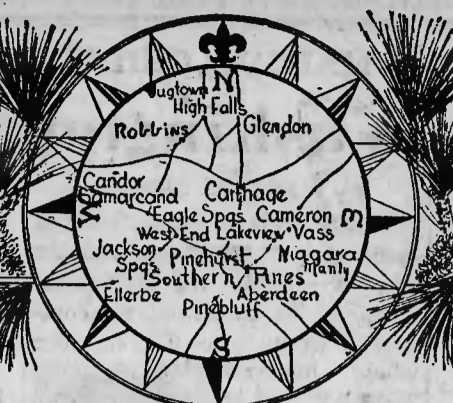


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Royal Thai Air Force Officers Visit USAFAGOS

Party Headed By Air Chief Marshal Fuen R. Riddhagni

Air Chief Marshal Fuen R. Riddhagni, commander in chief of the Royal Thai Air Force, and a party of officers from Thailand are arriving at the USAF Air-Ground Operations school here this week. They are visiting in the United States as guests of the chief of staff of the U. S. Air Force.

In Southern Pines they will remain several days and will be briefed in the techniques, doctrine and tactics of the Air-Ground team. The visit to the United States is giving the Thai officers first-hand information about USAF organization, training and operation procedure and equipment, according to an announcement from the Air-Ground school.

Also in the party are: Group Captain Manob Suriya, deputy chief of staff, intelligence, of the Royal Thai Air Force (RTAF); Wing Commander Tragool Thavaravej, chief surgeon, RTAF hospital; Wing Commander Siddhi Savatsila, Air Academy instructor, RTAF; Flying Officer Riddhagni, son of the air chief marshal; and the USAF escort officer, who is traveling with the party throughout the United States, Lt. Col. James H. Gunn.

At the Highland Pines Inn, USAFAGOS headquarters, the party was to be welcomed by Brig. Gen. W. M. Gross, commander. Exact time of arrival was not revealed in the announcement of the visit made earlier this week.

All the visiting Thai officers speak English and have previously traveled, studied or lived in the United States.

Air Chief Marshal Riddhagni, who is in undisputed control of the RTAF, is pro-Western and pro-American. He is a member of the parliament of Thailand and a graduate of the Royal Thai Military Academy. He trained with the RAF in England. His son is a graduate of Washington State college.

Wing Commander Thavaravej is a fellow of the International College of Surgeons and has a diploma in surgery from New York university. He was chief of a flight evacuation team in Korea in 1951 and has traveled extensively in the United States.

Group Captain Suriya attended Lafayette college in Pennsylvania and is a 1937 graduate of the United States Military Academy, West Point, N. Y. He was an instructor in the Royal Thai Military Academy, left military service for a time to fly as a commercial air line pilot and returned to the RTAF as deputy chief of staff, intelligence.

Wing Commander Savatsila is a 1943 graduate of Massachusetts Institute of Technology and was trained by the OSS in the United States during World War 2. He operated with the Free Thai unit during the Japanese occupation.

The visit of the Thai Air Force officers to Southern Pines takes on added interest against the background of a visit to this community last January by Puang Suwanarath, a Thailand provincial governor. Mr. Puang had known Lewis Pate of Southern Pines in Thailand and came here to see Mr. Pate's sister, Mrs. Fred Woodruff, and others.

AA Sponsoring Public Meeting Friday Evening

The Southern Pines group of Alcoholics Anonymous is sponsoring an educational meeting in order that the public may be more informed on alcoholism as an illness and a public health problem. Church and civic leaders, city and county officials, and all others interested are urged to attend this meeting, at the Southern Pines Civic Club at 8 p.m., Friday, July 31st.

The speaker has an intimate knowledge of the subject and tells an outstanding story, say members of the sponsoring group.



TROPHY WINNERS in junior Sandhills tournament are pictured here. First row, from left, Pattie Woodell, Frances Pearson, girls' doubles runners-up; Lillian Bullock, winner of girls' and junior girls' singles, also, with Gail Hobson, girls' doubles; Pattie Britt, girls' singles runner-up; Gail Hobson, junior girls' singles runner-up, winner girls' doubles.

Second row, kneeling—Johnny Watkins, boys' singles and doubles' runner-up; Stamps How-

ard, junior boys' singles runner-up. Back row—Billy Hollowell, boys' singles winner; Kenneth Tew, junior boys' doubles winner, singles runner-up; Richard Makepeace, junior boys' singles and doubles winner; Maurice Everette, Robersonville, junior boys' doubles runner-up. Not in picture—John Savage, Joe de Bruehl, boys' doubles winners, and Billy Hamel, boys' doubles runner-up. (Photo V. Nicholson)

Scouts To Hold First 'Swim-All' Next Week; Court of Honor Also on Program

Parents, Leaders To Join Boys For Picnic Supper, Pinebluff Lake

A giant "Swim-All" for all the scouts of Moore District of the Boy Scouts of America will be held Wednesday, August 5, at Pinebluff Lake.

Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts, and Explorers with their leaders and parents will participate. Registration begins at 2 p. m.

In addition to a general supervised swim, there will be a swimming meet with races and relays, water games, and diving contests. At 6 p. m. the boys will enjoy with their parents and leaders a picnic supper on the community unit plan.

At 8 p.m. there will be a Camp Fire with each troop, Cub pack, and Explorer pack staging their favorite stunts and songs.

A District Court of Honor under the direction of District Advancement Chairman Lawrence Johnson of Aberdeen will be held at the Camp Fire.

Pictures of the district camporee taken by District Health and Safety Chairman Clarence Thomas will also be shown.

It is expected that the Scouts who attended the National Jamboree at Irvine Ranch, Santa Ana, Calif., will make a report.

This "Swim-All" will be the first of its kind held in Moore District, and it is expected to become an annual event.

Men's, Women's Choruses Chosen For Talent Show; Tots Entered In Contest

(Also see story, page 6) Members of the men's chorus who will take part in "Onstage America," the musical minstrel to be presented Thursday and Friday nights of next week, for the benefit of the Church of Wide Fellowship's building fund, have been chosen as follows:

Lloyd Woolley, Norris Hodgkins, Jr., Dr. Dave Whitehead, Jimmy Hobbs, R. W. Tate, E. J. Austin, Charley Austin, Hubert McCaskill, J. D. Sitterson, Tom Shockley, Leighton Hall, W. N. Benjamin, Dr. McKenzie, Bob Dadds, and James Prim.

The show will be given at Weaver auditorium at 8:13 each night featuring traditional black-face comedy and music, directed by Miss Nyla Anne Jester of Indianapolis, Ind.

Taking part in the Pickaninny Chorus will be Mrs. Eleanor Poe, Miss Merva Benjamin, Mrs. Lillian Miles Raymond, Miss Blanche Sherman, Mrs. Sybil Austin and Mrs. Algene Hoskins, who will read the children's number, "Cin-

Court Expecting Heavy Docket

Judge J. Vance Rowe and Solicitor W. Lamont Brown are expected to face a heavy docket in Moore County recorder's court Monday when the court convenes for the first session since July 20.

Normally, the week between each session of the Monday court brings enough cases to keep it busy all day. With a backlog of two weeks' cases, the court can expect a very busy day Monday.

The county commissioners also meet Monday, with their chief item of business expected to be formal adoption of the 1953-'54 county budget that sets a tax rate of \$1.35, the same as the previous year.

AREA CHAIRMAN

E. Nolley Jackson of Jackson Motors, Inc. has accepted the appointment of Area Chairman for the North Carolina Automobile Dealers Association it was announced by Association President T. L. Black of Pinehurst. Jackson will represent the State and National Automobile Dealers Associations in this county during the coming year. As county chairman, Jackson will also head the Fall membership campaign in this area for NCADA and NADA and will participate in Area Chairmen Day which will be held in Raleigh in October.

derella." The chorus of teen-agers will be listed next week.

Miss Mary Jane Prillaman, president of the church's Fellowship Forum, is in charge of advertising committee. Harry Pethick is chairman of ticket committee.

Reserved tickets will go on sale Monday and Tuesday at Sandhill Drug company.

Entries in the "Tiny-Tot" popularity contest so far are:

Alice Austin, Shiela Aubin, George Chappell, Anne Frances Wilson, Rickie Kobleur, Robert Peeler, Eddy Davis, Sharon and Charley Shockley, Don Whitehead, Jane and John Buchholz, Brad Rush, Becky Talbert, Linda Dawson, Peggy Patch, Vincent Currie, Ray Cummings, C. L. Worsham III, Judy Steed, Vicky Woodell, Penny Henderson, Peggy Lawson, Lorraine Jensen, Philip McRae, Buddy and Annabelle Smith, Guy Scheipers, "Scot" Stephenson, Jane Blue and Al Fields.

Local Players Win Trophies In Tennis Event

Southern Pines, group of tennis-playing young people, the Junior Sandhill Tennis association, successfully staged their fifth annual tournament last week—the Junior Sandhill Invitational, held on the municipal courts.

Though the entry list was disappointingly small, comprising only 33 players, the quality was high and players came from Durham, Tarboro, Robersonville, Goldsboro, Kinston, Greensboro and Sanford, in addition to Pinehurst and Southern Pines.

Finals held Saturday, during the day and evening, also Sunday afternoon, drew large galleries, especially on Saturday night. At that time they were swelled by an enthusiastic delegation from Sanford, here to cheer Richard Makepeace, 18.

Young Makepeace, captain of the tennis team at Fishburne Military school, Waynesboro, Va., defeated Kenneth Tew of Southern Pines in a hard-contested match, 6-1, 3-6, 6-4, to win the junior boys' singles championship and trophy. Also Saturday night, Tew and Makepeace teamed to win the doubles championship, 6-4, 6-3, over Maurice Everette of Robersonville and Stover Howard of Kinston, and Billy Hollowell of Kinston defeated Johnny Watkins of Southern Pines 6-3, 6-3 in boys' singles.

Girls' finals were played during the day, and at the trophy-awarding Saturday midnight, conducted by W. F. Bowman, vice-president of the Sandhill Tennis association, Southern Pines' Lillian Bullock, aged 14, was presented trophies for three championships—junior girls' and girls' singles, also, with Gail Hobson of Pinehurst, the girls' doubles.

To win the junior singles Lillian defeated Gail 6-2, 6-4, and, in the girls' event, she defeated Pattie Britt, 6-2, 6-3. Runners-up in girls' doubles were Patty Woodell and Frances Pearson and the score was 7-5, 7-5.

In boys' doubles played Sunday afternoon, John Savage and Joe de Bruehl of Goldsboro defeated Johnny Watkins and Billy Hamel of Southern Pines.

The tournament started Wednesday, its opening delayed by showers until late afternoon. Only three first-round matches could be played at that time. From then on the weather was good and the matches reeled off in swift succession.

Malcolm Clark served as adviser for the senior association, working with tournament committees from the junior group throughout the event. Also assisting was Audrey West Brown, state women's singles champion, who is on a two-month leave of absence from her job in Burlington.

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Support Sought For Golf Event Here In November

C. of C. Checking To See If Needed \$3,000 Will Be Forthcoming

Directors of the Chamber of Commerce will conduct a survey during the next two weeks to determine whether they will proceed with sponsorship of a golf tournament here in the fall.

The tournament would be one to attract major pros on their itinerary from north to south in the fall, and also provide a worthwhile event for local and out-of-state amateurs.

Advice secured from Dugan Aycock of Lexington, president of the Carolinas PGA, is that such a tournament can be held in a very worthwhile way, attracting a star entry list of pros, during the third week in November, with a minimum purse of \$2,500.

Several hundred dollars' expenses will run the "nut" up to approximately \$3,000 and the object of the survey is to see if the community will support the event financially, said Joe Montesanti, Jr., Chamber of Commerce special-events chairman.

Desirable Time

The third week in November will be the most desirable time for the tournament, Aycock reported, as that now presents a lull in the schedule from the ending of the northern circuit to the beginning of the Florida winter play. The Chamber's plan, if it can get up the purse, is to hold the tournament on the Southern Pines Country Club course. If there are as many entries as anticipated, there will be an overflow, to be accommodated at Mid Pines and Pine Needles.

The tournament is planned as a successor to the Julius Boros Invitational centered at Mid Pines last fall, held as a community event honoring the winner of the U. S. Open and Tam O'Shanter championships with the chamber acting as coordinator for a Southern Pines-Pinehurst committee.

It was anticipated at that time that the tournament could possibly be held each year in honor of the new U. S. Open champion. However, Ben Hogan, the 1953 winner, is turning down all invitations and has said he will not play again until the Masters at Augusta in the spring.

Chairman Montesanti called a meeting last week of local members of last year's committee, then a special meeting of the Chamber directors was held Monday night at the Chamber office.

Directors Enthusiastic

Feeling of the directors was that it would be a splendid thing for the community to continue with the tournament, and establish it as an annual event. They were willing to undertake sponsorship, but felt they could not underwrite expenses without first ascertaining that contributions would be forthcoming to make up the necessary funds.

T. E. Cunningham Will Start Duties Monday

City Manager Will Live At Knollwood Apts.



COMMISSIONER SCHEIDT

Scheidt Appeals For Alertness In Stopping Accidents

Has Faith Ordinary Man Will Respond; Wants Driver Training

Asserting that he wants "the people of North Carolina to be alerted as they have never been alerted before" in the fight to prevent traffic accidents and fatalities, Ed Scheidt who was appointed Commissioner of Motor Vehicles a month ago, told members of the Sandhills Kiwanis club Wednesday that they can be of tremendous help in this effort.

Introduced by Paul Butler, who recalled that Mr. Scheidt had spent 21 years in the Federal Bureau of Investigation with nine years as head of the Charlotte FBI office, Mr. Scheidt spoke at the regular luncheon meeting of the club at the Southern Pines Country club.

Two other speakers also touched on safety subjects during the meeting. Stanhope Lineberry, chief of the rural police of Mecklenburg county, pointed out that traffic accidents have taken more lives in the United States than have all our wars and said the experience in his county shows that "the more arrests that are made, the fewer accidents and fatalities we have."

Appeals To Drivers

Highway Patrolman C. G. Wimberly of Aberdeen, stationed in Moore county, made a brief emergency announcement as part of the state-wide program in which patrolmen are going into civic club meetings this week to appeal for cooperation of drivers in traffic law enforcement. He urged drivers to take down license numbers of vehicles violating traffic laws and send the numbers to Raleigh. The driver of the vehicle will be notified, said the patrolman, and will be asked to assist in safety efforts by good driving in the future. Courteous drivers should also be reported, to be commended by (Continued on page 8)

Public Hearing Slated August 11 On Zone Changes

A public hearing on proposed zoning changes on Bennett street and New York avenue will be held at the town office August 11 at 8 p. m., it was announced this week. Such a hearing is required by law before any change in the zoning status of any part of town is approved.

On Bennett, the proposed amendment to the zoning ordinance would change from residential to business category the frontage on South Bennett street, to the depth of the lots or to a depth of not less than 100 feet, from Pennsylvania avenue to New York avenue on both sides of the street.

Tentative approval of this amendment was given by the town council after J. Vance Rowe, Jr., recently appeared at a board meeting on behalf of an unnamed client who, said the attorney, was particularly interested in the west side of the street, and the southerly half of the block.

Also up for public hearing is a proposed change from residential to business on East New York avenue, the southerly side from West Broad street to South Bennett street—not affecting that portion already in the business district.

Under the law, the amendment could not become effective if there is a protest by 20 per cent or more of property owners concerned or the property owners immediately at the rear or across the street—unless there is then a favorable vote by three-fourths of all members of the town council.

Police Station Transfer Awaits Approval By FCC

Moving the police station to town hall, as approved by the town council, awaits approval by the Federal Communications Commission in Washington, Chief C. E. Newton said this week.

Strict Federal regulations require a permit to move a radio station, including police radio installations, even for a few blocks in the same town. Chief Newton said application for the change has been filed with the FCC.

Moving of the ABC store, formerly next door to the police station, to the O'Callaghan building this week means that K. Y. Poe, who has been combining his duties of night watchman at the ABC store with service as night desk clerk and radio operator at the police station, will be unable to continue in the police station post.

Frank Viall is serving temporarily as night desk clerk and radio operator. Mr. Poe will continue as night watchman for the ABC store at its new location.



MODEL BUILDER Frank Kaylor of Southern Pines examines a tiny steam-driven generator (fastened to front of locomotive cab) that he helped invent and perfect and which has brought him recognition throughout the United States, in Canada and in England. One of the midget generators has been bought by a model builder in Thailand. See story page 11 for details. (Pilot Staff Photo)