



FINALISTS IN 1953 TOURNAMENT. The Southern Pines High School baseball team made it to the finals of the Moore County High School Conference, but bowed to the Highfalls team in the first county baseball tournament held at Robb's Friday night. Their score for the year—11 wins, six losses. Both the winning and runner-up teams were awarded trophies. For Highfalls it was a double victory, as they won the basketball tournament earlier this season.

Above, from left, the Blue and Whites; front row, Coach Irie Leonard, Steve Choate, David Bailey, Ronald Luketz, David Woodruff, Billy Huntley, David Page; second row Johnny Watkins, Jimmy Barber, Tommy Ruggles, Harold McNeill, Joe Marley, Donald Van Benschoten. Third row, Bill Marley, Bobby Cline, Jerry Daeke, Jack White, George Colton; back row, Gerald Owen, Joe McDonald, Managers David McCallum and Jimmy McDonald. (Photo by Humphrey)

Cameron Murder Trial Defendants Sent To Prison

All Offer Guilty Pleas; Three Get Life Sentences

A sudden climax was reached Wednesday afternoon at Carthage, where eight young Negroes were being tried for the murder of Chief Bunn Cameron, when all entered pleas of guilty and received their sentences from Judge J. A. Rousseau.

J. C. Dowd, Jr., "Junebug" Morrison and "Scottie" Harris through their counsel pled guilty of accessory before the fact of first degree murder. All were sentenced to life imprisonment.

James Lee Worthing, Russell McNeill, James Brooks, James McLaughlin and James L. Buie submitted pleas of guilty of second degree murder. The first four received prison sentences of 18 to 20 years, while Buie was sentenced to 15 to 18 years.

Thursday morning, three of the four men charged with accessory, Melvin Lettough, James Cobb and Lenville Thompson, submitted guilty pleas and were sentenced to six months on the roads. Gilbert Lettough will be tried today (Friday), the final day of this week's criminal term.

Pleas of the eight men charged with murder were submitted after all the State's evidence was in, following a conference of attorneys in the cases. The trial failed to take as much time as had the impinging of the jury, drawn (Continued on page 8)



TWO SMART GIRLS—Pretty, too. LaNelle Kirk, left, is salutatorian of this year's graduating class, while Steger Herr, right, is valedictorian. Steger is the daughter of Dr. G. G. Herr. She is president of the Beta club this year, won the basketball trophy for most valuable player, is in the senior play and is a member of the Glee club. She was also voted the best-dressed girl in school.

Commencement Events Outlined, May 31 - June 2

Flora, Abrams Will Address Graduating Class

Speakers for the Southern Pines High School commencement events were announced this week by Supt. A. C. Dawson.

Making the baccalaureate sermon Sunday evening, May 31, will be the Rev. Joe W. Flora, minister to youth of the First Presbyterian church, Greensboro. Just 28 years old, a native of Currituck county on North Carolina's coast, the young clergyman graduated from Union Theological seminary in Richmond in May 1952. He graduated in 1948 from Davidson college with a B. S. degree in music.

Before going to Davidson he was in the Navy, first in the V-12 program at Duke for a year and a half, then at the Navy Midshipmen's school at Columbia university, New York, where he was commissioned an ensign. He was then on active duty for three and a half years, the last 18 months of which he spent as navigation officer of a troop transport.

Dr. W. Amos Abrams, for the past seven years associate editor of North Carolina Education and the NCEA News Bulletin, publications of the N. C. Education association, will be the speaker for the graduation exercises Tuesday evening, June 2. An outstanding figure in education in the State, Dr. Abrams for three years headed the English department of the Glen Alpine High school, in Burke county, then was for 14 years chairman of the English department of Appalachian State Teachers college at Boone.

He is well known as a Shakespearean lecturer, speaker on folkways and folkways and a wide range of other topics. He edited an edition of "The Merry Devil of Edmonton," an anonymous Elizabethan comedy, published by the Duke University Press, and is the author of numerous articles on English and education which have appeared in professional journals.

He is a native of Edgecombe county, a graduate (A. B. and A. M.) of Duke university, and has a Ph. D. in English from Cornell.

Other events on the commencement program are the senior play, "Willie's Weekend," a three-act farce comedy to be presented Monday night, June 1, and the Honors and Awards program, Tuesday at 11:15 a. m.

All the events will be held at Weaver auditorium, with those of Sunday, Monday and Tuesday evening starting at 8:15 o'clock.

70 Kids Enter Tennis Tourney Finals Saturday

Most of the finals events in the Moore County Schools tennis tournament, now under way on the municipal courts, have been tentatively set for Saturday night "under the lights." Any that cannot be played off then will be postponed to Monday night.

Boys' and girls' singles in the grammar grades division are slated to start at 8 p. m. Saturday, with those of the high school division starting at 9. High school girls' doubles will be played Saturday morning.

The tournament started Monday with 70 entries, largest list in its five-year history. By mid-week several events were entering the semi-final stage, though on account of one rainy day some others were just beginning.

All seeded players were advancing, though some heads must roll before Saturday night. Largest group is that of the grammar school boys, numbering 27. Two players in this division provided the longest, also the most exciting, match of the first part of the week, as Tony Parker defeated Palmer Sugg 3-6, 6-4, 11-9. The match lasted three hours and 40 minutes.

All the entries are from Southern Pines except two girls, Julie McCaskill and Gail Hobson, from Pinehurst. At last report both of these were doing well.

The event is being held under sponsorship of the Junior Sandhills Tennis association, with advisers from the senior group, which is presenting the trophies. No entry fees are charged and committee of the JSTA are doing all the work.

Townpeople Join Council Talk On Finances, ABC Store, Mt. Hope

The town council, holding a called meeting Wednesday night to handle several items of business, found itself postponing considerable business until "C-M Day"—the day a city manager is selected.

"That's the city manager's job," was Mayor L. T. Clark's pronouncement as these items were brought up for discussion. Mostly, they were turned over to Acting City Manager Howard F. Burns to act on as he saw fit.

In suspension till the decision is made is the full taking over of the treasurer's job by Councilman W. E. Blue, who was elected treasurer at the organizational meeting. "I thought I'd just let How-

CITY MANAGER

Judging from the mail arriving daily for Mayor Pro Tem Voit Gilmore, everybody wants to be a city manager and most of them want to work in Southern Pines.

Forty-four applications had been received by Wednesday night in answer to strategically placed ads. Thursday, Mr. Gilmore and his selection committee were busy screening the applications. They planned to invite the 12 or 15 most promising applicants for a personal interview. Some will be interviewed by the committee Saturday night.

A petition was circulating this week to ask the town council to appoint Howard F. Burns, former town clerk and treasurer, now acting city manager, to the permanent post.

Give Your Blood Tuesday

The Red Cross Bloodmobile will return here Tuesday in the hopes of securing 300 pints of blood from Moore County citizens.

It will be located at the Southern Pines Country club instead of the school gym as heretofore, through the courtesy of the club owners, the Elks Home, Inc.

A minimum collection of 200 pints is expected during this visit, "but we are shooting for 300," said John Buchholz, county blood program chairman. Through the miracles of refrigeration and air transportation, blood collected here Tuesday will be in Korea inside of a week, he reminded, and every pint we can collect is needed.

Sixty volunteers have been recruited, under Mrs. D. W. Winkelman and Mrs. I. T. Wyche, to assist the Bloodmobile's traveling nurse staff in collecting the life-saving fluid. A. A. Howlett is serving as equipment chairman.

Blood may be given any time between 11 a. m. and 4:30 p. m., preferably through appointment made through a volunteer solicitor or the local Red Cross office. Maj. Gen. A. V. Arnold, county civil defense chairman, is participating in the solicitation. Boy Scouts are distributing flyers furthering the appeal.

At the Southern Pines Country club donors will find plenty of parking space, pleasant surroundings and the usual facilities for their comfort and refreshment. They are asked to eat no meal just before coming. Age limits are 21 to 65. Those 18 to 21 may give if they have their parents' written consent. Tests are given in advance to be sure the donor is in the proper state of health to donate blood.

Those wishing to give, who have no transportation, may call the Red Cross office for a ride.

"Beat Boros" On Home Course

While golfers all over the nation are striving to "Beat Julius Boros" Saturday, Southern Pines will be the only town where this will be going on on Julius' own home course.

The Mid Pines Club, where the U. S. Open and World champion is pro, is remitting all greens fees for the National Golf Day observance. Entry fee, of course, at the Mid Pines as at other golf and country clubs the nation over, will be \$1 per person, which will go in full to a group of worthy causes.

The Junior Chamber of Commerce is cooperating nationally with Life magazine in sponsoring the event, and Lawrence Johnson, president of the Aberdeen Jaycees, has written other Junior Chambers of Commerce in the area inviting them to send two somes or four-somes to play at Mid Pines Saturday. He himself will be part of a foursome from his own club.

Also playing at Mid Pines will be a foursome composed of Ernie Boros, Julius' 24-year-old brother, assistant pro at the club; Miss Jeanne Cosgrove, sister of the late Buttons Cosgrove Boros; Frank E. Cosgrove, her father, proprietor of the Mid Pines, and Father Michael Carney, longtime friend of the family who officiated at the wedding of Julius and Buttons in May 1950.

Madrigal Singers' Concert Tonight

The annual concert of the Madrigal Singers will take place tonight, (Friday evening) at 8:30 at Weaver Auditorium, according to word received.

There will be no charge for seats. The public is invited to hear, free, these Sandhills singers who make music primarily for their own enjoyment.

The concert of the amateur choral group, under the direction of Mrs. Roscoe Prince of Pinehurst, is being sponsored by the Sandhills Music Association. Mrs. Thomas Howerton is the accompanist.

This is the second concert for the local chorus this spring. Two weeks ago they appeared at the Medical Convention in Pinehurst, taking part in the Memorial Service at the Village Chapel.

The chorus which will sing tonight numbers thirty. Membership includes: Sopranos: Mesdames Paul T. Barnum, William Benson, Ralph Chandler, Jr., Norman Caudle, L. D. McDonald, Van Beuren Isley, W. F. Hollister, Fred Langner, Tom McKenzie, William McKenzie, Bert Premo, Miss Merva Benjamin and Miss Sara Wilson; Altos: Mesdames L. B. Creath, Adam Craig, Douglas Johnson, Marshall Morris, Bryan Poe, Dr. Lyn Johnson, and Miss Rosalind Colley; Tenors: Dr. William Peck, Thomas Howerton, and William Benson; Basses and Baritone: Messrs. Norman Caudle, (Continued on Page 4)

Fire Truck Here; "Open House" Set Saturday, May 30

Saturday, May 30, will be "Fire Truck Day" in Southern Pines, by proclamation of Mayor L. T. Clark, for an open house at the fire station where all townspeople may see their new \$20,000 investment.

Plans for the "open house" are being made and will be announced next week. They will include rides for the kiddies on the new fire truck, and demonstrations of equipment.

The Air-Ground Operations school, also the possessor of a new fire truck, will be invited to take part, bringing its apparatus over too. The committee for the day, as appointed by the mayor, consists of Fire Chief Harold B. Fowler, Assistant Chief Joe O'Callaghan, Fireman Joe Garzik and Fire marshal Lieut. E. L. Hafner of USAFAGOS.

The new American LaFrance truck ordered by the town last January arrived in a sealed box car Saturday, and was removed Tuesday morning under the direction of Roy T. Rogers, engineer with the LaFrance company. Mr. Rogers stayed several days to commission the truck and instruct the volunteer fire department in its operation and the use of the (Continued on page 8)

Dr. Speigner Will Be Speaker At West Side Finals

Dr. Theodore R. Speigner, director of resource-use education at North Carolina college at Durham, will be the commencement speaker at West Southern Pines High school Thursday at 8 p. m., it was announced by J. W. Moore, principal.

John Howarth, chairman of the Southern Pines school board, will present diplomas to 17 seniors. Russell J. Lorenson, president of the Southern Pines Rotary club, will award the Rotary improvement cup to the high school boy or girl judged to have shown the greatest improvement during the past school year.

The baccalaureate service will be held at 4 p. m. Sunday, with sermon by the Rev. T. L. Parsons, pastor of AME Zion Trinity church.

Class Night exercises will be held Monday evening at 8 o'clock, and the eighth grade commencement will take place Friday at 11 a. m.

The school glee club will sing for both the baccalaureate and graduation events.

Slated to receive diplomas are: John Charles Coles, Preston Evans, Winslow Levord Griffin, Donald Thomas Lutz, Eddie Pride, James Edward Quick, Jr., Jonathan Waddell, Willie Frank Williams.

Also: Helen G. Charles, Gladys Lee Faison, Shirley Ferguson, Mary Doris Graham, Lelia Hill, Gertha Hooper, Annie M. King, Dorothy Jean Ray, Laura Jean Steele.

Large Group Completes USAFAGOS' First Reserve Officer Training Course

A unique graduation ceremony was held at the National Guard Armory here Tuesday night, that of a group of reserve officers of the Sandhills towns, completing the intensive indoctrination course of the USAF Air-Ground Operations school.

It was USAFAGOS' first participation in the training program of the inactive reserve. The course, except for a few minor details, was exactly the same as that given officers of all services, also from the NATO nations, assigned here each week to be brought up-to-date on air-ground coordination in modern warfare.

The course was taught by the same staff instructors, using their off-duty hours, and employing the same training aids which have given USAFAGOS a reputation unique among service schools.

The pupils, veterans of both world wars garnering points toward maintenance of their reserve status, came from Southern Pines, Sanford, Fayetteville, Cameron, Aberdeen West End, Carthage, Lumberton and Fort Bragg. They have been meeting two evenings a month since last October.

"Commencement speaker" was Brig. Gen. W. M. Gross, USAFAGOS commandant, who congratulated the men on their "almost unheard-of" record of approximately 80 per cent completion of the course. "When the plan was first broached to me," he said, "I must admit I was dubious. I didn't think you could do it. For 80 per cent of the starters to finish the course, some commuting from 40 to 50 miles, is truly a proud record. As long as we have gentlemen like you in the reserve, keeping up-to-date and ready to serve your country when you are needed, we will be a strong team."

Teamwork, he emphasized, was the entire objective of the course (Continued on Page 4)

BOROS TOURNEY

You're invited to "Beat Julius Boros" Saturday at the Southern Pines Country club, which is sponsoring a tournament for this area in observance of National Golf Day.

You'll be allowed your full club handicap in matching skills against the U. S. Open and World champion, who will be playing at Oskmont, Pa., at the same time. The \$1 entry fee goes to various worthy causes in the nationwide event sponsored by Life magazine.

Sandhills players who beat Julius will win a medal stating this proud fact, and will also be named in The Pilot next week.