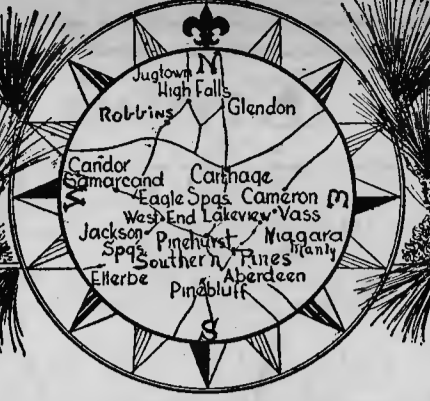


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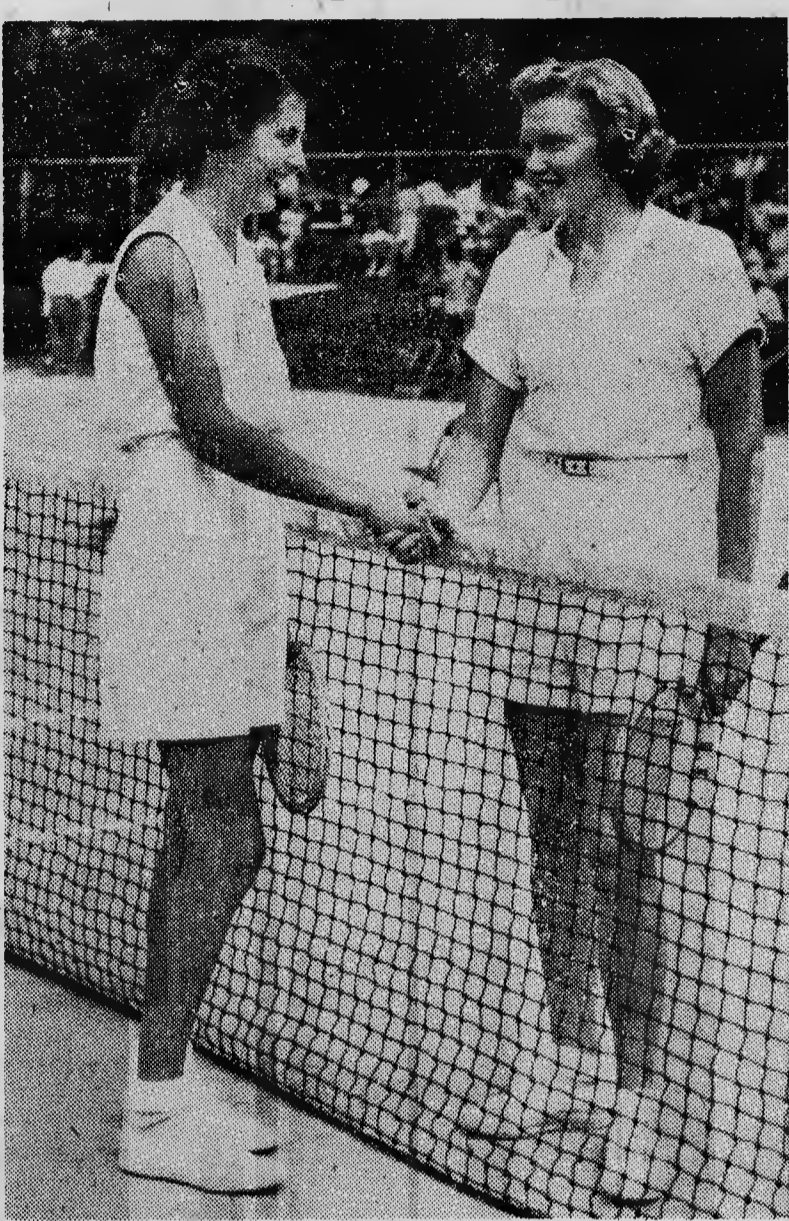


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Program Set Farmers' Day Aberdeen

All-day program, starting with a parade at 9:30 a. m. and a street dance at 8:30 p. m., will mark the Second Annual Farmers Day event of the Aberdeen Jaycees at Aberdeen. Several thousand are expected to attend. The program will be, first, the parade at 9:30 a. m., a fashion show at 11 a. m., a fashion show at Aberdeen theatre; about a "speaking program" at Aberdeen lake, with L. Y. "Stag" Stine, N. C. Commissioner of Agriculture, as featured speaker; a chicken dinner served outdoors at the lake for 40 cents; a contest with 18 Sandhills farmers vying for the title "Queen of the Sandhills"; a Cross water pageant, to be held under the lights at 7:30 p. m. and the street dance, to be held in front of the building will be roped off for time lasting until midnight. Farmers day, following the opening of the tobacco markets, will present an all-day display of farm equipment arranged in the recreation park beside the lake, where most of the day's activities will take place. A half county dealers representing all major farm equipment manufacturers will have new items on display. Other displays include one by the N. C. Service, showing its fire-fighting equipment with two tractors. Tests held during the afternoon will see prizes awarded for the oldest couple present, the family, ugliest man, etc. There will also be a pie-eating contest and a prize drawing at this time.

Champ vs. Champ



Audrey West Brown, of Southern Pines, North Carolina state tennis champion, right, congratulates Mrs. Sara Rushton Walters of Greenville, S. C., Palmetto State champion, following the women's singles finals of the Sandhills Open last Saturday afternoon, in which the blonde champ defeated the brunette one 6-2, 6-3. Audrey left Thursday afternoon to defend her title at the N. C. Closed Tennis tournament, being held at Sedgfield through Sunday. She is seeded No. 1 but is expected to have a tough time maintaining this position as Anne Martindale, seeded No. 2, is there to win back, if possible, the state title which she held for 11 successive years. Miss Martindale was not able to compete last year on account of injuries suffered in an automobile accident. Audrey and Mary Ruth Davis, formerly of Robbins, now living in Greensboro, are also defending their title in women's doubles which they won in 1949 and 1950. (Photo by Emerson Humphrey)

Spears, Walters Are Top Winners In Sandhills Open, Successful Sport Event

Members of the Sandhills Tennis association, watching all but four of their 14 handsome trophies in the Sandhills Open leave home, were able to congratulate themselves on the sponsorship of one of the most successful tennis events held in the state in years. The Open's third annual renewal saw a superb field of topnotch players from several states, mostly from the two Carolinas, compete in play which reached sparkling heights in the semifinals and finals events last Saturday and Sunday, drawing large crowds of fascinated spectators to the town courts day and night. It also saw the emergence of a bright new tennis star, Frank Spears, 20-year-old University of South Carolina student, who was top-seeded on the strength of advance billing from his home state. Spears justified the honor by making a clean sweep of men's events, winning the men's singles, the men's doubles (with Angelo Montesanti) and the mixed doubles (with Mrs. Sara Rushton Walters). (Continued on page 5)

Station Endorsed For President Of State YDC

W. W. Staton, Sanford attorney, was given unanimous endorsement for the office of state YDC president at three YDC meetings held in Moore county last week, one in Aberdeen, one in Carthage and one in Southern Pines. Groups endorsing the candidacy of the young World War 2 veteran, a native of Union county, active and well-known in YDC circles throughout the state, were the Sandhills Young Democratic club meeting Tuesday night at Aberdeen; the Moore County YDC, Friday at the courthouse in Carthage, and the Eighth District rally, which drew delegations from eight of the district's dozen counties to the Southern Pines Country club for a buffet supper and pro-gram. (Continued on Page 8)

LABOR DAY

Business will be suspended Monday, city and county offices will be closed, and employers and employees alike will enjoy that peculiarly American holiday — Labor day. All stores in Southern Pines the bank and the post office will unite in the holiday closing. Mail will be put up as usual but there will be no city delivery. County commissioners, scheduled to meet Monday at Carthage, will hold their monthly meeting Tuesday instead. Recorders court will also be held Tuesday.

Dawson Announces School Opening Hours And Plans

Southern Pines schools will open Wednesday at 9 a. m. for the fall term, with anticipations of enrollment considerably up from last year's. No advance registration is necessary, said Supt. A. C. Dawson, Jr. School hours at both the high and elementary schools Wednesday and Thursday will be from 9 to approximately noon. Friday, school will go on regular schedule, with the following dismissal hours—first and second grades, 1:45 p. m.; third and fourth, 2:15 p. m.; all others, 2:45 p. m. The cafeteria will open Friday, with Mrs. L. T. Hall again in charge. Nine new teachers, including Irie Leonard, coach and high school principal, have previously been announced by Superintendent Dawson. Another, to teach high school English and Spanish, is the subject of a last-minute search. Mrs. Mildred Whittington, who was to return to teach these classes. (Continued on Page 5)

Maneuver Ends With Mass Drops By 82nd Airborne

Huge convoys started leaving the maneuver area this week, and Army men on brief post-maneuver leave overflowed the town, marking the end of Exercise Southern Pine. Monday was the day the U. S. "Friendly" forces won the two-week war against the Aggressor force, who fought the mock war with realistic stubbornness over the Sandhills battle area. While no warfare was actually waged close to or in Southern Pines, it was near enough for many residents to get a ringside view of gigantic exercise, held as "graduation" for three great Army divisions before their transfer overseas. The 82nd Airborne played a dramatic role in the war games climax, capturing two assault points by mass parachute drops Saturday and Sunday. Viewed by hundreds of military observers, top brass and news correspondents, the drops constituted a report to the people on a little-known phase of modern warfare. While the sight of men dropping through the air by the thousands 5,800 in all—was a spectacular one, more excitement was caused by advances made in the dropping of heavy material. This was seen as a definite stride forward in joint Army-Air efforts. In the Sunday morning drop, on DZ Luzon, hundred of civilians as well as military men witnessed the tragedy of a parachute that failed to open. Pfc. Salvador J. Camarena of Los Angeles fell 1400 feet to his death as the crowd of the spectators' stand sat frozen, praying for him to pull the cord of his reserve chute. He did, but too late. It had only time to blossom partially before his body struck the ground. This was the only fatality in the two mass jumps, though injuries, major and minor, numbered nearly 200. The seriously injured were picked up by stretcher-bearing helicopters, while others were treated at the Red Cross tent.

Many Spectators At Local Courts, Day And Night

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SUCCEEDS FATHER

Roland W. Norton has been appointed to succeed his father, the late Henry C. Norton, as foreman of the city street department, it was announced Thursday by Mayor C. N. Page. He has been working with his father in the street department since 1938, except for time spent in the armed services during World War 2, and is considered well qualified for the task, the Mayor said. The senior Mr. Norton died suddenly Saturday evening after 15 years of service to the town.

Dorothy Wins! Mayor Proclaims Day To Honor Beauty Winner

Community Is Invited To Reception Monday

It will be "Dorothy Swisher Day" in Southern Pines Monday, by proclamation of Mayor C. N. Page. That is the day she is expected back in town after winning national beauty contest honors and being crowned "Sweetheart of the VFW" in New York City. All members of the community, especially Dorothy's teen-age friends, are invited to a reception to be held at 8 o'clock Monday evening by the John Boyd post, VFW, and auxiliary at the Southern Pines Country club. "New York and Washington will have done honor to the Queen, now it's our turn," was the word from Don Jones and Mrs. Trudy Stephenson, co-chairmen of the reception. Dorothy is expected to leave New York today, and will spend the week end in Washington where she has been invited to make radio and television appearances. The reception awaiting her at home is to be a surprise. Otis N. Brown of High Point, executive director of the N. C. Department VFW and the South's only past national commander-in-chief, is expected to be present.

VFW SWEETHEART



DOROTHY SWISHER

Many Swimmers In Water Pageant Saturday Evening

The 1951 Sandhills Water Pageant will climax activities at the Aberdeen lake Saturday at 7:30 p. m., under direction of Dr. John C. Grier, Jr., water safety director for the Moore County Red Cross Chapter. Selected swimmers, including Red Cross instructors and some of their students, will contribute their part to what is expected to be a highly enjoyable and uniquely different entertainment. The title "Water Operation Southern Pine" has been appropriately given this event, based on an armed forces theme. Various Army properties, loud speakers and other equipment, have been loaned for use in the event. The manufacturers of Jantzen swim suits have also loaned to the group a collection of original bathing suits that date back to the "Gay Nineties" and even earlier. Their display will be a choice highlight in the pageant. The theme of the water production centers about the life of a GI Joe in the Land of Dreams—wherein his visibly enacted dreams extend through boot training, bivouac, K-rations, ocean travel, shipwreck, rescue, and all else that goes with it. It will be a takeoff on the recent maneuver Exercise Southern Pine. The water pageant will climax Farmer's Day observance in Aberdeen, and there will be no admission charge. L. L. Hallman of Aberdeen will direct the action, and Miss Edwina Hallman will be in charge of personnel. Dr. Grier, assisted by Ed Cox of Southern Pines, will provide the narrative description. Approximately 30 swimmers from Southern Pines, Aberdeen, and other Moore County communities, will participate in the pageant. The list, which is of course subject to later changes, includes the following names: Patsy Blue, Joan Henderson, Alice Pohl, Shirley Thwing, Malinda Goble, Linda Leyshon, Adlaida Schnell, Patty Woodell, Harriette Schnell, Dorothy Newton, Shelor Tarlton, Georgia Ann Blue, Elizabeth Russell, Wade Lewis, Mick Lewis, Paul White, James Edwards, Key Wodell, Mick Chiricos, Don Dunlap, Sherrill Babb, Johnny White, Don Walter, James Morris, James Smith, Marion Sessions, Joe Horner, Bill Moses, Terry Farmer, David Woodruff and Mack Wicker.

Southern Pines Girl Flashes To Nationwide Fame

The big blue-green eyes, radiant smile and trim curves of Miss Dorothy Swisher, previously only subjects for local pride, suddenly became matters of nationwide interest as the 19-year-old Southern Pines girl was crowned "Miss VFW" in New York City Monday night. As winner of a nationwide beauty and talent contest in connection with the annual VFW encampment, Dorothy's picture was flashed across the country via AP, news stories about her adorned every front page and she sparkled on and off every television set in both scheduled and unscheduled appearances. This is Dorothy's first trip to New York—and from all reports, the Big Town is turning itself inside out to do her honor and give her its best in the way of a wonderful time. Southern Pines first learned it had a national beauty winner via a phone call from John Mare, chairman of the state contest, who rushed to a telephone as the crown was being placed on her head about 10 p. m. Monday. Soon the town was jumping with joy as the word flew around—"Dorothy won!"

At Stork Club

Local TV sets, including that of the John Boyd VFW home, were a focal point of interest Tuesday evening. At 6:45 Dorothy appeared as the guest of Sherman Billingsley on the Stork club program. Local viewers, charmed at the sight of their girl on TV in her pretty ballerina evening dress, grumbled that the spotlight was to a considerable extent shared by Billingsley; Admiral Lovett, USN retired, public relations director (Continued on Page 4)

Judges' Portraits Will Be Unveiled At Special Term

A special term of Moore county superior court will be held next Friday at 7:30 p. m., at the courthouse in Carthage, for the unveiling and presentation of the portraits of three distinguished judges, sons of Moore, who during their lifetime served their state and nation with high honor. Sponsor of the event is the Moore County Bar association. Presentation of the portrait of Hon. James D. McIver, Judge of the Superior Court, will be by U. L. Spence of Carthage, dean of the Moore county bar; of Hon. W. J. Adams, Judge of the Superior Court and only Supreme Court Justice born in Moore county, by County Solicitor W. A. Leland McKeithen, of Pinehurst; and of Hon. H. F. Seawell, Jr., State Solicitor and Judge of the Federal Board of Tax Appeals, by District Solicitor M. G. Boyette, of Carthage. Judge F. Don Phillips of Rockingham, resident judge of the 13th judicial district, will preside. Court will be opened and closed in the usual way, by the bailiff's cry, and Attorney Allen W. Brown of Carthage will act as court reporter, recording the proceedings for perpetuation in the Minute Book of the Superior Court. All Invited. All residents of Moore county are invited to attend, said J. Tal. (Continued on Page 8)

REGISTRATION

Saturday will be the last registration day for the county-wide beer-wine election set for Tuesday, September 11. Next Saturday, September 8, is Challenge Day, with no further registration permitted. About 80 names have been added to the books since the registration opened, said Mrs. Frank H. Kaylor, Southern Pines precinct registrar. The books will be open Saturday at the fire station, from 9 a. m. to 6 p. m. Citizens of Southern Pines living in Sandhills township, voting at Aberdeen, are reminded that a new registration took place there within the past year. If they did not register anew they should do so Saturday or they will be unable to vote.

Nelson Hyde Is Outlook Editor

Nelson C. Hyde, owner and editor of The Pilot from 1928 to 1941, has accepted the editorship of the Pinehurst Outlook, according to an announcement made this week by Paul S. Wilson, publisher. Mr. Hyde sold The Pilot 10 years ago to the late James Boyd, and moved to Washington, D. C., where he has been employed as capital city correspondent for the Philadelphia Evening Bulletin. He retired from this position June 30 and returned to Southern Pines to make his home. He purchased The Pilot in September 1928 from Stacy Brewer, founder of the paper. Before that time he had been city editor of the Syracuse (N.Y.) Herald and managing editor of the Watertown (N.Y.) Standard. He was a frequent winter visitor in Southern Pines before buying The Pilot, and during his years of residence here was active in civic and community affairs. He served at various times as a director of Moore County hospital, president of the Sandhills Kiwanis club, president of the Southern Pines Chamber of Commerce, and vice president and secretary of the Sandhills Steeplechase and Racing association. He is married to the former Miss Martha Pleasants of Aberdeen, and they have one son, Nelson, Jr. (Timmie), a rising junior at Hamilton college, Clinton, N. Y.

Coble At Road Meeting Here; Group Promotes Connecticut Avenue Route

A local meeting on the subject of the routing of the Fort Bragg road through Southern Pines was scheduled to be held Thursday at 2 p. m., too late for a report in this issue of The Pilot. The meeting was set at the only time Sixth District Highway Commissioner George S. Coble could be here to give a report on the engineers' surveys on the proposed routes through town. With so little advance notice, said Mayor C. N. Page, this could not be regarded as the "public meeting" which has been requested by interested persons here. Word was gotten around hastily to representatives of the groups concerned in the road question, and a public meeting can still be called if the need is apparent, he said. There is a possibility that the engineers' findings, concerning which Commissioner Coble gave no advance clues, may be decisive. Informed of the Commissioner's imminent visit were leaders of the group of residents of East Indiana avenue who are furthering the (Continued on Page 8)