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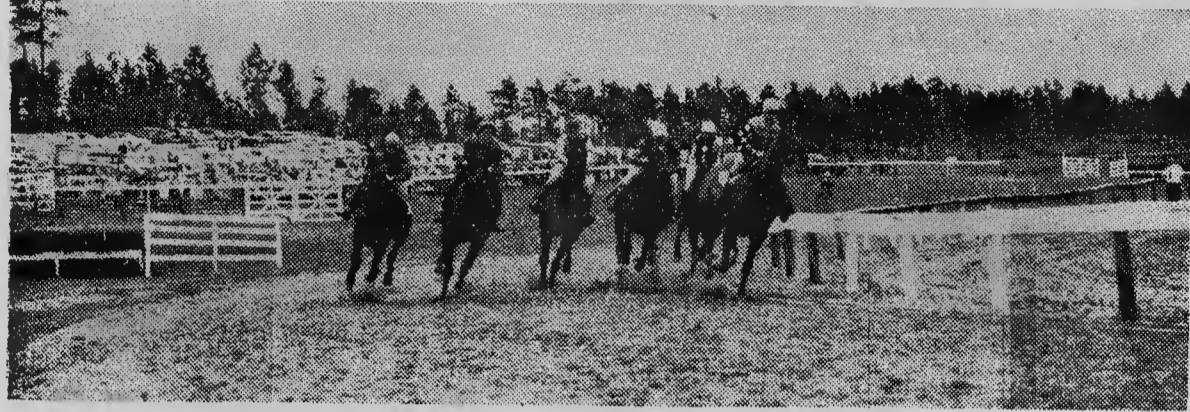
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## One Of Those Thrilling Moments



AT THE RACES—HERE THEY COME!—THERE THEY GO!

## Top-Notch Entries, Riders Race Saturday In Seven-Event Card At Stonybrook Meet

### Baseball Begins; Citizens Boost Season Attendance

The Southern Pines High school's baseball squad opens its spring season today—and at the same time the town goes to bat for the Blue and White.

First game of the 1953 series will be held this afternoon (Friday) at 3:30 o'clock on the High School Memorial field, when the local lads meet West End as opener. The series will include seven home games (see schedule below) and will be climaxed for the first time with a Moore County tournament.

The Citizens Committee of Southern Pines, a group of civic-minded businessmen, organized nine years ago to support worthwhile movements in the town, held a meeting Monday night at the Community Building. Theme of the meeting was, "The kids are good—let's show them our appreciation." Figuring that crowds on the bleachers would be the best encouragement—also the best way for local citizens to enjoy these spring afternoons—they set up a sale of season tickets at \$1 each.

Normal gate charge for a single game is 35 cents. Within two days, about half of the 400 season tickets had been snapped up and no trouble is anticipated in finding buyers for the rest. They are on sale at all local drugstores; also by L. V. O'Callaghan, Sr., Herbert N. Cameron, Virgil Clark, Red Overton, R. G. Wolfe, N. L. Hodgkins, John Buggles, Gene Stevens, H. L. Brown, Lloyd Clark, Chan Page, Cliff Worsham, Harry Menzel, and June Phillips.

Cocher Irie Leonard reports a good week of pre-game practice despite some rain, and what looks like a good squad shaping up. About 25 boys are out, including a number of lettermen, and some promising prospects among freshmen and sophomores, and newcomers to the school.

Full schedule was announced as follows: March 20, West End at Southern Pines; 25, Vass at Vass. March 25-April 1, spring holidays. April 3, Aberdeen here; 8, West End here; 10, Pinehurst here; 15, Raeford here; 17, Robbins here; 21, Pinehurst there; 22, Aberdeen here; 29, Town All-Stars here.

May 1, Red Springs there; 5, Robbins there; 6, Vass here; 8, open; 11-16, Moore County tournament. Lettermen: George Morrison, David Page, David Bailey, James Matthews, Tommy Ruggles, Bill Huntley, David Woodruff, Ronald Luketz, Jerry Daeke, Harold McNeill.

### IN THE PINK

The blossoming peach orchards are expected to reach the "pink of perfection" this week. This springtime sight is one of the loveliest the Sandhills offer, and hundreds of visitors drive long distances to see it.

A trip through the peach-growing areas this weekend should be rewarding. Recommended are the highways from West End to Candor, from Candor to Ellerbe, and county roads of that vicinity.

Little damage was reported from the belated cold snap of two weeks ago. Word from the peach growers is that "it looks like one of the best crops in years."

### Sandhills Basks Again In Glory Of Steeplechase

The mid-south sports spotlight will focus on Southern Pines Saturday at 2 p. m. when the Stonybrook Hunt Racing association opens its sixth annual meeting at Stonybrook Stables, property of M. G. Walsh, on Youngs road.

The diversified program of seven races has attracted entries in all phases of equine sport, and is expected to draw one of the largest crowds ever to attend such an event here.

Local interest is expected to center on the Moore County Pink Coat race, a two-mile timber test for members of the local hunt and horses which have been hunted this season. Memorial trophy will be presented to the winner by Mrs. Audrey Kennedy.

Entries, owners and riders

### Army Wants Hoke Land For Bragg; Harnett Won't Do

Expansion into Hoke county is needed by Fort Bragg for immediate military requirements and long-range plans by the Department of the Army to make this gigantic military reservation one of several big permanent Army posts in the United States.

This was the word given to a Hoke County committee and their Congressmen who had been fighting the expansion into Hoke when they assembled for a conference Tuesday afternoon at XVIII Airborne Corp. Headquarters.

The conference had been called to receive the Army answer on the advisability of expanding north into Harnett county or carrying out original plans for expansion south into Hoke.

Hoke County committeemen, Congressmen and Army men spent the morning flying over the north and south areas in helicopters to get a complete aerial view of the territory in question in Hoke and Harnett counties.

Former Secretary of the Army Kenneth C. Royall, hired by Hoke County citizens for a "reasonable fee," had requested the Army to consider the northern expansion when the Hoke County Committee conferred with the Army in Washington at its second meeting.

Royall was not on hand for today's conference, but the Army had the answer on which direction it preferred—Hoke county.

Plans for expanding Fort Bragg, which have been in the making for six years, now need only approval in Washington before Fort Bragg is linked with Camp Mackall with a corridor that would give Fort Bragg a 40-mile firing range.

Next step will be consideration by the Army Chief of Staff, after which the plans will be reviewed by the Secretary of the Army and go to the Armed Services Committee for final consideration.

T. A. Young, special assistant to the Secretary of the Army, assured a delegation fighting the expansion that a hearing will be called by the Armed Services Committee to get final opinions from citizens of the affected counties if such a hearing is deemed necessary.

Young's comment came after L. J. McNeill, chairman of the Hoke County Citizens Committee, (Continued on Page 8)

in the Moore County Pink Coat are listed as follows: Barometer, Starland Stables, L. P. Tate; Valley G., W. J. Brewster, Earl Hoy; Furnace Run, Vernon G. Cardy, William Tate; Coys Stamp, W. O. Moss, owner up; Temper Red, Charles Stitzer, owner up; Renown, Lakelawn Farms, D. W. Winkelman, Jr.

Visiting followers of the Sport of Kings will find the Yackin Purse an interesting event. This mile-and-a-half hurdle race for maiden jumpers has drawn 11 top-flight nominees. Many of the contenders are already entries in the famous Spring Maiden Hurdle Series, three races to be contested this summer at Belmont Park, Monmouth Park and Saratoga on the major racing circuit.

Heading the lineup in the Yackin Purse are Orestes Kid and Irish Fair, imports from Ireland which will sport the silks of Arthur E. Pew, Jr., of Bryn Mawr, Pa.

Leading owner on the hunt race circuit last year with 14 winners, Pew plans to fly here for Saturday's racing and will be accompanied by Thomas H. McKoy, Jr., treasurer of the Radnor Hunt Race meeting. A winner on the turf at the Rolling Rock meeting in Ligonier, Pa., last fall, Orestes Kid has been schooling well for the local test.

Other nominees for the Yackin Purse are: L. H. Nelles' Ramillon, Starland Stable's Red Roy, M. A. Cushman's Annamax, Mrs. Rea Wingfield's Rewing, W. E. Schlusemeyer's Little Kraut, Mrs. R. G. Wolfe's Lady Roxana, Harry M. Rhett, Jr.'s Princess Bug and Mrs. M. G. Walsh's entry of Erin's Cottage and Sol.

Three of Saturday's races will be run under sanction and four other events will be run for fun and sport. Lady riders will have an opportunity to display their prowess as jockeys in the Pines Purse, a six furlong sprint on the flat. The feminine riders will wear racing silks and some of them are more expert at handling thoroughbreds than their male counterparts in the sanctioned races. Other events will be run for the hardy mule riders and colored children under 16.

First Sanctioned Meet Although this will be the sixth annual meeting, this session will be the first run under the sanction of the National Steeplechase & Hunt association's Hunts committee. This move returns Southern Pines to the once bright spot it held in organized steeplechase. (Continued on page 8)

### Mid-South Horse Show Next Weekend Drawing Top Entries For 25 Classes

With noted horsemen and horses coming from far and wide, and with the demand for parking spaces taxing the ingenuity of the committee in charge, the 1953 Mid-South Horse show set for Saturday and Sunday, March 28 and 29, bids fair to outdistance all predecessors.

Entries for the 25 classes on the two-day card have been pouring in all week, Show Manager Lloyd M. Tate reported Wednesday. They include hunters and jumpers from hunting centers of Virginia and the two Carolinas who will vie for honors with the many northern stables wintering their horses in the Sandhills, and including numerous winners of the National and other famed shows.

The picturesque scene of the annual event, Starland Farms on Midland Road, estate of Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd P. Tate, is being whittled into shape this week. Changes

have been made in both the outside hunter course and in arrangements for showing the ring classes, all with a view to making the event easier to see, judge and enjoy.

Twenty-five classes in addition to the championships will be judged by Farrell Vincent, of Montreal, Canada's senior horse show judge.

The snow will open at 9:30 a. m. Saturday, March 28, with a class for children's hunters. Other classes to be judged Saturday morning are: Lightweight Working Hunters, Three-Year-Old Hunters, Lightweight Confirmation Hunters, Lightweight Green Hunters, Child Riders under 12, Middle and Heavyweight Hunters, and Bridle Path Hacks. The Saturday afternoon program, starting at 2 o'clock, calls (Continued on page 8)

## Pollock Secures Opinion Municipal Election Is Legal

### But Sees Obstacle To Local Adoption of City Manager Plan

In the opinion of the State Attorney General—

The Southern Pines municipal election for adoption of the council-manager plan, set for April 15, has been approached in legal manner, and will be a legal election.

The same thing could be done through amendment of the town charter by the town board, of its own volition or through petition of the people, then submitted to a vote (or passed by special act).

If Plan D as outlined in the General Statutes (council-manager form) is adopted, the candidates may be nominated by caucus just as has been set by law for the mayor-commissioner form of government here.

These opinions were secured by Hoke Pollock from the Attorney General's office in answer to three questions propounded by him last week as town attorney of Southern Pines, on request of Mayor C. N. Page.

The opinions are unclear only in respect to the interpretation placed by Mr. Pollock on the third one. The Attorney General's "may" the town attorney interprets as "must," meaning that a mayor and commissioners must be elected as before, at the town caucus of April 21, regardless of which plan receives the people's vote at the election six days earlier.

Important Differences An important part of Plan D is that the people elect only five members to their council, and these then elect a mayor from their number, who serves as council chairman and has a vote.

However, said Mr. Pollock, a large number of towns and cities having the council-manager form have revised it so that the mayor is elected directly by the people.

His interpretation of the answer is based on the fact that a special act was passed for Southern Pines in 1951 legalizing the town caucus, setting its date and defining the method of nomination. Any number of candidates may be nominated at the caucus for the selection by vote of not more than 10 for mayor, and 10 for commissioner. These are then listed on the regular ballot for the municipal election in May.

Three Questions Mr. Pollock's three questions to the Attorney General:

(a) Under the existing charter of the Town of Southern Pines, may a City Manager form of government be legally adopted in the manner prescribed by Article 21, sub-chapter II, Chapter 160, entitled "Municipal Corporations"? (Reference is to the charter-amendment method.)

(b) Under the existing charter of the Town of Southern Pines, may a City Manager form of government be legally adopted in the manner prescribed by Article 23, subchapter II, Chapter 160, entitled "Municipal Corporations"? (Reference is to the charter-amendment method.)

(c) If a City Manager form of government may be legally adopted (Continued on Page 8)

## Carthage Chief Cameron Killed; Six Of Ambush Party Jailed, Two Still At Large As Manhunt Widens

### Dowd, Richardson Are Proclaimed Outlaws By Court

An official and legal outlaw proclamation, rare in the annals of any county, was signed by Superior Court Judge J. A. Rousseau Tuesday and posted by sheriff C. J. McDonald at the courthouse.

It makes the fugitives involved in the slaying of Chief Bernice M. Cameron subject to capture or, in case of resistance, to killing by any citizen.

Attention is called to the fact that the proclamation does not say "Shoot on sight," but requires a warning and call to surrender before this may be done. Otherwise, another murder may be committed.

The proclamation follows: STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA, in the MOORE SUPERIOR COURT

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA vs. J. C. DOWD; WALTER MORRISON, Jr., ALIAS "JUNE BUG" MORRISON; HARRIS RICHARDSON, ALIAS SCOTTY RICHARDSON, ALIAS SCOTTY HARRIS, ALIAS SCOTTY MORRISON, ET AL.

### PROCLAMATION

To (names listed above): You and each of you are hereby required forthwith to surrender yourselves; and the Sheriff of Moore County, and the Sheriff of any other county in the State of North Carolina, are hereby required to take such power with them as they shall think fit and necessary for the going in search and pursuit and effectually apprehending the said (names listed above), Fugitives from Justice.

And if you, the said (names listed above) continue to stay out, lurk and conceal yourselves, and do not immediately surrender yourselves, any citizen of the State of North Carolina may capture, arrest and bring you to justice, and in case of flight or resistance by you, after being called on and warned to surrender, may slay you without accusation or impeachment of any crime.

Done this 16th day of March, 1953, at Rockingham, N. C. (Signed) J. A. ROUSSEAU Judge Presiding and Holding the Courts of the 13th Judicial District.

### Appeal Is Issued To Let Justice Take Its Course

Following the posting of the proclamation, the following letter to all citizens of Moore county was brought to The Pilot by the Rev. J. D. Ray, a Baptist pastor of West Southern Pines.

The Rev. Mr. Ray, who is employed in the mess of the USAF Air-Ground Operations school, has a long record of public service in the county, and of understanding aid to youth. He has served for the past five years as Moore County chairman of divisional (Negro) Boy Scouts.

His letter follows: To my dear Fellow Citizens of Moore County—a county where I was born 38 years ago, moved away, but returned as a minister serving for the past 12 years; a county where a man, regardless of race, color or creed, has been recognized as a brother; a county where the majority of white and colored, have worked together for the betterment of town, community and people:

I, John David Ray, a minister of the Gospel, feel obligated to state my convictions. Sunday, upon hearing about the ball, basketball and baseball. With action of a group of misguided boys, who thoughtlessly broke one of the ten commandments by kill-

ing Chief Bernice Cameron of kept and some interesting matches are anticipated. (Continued on page 8)



CHIEF CAMERON

### More Than 1,000 Attend Last Rites For Slain Officer

The county courthouse and all other businesses closed for the funeral services for Chief Cameron, held Monday afternoon at White Hill Presbyterian church, 8 miles away near the Lee County line.

More than 1,000 persons attended. Barely one-tenth of them could get into the little church where Mr. Cameron had been a member since childhood. The others massed in the churchyard and on the highway in the bright spring sunshine, hearing what they could of the service through the open doors.

Dozens of State Highway patrolmen from other counties were on hand to direct the traffic.

The service was conducted by the Rev. J. Garrett, pastor, assisted by Dr. W. S. Golden of the Carthage Presbyterian church. Active pallbearers were Mayor Archie L. Barnes, M. T. Stewart, Gene Stewart, Doyle Miller, D. A. Shields and Sgt. Wendell Kelly, SHP ret'd., all of Carthage. Honorary pallbearers included all law enforcement officers of Moore county, including State Highway patrolmen, taking time out from their determined search for the killers to pay homage to their slain friend; county officials, Carthage town commissioners and members of the Joseph C. Henson post, American Legion, of Carthage.

Burial was in the family plot in the church cemetery, beside his father and an infant daughter who died in 1937.

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### Junior Tennis Activity Starts, Plans A-Making

Like the flowers, tennis starts blooming in the spring, and in Southern Pines that means especially among the young people.

With activity under way in the municipal courts now every afternoon and night, Steve Choate, president, this week announced the first meeting of the season for the Junior Sandhills Tennis association—Tuesday at 7:30 p. m. at the school cafeteria. All young people interested in the game are invited.

There will be plenty of business. Officers are to be elected; plans will get under way for the Moore County Schools tournament to be held in May, and cooperation with school authorities in their reinstatement of tennis as an official sport will be officially undertaken.

For the first time in several years, both boys' and girls' teams are being formed as part of the Southern Pines High school's spring athletic program. Tennis will have the same standing, even to the award of letters, as football, basketball and baseball. With action of a group of misguided boys, who thoughtlessly broke one of the ten commandments by kill-

### Mourning Officers And Citizens Seek Fugitive Slayers

The wanton murder of Carthage Police Chief Bernice M. (Bunn) Cameron by a shotgun blast, while he was in pursuit of his duty early Sunday morning, shocked Moore county as has no other event within many years.

Shock followed shock as the peaceful countryside almost immediately became the site of a determined manhunt which continued through the week.

The hunt for Negro youths in the party of eight which had ambushed the well-loved Chief enlisted the most resolute efforts of practically every law enforcement officer in the county; bloodhounds from the county prison camp and some brought in from elsewhere and 50 citizens deputized by Sheriff C. J. McDonald.

One, then two, then three more of the fugitives were apprehended, until Thursday morning only two remained at large: J. C. Dowd, 23, of Carthage, believed to have been the ringleader, and Harris (Scotty) Richardson, also of Carthage—declared outlaws by public proclamation.

After the proclamation was posted Tuesday, Walter (Junebug) Morrison, Jr., also named as an outlaw, surrendered to a Lee County patrolman Wednesday night at Sanford. The hunt went on for Dowd and Richardson.

Already in the Moore County jail, undergoing periodic questioning, were James Brooks, who was taken by officers Sunday after deserting the fugitive gang; James Worthy and James McLaughlin, who were caught near West End Sunday afternoon; Rus (Continued on Page 8)

### Aberdeen Girls Are Champions In State Tourney

The Aberdeen girls' team, long rated as one of the finest in the state, Wednesday night for the first time copped the championship of the State Girls Invitational Tournament sponsored by its own school.

A crowd which filled the Aberdeen gym to its thundering rafters watched the home town lassies come up from behind time after time, thanks largely to the brilliant basketwork of Lorraine Morgan.

Going down to defeat by a score of 59-54 was the Lincolnton team, winner of the tournament in its first two years, 1950 and 1951, when it was held in Southern Pines with the local school as joint sponsor.

Of Aberdeen's 59 points, 44 were scored by Lorraine Morgan, always a first-rate player but Wednesday night outdoing herself. Consolation tournament of semi-finals runners-up saw the belles from Bethel, 1952 tournament winner, score a 53-43 victory over Trinity.

Ruth Douglas Currie of Carthage was named the tournament beauty queen over a field of 10 charming lassies. She presented all the tournament trophies following the finals.

Each participating team was entitled to enter a beauty queen candidate. Aberdeen's entry was Gladys Matthews.

The All-Tournament team selected after the game included Lorraine Morgan, forward, Peggy Davis and Jane Peele, guards, of the Aberdeen sextet.

Lineup for finals: Aberdeen 59 Lincolnton 54 F—G. Matthews 1 ..... Dysart 7 F—Morgan 44 ..... Smith 7 F—Riley 6 ..... Hoover 40 G—Davis ..... Elmore G—Troutman ..... Mace G—Peele ..... Leathman Substitutions: Aberdeen—Myrick 8, Dunn, F. Matthews. Lincolnton—Aderolt, Michaels. Halftime score: Aberdeen 30; Lincolnton 29.