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Aberdeen Girls, Highfalls Boys Are County Champions

Upsets marked the going for the boys, while the girls more or less ran true to form, in semifinals and finals of the Moore County basketball tournament Friday and Saturday nights.

In the boys' game, the Highfalls boys emerged as county champions, to the surprise of all, including themselves, through a combination of inspired playing and freakish luck. Accomplishing the impossible—defeating the top-ranking Aberdeen team in the semi-finals 56-55—seemed to set them afire and they led Robbins in the finals all the way to win the championship 66-50.

Robbins' defeat of Southern Pines boys in the semifinals was another one of the upsets which marked the closing days of the annual event, held at the Aberdeen gym.

Near Riot

In the Highfalls-Aberdeen game a near riot ensued when, in the final minute of play in one of the closest games of the tournament, the referee called a foul on an Aberdeen player. This gave Highfalls two free shots, both of which were made by Elmer Seawell with invincible calm. The result was the downing of the defending champions by the photo-finish score of 56-55.

Aberdeen had led at the half 31 to 23, but Coach Appanatis sent his boys back in the second half with a spirit that erased the lead in a matter of minutes, and rolled to an eight-point lead in the fourth quarter. At this time Aberdeen got several quick baskets, and when the final moment came had a one-point lead—quickly reversed, then the whistle.

Robbins won its way to the finals by dropping Southern Pines in another close game, 60-58 closing in fast in the fourth quarter to wipe out the Blue and White's 11-point lead.

Spectacular Kill By Local Hounds

By SUE BOLLING RANDOLPH

The Moore County Hounds, full of fight after their recovery from a bout of the flu, staged a spectacular kill on Tuesday as the climax of a long run on the trail of a native grey fox.

Circling, as greys do, the fox crossed directly in front of Vernon G. Cardy and Dwight W. Winkelman, then leading a group down the No. 3 firelane below Skyline airfield. Hounds rolled him over in the scrub oak just beyond.

"It was the most spectacular kill I've ever seen," commented Mr. Cardy, former master of the Eglington Hunt near Toronto.

"There we were," said Mr. Cardy, "moseying along up the firelane, with Jack Goodwin, Bud Leonard, Red Overton and Bon Freels just behind us. Suddenly down from the airfield came a big grey with the pack running as one not more than two yards behind him. He jumped down into the lane, crossed and jumped out the other side. He seemed to leap three feet into the air and at the same time the bitch Lena, leading the pack, jumped, too, and caught him in the air. He never made a sound."

Hounds met at the Lakelawn stables of Mr. Winkelman, with 30 in the field. MFH and Huntsman Ozzelle Moss drew the covert below the pasture blank. Rain was falling and scent was catchy.

But the diehards kept on hoping and the master drew the swamp edges till hounds found again. Reynard took us a merry chase towards the airport and round in a big circle; then checked. Hounds were cast, but the check was a good one. Suddenly the pack burst into full cry. Staff and field were away at a hard gallop and, in the open woods cleared of scrub, all got a view of the big grey fox. However, the riders along the firelane were ahead and enjoyed the real close-up of the kill.

At the hunt breakfast which followed at Vernon Valley Farms, residence of Mr. and Mrs. Cardy the brush was awarded to Mr. Petchak, Mr. Hart, from Montreal, receiving the mask. Mr. Freels and Mr. Overton received pads.

MUSICAL EVENT

A musical event of the week will be a sacred concert to be given by the Men's Glee Club of the University of North Carolina, at 7:30 p.m. Sunday at Weaver auditorium.

It is being sponsored by the Ministerial association and no admission is being charged. For picture and more information, see Page 11.

Duncan McGill, 23, Killed In Truck Wreck In Virginia

Duncan Hector McGill, Jr., 23, son of Mr. and Mrs. McGill of Vass, lost his life when the tractor-trailer truck in which he was riding careened off State Route 100 near Pulaski, Va., and crashed into a telephone pole about 7 a. m. Sunday.

He was asleep in the cab of the truck, which was owned and operated by Joshua David Matthews of Carthage, Rt. 3. Matthews was thrown clear of the wreck and suffered only minor injuries.

Police who investigated said the truck, loaded with paper for making cardboard crates, was rounding a curve when the load apparently shifted, the shift causing the big vehicle to go out of control. A flat tire on the trailer is reported to have been a contributing factor.

The victim lived for a few minutes after the impact, but was dead before he could be removed from the jammed sleeping compartment.

A crowd which overflowed the church and adjacent Sunday school rooms attended funeral services held for him Tuesday afternoon at the Vass Presbyterian church. Officiating were the Rev. R. L. Beal, minister of the Vass Baptist church, and the Rev. C. K. Taffe, Presbyterian pastor. Burial was in Johnson's Grove cemetery.

"Junior," as he was known, was born in Vass March 20, 1929, the elder son of Duncan and Olera McCraney McGill. He graduated in 1948 from Vass-Lakeview High school, where he was popular with both pupils and teachers. In spare time he helped his father in his business and with his pleasing personality won many friends. He served seven months in the Navy and for some time had been employed by the Tee-Cee company in Vass.

Mr. McGill was married to the former Miss Opal Baker of Vass and they have one daughter, Deborah Jane, a year old last Friday.

Other survivors are his parents; a brother, Airman 3/c William Robert McGill of Shaw Field, Sumter, S. C., and his maternal grandmother, Mrs. W. D. McCraney of Vass.

Active pallbearers were James Hudson, Charles Cameron, Bill Wood, Pete Mashburn, A. R. Laubscher, Jr., and Lacy Frye. Honorary pallbearers were Jesse Coore, J. D. Matthews, Edgar Brewer, Buster Cameron, Glenn Knox, Max Edwards, Bobby Lee Lassiter, Charles Parker, James Key, C. G. Crockett, Jr., Billy Jessup, Mack Callahan, and Pete McRae.

Schoolboys Get Fire Out Before Truck Arrives

Boys of the West Southern Pines school had a good laugh on the volunteer firemen last Thursday when the fire truck showed up looking for a fire, and there wasn't any.

There had been—but the boys had fallen to work with a will and got it out before the fire truck could get there. It was one time, the firemen said, they didn't mind that the laugh was on them.

"If everybody would cooperate as promptly and efficiently, it would make us feel fine," Chief Fowler said. The fire was started in some brush behind the new West Southern Pines gym by two six-year-olds playing with matches. The flames were leaping high just as the schoolchildren were getting out and Principal J. W. Moore turned in the alarm. However, a bunch of the schoolboys didn't wait on the firemen—they just went to work on the fire.

Do You Believe In Signs?



—If so, you can believe that Southern Pines has something really attractive now, marking the entrances to the town.

(Pilot Staff Photo)

Above is shown one of the four more dignified, appealing signs in attractive signs placed by the town at points marking the entrance and exits of Southern Pines.

They are located at the southern city limits where Broad street and US Highway 1 meet; at the northern limit on US 1; at US 1 and Morganton road, and on the Midland road. At the first two places they supplant large, unsightly billboards. There were no display signs at the other two places.

Their erection is the culmination of several years of earnest work on the part of a number of local women, mostly comprising the leadership of the Southern Pines Garden club, which has civic beauty as a main objective. We are sorry that a picture we made of these ladies with the sign did not turn out well—we would like to have shown them, and maybe we will have an opportunity yet. They were Mrs. P. P. McCain, first president (for two terms) of the garden club; Mrs. W. D. Campbell, second president; Mrs. J. S. Milliken, third and current president; Mrs. Ernest L. Ives and Mrs. James Boyd.

These ladies and others appeared before the town board from time to time, and in other ways (Mrs. Boyd in her paper, The Pilot) worked to replace the outmoded and untruthful billboards ("11 Hotels—6 Golf Courses") with

Chamber Adopts Business Calendar, "Approval-Card" Plan For Solicitors

A program of business closings for the year and an approval-card system for regulation of non-business solicitation were unanimously adopted by the directors of the Southern Pines Chamber of Commerce Tuesday night.

They were presented by Miss Katherine T. McDonald, chairman of the better business bureau, as worked out with her committee. Neither plan is binding on any member, it was emphasized, but both are offered for the use of merchants and businesses of Southern Pines in the belief that cooperation in their use will be beneficial for all.

Calendar

Regular closings recommended are New Year's day, Easter Monday, July 4, Labor day, Thanksgiving, two days at Christmas and Wednesday afternoons throughout the year except the two immediately before Christmas. Recommended daily closing hours are 9 a. m. to 5:30 p. m. Monday through Friday, and 9 a. m. to 6 p. m. Saturday. Not recommended for business in general is the practice of staying open Wednesday afternoon before a holiday on Thursday, unless it is Christmas Eve. Exceptions are to be made for specific businesses, such as food stores or drug stores, which have problems peculiar to themselves, to be decided among themselves.

Approval Cards

The advertising regulation system, involving the use of an approval card is one the directors said "has long been needed, and is long overdue." By this system, the merchant approached asks the non-business solicitor for his card from the Chamber of Commerce better

Chamber Will Hold 1953 Membership Drive Next Week

Directors Reveal Program Of Work For Coming Year

The Southern Pines Chamber of Commerce, planning its 1953 membership campaign next week, is presenting a program which its directors believe can be successfully accomplished.

"They are ready to work—in fact, some have already started—as soon as the necessary funds start arriving."

Johnnie A. Hall will head the membership drive, to be conducted by means of bills, then follow-ups. "We'll call on you if you wish, but we'd rather put that time on working for the Chamber and getting results," he said.

The program was developed through ideas of each director, given to Program Chairman Dr. R. Bruce Warlick. Several projects were cut out because "we want to do what we say we're going to do, and not promise what can't be fulfilled." With support this year, the program can be expanded next year, Dr. Warlick believed.

This year they plan:

1. To continue answering mail inquiries, distributing booklets and information, at the Chamber office.
2. To continue the auto-license sales bureau in cooperation with the Carolina Motor club.
3. To establish up-to-date credit bureau files and expand the participation of all members employing credit.
4. To establish a uniform calendar of business closings throughout the year.
5. To sponsor sales value events at suitable times in spring and fall.
6. To set up an approval-card system for the screening of advertising solicitation campaigns.
7. To hold a membership banquet following completion of the campaign.
8. To cooperate fully with the State Advertising Bureau throughout the year for statewide and nationwide advertising.
9. To cooperate with the U. S. Highway 1 association and other agencies serving the civic interests of Southern Pines as a resort and tourist center.
10. To work toward securing meetings and conventions which can be locally served.
11. To cooperate with other agencies in the attraction of suitable industry for the area.
12. To cooperate in continuance of the annual Julius Boros tournament.

Present at the meeting were President Pro Tem Valerie Nicholson, E. W. Small, Robert F. Cameron, J. Graves Vann, Jr., Katherine T. McDonald, Earle B. Owen, Joe Warren, J. A. Hall, John Pottle, Joe Montesanti, Jr., Dr. R. B. Warlick.

One Airman Killed, Another Injured As Car Overtakes

An accident near Laurinburg Tuesday night killed one young airman of the staff of the USAF Air-Ground Operations school here and seriously injured another.

Airman 1/C Milton Bryant Bracey, 21, lost his life when the car he was driving went out of control on US 501 and overturned several times.

His companion, Airman 2/C Bernis C. Bennick, 22, was taken to Scotland County hospital suffering from a broken jaw and multiple lacerations. He was transferred Wednesday afternoon to Fort Bragg Station hospital.

Airman Bracey's body was taken to his home town of Rowland, where military funeral was held Thursday afternoon at the Presbyterian church. The military escort was Staff Sgt. Thomas J. Lewis, Jr., of the Air Force school. Pallbearers were chosen from among his friends at the school, which also provided the firing squad. No details as to his survivors were available.

Airman Bennick is from Concord. He has been working for the past two months as a part-time announcer for Radio Station WEEB.

Petitions Are Started For Local Election On Council-Manager Plan

DRIVE LEADER



W. A. L. McKEITHEN

Red Cross Drive Starts Tuesday Following Dinner

A quota of \$22,455 has been assigned to Moore county to take care of expanding Red Cross needs and services, and will be the objective in the annual fund-raising campaign which will start next Tuesday.

W. A. Leland McKeithen, Pinehurst attorney outstanding in county and state legal circles, who will head the 1953 campaign, this week announced a complete and countywide organization — his community drive leaders, with the quota assigned to each.

He will have as his assistant another attorney, Allen W. Brown, of Robbins, who will have charge of the northern part of the county.

Kickoff Dinner

Community chairman and county chapter officials will meet Monday evening at 7 o'clock for a kickoff dinner at the Carthage Hotel to complete campaign plans and hear a summary of the needs that must be filled. The vast increase in the numbers of servicemen and veterans in the country during the past year, the resumption of war services in many areas and the ever-growing need for blood have placed burdens on the American Red Cross and local chapters which will require the greatest response in history from the people.

Local Committee

George H. Leonard and John C. Ostrom have accepted the chairmanship for Southern Pines, with a quota of \$7,500. Their advance gifts letters were mailed out last week. Their organization includes: Mrs. D. W. Winkelman and Mrs. Annabelle Pearson, residential chairmen; Jack S. Younts and Valerie Nicholson, publicity; John Ponzer and Jack Carter, industrial; W. B. Holliday, commercial; Mrs. Richard McCoy, Knollwood Apartments; Mrs. Eveleth Rich, ardsen, Manly; Mrs. Gurney seven; Bowles, Niagara; W. T. Huntley, Jr., Pinebluff; Brice Hemphill, West Southern Pines.

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Lucile Cummings Will Appear In

A beautiful and glamorous woman with one of the finest alto voices in the world is scheduled to appear in concert next Friday evening, March 1, at the Weaver auditorium.

Lucile Cummings, star of Metropolitan Opera, frequent guest artist on the NBC Telephone Hour, also with the Boston Symphony and other great orchestras, will be the next attraction in the current series of the Sandhills Music association.

The U. S.-born singer is known as "America's foremost contralto." She has become an internationally famous figure in opera not only for her voice, but her charm and dramatic ability, which have brought her the award of some of the choicest roles in the Metropolitan's repertoire.

Divided Opinions Shown At Meeting At Country Club

A group of citizens had petitions prepared Thursday morning addressed to the county board of elections, requesting the calling of a vote in Southern Pines on establishment of the council-manager form of government.

The petitions were prepared by Attorney W. Lamont Brown on request, and were to be placed in several local business places and taken about the streets during the day.

A minimum of 25 per cent of qualified registered voters is required. With 1,406 names on the municipal books at the last election, this will take 352 names. (Earlier story below.)

The council-manager movement got some strong boosts last Friday night, and also received some body blows.

The boosts came in the form of speeches made by some invited guests, Mayor Joe Tally of Fayetteville and the city managers of Fayetteville, Laurinburg and Sanford, at a meeting held at the Southern Pines Country club.

The body blows were delivered in the form of inferences that the movement toward establishment of this form of government here could, or would, become a political or personal issue.

The meeting was a joint one of the town board, the municipal planning board and the "Finer Carolina" committee, called to disseminate information on the council-manager plan, and to get the ball rolling toward a town vote.

Washed His Hands

Mayor C. N. Page presided, but before it was over had made it plain that he washed his hands of it; the movement had been defined as a controversial issue, and one by one each of the three groups present had become disqualified, or disqualified themselves, as a logical starting-point.

Present were a few persons not belonging to any of the groups, who also took a hand in the goings-on. None of this was the fault of the guest speakers, who made businesslike presentations of how the plan was working in their towns, answered a good many questions and then sat back looking startled as the fireworks began to pop.

The council-manager plan is nothing new. It originated in early version in Staunton, Va., 1908, and was first adopted in 1912. For 28 years it has been a part of the government of many cities and towns.

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