

Suzann Burns Crowned Queen At July 4 Festival

May Be Second Local Entry In Statewide Event

(Picture on page 5)

Southern Pines, home of pretty girls, has another beauty winner. This time it is Suzann Burns, 17, who was crowned "Miss Moore County 1952" at Carthage's 14th annual Independence Day celebration, held last Friday.

The dark-haired beauty with flashing smile and sparkling green-grey eyes, a June graduate of Southern Pines High school, was the entrant of the Southern Pines Chamber of Commerce, and the only local girl in the competition.

For prize she was awarded an Elgin wrist watch. Following the contest at noon, she was featured in the parade, and honored as queen at the ball that night.

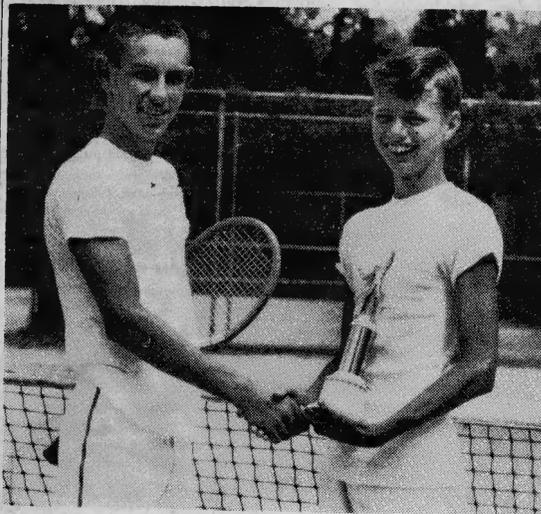
Carthage Jaycees, sponsors of the July 4 event, are checking with their state authorities to find out if Queen Suzann may legally be their entry in the statewide Jaycee beauty contest to be held at Winston-Salem July 24-26. If this is permitted, Southern Pines, which has no Jaycee organization, will have two competing daughters, as Miss Dorothy Swisher is already the official entry of the Aberdeen club.

Suzann is the daughter of Mrs. George C. Burns and the late Colonel Burns of this community. She has ambitions to be a nurse but is going to get in a year of college education first. She will enter Woman's college, Greensboro, in September.

She was active and popular at high school and had the leading role in the senior play in June.

At last year's July 4 celebration, Doris Bowles of Niagara, a member of the same high school class as Suzann, was runner-up for Moore County queen.

"We're Proud of You, Kenneth"



Kenneth Tew, right, new North Carolina boys' tennis champion, is congratulated by Steve Choate, president of the Junior Sandhills Tennis association. Kenneth holds the trophy he won at the N. C. Junior Tennis tournament, held at Greensboro Thursday through Saturday.

(Photo by Humphrey)

Air Force Tourney Heads For Finals At Pine Needles

Chuck Alexander In Second Place; Pope Team In Lead

Southeastern Division eliminations in the U. S. Air Force World-wide golf tournament opened Monday on the Pine Needles course, and will continue through to finals Friday.

The tournament follows district matches held last week, also at Pine Needles, in which the Pope AFB team won the team championship, and Lieut. Col. Charles Kenworthy, ROTC instructor at The Citadel, the individual championship. Air Force golfers of all ranks from eight states took part.

As of Wednesday this week, Pope stayed ahead in the team matches, while Staff Sgt. Jack Payson of McDill AFB, Florida, had grabbed the lead for individuals. Just one stroke behind Payson's score of 145 for 36 holes was Maj. Chuck Alexander of Pope, brother of the famed North Carolina pro Skip Alexander of Durham.

Next in order were Tech. Sgt. Robert Chaffman of Maxwell AFB, Alabama; Maj. Walt Davidson, Pope, and Sgt. Bob Justice of Eglin AFB, Florida. Colonel Kenworthy, district titlist and first day winner, had dropped back to sixth place. Sole survivor of the USAFAGOS team of Southern Pines, a participant in the district play, was Capt. Charlie Haynes.

Brig. Gen. W. M. Gross, USAFAGOS commandant, one of the leading players last week, was unable to take part in the division play.

Trailing the Pope team in second, third and fourth place Wednesday were the teams from Eglin, McDill and Maxwell, in that order.

The World Wide tournament will be played at Maxwell AFB, at a date to be set later.

4-H Dress Revue Winners Listed

Some charming summer styles, modeled by their makers, were displayed in the annual Moore County 4-H dress revue held Wednesday afternoon in the home demonstration office at Carthage.

Winners in the senior group were Betty Sue Brewer, Westmore club, first place; Helen Reese Pressley, Carthage club, second, and Sylvia Blue, Farm Life, third.

There were just two winners in the junior group—Gayle Turnage, Pinehurst club, first, and Ann McLeod, Farm Life, second. Judges were Mrs. Betty Shankle Morgan, of Vass, and Mrs. Mary H. Gale, of Carthage.

The revue, culminating dress projects carried by the participants over the past several months, was part of the 4-H girls' program in charge of Mrs. Ruth H. Muse, assistant home demonstration agent.

Kenneth Tew Wins Championship In State Tennis Meet

A wiry tenth-grader with a pixy grin, 14-year-old Kenneth Tew of Southern Pines, was the surprise winner of the boys' singles event in the N. C. Junior Tennis tournament held at Greensboro last week, walking off with the state trophy after four days of battling upward from an unseeded position.

He downed Jack Savage of Goldsboro, Tommy McIver of Greensboro and Jack Lowe of Charlotte to meet and defeat Charlotte's 12-year-old fireball Finley Lee in Sunday finals—score 10-8, 1-6, 6-4.

The match, described by sports writers as a "marathon," lasted about three hours.

While a surprise at Greensboro, Kenneth's victory was no surprise to those who have watched his hard work and steady progress on the local courts during the past couple of years. He is entirely a product of the local junior tennis program and a member of the Junior Sandhills Tennis association. At Greensboro he was playing in his first tournament away from home.

He has been a member of the Southern Pines team which has played this summer in the Eastern Carolina League junior series, and said this week he plans to enter boys' events of the Eastern Carolina Association tournament, to be held at Raleigh in August. Before that, though, will come the Junior Sandhills Invitational, to be held here July 30-August 3.

At Greensboro he was one of four local entries, all of whom acquitted themselves well. All are excellent players and the fact that they did not advance higher than they did attests to the quality of the game put out by the youngsters competing from all over the State.

Moore county junior girls' champion Betty Jane Worsham (Continued on page 8)

Faye Robinson, 6, Takes Plane Ride, Gets New Doll And—One For Ripley

Little Miss Faye Robinson of Nutley, N. J., who came Saturday to visit her grandparents here, received a lovely new doll this week as the result of one of the oddest adventures that ever befell a six-year-old young lady.

The beginning of the adventure was her very first plane trip. Her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Roger Wolcott Robinson, put her on the plane at LaGuardia airport Saturday to fly to Raleigh where her grandfather, Harry Pethick of Southern Pines, was to meet her.

She was placed in care of the stewardess, but everyone succumbed to her charms and helped look after her. She even sat by the pilot for a while and watched him fly the plane. It was a fine trip, and the finest part came when the plane swooped down at the Raleigh-Durham airport, and there was her grandfather waiting.

As Faye started to leave the plane she saw something a passenger had dropped under a seat. It was a billfold. Though only six, Faye knew the right thing to do. She promptly turned it in to the stewardess.

Wednesday, a package came for Faye at the Pethicks' in Southern Pines. It contained a beautiful doll in a pink dress, sent by the gentleman who owned the billfold, a resident of Raleigh.

Now that's a nice little story all by itself—but it has a snapper ending, one of those coincidences which happen only in real life—too far-fetched for fiction. Remember we told you Faye's father's name—Roger Wolcott Robinson? It so happens he doesn't have any North Carolina relatives. But the name of the man whose billfold she found is Roger Wolcott.

GAMES NEEDED

Games and sports equipment of all kinds are needed in the community of Addor, where a social service project of great potential benefit is under way. (See story below.)

Horse shoe pitching sets are especially needed for the older people. Checkers, ping-pong, and badminton sets, balls and bats, tennis racquets and balls, table games, handcraft sets—all can be used.

Donors may drop a card to Loftus C. Carson, Addor, and he will come by and pick up the gift. They will be assured of much appreciation, and the knowledge that their gift will be well used.

Addor Community "Untouched" Site Of Fisk Project

The opening of a community center last Wednesday at Addor, small Negro community near Pinebluff, and the holding of July 4 community picnic on its grounds were the first big events in a new project of unusual interest.

They marked the start of a social service program under supervision of Fisk university, Nashville, Tenn., for which Addor was selected as a comparatively "untouched" community.

Through organized recreation and the development of leadership within the community of some 300 souls, it is hoped to start Addor on a new era of living. Improvement of family and community relationships, youth conditions and general morale are looked for.

Students in Charge In charge of the project—an "experiment in living"—are John Moland, Jr., and Loftus C. Carson, graduate students in Fisk's social science department, who will remain in the community for several weeks getting things off to a start. Arriving two weeks ago, they were assisted during the first few days by Donald Wyatt, also of the social science department at Fisk.

Some funds for the project are being contributed by public-spirited citizens in Pinebluff through the Pinebluff Maternal Welfare committee, the only organized group which has hitherto paid much attention to Addor. The committee arranged for the purchase of the schoolhouse as a community center after the school was consolidated recently with Berkeley, at Aberdeen. Through Mrs. Walter MacNeille, chairman of the committee, the interest of Dr. Douglas of Fayetteville State Teachers college was first drawn to Addor and its needs, and through Dr. Douglas Fisk became interested.

Groundwork was laid last winter during a visit paid to Addor by Dr. Preston Valien, chairman of the social science department at Fisk, accompanied by Dr. Douglas. The arrival of the graduate students, ready to put into practice some of the things they have been learning in aid of their race, was (Continued on page 5)

Spot News Aired For Peach Growers From Office Here

A federal-state market news office has been established in the WEEB building for the duration of the active peach-shipping season, to keep growers and shippers informed by radio on all matters which will help them market their crops to the best advantage.

Broadcasts are going out at 8:15 a. m., 12:10 and 6:30 p. m. daily, giving latest prices for the different varieties obtained direct from the terminal markets; also shipping conditions, weather and other pertinent spot news.

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Warrant Issued For Banigans On Contempt Charge

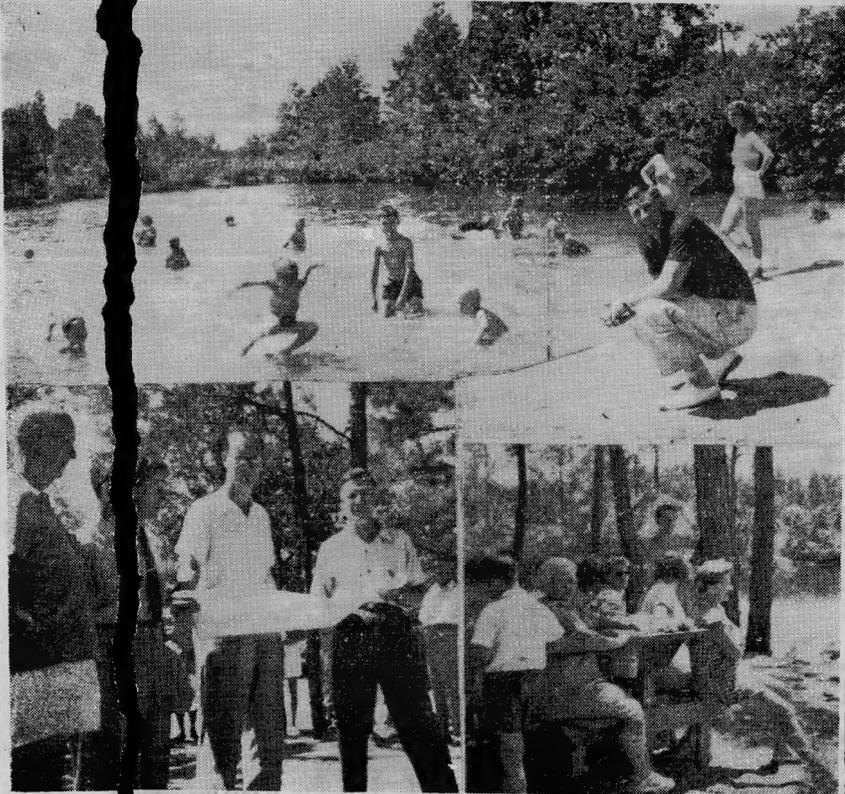
A warrant for the arrest of Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Banigan, formerly of Southern Pines, on charges of contempt of court has been signed by Superior Court Judge Zeb V. Nettles of Asheville, and placed on file with C. C. Kennedy, Moore County clerk of superior court.

The warrant orders the sheriff to arrest Mr. and Mrs. Banigan and place them in jail for 30 days. Since the Banigans left the county May 8 and their whereabouts are unknown, the order cannot be immediately executed.

What further steps will be taken against the couple are not known as yet. They were involved in a number of lawsuits at the time they departed, and others may be in preparation against them, according to information reaching The Pilot.

The contempt charges arose from the Banigans' failure to appear as ordered for a superior court hearing, producing papers for an accounting in the civil suit Sherman vs. Banigan.

The hearing was twice postponed in order to give the couple time to return from their trip. When they did, purportedly for New York City, they stated they were to be gone only one week.



TOP PICTURE—Beach scene, complete with bathing beauties. Irie Leonard, summer recreation director, supervises operations as kids frolic in Knollwood lake following the dedication July 4. LOWER LEFT—Reading from left to right, Jerry V. Healy, in informal attire for the occasion; E. H. Mills, Amos C. Dawson and Mayor C. N. Page with map of park and lake. LOWER RIGHT—First picnic party, enjoying shady spot before program begins. (Pilot Staff Photos)

Travis Wicker Appointed County Forest Ranger

Will Move To Southern Pines; Wife Teaches Here

Travis Wicker of Pinehurst has been employed as Moore County forest ranger, succeeding E. W. Davis, it was announced this week by Gordon M. Cameron, chairman of county commissioners.

Mr. Wicker has already gone to work, and is moving this week to Southern Pines, where the fire tower and station serve as county N. C. Forest Service headquarters. With his wife, a teacher in the Southern Pines school for the past four years, and their 10-year-old daughter Anne he will be at home in the Knollwood apartments.

Mr. Wicker, chosen from several applicants, comes to this important post highly recommended, said Chairman Cameron. He received the approval of state as well as county authorities. The service he heads in Moore county, that of forest conservation and forest fire protection, is set up cooperatively by the county and the Department of Forestry, State Department of Conservation and Development.

Mr. Wicker, 39, a native of Pinehurst, has lived there all his life. He attended the Pinehurst schools and has recently been employed by Pinehurst, Inc., at the Pinehurst Garage.

He has been a member of the Pinehurst volunteer fire department for many years, and in this capacity has worked with the county ranger and crew on numerous forest fires in the Sandhills.

For four and a half years during and after World War 2, he was employed as assistant chief of the Fort Bragg fire department, with protection against forest fires constituting a large portion of his work. He remained in this post until the civilian staff of the war emergency was replaced by military personnel.

He is married to the former Miss Edna Best of Bertie county. Mrs. Wicker teaches the fourth grade in the local school.

Mr. Davis, whom Ranger Wicker replaces, was promoted to the post of district forest ranger after five and a half years' service here. He has moved to Rockingham, headquarters of the district office, where he will work closely with J. A. Pippin, district forester, in work covering seven counties, of which Moore is one.

Lake Opens With July 4 Dedication; E. H. Mills Is Made Honorary Citizen

ROADS CLOSED

The Manchester road and Raeford-Vass road on the Fort Bragg reservation will be closed from 10 o'clock tonight (Friday) to 6 a. m. Saturday, according to announcement from the post public information office.

The closing is occasioned by phases of military training which will be taking place in these areas.

Road blocks will be set up, and no civilian vehicle will be allowed to enter during the period of closing.

Airport Committee Meets To Study Lease Proposals

The Moore County airport committee scheduled a meeting for Thursday afternoon to consider two propositions for leasing Knollwood airport to private operators.

Resort Airlines' lease on the county-owned airport, first made in September 1945 and since renewed, was recently cancelled by mutual agreement of the county commissioners and Resort. The airline has undergone numerous changes and a change of headquarters from Pinehurst to New York City.

Two propositions were to be entertained by the committee at its meeting this week, it was learned from Howard F. Burns, secretary. One was from Carl Bradshaw, of Southern Pines, the other from Ed McKenzie of Southern Pines and Buck McKenzie of Raleigh. The McKenzies are brothers.

Plans of both parties were for the operation of a first-class field for private planes, with expert servicing.

Any arrangements made for the field will include its continued use by Piedmont Airlines, Inc., which operates a daily scheduled east-west service, carrying passengers, airmail, parcel post and freight, from November 1 to May 1 each year, said Mr. Burns.

The committee's plans for a release of the airport were discussed by the secretary with the county commissioners at Carthage Monday. The commissioners gave the committee authorization to proceed with whatever plan appeared to be in the best interests of the county. Richard S. Tufts of Pinehurst is chairman of the county airport committee.

Recreation Seen As Civic Duty Today, Says Mayor Page

Under shady trees beside sparkling lake waters, Southern Pines' new Knollwood lake and park were dedicated to the public use in an informal program last Friday afternoon, the Fourth of July.

Already frolicking in the water were dozens of children and young people. Boys and girls bounced and leaped from the new floating raft newly built by members of the John Boyd post, VFW. A family party was finishing lunch at one of the three new picnic tables.

The youngsters came out of the water and a crowd of about 75 gathered around as the dedication program opened with the singing of "America." Prayer was offered by the Rev. C. K. Ligon, pastor of Brownson Memorial Presbyterian church, who thanked God for "all the good things we have in this country today, and the freedom which is ours, to enjoy them."

Mayor C. N. Page, greeting the crowd, spoke on the value of such a recreation spot today and in the future. "Recreation is a recognized part of community life, and of town government, today," he said. "The town has not only the right but the duty to provide such facilities for the people." He expressed appreciation for the gift of the property, and announced the conferral of honorary citizenship on the donor, E. H. Mills, "with all the rights and privileges pertaining thereto, now and forever."

Mr. Mills, mayor of Pinebluff, present by special invitation, responding to a call for "Speech! Speech!" modestly disclaimed that he should receive any credit for the gift. "This lake should by rights belong to the people of Southern Pines," he said. "All I did was hand it over to those who can most properly use and enjoy it."

Jerry V. Healy, chairman of the lake project of Southern Pines' "Finer Carolina" committee, in turning over the property to the Municipal Recreation Commission called attention to what had already been done, and what remains to be done, to make it an ideal recreation spot.

He gave credit to the town board for surveys and initial plans; the town crews, for draining and cleaning off the lakebed, sanding the shore to make the beginnings of a fine little beach, and generally cleaning up the property. (Continued on page 5)