate pick-up and delivery service within a couple of weeks. All pressing done will be by vacuum, for which special equipment has been secured.

Assisting Mr. Shearon is Hunter H. Dunn, a native of Henderson, graduate of the National Institute of Cleaning and Dyeing at Silver Springs, Md. He has had six years' dry cleaning experience in Raleigh, with the Dixie Cleaners and Laundry and the Quality Cleaners. He is a veteran of World War 2 service with the Eighth Air Force, was shot down on his 24th mission over Germany and was a prisoner of war at

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## No Damage Seen To Peach Crop In Nippy Weather

### Orchards At Peak Of Bloom. Called "Loveliest In Years"

This week's cold spell and the heavy frost Wednesday apparently damaged the coming peach crop little if at all, it was learned Thursday from T. Clyde Auman, West End orchardist. He added, however, "It's too soon to tell." Sustained cold, or a temperature drop to the low 20's, would do great damage at this stage, he said. The temperature Wednesday night went down to about 28.

An inspection of his orchards showed that "the shucks are still around the peaches, which are not too far advanced. I believe they had adequate protection." He pointed out that April is the most critical month, as hard freezes then, such as came in 1947 and 1950, catch the fruit at its most vulnerable stage.

The orchards are at their most beautiful this week, in full bloom, with no visible effects of the frosting they received. The grower said, "They are at their loveliest in several years."

"Last year and the year before, warm weather during the winter caused some trees to bloom early while others bloomed late. There never was a time you could say they were all at their best. This year, though, the prolonged cold weather held the blooms back, and when the warm spell came they were all ready to burst out at once. I don't think I've ever seen them prettier."

## Local Guard Unit Wins "Superior" Inspection Rating

### Will Maneuver With Planes At Knollwood Airport

"Superior," the highest, was the rating in all departments for the local battery following an inspection made this week by Col. John F. Foreman, state maintenance officer for the N. C. National Guard.

The battery again leads all others of its battalion in its rating, winning high praise from the inspecting officer.

Colonel Foreman also inspected the new motor storage building site, on which construction of the battery's building, which will serve as a temporary armory, has begun. Footings have been poured, walls are rising and it is anticipated the building will be completed about the first of June.

The battalion will maneuver at Knollwood airport on two successive Sunday afternoons, April 1 and April 15. At that time tracking exercises will be conducted with planes of the Ninth Air Force from Pope field. The exercises will give the members of the antiaircraft battery training in using their weapons for sighting. There will be no camouflage nor firing as emphasis will be on the working out of locational problems in relation to gunner and plane.

## Youths Selected For Rotary Meet At Winston-Salem

Dick Ray and Bill Horner, seniors at the Southern Pines high school, will attend a Young Men's conference in Winston-Salem April 28, May 1, sponsored by the Rotary club of Winston-Salem. Johnnie A. Hall of the local Rotary club is making arrangements for the two boys to attend the conference.

Each club in the 281st district of Rotary International, 32 in all, was asked to select two outstanding senior high school boys to participate in the project. Selections are based on scholastic achievement, leadership, character, poise and ability to associate with others.

Purpose of the conference is to stimulate a consciousness of the fundamentals of Rotary in the young men's minds, to provide them with an opportunity of actually viewing the operations of business and industry and to enable them to interview leaders in the fields in which they are specifically interested.

The four-day program will include special tours of business and industries, a sightseeing tour, vocational guidance interviews and entertainment features.

## VFW Post To Sponsor Red Cross Bloodmobile County Visit April 9

### CANTATA

"The Crucifixion," Stainer's great cantata of the Holy Season and Easter time, will be presented at the Church of Wide Fellowship Sunday afternoon at 4:30 o'clock.

Taking part will be the adult and junior choirs. The children's choir, also vested, will take part in the processional and will sing a selection.

Soloists for the cantata will be Wesley Stolz, Marva Benjamin, Mary Alice Tate, Dr. R. L. House, L. L. Woolley and Mrs. Bryan Poe. Director and organist is Mrs. L. D. McDonald.

This is the church's Easter music program, annually held on Palm Sunday in anticipation of the great climax of Holy Week.

## Harvie Ward, Jr., Will Make Home In Southern Pines

Harvie Ward, Jr., one of golf-dom's brightest young men, will join the Underwood Insurance agency Monday as a special representative. It was learned from John Underwood of Southern Pines, head of the agency.

The Underwood agency, which handles Pilot Life policies and mortgage loans, has its headquarters at Fayetteville. Mr. Ward, however, will live in Southern Pines. He graduated Thursday of this week at the University of North Carolina with a B. S. degree in business administration. While an undergraduate he played on the University golf team, and successfully invaded the competitive world of amateur golf on the country's major courses.

Winning the intercollegiate national championship in 1949, he proved his mettle before all comers later that spring by an upset win at Pinehurst which gave him the North and South championship. Since then he has played in the top amateur bracket, though his tournament career has necessarily been limited by his college work. He has been chosen as an alternate on the 1951 Walker Cup team, and on April 1 will be an invited participant for the second successive year at the Masters tournament at Augusta, Ga.

As an insurance man he will continue to play golf, and in fact it is anticipated that his opportunities will be considerably greater than while he was a student.

He is a native of Tarboro, 25 years old, a veteran of Army service in World War 2. At the University he was a member of Zeta Psi social fraternity.

He will be one of about 30 special representatives attached to the Underwood agency, the Pilot Life's largest in this state, covering eastern North Carolina and the northeastern part of South Carolina. (Continued on Page 5)

## Razook's Spring Fashion Show Will Be Brilliant Event At Pinehurst Monday

"Pinehurst in the Spring" will be the theme of the annual Easter Fashion show to be presented by Razook's, Inc., in the ballroom of the Carolina hotel Monday at 8:45 p. m.

This event, notable every spring for its elegance and beauty, will benefit the two local hospitals, Moore County and St. Joseph's of the Pines. All expenses are borne by Razook's and the Carolina. Floral decorations will be the gift of the Pinehurst Greenhouses, and music will be furnished by Peter Van Spall's Carolina hotel orchestra.

The fashion show, which annually attracts visitors from all over the state as well as the leaders of the Sandhills winter residents and hotel guests, will be an outstanding event of the spring season. Preparations are being made to

## General Cutler Heads Chapter Disaster Team

Two announcements of major interest concerning county Red Cross activities were made this week, as the 1951 fund raising campaign got under way.

One is, that the Red Cross bloodmobile will make its first visit to Moore county Monday, April 9, and 500 recruits will be needed to supply blood on that day. Where it will be stationed, and other details of the visit, will be announced next week, after the holding of a meeting Thursday night of this week with Mrs. Marion Ritzert, field representative of the Red Cross blood donor program in North Carolina.

Mrs. Ritzert has been for several years connected with the blood donor station at Charlotte, out of which the bloodmobile works the surrounding area to secure blood for military and civilian uses. Most of the blood thus secured since last June has been flown to Korea, arriving there within four days after it is given. Except for emergency uses, all the blood given on the Moore county visit of the bloodmobile will go to Korea as whole blood or plasma. Sponsored by VFW

The visit is being sponsored by the John Boyd post, VFW, John F. Buchholz of Southern Pines, a U. S. Marine veteran of World War 2, is county chairman.

Forty volunteers will be needed to assist in the collection, it was announced. Any Red Cross member who wishes to serve in this vital cause may volunteer for service. They are asked to contact the chapter office here, or Mrs. Ira T. Wyche of Pinehurst, chairman of volunteer services.

**Disaster Team** The other important announcement made this week is that the chapter's disaster and preparedness team has been set up, with Brig. Gen. Stuart Cutler of Pinehurst as chairman.

General Cutler announced the following committee chairmen who will assist him in this work: Walter Harper, survey; Dr. W. F. Hollister, medical and nursing aid; Thomas C. Darst, registration and information; Voit Gilmore, central purchasing, food and shelter; Jack S. Younts, public information.

A meeting of the group was held at General Cutler's home this week, and the chairmen have been asked to have their plans ready to present at a meeting to be held in April. The group will act as a civil defense body until one is set up within the county, and after that will coordinate its program with that of the county.

General Cutler recently retired and moved to Pinehurst after a distinguished and successful Army career. He was formerly commander of the 101st Airborne division, and was in charge of the U. S. headquarters for the Potsdam conference.

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