

Juniors' Tennis Tourney On Local Courts Next Week

**Biggest Entry List
Foreseen; Trophies
For All Finalists**

Play starts Monday in the Fifth Annual Moore County Schools Tennis tournament, continuing every afternoon throughout the week on the municipal courts. Finals will be held under the lights Friday and Saturday evenings, and will continue Sunday if necessary to finish.

This will be the second such tournament to be sponsored and managed by the young people themselves, through the Junior Sandhills Tennis association organized last year, and it bids fair to be the best and the biggest of all. There were almost 60 entries last year and a good many more are expected this time.

More young people are playing tennis here than ever before, and the quality of their game has steadily improved, according to Harry Lee Brown, their coach and adviser. Some topnotch talent is being developed and the tournament promises to be a first-rate spectator event.

Trophies are being given to the winners and runners-up in 10 scheduled events by the Sandhills Tennis association. To be unveiled during the week are boys' doubles, girls' doubles, boys' singles, girls' singles and mixed doubles, in both the high school and grammar school divisions. There is no entry fee for any event.

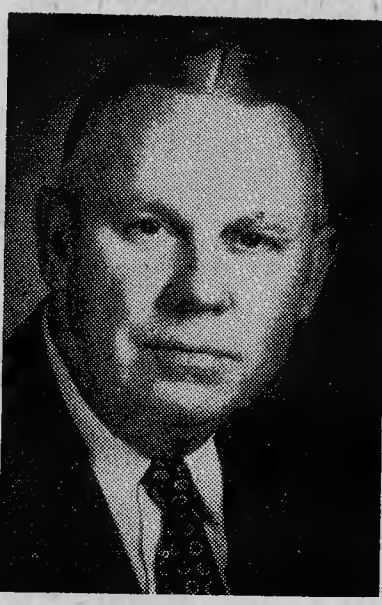
Some new champions will be developed, as some of last year's have moved up from the grammar grade to the high school bracket, and the girls' singles champion, Betty Jane Worsham, is now at college.

Steve Choate will be on hand to defend his title in boys' singles (high school division) and Lillian Bullock to defend hers in girls' singles (grammar grade). Trophies are being made by Don Moore, assisted by a JSTA committee. Working after school, they are producing a handsome and original set of trophies with black ceramic base, kiln-baked to a glossy finish, topped with the regulation gold figurines.

The tournament committee is composed of JSTA officers, headed by Kenneth Tew, president, and including Mr. Brown and Mr. Moore of the senior association. The trophy committee includes Mr. Moore, Patty Woodell, Dorothy Newton, Kenneth Tew, Patty Britt, Betty Jo Britt, Ginger Woodell, Alice Covell, Lillian Bullock, Lemuel Tew.

The courts committee, which is working to prepare the courts for the tournament, and will keep them in shape as play goes on, in (Continued on page 8)

Lockey Given Highway Post; Medlin New Aberdeen Mayor



FORREST LOCKEY

New Fog-Pumping Fire Truck Will Arrive Saturday

One of the finest pieces of fire-fighting equipment now being manufactured will arrive in Southern Pines Saturday, to be commissioned for active duty within a few days.

This is the new American La-France fire truck, ordered by the town board last January.

Fire Chief Harold B. Fowler received word from the company this week that the truck will arrive in a sealed car. It will be placed on a siding to await the arrival of a company engineer, who will supervise its unloading.

Room will be made for the truck at the fire station by garaging some of the lesser equipment elsewhere, probably the town storage lot, the Fire Chief said. The new truck, with 220-inch wheelbase, weighing 14,083 pounds with equipment, will need lots of room.

Costing almost \$20,000 fully equipped, it is being paid for by proceeds of a bond issue approved by the people last November. The model was especially selected by the Southern Pines volunteer fire department as best adapted to the needs of this community.

Like the department's old La-France, it can pump 750 gallons per minute—but, in addition, it has a pressure pumper which converts 60 gallons of water per minute into 600 pounds of fog. Besides making a little water go a long way, it minimizes water damage while fighting fire more efficiently.

Firefighting equipment now in possession of the department are a LaFrance now almost ready for retirement, at the age of 27 years, and a Ford truck with LaFrance equipment, 18 years old.

Pioneer Cabin Given For Shaw House; Funds Needed For Restoration Project

A new, unique project for the Moore County Historical society, announced by the president, Mrs. Ernest L. Ives, at its meeting Friday night, moved swiftly on to accomplish this week.

If all plans come true—and these include the raising of about \$300 to add to funds already in hand—a little old log house, genuine relic of pioneer days, will be moved next month from upper Moore county to the yard of the restored Shaw House in Southern Pines.

There it will be set up as the combination "creek-house" and "weaving-house" common to North Carolina farm homes of colonial days.

Spying the little log house above Carthage while on a recent drive together, Mrs. Ives, Mrs. Katherine McColl and Mrs. W. D. Campbell, all members of the Historical society, took action toward its acquisition and preservation. They approached the owners of the land on which the deserted cabin stood. Next, they secured a grant from the Woodland Foundation, set up to aid educational and historical projects of unusual interest. The grant of \$1,000 however, was contingent upon the association's raising a like sum.

On their own initiative the three ladies raised some \$700 among friends and members of the association. These facts Mrs. Ives presented at the meeting held at the Shaw House Friday (Continued on Page 8)

New Commissioner Takes Oath At Raleigh Thursday

Forrest Lockey, mayor of Aberdeen for the past 12 years, was appointed Monday by Governor Umstead to the State Highway Commission, as commissioner of the newly created Eighth Highway division. He will head the state highway program in Moore, Hoke, Scotland, Richmond, Montgomery, Randolph and Lee counties.

The appointment necessitated the choice of a new mayor for Aberdeen, as Mr. Lockey was re-elected to this office May 5 for his seventh consecutive term.

Meeting Wednesday afternoon, the town board elected Dr. E. M. Medlin, a town commissioner for the past seven terms, to the office of mayor. Appointment of a commissioner to replace him will await the next regular meeting of the board.

Thursday morning, Mayor Medlin, Rep. H. Clifton Blue and other prominent citizens of Aberdeen went to Raleigh to witness their distinguished fellow citizen take his oath of office.

The new highway commissioner is vice president and assistant to the president of the Aberdeen and Rockhill Railroad. He has been the instrument of many steps of progress benefiting his community and county, notably the securing of the Robbins Mills, Inc., plant and main office in 1947. He was the recipient of the Sandhills Kiwanis club's Builders Cup "for unselfish service" in 1951.

He was a wholehearted and influential supporter of Governor (Continued on page 8)

Chamber Office On New Schedule; Open Saturdays

The Chamber of Commerce office on North West Broad street, which has been open only on Mondays through Fridays, will start this week opening also on Saturday mornings.

Saturday hours will be 9 a. m. to 1 p. m. On other days, the office is open from 10 a. m. to 5 p. m., except for the 1 to 2 p. m. closing when the secretary, Miss Alice Baxter, goes to lunch.

The change was made in order to serve the public better, especially those who come to town on Saturdays to secure auto or truck licenses or title transfers. The auto license bureau is a major part of the Chamber's service program.

Miss Baxter, who started work this week succeeding Mrs. Virginia C. Pira, spent last Wednesday and Thursday in training in the processing department of the N. C. Motor Vehicles Division at Raleigh, learning all the details of handling the auto license bureau work.

She also completed requirements for appointment as a notary public, and will be able to render service in this capacity within a few days, when her seal arrives.

Both measures were taken on request of the Chamber by advice of the Carolina Motor Club, with which the Chamber has a contract for the auto license sales agency. The contract is in the name of Bob Cameron, Chamber of Commerce director in charge of the bureau.

PARKING

"Watch those parking signs" is the warning issued this week by Chief C. E. Newton, reminding that homeowners have become extremely lax about the two-hour parking limits.

City police are marking many cars which have overstayed their welcome. The new town council joins the Chief in asking cooperation on downtown streets, where the situation is creating problems.

The two-hour limit is general downtown, though in a couple of places—indicated by signs—the limit is 15 minutes. Yellow paint on the curbstone means "No Parking Here."

Cameron Murder Defendants Face Trial Next Week

**Mary Frances Cole,
Mrs. Banigan On
Court Calendar**

The regular term of Moore criminal court will open Monday at Carthage, followed immediately the week of May 25 by a special term, also for the trial of criminal cases.

Judge J. A. Rousseau of North Wilkesboro will preside over both. The special term is being held in lieu of a scheduled civil session, on request of the Moore County Bar association, in view of an unusually heavy calendar.

Heaviest item of all is the expected trial of eight Negro youths for the murder of Carthage Police Chief B. M. Cameron in an ambush slaying March 15, with four others facing trial for accessory after the fact.

The cases against the 12 men will be presented Monday to the grand jury by District Solicitor M. G. Boyette of Carthage.

Also on the warrant docket is another case of unusual interest in the county, in which a 32-year-old white woman, Mary Frances Cole, formerly a waitress in Southern Pines, is charged with the murder of her newborn infant in a hotel room January 29.

A third murder case is also pending grand jury action, that against Ernest A. Short of Carthage Rt. 3. He was charged with the murder of his cousin, "Shyke" Blue Hunsucker, after Hunsucker was found strangled to death in Short's yard a few hours after the two had been on a drinking bout together Saturday night, January 3.

Miss Cole and Short were both released under bond. Eleven of the 12 Negroes implicated in the murder of Chief Cameron have been in Moore County jail, ever since they were picked up, one by one, in the most intensive manhunt ever staged in this section. One, charged with accessory, was freed on bond.

Charged with murder, listed below in the order in which they were jailed, are James L. Brooks, James W. McLaughlin, James L. Worth, Russell McNeill, James McLean, Walter Morrison, Jr., C. Dowd and Harris Richardson. Dowd is reportedly the one who fired the shotgun blast which killed the Chief.

Charged with accessory after the fact for feeding, transporting, harboring and otherwise assisting the fugitives are Lenville H. Thompson, James Cobb, Marvin Lettough and Gilbert Lettough. Bond was set for all four, but Gilbert Lettough was the only one who made it. The bond for Thompson was later raised on discovery of new evidence against him, the nature of which law enforcement officials have not revealed.

Calendared for appearance Friday is Mrs. Julia D. Banigan, who was convicted at the January term on two counts of embezzlement, and given prison terms for (Continued on page 8)

Clark Elected Mayor As Council Takes First Steps Under New Plan

**Gilmore Is Named
Mayor Pro Tem,
Blue Treasurer**



MAYOR CLARK

Lloyd T. Clark was elected mayor of Southern Pines by the new town council at its organizational meeting and first business session, held last Thursday night at the city hall.

Taking the chair, the new mayor expressed his deep thanks for the honor, then figuratively passed around the pipe of peace. He recalled that the campaign had been a tough one "but now it must be forgotten, as we all work together for the best interests of Southern Pines."

Harmony prevailed as Voit Gilmore was elected mayor pro tem, an office equivalent to vice-chairman under the council-manager plan, and Walter E. Blue was elected treasurer.

Gilmore had led the ticket by two votes. However, Clark, second high man, is a veteran of three and a half years' service on the board, while Gilmore is a newcomer to town government. Clark also has been the leader, for a matter of six years, in the movement to adopt the new form of government here.

All the elections were unanimous, with motions and seconds for each man as follows: for Clark—Patch and Blue; for Gilmore, Blue and O'Callaghan; for Blue, Gilmore and Patch.

Taking their first steps in the new governmental form, they had as their bible a little book called "Approved Practices Under the Council-Manager Plan," published by the International City Managers Association at Chicago, Ill.

Differences between the new and old forms were quickly apparent. Mr. Burns, leading the meeting until the election of the mayor, suggested that an early item of business had always been the appointment of committees. However, according to "the book," it is not approved practice to have standing committees under the new form. Special committees may be appointed at any time, to be dissolved when their job is done. However, most of the tasks formerly those of the standing committees are now the city manager's.

Appointments of town officials and department heads are also largely his responsibility now, and no action was taken on any of these.

In discussing the choice of a city manager, Mr. Patch moved for the appointment of Mr. Burns, and Mr. Blue seconded the motion. However, the rest of the council said they thought the council should seek applications, and select the best qualified man it could find within the limits of what the town can pay. "That man may turn out to be Mr. Burns and I sincerely hope he files his application," said Mayor Clark, "but we owe it to the people who approved this form of government" (Continued on page 8)

"Open House" Is Saturday Event At USAFAGOS

The USAF Air-Ground Operations school at Highland Pines Inn will mark Armed Forces Day—Saturday—with an "open house" program lasting from 1 to 5 p. m.

Children as well as adults are invited to attend the event at the school, one of the most unusual military installations in the country, where officers of all services, from all over the nation, are brought for intensive indoctrination courses in the latest developments in air-ground forces coordination.

A welcoming speech will be made by the commandant, Brig. Gen. W. M. Gross, and an awards ceremony will be held, with honors awarded for the first time to some of the civilian personnel employed on special assignments.

During the early part of the program, Air Force films will be shown for the children, for whom officers will serve as "sitters."

About 3 o'clock an address is scheduled by Maj. Leroy Manor, newly returned from Korea, on the subject "Will Enemy Bombers Ever Pass Through Sandhills Skies?" Following his address, a model display will be unveiled in the tennis court area, showing exactly what would happen in the way of air-ground operations, should the enemy fly into and over the Sandhills.

The Moore County battery, N. C. National Guard, an anti-aircraft outfit, will participate in the display and in other phases of the program, under the direction of Warrant Officer Lennox Forsyth.

All instructors and other personnel of the school will be on active duty throughout the afternoon, and will display and demonstrate training aids used in the indoctrination courses, and answer all questions, within security limits.

The school's new International fire truck, a large model of latest design, will be on display.

Films to be shown off and on during the afternoon will include some very special combat movies not hitherto unreleased for the public.

Refreshments will be served.

AT BRAGG, POPE

Military installations all over the land will hold "open house," with special programs and displays, in observance of Armed Forces Day, Saturday.

Fort Bragg and Pope AFB are issuing an invitation to the public to attend their all-day events, starting at 10 a. m. A parade at Bragg will mark the graduation of basic trainees, and dress review at Pope will precede a decoration ceremony. A parachute drop by the 82nd Airborne, displays and demonstrations of new planes and weapons and other events will fill the day.

Signs will mark the areas where activities will take place, and MPs will be on duty as guides throughout the day.

Dancing Youngsters Perform Tonight In Aden Revue, "Stairway To Stars"

"A Stairway to the Stars," extravaganza of dance and song, is being presented Thursday and Friday nights of this week at Weaver auditorium by pupils of the Martha Aden Dance Studio. Show time is 8:15.

The Aden revue this year has a light plot as background, calling for occasional dialog and dramatic action, romancing as well as dancing. The story takes place in a dance studio while rehearsals for a revue are under way. The theme is that "there's nothing like dancing" and that, as a career, it can be "a stairway to the stars."

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You Are Invited

To the Pilot:

Our new Town Council has been organized and is under way. To make our council-manager system work as efficiently and successfully as possible, we solicit the cooperation of all the townspeople.

We invite attendance at council meetings, and suggestions of any sort. The interest and participation of everyone in this government will assure a happy, progressive community.

To make this official, we have passed the following resolution, and hope The Pilot can call it to the attention of all readers:

"Whereas our town has adopted the council-manager form of government and has elected us its first councilmen under the new system, and

"Whereas our council-manager plan calls for free and open discussion of all town matters at council meetings open to the public, be it hereby resolved

"That we, the new Town Council of Southern Pines, do hereby invite the attendance of any and all town residents at all of our sessions, and will welcome suggestions and participation in our deliberations, to the end that we may have the best possible town government, fully understood and fully enjoyed by all the people."

L. T. CLARK, Mayor.
VOIT GILMORE
WALTER E. BLUE
J. P. O'CALLAGHAN
C. S. PATCH, Jr.