



THE SOUTHERN PINES HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL SQUAD, undefeated this year, will face the Aberdeen Red Devils Wednesday afternoon of next week at Memorial field here in the Homecoming game of the 1953 season.

Bobby Cline, Tommy Ruggles, Garland Pierce. Third row, same order: David McCallum, Gilbert Harbart, Emery Smith, Charles Watkins, Tony Parker, Don Walter, Jimmy Menzel, Don Burney, James Collins. Top row, same order: Manager James Prim, Richard Bethea, Billy Hamel, Joe Diggs, John Ray, James Morrison, Kenneth Creech, Assistant Manager Bobby Parker. Missing from the picture are Paul Warren and Phillip Morgan. (Photo by Emerson Humphrey)

School, Hospital Bond Vote Nears; Needs Outlined

77 Classrooms Are Needed In County, Committee Reveals

Only a little over a week remains before voters of North Carolina go to the polls October 3 to decide whether the state will issue \$50 million in bonds for school construction and \$22 million for expansion and improvement of mental institutions.

Registration for the election closed last Saturday. Registrars will be at polling places Saturday for challenge day when the right of any registered person to vote can be challenged.

A new registration was not required. Any person on the general election books in the precinct where he now resides is privileged to vote October 3.

As the time for voting approaches, the Moore County committee working for approval of the bond issues points out the pressing needs for funds as applied to this county.

Local and state-wide need for better schools and better mental hospitals is described in detail in a statement by the committee appearing on page 17 of today's Pilot.

The statement points out that in Moore county the immediate school needs include 50 white and 27 Negro classrooms, 14 special type classrooms for white schools and 10 for Negro schools, as well as several cafeterias, gymnasiums and auditoriums.

The statement stresses that property taxes will not be increased if the bond issues pass, whereas taxes would have to be increased for the county to take care of these needs without state aid, and it would take a much longer time to do the job.

As for mental hospitals, the committee points out that Moore county has 101 patients in mental hospitals today with 13 persons on a waiting list for these institutions.

Dame Flora MacLeod to Visit Sandhills; Clan to Gather At Red Springs



DAME FLORA MacLEOD

Will Appear Here At Church Event Tonight

Dame Flora MacLeod of the Isle of Skye, Scotland, chieftan of the Clan MacLeod, will arrive in the Sandhills today (Friday). She landed at New York Tuesday of this week.

Making her first public appearance in Southern Pines Friday night at the annual Ladies Night dinner of the Men of the Crown, in the Fellowship Hall of Brownson Memorial Presbyterian church she will go on through a crowded week's schedule highlighted by an address to be made at Old Bethesda Church homecoming at Aberdeen Sunday and a gathering of MacLeods at Flora Macdonald college, Red Springs, next Tuesday afternoon.

Hundreds of persons, many descendants of the Highland Scots who settled in the Cape Fear valley and have spread throughout North and South Carolina, are expected to attend both of these events.

Vigorous despite her 74 years, Lady Flora is a forceful personality whose wit, charm and humanitarianism have been widely recognized. She is the 29th chieftan of the Clan MacLeod. Her late husband was publisher of the London Times. She was made a Dame of the British Empire by Queen Elizabeth II during the recent coronation, one of the highest honors that can be bestowed on a British woman.

Her visit to North Carolina is part of a nationwide good will tour during which she is encouraging organization of the MacLeod clan in this country. Such organization is expected to follow her meeting with the MacLeods and McLeods at Red Springs next week.

Following is a summary of highlights in Lady Flora's visit to the Sandhills:

Friday (Today)

Arrive at Raleigh-Durham airport Friday morning. (Her grandsons Ian MacLeod and Patrick Gordon, who are accompanying her on the trip and will take part in events in this area are arriving by air Saturday). She will be met at the airport by Mr. and Mrs. J. Talbot Johnson of Aberdeen and North Carolina officials. She will visit the state capitol after arrival.

Reception at the Johnson home, where she will be a guest, Friday evening, also visit to the Men of the Church dinner here, following the dinner. (See story elsewhere in today's Pilot).

Saturday

Will be greeted at the Johnson home by Mayor E. M. Medlin of Aberdeen, Mrs. Evelyn Pleasants, town clerk, and Miss Margaret McLeod of Aberdeen.

At 11 a.m. will appear at the Collins Department store, which will be decorated in MacLeod colors, in Aberdeen.

Tour of the Sandhills Saturday (Continued on page 8)

Many Expected For Homecoming At Old Bethesda

Morning Services, Lunch, Afternoon Program Scheduled

Old Bethesda Presbyterian church near Aberdeen will be the scene Sunday of probably the largest and most publicized homecoming in its history.

Observing the 163rd anniversary of founding of the church, the homecoming this year will be held at Dame Flora MacLeod, distinguished Scotswoman visiting in the United States. Chairman of the event is J. Talbot Johnson of Aberdeen and it was on his invitation that Lady Flora is making the visit to Aberdeen.

Events of the homecoming day will follow the customary pattern with a worship service in the morning at 11:15, picnic lunch on the grounds and an afternoon program, during which Lady Flora will speak, at 2:15.

Rev. C. W. Worth, pastor of Bethesda church, will preside at the (Continued on Page 8)

Town's Deficit Now Appears To Run To \$20,000

Deficit of the Town of Southern Pines for the 1952-53 fiscal year, estimated recently at \$10,000, will probably run about \$20,000, Tom E. Cunningham, city manager, told members of the town council in a special meeting Tuesday afternoon.

Audit of the town's books for the 1952-53 year has been completed by representatives of the John C. Muse accounting firm of Sanford, but the official report of the audit has not yet been received. Cunningham said the \$20,000 figure was based on his conversations with the auditors.

When the full audit is received, the city manager will give a report to the council, stating reasons for the deficit.

The town's recently adopted budget assumed a deficit of \$10,000 and held proposed expenditures to a minimum in order to wipe out the deficit without increasing the \$2.20 tax rate that has been in force for several years.

If an additional \$10,000 deficit shows up in the full audit report, it will mean some more financial belt-tightening for the town.

Dr. Woodson To Speak At Men Of Church Banquet

Dr. Marshall Woodson, president of Flora Macdonald college, Red Springs, will be the main speaker in the Fellowship hall of Brownson Memorial Presbyterian church Friday night when the Men of the Church will hold their annual Ladies Night banquet. The event will begin at 7 p.m.

Dr. Woodson heads an unusual and interesting program arranged by a committee headed by Graves Vann. Mrs. P. P. McCain, former (Continued on Page 8)

'Fall Value Days' Set Next Week By Local Merchants

Some 30 local stores and other businesses, members of the Southern Pines Chamber of Commerce, are expected to take part in the "Fall Value Days" event next week.

Special buys will be offered next Thursday, Friday and Saturday in Southern Pines' first cooperative sale, sponsored by the Chamber's Better Business Bureau. A prize-drawing event will be featured.

"Every effort is being made to make this a worthwhile sale, attractive to both local and out-of-town shoppers," said Miss Katherine McDonald, Bureau chairman. "While many stores will offer selected specials, others are planning to place almost their entire stock on sale. Much of the stock is brand new, purchased for the new season. Opportunity will be offered shoppers to fill their immediate needs at considerable savings, also to do their advance Christmas shopping."

Advertisements next week will contain coupons, to be deposited in each participating store or shop. Names will be drawn for prizes at close of business Saturday, then all the containers will be brought to a central location for the grand prize drawing. Grand prize will be a \$25 purchase certificate good at any of the participating business places.

The "Fall Value Days" planning committee is composed of Miss McDonald, chairman, Earle B. Owen, Mrs. Lee Powers, J. T. Overton, Mrs. Jean Edson, Miss Kitty Wiley, Joe Montesanti, Jr., C. W. McLaughlin and L. D. McDonald.

Blue And White Will Face Aberdeen In Homecoming Game Next Wednesday

SPHS Team So Far Is Undefeated; To Have Rally Tuesday

The traditional lively rivalry of Aberdeen and Southern Pines on the athletic field will be revived Wednesday afternoon of next week when the Blue and White football team of Aberdeen High school will meet the Aberdeen Red Devils at Memorial field here.

The 1953 game may see the clash of two undefeated teams as Southern Pines has been victorious in its first three starts and Aberdeen was defeated as of Wednesday this week, although it had another game to play before next week's game here.

Sponsored by the student council a reception will be held in the Community Center (former Elks club) on May street for Aberdeen and Southern Pines High School students only, immediately following the game next Wednesday.

At 6:30 p. m. Tuesday, behind the gymnasium, Southern Pines students will hold a pep rally, probably to be followed by a parade with the High School band through the business section.

While plans had not been completed today, it was expected that merchants would be asked to use window decorations on the homecoming game theme in the days preceding the game.

TO PREACH SUNDAY

Dr. J. Earl Danieley of Elon College will preach Sunday morning, September 27, at the Church of Wide Fellowship at 11 o'clock.

District Masons Gather Here For Supper, Program

Over 135 Masons from the 12th Masonic district met Monday night at Southern Pines Lodge No. 484 for a fish supper and to hear an address by the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of North Carolina, Edwin T. Howard of High Point. Represented at the meeting were the lodges of Aberdeen, West End, Laurinburg, Rockingham, Raeford, Hamlet and Southern Pines.

Also present was Congressman C. B. Deane of Rockingham, who gave the response in behalf of all attending this first official visit of the Grand Lodge officers, following a welcoming speech by George Thompson of Southern Pines.

Rev. A. D. Leon Gray, head of the Oxford (Masonic) Orphanage, gave a stimulating report on current progress of the 80-year-old, \$2,500,000 institution. Over 300 children are now being cared for at an average annual cost of \$970 per child, he pointed out. Gray is chaplain of the North Carolina Grand Lodge.

Other officers present included (Continued on page 8)

Resolution Sets Child Safety Day

Following is a resolution adopted by the Southern Pines town council setting September 26 as Children's Safety Day and urging cooperation in eliminating hazards to children:

"Whereas recent tragedies involving the loss of lives of innocent children have pointed out the dangers of unused refrigerators, abandoned wells and similar hazards, and

"Whereas Southern Pines loves its children and wants maximum protection for them, now

"Be it resolved by the Town Council that September 26, 1953 shall be known as Children's Safety Day. All citizens are urged on that day to examine their premises and surroundings for any dangers that could injure children. Any dangerous conditions that cannot be corrected by the individual should be reported immediately to the City Manager, phone 2-6491. The full cooperation of the Council and City Manager is pledged to make Southern Pines a safer place for children."

Safety Day brings to a close a town-wide clean-up week sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce.



NEW NURSES at Moore County hospital include two who have studied under the scholarship program of the Sandhills Veterans Association. Grouped around Miss Margaret Moser, director of nurses (seated), are, left to right, Miss Frankie Mann of Kannapolis; Miss Ida Martin McDonald, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. D. A. McDonald, Jr., of Carthage; and Miss Peggy Ann Cole, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Malcolm Cole of West End, route. Miss McDonald and Miss Cole won SVA scholarships, provided by contributions of the people of the county, in 1950, the only year in which two scholarships have been given. Miss Mann studied with Miss McDonald at Presbyterian hospital, Charlotte, and accompanied her to Moore County hospital. Miss Cole studied at Cabarrus County hospital, Concord. Under the scholarship program, all expenses of a student nurse are paid and she agrees to return to work as a nurse for a year in Moore county after graduation. (Pilot Staff Photo)

George Bowers, Drake Rogers New Officers

Two vacancies in the Southern Pines police department have been filled, Police Chief C. E. Newton announced today. The new officers are:

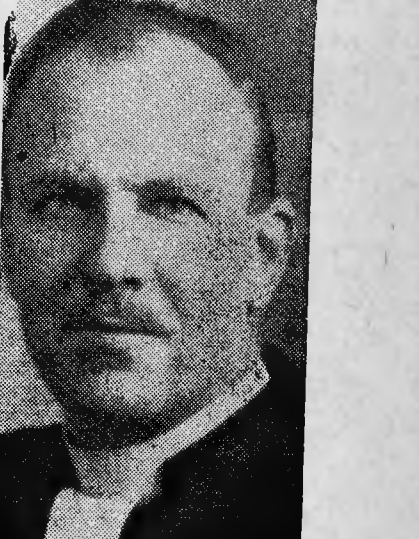
Roland Bowers, 22, a graduate of Southern Pines High school now living in Manly, who is a veteran of army service.

Drake C. Rogers, 21, a graduate of Aberdeen High school now living on Carthage, Route 3, who has been an agent with the State Capitol Insurance Co. of Raleigh.

Bowers is single. Rogers is married, with one child.

Bowers began work with the department Monday. Rogers will start Saturday.

They replace Officers Ray Backlund and Keith Marks who resigned.



THE REV. ALASDAIR JOHNSTON will deliver the morning sermon at Old Bethesda church Sunday. He is pastor of King-Lassie church near Edinburgh, Scotland, and has been serving on an exchange basis this summer at Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island, Canada. The morning service is set for 11:15.

Thrills, Fun For Youngsters Set For National Kids' Day Saturday

Boys and girls of Moore county who are 10 through 16 years old are looking forward to a big day Saturday.

It will be National Kids' Day - sponsored throughout the nation by the U. S. Air Force and Kiwanis International and in Moore County by the USAF Air-Ground Operations school and the Sandhills Kiwanis club.

For most of the hundreds of Moore County children who will converge on Southern Pines in school buses, the program will begin with a welcome and entertainment program in Weaver auditorium at 1 p. m.

For a group of contest winners who will all be chosen by Saturday, the day begins at 10:30 a. m.

when they will take over staff positions at the Air-Ground school, receive their awards and lunch with their "counterpart" staff officers, including Brig. Gen. William M. Gross, commandant; J. D. Hobbs, boys and girls work chairman for the Kiwanis club, and Major John F. McCarthy, project officer representing General Gross, have worked out a program that should provide thrills and entertainment galore for the youngsters.

Following a welcome at the auditorium and two movies there, Air Force buses and private cars of Kiwanians will transport the boys and girls to "Drop Zone Charlie" on the Fort Bragg reservation. (Continued on Page 8)