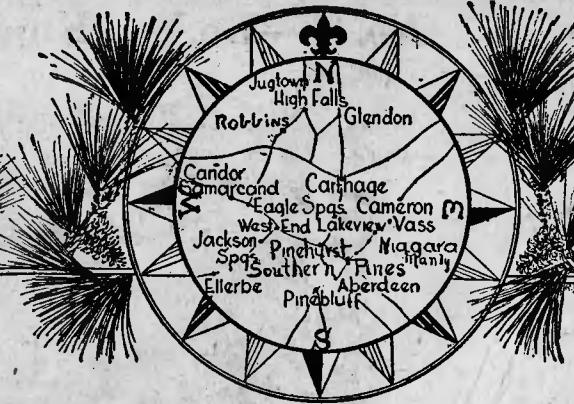


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27 Convicted As Special Court Sits; Other 17 Bootleg Trials September 23

Rowe Metes Out Stiff Sentences; Suspends Many

Twenty-eight of 44 defendants charged with violation of the prohibition laws were tried in a special session of Moore County recorders court Tuesday.

Judge J. Vance Rowe gave most of the offenders suspended sentences and directed payments of fines that ranged from \$25 to \$100. One man was found not guilty.

Remaining cases will be tried at another special term of recorders court on Tuesday, September 23, Solicitor W. Leland McKeithen announced at the end of the long session this week.

All 44 defendants, facing from one to four charges of illegal possession and sale of beer, wine or whiskey, were arrested in a round-up of alleged bootleggers recently, after five months of investigation by ABC officers and their "undercover agents."

Three other persons arrested in the round-up will be tried in Federal court.

One of the stiffest sentences meted out Tuesday by Judge Rowe was that of William Hughie Sheffield, 70-year-old white man, of Steeds, who was sentenced to eight months on the roads, to be assigned to work suitable to his age and physical condition, with sentence suspended if he pays a fine of \$300 and the costs and does not violate the law for two years.

Unable to pay the fine, Sheffield remained in jail Tuesday but an effort was begun to pay the fine and costs which amounted to \$404.80. The defendant walked shakily with a cane and was obviously in poor physical condition.

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OPEN HOUSE

To give parents of school children an opportunity to meet the new teachers, the Student Council of Southern Pines High school will hold Open House at the Southern Pines Country club from 8 to 10 o'clock tonight (Friday). The affair will be strictly informal, and all parents are urged to "come on out and get acquainted."

The high school pupils will remain for dancing from 10 to 12.

One Killed, Four Hurt, When Auto Hits Parked Truck

One person was killed and four injured when their automobile hit a parked truck on U. S. Highway 15 near Carthage at 4:30 last Saturday morning.

Raymond L. Mathis, 58, of Route 1, Hopewell, Va., died instantly in the crash.

In critical condition at Moore County hospital is his wife, Mrs. Odell Mathis, 55, who received a fractured pelvis, crushed chest and several fractured ribs. She also suffered a mild stroke.

Miss Helen Mathis, 15, has a fractured left thighbone and lower left leg, but is not in critical condition.

Mrs. Ida Hughes, 55, also of Hopewell, suffered injuries to her right arm and a mild concussion. Her condition is reported as

wed only

and

critical.

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Schools Open With Good Attendance

School enrollment on Wednesday in the three Southern Pines schools was down below last year's record of 3,820, superintendent A. C. Dawson announced yesterday.

The white school had a first-day enrollment of 517, as compared with 530 in 1951. Four hundred and six of these were in the elementary school, and 111 in the high school. Last year's breakdown was 407 and 123.

West Southern Pines showed 294 pupils, 229 of those in the elementary school and 65 in the high school. It is expected that this figure will go up considerably when needs of the farms permit.

The schools operated on a half-day schedule Wednesday and yesterday, and will go on a full-time basis today when the cafeteria will be open for the first time.

The incomplete figures on the county schools, as reported by H. Lee Thomas, superintendent of schools, are as follows:

Cameron, 87 high school and 364 grammar school, total 451; Vass-Lakeview, 120 high school and 480 grammar school, total 600; Robbins, 187 high school and 722 grammar school, total 909; High falls, 34 high school and 222 grammar school, total 286; Aberdeen, 154 high school, 500 grammar school, 654 total; Westmore, 94 high school, 330 grammar school, total 424; Carthage, 191 high school, 487 grammar school, total 678; and Farm Life, 169 in the grammar school. The Negro Berkeley school had 68 in the high school, 307 in the grammar school, for a total of 375.

RE-ROUTED

Those extra whistles screaming through the middle of town this week belonged to Norfolk and Southern trains re-routed from their normal Star-to-Raleigh run by high water.

Hurricane-inspired floods between Star and Colon, a small town north of Sanford, caused the N & S officials to arrange for use of Seaboard tracks from Aberdeen to Colon. Trains from Star are now running through Pinehurst to Aberdeen, and over SAL tracks to Colon, where they pick up the regular route to Raleigh again.

Lt.-Gov. H. Patrick Taylor told the Young Democrats of the Eighth District Saturday night at Lakeview that "the one thought, one hope, one prayer of the Democratic Party is that we can find and lead the way, eventually, to a just and lasting peace in the world."

The lieutenant-governor was given a standing ovation by the more than 100 present at the rally at the end of his keynote address.

"Under the present policies of the Democratic Party and with the overwhelming support of the people, our country has chosen the only road to eventual peace," he stated.

Presiding over the district rally was Nelson Gibson, chairman of the Eighth District YDC. Eight of the district's counties were represented at the rally, under the direction of W. Lamont Brown, Southern Pines attorney and solicitor-elect.

Others taking part in the program included W. W. Staton of Sanford, state YDC president; John Lang, secretary to Congressman C. B. Deane; and Rep. H. Clifton Blue of Aberdeen.

The meeting "commended" Miss Edith Marsh, YDC national committee woman, for her outstanding work during the past two years,

and heard a report from Henry H. Wilson of Monroe, Eighth District organizer. J. Douglas David, recently-elected president of the Moore County YDC, announced a rally scheduled for Aberdeen on October 11, with gubernatorial nominee William B. Umstead as the principal speaker.

Among others who spoke briefly were Mrs. Ruth W. Swisher of Southern Pines, an alternate to the Democratic convention in Chicago; Bedford W. Black of Kannapolis, candidate for state YDC president; former Senator Oscar Richardson; C. H. Causey, Richmond County party chairman; Paler Nicholson, Richmond County commissioner; Rep. R. C. Kiser of Laurinburg; Senator J. Benton Thomas of Raeford; Solicitor M. G. Boyette of Carthage; Senator J. H. Poole of West End; and Jeff B. Wilson of Biscoe and Raleigh.

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Audrey Wins Again



Miss Audrey West Brown of Southern Pines garnered further tennis acclaim Monday when she successfully defended her State women's singles and women's doubles titles. She is pictured above with Frank Spears of Greenville, S. C., as the two received their awards for singles triumphs in the recent Sandhills Invitational Tennis tournament.

Audrey West Brown Adds To Net Laurels With Greensboro Triumph

Audrey West Brown added to her tennis laurels Monday with straight State women's singles in the tournament.

She scored

Lee Brown, Jr. Miss Brown staged a great recovery to cop the singles title, turning back the very serious challenge of Greensboro's Ann Carlson, the State junior champion, 7-5, 6-0. Miss Carlson threatened to dethrone the defending champion with a great start.

Miss Brown

titles. Her

clean sweep was halted

by inclement weather

when the mixed doubles

tournament, when she defeated

Mary Johnson of Wilmington, 6-2,

entered with her brother, Harry.

IKE RALLY

An Eisenhower-Nixon meeting will be held at the Southern Pines Country Club (Elks club) next Tuesday evening at 8 o'clock. Charles S. (Buster) Patch, Jr., announced this week.

The meeting is being called for the purpose of electing an executive committee to meet state Eisenhower-Nixon in the near future with the organization.

Kiwanians Hear Talk On Education

"The Bigness of Education in Our State" was impressed upon members of the Sandhills Kiwanis club at their meeting on Wednesday in the Lakeview hotel. The speaker was J. E. Miller, assistant superintendent of the North Carolina Department of Public Instruction.

A half century ago, he told the Kiwanians, there were some 40,000 children in the public schools of the state. Today there are over 900,000. There were 30 high schools then, 958 now, and in them in 1902 were 2,000 seniors as against last year's 30,973.

North Carolina had 1,190 one-room log schools when Governor Aycock launched the state on its campaign for universal education. Today there are none. The average value of a school plant in those days was \$158.65; today it is \$64,000. There are more than 30,000 teachers today, as compared with 3,320 in 1902, and their average salary of \$2,832 now compares with the \$83.05 they received annually then. The average term at that time was 70.8 days per year; it is now 180 days.

Fifty years ago not a single child was transported to school. Today the State has 7,000 school buses in operation, hauling almost half of the total number of pupils, and traveling the equivalent each

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Sandhills Tobacco Marts Open Ahead Of Rest Of Belt

Five Local Markets Get 4-Day Jump

The chant of the tobacco auctioneer was in full cry in five markets of the Sandhills Warehouse association yesterday. Aberdeen, Carthage, Ellerbe, Fuquay-Varina and Sanford all opened yesterday, four days ahead of the rest of the middle belt markets.

The other middle belt marts, to open Monday, are Durham, Henderson, Louisburg, Oxford and Warrenton.

The Sandhills markets last year accounted for 60,642,351 pounds of the belt's 186,419,891 pounds and of the state's 1,059,852,257 pounds. Last year's average price was \$53.38 per hundred pounds.

Aberdeen, which sold 6,058,234 pounds last year with two warehouses, opened yesterday with three, all built within the last few years, and each operating independently.

The Planters Warehouse is owned by Gene Maynard and operated by Mr. Maynard and Bill Maurer. The Planters Warehouse is located near the intersection of the Raeford and Laurinburg highways on the Raeford road.

The New Aberdeen Warehouse this year is operated by John Murray, Bernard Morris and Clyde Morris. The New Aberdeen Warehouse stands where the old brick warehouse was located between U.S. Highway 1 and the Seaboard railroad.

Aberdeen's newest, and third warehouse is the Bass Warehouse, being operated by Taft M. Bass of Clinton, and is located just south of Aberdeen on Highway 1 to

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VanBenschoten Buys Chandler-Holt Business

Announcement is made this week of the purchase of Carl E. Holt of the Chandler-Holt Ice and Fuel plant by Chester VanBenschoten, who recently moved to Southern Pines from Stamford, N. Y. Nathan H. Adams, brother-in-law of the new owner and for eight years in the employ of The Pilot, Inc., will be affiliated with the new owner at the plant.

No changes in the policy of this long-established business are contemplated, it is said, and every effort will be made to continue the same efficient service to the Sandhills.

The business was first established by Tom Kelley, and in 1919 the late I. F. Chandler became the owner. In 1943 Mr. Holt bought a half interest, and three years later became sole owner. He gives ill health as his reason for selling.

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