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Nearly 700 Come For Garden Tour. Largest In History

Visitors From All Over Throng Homes And Gardens

Nearly 700 garden lovers poured into this town Wednesday to make the 1953 Homes and Garden Tour the best in its four-year history.

With the affair sponsored and managed by the Southern Pines Garden club, of which Mrs. James S. Milliken is president, the tour was in the hands of Mrs. B. F. Kraffert, Jr., chairman, assisted by all members of the club, most of whom acted as hostesses during the day.

Evidence of the importance the affair has come to have in garden circles was shown in the presence of State News Bureau personnel here for the first time to cover the event. Miss Miriam Rabb and Gus Martin, photographer, of the Bureau, and Glen Hazen of Tele-News, were on hand to give coverage in the press and on the television screen.

The visitors came from all over the state, as well as beyond its borders, to stroll among the blossoming azaleas and dogwoods now at their height of beauty. For many it was a "repeat" experience, a source of special satisfaction to garden club members.

"That pleases us more than anything else," Mrs. Milliken said. "It is so good to know that people enjoy it so much they want to come back." Some, from Charlotte, were here for the third time, they said.

Shaw House Headquarters

The tour started from the Shaw House, where tickets were purchased from Mrs. Milliken and Mrs. N. L. Hodgkins, seated at a table under the trees.

Starting with the white clapboard cottage of Miss Mildred Hatfield on Morganton road, the accent of informality set the tone of this year's event. Here there was much color in the plantings of azaleas, closely surrounding the patch of green lawn. Inside, old pine paneling made a dusky contrast to soft deep blue trim and draperies. The glint of Staffordshire caught the eye.

From there the line of march followed the old road to the J. R. Marsh home. Here the wild garden was the attraction, with the house a close second as visiting ladies exclaimed longingly over the innumerable gadgets, racks

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Mayor Lockey, All Incumbents Are Renominated

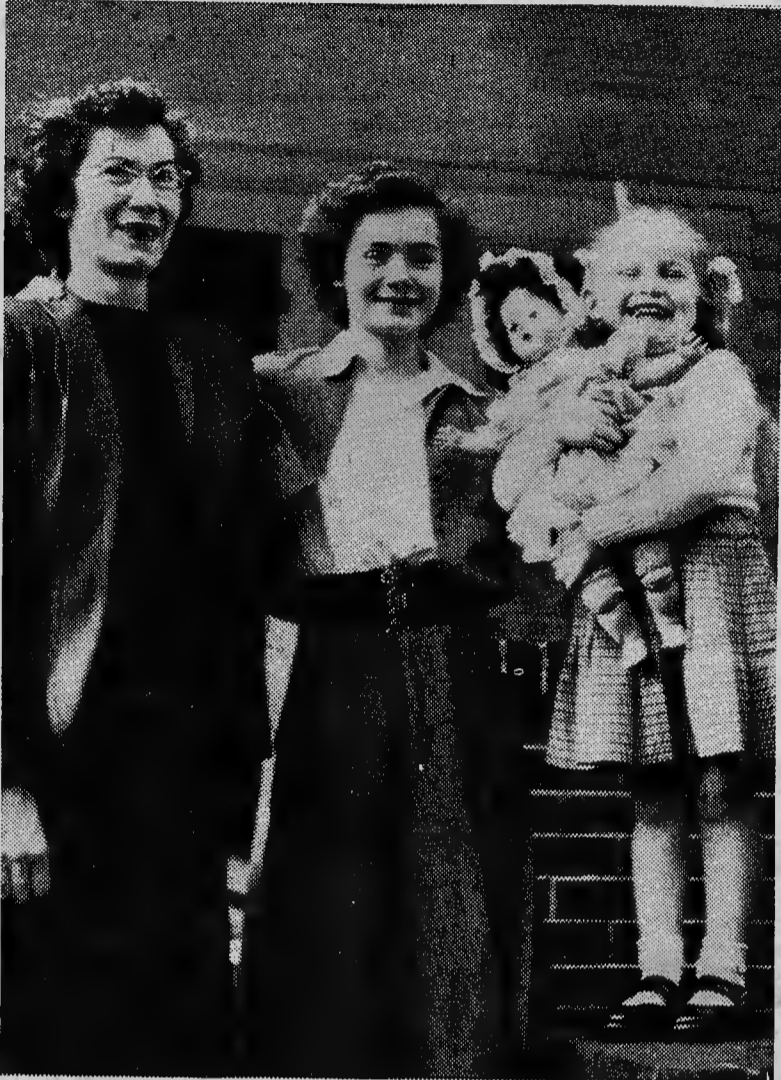
Citizens of Aberdeen in biennial caucus Tuesday night renominated their Mayor, Forrest Lockey, for a seventh term; renominated also their entire five-man board of town commissioners, and, for good measure, three alternates in case any of the incumbents decides not to run.

Nominated for reelection to the board were J. B. Edwards, Dr. E. M. Medlin, M. B. Pleasants, N. A. Pleasants and A. J. (Jack) Smith. Nominees in case any of these drop out of the race by the April 27 deadline are L. C. Lawhon, W. S. Taylor and Ferrell H. Brown.

Additional candidates may also file before the April 27 deadline. Mayor Lockey, who was elected to the board in 1939 and first elected Mayor in 1941, reviewed the town accomplishments for the two-year period now ending, and highlighted some of its problems, naming the biggest of these that of enlarging the water supply. He stated that an engineering survey and consultations with the State Board of Health and Local Government Commission have indicated that the answer would be a treatment plant, with 1,000,000-gallon daily capacity, to cost approximately \$180,000. This would entail a special election and bond issue, which, said Mayor Lockey, the town officials hope can be accomplished without a raise in taxes.

J. D. Arey, Jr., served as caucus chairman. Mrs. Evelyn Pleasants, town clerk, read a report on the town's financial condition. Attendance at the meeting was small.

Headlines Bring Hope



Mrs. Bradford, with Gail and "Tinkie"—and the Christmas doll, all dressed for when "daddy comes home." (Pilot Staff Photo)

Negotiations For Prisoner Exchange Arouse High Hopes of Bradford Family

Hope is filling a Southern Pines home with an anticipation that cannot be stemmed today.

Every morning Mrs. Henry Bradford gets up early to listen to the news—every night she sits up late to listen some more. In between, she scans the headlines on every newspaper.

Through the house rings the cry of her four-year-old, "Tinkie"—"My daddy's coming home" And

her other child, Gail, a poised and gentle 13, smiles to herself in hope.

The opening of negotiations for the prisoner exchange with the Chinese communists in Korea, even though only the sick and wounded are being talked of now, and the delays continue to drag on, has filled them with the feeling—hardly daring to call it hope—that Cpl. Henry Bradford will soon be home, and the long waiting over.

Thanksgiving Letter

A letter came from him Wednesday, written last Thanksgiving day—one of a thin trickle of brief penciled messages which have kept the ir hopes alive, since the first one came in January 1952. This is the first in about two months. "Maybe I will be seeing you soon, but I'm afraid not this year. . . Give my regards to the folks at church, maybe soon I will see them again. . . By the time you get this letter you'll be working in the garden—I certainly would enjoy working in it! Kiss the kids for me."

Corporal Bradford has been a prisoner of war since July 1950, captured within a week of his landing when the Korean war was hardly three weeks old. Since then season after season has rolled by. Hope sprang up in his home here when his name was read on the first prisoner list released by the communists in December 1951. The letters—giving

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FIREMEN'S BALL

An event which has been red-letter in the town's history for 20 years is coming up Tuesday night, and the whole town will turn out to have fun and to honor the firemen.

The event is the annual Firemen's Ball, staged by the Southern Pines Volunteer Fire department for the benefit of the Firemen's Fund.

It will be held at the Southern Pines Country club from 9 till 1—admission by couples only. Bob Smith and his Orchestra will provide the music.

Dr. Hollister Is Reelected To Head Music Association

Dr. William F. Hollister was re-elected president of the Sandhills Music Association at the annual meeting of the organization Thursday evening at the Library.

Also re-elected as directors were Mr. and Mrs. Bill Benson, Mrs. Ralph Chandler, Mrs. W. F. Hollister, Mr. and Mrs. Voit Gilmore, Mrs. N. L. Hodgkins, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Howerton, Mr. and Mrs. Bert Premo, Mrs. James Boyd, E. C. Stevens, Charles W. Picquet, Mrs. Paul Barnum, Mrs. Hoke Pollock, Dr. and Mrs. Fred Langner and Mrs. John Dundas, all of Southern Pines, and Dr. Dwight Nettleton, Mrs. Stuart Cutler and Mrs. Adam Craig of Pinehurst, Mrs. Henry Page Jr. and Lawrence Johnson of Aberdeen, Miss Rozelle Williamson and Mrs. Colin Spencer Jr., of Carthage, and Dr. William M. Peck of McCain.

Newly elected to the board are Mrs. I. C. Sledge, Miss Sara Wilson and Mrs. Roscoe Prince of Pinehurst, and Mrs. W. D. Sabiston of Carthage.

Officers elected to serve for this coming year are, besides Dr. Hollister, Mrs. William Wood, secretary, and Dr. Bruce Warlick, treasurer. Mr. Gilmore and Mr. Premo agreed to serve again as

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Mills Renominated In Pinebluff Meet

Mayor E. H. Mills was renominated without opposition at Pinebluff's town caucus held last Friday night at the town hall. Nominated for the three-man board of commissioners were Gordon Keith, incumbent, Harold Payson and Cad Benedict.

Clay Parker and Harvey Lathan, incumbents, declined to be candidates again. David Packard and I. L. Meador, also nominated, declined to accept.

Additional candidates may file with the town clerk, Mrs. Adelaide Schnell, before April 25.

Before the opening of nominations at the meeting, Mayor Mills reviewed the financial condition of the Town of Pinebluff, noting an increase in taxes collected, from \$7,042 in 1949-50 to \$12,404 in 1952-53. He cited a number of heavy expenditures of recent years, including a new fire truck, and went on to say that "the future is much brighter from a financial outlook."

Eight Glee Clubs In County Contest For Picquet Cup

Public Invited To Kiwanis Event At Auditorium

Eight high school glee clubs, possibly more, will compete in the annual Moore County singing contest, to be held at Weaver auditorium at 7:30 Wednesday night for the award of the C. W. Picquet cup.

The largest contest in the eight-year history of the event, it is being moved to the auditorium and thrown open to the public by its sponsors, the Sandhills Kiwanis club. There will be no admission charge.

The trophy was established by Mr. Picquet, theatre owner of Southern Pines and Pinehurst, in 1946. Several years ago sponsorship was undertaken by the Sandhills Kiwanis, of which Mr. Picquet is a longtime member. As the Moore County High School Glee Club contest, it has been an annual program feature of the club in April. This is the first time it is being held as an evening event, for the public.

Norris L. Hodgkins, Jr., chairman, said Wednesday acceptances had been received from eight of the county's 10 high schools, and that 100 per cent participation is hoped for. Usually, only three high schools have competed, though once there were four, and last year there were five.

The first contest, in 1946, was won by the Southern Pines High School Glee club, as was also that of 1947. Pinehurst has been the winner four times—in 1948, 1949, 1951 and 1952. Its third-time win in 1951 retired the Picquet cup and a new one had to be provided.

Aberdeen was the winner in 1950, only a few weeks after their beloved young director, Bobby Whitesides, was killed in an automobile accident, and the direction was taken over by J. E. Swanton.

Each glee club will sing not more than three numbers, of their own choice. Musicianship, balance of voices, program content and appearance will all be determining factors in the judging.

Neighbors Aid Stricken Family; Appeal Is Issued

Good neighbors went into action in the Needham Church community, Robbins Rt. 2, over the Easter weekend, when 47 people gathered to start building a new house.

The home is for the Ralph Williams family—father, mother and six children—whose dwelling and all belongings were completely burned up Thursday afternoon.

The welfare department got together an outfit of clothing for each school-age child, so their school attendance would not be interrupted, but they need practically everything.

The Red Cross chapter house is opening its facilities to receive donations. Besides the youthful parents, there are four boys, aged 12, nine, seven and five; and two little girls, one two years old, one nine months.

Clothing, furnishings for the new home, which will soon be completed; kitchen utensils, bedding—anything, everything, will be appreciated and used.

WINS, LOSSES

The Southern Pines High school baseball team won one and lost one this week—the loss being its first in the initial four games of the spring series.

Playing Aberdeen last Friday, the local lads defeated Aberdeen 11-6, with David Page as winning pitcher. Two home runs, first of the season, were scored by Jimmy Barber and Donald Van Benschoten.

Wednesday afternoon the local team lost to West End, there, by a narrow 8-7 score. Outfitting the other teams all the way, they lost through a succession of errors. David Bailey was on the mound.

People Will Vote On "Plan D" Wednesday In Southern Pines

Citizens of Southern Pines will go to the polls Wednesday to vote on whether to adopt the council-manager form of city government, or retain the present form, a modification of the mayor-commission.

Voting will be at the fire-house from 6:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. Mrs. Grace Kaylor, registrar, will be in charge of the books, with Joe Garzik and N. L. Hodgkins, Jr., as judges.

Unusual interest in the election was shown by the addition of 171 new names to the books during the seven-day registration which ended last Friday. While lackadaisical at first, the registration became extremely active during the final two days, Mrs. Kaylor said. The total of names now on the books is 1,217.

The form of government to be voted on is the statutory Plan D, so-called because the N. C. General Statutes present four general plans for municipal government, known as Plan A (mayor and council elected at large); Plan B (mayor elected at large, council by districts); Plan C (mayor-commission) and Plan D (council-manager).

Plan D, as outlined in a good many pages in the General Statutes, too lengthy for presentation here, is that by which the people elect a five-man council, which then hires a city manager to operate the business of the town.

The council sets policy; the city manager operates with full authority within its framework, and is responsible to the council, while the council is responsible to the people, for the efficient running of the town's affairs.

Under the statutory form, no one is elected mayor, as the council elects one of its number to serve as its chairman and titular head of the town. Many towns have seen fit to modify this provision so that a mayor is elected, as are the councilmen.

Members of the council have no power outside of meetings with a quorum present, and all business is conducted in open meeting.

Provisions of the original town charter, town ordinances, etc., are not affected by the change except in the administrative procedure, according to the General Statutes.

Once adopted, the simplified form may be modified to suit needs of the community as required, or desired, by vote of the people or by a special act.

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Four Events Will Benefit Palsy Fund

An exhibition by Paul Hahn, world famed trick-shot golfer, will be held at the Mid Pines club at 5 p. m. Sunday as the Mid Pines' participation in the Weathervane events for the United Cerebral Palsy Fund. Miss Jeanne Cosgrove and Tom O'Neil of Golf World will be in charge of the exhibition, proceeds of which will go in their entirety to the United Cerebral Palsy Fund.

This is one of four events scheduled at local golf clubs, according to Bob Harlow of Golf World, Pinehurst, national director of club participation for the Fund. Incidental expenses of all the events are paid by Alvin Handmacher of New York City, originator of the famed Weathervane cross-country tournaments. The clubs lend their facilities and personnel; the golfers pay modest amounts to take part; the victims of cerebral palsy benefit.

Elsewhere on this page is the story of the tournaments to be held at the Southern Pines Country club Saturday and Sunday.

The Pine Needles is scheduling a blind-bogey tournament for Sunday, April 19.

At the Pinehurst Country club a painting of the Cathedral Hole by W. U. Stephenson, famed golfer-artist, is on display, and bids will be accepted throughout the month of April. Donated by the artist, the painting will go to the highest bidder.

Editors' Letters From NC Cities Give Full Story

The Pilot this week presents one of the most unusual informational features on a civic matter it has ever been privileged to carry.

In an effort to get an all-round and objective viewpoint on the council-manager plan of municipal government, on which the people of Southern Pines will vote Wednesday, Mrs. James Boyd, editor of The Pilot, wrote to other editors, asking questions.

She wrote to the editors of newspapers in towns having the council-manager plan, asking them if it had been good for the community from (1) the tax angle; (2) civic improvements; (3) politics and (4) general efficiency; also if Plan D as set up in the General Statutes had been the form adopted, or if the change was made through charter amendment, or how.

Unbiased She felt the newspaper people were the ones most apt to give a fully unbiased view, also to know well their community background and problems, and to judge on the evidence alone.

Through Wednesday of this week, 27 letters had arrived. These had to be scattered through the paper as space could be found, filling in without any picking and choosing, and may be seen on Pages 2, 3 and 11, also the third page of the second section (un-numbered).

While no one letter tells it all, in sum they present just about every angle of the question.

Taken all together, they comprise a pretty full education on the council-manager plan, and no one reading them carefully could ever be called uninformed.

Plan D

Few of the letters answered all the questions, only about half telling what plan they adopted and how. Of these, however, it is worth noting that Dunn, Sanford, Lumberton, Washington and Charlotte editors say their towns adopted Plan D; that Gastonia adopted Plan D, though a vote recently restored the ward system; that Greenville adopted "the pure statutory form" which will go into effect May 5, with no modifications to be made for two years; that Winston-Salem adopted the plan through charter amendment, and two years later went to the

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Weathervane Tournaments At Country Club

Weathervane Club Golf Tournaments for the benefit of United Cerebral Palsy will be held at the Southern Pines Country club Saturday and Sunday, Phil Martignetti, club pro, announced this week.

The tourneys are open to all club members and guests, both men and women. Two silver trophies, one for men and one for the ladies, which have been donated by Alvin Handmacher, of New York City, will be offered as prizes. The number and types of tourneys, hours of play, and so forth, will be determined as soon as an estimate can be made of the number of participants, Mr. Martignetti states.

Minimum entrance fee will be \$1, but participants may give any amount above this, with the assurance that all proceeds will go to United Cerebral Palsy for aiding crippled children.

Bob Harlow of Pinehurst, well known throughout the golfing world, is this year's national manager for the Weathervane Tournaments, and he is collaborating closely with Phil Martignetti to make the event at Southern Pines an outstanding success. Mr. Martignetti, on his part, expressed hopes that the many golfers now enjoying the Sandhills courses will enter the tournaments this weekend and help the cause along.