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Program Will Aid County Students In Choosing Careers

Annual Kiwanis Vocational Guidance Day Set April 27

Annual Sandhills Kiwanis vocational guidance day, for seniors and high schools in Moore county, will be held Friday morning at the Southern auditorium starting at 9:30.

A half-hour general program for the boys and girls will be held in groups for hour-long sessions with counselors on some 30 vocational fields. This is the widest assortment yet covered in the annual program said Voit Gilmore, Southern Kiwanis chairman for the year.

During the discussions will be and women who have had prominence in their particular fields, representatives of all North Carolina colleges and members of the armed services for young people who plan to college and for those who, for those who have selected their life's work and for those who are still shopping around.

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clinics, lasting between 45 minutes and an hour, will continue until 12:30 p. m., giving each person opportunity to attend along his major interest and two others which may hold interest for him.

QUESTIONNAIRES

Responses are coming in to a questionnaire submitted last week to Southern Pines citizens by mail, seeking suggestions for civic improvement, said Mayor C. N. Page. Some excellent suggestions have been made, which will be publicized when responses are complete.

The project was undertaken by the planning survey now being made here by two graduates of the regional planning department of the University of North Carolina. They will tabulate and analyze the replies for a full report, adding recommendations of their own.

Those who have not returned questionnaires to the clerk's office are asked to do so promptly. Names are to be signed. Any town problems may be discussed.

Action Taken To Set Up Zoning Board Outside Area On Unofficial Basis

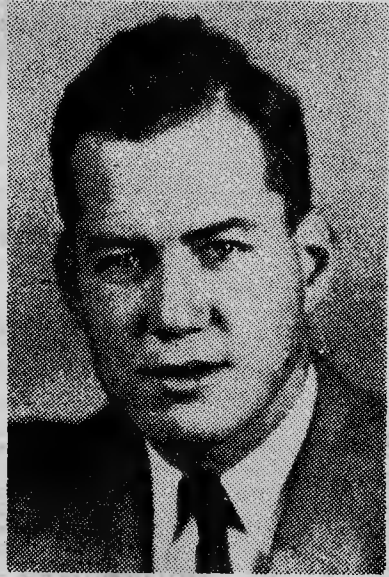
Action taken at a public hearing at the auditorium last night, the special act for the area around Southern Pines was shelved for the present. It was moved and passed, however, that Mayor Page appoint, or send to his successor in office, a committee to study the appointing of, an unofficial commission composed of persons living both outside and inside the city limits, to study the area and devise a program so that the people wish, a new act be presented in 1951.

It was emphasized that no ordinance could be passed under the enabling act without a public hearing, and that adjustments could always be made if any provision should be found undesirable or unjust.

Mayor Page appealed for an open mind on the part of all citizens in the affected area (a mile and one-tenth radius of the city limits), and close study of the advantages of having a long-range plan, in which members of a growing community might unite their efforts for orderly growth and mutual protection.

Only about a half-dozen persons whose names appeared on petitions against the act attended the meeting.

NEW PASTOR



The Rev. Cheves K. Ligon will come to the pastorate of the Brownson Memorial Presbyterian church on or about June 1, it was announced this week by Walter E. Blue, chairman of the pulpit committee.

Until then, the pastor-to-be will serve as guest minister here every other Sunday, starting this week, while on the Sundays between the pulpit will be filled by the Rev. Eugene Alexander, retired Army colonel and former chaplain, now living at Sanford.

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Aiken Makes Gift To Hospital In Memory of Father

Funds have been donated to the Moore County hospital by Mr. and Mrs. Ernest M. Aiken of Knollwood and Washington, D. C., for purchase of a new diagnostic X-ray unit, hospital authorities announced this week. The gift is being made in memory of Mr. Aiken's father, R. J. Aiken.

The equipment to be purchased is the most up-to-date devised for diagnostic work, and is the result of years of experimentation by the manufacturer to produce a machine and X-ray tube which could use more power, so that all films could be made with shorter exposure.

Very high voltage penetration makes it possible for this machine to make films in 1-120th of a second with shorter exposure. With the acquisition of this new equipment, Moore County hospital will have two diagnostic units. This will mean that time can be saved when there is too much work for one machine, also that the patient's waiting time can be reduced. In February a new deep therapy unit for the treatment

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BASEBALL

The Blue and White got in the groove Wednesday afternoon, hitting the best game of the spring series to defeat Vass-Lakeview 16-2 on the local field. Coach Dubs Leonard is hoping the good work will hold up, as the coming week brings two games against old foe Aberdeen—Friday afternoon at Aberdeen, and next Tuesday here. Game time is 3:30.

Before the Wednesday win things looked gloomy for the locals as they took two pastings in a row, last Friday at Robbins (7-2) and Monday at Red Springs (6-0). The season has been divided about half-and-half between wins and losses so far.

Jury Trials Moved To Superior Court

Nine cases scheduled for trial by jury in Moore County recorders court May 8 were transferred to the superior court criminal calendar by Judge J. Vance Rowe as his last act at the regular term of recorders court at Carthage Monday.

This marked the death knell of the recorders court jury trials held in Moore during the past two years. A bill introduced by Senator J. Hawley Poole in the Senate on request of the county commissioners, passed the senate four weeks ago and cleared the House last Saturday just in time to become law.

The action was protested by the Sandhills Kiwanis club in telegrams sent to Senator Poole and Representative Blue last week.

The nine cases sent to superior court were added to 67 already on the criminal calendar Monday, with a good many more expected before term. The next regular term of criminal court is not until August, though a special term is being sought for May.

An unofficial tabulation of two years of county jury trials shows 62 cases tried, 42 by juries as 20 defendants changed their pleas at or before trial time. Juries convicted 21 defendants, acquitted eight. Six cases were not prossed. Two defendants appealed to superior court and these appeals are still pending. There were two mistrials.

The jury trials were moved to recorders court to relieve the mounting backlog of cases. It is learned that the commissioners plan to secure extra terms to keep this from happening again.

300th STATED MEETING

Joe C. Thomas, an elder of Brownson Memorial Presbyterian church, was the church's representative at the 300th stated meeting of the Fayetteville presbytery, held Tuesday at Maxton with about 200 members attending.

Bethesda church at Aberdeen was chosen as the site for the next meeting, for which the Rev. W. B. Gaston, of Fayetteville, was nominated as moderator.

Town Caucus Tuesday Night

Mayor, Board Will Serve Again If Wanted But Just As Soon Somebody Else Did It

The Southern Pines town caucus, legalized after 65 years by a special act of the 1951 General Assembly, will be held at the auditorium Tuesday at 8 p.m.

While all citizens of the community are invited, and may speak their minds on subjects of civic interest, only those who actually live within the corporate limits may take part in the voting.

Under the newly legalized setup, eliminations of candidates may be made by vote only down to two for the office of mayor and 10 for the five commissioner posts. The names of these nominees will appear on the printed ballot submitted to the voters on the regular election day, Tuesday, May 8. Write-in votes made at that time will also be counted.

The meeting will open, as usual, with the election of a chairman, or moderator. This feature of the old New England caucus has been retained. The moderator's post is of considerable, if temporary, importance, as he handles the meeting and guides the discussion, diplomatically clamping down the

Historians Review Successful Year At Final Meeting

The Moore County Historical association held its last meeting of the season Tuesday night at the Southern Pines Library.

It was a meeting for members and by members, with Mrs. Ernest L. Ives, president, in the chair and speeches, short and to the point, by chairmen of committees and others. Highlights of the evening were reports on the successful Antique Auction of last week, the outline of his plans for a county history by Edward T. McKeithen, and the spirited impromptu remarks of Mrs. Seawell of Carthage, called upon by the president as "one of our most distinguished members, who knows so much about Moore county's early history."

Auction a Success

The auction, to raise money for the further restoration of the Shaw House project, netted the society over \$800, according to the report of the treasurer, Norris Hodgkins, Jr., with special credits going to Mrs. Edgar Ewing and her committee of Mrs. Julian Bishop, Mrs. James Milliken, Mrs. Heizmann Mudgett, Mrs. Tom Darst, and Mrs. James Walker.

The Shaw House tea-room committee chairman, Mrs. Katherine McColl, spoke of the good year just past, in which the tea-room had paid for itself as well as giving entertainment to many visitors. Mrs. W. C. Deadwyler has been in charge both of the tea-room and selling the Jugtown pot-nated as moderator.

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Suggestions Expected

While stirring meetings have been numerous in Southern Pines' history, with numerous controversial subjects brought to the floor, indications are that next week's caucus will be comparatively tame. For once, the citizenry is not worked up over anything. A number of constructive suggestions, however, are expected to be made, and some of these may provoke discussion. Mayor Page will review his administration of the past two years, and may toss out some thoughts as to what the next two years should bring.

The biennium has been an era of growth, with much constructive work accomplished by the Mayor and town board, even though the commissioners suffered a more than 50 per cent turnover. Only two of those elected in May, 1949, remain on the board. John S. Ruggles, elected at that time, was appointed to the State Hospital Board of Controls and resigned from the board on account of the law against double public office holding. Carlton C. Kennedy resigned on moving to Carthage, where he was subsequently elected clerk of superior court. E. C. Stevens, a veteran of 18 years' service, resigned "because I have been on the board long enough." He said he needed a rest—and rest is something of which the present board has had little. The problems of a growing community have kept them on the jump.

Board Personnel

Mayor Page is now completing his second term in office, to which

Young Polish Girl Wins Statewide Speaking Contest

Jasia Guryn, 13-year-old Polish girl who has spoken English for less than two years, won a statewide contest at Raleigh Sunday for children attending Catholic schools.

Jasia, a sixth grader at Notre Dam academy, was awarded a \$50 first prize for her speech on "Why I Am a Christian Citizen in a Democracy," her original composition, spoken from memory. She had previously won her school contest, receiving a \$10 prize from the local NCCLA, and the deanery (district) contest held at Raleigh, for which she was awarded \$25. Seven contestants made it through the various eliminations in the grammar grade division, for the final competition this week.

A high school contest was also held. The speeches were delivered in the auditorium of the Saturday.

VFW Post Installs, Prepares For State Encampment



The John Boyd VFW post on Monday night installed its officers for 1951-52. During this period the post will be host to the annual state encampment of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, bringing some 2,000 members to Southern Pines June 7-10.

Installed were (front row, left to right): C. R. Mills, Jr., adjutant; D. A. Jones (retiring commander), trustee; Robert Arey, senior vice commander; John Buchholz, commander; Raymond Cameron, junior vice commander; C. L. Klabbatz, chaplain, C. S. Patch, Jr., quartermaster; James L. Irvin, patriotic instructor; (second row) Dr. D. W. Whitehead, surgeon; Leland Daniels, officer of the day; John Mare, welfare officer; (back row) M. R. Mills, advocate; Joe Garzik, legislative officer; Earl Broome, publicity; George Nanopoulos, service officer; C. S. Meares, trustee; Robert F. Henderson, assistant adjutant and assistant quartermaster. Absent when the picture was made was Lennox Forsyth, trustee.

The post has recently undertaken a \$5,000 remodeling program to enlarge and beautify its home.

(Photo by Emerson Humphrey)

Forest Fires Driven By Winds Over 4,000 Acres of Moore Timberlands; Crews' Hard Work Saves Many Homes

EXALTED RULER



HOWARD L. HOFFMAN

Vital Role In Civil Defense Planned For Elks

The manpower and physical facilities of the Southern Pines lodge, BPO Elks, will be made available to local civil defense officials in the event of atomic or other attack, it was announced this week by Howard L. Hoffman, new exalted ruler of the lodge.

Exalted Ruler Hoffman and other officers for 1951-52 were installed at a formal ceremony Thursday evening, April 5, which also marked the official move of the lodge to its new home, the Southern Pines Country club.

He said this week that he would present plans at the next regular meeting of the lodge to obtain approval of the members in offering the building as a communications or first aid shelter, or for such other purpose as may best fit in with local civil defense planning; that all able-bodied Elks will be enrolled as volunteer civil defense workers; and that the lodge plans a series of courses in first aid and other disaster work, in cooperation with other agencies.

"The only thing certain in the current unsettled situation is that the United States must remain strong, and that each one of us must do his part," Exalted Ruler Hoffman declared. "There may never be any need for civil defense preparation, but, like the fire department, we had better have it ready to go if it is needed. It's too late to wait till the fire breaks out."

Chapman, Ward Forge Ahead In North And South

Amateur golf's name players topped like tenspins this week as second and third rounds in the 61st annual North and South champions at Pinehurst produced some astonishing results.

Principal casualty was the Walker Cup squad which leaves next week for the matches in England, Frank Stranahan of Toledo, Ohio, defending champion Bill Campbell of Huntington, W. Va., and Jimmy McHale, Overbrook, Pa., were shunted to the sidelines.

Steadily forging to the top were Pinehurst's Dick Chapman, who won two upper bracket tests to remain as the lone Walker Cup team representative, and Harvie Ward, Jr., Southern Pines, big boy of the lower bracket. Ward, surprise winner in 1948, is second cup alternate. The fourth alternate, Bill (Dynamite) Goodloe, won both his matches and was due to play Ward Thursday.

Dick Chapman was to play Jack Coyle, of Springfield, Ill., in the upper bracket at the midpoint of the week-long contest.

The tournament on Wednesday produced the longest match in its

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Huge Fires Believed Started By Carelessly Dropped Cigarettes

The most destructive forest fires seen in Moore county in many years wrecked havoc Sunday afternoon and night and well into Monday morning, racing before a wild spring wind over an estimated 4,000 acres.

A preliminary estimate of 1,500 acres burned over in four separate fires was revised sharply upward Wednesday by County Warden E. W. Davis of the N. C. Forest Service, after he had checked with property owners and plotted the charred acreage on his map. Ninety-five per cent was in timber and young growth, of value running to many thousands of dollars.

The largest fire, between Pinehurst and the airport road, he estimated to have covered approximately 2,600 acres—1,300 belonging to Pinehurst, Inc., 1,000 to C. Lewis Meyer of Bilyeu Farm, and the rest in variously owned small tracts.

The second largest, originating in the rough beside the No. 3 hole of the Pine Needles golf course, raced before the wind in a narrow line to the head of Lakeview about six miles away, covering about 1,400 acres in all. Owners who sustained considerable losses are W. O. Moss, about 700 acres; George M. Blue, 400 acres; Robert Snipes, 130, and D. E. Bailey, 60. A large packhouse belonging to Blue, containing fertilizer, tools and various farm supplies, was destroyed in this fire, also a sawmill belonging to a Mr. Holt of Asheboro.

The Pinehurst and Pine Needles fires were attributed to carelessly dropped cigarettes, from which small blazes started up, to be quickly fanned to uncontrollable heights by the gale-like wind.

Battling the fires for long hours were crews of the N. C. Forest Service, with help from the district office at Rockingham; volunteer fire departments of Southern Pines, Pinehurst and Carthage, each of whom concentrated on saving dozens of homes from the fires in their areas; the Pinehurst town crew; members of the National Guard battery, and hosts of volunteer assistants including more than half a hundred Boy Scouts.

One Farm Club Leaves, Two Stay In Training Here

The Richmond, Ind., team of the Ohio-Indiana League, one of three Class D teams of the Detroit Tigers farm system training here this month, departed Wednesday for home, where their season will start Sunday.

The Wausau, Wis., Lumberjacks of the Wisconsin State League will leave next Thursday. The Jamestown, N. Y., Falcons of the Pennsylvania-Ontario-New York League, in Southern Pines for their second spring training season, will remain until April 30.

About 45 boys are in camp now. Twenty-one made up the Richmond club. The teams have been switching games with the Philadelphia Phillies camp at Laurinburg, and games are played almost daily on the local field.

The Falcons are managed this year by Tony Lupien, former Chicago White Sox and Detroit Tiger first baseman. Last year the club was handled by Bob Shawkey, the former New York manager and pitcher, who is at Watertown, N. Y., of the Class C Border League this season.

The Jamestown club finished fifth in the PONY League race last year, the city's first second-division team since 1940.

Wausau is managed by Bob Benish, formerly with the St. Louis Browns. The managers are here with their teams and Frank C. Hyde, Jamestown sports reporter, has again accompanied the Jamestown club on its trip south.