

"Around the House" Spring Tour Garden Club Is Wednesday Event

**Flowering Gardens,
Beautiful Homes Will
Be Opened To Public**

Southern Pines Garden Club will hold its "Around the House" spring tour on Wednesday, March 29, starting at 10 a. m. and ending at 5:30 p. m. The tour will include a visit to the new Starland Farm, a tour of homes and gardens, and a luncheon at the Moore County Courthouse.

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POSTPONED

The Army this week announced the postponement for two months of the large-scale air-ground maneuvers scheduled to start June 20 in the Fort Bragg area.

Gen. Mark W. Clark, Chief of Army Field Forces, said the exercises will be held in August on dates to be announced later.

Exercise "Southern Pine" was planned to involve major units of the Third Army and the Air Force's Tactical Air Command, with smaller units of the Navy also participating.

The Third Army Commander, Lt. Gen. John R. Hodge, will direct the maneuvers in August.

The Army said that the postponement will enable more reservists and newly drafted men to take part.

Burlington Mills Will Build Huge Plant At Sanford

Announcement was made this week by John Harden, of Greensboro, vice president of Burlington Mills, Inc., that his company will erect a plant employing 1,400 persons, on property near the Lee County home at Sanford.

Mr. Harden said that work will begin at once on the plant, for which the machinery is now on order. It will be a weaving plant, using rayon, acetate, orlon, dycem, and other synthetics in the manufacture of Bur-Mil materials for many purposes.

The plant will be the last word in modern industrial architecture, built on a tract of 113 acres. Former owners of the land, from whom it was purchased by the Burlington Mills corporation, were Mr. and Mrs. Max Farrell and Mr. and Mrs. Kemp Childress. The purchase was authorized by a special act of the General Assembly recently sponsored by Lee County Rep. Robert W. Dalrymple.

Sanford citizens have agreed to erect 100 houses for the company employees. A tract opposite the plant site, owned by E. T. Ussery and Dr. P. L. Knight, will be the site for 50 houses. Another 50 houses will be built in the East Sanford area by W. Bank Wilkins and Dan C. Lawrence.

Weaver And Dawson With Visiting Cage Coaches



The last newsphoto made which included P. J. Weaver in his capacity as superintendent of Southern Pines schools. It was taken on the bleachers of the school gym, one of the major building achievements of his administration, by Dave Nicholson of the Greensboro News staff. The occasion was the close of the recent highly successful Girls' State Basketball tournament, held for the second year under sponsorship of the Southern Pines and Aberdeen Athletic associations.

Included are, from left, Coach Bob Lee of Aberdeen; Coach A. C. Dawson of Southern Pines; Superintendent Weaver, who moves to Greensboro today; Coach Jack Kiser of Lincoln, whose team won the tournament trophy (for the second time) and Coach R. B. Madison of Cool Springs, seeded No. 1. Mr. Dawson succeeds Mr. Weaver as superintendent here, effective April 1.

(Photo courtesy Greensboro Daily News)

Sandhills Cast Will Give Comedy Tonight, Saturday

The curtains will part at 8:15 tonight (Friday), also Saturday night, at the Southern Pines auditorium for the first major dramatic production in the Sandhills in many years.

This will be the famous Kaufman and Hart play, "You Can't Take It With You," Pulitzer prize-winning comedy of pre-war days which has earned a high place among the laugh-getters of this generation. The three-act play, presented for the benefit of the Sandhills Tennis association with an all-Sandhills cast, is directed by Manly Wade Wellman of Pinebluff.

The script is unchanged from the Broadway version.

Characters in order of their appearance include Penny, mother of the Sycamore family, who writes plays because a typewriter was left there eight years ago by mistake, Valerie Nicholson; Essie, who loves to dance, not just now and then but all the time, Georgeanne Austin; Rhea, the cook and family intimate, Marion de Costa; Paul Sycamore, who should have been an architect but makes fireworks instead, Francis E. Stubbs; Mr. De Pinnà, who came one day to deliver the ice and just stayed, Walter Harper.

Ed Carmichael, who plays the piano and loves to print, Glynn Harvey; Donald, boy friend of Rhea, Angelo Montesanti, Jr.; Martin Vanderhof—"Grandpa"—who went up in the elevator to business one day 35 years ago, came right back down and never returned, W. D. Shannon.

Alice, young daughter of the Sycamore family and its only "normal" member, Mary Garner (who in real life will be married the day after the second performance); Henderson, an internal revenue agent, Manly Wade Wellman; Tony Kirby, the boss's son, who loves Alice, Lennox Forsyth.

Kolenkhov, bearded Russian dancing teacher, Millard Dozier; Gay Wellington, an actress, slightly blotto, Sue Hall; Anthony Kirby, Sr., Tony's dad, strictly from Wall street, Francis de Costa; Mrs. Kirby, a grande dame, Eleanor Knight.

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Community Will Bid Weavers Farewell At Country Club Reception April 6

Honor Guests Also
At Annual Rotary
Basketball Banquet

Mr. and Mrs. Philip J. Weaver are moving this afternoon—Friday—to Greensboro, but they will come back next week.

Arrangements have been made for them to return to Southern Pines next Friday afternoon for two very special occasions.

The community will do honor to Mr. Weaver, Southern Pines district superintendent of schools, for almost 12 years, and Mrs. Weaver at a reception to be held at the Southern Pines Country Club Friday, April 6, from 3:30 to 6 p. m. Everyone who will wish to speak to them is invited—and that means just about everyone here—and a number of others who will make special trips "back home" for the event.

The Weavers will also be honored guests at the Rotary club's annual basketball banquet, which will be held that evening at the Country Club, starting at 7:30 o'clock. The public may attend this event by making reservations up to the capacity limit.

The reception, an informal affair, is being held by the citizens' committee, a representative local group which over the years has worked with Superintendent Weaver in many capacities, in aid of the schools—particularly the athletic program. It was felt to be peculiarly fitting that they should be the hosts for this farewell event.

A committee of ladies is assisting.

Basketball Banquet

At the basketball banquet, the Rotarians will be hosts to the girls' and boys' cage squads, their coaches, managers and cheerleaders; the Rotary Annes, and several special guests, including Mr. and Mrs. Weaver. Harry Fullenwider will be toastmaster. Letters, stars and special awards will be made to the team members and the affair will end in a dance for the young people.

E. Nolley Jackson and Herbert N. Cameron are Rotary chairmen for the banquet. Reservations should be made by Wednesday with Johnnie A. Hall or Russell Lorenson. Two hundred persons can be accommodated but the guest list has already reached about 130, so parents and friends wishing to attend should make their reservations at once.

Entertainment is in the hands of Lloyd Clark, June Phillips and Garland Pierce; decorations, Mrs. Virgil P. Clark, C. S. Patch, Jr., Harold McAllister; dinner, Johnnie A. Hall, Joe Garzik; secretary and assistant, Russell Lorenson, Francis Stubbs.

Intercollegiate Golf Tournament At Pine Needles

A Mid-South Intercollegiate individual and team championship will be played Tuesday at the Pine Needles Golf Club, sponsored by Harvey Carter, club operator, with Pro Clarence Doser in charge.

Amherst, Williams, Yale, Rutgers and Harvard had entered by the first of the week, and answers were expected from Dartmouth, N. C. State, Duke, Clemson, Davidson, Ohio State, Washington and Lee, Wake Forest, the University of North Carolina and others to whom invitations had been extended.

Three individual prizes are being offered, also prizes for each of the four members of the winning team. Lowest four 18 holes medal play scores made by representatives of each school will count in team competition.

A former Army barracks at Pine Needles has been remodeled for use as bachelor quarters for the college golfers playing in the championship.

Midsouth Horse Show At New Starland Ring Is Big Weekend Event

HONORED GUESTS

25 Classes Listed;
Many Noted Stables
Will Have Entries

Thirty patients from the Fort Bragg Station hospital will see the Mid-South Horse show at Starland Farm Saturday afternoon as guests of the John Boyd post, VFW.

The boys will arrive via special Army bus, through arrangements made by the post's hospital committee headed by Don A. Jones. Members of the auxiliary will be on hand to help in entertainment of the honored guests.

A special section is to be reserved for them at the horse show.

Gilmore Re-elected President Sandhills Music Association

The Sandhills Music Association meeting at the Southern Pines Library Wednesday night, re-elected Voit Gilmore chairman for the coming year.

This makes the chairman's third term in office and Mr. Gilmore, who was one of those instrumental in founding the organization, made it clear that he accepted the post with reluctance and only gave in to the insistence of the members after considerable persuasion.

Serving with the chairman will be Miss Laura Kelsey as secretary, replacing Mrs. Ralph Chandler, and Bert Premo, treasurer, in place of William F. Henderson.

New directors elected for the coming season are: Dr. D. B. Nettleton of Knollwood, Arch Coleman, Mrs. John Ostrom of Southern Pines, and Mrs. W. A. Way, of Knollwood; John Tuckerman, of Jackson Springs, Miss Rozelle Williamson of Carthage, Lawrence Johnson, Jere McKeithen, and Louis Hallman of Aberdeen; Mrs. Stuart Cutler, Mrs. T. H. Craig, and Mrs. Roscoe Prince of Pinehurst, Mrs. Charles V. Covell of Southern Pines.

Former directors re-elected were: E. C. Stevens, Dr. W. F. Hollister, William F. Henderson, Mrs. Norris Hodgkins, Mrs. P. T. Barnum and Mrs. James Boyd, of Southern Pines, Mrs. Colin Spencer, Jr., of Carthage, Dr. William Peck of McCain, Alton Cameron of Vass, Mrs. Horton of West End, Charles Picquet of Pinehurst, James Culbertson of Robbins.

Mrs. William F. Hollister, former drive chairman, was appointed advertising chief with Mrs. Paul T. Barnum in charge of ticket sales; a drive chairman to be chosen later. Mrs. Hoke Pollock will handle publicity.

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Pfc. Sharpe, 18, Tells Lions Club Of Capture, Torture In North Korea

Pfc. Robert L. Sharpe, 18-year-old soldier from High Point, as speaker before the Southern Pines Lions club Friday evening, related one of the most grim and compelling stories yet to come out of the Korean conflict.

Private Sharpe survived four months' suffering as a prisoner of the North Koreans, which had as their climax the notorious "tunnel incident" in which most of the captives were killed.

His story of long forced marches made barefoot, beatings and near-starvation at the hands of his captors, has been told with the aid of a war correspondent in an article in the January 13 issue of the Saturday Evening Post, "God Saved My Life in Korea." It also appears in condensed form in the April issue of the Readers Digest.

Private Sharpe in person added many details which brought the picture into sharp focus for his hearers, showing plainly what type of enemy the United Nations forces have been and still are facing, and the hardships suffered by our servicemen in Korea.

The youthful soldier, who is temporarily stationed at Fort Bragg, spoke in a sincere, natural fashion, and in obvious dedication to his purpose of acquainting the "folks at home" with what goes on over there.

He was presented by another Korean returnee, Sgt. Jesse P. Surlis, who is also now at Fort Bragg. In the course of their talks both soldiers paid high tribute to the American Red Cross, which they said is "always there," sustaining the men on the field and in hospitals with needed services and comforts without which their suffering would be far greater. To the Red Cross blood program they gave unstinting praise as a savior of men's lives.

Their remarks by coincidence reinforced those of a visitor at the supper meeting, C. S. Patch, Jr., of the John Boyd post, VFW, who spoke in the interest of the blood donor program the Moore County Red Cross and VFW post are sponsoring here.

Lion Ray Mills, also a VFW member, distributed blood pledge cards which many members filled out, promising to give blood when the Red Cross Bloodmobile comes here Monday, April 9.

The program for the meeting, held at the Village Inn, was arranged by Lion Marvin Beasley, President W. L. Baker presided.

County Officials Ponder Proposal For School Bond Issue; Needs Run High

Moore County board of education presented to the county commissioners Tuesday a proposal for a school bond issue that, if approved by the voters, would make possible school construction and remodeling in schools of the county costing \$944,823.

The commissioners took the proposal under advisement, pending reference of the county board of education and trustees of the Southern Pines and Pinehurst city units. Representatives of the two trustee boards attended a joint meeting of the county board and commissioners Tuesday and indicated that they would like to have money set aside for school building in the two city districts included in the county bond issue when and where selection is called.

The total of \$1,185,000 in school bonds is the maximum that can be authorized under state law which limits county school bond issues to 10 percent of assessed value of property, less the county's bonded indebtedness.

Estimates of money requirements in the Southern Pines and Pinehurst districts, given hastily by school officials and trustees Tuesday—after they explained that they had not been notified of the meeting in time to study the needs thoroughly—brought the county and city money needs to a total of \$1,590,000—over \$400,000 more than the maximum amount of bonds that could be issued by the county.

The conference on how to bring the requirements within the