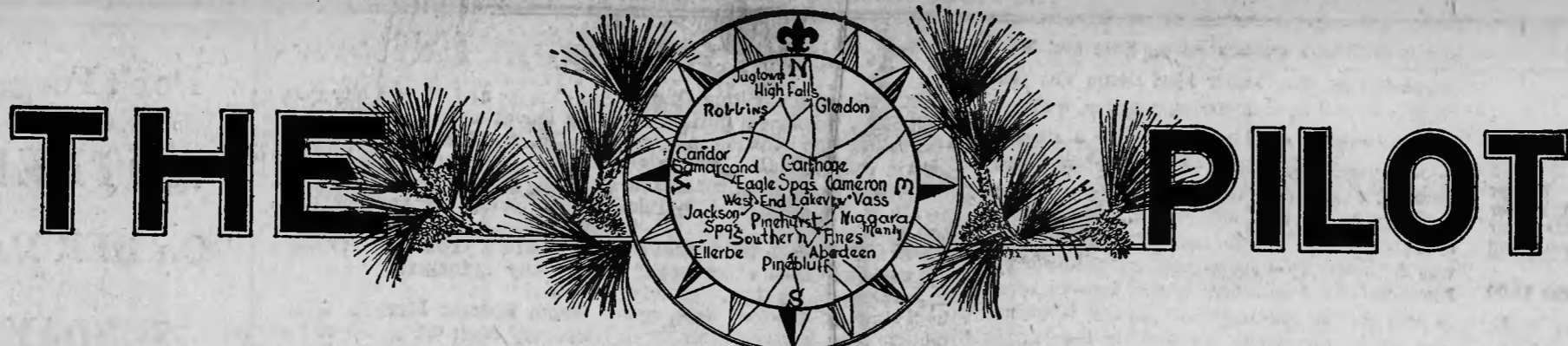


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Eight County High School Ball Teams In Tournament At Robbins Next Week

Schedule To Be Announced In Sunday Papers

Moore county's first high school baseball tournament will be held Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday nights of next week on the lighted field at Robbins.

A doubleheader will be offered each night through Thursday, with games starting at 7 and 9 o'clock. Friday night, of course, there will be just one big game—the finals.

Taking part will be the top eight teams out of 10 which have made up the conference this spring, selected on the basis of season play. Pairings will be made Friday, when the last conference games will be held. Coaches, players and fans are asked to watch for the announcement of the schedule in the sports section of the Greensboro Daily News Sunday.

Reported as sure to be topseded is the Highfalls team, which has lost only one game in the series. Coming along next are expected to be Robbinston, Southern Pines and Carthage. This week it appeared that the teams to be weeded out will be Cameron and Westmoore, low men on the conference totem pole.

The conference, new this year, and tournament are being sponsored by the Moore County Educators club, longtime sponsors of the winter basketball program in Moore county schools. Interest has been good and it is anticipated that the tournament will draw crowds equivalent to those enthusiastically attending that of the cage teams in February. In charge of pairings, schedule and other details of the tournament for the Educators club are Principal Hackney and Coach Causey of Elise High school at Robbins.

Local Horses Win High Honors In Sedgfield Show

Twenty-eight hunters and jumpers from the Sandhills area competed in the Sedgfield Horse show, held last Thursday, Friday and Saturday at Sedgfield under sponsorship of the Sedgfield Hunt.

Though winning no championships, they took all four reserve championships, and numerous other honors.

Brewster Stables' Friars Delight, conformation champion last year, was reserve this time, with John Goodwin and Miss Myrna Felvey of Richmond doing the piloting. Harry Last, another Brewster entry, Curt Dutton, up, was reserve in the Green Hunter championship. Lakelawn Farms' Haymarket, Cappy Winkelman up, was reserve champion in the Working Hunters, and Vernon G. Cardy's sensational 17-2-hand grey gelding, was reserve jumper champion, ridden by Jimmy Donaldson throughout the show.

The William J. Kennedy Memorial Challenge trophy, given by Mrs. Audrey K. Kennedy for the conformation hunter championship, which has been won by Southern Pines horses for the past two years, went this year to an entry from Oxford, Mich., Fox Covert Farm's Pike's Peak.

In the Ladies Hunters, Brewster Stables' My Bill, Friars Delight and Kor-Vee were first, second and third in that order.

Cappy Winkelman rode Pike's Peak to his fine blue in the Corinthian Hunters for the Burlington Mills Challenge trophy. This trophy was won in 1950 by Peggy Mechling's Henry's Dream, and in 1951 by Mile-Away Farms' Greywright.

Miss Helen Ferguson did a fine job on the Cardy horses in the Working Hunters. Two weeks earlier at Hartsville, S. C., she won six blues out of a possible seven with Gold Lode.

The highflying brown stallion Lampsite, pet of the Lloyd P. Tate family, was victorious in the Triple Bar event. The Tates also had their 25-inch miniature Welsh pony Hoot Owl entered in the pony division. Lloyd M. Tate brought home several ribbons with Red Money. Son Billy was on hand from Baltimore to do the jockeying.

Mrs. Mary Doyle and daughter Anne of Southern Pines were also among the exhibitors.

MOTHERS DAY

The Elks will pay honor to mothers of the community at their annual Mothers Day service, to be held at 4 p. m. Sunday in the ballroom of the Southern Pines Country Club.

The public is invited, with all mothers given a special invitation to attend.

A brief simple program of tribute will be held, and tea and cookies will be served. Red and white carnations will be given the mothers present. Broadus W. Smith is chairman in charge.

Moore Officials Back McKeithen For Special Judge

The Moore County board of commissioners, as well as other county officials, have endorsed W. A. Leland McKeithen of Pinehurst for appointment as a special superior court judge.

A letter from the board of commissioners was signed by board members at Carthage Monday, to be forwarded to Governor Umstead.

The Governor is soon to appoint several special superior court judges as authorized by the recently concluded session of the General Assembly.

Signing the commissioners' letter were G. M. Cameron, board chairman, John M. Currie, T. R. Monroe, J. M. Pelasants and L. R. Reynolds.

Another letter addressed to the Governor, endorsing McKeithen, was signed by C. C. Kennedy, clerk of court; C. J. McDonald, sheriff; A. F. Dees, chief deputy sheriff; C. A. McCallum, chief ABC officer; Mrs. Bessie J. Griffin, register of deeds; Miss Maida Jenkins, county accountant; W. T. Huntley, tax collector, and H. Lee Thomas, superintendent of schools.

The letters referred with praise to McKeithen's long service as solicitor of Moore County recorders and lawyer and praised "not only his excellency as a lawyer" but also his "impeccable and outstanding Christian character." He has, it was pointed out, the "poise" (Continued on Page 8)

Groups Sponsor Major Jordan In Address Tonight

Major George Racer Jordan, author of "From Major Jordan's Diaries," a revelatory best-seller of 1952, will make a public address at Weaver auditorium at 8:30 tonight (Friday).

There will be no admission charge. His talk is being sponsored as a public service by a group of 13 civic and patriotic organizations.

Cooperating in the event are the following: John Boyd Post, VFW, and auxiliary; Sandhills post, American Legion, and auxiliary; Southern Pines Elks Lodge; BPO Does; Lions clubs of Southern Pines, Aberdeen and Pinebluff; Alfred Moore chapter, DAR; Southern Pines Rotary club; Sandhills Kiwanis club and Voiture Locale No. 1382, 40 and Eight.

Major Jordan, rated as a dynamic and forceful speaker, served as liaison officer and lend-lease expeditor during the war at the air base at Great Falls, Mont., take-off point for planes ferrying lend-lease materials to Russia. He cites facts and figures from his book, which was re-published in condensed form in Readers Digest, with excerpts appearing in other magazines.

His experiences, drawn from his own observation followed by considerable research, are summarized as an urgent warning of nuclear danger.



HAPPY BUT FAGGED, the new city councilmen face the camera, just after the vote tally was completed at the fire station late Tuesday night. They are, from left, Joseph P. O'Callaghan, C. S. Patch, Jr., Voit Gilmore, Lloyd T. Clark, Walter E. Blue. (Photo V. W. Hardee)

Saturday Tag Day Will Aid County's Mothers, Babies

This Saturday, May 9, has been designated Tag Day by the Moore County Maternal Welfare committee, it was announced this week by Mrs. Talbot Johnson, co-chairman with Mrs. James Boyd of the county group.

Committees have been set up in all the larger county towns where the little tags with their message "For the mothers and babies of Moore county," will be distributed, appropriately, on the day preceding Mother's Day, Sunday.

In Southern Pines the committee is headed by Mrs. Claude Reams and Mrs. L. T. Avery. Tables will, as usual, be placed at the post office and on the green in front of the Citizens Bank building, staffed by members of the committee during the busy morning hours.

In Aberdeen, Mrs. Johnson will have charge, with the Aberdeen Girl Scouts as helpers. Pinehurst's co-chairmen are Mrs. A. P. Thompson and Mrs. Hugh Carter. In Carthage, Mrs. M. G. Boyette and Mrs. W. D. Sabiston will work together, while in Pinebluff the local committee is headed by Mrs. Walter MacNeille.

West End's contribution will come through the town's Committee. (Continued on Page 8)

Special Criminal Term Will Replace May Civil Session

Instead of a criminal and a civil term of Moore superior court this month, there will be a regular criminal term starting May 18, and a special term, also of criminal court, starting May 25, according to C. C. Kennedy, clerk of superior court.

The decision to request a special criminal term in lieu of the civil term set for that week was made by the Moore County Bar association when it met Tuesday to make up the civil calendar. The calendar was found to be extremely light in comparison with the heavy calendar of criminal cases awaiting trial, and the request for the change was forwarded at once to Supreme Court Justice W. A. Devin. Though there has not been time as yet to receive his verification, no difficulty is anticipated there.

Judge J. A. Rousseau of North Wilkesboro will preside over both terms. Motions will be heard at the special term and divorces will be granted.

Jurors drawn for the civil term will not be summoned. The same jury will be retained for both criminal terms, or a new jury will be drawn, Mr. Kennedy said.

It is expected that the two continuous weeks of criminal court will clear up the docket, which has been considerably expanded lately by the addition of the names of eight men charged with the murder of Police Chief Cameron of Carthage, with four others charged with aiding and abetting.

Voting Breaks All Records; Council Takes Oath; Choice Of Mayor Delayed

Southern Pines' third municipal election in three weeks brought out a record 1,034 voters to choose the following for their new city council:

Voit Gilmore, who was high man with 625 votes; Lloyd T. Clark, just two behind—623; W. E. Blue, 531; Joseph P. O'Callaghan, 498; C. S. Patch, Jr., 440.

Losers on the 10-man panel of candidates were: Harry Lee Brown, 409; J. R. Funderburk, 406; J. T. Overton, 380; Harold B. Fowler, 354; Joe Garzik, 346.

Four of the new councilmen met at the city hall at 10 a. m. Wednesday, to take the oath of office administered by Howard F. Burns, town clerk.

Lloyd Clark was unavoidably absent on business, and was sworn in the following day, according to provision made by the law.

Mayor To Be Named
In view of his absence, the council decided to postpone their organizational meeting until Thursday at 8 p. m. First item on the agenda at that time was to be the election of a mayor and mayor pro tem, too late for inclusion in this issue of The Pilot.

At their meeting Ex-Mayor Page appeared briefly to shake the hand of each councilman, and express his best wishes, also to give a word of appreciation to those who had served with him. These included Councilman Blue and Patch, also H. L. Brown, who met with the council for the purpose of certifying the vote. This is done by the old and new board meeting together.

Some discussion was held as to whether or not to change the traditional meeting time of the second Wednesday each month but no action was taken.

Visitors included Capt. A. R. McDaniel, Dean S. Dorman and W. Lamont Brown.

Reaffirmation
The election, besides being the third in a row, was the third at (Continued on page 8)

Aden Dance Revue Slated For Two Nights Next Week

"Stairway to the Stars," 1953 revue of the Martha Aden Studio of Dance, will be presented Thursday and Friday evenings of next week at Weaver auditorium. Curtain time will be 8:15.

More than 100 children from Mrs. Aden's Southern Pines and Pinehurst classes, including some from Sanford, Aberdeen, Carthage and other neighboring towns, will appear in the show, rated as the most ambitious since the Aden studios opened in 1949.

Besides running for two nights, the first time for any production of this sort here, the revue has elements of drama as well as song and dance. The dance numbers are strung loosely on a story theme dealing with life in a dance studio.

Costumes, lighting and scenic effects will also surpass those of previous years, with numerous innovations making of the show a real production.

The Aden revues annually draw large crowds from all over the Sandhills area and last year, with only one performance, more than 100 persons had to be turned away.

"KNOW OUR TOWN"

The League of Women Voters now in process of organization here invites everyone, men and women, to a program titled "Know Our Town" Monday evening.

The meeting will be held at the Civic Club building at 8:15. W. Lamont Brown, local attorney, has been invited to give information on the new council-manager form of government.

The testing of community interest in a "Know Our Town" program is a prerequisite for the securing of a state charter for the local League. Lack of general interest in civic affairs could prevent or delay the charter.

Women forming the nucleus of the new organization hope to lay the groundwork for a firm structure here. Besides offering the program for information on a subject of immediate civic concern, they are hopeful of a good turnout, and of passing the test with flying colors.

Ground Is Broken For Presbyterian Sunday School

Breaking of the ground for the new Sunday School building of the Brownson Memorial Presbyterian church took place late Wednesday afternoon despite a spring rain which threatened at times to become a torrent.

About 75 persons gathered in the fellowship hall for the preliminary service, then, at its close, stepped outdoors to find that the rain had miraculously almost ceased.

Walter E. Blue, superintendent since the Sunday School was organized in 1935, turned the first shovelful of earth on the grounds beside the church building, where the new structure will adjoin it by an enclosed walkway.

Others turning symbolic spadefuls were the Rev. C. K. Ligon, minister of the church; Mrs. Catherine Shaw, a charter member of the Sunday school, who performed a similar service when the ground-breaking for the church building took place; Mrs. C. A. Maze, also a charter member; Kathryn Ann Dwight, for the young people of the church; and little Walter F. Harper III, for the (Continued on Page 8)

Family Escapes Hurt As Lightning Wreaks Havoc

"It was just the mercy of the Lord that it didn't kill all of us," was the comment of J. A. Kiser after his concrete block home four miles north of Southern Pines on US Highway 1 was the playground for "sprangles" of lightning in an electrical storm Saturday morning.

Hubert Kiser, 17 and his sister Kathy, 9, had the narrowest escapes. A block in the outer wall was partly torn out by lightning, which struck about 7 a. m. shattering debris on the bed where Hubert was sleeping. The lightning ripped loose a metal window casing beside his bed and tore up the window curtain.

The wall by Kathy's bed was damaged and so great was the force that holes were literally knocked through two quilts on the bed, where they hung off by the wall. There were no signs of burning. A nearby light switch was torn loose.

In the living room, the television set was the center of damage. It was burned out, the stand was torn up, the floor area blackened and the wall and window curtain scorched.

Some damage was done to the kitchen wall and all the fuses were melted, but the electrical equipment in the kitchen was not damaged.

Kathy was "addled" for about an hour, Mrs. Kiser explained, and Hubert had such a ringing in one of his ears that his hearing was impaired until the following day. "I praised the Lord all day that the children were not killed," the mother beamed, "and still do."

The house was built only a few months ago by Cliff Garner, the owner, who operates Bill and Dot's service station nearby.

Town Elections Bring Changes Thruout County

VASS

A. G. Edwards, Jr., was elected mayor of Vass Tuesday in an election in which 126 votes were cast, almost twice as many as in 1951. He received 86 votes and M. M. Chappell, the only opponent, 40.

Five commissioners, authorized by recent legislation which changed the number from three, were elected: Jack Morgan, 111; R. B. Gunn, 104; D. H. McGill, 86; Leon Keith, 83; Harold Williams, 79.

Other candidates were Edgar Mashburn, 76; Duncan Boggs, 51, and W. C. Hoyle, 30.

The new mayor, a merchant, is 38 years old, and was born and reared in Vass. This is the first time he has ever run for public office. He is a director of the Vass Lions club, and Master of Southern Pines Masonic Lodge No. 484.

All of the commissioners are new except McGill, who has served one term, and Williams, who was appointed to fill out the unexpired term of the late Randall Cameron.

ABERDEEN

The Aberdeen municipal election was only a formality, as the slate offered no opposition for the office of mayor or the five candidates for commissioner. Voting consequently was somewhat desultory and the count was as follows:

Elected mayor for the seventh consecutive term—Forrest Lockey, 78; commissioners—Dr. E. M. Medlin, 81; N. A. Pleasants, 81; W. S. Taylor, 80; M. B. Pelasants, 78; A. J. Smith, 77.

Originally there were eight candidates for commissioner but one by one the following withdrew from the race: J. B. Edwards, L. C. Lawhorn, Ferrell H. Brown.

Incumbents returned to office were Medlin, N. A. Pleasants, M. B. Pleasants and Smith. The fifth incumbent, J. B. Edwards, who withdrew, had served on the town board for seven terms.

CARTHAGE

At Carthage Mayor A. L. Barnes was reelected for a third term without opposition.

Five commissioners were elected from a slate of nine candidates as follows:

R. G. Fry, Jr., 320 votes; Jack Williams, 265; George Thomas, 211; H. G. Poole, 211, and C. T. McCaskill, 178. McCaskill was the only incumbent to win reelection.

Losing candidates were James Tyson, Harry W. Davis, D. Carl Fry and D. A. McDonald, the last two named being incumbents.

PINEBLUFF

Pinebluff voters numbering 133 went to the polls to return Mayor E. H. Mills to office for this third term without opposition. He had 124 votes.

Three commissioners were chosen from five candidates. These were Harold Payson, 105 votes; Mrs. Victoria Cleary, 93, and Gordon Keith, 89.

Losing candidates were C. Benedict, 67, and T. F. Surratt, 52.

Mrs. Cleary is the third woman to be elected to the Pinebluff town board since the town was incorporated almost 60 years ago, according to David L. Packard, longtime town clerk, now retired. Cameron also has a woman commissioner, Mrs. Jewell Hemphill, who has served for several terms.

ROBBINS

Wayland R. Kennedy, a commissioner during the past term, was elected mayor of Robbins over E. M. Ritter, incumbent, in an election in which 525 votes were cast—largest in the community's history.

Ritter became mayor in the fall of 1951 when he was appointed to fill the unexpired term of William P. Saunders, who moved to Southern Pines.

Elected commissioners from a panel of eight candidates were Edgar C. Kennedy, high man, a newcomer to the board; Henry L. Williams, appointed two months ago to fill out the unexpired term of Dr. W. N. McDuffie, resigned; Worth Routh, a newcomer; G. B. Williams, reelected for his second term, and John L. Fry, another (Continued on page 8)