

Robbins Bearcats Regional Winners, Will Play At Duke

County Champs Score New Win At Roseboro

The Robbins Bearcats of Elise High school won the Class A regional basketball championship Saturday night, and will meet other regional winners in the state high school championship to be played next weekend at Duke university, Durham.

The Bearcats defeated Camp LeJeune Friday night and Massey Hill Saturday at Roseboro to become regional winners.

They had previously won the district playoff held at the Southern Pines gym, and between the two collected the Moore County championship in the tournament at West End last week.

In the regional playoff, the score was 53 to 46 for Robbins against LeJeune, with Heathcock marking up 13 points for winners' high scorer. That night Massey Hill beat Richlands 45 to 30. Score of the finals was: Robbins 43, Massey Hill 42—a one-point differential between two superb teams at their best.

T. McNeil scored 16 points for Robbins for the all-team high with H. McNeil contributing nine vital points.

The state tournament, held like the playoffs under sponsorship of the N. C. High School Athletic association, will take place in Duke's great indoor stadium and is expected to draw large crowds from all over the state. It will be played next Thursday, Friday and Saturday, March 13, 14 and 15.

State Tourney At Aberdeen Nearing Finals

Two mighty champions came together Wednesday night in the early rounds of the State Girls Basketball tournament taking place this week at the Aberdeen gym.

They were Goldston and Aberdeen, both widely famed for their prowess. Aberdeen scored an upset victory over the second-seeded Goldston by making a goal in the final 30 seconds, breaking a tie and winning by 54 to 52.

In first round games played Wednesday night, topsided Lincolnton, twice champion of the event, won over Clarkton by 71 to 47, and Cool Springs defeated Windsor 68 to 44. Three quarter-final games were scheduled for Thursday night, with semifinals tonight (Friday) starting at 7:30, and finals Saturday.

Aberdeen's close win over Goldston started a near riot in the crowded gym, as the validity of the final basket was hotly disputed by some of those closely concerned. With the crowds yelling and milling, it appeared for a time as though trouble might ensue but then things quieted down and the tournament went on.

Cross Is Burned In Moore

Moore joined the list of "fiery cross" counties, now growing in the state, with the report by Constable Garner Maness, of Sheffield township, that a five-foot cross was burned Saturday about midnight two miles north of Robbins.

"I don't believe the Ku Klux Klan had anything to do with this," Constable Maness commented. From Sheriff C. J. McDonald it was learned that if it was the work of the Klan, it was the first sign seen in Moore of any KKK activity.

No official report had been made to the sheriff's department early this week, and indications were there would be no concerted investigation. Burning a cross, with no accompanying threats or terroristic activities, or signs of connection with an illegal organization, is not an unlawful act, unless owners of the property want to prosecute for trespass.

Constable Maness reported he had several calls concerning the cross-burning, from nearby residents of the community, which is largely Negro. He found a five-foot cross sturdily constructed of heavy pine blazing away on a baseball diamond on land recently ac-

Trophy Awarded In Pink Coat Race



L. P. (Junebug) Tate grins happily as he receives the handsome Challenge Trophy for the Pink Coat race at the Stonybrook Steeplechase, from its donor Mrs. Audrey K. Kennedy. Supervising the proceedings is Vernon G. Cardy's Racormick, the winner, who made it in a breeze, coming in five lengths ahead of his nearest competitor. From left—Jockey Tate, Mrs. Cardy, Mrs. Kennedy and Vernon Cardy, of Montreal and Southern Pines. (Photo by Emerson Humphrey)

Big Crowd, Fast Horses, Surprise Finishes Feature Stonybrook Races

Fifth Annual Steeplechase Seen As Most Successful

Thrills aplenty were provided a crowd of some 3,500 cheering fans Sunday afternoon at the Fifth Annual Stonybrook Steeplechase and Race Meet. Surprise finishes were the order of the day, with each of the seven races adding its share of excitement and drama.

Local Stables Have Entries In Springdale Meet

Several horses from two local stables are expected to compete in the Springdale race meet to be held Saturday at Camden, S. C. All but one—Gift of Gold—are horses which raced in the Stonybrook Steeplechase here Sunday, and some of the same riders will also be seen at Camden.

Gift of Gold, an English import, made his debut last year as surprise winner of the Carolina Cup at Camden. Owned then by Mrs. Michael Walsh of Southern Pines, he has since been purchased by Mrs. Simon T. Patterson of Pittsburgh, Pa. His home has remained at Stonybrook Stables here, and (Continued on page 5)

Yes, That Was Really Ameche, No Motion Picture

A number of people in Southern Pines and Pinehurst, seeing a tall, handsome man with strikingly familiar features last weekend, thought to themselves, "Why, there's Don Ameche! No, it can't be. Remarkable resemblance!"

Some spoke to him, and found it was indeed Don Ameche, one of the most popular and famous stars of all time, who was spending the weekend here as the guest of Bill Brown at his cottage at the Highland Pines Inn.

He put in most of his time playing golf at Pinehurst, and attended early mass and took communion Sunday at St. Anthony's Catholic church.

He left at 4:33 that afternoon on the Piedmont Airlines flight to Charlotte, where he was to catch the 5:15 airliner for New York. Quite a little crowd gathered at the airport to see him off, and found him a person of charm and courtesy, as, flashing that famous smile, he gave autographs and posed for pictures on request.

Plans Given For Mid-South Show In Starland Ring

Record Entries Seen For Event March 22 and 23

Twenty-five classes for hunters, jumpers, hacks and horsemanship are on the card for the second annual Mid-South Horse Show to be staged in the picturesque ring at Starland Farms, midway between Pinehurst and Southern Pines, Saturday and Sunday, March 22 and 23.

The premium list was announced this week by Lloyd M. Tate, manager of the show, and features events for hunters and jumpers, many of which are wintering in the Sandhills.

Many outside stables, however, have sent in entries, among them Mrs. Richard Coker and Miss Penelope Coker of Hartsville, S. C.; June Fisher of Meadowbrook Stables, Charlotte, and his riding children, June 13, and Libby, nine; the Thomas Stables of Ottawa, Canada; Joseph Green, of Middleburg, Va.; C. C. Criser, Hot Springs, Va., and others.

Many of the mounts to be judged here have been ribbon winners in the National at Madison Square Garden, New York, and several of them have been champions there.

Always one of the most colorful classes in any show, that for Corinthian hunters, has attracted a big field. The class requires the hunters to be ridden by amateurs who are members of a recognized hunt, in full hunting attire, over an outside course typical of hunting country. The event for hunt teams, also to be ridden in hunting pink, is another class always appealing to the ringside crowd.

There will also be events for bridle-path hacks, children's horsemanship and children's hunters.

The show, sponsored by the Sandhills Kiwanis club, is for the benefit of the Moore County hospital, Pinehurst, and St. Joseph-of-the-Pines hospital, Southern Pines. The show committee comprises Mickey Walsh, Ozelle Moss, and Lloyd P. Tate, and judging the classes will be Charles Barrie, of Teaneck, N. J.

The new show ring on the estate of Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd P. Tate (Continued on Page 5)

Italian Air Force Officers Studying At USAFAGOS

Two officers of the Italian Air Force are spending the week at the USAF Air-Ground Operations school at Highland Pines Inn, taking the intensive one-week indoctrination course on assignment from NATO.

They are Capt. Renato D'Orlandi and Capt. Silvio Basile, whose careers have been quite different but who have much in common. They were classmates at the Italian Flying school at Caserte, flew heroically for their country during World War 2, and were highly decorated. They became enemies of Germany when they refused to join the Republican Fascists when the war ended for Italy, though Germany was still fighting.

At that time the Germans placed a death penalty on Captain D'Orlandi's head, but he escaped to Rome and became a liaison officer with the Allied forces. Captain Basile was imprisoned by the Germans and sent to a prisoner of war camp in Poland. When the Russian breakthrough came he was transferred to Holland, where he was liberated by the Allies in 1945.

Both are slated for important assignments on their return to Italy. Captain D'Orlandi will be with Headquarters, South European Forces, at Florence, while Captain Basile is assigned to the Italian War college, also at Florence. Neither is married. Both are skilled in speaking English. This is their first visit to the United States but it is "strictly business" with no sightseeing trips this time.

Also a student in this week's class at USAFAGOS is Commander Urcel B. Holloway, assigned by the U. S. Navy from Washington.

CP&L Offers Plan For Community Improvement, With Cash Prizes

John Ruggles Elected Chairman Local Committee

The Carolina Power and Light company unwrapped a big surprise Tuesday night with the announcement made at a dinner held at the Southern Pines Country club, of a year-long contest "toward a finer Carolina" for all communities it serves.

Town leaders and other representative citizens, numbering about 100 with their hosts, attended the dinner, motivation of which had been kept as a closely guarded surprise.

It was one of 69 dinners held in the CP&L territory that night. Others in Moore were at Carthage, Aberdeen and Robbins.

Presiding at the Southern Pines event was John Howarth, who presented his confere of the CP&L, Paul C. Butler, at the appropriate time.

Mr. Butler made a formal presentation of the \$8,850 prize contest, for community improvements made between November 1, 1951, and November 1, 1952. He steered the gathering along toward an enthusiastic acceptance and an election of a chairman, who took office under protest but unable to withstand the unanimous acclaim.

This was John S. Ruggles, who expressed his view that Southern Pines would, and could, meet such a challenge with profit and success. He said his steering committee would be chosen from representative local organizations interested in community promotion.

With their heads or persons whom they would delegate, would be invited to meet with him soon for formulation of some plans.

Mr. Ruggles was a reorganizer of the Chamber of Commerce in 1946 and served as its president for two terms. He was elected to the town board in 1949 but resigned when appointed to the State Board of Hospitals Control.

His community activities have since been limited by those of his work in state interests, and also by health reasons. His unanimous election Tuesday night indicated his service of the past is remembered, and that he has been missed at home.

As explained by Mr. Butler, the plan calls for entry in the contest by April 1, at which time the steering committee will list five projects selected for achievement during the year.

These need not be completed during the year, if the goal is set at partial achievement with further work to follow.

The projects may be any sort enhancing the community, and can include any started, or finished, between the retroactive starting date and the close.

The CP&L will cooperate by assisting with all types of publicity media during the contest, and by giving first prizes of \$1,000, second prizes of \$750, in three classifications in both North and South Carolina—towns of 1,000 population or less, towns of 1,001 to 2,500 and towns above 2,500. Census figures of 1950 will be used.

There will also be 15 \$100 "honorable mention" prizes given in each state.

In addition, two grand prizes of (Continued on Page 5)

NAME FIVE

What is your idea of the five most important community projects for Southern Pines? Before selecting which ones will be listed for this community in the CP&L "Finer Carolina" contest, Chairman John S. Ruggles said he wants to hear from everybody in town. Participating organizations will be asked to present the names before their memberships, to get ideas, but any one and everyone is invited to make suggestions, on blank cards which can be secured at the CP&L office, at Mr. Ruggles' office or just on a plain sheet of paper, mailed to him. The projects must be completed by April 1. For further details see the contest elsewhere on this page.

One-Way Traffic Plan On Broad Street Will Be Given 90-Day Trial

DANGER

"Kids, keep away from the fire station when the alarm sounds," urged Assistant Chief Harold B. Fowler this week. "The volunteer firemen are coming in fast, and the fire truck has to get out fast. Boys and girls in the way can be a real hazard." One fireman dashing to the station in answer to an alarm Wednesday almost ran down a youngster who had gotten himself, and his bicycle, right into the thick of things, Chief Fowler said.

He asks that parents cooperate in preventing this dangerous practice.

A reminder for motorists was added—"If the fire truck comes along behind you with a red light blinking and siren sounding, pull aside and let it by, even if you know it is leaving a fire. It may be on the way to another, as was the case Wednesday."

"Four Freedoms" Award Will Be Made To Marshall

Gen. George C. Marshall of Litchfield Lodge, Pinehurst, will receive the Four Freedoms award of the United Nations at a dinner to be held at the Waldorf-Astoria hotel, New York City, tonight (Friday).

General Marshall, former General of the Army, Secretary of State and Secretary of Defense, father of the Marshall Plan, will receive the award from Gen. Carlos Romulo, former President of the Philippine Republic and one-time head of the General Assembly of the United Nations, now chairman of its Four Freedoms committee.

Secretary of the Army Frank Pace is expected to make the presentation address. Many distinguished UN and US officials of past and present will be guests at the dinner, including former Secretary of State Sumner Welles. General Marshall left the Sandhills Wednesday, and before going to New York City, was to make addresses at Lawrenceville Preparatory school and Wellesley college, returning home Sunday.

Bobcat Launches His Last Attack On Sgt. Clere

A second enormous bobcat—dead—was displayed here last week, shot by Sgt. Roy Clere, Army ranger, in warding off an attack by the animal on the Camp Mackall reservation. It weighed about 70 pounds, with claws deadly three-fourths of an inch in length.

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Some Changes Made In Parking Hours And Area

One-way traffic on Broad street from Massachusetts to Vermont avenue will be given a 90-day trial as soon as the markings can be made, by decision of the town board at its regular meeting Wednesday night.

Traffic will flow south on West Broad and north on East Broad, with crossing possible at any intersection, according to a plan previously presented to the board by a state traffic engineer.

The motion was passed with one dissenting vote, that of Charles S. Patch, Jr., who said he thought the plan should be tried, but at some other time of year, preferably September.

The other commissioners expressed their view that now, when traffic is at its height and irritations of the present system are many, is the time to try out the plan. It is designed, they said, to eliminate many of these irritations, give traffic a smoother flow and get 20 per cent or more traffic through the downtown district with much greater ease than is now experienced.

Whether the plan accomplishes all that is desired cannot be seen without a trial, and when traffic is at full flow is the best time to find out, they thought, estimating it would take only "about a week" after installation before motorists would be used to it. At the end (Continued on page 5)

"Old Pines" By James Boyd On UNC Spring List

"Old Pines and Other Stories," by James Boyd, is on the spring publication list of the University of North Carolina Press. It is a collection of short stories by the famous author, most of whose life was spent in Southern Pines—the first such collection bearing his name, as his other books were all novels, with one volume of poetry.

The collection will include 10 stories, eight of which appeared in magazines, with two hitherto unpublished. Magazines represented include the Atlantic Monthly, Scribners, Evening Post, and American Mercury. Home Company published stories for publication in the past.

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