

### Public Welfare Group Attends State Institute

Mrs. Walter B. Cole, Moore County superintendent of public welfare, and four members of the welfare department staff attended the Thirty-Third Annual N. C. Public Welfare Institute held at the Sir Walter hotel, Raleigh, November 13-14, with the theme "The Meaning of Public Welfare in North Carolina."

Dr. Ellen Winston, State Commissioner of Public Welfare, presided, and talks were made by Dr. Clyde Linville of the University of Tennessee; Brandon Hodges, state treasurer; Albert S. Coates, director of the N. C. Institute of Government; Dr. Donald Howard, dean of the School of Social Welfare of the University of North Carolina; and the Rt. Rev. Edwin A. Penick, bishop of the Episcopal diocese of North Carolina.

Round table and panel discussions of various phases of public welfare work were conducted by several county and state officials, social workers and teachers.

Accompanying Mrs. Cole to the Institute were Mrs. Myrtle D. McCallum, Mrs. Iola King, Mrs. Mary McKeithen Clawson and Mrs. Anne B. Russell, of the county welfare staff.

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### Town Studying Fire Alarm System For West Side, Mayor Tells Meeting

The town board is working with the Central Carolina Telephone company to develop a fire alarm system for West Southern Pines, looking toward installation of a branch of the volunteer fire department, with a fire truck and a place to house it.

This was disclosed by Mayor C. N. Page to an interested audience of between 200 and 250 citizens, meeting Monday night, November 17, in the West Southern Pines school auditorium.

"I can't promise anything at this stage, but I believe you should have improved fire protection and I will devote my best efforts toward seeing that you get it," the Mayor told the group. A good alarm system, and a small truck to use quickly, in those first important minutes while the big truck is getting there, should do the work, he said.

The occasion was a public meeting held on the eve of the recent municipal bond election for civic improvements. In contrast to a similar meeting held in Southern Pines, which drew fewer than 20 people, a large and interested audience appeared, with many questions to ask.

T. R. Goins was chairman, and the Rev. J. R. Funderburk served as moderator. The questions and answers covered not only the immediate issues of the bond election but many phases of municipal government—taxation, water and sewer lines, hard surfacing of streets and—a major concern in that community of many small frame homes—fire protection.

Mayor Page explained that the hard surfacing of streets is progressing well, thanks to the Powell Bill funds, and that before many years have gone by, all streets within the city limits should be surfaced.

He outlined economies effected by the Town in investing a considerable portion of the Powell Bill money in street building and maintenance equipment, meaning that after the initial investment is made more work can be done, faster, and cheaper, than on private contract.

Extension of water service is going along well, thanks to the secondary line brought into town, from the water plant through West Southern Pines in 1950.

The news was less good concerning extension of sewer lines, with which West Southern Pines is inadequately served. It would take a bond issue of \$150,000 to \$200,000 to see that all the homes are connected, and this appears now to be a somewhat distant dream.

"I am of the belief that water and sewer lines in a town should be paid for by those who have them, while tax adjustments of some sort should be made for those who do not," Mayor Page said.

The meeting was one of good will throughout, and the general conclusion was that the citizens are getting a good return in services for the taxes they pay, with a good outlook for better.

### Kiwanis Seeking Funds In Support Of Hospital Bed

The Sandhills Kiwanis club has begun its annual drive to raise funds to support a bed at the Moore County hospital for the use of underprivileged children of Moore county.

The fund-raising effort is the special project of the Underprivileged Children's committee of the Kiwanis club, whose chairman is the Rev. Dr. Adam Weir Craig, of Pinehurst. Other members of the committee, who are serving as fund chairmen in their own communities, are: N. L. Hodgkins, Jr., Southern Pines; J. B. Edwards, Aberdeen, assisted by Benjamin W. Wicks; and Dr. J. W. Wilcox for Carthage, assisted by T. Roy Phillips.

A check for the amount raised will be presented Friday evening, December 5, at the annual Ladies' Night banquet of the Kiwanis club at the Pinehurst Country club, to Thomas W. Howerton, hospital administrator. All persons wishing to share in this annual club project are invited to give their contribution to any of the community chairmen listed above.

#### JAYCEE BANQUET

Annual Ladies Night of the Carthage Junior Chamber of Commerce will be held tonight (Friday) at the Village Inn. The state Jaycee president will be a special guest and speaker.

Savings bonds valued at \$700 have been awarded to six 4-Hers and Future Farmers—winners in the State Junior Tobacco Shows and Sales.

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### INQUEST

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he has been held without privilege of bond since the finding of Mrs. McLaughlin's body. He will face the grand jury at the January term.

The coroner's jury was composed of Henry Williams and Stacy Brewer, Jr., of Robbins, P. B. Parrish, Hughes Bradshaw, J. E. McKeithen and Leo Arey of Aberdeen.

State's witnesses included Louise McLaughlin's mother, Mrs. Ella Mae Dowd; her 12-year-old sister, Patricia Angela Dowd, and her brother, James (Buck) Dowd; Southern Pines Police Chief C. E. Newton, Officer Lamar Smith and Deputy Sheriff A. F. Dees; Worthy Lee Morgan, white, Price Austin and Bill Hancock, Negroes, of Southern Pines; and Dr. Owens.

While Mrs. Dowd said she had known of no trouble between her daughter and Morrison, who had dated her frequently for about a year, Patricia Angela told of seeing Morrison snatch her sister out of a car in front of their house, knock her down and "stomp" her on a date which she set, somewhat uncertainly, as October 26.

#### Seen Together

Chief Newton said Morrison, picked up by police for questioning after the girl was reported missing November 11, had said he had not seen her since November 5. Yet her mother said he had come by to see her on the evening of November 6, when Louise told him at the door to "go on" as she didn't wish to speak to him; Price Austin said he saw them meet at the railroad station and get in a car the morning of the day of her disappearance, and Hancock, an employee of Knowles' grocery store across from the station, said he saw them drive together from the station up Connecticut avenue.

James Dowd said he had been with Morrison twice to the woods behind the Linen White plant where his sister's body was later found, once alone with Morrison to have a drink, at which time, he said, Morrison told him, "This is where Louise and me come to have our fun." The second time, he said, they went with his sister and another girl.

The officers reported briefly on the search for the missing girl, the finding of the body and the questioning and later arrest of Morrison.

#### Morgan's Testimony

Most telling witness was Worthy Lee Morgan, like Morrison an employee of the Robbins Mills on the third shift (midnight to 8 a.m.). He was accustomed, he said, to having Morgan drive him back and forth from work. When asked if the Negro ever "mentioned Louise," he replied, "He was all the time talking about her."

On November 4, which he remembered as Election Day, he said he went with Morrison into the woods near Aberdeen to have a drink the Negro offered him, of homemade wine. This was three days before the girl's disappearance.

"He told me he had a hole dug in the woods there and had decided to kill Louise and took her down there, but she pleaded so hard for her life he let her go.

#### 400 Steps Away

Pointing out where the hole was, he held out his arm in the direction where, it later turned out, the girl was buried—perhaps alive. "When I heard where she was found, I went down and measured the distance," Morgan said. "The grave was just 400 steps away from where we had parked."

He said when they drove home in his car from work Friday morning, November 7, Morrison asked if he could drive back to Aberdeen and see if his own car, which was in the shop at Mid-South Motors for repairs, was ready. Morgan agreed, and went along too, to get his check from the Robbins Mill. The car turned out not to be ready yet, and Morrison, bringing Morgan back again to his home in Southern Pines, asked if he could borrow the car "for 45 minutes" to keep a date with a girl at the railroad station.

#### "He Was Jumpy"

Morgan said he went to sleep, and his wife woke him about 1:30 p.m. Some company came and he asked them to take him to Morrison's house to get his car. He admitted to being somewhat angry that it had not been returned.

They found the car in the backyard of the house on Leake street where Morrison stayed. Asked if Melvin acted or looked at all oddly, Morgan said, "Well, he was jumpy. And there were some specks on his face. I didn't pay any attention then. I guess I was kind of mad about the car. But I thought about them later. They looked like blood."

"I got in the car and I found blood all over the steering wheel. It was on the gear shift and the

horn. I asked Melvin how it got there and he said he had cut his finger. He showed me a cut place on his finger.

#### Took a Trip

"He said he was sorry he kept the car so long but he had to drive home to get some more money to pay for his car. The gas tank was almost empty, and later on he told me he had taken a trip to carry someone to Linden road, Pinehurst. He said he made \$2 and he gave me the \$2 to pay for my gas."

"After I left his house that day I found more blood in the car—specks on the ventilator, and spots on the back seat."

Morrison, who, police say, has steadfastly denied any knowledge of Louise's death, did not take the stand.

### FIRST HUNT

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and secretary of the hunt, is hard at work schooling a youngster.

And why all these sounds and this great activity? Well, actually, something like that is going on most of the time out there on the hill beyond Manly, but it has been stepped up to fever pitch this week because of Opening Hunt Day. This is the day when the Moore County Hounds go out for the first official hunt of the season, accompanied by staff and field in full panoply of scarlet and buck, when the shine on top-hats, boot-tops and all polishable metal is so bright you can't look at it without winking.

#### Cubbing Has Started

We took a look at hounds and horses Monday and have to report that all are in top form for the coming season. Hounds look fine and keen and, by all reports, that's just what they are. Two spanking runs on red foxes last week attest to their good condition and eagerness.

Ginny Moss took the old dog pack out early last week, and they had a grand run of close on an hour, almost too much for horses and men not yet fit for strenuous going. The next day the bitches and young hounds went out with the Master as huntsman and ran a red for an hour and a half before he went to ground.

As to horses, the story is still to be told, for many of them. The Moss stable is full of young ones, this fall. They come from all over the country: from the far west, where many were picked up at former army remount stations, from Virginia and Maryland and the middle states. All show their owners' flair for good conformation and good sense. Then there are some we recall from last year: the big heavy chestnut, the master's favorite ride, named Externry, (Winnie the Pooh's version of Extraordinary.) And extraordinarily good he looks. Mr. Moss is planning to ride him opening day.

Mrs. Moss will probably take out her favorite, too, the dark chestnut stud, Battlewick, who stands at Mile-Away. Unusually quiet and gentle for a stallion, Battlewick has lovely manners, is a fine jumper and has turned into a good whip's horse under the expert handling of his owner. He is by the Man O'War-bred Battle-ship, who got his schooling in the Sandhills under the late Noel Laing.

#### Mile-Away's Cowboy

A yearling colt sired by Battlewick is now perhaps the prize possession of the stable. We watched him come back from his exerciser, ridden by Bob Hendrix of El Reno, Oklahoma. Hendrix came east with a carload of western horses early in the summer and stayed on at Mile-Away to help with the schooling. A top-hand and breaker of colts for the Fort Reno remount station, until it was abandoned by the army, Hendrix rides a stock saddle and handles his colts entirely with a hackamore. The colt, called Battle Wings, out of a mare by Bad Bill, is tall for a yearling, with much quality, carrying a high alert head like his daddy and granddaddy. He looks to have the same good disposition.

We looked in on Shawnee, the dark liver-colored chestnut with the white blaze, who will probably be his mistress' second string during the coming season. But we looked in vain for one good old friend, Dark Victory, of fond memory and faultless performance, hunted since his babyhood by Mrs. Moss, was put to sleep this summer, in his 17th year, following an injury when he was out at pasture.

#### On The Brewster Hilltop

Across the green fields, studded with jumps, and white riding-rings, we drove to the big white barn and outbuildings owned by W. J. Brewster of Pinehurst, joint master with Ozelle Moss, and nationally known road builder. To those who may not be aware of it: Mr. Brewster is largely responsible for cutting four or five hours off the driving time down here from the North by his newly built highway to the East of Route 1.

Besides roads Mr. Brewster loves horses. This summer he suc-

cumbed to this second love in a really big way, purchasing perhaps the most famous, and, 'tis said, the most expensive, animal of the hunter show classes. This is My Bill, now occupying the best stall at the Brewster Stables and due to be ridden by his master on opening day.

My Bill is a chestnut, a big horse. It goes without saying that he is just about faultless as to conformation, for he seems to have won every conformation class he ever entered. Bred and raised by Cappy Smith of Middleburg, he started his show career as 3-year-old champion of the Upperville Colt Show, most famous hunter show of the Virginia circuit. Today, at eleven, he is still doing it. Bought by Mr. Brewster from his former owner, H. J. O'Connell, of Hyannis, Mass., in early October, he took six out of eight championships at the Harrisburg Show, next to the Garden the country's largest show. My Bill finished up with the \$2000 stake and the champion conformation hunter trophy, winning by 32 points.

#### Hunters And A Spotted Pony

Other outstanding show horses in the string are: Corvee, green hunter champion at Harrisburg and young hunter champion at Devon and Oxridge; North Slope, reserve young hunter champion at the Sandhills spring show and reserve to Corvee at Devon; Friar's Delight, conformation hunter champion at Sedgewick and Devon and reserve at Warrenton; and Why Not, the strong chestnut who will be recalled for his fine steady going here last spring and who, later in the summer, was working hunter champion at Greenwick.

With other attractive young horses looking out over stall doors in the Brewster barn, last but not least is the shooting pony that belongs to Mr. Brewster's son, George. His name is Piasano and he is an Appaloosh, or spotted pony, an Indian pony breed, kept for chiefs of the tribe. Standing about 15 hands, he is white with roan spots of every size and shape, but distinguished particularly by the five marks, like the finger prints of a big hand, on his near flank.

"That's where the chief's hand slapped him," said Jack Goodwin.

Which seems to be the first mention we have made of the manager of the Brewster Stables, and trainer and show rider, also second whip to the Moore County Hounds, who kindly showed us around. We ended up with the gayest show of all: the big stock saddle, leather-tooled and silver mounted, that he got for George Brewster and his painted pony out in Quincy, California, where Piasano came from. There is a silver medallion on the horn and back on the cantle is a silver plaque that reads: "Chief Many Trucks" in honor of the owner, who is manager of his father's big fleet of construction trucks. The pony is broken to shooting and George Brewster plans to use him for quail shooting, when he comes down.

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