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Hundreds To Attend Kids' Day

Air-Ground School, Kiwanis Sponsoring Fun For Youngsters

National Kids' Day, sponsored by the Sandhills Kiwanis Club and the USAF Air-Ground Operations school will be conducted for all Moore County children 10 through 16 years of age on Saturday, September 26.

Hundreds of children from 11 schools of the county are expected to be present for an afternoon program that will feature the thrills of seeing jet aircraft in flight and a drop by 20 paratroopers.

Events of the day have been worked out by the Kiwanis club's committee for boys and girls work, headed by J. D. Hobbs, and Major John F. McCarthy, project officer representing Brig. Gen. William M. Gross, commandant of the Air-Ground school at the Highland Pines Inn.

National Kids' Day is a nationwide observance, sponsored throughout the U. S. A., Alaska and Hawaii by the Air Force and Kiwanis International.

Morning Program

For a group of contest winners from schools of Moore county, the program will begin in the morning on Kids' Day. Contests are now going on in the schools, featuring model plane building, essays on the U. S. Air Force and making suggestions for uniforms of the Women's Air Force (WAF). Winners in each school will be chosen and from this group personnel at USAFAGOS will choose the final winners before September 26.

These winners will assemble at the Highland Pines Inn at 10:30 a. m. September 26, to be greeted by their "counterpart" staff at the school whose positions they will assume for the morning's events.

The top winner of all the contestants will assume the post of General Gross, school commandant.

Schedule for the program then continues as follows:

11:00—Tour of the classrooms, mess hall, library, motor pool and other points of interest at the school.

11:20—Military formation ordered by the boy or girl commandant.

11:30—Formation with colors to award contest winners with badges. All youngsters taking part in the "course" at USAFAGOS will be awarded "diplomas."

11:45—Staff officers and their

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Sales Event To Be Conducted October 1, 2, 3

Member firms of the Southern Pines Chamber of Commerce will unite in a three-day fall sales event October 1, 2 and 3. Participating will be retailers and others within the Chamber membership whose business is of such a nature that special buys can be offered to shoppers at that time.

Plans for the event are being perfected by the Chamber's Better Business Bureau, of which Miss Katherine McDonald is president, assisted by Earle B. Owen. Advertising is being planned to attract both the local and out-of-town trade.

The event will mark another "first" for the Chamber, as it is not recalled that a cooperative sales event has ever been staged in Southern Pines before. It is expected the project will become a regular phase of the Chamber's annual program, to be held in both spring and fall.

Duke Football Team To Spend Night Here

The Duke University football team will spend tonight (Friday) at the Southland hotel here en route by bus from Durham to Columbia, S. C., for the opening game of the season with the University of South Carolina. The team will eat at Jacks Grill while in Southern Pines.

Catching Up On 'Lost' Christmases



Sgt. Henry Bradford, who spent the Christmases of 1950, 1951 and 1952 as a prisoner of the Communists in Korea, is shown surrounded by his family near the Christmas tree whose surprise unveiling climaxed welcoming ceremonies for him Monday. Daughter Gail, 14, is at the left. Little Idalou (Tinkie), four years old, is unwrapping one of the many presents under the tree. At right is his wife, Mrs. Cleecy Renegar Bradford. Decorated in secret behind a canvas curtain, by a VFW Auxiliary committee

headed by Mrs. Harry Chatfield, the tree symbolized the sergeant's three "lost" Christmases. The Christmas sign, like a "Welcome Home" sign not shown in the photo, was made by the Training Aids section at the USAF Air-Ground school. The presents were provided by merchants, a number of whom gave credit certificates so that the sergeant could pick the items he wanted most. The tree was on one end of the front porch of the VFW Post Home and was completely hidden, until Mayor L. T. Clark pulled the canvas curtain down. The sight was greeted by a gasp of surprise and pleasure from the crowd assembled for the ceremonies. The XVIII Corps band from Fort Bragg, seated on the lawn, broke into "Jingle Bells." When the excitement died down, Sergeant Bradford made a hit with the crowd when he said he wouldn't try to open all the presents then "or I'd be here all night." Then, with obvious emotion, he said: "Thanks, everybody. And God bless you all." (Photo by V. W. Hardee)

Sgt. Bradford Welcomed By Town

Tributes Paid By Mayor, 2 Generals For 'Bradford Day'

Sgt. Henry Bradford, a husky, smiling soldier who survived three years of Communist imprisonment in Korea, was welcomed Monday by the town he has called home for the past 15 years.

Sparked by the John Boyd post, Veterans of Foreign Wars, and its Auxiliary, in cooperation with the USAF Air-Ground school, other organizations, merchants and individuals, "Henry

Bradford Day" turned the town out in a celebration like nothing ever seen here before.

"We'll remember this day all our lives," said one prominent citizen between bites of fried chicken at an outdoor supper staged in cooperation with the Elks club at the Southern Pines Country club when the parade and the speeches were over.

A lot of others felt the same way.

Sergeant Bradford, who less than 30 days before had been eating his rice with chopsticks in a

stockade on the Yalu river, went through the celebration like a man waiting to wake up and find it wasn't true.

He and his family were paraded through the town with two bands, he was congratulated by the mayor, two generals and other speakers and he was showered with gifts, cheers, applause, handshakes and general admiration.

Mayor Lloyd T. Clark spoke the feeling of the entire town when he said during the welcoming ceremonies:

"We're sorry we can't have every Southern Pines man who has made a sacrifice in war here today. . . Henry, we're awful happy to have you home."

In honoring Sergeant Bradford, the town felt it was honoring also all others who have suffered and

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'We Let The Days Pass By' Misery Was Routine For American Soldiers In Korean Prison Camps

You'd have thought he'd had enough of the Army.

In 1948, Henry Bradford was 36 years old, an age when most men begin to feel a yearning for peace and comfort creeping up on them. But Henry Bradford had been in the Army most of his adult life and he couldn't seem to get it out of his blood.

In September he enlisted for three years. That was just the length of time he had been out of the service, following World War II—as a Southern Pines police officer, driving a taxi and driving a truck for Taylor Chemical Company, Aberdeen.

Henry Bradford had a right to be tired. He had been overseas three years (life runs in three-year cycles for Sergeant Bradford—as it turned out, he was just a month over three years as a prisoner in Korea). He had been with the battered and battering First Infantry Division. He was one of the few tough, skilled,

lucky infantrymen who went into Africa with the First in 1942 and fought in Africa, Sicily, France, Belgium, Holland, Germany and Czechoslovakia, all the way with the First Division. He was on the Normandy, Africa and Sicily beachheads and he was in the "Battle of the Bulge." The fact that he got home showed he had a talent for survival—a talent that would be tested to its utmost in Korea, a place that most Americans had scarcely heard of when Bradford re-enlisted in 1948.

Raised on a farm in Illinois, Bradford grew up in a family tradition of Army service and he went into an Army-run Civilian Conservation Corps camp (remember the CCC?) when he was still a kid. When he was 19, he enlisted in the Army.

In the late 1930s, while station-

Bradford's Will Visit Illinois

Sgt. and Mrs. Henry Bradford and their daughters, Gail and Tinkie, and Mrs. J. C. Renegar, Mrs. Bradford's mother, were to leave today (Friday) for Illinois to visit two brothers and a half-sister of the sergeant who live in that state. As a child he lived near Carmi, Ill. His parents are deceased.

The Southern Pines family expects to be gone a week or more. Sergeant Bradford is to report to Fort Jackson, S. C., October 14. He will ask that he be stationed at Fort Bragg when he is re-assigned to Army duty. He expects to continue in Army service.

A statement of appreciation by Sergeant Bradford to the people of Southern Pines appears elsewhere in today's Pilot.

Driving Skill Of Teen-Agers Can Win Prizes

VFW, USAFAGOS To Sponsor Contests In Rodeo Saturday

Licensed drivers 16 through 20 years of age will have a chance to win trophies and prizes of cash or merchandise for their driving skill Saturday when a "Teen Age Rodeo" is run off in Southern Pines.

As part of the continuing "Operation Impact" traffic safety program, the Rodeo is sponsored jointly by the John Boyd Post, Veterans of Foreign Wars, and the USAF Air-Ground Operations school.

Events will begin on Ashe street near the municipal tennis courts at 9 o'clock Saturday morning. No prior registration or application is needed. If a contestant is there, he can take part.

Open to boys or girls, the contests will offer the following awards:

First prize—trophy plus \$15 in cash or merchandise.

Second prize—trophy plus \$10 in cash or merchandise.

Third prize—trophy plus \$5 in cash or merchandise.

Fourth and fifth prizes, cash or merchandise, amount not listed.

Trophies will be contributed by the Air-Ground school. Cash or merchandise will be contributed by cooperating merchants.

Skill Stressed

Driving skill will be stressed in all the contests. Such feats as driving in and around objects without moving or touching them or starting and stopping without

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Gridders Beat West End 68-22

By JIM HATCH

Southern Pines High School team took the field Wednesday afternoon to once again win a hard-fought football game. This time West End bowed in defeat to the onrushing Blue and White team, 68-22.

The West End game was Southern Pines' second contest and second victory of the 1953 season. The Blue and White boys play here again next Wednesday afternoon, September 23, facing Rowland.

Many fumbles and beautiful, long runs were the highlights of the afternoon. Blocking and tackling by both teams were highly praised by all who saw the game. Touchbacks were also seen as the Southern Pines team caught two West End players behind their own goal.

Campaign For Lights At Ball Park Starts

Goal Set At \$8,500; Now Have \$2,000

Clean-Up Urged Next Week; Ask Report Hazards

Next week will be Clean-Up Week in Southern Pines, sponsored by the Southern Pines Chamber of Commerce in cooperation with the Town, urging all citizens to "Clean Up—Paint Up—Fresh Up" in preparation for the fall season.

Climax of the week will be Saturday, designated as Children's Safety Day, toward the observance of which all businesses and householders are asked to inspect their property closely, and get rid of everything which could present a hazard to children.

This is the time of year when Southern Pines, as a resort, prepares for the seasonal influx of winter residents, golfers, tourists and the hunting people, reminds Dr. R. B. Warlick, chairman of Clean-Up Week for the Chamber. "Let's put our best foot forward, and live up to our reputation as the most beautiful town on the eastern seaboard," he urged this week.

Call 2-6491

From Monday through Saturday the town trucks will be out every day to pick up refuse which citizens are unable to dispose of. This is the one week in the year they will collect "yard litter." Leaves, grass and other trash for collection should be placed in containers on the parkways. If the truck fails to come by within a reasonable time, a call to the city manager's office at the town hall—telephone 2-6491—will bring it.

Citizens are also asked to call City Manager Tom Cunningham or Dr. Warlick in regard to possible hazards to children, such as old chests or iceboxes.

Residents are also asked to report any lots which have become unsightly through growth of weeds or accumulation of trash. (Continued on Page 4)

\$7,000 Offered For Police Station Site

A special meeting of the town council has been called by City Manager Tom Cunningham for 5 p. m. today (Friday) at town hall to consider an offer of \$7,000 for the former police station-ABC Store property on New Hampshire avenue.

At their last meeting, council members set \$7,000 as the minimum amount they would accept for the property, but they are not obliged to sell. The meeting is open to the public.

State College Alumni of County To Have Banquet, Program Tonight



DR. BOSTIAN

Dr. Carey Bostian, chancellor of North Carolina State College, Raleigh, and other outstanding speakers will appear tonight (Friday) at a dinner meeting of the Moore County State College Alumni association. The event will begin at the Southern Pines Country club at 7:30 p. m., with a preceding social and fellowship period.

Also on the program are Frank Turner, president of the statewide N. C. State College Alumni Association, and Everett Case, basketball coach at State, who



COACH CASE

will show his new basketball film, "High Lights," on which he will comment.

Dr. Bostian's appearance in Southern Pines is one of the first he has made since becoming chancellor.

The event is for members of the Moore County association and their wives and guests. The association has a membership of about 80 in this county and a large attendance is expected. Some communities have promised (Continued on page 8)

A campaign for funds to light the town ball park will get under way this weekend, sponsored by the Southern Pines Chamber of Commerce with a goal of \$8,500.

The sum to be collected is about \$8,500, as a fund of approximately \$2,000 will be made available as soon as it is matched, said W. B. Holliday, chairman.

The decision to get going at once on the collection for the lights, long desired in the community, was made at a meeting of Chairman Holliday and members of his committee with representatives of various town organizations at the Chamber office Tuesday night.

Meeting with the group were W. L. Barber, General Electric power apparatus specialist, and Jay M. Whitbeck, engineer with the Crouse-Hinds Co., manufacturers of floodlighting equipment. Both came from Charlotte to present their floodlighting plan to the group, with information on costs.

Questions Asked

A group of about 20 men and women was present to hear them and ask questions. They represented the Chamber of Commerce, Elks, Rotary, Lions, VFW, Business and Professional Women's club, the Southern Pines schools, the Municipal Recreation Commission and the Citizens Committee. All other local organizations are being invited also to join in the project.

Detailed for their benefit was a plan by which both the football and baseball fields can be lighted.

The plan calls for a total of nine poles equipped with wide-angle aluminum floodlights. Various phases of the plan were presented—putting up and equipping six poles only, for the football field, with the others to be added later; putting up nine poles and equipping only six at first; and installing and equipping the full number needed—the most economical, from the long-range viewpoint.

Consensus of the meeting was that the complete job should be the mark to shoot at, as to do the work all at once will save hundreds of dollars in labor costs.

Mr. Holliday later named the following as members of his steering committee: Earle B. Owen, C. N. Page, Joe Garzik, Ward Hill, June Phillips, Voit Gilmore, Jack Younts and Walter Harper.

Canvass Opens Today

Mr. Owen was appointed his assistant in charge of a community-wide canvass, in which both business and residential districts will be covered door-to-door, block by block. Block solicitors for the business district have already been selected and are expected to start their collection today. Solicitors for the residential areas are expected to be named next week.

In addition, each local organization is being asked to aid the project with funds raised in their own groups, through special projects of their own planning. Chairman Holliday is requesting reports from each of these by Saturday, September 26. "Can Be Done"

While little hope is entertained that such a large sum can be raised in time for the present football season, he said, "It is possible that this can be done, if all work together with a will—and in any event for next spring's baseball season." A system is being set up to keep an accurate record of all contributions, and if for any reason the goal cannot be reached within a stated time, all the money will be refunded to the donors.

The special fund of almost \$2,000 is that of the Southern Pines Elks Lodge, resulting from a similar campaign started several years ago. It was placed in trust with the provision that it would be applied to the original purpose if matched within five years, otherwise it would revert to the Elks' general fund. The five-year period expires December 31.