

Tobacco Markets To Open Aug. 27 In Moore County

Warehouses Ready At Aberdeen, Carthage For Auctioning Leaf

Moore county's two tobacco markets, Aberdeen and Carthage, will start their selling season Thursday of next week, August 27.

Sales at these two markets and at three other markets associated with the Sandhill Warehouse association will begin ahead of opening of the Middle Belt with which the five Sandhill markets were formerly associated. Other markets in the Sandhill group are at Sanford, Fuquay-Varina and Ellerbe.

The August 27 opening will give the Sandhill markets four selling days—Thursday and Friday of next week and Monday and Tuesday of the following week—before Middle Belt markets open.

For several years the Sandhill markets have opened earlier than the Middle Belt in support of their contention that tobacco in areas served by the Sandhill markets is ready for market before leaf in the sections served by Middle Belt markets.

Outlook for the market openings in Moore county indicates plenty of floor space and full sets of buyers with all major companies represented. Doors of Aberdeen and Carthage warehouses will open early next week to accommodate tobacco for the first day's sales on Thursday.

Two of Aberdeen's three warehouses are in readiness for the opening. Planters warehouse, operated by Gene Maynard and Bill Maurer, and the Bass warehouse, operated by Taft Bass.

It was not known today if the (Continued on Page 8)

Hopes Rise For Exchange Soon Of Cpl. Bradford

The release of Pfc. Daniel L. Wheeler in the Korean prisoner-of-war exchange, reported Thursday, is another boost to the hopes of friends of Cpl. Henry Bradford of Southern Pines that his name will soon come up on the exchange list.

Corporal Bradford wrote his wife that a number of other North Carolinians were in the communist POW camp with him. He gave no names, apparently not being permitted to do so, but mentioned that one was a "red-headed boy," the son of a former policeman at Rocky Mount.

Through other sources, Mrs. Bradford learned that this boy was named Wheeler.

The Thursday report said that Camp No. 1 at Chonggang had been cleared out. Sgt. James S. Martin, who phoned Mrs. Bradford earlier this week from Alabama also wrote to her. His letter arriving Wednesday told her that Camp No. 3, where Corporal Bradford is located, is 12 miles from Camp No. 1. It should be in process of clearing-out now. The two camps seem to be closely connected and have the same mail address.

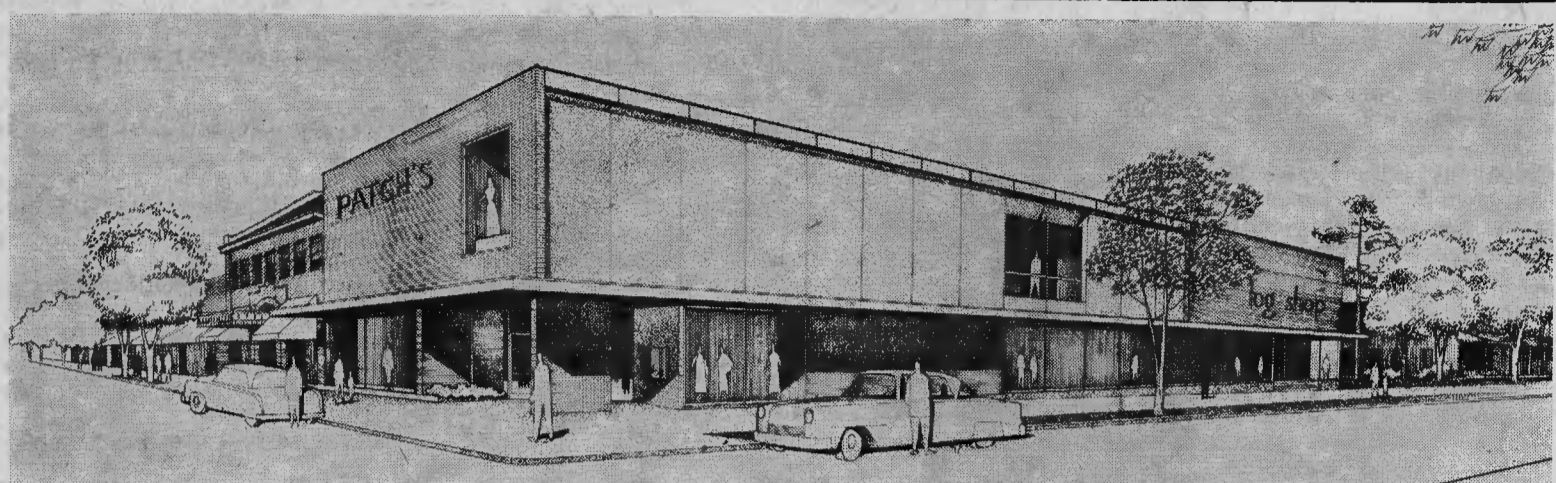
McDUFFIE FREED

First of Moore county's three known prisoners of war in Korea was exchanged by the Communists this week.

Private First Class Arthur R. McDuffie of Biscoe, Route 1, was one of two North Carolina prisoners exchanged Tuesday. When captured he was with Company C, 5th Regimental Combat Team, 24th division.

Despite the McDuffie family's mail address, their home is in Moore county. The other two known prisoners of the Communists are Cpl. Henry Bradford of Southern Pines and Sgt. 1-c Gentry T. Frye of near Carthage.

McDuffie was listed as missing in action April 25, 1951. In December of that year, his name appeared on the Red list of U. S. prisoners and his family subsequently received a letter and snapshot from him.



"PATCH'S OF THE FUTURE"—An architect's drawing of how Patch's Department Store and The Tog Shop will look when a current modernization and expansion program is completed—is pictured here. At left is Broad street; at right New Hampshire avenue, with the proposed new Tog Shop building, located where the old Western Union office building was, at the extreme end of the remodeled Patch building. The Broad Street front will be faced with Colonial type brick, as will a section of the New Hampshire avenue side and the new adjoining Tog Shop building. The plain high facade on New Hampshire will have a stucco finish. The large lobby entrance, with glass doors, can be entered from both New Hampshire and Broad. An eight-foot permanent marquee will extend over the sidewalk on both sides. The remodeled building is designed by Hayes and Marshall, local architects.

Grand Jury Finds No True Bill In One Murder Case

Mrs. Julia D. Banigan, former Southern Pines real estate dealer, was called twice in Moore superior court Wednesday — once for each of the embezzlement counts standing against her—but there was no reply.

On one of the counts, Mrs. Banigan has paid off the money; on the other, she is due to pay \$5,100 at this term or to prison for two concurrent terms of three to five years each.

Judge J. C. Rudisill ordered the issuance of capias instanter for Mrs. Banigan, and sci fa on bondsman. Until recently, it was learned, Mrs. Banigan and her husband were in Poughkeepsie, N. Y. Now they have gone, leaving no address.

Both other cases on the compliance docket for this term—Hurley McBride and Bill and Juanita Walker, both convicted of liquor law violations—were shown to have reported as required.

PROGRAM ENDS

The Southern Pines summer recreation program ends today (Friday), points out Irie Leonard, director of the program which has sponsored a variety of activities since it began June 15.

Highlight of the final week of the program was the annual picnic and swimming party Thursday at the Southern Pines lake.

The Rev. Ernest L. Barber of Moultrie, Ga., former pastor of Bethesda Presbyterian church, Aberdeen, and Brownson Memorial Presbyterian church here, has been secured as executive secretary of Granville Presbytery in North Carolina, effective September 15. The announcement was made by the Rev. Edward J. Agsten, minister of the West Raleigh Presbyterian church and chairman of the steering committee of the Presbytery.

Rev. Mr. Barber is now executive secretary of the Presbytery of Southwest Georgia, a position he has held since 1948. In Georgia he has served as chairman of Synod's Church Extension and also as chairman of the Synod's Council.

A native of York, S. C., the pastor is a graduate of Presbyterian college of South Carolina and Union Theological Seminary, Richmond, Va. He is married to the former Miss Louise Dendy of Seneca, S. C. They have two daughters, Mrs. Joe W. McLaney, Jr., of Charlotte and Mrs. Thomas B. Haller of Richmond.

Mr. Barber was the first pastor of Brownson Memorial Presbyterian church and is well known throughout this area.

Patch's Starts Remodeling Program, Planning To Finish Work In Stages

Elevator, Heating To Be Installed; Exterior Next Year

Enlargement and modernization of Patch's Department Store, to take place under a gradual program of construction beginning immediately, was announced today by Charles S. Patch, Sr., president of the owner corporation.

The program foresees many interior and exterior improvements for the building now housing Southern Pines' oldest business establishment at the corner of Broad street and New Hampshire avenue. Also planned is construction of a new two-story building adjoining on New Hampshire avenue for The Tog Shop, a men's apparel and sporting goods store operated independently by Charles S. Patch, Jr.

Because the planning phase of the Patch's development program took longer than expected, work will be done in limited stages, said Earle B. Owen, general manager of the department store, with a special view to not inconveniencing the store's customers during the 1953 year-end holiday shopping season.

Work on the exterior and construction of the New Tog Shop building will not be undertaken this year.

Work to be done immediately calls for installation of an elevator serving the two upper floors and a basement section that will be opened up under the Tog Shop (Continued on Page 8)

YDC Rally Slated At Country Club; Lennon To Speak

First appearance in this area of Senator Alton A. Lennon, the Wilmington lawyer who was appointed by Gov. William B. Umstead to fill the unexpired term of the late Senator Willis Smith, will take place Saturday night of September 5, when he is scheduled to address the annual Eighth District Young Democratic rally at the Southern Pines Country Club.

Al Cruce of Aberdeen, Eighth District YDC chairman, has sent invitations to YDC and party leaders throughout the district and state. A large delegation of Moore County residents is expected to attend.

W. Lamont Brown of Southern Pines, arrangements chairman, is handling sale of dinner tickets. The dinner is scheduled for 5:30 to 6:30. Tuesday, September 1, is the deadline for obtaining tickets.

Tag Sales Bureau Closed One Week

The auto tag sales bureau at the Southern Pines Chamber of Commerce office on Pennsylvania is closed for one week, August 20 through August 26, while Miss Alice Baxter, secretary in the C. of C. office, is on vacation. The office will open and auto tag sales will be resumed Thursday morning, August 27, at 9 a. m.



Police Dept. Now Established 2nd Floor Town Hall

Established on the second floor of the town hall on Broad street, the Southern Pines police department was carrying on business as usual in more spacious quarters this week.

Chief C. E. Newton supervised moving of the department, including radio equipment that needed federal approval for a transfer, to the new quarters last week, from the former police station-ABC store building on New Hampshire avenue.

On a temporary basis, replacing H. B. Fowler who has been ill for the past two weeks, Mrs. Cornelia B. Vann began work at the police department Monday as day desk clerk and radio operator. Frank Viall remains the temporary clerk and operator on the night shift. License Examiner

D. A. Clark, state driver's license examiner, who visits the police station each Friday, has been allotted a room on the same floor with the police department.

The entire second floor of the town hall has been allotted to the police department, but all the rooms are not being used.

Umsteader, Cobb, Spears, Del Sylvia Here For Tourney

Southern Pines is the tennis center of the state this weekend, as matches of the Sandhill Invitational tournament are reeled off on the municipal courts.

The last-minute entry of Bill Umsteader, one of the southeast's outstanding players, in a field which already included Del Sylvia, Frank Spears and Whit Cobb, assured the tournament of its most star-studded field in history.

First-round matches got underway Wednesday evening, delayed several hours by showers during the day. They are expected to reach the semifinals stage by Friday, and finals are slated for Saturday and Sunday. Play is going on by night as well as by day.

Del Sylvia, Southern Conference champion this year and last, is topseded in men's singles. Umsteader, whose most recent victory was in the Crackerland Championships at Athens, Ga., is in No. 2 spot and Defending Champion Frank Spears of Greenville, S. C., now a naval air cadet at Saufley AFB, Pensacola, Fla., is No. 3.

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Football Practice To Start Monday; Lineup Wide Open

Positions on the 1953 Southern Pines High School football team are "wide open," Coach Irie Leonard said this week in announcing that practice will begin Monday afternoon, August 24, at 4:30 o'clock.

The entire 1952 Blue and White first team was in this year's graduating class, the coach recalled. All boys in high school are invited to turn out for practice, including members of the new freshman team.

Mid-week service, Wednesday, 7:15 p. m.

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE CHURCH

New Hampshire Ave., So. Pines
Sunday Service, 11 a. m.
Sunday School, 11 a. m.
Wednesday Service, 8 p. m.
Reading Room in Church Building open Wednesday 3-5 p. m.

CHURCH OF WIDE FELLOWSHIP

Royal G. Davis, interim pastor
Church School 9:45 at the high school. Morning worship 11 at the church. Nursery for young children of parents wishing to attend church, 11 at the parsonage. Twilight hour, no summer meetings. p.m.

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\$2.20 Tax Rate Set To Balance Budget In Face Of Deficit

Expenses Cut In Financing For New Year

A budget planned to liquidate an estimated \$10,000 deficit in the town's finances, reduce expenditures and meet general fund expenses was adopted by the town council Tuesday night, setting the tax rate at \$2.20 per \$100 of property valuation—the same rate that has prevailed for the past six years.

In the new budget, prepared by City Manager Tom Cunningham since his arrival early this month,

Zoning Proposal On Bennett Street Killed By Protest

The proposal for re-zoning of the Bennett street block, between Pennsylvania and New York avenues, from residential to business was killed Tuesday night by protests of residents and property owners of the neighborhood, made to the town council.

A delegation attended the council meeting and presented a petition, which was quickly ascertained to contain a sufficient number of signatures to end the move. Only 20 per cent of property owners protesting such a change is required.

The delegation told the council that they did not wish to "stand in the way of progress," and if they could be assured some dignity and desirable type of business wished to come in there, they might go along, but they did not wish indiscriminate business development on the block.

The petition bore the names of Mrs. W. B. Whitman, Hiram Westbrook, Mrs. Joseph F. Morris, Mrs. C. L. Hayes, Mrs. E. V. Walker, C. E. Holt and Mrs. W. H. Chatfield. In addition, a telegram had been received by J. Vance Rowe, Jr., attorney, requesting the change, from Winthrop Haynes, owner of the New England House, and Miss Louise Haynes. The Haynes property covers almost all the area involved on the western side of the block.

His clients requesting the change, said Mr. Rowe, were A. Montesanti and Russell Monroe. He said he did not know what type of business development they had in mind. The request had been made at first for only half of the western side of the block, and the remaining portion of the (Continued on page 8)

Petition Presented To Town Council At Meeting This Week

Significant factors called to the attention of the council by Mr. Cunningham in presenting his budget include:

Reduction is made in the Street Department appropriation by about \$13,000 in labor, materials and equipment, with recommendation that street maintenance work be accomplished with Powell Bill funds already available to the town and funds anticipated for the coming year.

No general salary increases for town employees are planned, with \$2,500 included for salary increases for meritorious employees. Recommendation on salaries will be made by the manager later, he said.

The budget covers only general fund income. A water fund budget and a street improvement (Powell bill) budget are being prepared by Mr. Cunningham for presentation at the next council meeting, if possible.

Appropriations

General fund appropriations made in the new budget include \$119,044 for current expenses and \$24,679.50 for debt service, a total of \$143,723.50.

A break-down of expenses includes: general administration, \$18,819; sanitary department, \$12,070; fire department, \$6,930; police department, \$25,900; cemetery maintenance, \$3,742; buildings, parks, grounds, \$4,916; publicity, \$800; sewerage treatment plant, \$2,532; streets and sewer department, \$34,974; miscellaneous expenses, \$8,361; and debt service, \$24,679.

Income

Of the estimated income of \$153,875, taxes will provide \$126,191; licenses, \$1,800; fees, rents and sewer charges, \$3,612; income from other jurisdictions, \$20,248 and sundry revenue and refund, \$2,903.

The annual town budget by representative schedule: Muse, Sanford reunion, 8 a. m. (10 a. m. on Monday and Sundays.) expected next year. ham picnic, family Service and Morning of a deayer, 10 a. m. in his o that the

ST. ANTHONYS (Catholic)

Vermont Ave. at Ashe
Father Peter M. Denges
Sunday masses 8 and 10:30 a. m.; Holy Day masses 7 and 9 a. m.; weekday mass at 8 a. m. Confessions heard on Saturday between 5-6 and 7:30-9:30 p. m.

OUR LADY OF VICTORY

West Pennsylvania at Hardin
Fr. Donald Fearon, C. S. S. R.
Sunday Mass, 10 a. m.; Holy Day Mass, 9 a. m. Confessions are heard before Mass.

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