



NO LONGER OUTLAWS, the last of the eight men charged with the murder of Chief Bunn Cameron are locked up in Moore county jail. From left are shown Sheriff C. J. McDonald, "Junebug" Morrison, "Scotty" Harris and

J. C. Dowd, Jr. Dowd and Harris were brought back to Moore county from West Virginia by McDonald and McCallum Saturday night. (Pilot Staff Photo)

Schoolkids Will Hear Symphony Concert Tuesday

Children of the Southern Pines schools, with those of Aberdeen and Pinehurst as their invited guests, will hear a free program of music by the N. C. Symphony orchestra at Weaver auditorium Tuesday at 2 p. m.

Children of other schools will be admitted up to the capacity of the auditorium, if their transportation can be arranged. The concert is sponsored by the Sandhills Music association, in conjunction with that to be given at the auditorium Monday evening, April 27, as part of the association's 1952-53 series. Usually the schoolchildren's free concert and the evening concert are held on the same date. This time, on account of a conflict in engagements, the orchestra will come twice to Southern Pines so that the children will not miss their treat. Dr. Benjamin Swalin will direct both concerts. Tickets for the April 27 concert are available at the Barnum Realty office.

As is its custom, the orchestra has sent out advance material for the schoolchildren to study in connection with the concert, so they will enjoy it to the fullest, with informed appreciation of what goes on on the stage. The program for the youngsters' concert will include the following: Semper Fidelis March, by John Philip Sousa; Prayer, from Humperdinck's Hansel and Gretel; Military Symphony, by Haydn; Wedding Day at Troldhaugen, by Grieg; Entrance of the Little Fauns, by Piere; Flight of the Bumblebee, by Rimsky-Korsakoff; The School Bus, by Hemmer, and Espana, by Chabrier. The children will join the orchestra in singing Haydn's The Emperor's Hymn; an American folksong, "Shanghai Chicken"; and "My Darling Clementine," by Montrose.

Officer Baker Resigns From Police Force

The resignation of Edward R. Baker from the Southern Pines police department was announced this week by Chief C. E. Newton. Officer Baker resigned last week from the department, of which he had been a member since September 1948. He did not disclose his plans other than to say he was leaving law enforcement work.

He is a native of South Carolina who grew up in Pinebluff and graduated from Aberdeen High school. He married Miss Juanita Kirk, of the Roseland community, and they have one child, Linda, two and a half. Mr. Baker is a veteran of three years' service with the U.S. Navy. He came to the local position shortly after his discharge. The family has been living at 165 East Indiana avenue.

Farflung Search For Outlaws Ends Without Violence; Dowd, Harris Jailed

Two young Negro men who had been declared outlaws were brought back to Moore county Saturday night by Sheriff C. J. McDonald and County ABC Officer C. A. McCallum.

The officers went to West Virginia to get one of the wanted men, and returned with both. This completed the roster of eight now in Moore county jail charged with the murder of Carthage Chief Bunn Cameron Sunday, March 15, with two more in jail, two out on bond, charged with accessory after the fact of murder.

The last two, J. C. Dowd and "Scotty" Harris, also known as "Scotty" Richards, were the objects of the most widespread man-

hunt ever to originate in Moore county, covering all the Sandhills area and stretching into many states.

While leads were being followed in Moore and other places during the past four weeks, Sheriff McDonald had secured a list of every known relative of the two men, and had written to the sheriff of every county, or the police chief of every town, where these relatives were known to be living. He sent each one a "Wanted" poster with the men's pictures on it.

One of these letters reached Sheriff Paul Goode of Wyoming county, West Virginia, and through it the long search was ended.

At Uncle's Home

Harris has an uncle living in the small country village of Sabine, in Wyoming county. It was to this uncle's home that the fugitives had made their way, after they had eluded officers who were close on their trail at Star. The uncle, who did not know they were in trouble, let them stay at his home while they hunted jobs.

It was there that Harris, making no denial of his identity, was apprehended by a deputy sheriff last Wednesday. Dowd, out back of the house, heard the deputy's voice and slipped away, "hid out" for a couple of days, then was arrested Saturday morning as he stepped off a bus at Princeton, W. Va.

Maintaining a fictitious identity as "Floyd Edward Cox," for which he had secured a Social Security card in Beckwith, W. Va., Dowd was driven by deputies back to the county seat of Pineville. On the way they passed a car with a North Carolina license. It contained the Moore County officers on their way to get Harris. "There's Sheriff McDonald and Mr. McCallum from Carthage," Dowd remarked to his captors. "If you know who they are, you must be the man we want," they said. Dowd then admitted, "Yes, I am."

He said later he "knew it was all over" when he saw the officers from "home."

Without Violence

Sheriff McDonald and some of the others who assisted in the hunt—which included practically every law enforcement officer, town and county, in Moore, also the state highway patrolmen—said this week that the best thing about the arrests was that they were accomplished without any additional bloodshed. The crucial plight of the men, their former free use of firearms and the baneful use of outlaws had led to the belief that a fight to the death might ensue.

On the contrary, said the Sheriff. (Continued on page 13)

Carthage Group Wins Picquet Cup In Choral Contest

Five High School Glee Clubs Heard In Kiwanis Event

The Carthage High School glee club, singing with spirit, feeling and fine tonal qualities, won the Picquet Cup in the eighth annual Moore County Glee Club contest, held Wednesday evening at Weaver auditorium.

The audience applauded warmly, and the 40 talented boys and girls from the county seat broke into gleeful shouts at their first-time win, as their slim, attractive Mr. Laverne Tomack, stepped forward to receive the handsome trophy. L. B. Creath, president of the sponsoring Sandhills Kiwanis club, made the presentation.

Announcing the choice was the lone judge, Miss Sarah Holroyd, director of music of Woman's college, Greensboro. Miss Holroyd highly praised the singing of all the five participating groups, which she described as "well above average." She had only one criticism to make, which she in varying measure to all—faulty diction, with emphasis on vowel sounds.

First Public Contest

Taking part in the competition were glee clubs from Vass-Lakeview, Carthage, Aberdeen, Southern Pines and Pinehurst high schools, in that order. It was the first time it had been held as a public event, in the evening. In former years it has been held as a Sandhills Kiwanis luncheon program.

The auditorium was well filled with some 200 glee club members and 400 or more other listeners, including Kiwanians and their wives.

Norris L. Hodgkins, Jr., was chairman for the event, and T. Roy Phillips, program chairman, presided.

Mrs. Picquet Present

Mr. Phillips read a letter from Charles W. Picquet, Southern Pines theatre owner, who founded the trophy in 1946, in which Mr. Picquet expressed his regrets at being unable to attend. He said, however, that Mrs. Picquet, "as interested in music and the growth of the contest as I am," was present as his representative.

There were no printed programs. The directors announced the numbers as they were sung.

The winning club presented as its three selections a patriotic number, "Born To Be Free"; a hymn, "Hear My Prayer," and a spiritual, "Sit Down Servant." In the last, Bill Sabiston and Bill Flinchum were soloists. The Carthage Glee club, a comparatively young group, has entered the contest only once before. Mrs. Womack has been its director only (Continued on page 8)

Mystery Victim Sought In Wreck Of Stolen Car

Members of the sheriff's department are looking for a car thief who received injuries, perhaps serious ones, in a wreck sometime Tuesday night, but who managed to make his ensuing disappearance complete.

A 1950 Dodge sedan belonging to Corbett Alexander, of Pinehurst, was stolen sometime Tuesday night and found the next morning in a totally demolished condition.

The car, traveling along the Pinehurst-Airport road, had overturned "at least three times," officers said, between the Meyer and Tate farms. It tore up the ground, mowed down several small trees and landed on its top, nothing better than a pile of junk.

A small amount of blood was found on one of the doors. Deputy Sheriff A. F. Dees, assigned to the case by Sheriff McDonald and assisted by an SBI special agent, traced footprints from there through the woods to the highway about three-quarters of a mile away. There, they assumed, he may have been given a ride.

A check of all doctors and hospitals in the county has revealed no patient fitting the circumstances of the case.

People Approve Council-Manager Form Of Municipal Government By Vote Of More Than Two to One

Most Incumbents Would Serve Again; Mayor Stands Pat

Not one member of the incumbent town board, excepting only the Mayor, expressed himself following Wednesday's election as declining to serve again.

Two, L. V. O'Callaghan and L. T. Clark, said they had not yet made up their minds.

C. S. Patch, Jr., H. L. Brown and W. E. Blue said definitely that they will be glad to continue service if the people want them, and Commissioner Patch stated that, if a race for mayor is to be held, he definitely wants to declare for that office. He has served on the board for the past four years.

Mayor Page reiterated his intention, expressed several times in the past two years, of retiring from town government at this time, the conclusion of his eighth year of service. He has been commissioner for one term, and mayor for three.

Commissioner Clark, who led the fight for the council-manager plan almost single-handed, while other members of the governing body either opposed it or "sat on their hands," said he felt he had accomplished his main mission, and should get out.

He said, "It is time now for others to take over. I have no wish for further public office." He added, though, "Before I commit myself, I want to make sure there will be candidates from among those who favored the council-manager plan from the start, and worked to achieve it. This is almost an essential if it is to work as it should."

Mayor Page repeated his view that the council-manager plan is a good form of government and "I have never been against it, only against the manner in which it was done. I hate to see things rushed along."

Commissioner Patch said in addition for the council-manager plan, that it has many excellent points and that its adoption represents a real challenge to the coming administration, to make it as effective as possible.

Mr. Brown said, "I have served on the best of my ability under the old form, and will do the same under the new if elected."

Mr. Blue expressed thanks to those who had put him in office, adding, "I want them to know I appreciate their confidence."

Both men, also Mr. Clark, went on the board during 1949 to fill out unexpired terms of members who had resigned. They were subsequently elected in 1951.

Whether or not the sizeable vote for the plan represents the people's wish for a complete, or only partial, change, local political observers had not been able to determine so soon. Several names of citizens who have not hitherto held municipal office were being suggested Thursday, as good potential members of the new council.

No neophyte, however, had given voice to his intention to become a candidate, that The Pilot could find out.

Concerning these and other questions of immediate public concern, the caucus to be held Tuesday night should furnish some answers.

FLOWER DISPLAY

Spring has come indoors this week at the Southern Pines library, where the Southern Pines Garden club is presenting an exhibit of flower arrangements.

Garden flowers, blooming shrubs and bulbs of all sorts are being shown in a colorful and charming display. This is the second season such an exhibit has been offered by the club.



W. D. CAMPBELL

High Honors Paid To Bill Campbell At Regional Event

Every scout and scouter in Region Six should get down on his knees and thank God Almighty for having a man like Bill Campbell to scout.

This was the tribute paid to Bill Campbell of Southern Pines last Friday night by Smith Richardson of Greensboro, on the occasion of Bill's reelection for a third term as chairman of the four-state Region Six, Boy Scouts of America.

The election took place at the annual regional meeting and banquet at Atlanta, Ga., attended by outstanding leaders in scouting from all over the nation.

The tribute of Mr. Richardson, his immediate predecessor in the office of regional chairman, was just one among many paid to the Southern Pines man, who started a dedicated existence—dedicated to Boy Scouting—five or six years ago.

An event of the meeting was the award of the Lorillard-Spencer trophy for the region rated as tops in the nation, won this year by Region Six and received by Chairman Campbell on behalf of the region.

Pill spoke sincerely in appreciation, claiming little credit for himself, lauding his co-workers and outlining the challenge of the future.

More District scouters accompanying him to the meeting were "J. D. Ives, Pinebluff, and Jimmy Wilson, Southern Pines, district executive.

PROMOTED

Major S. M. Parshley, who is stationed at Fort Bragg and lives in Southern Pines, was promoted to that rank on captain last Friday. The previous day he received orders to leave for duty in Bremerhaven, Germany, the first of August. If tentative plans held, Major Parshley will be joined in Germany next fall by his wife and their son Richard.

Library Will Seek New Members In Campaign To Be Held Next Week

A drive for new members will be put on by the Southern Pines Library Association, it was announced this week by the new president, George H. Leonard.

Mr. Leonard said the date set for the start of the drive was April 20 and plans called for winding it up within ten days. Former members, whose memberships have been allowed to lapse during the past few years, will be contacted by mail, while members of the association, with Mrs. Reid Healy as chairman, will man a table at the library to sign up new members.

Plans for the drive were made at a trustees meeting held at the library Friday. Present were Mrs. Healy, Mrs. James Boyd, Louis Bowman, treasurer of the association, Thomas Darst, newly elected trustee, and Mr. Leonard. Mr. Leonard described the state

Caucus Tuesday Will Pave Way With Nominations

Southern Pines voters resoundingly approved the adoption of the council-manager form of municipal government by a better than two-to-one vote in Wednesday's special election.

A total of 730 persons, out of a registration of 1,217, trooped to the polls to vote as follows: for the statutory form, "Plan D," of city government, 469; for retention of the present form, 228. Some of the ballots were defaced or incorrectly marked, and had to be thrown out.

Adoption of the new form will be effective at the municipal election to be held Tuesday, May 5.

Registration for the biennial election will start Saturday and continue through the next Saturday, April 25. The books will be open at the fire station on both Saturdays from 9 a. m. to 9 p. m., and on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday from 9 a. m. to 5 p. m. Mrs. Grace Kaylor, registrar, will be in charge.

The town caucus, for the purpose of nomination of candidates, will be held Tuesday at 8 p. m. at Weaver auditorium. All townspeople may attend the caucus, nominate and vote.

As to the nomination procedure to be followed, in view of the imminent change of municipal government, The Pilot has no exact information at this time. It is expected, however, that authoritative information will be available by the time the caucus is held.

The caucus, a heritage from Southern Pines' New England-born founders, legalized by special act in 1949, serves another useful purpose. It is traditionally an occasion for any and all to speak their minds on matters of civic interest.

In view of the interest aroused by this week's election, and the many and varied opinions freely expressed on both sides, it is anticipated that there will be a good many people who have things to say.

Some views on potential modifications of "Plan D" will likely be expressed, such as whether or not they wish to have provision made to elect a mayor. A number of towns adopting the council-manager form have modified it in this fashion.

Other municipalities, however, have retained the "Plan D" provision for election only of a five-man council, which then elects its own chairman, or mayor, from its membership. This is the procedure well-known in county government, in which the five county commissioners are elected, then choose their chairman.

Various modifications of the plan may be made, to suit special conditions in the municipality. These may be effected by special act when the General Assembly is in session, or by vote of the people at any time.