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Lennon Thinks Party Will Win In '54, '56

Young Democrats of the 8th Congressional District, gathered 215-strong at the Southern Pines Country club Saturday night gave a rousing reception to U. S. Senator Alton A. Lennon who, in turn, said he had never observed a finer demonstration of party loyalty or solidarity than was evident at the rally here.

The senator was introduced by Rep. H. Clifton Blue, of Aberdeen. Lennon's speech was preceded by lively remarks from John Lang of Carthage, secretary to Congressman C. B. Deane who



HAPPY SMILES were registered by Senator Alton A. Lennon, right, and Al Cruce of Aberdeen, 8th district Young Democrats chairman, at the YDC rally held here Saturday night. It was the senator's first visit to Southern Pines since his appointment. (Pilot Staff Photo)

sent his greetings through Mr. Lang. Many Democratic notables from Moore and other counties of the district were introduced. Al Cruce of Aberdeen, chairman of 8th District YDC, presided.

Predicting Democratic victories in 1954 and 1956, Senator Lennon drew prolonged applause when he lauded the "political honesty and great moral leadership" of Adlai E. Stevenson, 1952 Democratic presidential candidate.

"I believe he will be our leader again," the senator predicted. He (Continued on Page 8)

Proclamation

WHEREAS Henry Bradford has served our country patriotically, faithfully, and courageously,
WHEREAS Henry Bradford has proven himself to be a credit to Southern Pines,
WHEREAS Henry Bradford has been a prisoner by an enemy of this country away from his family and friends of Southern Pines,
WHEREAS as Mayor of Southern Pines, I want to express for all the citizens of Southern Pines our sincere appreciation for his contribution to the cause of liberty and to the greatness of Southern Pines,
I HEREBY DECLARE Monday, September 14, 1953, to be Henry Bradford Day in Southern Pines.

LLOYD T. CLARK, Mayor
Town of Southern Pines.

Vass Textron Plant Closes, 90 Workers Lose Their Jobs

Company Says Plant 'Too Remote'; Offers Everything For Sale

Rumors that the shut-down late last week of the Textron plant in Vass might be permanent were confirmed by a formal statement issued from Anderson, S. C., Tuesday by R. M. Cushman, vice-president of Textron, Inc., who gave as the reason the remoteness of the Vass plant from others owned by the company.

Mr. Cushman's statement, in full, is as follows:

"R. M. Cushman, vice president of Textron, Inc., announces that operation of the Vass mill at Vass, employing 90 people, will be discontinued promptly. The plant is being closed because of its remoteness from other company plants.

"Its products will be handled by other existing plants of the company, which will assure improvement in quality as well as operating economies. This is one step in a program involving a major revamping and modernization of the company's spun synthetic operations. This program calls for installation of new equipment in plants in the Anderson, S. C., area.

"The Vass plant is a spinning mill suitable for manufacturing synthetic or cotton yarns. It is being offered for sale either with or without the machinery. It is hoped that an early sale can be arranged so that operations there can be resumed at an early date."

Harold Collins New Club Champ

Harold Collins became the new Southern Pines Country club golf champion when he defeated James Besley 3 and 2.

Play in the championship tournament ended Labor Day, after having been under way since about August 1.

Results in other flights of the tournament were:

First flight—Joe Carter defeated Perry Frye, 5 and 4.
Second flight—Tom Shockley defeated Joe Montesanti, Jr., 2 and 1.
Third flight—James Townshend defeated Bob Strouse, 3 and 2.

Lt. Wyndham Clarke, Fighter-Bomber Pilot, Home After Combat In Korea



LIEUTENANT CLARKE IN KOREA

First Lieutenant Wyndham Clarke, 23-year-old jet fighter-bomber pilot, is home after nearly a year of combat operations in Korea.

The ruddy, solid young officer slipped into Southern Pines, where he graduated from high school in 1948, almost unnoticed Monday. He had arrived by air at Raleigh-Durham airport and finished his journey to Southern Pines by train from Raleigh.

Lieutenant Clarke, son of Mrs. Louise Bowman and the late Lee

Pulpit Committee Will Make Report To Church Tonight

The Pulpit committee of the Church of Wide Fellowship, of which Amos C. Dawson and Tom Shockley are co-chairmen, has called a meeting of the congregation for 8 o'clock tonight (Friday) in the new educational building, at which time the committee's recommendation concerning a pastor for the church will be submitted for the approval or rejection of the group.

The church has been without a regular pastor since the death of Dr. Robert Lee House last January. The Rev. Royall Davis, who has been serving as interim pastor since the middle of June, will be leaving after two more Sundays to resume his studies at the University of Chicago. He will receive his Ph. D. degree at the end of another year.

Sgt. Henry Bradford, Released Korean War Prisoner, Arrives; 'Bradford Day' Set For Monday Parade, Talks, Chicken Fry, Dance Slated

Sergeant Henry Bradford, former Southern Pines police officer who spent more than three years as a prisoner of the Communists in Korea, will arrive home Thursday afternoon.

His arrival precedes by three days a Henry Bradford Day celebration proclaimed by Mayor Lloyd T. Clark and sponsored by the John Boyd Post, Veterans of Foreign Wars with assistance of other individuals and organizations.

It's going to be a great welcome for a man whose fate in far-off Korea has been followed with never-ceasing anxiety by his family and friends in this community.



TOMMY (SKIPPER) VANN, 14, son of Mrs. Cornelia Vann, 745 S. Bennett street, is shown here with one of his pastel paintings—a view of the old Shaw House—now on exhibit in the Southern Pines library. A total of 12 paintings and a number of sketches comprise the show. Pastel painting is Skipper's favorite medium and the Shaw House painting is the one in the exhibit he says he likes best. (Pilot Staff Photo)

The sergeant's wife, Mrs. Cleecy Renegar Bradford, his daughters, Gail, 14, and Idalou (Tinkie), 4, Mrs. Bradford's mother, Mrs. J. C. Renegar, and brother, Elmer Renegar, with other relatives and friends, went to Fayetteville Thursday morning to meet the sergeant. As The Pilot went to press Thursday afternoon, it was learned that his arrival time by air from San Francisco had been moved 7 to 3:50 p. m. from an expected 11:45 a. m., meaning that the party would probably arrive in Southern Pines late Thursday afternoon.

Bradford Day Program

Here are highlights of the Bradford Day program Monday: 5 p. m.—The fire siren will sound a full minute's blast as signal that events of the celebration are beginning.

Merchants and offices have been urged by the Chamber of Commerce and the sponsoring committee to close their establishments at that time, allowing all employees to attend the late afternoon program events.

A parade will form at the corner of Ashe street and New York avenue, led by the 42-piece 18th Corps military band from Fort Bragg, obtained through cooperation of USAF Air-Ground school here.

The parade will march south on New York avenue to Massachusetts, west to Broad street, north on the east side of Broad street to Vermont avenue, cross the railroad, march south on the west side of Broad street to Massachusetts and from there return to the VFW Post Home on New York avenue opposite the post office for the official welcome by Mayor L. T. Clark.

Brig. Gen. W. M. Gross, commandant of the Air-Ground school, will speak on behalf of the armed services as part of the official welcome.

Speeches will be made from the porch of the VFW Post Home, New York avenue, in the block between Broad street and Bennett street, will be roped off.

Sgt. Bradford is expected to ride in the parade in a convertible.

Colors and standards of the VFW post will be carried.

All organizations such as Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts and any other marching units are invited to take part.

The Rev. David Hoke Coon, pastor of the First Baptist church of which Sgt. Bradford was a faithful member while he lived in Southern Pines, will offer prayer during the program at the VFW Post Home.

Presentation of gifts to Sgt. Bradford will be made at that time.

Music will be furnished by the 18th Corps band who will be seated on the lawn.

The program will not last later than 6:30 p. m.

At 6:30 there will be a chicken fry at the Elks club on the former Southern Pines Country club property. Morris Johnson, manager of the Elks club, is in charge of arrangements, Bradford Day tags will admit any one to the chicken fry and also to a dance to follow at the Elks club at 9 p. m. (See story on front page of today's Pilot for details)

C. N. Page, chairman of the Elks Club house committee, and W. Harry Fullenwider, chairman of the board of trustees, have offered full cooperation of the club



THE REV. DAVID HOKE COON, newly arrived pastor of the First Baptist church, came to Southern Pines from Salisbury where he had been associate pastor and then interim pastor of the First Baptist church there. A native of Bessemer City, he has degrees from Catawba college and Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Ky. His wife is the former Cherry Cabell of Salisbury.

BRADFORD TAGS

Tags for the Henry Bradford Day celebration will be sold, featuring the picture of the returned prisoner of the Communists.

Priced at \$1, a tag will admit the bearer to a chicken fry to be held outdoors at the Elks club Monday, starting at 6:30 p. m. A tag will also admit bearer to a dance there Monday night.

Children under school age will be admitted free to the chicken fry, where the Bradford family will be guests of honor, to encourage making it a family affair.

Joe Garzik and Harry Chatfield, Rotary Club members working with the Bradford Day committee, are in charge of tag sales, assisted by Mrs. Valerie Nicholson.

No tag is required for the big public parade and gift presentation at the VFW Post Home Monday. All funds from tag sales not used in meeting expenses will be turned over to Sgt. Bradford.

Sgt. Harrison, Former Resident, Freed In Korea

Among the last prisoners released in Korea, The Pilot learned this week, was Sgt. David Harrison who, with his wife, lived in Southern Pines at the home of Clyde Morrison, 415 W. Vermont avenue, while he was stationed at Fort Bragg before he went overseas.

Sgt. and Mrs. Harrison and their baby expected to return to Southern Pines to make their home. Mrs. Harrison has been living at Yadkinville, her native town.

While Sgt. Harrison will probably not be back in the United States in time to take part in the Bradford Day celebration here Monday, George Nanopoulos, post service officer of the VFW here, has extended an invitation to Mrs. Harrison and their young child to be guest of the post for Bradford Day. Mr. and Mrs. Nanopoulos have invited her to be their house guest while in Southern Pines.

Sgt. Harrison had previously been reported only as missing. His wife did not know he was a prisoner until she received word of his release. Sgt. Harrison has not been carried on the Moore county prisoner list, because his home town was listed as Yadkinville.

Frye Released On Next-To-Last Prisoner List

All three of Moore county's known prisoners of war were exchanged before "Operation Big Switch" ended Sunday—but exchange of one of the trio, Master Sergeant Gentry T. Frye of near Carthage, had to wait until the next to last day of the operation.

Frye's name was on Saturday's list, with the rank of master sergeant. The Pilot has been listing him as sergeant first class, according to previously received information. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Frye of Carthage, Route 1. The family lives out of Carthage toward West End.

Previously exchanged were Sgt. Henry Bradford of Southern Pines and Pfc. Arthur McDuffie of Biscoe, route 1, whose home is in Moore county near the Montgomery county line. Pfc. McDuffie landed in San Francisco Saturday and was expected home this week.

in planning the supper and dance. Music at the dance will be furnished by a local quartet dance combination composed of Buster Doyle, Jimmy Lawson, Bob Strauss and Sgt. Eddie Koleski of the Air-Ground school.

Spent Wakeful Night

Mrs. Bradford said Thursday that her family had spent a wakeful night. (Continued on Page 8)

Southern Pines Beats Ellerbe, 40-6, In Opening Game of 1953

Fans Pleased With Performance of Blue and White Wednesday

By JIM HATCH

In the tradition of the familiar blue and white team, the local boys chalked up their first victory of the season as Ellerbe bowed in defeat 40-6 at Memorial field Wednesday. Hoper for more victories ride high with every spectator who saw the manner in which the local team defeated the red and gold of the visitors.

1st Quarter

Southern Pines, won the toss and elected to receive. Ellerbe kicked off and Southern Pines returned to the 34 yard line. From the 34 the Blue and White team rolled to the 16 yard line and from here Bill Cox, a sophomore, carried the ball over for the first local tally. The score then stood at 6-0. Tommy Ruggles was called on to kick and did so in gridiron fashion as the point was good and the score came to 8-0 in favor of Southern Pines.

On the kick off from Southern Pines, Ellerbe returned the pigskin to the Southern Pines 16, but was forced to punt. The blue and white then took over, but fumbled the ball. Ellerbe then started a passing attack that was good for

Ground Observer Corps Unit Being Organized Here

With L. V. O'Callaghan, Jr., as post supervisor, a unit of the Ground Observer Corps, is being set up in Southern Pines. Harry Chatfield is head observer of the group which is now seeking 25 or more volunteers to take part in periodic practice in spotting planes to be reported to the Charlotte Filter Center of the Air Force warning system.

Negotiations are now being made to obtain a suitable observation post near Southern Pines. At a meeting Tuesday night, Sergeant Allen of the Charlotte Filter Center, explained the program. Plans are here ready to take part in an operation September 20.

Persons interested in taking part in the program are asked to get in touch with Mr. O'Callaghan. At least 20 additional volunteers are needed, he said.