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Three Tries At Auto Theft Land Man On Roads

Friday Night Efforts Net Dowd One Overcoat

James Lee Dowd, 27, of West Southern Pines, an off-and-on resident of New York for the past few years, made three tries at stealing cars here last Friday night but was successful at none of them. However, it was reported by Chief C. E. Newton, he did succeed in stealing an overcoat.

The overcoat is now back with its owner, Tom O'Neil, while Dowd, following trial at recorders court at Carthage Monday, is starting in on a term of 12 months on the roads, meted by Judge Rowe without alternative.

Wires were cut in all three of the cars involved, belonging to W. E. Cox, Jr., Bob Cameron and Mrs. Eleanor Knight. All were parked in front of their owners' homes or in their driveways when Dowd made his attempts.

After his apprehension Dowd was also linked with a car bearing a New York license which had been found that day abandoned on U. S. Highway 1 near the Bill-Dot Truck Stop and which the State Highway Patrol discovered had been stolen, its wires also cut. Dowd admitted to Chief Newton that he had come south in the car, but declared he "wasn't" (Continued on Page 5)

Fire Guts New West Side Home

A frame bungalow, recently completed home of Mr. and Mrs. "Yank" Williams at 655 Stephens street, West Southern Pines, was gutted by fire Wednesday afternoon despite strenuous efforts of the Southern Pines volunteer firemen to save it.

No one was home when the fire broke out, and by the time neighbors spotted it and turned in the alarm the flames had gained much headway. They were breaking through the roof when the firemen and equipment arrived. The walls and most of the roof were saved but much damage was done inside the house, where all partitions were burned away. Neighbors pitched in valiantly to help, and saved most of the furnishings.

A house just 20 feet away was threatened for a time but "the wind was right," the firemen said, and it did not catch fire.

Owners of the house said they left no fire in the stove, and no cause, other than possible defective wiring, could be assigned for the disaster.

This was the fourth home to be lost or badly damaged by fire here within about three weeks. Houses occupied by Mary Griffin and Ather Cassidy in West Southern Pines were burned February 6, one catching fire from the other.

Saturday evening, February 16, a small house owned by Pete Belasco, behind the Belasco home on North Ridge street, caught fire from a closet and sustained severe damage. The occupants, Mr. and Mrs. James Caulfield, lost most of their personal belongings, including all of Mrs. Caulfield's clothes except those she had on at the time. The Caulfields were cared for by neighbors that night, and have since taken an apartment at the Parker home on North Ashe street.

TAX TIME

Tax time is coming and you may be wanting to see That Man—state or federal—about your return.

Information secured by The Pilot this week from the state income tax office at Sanford is that just one day is being scheduled for Moore county this year. A representative of the office will be at the Broad Street Pharmacy here next Wednesday, and at the Carolina Pharmacy, Pinehurst, on Thursday.

The Pilot has received no schedule from the deputy collector of internal revenue (federal) as yet. The office for this area is in the basement of the Southern Pines post office building. The phone number is 2-4242 and maybe you'll have better luck getting them than we did.

Bringing Vienna To The Sandhills



"Don't miss it!" That's what Marshall Bartholomew of the Yale University faculty of music, said of the Austrian Student show coming to Weaver auditorium this Saturday. The review of song and dance charmed and delighted New Haven audiences, according to Mr. Bartholomew, when it was given at Yale last fall. "It is light and gay," he said, "and the performers sing well and dance wonderfully. Don't miss it!" Mr. Bartholomew, who has been a frequent visitor here, is a composer of note and director of the famous Yale Glee Club.

Austrian Youth Group Here Saturday In Colorful Shows Afternoon, Night

HISTORIANS MEET

The Moore County Historical association will meet Tuesday at 8 p. m. at Weymouth, home of Mrs. James Boyd. It was announced by Mrs. Ernest L. Ives, president. A program is being prepared and some interesting reports are to be made.

Some rare archives, unique documents from the early days of Moore county recently acquired by the Association will be on display.

Several Injured In 3 Accidents Saturday Night

Three accidents, each causing an injury to one person, took place on rainy highways near here Saturday night. Two of them were attributed to skidding or curves on a wet road, while the other, involving three cars, resulted in a drunken driving arrest. The three injured people were all taken to Moore County hospital.

James Solomon Cook, about 42 of Carthage Rt. 2, was taken to Moore County hospital with head injuries and a possible fractured jaw after his car sideswiped two others on the Carthage-Pinehurst road, just south of Blues Siding about 9:30 o'clock. The investigating State Highway 1 patrol said Cook's car, traveling toward Pinehurst, struck others driven by June Cockman, of Robbins, and Fred Blue, of Jackson Springs, both headed the opposite way. Damage to each of the three cars was estimated at about \$200. Cook was indicted for drunken driving, also careless and reckless driving causing an accident.

About 8:15 o'clock a car driven by Carl Raymond Whitaker, 37, of Candor Rt. 1, failed to make a curve on the county road from Niagara to Clay Road Farms, ran off the right side for 105 feet, skidded sideways across the road to the left for 65 feet, turned over for about 54 and landed upright. A passenger named Bibey was shaken up and Whitaker was knocked unconscious, suffering a cut on the forehead. He was released from the hospital Sunday afternoon and, according to the State Highway Patrol, was to be cited to recorders court for careless and reckless driving.

About midnight that night, a car driven by Wilbur Calcutt of West End, with Miss Patricia Field of West End as passenger skidded and overturned on a curve about a mile and a half from Pinehurst on the West End road. The car came to a stop on (Continued on page 5)

DAY OF PRAYER

World Day of Prayer service will be held today (Friday) at 3 p. m. at Emmanuel Episcopal church.

The annual interdenominational service, local churches will unite with others all over the world in prayer for the refugees, the migrants and underprivileged of all nations.

The service will be divided into four parts with one church in charge of each. The opening will be in charge of the host church; the second part, Presbyterian; the third, Church of Wide Fellowship (Congregational) and the fourth, Baptist.

Miss Valerie Doucher of Pinehurst will be soloist, with Mrs. Arthur Eakins at the organ. The offering will be for the support of international missions. Members of all local congregations, or of none, are invited to attend.

First Snowfall Whitens Sandhills

The stock headline "Snow Blankets Carolinas" was dusted off for use by many papers this week, though "blanket" was not too apt a word for the bediamonded crust formed of snow, sleet and rain, which fell Tuesday in freezing or near-freezing temperatures.

From the time the snow began about 10:30 a. m., Tuesday was about as mean a day as is ever seen in the Sandhills. Wednesday, residents of the area woke to a bright and sparkling world. The brilliant sunshine soon turned the ice and inch-deep covering of snow to drip and slush.

Elsewhere in the state, reports ranged from a snow of three inch inches deep at Sanford to five or six at Raleigh and 10 in the Piedmont area.

The danger warning was out for highway travel on both days, and tire traction was difficult on local streets as the snow began to stick, and became mixed with ice.

Carthage, Robbins and Highfalls schools were closed Wednesday on account of the icy roads. Some others may also have closed, said County Supt. H. Lee Thomas, "no blanket order was issued and this was left up to individual principals depending on conditions in their districts. Southern Pines schools did not close.

Red Cross Chairmen Map Campaigns



J. N. STEED

J. N. Steed, Southern Pines chairman for the 1952 Red Cross fund drive, to assist in the \$20,320 campaign which will get under way March 10, completed his organizational set-up this week.

He announced his associate chairmen as follows: M. G. Rush, business section, East Broad; W. T. Huntley, business section, West Broad; K. C. Weatherspoon, US Highway 1 South to Craft Service station; L. F. Gerwin, Manly; Mrs. Louis Homecutt, Niagara; Bryce Hemphill, West Southern Pines. Solicitation in the residential district of Southern Pines will be in the hands of the following ladies: Mrs. Morris B. Arnold, Mrs. J. D. Griffin, Mrs. George H. Leonard, Mrs. J. J. McDonald, Mrs. Roy R. Newton, Mrs. J. P. Callaghan, Mrs. C. T. Patch, Mrs. Leon Seymour, Mrs. J. N. Steed, Mrs. E. A. Tucker.

Plans for success and speed of the local campaign were laid at a meeting of workers held Wednesday afternoon at the Southern Pines Country Club, at which Alton J. Carter, regional director of the southeastern area, was the speaker. Quota for Southern Pines is \$7,200.

Steeplechase On Stonybrook Track Sunday, March 9

Plans Under Way For Big Race Meet; Walsh Is Manager

The Fifth Annual Stonybrook Steeplechase and Race Meet will be held Sunday, March 9, at 2 p. m. on the Stonybrook track, it was announced this week by Mickey Walsh, track owner and general manager for the event.

Seven feature races will be scheduled, on the flat, over brush and over timber. Silks from several local stables will be seen, as well as from top stables of Virginia and other eastern states. Both horses and riders will include some of the country's finest.

Racing for the first time on an American track will be several fine Irish horses procured by Mr. Walsh, a well-known rider and trainer, when on a visit to the Emerald Isle, his birthplace, last summer.

The steeplechase will be sponsored by the Southern Pines lodge of BPO Elks. It is the fourth to be held on the Stonybrook track, which was opened in February 1949 and has undergone improvements each year since then. The series was preceded by a 1948 event held at the (then) town horse show grounds, giving it a tradition of five years of successive and successful performances.

Crowds have been large and enthusiastic each year and the Elks are expecting an even better turnout for the 1952 event. Parking arrangements are ideal, as all spaces are on a hill commanding a full view of the mile-long oval, with three entrances so there is no traffic jam in entering or leaving Stonybrook.

Louis Scheepers and Morris Johnson are co-chairmen and judges will be W. J. Brewster, W. F. McBride and W. J. O'Brien. Announcer will be Arnold Shrimpton of England, who recently served in this capacity for the Grand National in that country.

The steeplechase and race meet is the second of three major equestrian events of the Sandhills spring season. The first was the (Continued on page 5)

Town Board Studies One-way Traffic For East, West Broad St.

ELECTED



RUSSELL LORENSON

Russell Lorensen Elected President Of Rotary Club

Russell Lorensen was elected president of the Southern Pines Rotary club last Friday, and with other 1952-53 officers will be installed at the first meeting of next July.

Mr. Lorensen, an accountant, has been secretary-treasurer of the club for the past three years, and before that served one term as a director. He has served on numerous committees for club activities and projects, and for the past two years has been chairman of the Rotary's Christmas Eve party at the highway prison camp.

Herbert N. Cameron, retiring president, will become vice-president, by tradition of the club Harry Fullenwider was elected secretary-treasurer.

Three directors were elected to serve with the officers on the (Continued on page 5)

County Basketball Meet Under Way At West End Gym

Play opened Thursday afternoon in the 25th Annual Moore County High School Basketball tournament, too late for a report to be made in this issue.

The tournament is being held this year in the J. F. Sinclair gymnasium of the West End school, with games scheduled each afternoon and evening Thursday, Friday (today) and Monday, with semifinals Tuesday evening and finals Wednesday evening. Large crowds from all over the county are expected to attend the sessions, climax of the winter basketball season and highlight of the athletic program for the year.

Boys' and girls' teams from Aberdeen, Vass-Lakeview, Westmoore, Farm Life, Highfalls, Southern Pines, Robbins, Carthage, West End, Pinehurst and Cameron, high schools are entered.

Pairings as announced in full this week are as follows:

Thursday: 3:30—Vass girls vs. Westmoore; 4:30—Carthage boys vs. Vass; 7:00—Highfalls girls vs. Southern Pines; 8:00—Carthage girls vs. West End; 9:00—West End boys vs. Cameron.

Friday: 3:30—Aberdeen girls vs. Vass-Westmoore winner; 4:30—Farm Life vs. Highfalls-Southern Pines winner; 7:00—Westmoore boys vs. Farm Life; 8:00—Pinehurst girls vs. Cameron; 9:00—Highfalls boys vs. West End-Cameron winner.

Monday: 3:00—Robbins boys vs. Carthage-Vass winner; 4:30—Aberdeen boys vs. Westmoore-Farm Life winner; 7:00—Semifinal girls game; 8:00—Robbins girls vs. Carthage-West End winner; 9:00—Southern Pines boys vs. Pinehurst.

Tuesday: 7:00—Semifinal boys; 9:00—Semifinal girls; 9:00—Semifinal boys.

Wednesday: 7:30 and 8:30 final boys and girls.

Plan May Get 90-Day Trial On Engineer's Advice

The town board just about made up its mind to give one-way traffic on Broad street a 90-day trial, following a report and urgent recommendation made to them Wednesday by one of the state's leading traffic experts.

Robert A. Burch, traffic engineer with the State Highway and Public Works department, conferring with the board at a special meeting at the city hall, recommended the adoption of one-way traffic between Massachusetts and Vermont avenues, flowing south on West Broad street and north on East Broad.

According to his plan, traffic could move freely from one side of the street to the other at any of the intersections, as long as it stayed in the traffic flow.

Besides relieving Broad street of the present traffic jams, the plan would permit angle parking next to the curb, allowing a good many more cars to be parked on West Broad than is possible now. This was about the only change suggested in regard to parking, for which the present general rules and regulations would remain in force.

The commissioners decided to give the matter two weeks' further study, making a decision one way or the other at their regular meeting Wednesday evening, March 12.

Mr. Burch has studied the traffic situation in Southern Pines off and on for the past two years on request of the board, and has made two previous reports embodying suggestions along the same lines as those recommended this week. While action has been postponed, traffic and its attendant problems have increased to the extent that now there seems general agreement "something must be done."

Mr. Burch pointed out that he one-way traffic plan would favor neither side of the street nor any particular part of the business district, as the effect would be the same for all parts of the five-block area. While it would necessitate a little more driving sometimes to get to a desired location, there would be many advantages in the greater ease of driving and better distribution of parking on (Continued on page 5)

Moore Teams Win First Games In District Playoffs

Semifinals will be held tonight (Friday), with finals NCHSAA night, in the official NCHSAA district basketball playoffs, being held this week at the Southern Pines gymnasium.

Ten boys' teams are taking part in the event, with two games each night. Play starts at 7 o'clock.

Attendance the first two nights rated only "fair" but is expected to pick up toward the end—especially if one or more of the three Moore County entrants makes it through the eliminations.

All three—Southern Pines, Aberdeen and Robbins—won their first games and were going strong at the Pilot's latest check-up Thursday.

In the opening games Tuesday, Robbins polished off Greenwood by a score of 73-38, and Southern Pines did the same for Laurel Hill, 53-38.

Wednesday, Aberdeen eliminated Ellerbe 60-33 and Deep River sent Gibson home by a score of 53-49.

Thursday night (too late for this issue) Robbins was to play Piscoe, and Southern Pines Mt. Gilead.

Tonight's contests (Friday) will bring together the winner of the Robbins-Biscoe game vs. Deep River, and the winner of the Southern Pines-Mt. Gilead game vs. Aberdeen.

The team winding up with the district championship Saturday night will enter the regional playoff, which will produce an entrant for the official state championship, to be held in the indoor stadium at Duke university.