



HUBERT McCASKILL



BRIG. GEN. MENOHER

Hubert McCaskill, General Menoher Will Head District Scouting Program

J. Hubert McCaskill of Pinehurst was elected chairman of the Moore district, Boy Scouts of America, at the annual district meeting and banquet held at the Pinehurst School cafeteria Tuesday night.

Brig. Gen. Pearson Menoher, who recently retired as commanding general of Fort Bragg, was elected vice chairman. Others elected to the district committee were N. L. Hodgkins, Paul C. Butler, John L. Ponzer and the Rev. C. K. Ligon, Southern Pines; P. B. Lewis, J. K. Melvin, Jr., Aberdeen; Mack Callahan, Vass; E. H. Mills, Pinebluff; C. W. Thomas, J. Frank McCaskill, Pinehurst; H. L. McLaurin, Wayland Kennedy, Robbins; Earl Auman, West End; Wilbur H. Currie, Carthage, and J. E. Causey, Lakeview.

Dr. J. C. Grier was recommended

by the nominating committee for reelection as district commissioner. The slate and recommendation were presented by H. Clifton Blue, Aberdeen, as chairman of the nominating committee.

Guest speaker was Fred Dixon, Occoneechee Council commissioner, who told the gathering, "Real happiness is gained through what we are able to give—what we are able to share." This is most effectively done for the citizen-to-be through the scouting program, he declared, adding "Our boys need the warmth of the friendship of men and women like you."

Commissioner Dixon told the group present at the dinner honoring the adult scout leaders that more than 10,000 boys and girls had been brought before the juvenile court in Wake county "but not one a scout."

The speaker was introduced by W. Lamont Brown, retiring district chairman, who gave a brief review of scout work in the district during his three years as chairman. He reported that more than \$8,500 had been raised in Moore in the recent fund drive, and that it was his hope and expectation that the Moore district would soon have its own full-time scout executive.

Mr. Brown presented J. Douglas David, Pinebluff neighborhood commissioner, the Boy Scout key for his work during the past three years. It was announced that Scout statuettes would be awarded Clarence Thomas of Pinehurst, W. L. Batchelor of Aberdeen and Henry Williams of Robbins for their outstanding work in the 1952 fund drive.

Certificates were presented to the following Cub Scout den mothers: Mrs. Paul C. Butler, Mrs. Joel Crawford, Mrs. Robert Pierce, Mrs. Ollie Barry, Mrs. J. C. Grier, Mrs. Joe Pierce, Mrs. J. W. Tufts and Mrs. Dora Wedlock.

Camporee ribbons were presented by Archie Farmer, chairman of camping activities, to the following: first prize ribbon, Dr. W. C. Holland of Troop 224, Southern Pines; second prize ribbon, Alwyn Folley, Troop 68, Aberdeen.

The new officers were installed by Spurgeon Gaskin, Occoneechee Council executive, of Raleigh. J. Frank McCaskill served as toastmaster.

Seniors Will Play For Championship At Pinehurst Club

The Fifth Annual Southern Seniors Championship, a 36-hole medal play tournament, will take place Saturday and Sunday at the Pinehurst Country club. More than 100 Seniors are expected from throughout North Carolina and a number of other states for the event.

A preliminary tournament, better ball of pair, will be held Friday for those arriving early and desiring to play.

In the main tournament, low gross for 36 holes will win the championship title and trophy. Others will be divided into age group in the competition for net and low gross prizes.

A cocktail party and oyster bar, 5:45 to 7:15 p. m. Saturday, will precede the annual banquet at the clubhouse. Directors will meet Friday to elect officers from among their ranks, and these will be presented at the banquet. The membership will then elect a new panel of seven directors to serve with the new officers during the coming year.

Russell B. Lentz, of Spartanburg, S. C., is president of the organization, composed of men over 50 years of age and up. Chester I. Williams of Pinehurst is executive secretary.

Elks Will Entertain Football Squad And Their Dates At Saturday Banquet

Not only the 26 members of the Blue and White squad but also their dates will be guests at the annual Elks Club Testimonial Football banquet Saturday night at the Southern Pines Country club, it was announced by John S. Ruggles, chairman.

This has been accomplished through an unprecedented wave of ticket-buying among local members of the Elks Lodge, desiring to see that the boys have the best possible time at the affair.

Traditionally, the lodge has been enabled to entertain the squad through purchase of tickets by the Southern Pines members, who then turn them in to be used for the football players. This year, the members have bought twice as many and the boys are being told they may bring their girls.

The high school coaches and their wives, cheerleaders and a few other special guests are also being invited by the Elks. A tur-

key dinner with all the trimmings will be prepared by the BPO Does and served "banquet style" at tables for four and eight, by candlelight. Tickets are available to the general public up to the capacity of the dining room.

Guest speaker at the after-dinner program will be Davidson College Coach William Dole.

Lennox Forsyth will make the presentation of the James S. Milliken, Jr., Memorial trophy, awarded annually by the John Boyd post, VFW, to the player chosen as "most valuable." Various other awards will be made by the coaches, including the customary gold footballs, letters and stars.

The program will be kept as brief as possible to allow more time for dancing. Herbert Conner and His Drifting Buddies will play for the young people till midnight.

Post Office Will Open 2 Windows For Yule Parcels

Preparations Made To Handle Rush—Mail Early Anyway

Anticipating the biggest Christmas season in history, the Southern Pines post office is getting set with extra helpers, also an extra pair of scales, so they can keep two parcel post windows open.

But this will avail naught if the patrons wait till the last minute to do their Christmas mailing, said Postmaster Garland Pierce.

Out-of-state parcels and Christmas cards should start flowing out the first of next week, with in-state, county and local mail following in short order. With this kind of cooperation, and improved postal services set up during the past year—also three extra helpers to be added next Wednesday—all can be handled with dispatch.

The post office will remain open two Saturday afternoons, December 13 and 20. With the two parcel post windows open all week, and the Highway Post Office, checking through twice daily to help keep the mail flowing, it is not thought necessary to keep open on Sundays this season.

New long-distance truck hauls set up by the Postal Department in cooperation with the railway mail service are expected to eliminate terminal bottlenecks all over the country.

Overseas parcels (up to two pounds) may still be sent by air, with fair assurance of delivery by Christmas.

Postmaster Pierce advises that all package mail be sent on its way next week, bearing the interesting "Do-Not - Open - Till-Christmas" labels. Early mailing, he reminded, is the only thing that will guarantee on-time delivery, and it is the best possible aid to Santa Claus.

Also important is substantial packaging. Every year many packages come apart en route. A wish and a prayer are no substitute for corrugated cardboard, stout paper and twine.

Tickets On Sale For Robert Shaw Chorale Dec. 13

Tickets for the concert of the Robert Shaw Chorale, to be given at Weaver auditorium Saturday evening, December 13, have gone on sale at the Barnum Realty office. They are also in the hands of chairmen in six different communities of the area, it was announced by the Sandhills Music association this week.

Mrs. Paul Barnum is general chairman of the ticket sale and working with her are Mrs. Fred Langner, Southern Pines; Mrs. Lawrence M. Johnson, Aberdeen; Mrs. Stuart Cutler, Pinehurst; Miss Rozelle Williamson, Carthage; J. A. Culbertson, Robbins; and Dr. William Peck, McCain.

Not only are tickets for the December 13 concert on sale, but season tickets, including this performance and four others scheduled throughout the winter and spring, at a considerable saving per concert.

The Robert Shaw Chorale, a group of 42 singers and instrumentalists, combines the best features of a fine choral group and a symphony orchestra. Included in its makeup, and permitting almost endless variety of repertoire, are a chamber music ensemble, quartet of male and female voices, two-piano team and a cappella choir. These blend to make the Chorale itself an instrument of astounding range, in the hands of a 36-year-old director who is one of the wonders of the musical world today.

Robert Shaw won laurels training choruses for Broadway shows and on the radio, as director of the Fred Waring Glee club, before he struck out on his own in the field of serious music. His Chorale has won critical acclaim in concert appearances and also as an NBC network attraction.

This is a return engagement for the Robert Shaw Chorale, which made a tremendous hit on its first appearance here March 10, 1951 also under sponsorship of the Sandhills Music association. It is returning this year by popular demand.

County Commissioners Take Oath, Buckle Down To Work NC Orchid Society Will Meet Here Sunday Afternoon



After being sworn in Monday for their new two-year term, the Moore County board of commissioners settled right down to work in their meeting-room at the Carthage courthouse. The lady on the left is Mrs. Bessie Griffin, register of deeds and secretary to the board. Commissioners are, seated, from left, T. R. Monroe, Rob-

bins, the only new member; L. R. Reynolds, Leaman, and Gordon M. Cameron, Pinehurst. Standing—J. M. Pleasants, Southern Pines, and John Currie, Carthage.

Also sworn in Monday were Judge J. Vance Rowe and Solicitor W. Lamont Brown of Moore recorders court. (Pilot Staff Photo)

NC Orchid Society Will Meet Here Sunday Afternoon

Will Have Program At Mrs. Way's, Visit Greenhouses

The N. C. Orchid society will hold its semiannual meeting at Southern Pines Sunday afternoon, with Mrs. Karl A. Bridges and Mrs. W. A. Way as hostesses.

Theme of the meeting will be "The Feeding of Orchids," and a symposium on this subject will be led by Dr. Jack Gartner, horticulture specialist with the State Extension Service, N. C. State college, Raleigh. Dr. Gartner is a well-known authority on this field and wrote his master's thesis on the subject. Color slides will be shown.

The meeting will be held at Mrs. Way's home in the Midland road starting at 1:30 p. m. At the conclusion of the program the group will pay a visit to the greenhouses of the Carolina Orchid Growers.

Mrs. Bridges is president of the N. C. Orchid society. She recently moved from Charlotte to Southern Pines, when she and her husband purchased the Carolina Orchid Growers business from Mrs. Way.

This will be the second time this year the Society has met at Southern Pines. The spring meeting was to have been held in Charlotte with Mrs. Bridges, but she was ill at the time and Mrs. Way, as vice-president, received them here. According to Mrs. Bridges, that is all right with the members, as "they love to come here better than any place in the world." Mrs. Way, she said, is regarded as their "dean of orchid growers" and the greenhouses are their university of orchid learning and lore.

Attending the meeting will be about 50 orchid growers, both men and women, mostly amateurs. Some are newcomers to the group. They will come from Virginia and South Carolina as well as many places in this State.

Mrs. Way will entertain the officers at a luncheon at the Mid Pines Club before the meeting.

Mrs. Morrison Badly Injured In Florida Wreck

Mrs. Alma Maples Morrison of Pinehurst was transferred Tuesday from the Lake County Memorial hospital at Eustis, Fla., to St. Joseph of the Pines, still in critical condition following an automobile accident of Thursday, November 20.

The accident was fatal to Mrs. Morrison's companion, Mrs. Marion Averill of Edgartown, Mass. The two were driving from Pinehurst to Mt. Dora, Fla., for winter hotel employment.

Mrs. Morrison was brought on the train to Hamlet, then by ambulance to the local hospital. She sustained 10 fractured or broken ribs and her condition is said to be one "of severe shock." She has never fully regained consciousness since the accident.

Her children, Miss Louise Morrison and Donald Morrison of Pinehurst went to Florida immediately on receiving news of the tragedy. Miss Morrison accompanied her mother home, while Donald drove. Mrs. Morrison's car is in a demolished condition.

Few details were learned, other than that the car struck or sideswiped a truck-trailer about six miles north of Mt. Dora. It was a rainy, foggy afternoon, of extremely poor visibility. Both Mrs. Morrison and Mrs. Averill were thrown from the car and it could not be determined which had been driving. Mrs. Averill was instantly killed.

Mrs. Morrison was going to a regular position, which she was to fill for the fourth successive season, as a baker with a Mt. Dora hotel.

The nature of her injuries make it difficult to know at this time how seriously she is hurt, it was learned at the hospital, and she is not able to receive company as yet.

She is well known here, with many friends and relatives throughout the Sandhills.

Man Charged With Setting Fire To Neighbor's Home

George Rogers, of West Southern Pines, was jailed by local police at Carthage Monday night after a neighbor's house was set on fire in six places, and the neighbor said he caught Rogers "in the act."

Rogers denies any knowledge of the fire, said Police Chief C. E. Newton. However, he will be given a hearing in recorders court Monday on a charge of attempted arson, a felony.

Prosecuting witness is Ed Dowd, who shares a frame cottage on the corner of West Connecticut and Hale street with another man, Tom Moore. The two live alone, keeping house for themselves.

Dowd told policemen he was starting to cook supper, and had gone into his bedroom to get some wood, when he saw smoke pouring up from a corner of the room. He called Moore and they ran outdoors to find the whole side of the house ablaze, the fire apparently coming up from beneath the house, which stands three feet up off the ground.

They put it out with water, then came back to find fire running up to the ceiling in the kitchen. (Continued on page 8)

Airmen Will Battle Guardsmen In Cage Game Monday

A baseball game between the USAFAGOS Airmen and a Southern Pines team formed of National Guardsmen and other local players will be held at 7:30 p. m. Monday at the school gymnasium. The public is invited.

The game will be a forerunner of organized league play which cage fans of this area may anticipate for the after-Christmas season.

The league will be composed of teams sponsored by National Guard batteries in Southern Pines, Raeford, Red Springs and St. Paul; the USAFAGOS Airmen from Highland Pines Inn, and the Carolina Hotel employees from Pinehurst.

Teams sponsored by the Guard will be composed mainly of battery members, supplemented by additional players from the community. Experienced, tough players will be found on all the teams, making for fast and entertaining play.

Pending formation of the league and setting up of a schedule, preliminary games are being played at will among the teams. The Monday night clash will be the first of these.

Howard Fuquay is coach for the local Guardsmen's quint. In charge of the program for the Air-Ground school is Sergeant Penkunis, special services officer.

County Asked To Replace High School Building, Rated Not Worth Repairs

SILVER COMET

As The Pilot goes to press word comes that the long word of many people, over many years, has borne fruit—the Silver Comet will stop in Southern Pines.

Starting next Thursday a "conditional stop" will be made by the Seaboard streamliner to discharge passengers from Washington and points the north. By its present schedule, it leaves New York at 12:30 p. m. and reaches here at 11:35—just 11 hours and six minutes later.

The information came from Jack S. Younis, WEEB manager, following a conference Thursday morning with C. E. Bell, Seaboard Air Line president.

Sandhills Kiwanis Builders Cup Will Be Given Tonight

Highlight of the Sandhills Kiwanis Ladies Night banquet, to be held at the Pinehurst Country club tonight (Friday) at 7 o'clock, will be the award of the Kiwanis Builders cup.

This cup is awarded to the person adjudged to have rendered the greatest service to Moore county during the preceding year "without thought or hope of personal gain."

The cup is not given every year—once in a long while, no one is found to meet the standard. While usually it goes to a man, it has twice been awarded to a woman. Identity of the recipient is kept a closely guarded secret until the moment of presentation.

Mayor Forrest Lockety of Aberdeen received the coveted trophy in December 1951.

Paul Dana of Pinehurst is chairman of this year's Builders Cup selection committee. Garland McPherson will make the presentation.

The formal banquet is an outstanding event of the Sandhills year. An annual feature is the presentation of a check to the Moore County hospital for support of the Kiwanis bed for underprivileged children, representing funds collected in an annual "baby page" project of the club; also a check to the hospital for the year's total of \$1 admissions to greenhouses of the Carolina Orchid Growers. The Orchid Growers gift was started by the late Judge W. A. Way and has been continued by Mrs. Way.

Banquet speaker will be Kiwanian J. Telbot Johnson of Aberdeen, president of the Moore County Bar association. Special guests will include H. W. Hennig, of Darlington, S. C.; governor of

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A delegation from the Southern Pines schools told the county commissioners Monday that the local high school building has been the subject of a scathing report by state engineers, who said it is not fit to use as it now stands and is not "worth any expenditures for repairs."

Supt. A. C. Dawson, accompanied by school board members L. F. Garvin and Harry Menzel, asked the commissioners to step up the "five year plan" for Southern Pines schools and build a new high school next year.

The \$500,000 "five year plan" was submitted by the Southern Pines school board last June as a means of gradually bringing the whole plant up to par. The county commissioners indicated their willingness to follow along if they could, through successive annual budgets.

Inspection Held
At the school board's request, said Supt. Dawson, he asked for an inspection by state officials before the opening of school in September. The State Insurance department and the Division of Schoolhouse Planning of the State Department of Public Instruction each sent an engineer.

The insurance engineer wrote a very bad report. Submitted to the commissioners Monday was a letter from the other engineer, William P. Duff, Jr., who wrote:

"As far back as 1947, school officials of Southern Pines were informed that they faced the problem of replacing this building due to unmistakable signs of deterioration. At the same time, it was felt by this office that this structure—

NO LIGHTS?

The beautiful holly tree on the post office lawn will be lit up starting the weekend of December 13—but these may be the only downtown Christmas lights this year.

However, the wiring and lights owned by the Chamber of Commerce—six blocks worth of 'em—will be made available to any merchant who wishes to use them for his own outside decoration, or for lighting trees on the parkway opposite his place of business.

Anyone wishing to use them can get them at the Chamber office and return them there after Christmas.

The Chamber, it was revealed at a directors' meeting this week, has no funds to put up the lights. Besides a bare treasury, it also has unpaid bills for putting them up a year ago, and for the juice they burned.

In view of these sad facts, and knowing that Santa isn't going to pay those bills, the Chamber reluctantly withdraws its sponsorship of the lighting this year.