



Local Folk Will Be In Thick Of Democrat Doings

Stevenson Draft? Anything Can Happen At Chicago

The curtain will go up at Chicago next week on the big quadrennial Democratic show—the national convention, succeeding the Republican national convention after an interval of just one week.

Present will be at least three persons from Southern Pines, in quite different capacities.

Local television viewers may watch for Mrs. Ruth W. Swisher, elected Eighth District alternate delegate; her son Bill Warner, who will serve as floor usher, by appointment of Jonathan Daniels; and Arch Coleman, who will make daily transcriptions of comment and analysis for daily broadcast over WEEB.

William P. Saunders, of Southern Pines and Aberdeen, was named an alternate delegate at large, but at last report had decided he would not be able to attend.

Swisher for Russell

Official Eighth District delegate is W. C. McGirt, of Hamlet. While not wishing Mr. McGirt any bad luck, Mrs. Swisher is frankly hoping for at least one opportunity to cast her vote—and if it comes on a presidential ballot, her man is Senator Richard Russell, as long as he stands a hair's-breadth of a chance. His chance at the party nomination, Mrs. Swisher thinks, is a fine one. If it becomes apparent he is out of the running, she is not sure where her vote would go—possibly Senator Kerr, she thinks, for one vote anyhow, as he happens to be a personal friend. After that—well! She's not the only one wondering, as it may well become a free-for-all.

Mrs. Swisher and Bill leave today (Friday) by train for the Windy City, and have reservations at the Conrad Hilton hotel, convention headquarters.

"The Editor"

Mr. Coleman—"The Editor" on WEEB—will provide the same coverage for the Democratic show that he did for the Republicans, shipping his taped commentaries, by air for broadcast here the following day. He has remained in Chicago this week, staying at the Lake Shore club.

Whether or not other familiar faces will be present is a matter for conjecture. With a stableful of horses, light and dark, in the presidential race, Governor Adlai Stevenson of Illinois has once more positively "included himself out." He has made it plain—even more so, since Eisenhower's nomination by the Republicans—that he has no intention of becoming a candidate even in the most oblique fashion.

Won't Oppose Ike

Absolutely opposed to the principles exemplified by Senator Robert A. Taft, he had left the door slightly open for a change of mind and heart in case of Taft's nomination. Eisenhower and Stevenson see eye to eye on a fundamental issue, foreign policy.

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Lake Committee Making Plans

A special committee to plan for Southern Pines' new Knollwood Lake and park, and to coordinate the efforts of groups and individuals toward their improvement, was appointed Tuesday by Amos C. Dawson, chairman of the Municipal Recreation Commission at a meeting of the Commission held at the WEEB office.

Jack S. Younts was named chairman of the lake development committee assisted by Mrs. John S. Ruggles from the Commission, and C. S. Patch, Jr., as ex officio member from the town board.

The Commission will build an outdoor fireplace and shelter near the lake in the near future, according to plans as discussed at the meeting. It is anticipated that civic clubs or other groups may build other outdoor cooking places later. Sites of such fireplaces will be selected according to an overall development plan.

Any construction at the lake-site will be rustic in type, and the aim will be to keep the wooded area "natural-looking."

Bill Sabiston, Jr., of Carthage, has been employed as lifeguard, Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays from 2 to 7 p. m. At other times, persons swimming do so at their own risk, and signs are to be erected telling them so.

A check for \$48 from the American Legion auxiliary, to be used for picnic tables and benches, was appreciatively acknowledged. This was applied immediately to the three sets which have already been built and placed near the lake. Though the BPO Does had indicated their willingness to pay for a set, the three will be recorded as a gift of the Legion auxiliary, and the Does and other organizations will be asked to give other sets as needed, or other types of recreation facilities if they prefer.

The John Boyd post, VFW, was the donor of the floating raft. Three street lights are being put up this week by the Carolina Power and Light company, to be attached to the town street lighting system.

Miss Oliver Killed In Highway Crash At Threshold Of Promising Career

County Tax Rate Stays Unchanged, \$1.35 Per \$100

The county tax rate will be the same this year as last, \$1.35 per \$100 valuation, it was reported by the county commissioners, after a long wrestle with the budget Monday.

Details of the estimated budget were not made known but a complete breakdown will be published next week, said Chairman G. M. Cameron of Pinehurst. It is safe to guess it is the largest in Moore County history, topping last year's estimated budget of \$1,075,000. The 1951-52 budget was based on an estimated property evaluation of \$34,000,000, and new construction in the interval has given this a hearty shove upward.

Capital outlay for schools is the biggest budget item, as it has been for the past several years, the chairman revealed.

With requests totaling some \$650,000 from the Moore County, Southern Pines and Pinehurst boards of education, the commissioners were able to allot approximately \$500,000 for another long stride forward in the county's "pay-as-you-go" plan for school construction and plant improvement.

Last year, the tax rate went up from \$1.10 to the present \$1.35, with the added 25 cents earmarked for schools.

The school building program has been a continuous one since 1946 and "we still have a long way to go," the commissioners say. However, except in the case of the new Aberdeen school, they have successfully resisted proposals to hold a bond election, and to assure a building program which could run well over \$2,000,000.

That extra 25 cents is expected to take care of it all—eventually.

Six Weeks Out Of College, 10 Days In Extension Job

Funeral services were held Monday afternoon at Yates Thaggard Baptist church, Carthage Rt. 3, for Miss Virginia Oliver, who died Friday morning at Lumberton as the result of injuries received in an auto collision at St. Pauls about an hour earlier.

Attended by a large crowd of neighbors and friends, the rites were conducted by Rev. Ernest Hancock, Rev. W. S. Golden and Edgar Dupree. Burial was in the church cemetery.

Miss Oliver, who was 20 years old, was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. S. H. Oliver of the Thaggards community. She was a graduate of Farm Life school in the Eureka community, and received her diploma in June from Woman's college, Greensboro.

An outstanding student both at school and college, Miss Oliver on July 1 achieved a long-held ambition when she assumed the post of assistant home demonstration agent in Harnett county. She was an active and outstanding 4-H club member while a student at Farm Life and had studied at Woman's college with the ambition to enter the N. C. Extension Service.

At the time of her graduation from Farm Life High school in 1948, she was reported to have the highest record of any graduate of that school.

When the fatal accident occurred, Miss Oliver, accompanied by her sister, Ruth Oliver of the home, and a friend, Dorris Kennedy, was on her way to a district Extension Service meeting at Wilmington.

The accident took place within the St. Pauls town limits, at the intersection of US 301 and NC 20.

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Virginia Youth Is Instantly Killed In Truck Accident

Driver Falls Asleep At Wheel, Patrolman Says

A young produce salesman from Pilot, Va., asleep on the front seat of an empty truck, became Moore county's sixth highway fatality of the year when the driver fell asleep at the wheel early Wednesday morning.

Clay Earl Lawrence, 21, was instantly killed when the truck swerved off NC 211, the Aberdeen-Pinehurst road, just east of the race track, and hit a large tree about 5:45 a. m. According to the report of State Highway Patrolman C. G. Wimberly, who investigated, he had been lying on the front seat with his feet hanging out over the door. The impact crushed in the right-hand front part of the truck, and it is likely the boy never knew he had been hit.

Donald Herbert Hendricks, 19, also of Pilot, was taken to Moore County hospital suffering from minor bruises and shock. Moaning, "I wish it had been me instead of him," he revealed that his buddy was married, and that a child is expected next week.

No immediate arrest was made. Conferring with Coroner Ralph G. Steed, Patrolman Wimberly was advised to complete his investigation and have all information in readiness for a hearing to be held as soon as Hendricks is able to appear. He will probably face a manslaughter charge.

The two young men were said to have been on their way to the cantaloupe market in South Carolina to pick up a load for sale. The truck was rated as completely demolished.

West Side Lake Seen As Reality In Near Future

The Town completed a transaction this week by which it became the owner of approximately four acres of land in West Southern Pines, suitable for the development of a swimming lake and park for Negro citizens of the community. Work will begin on the project at once, said Mayor C. N. Page, with the expectation that it will be ready for use before the swimming season ends.

The tract includes an excellent spring, and is contoured so that, when cleared out and dammed up, a very good lake will result. In fact, one has been there in the past, though the old dam has long since washed almost entirely away.

Basic work for the new West Side lake and park will be done by the town crews and machinery, with further development left to the people and organizations of the West Side. The site is located beyond the present ending of Vermont avenue, off Stephens street. On the far side of the lake bed a hill rises steeply, while the near side is a gradual slope suitable for a beach.

Major portion of the land was purchased from Mrs. Rosa McLean Letterlow of Gaines street, while the rest, about one acre, was a part of the Whitaker estate.

Town officials were assisted in their negotiations and plans by J. C. Hasty, of the West Southern Pines high school faculty, director of the West Side summer recreation program since 1949. Mr. Hasty said this week, "The people of our community are very happy over the prospect of having a lake and park. The word has gone all around, and everywhere they are expressing their joy. I am sure there will be the fullest cooperation among the organizations, churches and individuals in adding improvements, and providing what recreation facilities they can."

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LIFE MEMBER



DR. R. G. ROSSER

Masons Honor Vass Physician For Long Service

Dr. R. G. Rosser of Vass, a Master Mason who has been a member of Southern Pines Lodge No. 494 continuously for 32 years, was presented a Life Membership Certificate at a Masonic picnic held in his honor at Lakeview Wednesday evening.

The certificate, signed by Wilbur H. Williamson, Master, and Lloyd L. Woolley, secretary, and presented by Mr. Woolley, master of ceremonies for the event, bears this tribute:

"This award is given in recognition of his outstanding devotion to this Lodge and for his unselfish service to humanity."

Mr. Woolley noted that Dr. Rosser was initiated into the order and took his degrees at St. Pauls, just before coming to Vass.

Dr. Rosser, visibly moved, accepted the certificate with a simple "Thank you."

Prior to the presentation, H. Clifton Blue, Moore county representative and Aberdeen newspaper publisher, spoke briefly. He recalled that when he was trying to get started in the newspaper business he asked Dr. Rosser to let him have \$5, "and if he hadn't, I don't know that I could have done it," he continued. Seriously, he said of Dr. Rosser: "He is one of the outstanding citizens of the community. I know of no one who has done more for the people of this area." Mr. Blue brought greetings from the Aberdeen Masonic lodge.

Mr. Woolley recognized Mrs. Fred Chappell of Southern Pines, worthy matron of Magnolia chapter No. 26, Order of the Eastern Star, who responded, and he expressed appreciation to the Chapter members for their important part in making the picnic a success. D. E. Bailey of Southern

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Sawmill Accident Fatal To Worker

James C. Hilliard, 65, of Sanford was fatally injured early Monday morning when he was struck in the head by a piece of lumber while working at a sawmill near here.

A fellow worker placed him in a pickup truck and rushed him to Southern Pines, hunting medical aid. Stopping at the police station, he received advice to take the injured man straight to a hospital, and a policeman went along as guide. Mr. Hilliard, then unconscious, died soon after admission to St. Joseph of the Pines.

The sawmill where the accident occurred was said to have been owned by J. W. Bridgers, located somewhere between Southern Pines and Fort Bragg. Mr. Hilliard had taken a room in Southern Pines while on the sawmill job. Funeral services were held Wednesday afternoon at Carbonate Methodist church, with burial in the church cemetery.

Mr. Hilliard was a native of upper Moore, son of Jim and Maggie Ward Hilliard. He was first married to Ellen Powers, who died in 1935, and later to Bessie Kimball, who survives, living in Sanford. Also surviving are two sons, Weldon, of Sanford, and Eugene, of Yanceyville; two daughters, Mrs. Bernard Bray, of Clarksville, Va., and Mrs. Vera Welch, of Sanford; three brothers and four sisters, including Mrs. Addie Poe of Glendon.

County Leases Airport To McKenzie Brothers For Three Year Term

The county commissioners this week leased Knollwood Airport to two Moore county brothers, R. E. (Ed) McKenzie and L. C. (Buck) McKenzie, for operation as a private airport.

The lease was made on recommendation of the county airport committee, dated July 1 and effective for three years, with privilege of renewal.

Use of the field by Piedmont Airlines, Inc., for six months of

the year, according to its CAA franchise, will be in no way affected by the lease.

Buck McKenzie has taken over as active manager of the airport. His brother-partner, who is employed by J. Bishop & Co., will help out on weekends and in other spare time, they said. Plans for the field which they announced this week include servicing and maintenance of all types of small aircraft, flying instruction, charter service, etc.

The brothers do not as yet own a plane, though they expect to later. For the present they have the use of one, out of Sanford, when needed.

The airport's new management represents an impressive combination of talents and experience.

Ed McKenzie, 37, has lived in Southern Pines for the past 18 years, and owns his home at 605 North May street. He was a crew chief and mechanic in the U. S. Air Force during World War 2, and was employed by Resort Airlines, Inc., at Knollwood Airport from its beginning in 1946 until a couple of months ago. When Resort finally pulled out completely, canceling its lease on the airport by mutual agreement with the county, McKenzie went to the Bishop Company as maintenance superintendent.

Buck McKenzie, 34, an experienced flier, was in the aviation business from about 1940 until two or three years ago, when he became service manager for the K & W Motor Co. at Raleigh.

He was first employed as helper at Knollwood Airport by Harold Bachman, then manager of the airport, who taught him to fly. In 1942 he became manager of the Lee County airport, and operated it for several years. He was then employed as a pilot by various commercial concerns.

Since securing his pilot's license a dozen years ago he has flown countless thousands of miles, rolling up a total of more than 2,000 hours in the air.

The brothers are sons of Mr. and Mrs. R. H. McKenzie of West End Rt. 1. Ed is married to the former Mildred Gunter of Southern Pines, and they have four children. Buck is married to the former Marie Parker, of Cameron. They have two children. Buck's family is still living in Raleigh but is expected to move to the Sandhills soon.

Two Little Girls Of Pinehurst Are First Polio Victims

Two little girls, both of Pinehurst, were listed during the past week as Moore county's first polio victims of the year, it was learned from Paul C. Butler of Southern Pines, chairman of the county chapter of the National Infantile Paralysis Foundation.

They are Carolyn McKenzie, 11, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Eugene K. McKenzie, and Paulette Dietenhofer, eight, daughter of Col. and Mrs. Herbert J. Dietenhofer. Both were taken to the Guilford Convalescent Center at Greensboro, Carolyn last Thursday and Paulette Monday of this week. Mr. Butler said Wednesday night that he had at that time received no definite report on the seriousness of their cases.

Carolyn was stricken while on a vacation trip with her family at Carolina Beach, and was first taken to James Walker Memorial hospital at Wilmington. After the diagnosis of polio was confirmed, other children of the family were placed under quarantine at the beach, though it is expected they will be allowed to come home this weekend.

Paulette also betrayed the first symptoms of illness while on a trip. Returning home with her family from a motor trip to Texas, at present the site of the great-

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Midnight Visitor Caught With Cash At Jacks Grill

Hubert Wade, 29, of West Southern Pines, was surprised, hiding under a table in the kitchen of Jacks Grill, on South West Broad street, by Night Officers Ray Backlund and A. D. Jones about 3 a. m. Saturday.

Wade had with him a sack containing approximately \$115 in cash. The officers found that the cash register in the front of the restaurant had been pried open, and cleaned out of cash.

Taken to Carthage jail, Wade was held before a m. Saturday afternoon. Probable cause was found against him and bond of \$1,000 was set for his appearance at the August term of criminal court on charges of breaking and entering, larceny and receiving. Early this week he had not made bond and was still in jail, though arrangements were reported under way for his release.

The officers' early call on the restaurant was occasioned by the fact that, making their routine check of business buildings downtown, they had observed a broken window in the rear of Jacks Grill. A closer inspection revealed also an open door.

It was apparent that the Negro had gotten in by way of the window, made his haul, and was about to leave by the door when the policemen approached. One minute later, and both Hubert and the cash would have vanished into the night.

A check of police records indicated that the man has recently completed a road sentence. The year 1950 was a busy one for him. In January of that year he was sentenced to four months on the roads on conviction of breaking into Howards Bakery and taking money from a cash box. In June of that year, he received a six months' sentence for the theft of a watch from Perkinson Jewelers, Inc. His last sentence, in November 1950, was for creating a disturbance.

Bishop Co. Will Start Second Shift At Needle Plant

J. Bishop & Co., which started the production of hypodermic needles last April in its new plant on the Carthage road, this week announced that a second shift will be put on as soon as sufficient workers are trained.

About 60 women are needed to take the training tests at once, said William H. Morrow, personnel manager. They must be between 18 and 40, with high school education, good health and good eyesight.

Eighty women are now working at the plant. When the new employees have passed their training course, about 70 will be working on each shift. Hours for the first shift will be 7 a. m. to 3:30 p. m., for the second 3:30 to 12 midnight.

New workers will all go to work on the night shift, Mr. Morrow said, receiving a transfer to the day shift, if it is desired, by seniority of employment as vacancies occur.

Hypodermic needles of various types are flowing from the plant in a silver stream at the average rate of about 35,000 a day. They are shipped all over the United States by the Bishop company, with headquarters at Malvern, Pa., one of the world's leading manufacturers of metal technical and industrial articles.

Graves Vann is production manager of the Southern Pines plant. A top Bishop official, E. E. Comfort, assistant to the president, was a visitor here for several days last week to observe operations at the new plant. He expressed great satisfaction with the progress that was being made.

H. L. Graves Is Moore Chairman For New UNC Morehead Scholarship Plan

Henry L. Graves, local insurance man and graduate of the University of North Carolina, has accepted appointment as Moore County chairman of the University's John Motley Morehead Foundation.

As explained in a letter received by Mr. Graves from Capt. E. E. Hazlett, Jr., USN (ret'd), chairman of the Central Committee, the Foundation will provide University scholarships amounting to \$1,500 a year to selected young men, graduating from high school.

It will be the duty of Chairman Graves and a committee he will set up to choose the Morehead Scholars from Moore county. Requirements, it was explained, will follow closely those of Rhodes Scholars—"the cream of the crop." Emphasis will be placed on leadership, scholarship and physical vigor.

Mr. Graves will attend a meeting at Chapel Hill Monday, August 18, with other county chairmen, district chairmen, the Central Committee and trustees of

the Foundation, including Mr. Morehead. There the objectives of the Foundation will be more specifically set up, with instructions for the selection of the first scholarship winners during the school year 1953-54.

The two-year-old Foundation has hitherto made awards only to graduate students, Captain Hazlett explained. Those to be made under the statewide program now being set up will be the first to undergraduates. Financial need of the candidate has no bearing on the award—"we want the best men we can get, regardless of social or financial status."

He said Mr. Graves had been selected for the chairmanship on recommendation as a "loyal, able aggressive alumnus" with the interests of education and his State at heart.

John Motley Morehead is the donor of the Morehead Planetarium at Chapel Hill. Possessor of an immense fortune, he took steps some years ago to channel it into the higher education of promising Tar Heel youth.

SP Tennis Team Is League Leader As Playoffs Begin

The Southern Pines tennis team is in the Number 1 spot as the Eastern Carolina playoffs begin Sunday, having finished the series with a record of six victories and only one loss.

This is the best record of all the eight competing teams, topping even that of the Raleigh outfit, League champions for the past seven years.

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