

Mutual Network Program Will Honor Local Officers' Work In Murder Case

Magazine Whips Up Hasty Story About Louise McLaughlin

The work of local law enforcement officers in connection with the murder of Louise Dowd McLaughlin will be honored in a network radio program February 19 under sponsorship of "Official Detective" magazine.

Details of the program are still being worked out and will very likely be ready for announcement next week, said Jack S. Younts, general manager of WEEB. It will be on the Mutual Broadcasting System, of which WEEB is an affiliate.

The first magazine version of the death of the young Southern Pines woman and subsequent investigation is on the newsstands this week on "Official Detective." Emphasis is placed on the work of Southern Pines Police Chief C. E. Newton in the arrest and jailing of Melvin Morrison. The story in general, while correct in a broad sense, contains a number of inaccuracies, probably due to the fact that it was whipped up within a short while after these November events. Later developments—the network of evidence built up in December and January, and the sentencing of Morrison to a life term in prison—are omitted.

The story is written by J. U. Newsom, specified as a "special investigator" for the magazine. Where he obtained his information is not known, as he made no contact with the local police department or others officially connected with the case, as far as this newspaper is able to find out.

Playwright Here For Foxhunting, Writing New Play

Donald Bevan of New York City, co-author of the successful Broadway play "Stalag 17," has taken a house near Southern Pines for the hunt season, and for the next few weeks will be combining his two major interests. He is foxhunting, and also writing a new play—about foxhunters.

Mr. Bevan, with his wife and three young children, are in the Sylvester Loudermelt house on the airport road. They expect to remain until the Moore County hunter trials and hunt ball February 18.

He visited Southern Pines a couple of times last year for the hunting, staying at the Southland hotel. This is the first time he has brought his family. His children are Mark, aged three; Nan, aged two, and Michael Don, five months. Young Mark is already taking to horses and has had several jaunts in the saddle in front of his father.

The new play, he says, will have a generalized locale, not specifically the Sandhills. However, it should have considerable interest for the Sandhills hunters as he is undoubtedly gathering color and details through his association with them, and his participation in the Moore County Hunt.

This will be his first play on his own. The first, a comedy of POW life in a German prison camp in World War 2, was written in collaboration with Edward Trzcinski. The two young men were POW's together, shared a view of the funny side and pooled their talents in putting it into dramatic form on their return.

DRIVE EXTENDED

The March of Dimes, getting off to a slow start, will be extended into February, according to word from Campaign Chairman H. Clifton Blue at Aberdeen.

Scattered reports give little indication of how the drive is going, except that it seems to be lagging in a good many sections.

Late reports, following an earlier story this week (see Page 13) show a second community, Westmoore, to be over the top. With a quota of \$100 Howard L. Kennedy, chairman, reports \$165.80 collected.

Other late news—Niagara, \$24 (quota \$30); Highfalls, \$125 (\$200); Hall'son, \$25 (\$50); Glendon, \$7 (\$25); Roseland, \$24.72 (\$30).

DIFFERENT

There'll be something kind of different about a birthday party Marshall Parvin, Jr., is planning, to be given at his home at White Hill this afternoon (Friday).

Though Marshall lives in Moore county, he attends Greenwood school in Lee. For his 14th birthday celebration he has invited his eighth grade classmates, his teacher, Mr. Garrett, and some other friends. There'll be quite a crowd and from what we hear it will be quite a party, with a fancy cake baked by his mother, and all the trimmings.

What's different about it is Marshall's instructions to all who are invited: "Instead of a present, bring the money for the March of Dimes."

Marshall is the eldest of the Parvins' three sons. His daddy is Corporal Parvin of the State Highway Patrol.

Coffee Shop Kitchen Damaged By Flash Fire

Fire caused several hundred dollars' worth of damage in the kitchen of Holliday's Coffee Shop Wednesday morning. The restaurant will have to be out of business for a week or 10 days on account of it, it was estimated by W. B. (Chick) Holliday, proprietor.

The fire sprang up at the rear of a bottled-gas stove while luncheon preparations were under way, and, fed by new paint on the ceiling, flashed across the room. The volunteer fire department answered the summons promptly at 10:55 a. m., bringing the booster truck from the fire station a half block away to the rear of the restaurant where the firemen conducted a half-hour fight. The main truck stood guard in front, and a hose line was laid, in case it was needed.

No one was injured. At the first commotion in the kitchen two customers awaiting lunch in the dining room, C. E. Holt of Southern Pines and a transient who did not wish to be identified, went to the rescue and used a fire extinguisher with apparent success. The fire sprang up again within minutes, however, leading to the belief that a leak in the bottled-gas line caused the trouble.

A new electric stove, refrigerator and other equipment had been installed within the previous week. These were blackened by the fire, and how much other damage was done to them and other equipment in the kitchen was not known. Smoke, but no flame, (Continued on page 8)

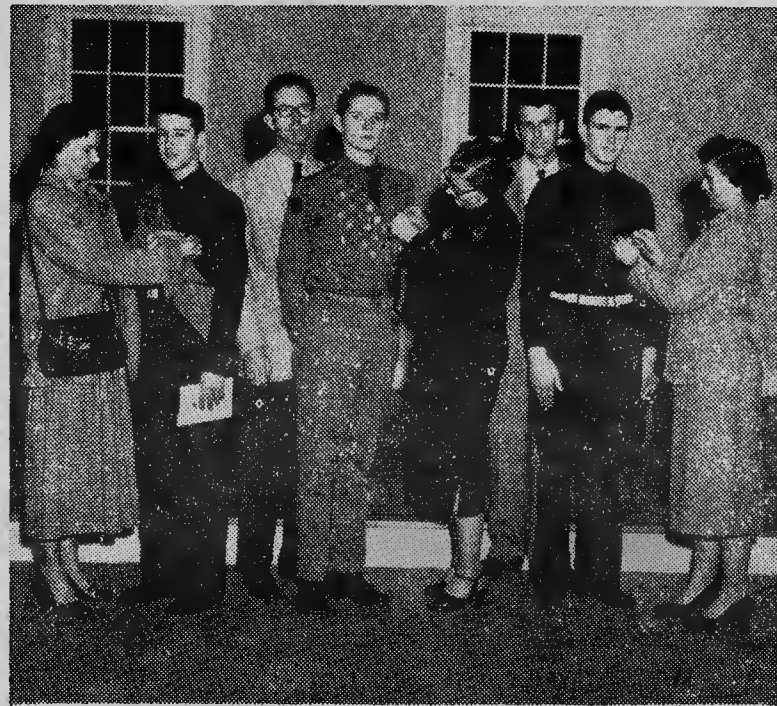
Bloodmobile Visit Nets 244 Pints Given By Moore

Southern Pines and Moore County folks did considerably better in giving blood for Korea when the Red Cross Bloodmobile came Wednesday than on other recent visits. A total of 244 pints of blood was donated.

This was an excellent showing considering the fact that it rained a good part of the day, in the view of local leaders of the blood donor program. Donors came from all parts of the county in a steady stream, and several latecomers were admitted after the official closing hour of 4:30 p. m. At that time Mrs. Audrey K. Kennedy, Moore County Red Cross executive secretary, noted that "We are well pleased. Except for the weather, there would undoubtedly have been many more donors. To those who gave, the chapter extends sincere thanks." She expressed appreciation for the work of a large number of volunteers who assisted at the gymnasium during the visit.

A large group of donors were Sandhill Furniture Company employees from West End.

This was the seventh Bloodmobile visit to Moore in the past two and a half years. Two more are slated for 1953.



Here are the three Eagle Scouts, with their mothers pinning on their badges and two dads proudly watching the proceedings—left, Mike Barrett, and right, Charles Garrison, of Pinehurst Troop 7; center, Bill Marley, of Southern Pines Troop 224.

Bill is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Marley, who moved to Southern Pines a year and a half ago from Burlington. Bill joined a Burlington troop in 1950 and was active from the start. He was ready six months ago for the Eagle badge but had to wait on time requirements. He is a member of the Order of the Arrow, national Boy Scout leadership fraternity. (Hemmer Photo)

Community Center Opens February 9; May Be Used For Meetings, Parties

Committee Plans "Open House" For All Townspeople

The new Southern Pines Community Center on South May street, a large and gracious building set in a wooded park, will be opened for public use Monday, February 9.

Two days later, February 11, "open house" will be held so that all the townspeople can visit and enjoy their new facility, it was announced by the Rev. C. K. Ligon, member of the special committee for the center on the Municipal Recreation Commission.

During the coming week Mr. and Mrs. Lewis McNeill will move into the building's upstairs apartment. Mrs. McNeill will supervise the activities, assisted by Mr. McNeill in the evenings.

The Center will be opened at first only for meetings and parties given by local groups and individuals. No special times are being scheduled as yet for the teenagers and they will have the use of the center like any other group.

Mrs. Grant Heads Heart Drive, Set February 9-14

The 1953 campaign of the American Heart Association will be conducted locally February 9-14, climaxed by a tag sale on Valentine Day, February 14.

Mrs. A. H. Grant is general chairman, assisted by Mrs. R. M. McMillan, Mrs. Paul Butler, Mrs. Hal Adams and Mrs. O. Leon Seymour.

Mrs. Butler will be in charge of the Valentine tag day, and Mrs. Hal Adams of the sending out of letters next week through which it is anticipated a good portion of the wanted funds will be raised. Mrs. Seymour is treasurer, and donations may be sent to her.

There is no specified quota. However, the sum of \$1,800 was raised last year, and the drive leaders hope to equal or improve on this result. The campaign is conducted on a nationwide basis, and the funds are employed in research on the subject of heart disease, and education in an effort to cut down the total of deaths and suffering which it causes. It embraces the full range from the sudden attack which kills so many useful citizens in the prime of life to the rheumatic fever which incapacitates thousands of young people and children annually, proving fatal to many.

The American Heart Association is composed of doctors, and the drive objectives are endorsed by the medical profession generally.

By making advance arrangements through Mrs. McNeill. A telephone will be installed in the McNeills' apartment, also one downstairs, by the time the Center is opened.

Available for use will be a large and a small downstairs room, with restrooms, and the outdoor cooking facilities in the extensive grove behind the Center. The kitchen will not be in use at first, as it is not equipped.

The Center will open with somewhat meager furnishings. Several items have been donated, and the Commission said it hopes to supply folding chairs and some card tables. Chairs, tables, upholstered things and other such articles will be appreciatively received as donations. Donors may call Mr. Ligon at his home.

The Center was for about five and a half years the home of the Southern Pines Elks Lodge, which moved to the Southern Pines Country club in December 1951. The building and grounds, with some adjoining woods, were purchased by the Town last summer to fill a long-felt need for a community center for meetings and recreation.

Local People In New Speller Show At West End

A musical revue, "Sky High," staged and directed by Mr. and Mrs. Robert B. Speller of Pinehurst, will have its first presentation Saturday evening, February 7 at the West End school auditorium, sponsored by the West End Lions club.

The production features Moore County talent exclusively, in a cast composed of 35 singers, dancers and comedians. They include men, women and a number of young people from Aberdeen, Southern Pines, Pinehurst, Robbins and West End.

Leading parts will be taken by Frank and Hubert McCaskill, Clarence Thomas and Mary and Linda Whitesell of Pinehurst; Clyde Auman and E. P. Hinson of West End, and Ed Cox and Martha Aden of Southern Pines.

The show is in two parts, the first an Arabian revue with music and specialty acts, the second a minstrel show. Precision dancing, jokes and skits feature the show, with many attractive costumes designed by Mrs. Speller.

Later performances of "Sky High" will be scheduled in the Sandhills and also in places considerably farther away, said Mr. Speller. He produced and directed the highly successful shows given in 1951 and 1952 by the Pinehurst Lions club, with casts consisting largely of the Lions Club members, with added talent from the Sandhills towns.

Regional Meeting Of Garden Clubs Slated In Sandhills

Mrs. Ives Will Be Hostess At Tea At Shaw House

The North Carolina Garden club will be host to the South Atlantic region, National Council of State Garden Clubs, at the Carolina hotel, Pinehurst, Tuesday and Wednesday, February 10 and 11.

Officers and members of the federated garden clubs of 11 states are being invited to attend, according to announcement by Mrs. Roy Homewood of Chapel Hill, president of the North Carolina club. The region includes North Carolina, South Carolina, Virginia, West Virginia, Georgia, Florida, Alabama, Mississippi, Louisiana, Kentucky and Tennessee.

Several Sandhills women will have leading roles in the convention affairs. Among appointments announced by Mrs. Paul Borden, of Goldsboro, general chairman, are: information, Mrs. J. Talbot Johnson, Aberdeen; hospitality, Mrs. Ernest L. Ives, Southern Pines, and Mrs. Richard Wright, Durham; entertainment, Mrs. P. P. McCain, Southern Pines and Red Springs; registration, Mrs. Roscoe McMillan, Red Springs; finance, Miss Anne Buie, Red Springs; pages, Mrs. Sam Hutaff, Fayetteville, sister of Mrs. Hoke Pollock of Southern Pines.

Miss Cora Annette Harris, Charlotte, gardening consultant and editor, who designed the planting of the Shaw House herb garden here, is in charge of publicity.

Among the convention events will be a tea to be given by Mrs. Ernest L. Ives at the Shaw House in Southern Pines, restoration project of the Moore County Historical association, of which Mrs. Ives is president.

Other appointments are: co-chairmen of convention and hostesses committee (with Mrs. Borden), Mrs. C. E. Howard, Goldsboro, and Mrs. J. M. Tyler, Kingston; printing, Mrs. Roy Homewood, Chapel Hill, and decorations, Mrs. Roy Cavness, Raleigh.

The two-day program will be filled with meetings, social functions and entertainment. Among outstanding events will be the banquet speech Tuesday night by John Taylor Arms, of Fairfield, Conn., well known artist and authority on flower arrangements.

RETREAT AT MARYHURST

A retreat for Catholic women of this area will be held this weekend at Maryhurst, in Pinehurst, starting with dinner at 6:30 tonight (Friday) and continuing through Sunday afternoon.

Those interested are asked to call or see Mrs. Mary Sharp, 610 North May.

Local Girl Will Have First Art Exhibit; Carter Show Continues This Weekend

There are two "firsts" in connection with the art exhibit to be presented at the Library art gallery next week—it is the first to be given here by a local young artist, and the first exhibit for Daniela Frassinetti Devins.

On display for the coming two weeks will be oils, watercolors and tempera paintings of various subjects, with emphasis on horses, her favorite. She plans to concentrate on horse portraits.

Mrs. Devins, now 22 years old, came to this country, and to Southern Pines, from her native Italy in 1946. The family lived in Florence, and she started her art studies at the Royal Art Institute there when she was 14 years old. The Germans seized her American mother and British stepfather and interned them during the war, and they were brought to this country in 1945 through State Department efforts. Daniela and her brother Jordan (now an Army lieutenant stationed in Germany) remained in Italy, where the young girl continued her art studies until arrangements could be made for them to join their parents here.

40 Singers, 18-Piece Orchestra In Romberg Musical Here Saturday

LEADING LADY



DOROTHY HARWELL, soprano, sings the role of the beautiful French heroine, Margot Bonvalet, in "The Desert Song."

Favorite Tunes, Gay Plot Mark "Desert Song"

From overture to final curtain, the performance of "The Desert Song" to be given here Saturday night promises to be a delight to music-lovers and play-lovers alike.

The two-act musical by Sigmond Romberg will be presented by the Charlotte Opera association, touring opera and musical group, as the second attraction of the Sandhills Music association in its current concert series. The curtain will go up at Weaver auditorium at 8:30 p. m.

The show features a cast of 40 singers, headed by Baritone Kenneth Dooley and Soprano Dorothy Harwell in the leading roles, and an 18-piece orchestra. The orchestra is conducted by Melvin Sipe of the Davidson College music faculty, under the general direction of Dr. Clifford Bair.

"The Desert Song" has been a favorite since its highly successful production and long run on Broadway several seasons ago. Music is by the late great Sigmond Romberg, book and lyrics by Otto Harbach, Oscar Hammerstein II and Frank Mandel. The show started a number of songs on the road to immortality in the hearts of the people. Among those which have entered the popular musical literature of the land are "One Alone," "Romance," "The Desert Song," "The Riff Song" and others.

The plot deals with romance and colonial warfare in an exotic desert setting. Members of the Charlotte Opera Association troupe, mostly young people, are highly trained musicians as well as of outstanding dramatic talent. They have rocketed to fame in the State since their organization only a couple of years ago, and have earned the applause of critics in such works as "Tales of Hoffman," "Marriage of Figaro," "Die Fledermaus" and "La Traviata."

All are professional or employed people, many employed in musical positions, in Charlotte.

Tickets for "The Desert Song" may be purchased at the Barnum Realty office, or at the door Saturday night.

Governor Puang Enjoyed His Visit, Letters Relate

Governor Puang Suwanarath of the Province of Songkhla, Thailand, thoroughly enjoyed his visit to Southern Pines early in January, according to letters received this week by a number of local citizens.

Writing to various persons who played a part in the hospitality accorded the Governor, H. Philip Mettger of the Governmental Affairs Institute at Washington expressed appreciation for what they did. The Governor's tour was arranged by the Institute.

The letter—writing apparently awaited the return of Mr. Puang to Washington after visiting several places since he came here. "From what the Governor tells me, the people of Southern Pines really gave him a wonderful time," wrote Mr. Mettger in one of the letters. In another he said, "Governor Puang says that of all the towns he has seen in his four months in this country, he likes Southern Pines best."

Mr. Puang was entertained in the home of Mayor and Mrs. C. N. Page, and the town board gave a dinner in his honor. He came not as an official visitor but as the friend of a local young man, Lewis W. Pate, now an exchange teacher in Thailand, with a wish to see Lewis' home town and meet his people.

ous influences, with descriptive data attached to each for better understanding by the spectator of the developmental stage exemplified.