

Moore Democrats Will Assemble At Carthage Saturday

Officers, Delegates Will Be Elected; Chairmen Will Report

The call for all good Democrats and true to attend their biennial convention at 2 p. m., Saturday was sounded this week by W. A. Leland McKeithen, of Pinehurst, chairman.

The convention will be held at the courthouse in Carthage. All precinct chairmen are asked to be present, along with delegates elected at the precinct meetings last Saturday. Precinct chairmen will report on elections of officers held at their local meetings.

Business of the convention will include election of officers for the next two-year term, and of delegates to the state Democratic convention at Raleigh next Wednesday.

All candidates for election subject to the primary of May 31 are especially invited to attend, said Chairman McKeithen, and will be given opportunity to speak if they feel inclined. In fact, a number of informal speeches may be expected, if tradition is followed, containing messages from Democrats to their fellow Democrats at this time of party activity.

Mrs. S. L. Windham of Aberdeen is vice-chairman of the county committee, and Miss Bess McCaskill of Carthage is secretary-treasurer.

Precinct Meeting

L. V. O'Callaghan was reelected chairman of the Southern Pines precinct Democratic committee, at the biennial precinct meeting held last Saturday afternoon at the Legion hut.

Mrs. Ruth W. Swisher was reelected vice-chairman, and Jerry V. Healy was named to the office of secretary-treasurer.

Delegates to the county convention to be held at Carthage Saturday were chosen as follows: L. V. O'Callaghan, Mrs. Ruth W. Swisher, Jerry V. Healy, Mrs. James Boyd, L. F. Garvin.

Fourteen were present at the precinct meeting, at which Chairman O'Callaghan reminded all of their responsibilities in view of the coming Democratic primary, and urged a large attendance at the county convention.

Criminal Court Next Week

With 53 cases calendared for a three-day term, and 16 to go before the grand jury for bills, the criminal term of Moore County superior court due to start Monday at Carthage appears in advance to be a crowded one.

Recorders court will be held Saturday of this week instead of Monday, and not again till Monday, June 2.

One defendant will go before the grand jury charged with murder. This is Martha Jane Snuggs, Negro, of Ador, who shot her mother while attempting to shoot her brother in a family argument. No manslaughter or rape cases are calendared, though one defendant is charged with at-

Staff Completed, Work Under Way—County Civil Defense Has Fine Start

WEDNESDAY GAME

Merchants of the town will stage a baseball game next Wednesday on the high school field for the benefit of the bleacher fund.

No lineup has been announced as yet, and the pitcher is not to be named until game time. The opposing teams will include a number of former pro and semi-pro players, along with a number whose chief experience has been in the "Sandlot League."

A good contest, with plenty of incidental excitement, is anticipated. Game time is 3:30 p. m.

90 Dancers In Aden Studios' Revue Tonight

A brilliant show, brimming with color and music, is promised in "Let's Dance," third annual revue of the Martha Aden Studio of Dance, to be held at Weaver auditorium at 8:15 tonight (Friday).

Ninety children of Southern Pines and Pinehurst, with a few from Carthage and Sanford, will be seen in solo and group dances in 19 production numbers. Most ambitious undertaking of the Aden Studio to date, its high moment of artistry will be reached in a ballet, variations from "Le Lac de Cygnes" (Swan Lake) made famous by Pavlowa and her troupe.

Anne Hamor, talented teen-ager from Pinehurst will take the Pavlowa role as the "Swan Queen," with Louis Nunery as her partner in the pas de deux.

Tap, acrobatic, comic and character dances will be seen in the other numbers, with music, songs and a wealth of colorful costumes. The production numbers include "Let's Dance," "Hi Neighbor!" "Old McDonald's Farm," "Festive in the Forest," "Ballet Meets Jazz," "Keep Young and Beautiful," "Daughter of Rose O'Grady," "Piano Roll Blues," "On 42nd Street," "Gold Diggers of 1952" and others.

Special sets, with a new type (Continued on page 5)

Director Arnold Holds Organizational Meeting At Club

The organizational meeting of the Moore County Civil Defense held Monday night at the Southern Pines Country club, revealed a well-knit program already under way, under the trained hand of the county CD director, Brig. Gen. A. V. Arnold of Southern Pines.

A purposeful start was revealed in the fact that every place on the special staff and operating staff had been filled by General Arnold, and that these were present 100 per cent, some with considerable accomplishment already to their credit.

Also present were a number of mayors and rural leaders appointed last week by the county commissioners, on General Arnold's request, as an advisory council; several key men in the services set up by the staff members, and representatives of cooperating agencies, the principal one being the Red Cross.

The meeting clicked off without wasted motion, showing the results of having at the head of this vital program a man of wide military and executive experience before his recent retirement, including the post of U. S. military governor of Korea. His staff is also largely composed of men with officer experience.

Hazard Foreseen

In opening the meeting, General Arnold gave his view that the chances of Moore county's becoming a primary defense area are so slight as to be non-existent. He foresaw, however, a peculiar hazard in that this county is only 175 miles from the Savannah River H-bomb plant, on the direct route of any enemy planes which might approach via the polar route.

He also envisioned conditions in which evacuees from cities which suffer as primary targets might find haven here.

He presented Lieut. Col. Dean E. Hess, a top combat pilot in World War 2 and in Korea, who trained the South Korean air force and is now an instructor in air-ground operations at the USAF Air-Ground Operations school at Highland Pines Inn.

Radar Network

Colonel Hess spoke on the radar network now being thrown up around the North American continent, describing in general the extent of its protection, and also the limitations to which it is liable at present.

Such a network, he said, does not obviate the need for well-organized (Continued on page 5)

60 Young People In Tennis Meet On Local Courts

About 60 boys and girls, most of them playing in both singles and doubles, are taking part in the Third Annual Moore County Schools Tennis tournament on the municipal courts this week. They are from Southern Pines and Pinehurst high and elementary schools.

With such a large entry list, and playing only in the afternoons (starting at 3:30), it appeared at midweek that finals will be held Saturday and Sunday, instead of Friday and Saturday, as previously announced. Some final events will probably also be scheduled for Saturday and Sunday nights, especially if there should be a hold-up on account of weather.

Through Wednesday, the weather was perfect. Only singles events were played in the first three days. Drawings for doubles were to be made late Wednesday and Thursday.

In the grammar school division, 34 boys and nine girls entered; in the high school division, eight boys and eight girls. Prospects were that there would be 13 doubles teams of grammar grade boys, with five of girls; and seven doubles teams of high school boys with four of girls. Mixed doubles teams of undetermined number were expected to enter in each division.

The tournament is sponsored by the Junior Sandhills Tennis association, aided by the senior association, which is donating trophies for winners and runners-up for each event.

Dr. Herr Resigns After Many Years' Service To School

Town Board Tables Resignation Until After Commencement

Major item of importance to come before the meeting of the town board held Wednesday night at the town hall was the receipt of a communication from the school board notifying the commissioners that Dr. George G. Herr, for many years chairman of the board, had submitted his resignation.

In bowing to the chairman's wishes, the school board wrote that they were referring the matter to the town as coming under its jurisdiction.

In the discussion that followed, involving many expressions of regret, it was voted by the commissioners that, while recognizing the doctor's reasons for wishing to retire, the board would table the matter of accepting his resignation, hoping that he will remain in office until after the Commencement exercises.

Traffic Safety Award

Fittingly marking an improvement in traffic hereabouts was the presentation at Wednesday's meeting of a Safety Award to the town, for the record of no fatalities here in the year 1950. The presentation was made by Ollis D. Griffin, local representative of the Motor Vehicles Department's Highway Safety Division.

Mayor C. N. Page received the award for the town and in accepting it spoke feelingly of the need for improvement in this field. He noted that no award would come to Southern Pines for 1951, due to the fatal accident on Massachusetts avenue, and said that he considered safe driving to be one of the major problems of today. He urged the need for driver training and a renewal of compulsory automobile inspection.

In presenting the award, Mr. Griffin said that Southern Pines was one of 25 towns in his district to receive similar notice. Other Moore County towns with no fatalities for 1950 are Cameron, Vass, Aberdeen, Carthage, Robbins, Keyser, (Ador), Pinebluff, Jackson Springs, Manly, and Ellerbe. The awards are presented to towns under 5000 in population.

The remainder of Wednesday night's meeting, at which all the board except L. V. O'Callaghan were present, was occupied with routine matters, involving in most cases, referral to committees for study and action.

Miss Frances Pratt appeared before the board with Building Inspector Everette V. Walker to request permission to enlarge her (Continued on page 5)

Commencement Speakers Named

Dr. Clyde A. Erwin, state superintendent of public education, will be the commencement speaker at graduation exercises of the Southern Pines High school, to be held Tuesday evening, June 3, it was announced this week by Supt. A. C. Dawson.

Delivering the baccalaureate sermon Sunday afternoon, June 1, will be Dr. Claude Bowen, pastor of the First Baptist church of Greensboro.

Monday night will be the night of the senior play, a three-act comedy now in rehearsal entitled "The Big Surprise."

North Carolina Justice

In the prompt conviction of ten members of the Ku Klux Klan, North Carolina Justice has been well served. The trial at Wilmington was in federal court, the kidnapping of the Klan's victims across the state line having brought the FBI into the case, but North Carolina officials and newspapers took the lead in bringing about seizure of the offenders and a North Carolinian was the judge. Two of the defendants were already under sentence, for similar crime in the state, convicted by a North Carolina jury.

Thus our state has struck hard and swiftly at these offenders against her laws. This is, we submit, a clear demonstration, of which, in our history, there have been many, that North Carolina is ever a leader in the cause of justice.

The progressive liberal spirit that stands for freedom under the law has made this country strong and fearless. It shines, a beacon of light and a guiding star by which each one of us may constantly check our course. It is good to see that spirit shine forth so unmistakably here in our Old North State.

Community Invited To Programs Honoring Armed Forces Day Here

"Open House" At USAFAGOS With Decoration Rites

The USAF Air-Ground Operations school at Highland Pines Inn will be host at an Armed Forces Day "open house" Saturday afternoon.

The program will open at 1:30 p. m. with a band concert in front of the school, and a welcome from Brig. Gen. William M. Gross, commandant of the school, and Lieut. Col. Lamar Welch, deputy commandant. Music will be by a Ninth Air Force band from Pope AFB.

An indoor program will follow at 2:25 to which the public will be admitted up to the number of 100—the capacity of the projection room. The program will demonstrate in dramatic form the precision planning of an air-ground operation, and how it is carried out. This is in two parts, "The Evening Planning Conference" and "The Air-Ground Team in Action."

Decoration Ceremony

At 4:10 p. m. a formal outdoor ceremony will be held at which General Gross will award decorations to two staff instructors, newly returned from Korea.

These are Capt. Sam H. Slaughter III, of Kyle, Texas, who will receive the Distinguished Flying Cross, and Capt. John F. McCarthy, of Denver, Colo., who will receive the Legion of Merit.

Captain Slaughter, a veteran pilot of World War 2 and of 100 combat missions in Korea, has been cited for his "courage under fire, ability and devotion to duty, in volunteering to locate and aid in the rescue of two critically wounded American soldiers in enemy territory."

Captain McCarthy is a CBI and Alaskan Air Command OSS veteran of World War 2, who received a spot promotion to major while in Korea, where during one period of his service (his citation reads) he "wrote all reconnaissance intelligence procedures used in air support, ground support and the interdiction campaign against the enemy's supply routes." He wears eight battle stars. (Continued on page 8)

Glen Rounds Will Address Scouts At Court of Honor

The May court of honor for the Moore district of Boy Scouts will be held at Pinebluff Monday at 8 p. m.

If the weather is good the ceremony will be held outdoors on the shore of Pinebluff lake, by campfire light, said Lawrence M. Johnson, Aberdeen, advancement chairman. If it rains, it will be held at the Pinebluff Methodist church.

Glen Rounds, nationally known author, artist and illustrator, who lives at Pinebluff, will be the speaker for the entertainment program. Mr. Rounds grew up on a ranch in South Dakota, and has written many books dealing with western lore, ranch life and animals of the western plains.

Advancement and merit badge awards will be made to scouts of county troops. All the scouts, their parents and friends are invited to attend, Mr. Johnson said.

REGISTRATION

Saturday is the last day for registration of new voters before the Democratic primary of May 31.

Books will be kept open by Mrs. Grace Kaylor, registrar for this precinct at the fire station from 9 a. m. to 6:30 p. m. For Aberdeen precinct J. V. Ferree is registrar and the Legion hut the registration place.

Eligible to register, if they have not previously done so, are those who have lived in the state one year and in the precinct six months. Military personnel temporarily stationed here may secure absentee ballots from Sam C. Riddle, Carthage, chairman of the county board of elections. Also eligible to register at this time are those who will become 21 years of age by the national election day—November 4.

Rites Wednesday At Aberdeen For "Mother John"

Funeral services were held at Aberdeen Wednesday afternoon for "Mother John," widely-known Negro faith healer and spiritual leader of the Solid Rock Church of Holiness. She died Saturday afternoon, after telling members of her family, friends and followers for several days that she knew she was soon "going to take her good rest." She was 58 years old.

Services were conducted in her church in the Broadway community, attended by a large gathering of followers from her congregations in North and South Carolina and representatives from a congregation of which she was "overseer" in Brooklyn, N. Y. Burial was in the Berkeley cemetery at Aberdeen.

"Mother John" became associated with the Solid Rock Church of Holiness at Fayetteville in 1932. After moving to Aberdeen in 1939 she became the outstanding leader (Continued on page 8)

New Town Lake Filling, Ready For Swimmers

Southern Pines' new swimming lake has been filling up all week and should be ready for swimmers this weekend, it was learned from Howard F. Burns, town clerk, who has supervised the preparations.

Posts linked by a chain have been placed at the deepwater line offshore, and advice to swimmers is to stay within the area thus marked out. It is plenty big enough, and deep enough for the average swimmer, going out to a depth of about four and a half feet. Only expert swimmers should go beyond the chain.

Work done on the new recreation place has included the clearing out of debris and tree stumps from the bottom of the lake, and sanding of the swimming area and the shore, creating a beach.

More sanding of the beach has to be done. Some clay has had to be used in building it up, which means that rain might make it more of a morass than a beach, the city fathers warn.

The surrounding woods have been cleared out and underbrush cut away, leaving the small pines and dogwoods which are growing up in profusion and should make of the lake park a beauty spot in future.

The lake is on NC Highway 2, from the Midland road to Manly. The highway cuts off sharp to the right just past the Southern Pines city limits sign on the way out of town. It may also be reached from the other way, by Manly.

The town has made only the most basic improvements in order to ready the lake for use by warm weather. Additions planned for later on include a diving raft, boat pier, outdoor fireplaces and picnic facilities, also—some day—bath houses and maybe a recreation pavilion. It is anticipated that civic organizations and youth groups will build some of these.

Town Will Salute Military Personnel At Friday Event

Members of the armed forces living in and near Southern Pines, also all members of the community in the uniform of their country in other parts of the world, will be honored at an Armed Forces Day observance to be held today (Friday) at 2:15 p. m. at Weaver auditorium.

Children of the Southern Pines school will be present, also as many of the staff and faculty of USAFAGOS as are able to attend at that time. The general public is invited, said Mayor C. N. Page.

Several distinguished guests are expected to be present, including representatives of all branches of the armed services, and of local veterans' organizations and their auxiliaries.

Amos Dawson, school superintendent, will give a welcome, and colors will be presented by a color guard from the USAF Air-Ground Operations school.

Special honor will be paid to Brig. Gen. William M. Gross, USAFAGOS commandant, both as representative of the school, a military installation of unique importance, and as a distinguished and valued member of this community.

General Gross will make a brief talk with an especial message for the young people.

The program will include selections by the school band and glee club, and a benediction by the Rev. C. K. Ligon, a veteran of Pacific warfare with the U. S. Navy.

82nd Airborne

The 82nd Airborne Division will mark the nation's observance of Armed Forces Day Saturday by holding a division review and maintaining open house for the public throughout the day.

The review will be at 9:30 a. m. at the division review field. Static displays of airborne equipment in the vicinity of the field will be open to the public before, during, and after the review. These will include parachutes, communication items, weapons, and miscellaneous equipment used in paratroop drops. Guides will answer questions concerning all phases of airborne operations.

Dayrooms, barracks, and other installations in the various unit areas will be open for inspection by families and friends of personnel. The noon meal will be served at unit mess halls at prevailing rates to invited guests.

The division museum will also be open all day to visitors. Guides will be on duty to answer questions and explain the history of various items. These include, among others, the wartime colors of the 82nd Airborne, most decorated in World War 2; various German weapons; the original surrender document of the 120,000-man 21st German Army proclaiming its unconditional surrender to the 82nd Airborne Division; the original decree signed by Queen Wilhelmina of the Netherlands awarding the Military Order of Willem to the Division; pictures of combat jumps; the Field Marshal's epaulets of Hermann Goering, captured by an 82nd trooper; an SS trooper unit's Dress Flag, and many other items.

At Fort Bragg

Latest weapons, radios, electronics, first aid equipment and other apparatus will be displayed at Fort Bragg on Armed Forces Day Saturday.

The Open House will be held there a parade by the 82nd Airborne Division and a demonstration of casualty removal by helicopters. For the ladies' benefit will be a food demonstration by the Third Army Area Food Service school.

The Open House will be held from 8 a. m. to 5 p. m. and will close with an evening parade by the 18th Airborne Corps Artillery.