



THE PILOT



Health Insurance Probe Pushed By Clifton Blue

Legislator Presides At Raleigh Session Of Public Committee

Presiding at a meeting in Raleigh Tuesday, Rep. H. Clifton Blue of Aberdeen, Moore County representative in the North Carolina General Assembly, carried forward his long-continued effort to investigate and control policy cancellation practices of some health and accident companies doing business in the State.

Blue and two other state legis-

lators, Sen. Hamilton Hobgood of Franklin County and Rep. Arthur Goodman of Charlotte, along with former State Insurance Commissioner Waldo Cheek of Charlotte, are members of the public committee. The group was appointed last June, while Cheek was still commissioner, after public representatives were not included on an insurance industry committee named by Cheek to investigate policy cancellations.

At Raleigh Tuesday, the public committee voted neither to accept nor reject recommendations brought in last November by the industry committee. The public group also made suggestions of its own.

Notable among these suggestions was a recommendation that health and accident insurance policies put in big print and plain language a statement that the company can cancel the policy and that policy holders sign this statement to show they have read it.

Blue, editor and publisher of the Sandhill Citizen, Aberdeen newspaper, who often works in his printing shop, specified in his suggestion that the statement be on a separate sheet of paper and be in at least 14-point type. This is the size of type used in the sub-head or lower headline at the top of this story.

An industry committee recommendation provided that after a policy had been in effect for more than three years a company could not drop it of its own accord unless benefits had been paid equal to the premiums collected.

Members of the public committee pointed out that if a company dropped a customer even under these circumstances it would come at a time when the person's health was so impaired he could not obtain a policy elsewhere.

6,562 Persons Get X-Rays In County Program

Through last Saturday a total of 6,562 chest X-rays had been made in Moore County in the current program, Miss Mary Swett, who is with the mobile unit here, discloses. At the up-town location in Southern Pines, 1,450 persons were x-rayed, and in West Southern Pines, 679, making a total of 2,129 against the 1949 total of 1,162. On the two days the unit was at Lakeview, 184 were x-rayed.

Miss Swett was enthusiastic in her praise of the women who served as hostesses. At Lakeview, home demonstration club women were on the job, and in Southern Pines, members of Drove 42, BPO Does reported for duty faithfully, despite the snow and ice that prevailed last weekend.

The survey will continue through February 11. Stops have been scheduled by the mobile units for Berkley School, Aberdeen, today (Friday) and Saturday; at Cameron Presbyterian Church Tuesday through Friday of next week; at Pinehurst Community Church Thursday, Friday and Saturday next week; and at Moffitt's Grocery in Robbins Friday and Saturday next week.

At Coordinated Meeting

Scouters Plan Program For Year

Moore County's Boy Scout program for 1954 was planned by over 60 adults who attended a District Scouters Coordinated Meeting Thursday night of last week at Brownson Memorial Presbyterian Church.

First of its kind to be held in this county, combining 11 planning sessions of various groups into one meeting, the gathering was initiated by Brig. Gen. Pearson Menoher of Knollwood, recently installed Boy Scout chairman for the Moore District.

Operating committees planned their programs for the coming year. Training sessions for Scoutmasters, Cubmasters, Explorer Advisers and Cub Scout Den Mothers were conducted by Dr. J. D. Ives and J. Douglas David, of Pinebluff, and Fred Chappell of Southern Pines.

Chairman of the operating com-



CARDY HORSES—Two of the finest thoroughbred horses ever to set foot in the Sandhills arrived last week at Vernon Valley Farm here—Nemrod II, at the left, with Vernon G. Cardy, and Kerkeb, with Mrs. Edith Ferguson Cardy, at right. Mickey Walsh of Southern Pines, trainer of Cardy horses, stands between the new

arrivals. The Cardys bought the horses from the Aga Khan's stables last Fall and will use them in a breeding program. Their presence in the Sandhills is another boost to the rising interest in racing horses in this area.

(Photo by Emerson Humphrey)

Jack Younts To Attend Safety Meet At Capital

Jack S. Younts of Southern Pines, president and general manager of Radio Station WEEB, has been invited to attend the White House Conference on Highway Safety, to be held in Washington, D. C., February 17, 18 and 19.

Younts, who is a director of the North Carolina Association of Broadcasters, Inc., received the formal invitation last week on gold-embossed White House stationery. He had previously received a letter from Gov. William B. Umstead, naming him a member of the North Carolina delegation to the conference. Edward Scheidt, state commissioner of motor vehicles, will head the Tar Heel group.

In his letter, the Governor said, "The matter of highway safety is of tremendous importance to our State and, as you know, I am deeply interested in doing all that we can about it. I am delighted that the President has called this conference, and you will be rendering a splendid public service if you can arrange to attend."

Younts has lived in Southern Pines since 1947. Several years ago he served on Gov. Kerr Scott's State Highway Safety Committee as a member of the public relations sub-committee composed of radio and newspaper representatives.

As general manager of Radio Station WEEB, Younts has stressed highway safety information and efforts to reduce traffic accidents, especially at times of special hazard such as holiday week-ends.

Thoroughbreds Arrive In Sandhills, Will Train At Vernon Valley Farm

Kerkeb, Nemrod II Reach Winter Home After Long Journeys

Two much-traveled young thoroughbreds who in the last two months have journeyed from Europe to New York to Canada and from Canada to the Sandhills were being introduced this week to their winter home—the Vernon Valley Farm of Mr. and Mrs. Vernon G. Cardy.

They are Kerkeb, three-year-old filly purchased from the Aga

142 Pints Blood Collected; Group Of Donors Honored

During a visit of a Red Cross bloodmobile to Southern Pines Wednesday, 142 pints were collected. John Buchholz, permanent blood chairman for the Moore County chapter, reported.

A feature of the collection was awarding of "gallon pins," signifying donation of eight pints of blood in collections during the past few years, to several residents of this area. These persons also received orchids presented by Mr. and Mrs. Karl A. Bridges of Carolina Orchid Growers, Inc., on Midland Road. Eighteen other donors, giving their first pint of blood, likewise received orchids.

The gallon donors are: Mr. and Mrs. W. Ed Cox, Jr., Mrs. H. J. Menzel, Harold McAllister, Clyde Council and Marshall G. McRae, all of Southern Pines; and Mrs. Marion Henderson and Mrs. Ethel Smith, both of Pinebluff.

Physicians assisting during the day included Drs. M. T. Pishko, J. S. Hiatt, J. C. Grier, Jr., and C. R. Monroe.

Mrs. D. W. Winkelman and Mrs. Ira T. Wyche were chairman and vice-chairman of personnel. Other chairmen were: Mrs. A. V. Arnold, canteen; A. A. Howlett, equipment; and D. A. (June) Blue, recruitment.

BASKETBALL TONIGHT

Boys and girls of West End High School will face the Southern Pines basketball teams in contests to be played tonight (Friday) at the gym here. The girls' game is scheduled for 7:30 p. m. Home games are also slated for Tuesday night of next week when Sanford teams will be the opponents here in non-conference contests.

Area Tourist Industry To Study Problems At Workshop Here Feb. 5

Travel Bureau, C. Of C. Join In Sponsoring

MOTHERS' MARCH The "Mothers' March On Polio," a nation-wide feature of the March of Dimes, will be conducted in Southern Pines Saturday by members of the Auxiliary of John Boyd Post, Veterans of Foreign Wars.

Paul Butler, local drive chairman and county chapter head, said that Auxiliary members will receive contributions to the March of Dimes on the streets in the business section all day Saturday.

All persons connected with businesses serving tourists, or interested for any other reasons in promotion of the tourist industry in this area are invited to a Tourist Industry Workshop, to be held at Weaver Auditorium, Southern Pines, at 2 p. m. Friday, February 5.

The workshop is being sponsored by the State Travel Bureau of the N. C. Department of Conservation and Development, as one of a series designed to promote the state's second biggest industry. The February meeting, which is being held with cooperation of the Southern Pines Chamber of Commerce, will be the only one for the Sandhills area.

Fred A. Whitaker, manager of the State Travel Bureau, will conduct the workshop, presenting the panel of speakers, and conducting a question-and-answer forum in conclusion for the thrashing out of local and regional problems.

On Program

Local persons appearing on the program will be George Pottle, of the Southern Pines Chamber of Commerce; the Rev. C. V. Covell, Episcopal pastor, who will ask an invocation, and Mayor L. T. Clark, who will extend a greeting in behalf of the Town of Southern Pines.

The panel speakers will, in a series of 15-minute talks, give what will amount to an intensive course, by experts in their fields, on various phases of dealing with the traveling public, extending local hospitality and putting the community's best foot forward in a way to please the tourists and induce them to return.

The panel speakers will be: T. E. Pickard, vice-president of the Carolina Motor Club, Charlotte.

Marley M. Melvin, executive secretary, N. C. Association of Quality Restaurants.

Gilmer Sparger, executive secretary of the Petroleum Industries Committee.

Walter Stanbury, Goldsboro, vice-president of the Southern Hotel Association and director of the N. C. Hotel Association.

R. Getty Browning, principal locating engineer with the State Highway Commission.

Owners and managers of tourist-related businesses are asked not only to attend the workshop, but to allow as many of their employees as possible time off to be present. Benefits are anticipated for all such businesses as hotels, motels, tourist homes, restaurants, service stations, gift shops and others catering to the thousands of visitors from other states who annually pass through this section.

Fund Appeal In Nurse Training Scholarship Set

The Sandhills Veterans Association will launch its annual campaign Monday for funds to send a 1954 Moore County high school graduate to nursing school.

Appeal letters to residents throughout the county will continue the unique project that has made it possible for Moore County girls to obtain free nurse's training—on condition they return after graduation to practice their profession in this county.

Three girls whose training has been financed by the Association's scholarships are now working in the county and three are in training.

Local chairmen for the 1954 campaign are: Southern Pines, Barney Avery; Aberdeen, Tom Shockley; Pinehurst, Tom Howerton; Carthage, Dr. Bruce Warlick; Robbins, West End, Jackson Springs and Eagle Springs, Bert Premo; Vass, Lakeview and Cameron, Max Forrest.

Chairmen Named For Committees By C. Of C. Head

Appointments of chairmen from the board of directors to head operating committees of the Southern Pines Chamber of Commerce were completed this week by Mrs. Valerie Nicholson, president.

They are: Robert F. Arey, license bureau; June Blue, house; Virgil P. Clark, streets and highways; Frank E. Cosgrove, resorts and golf; Mrs. Jean Edson, Christmas lights; W. Ward Hill, membership; W. B. Holliday, special events; George H. Leonard, Better Business Bureau; Miss Katherine MacDonald, retail division; Mrs. Valerie Nicholson, publicity and promotion; J. B. Perkinson, banquet; Hoke Pollock, constitution and bylaws, legal adviser; George Pottle, hotels and conventions; Robert E. Strouse, finance; J. Graves Vann, Jr., industrial.

The directors, holding their regular meeting next Tuesday at 8 p. m. at the Southland Hotel, will select projects for the year, with each being assigned to its proper committee for accomplishment. The list of projects, forming the Chamber's program of work for the year, will be announced in advance of the membership campaign, dates for which will also be set Tuesday night.

Plans Made For Annual Tourney

Preliminary plans for the annual county high school basketball tournament were announced this week by the athletic committee of the Moore County Educators Club, after a meeting of the committee Monday night at West End.

The tournament will be played February 19-27 at the Carthage School gym. Three games will take place each night on February 19, 20, 22, 23, 24 and 25. Finals will be played Saturday night, February 27.

Seedings and pairings for tournament games will be drawn up at a meeting of the committee set for Tuesday night, February 16.

At this week's meeting, the committee chose the high school gym at Robbins, now under construction, as 1955 tourney site.

To Speak Twice Here

LeTourneau Will Visit County

A man who has risen from obscurity and comparative poverty to become one of the nation's leading industrialists, and who spends his weekends flying around the nation preaching the Gospel, is coming to Moore County for a series of addresses Saturday and Sunday, March 27 and 28.

He is Robert Gilmour LeTourneau who as a young man had a spiritual experience, as a result of which he dedicated his life to be "God's business man." In 1935 he and Mrs. LeTourneau set aside 98 per cent of their personal wealth to establish the LeTourneau Foundation to "teach, promulgate and disseminate the Gospel of Jesus Christ throughout the world."

The LeTourneau party will arrive (Continued on Page 5)



MR. LeTOURNEAU



DR. BECK State Alumni To Hear Authority On Atomic Uses

Dr. Clifford Keith Beck, head of the physics department at N. C. State College, Raleigh, will be the featured speaker Friday evening, February 5, when State College alumni from throughout Moore County gather for a dinner meeting at the Hollywood Hotel here. The event is set for 7 o'clock.

John Ponzer, president of the Moore County State College Alumni Association, said that Dr. Beck will discuss in layman's language nuclear problems and the application of atomic energy to industry and commercial activities in the future.

Tom Hayes of Southern Pines is program and arrangements chairman. Ticket sales are being handled by Bill Austin and Bill Davis in Aberdeen, Cliff Story and Robert Lamb in Southern Pines, Willard Hill and Fleet Allen in Carthage and Earl Auman in West End.

Other officers of the Moore County Alumni are Bill Austin of Aberdeen, vice-president; and Graves Vann of Southern Pines, secretary-treasurer.

Dr. Beck, a 1933 Catawba College graduate who received further degrees at Vanderbilt University and the University of North Carolina, has held highly responsible positions with the national atomic energy program at Oak Ridge, Tenn., Hanford, Wash., and elsewhere and is a consultant for the Air Force and a number of manufacturing companies. As head of the physics department at State, he is in charge of work with the atomic reactor now in use there.

Internal Revenue Help Available

E. Earl Hubbard of Southern Pines, Internal Revenue Department representative with office in the basement of the post office, has announced that he will be at his office from 8:30 a. m. to 5:15 p. m. to render free service in connection with Federal income tax returns, Monday through Friday, with exceptions as follows:

Will be at Robbins Mill, Aberdeen, February 8 and 9, 9 a. m. to 5 p. m.

Will be at the courtroom in Carthage, February 26, same hours.

Will be at courtroom in Raeford, February 11, 12 and 17.

Office in Southern Pines will be open a half day Saturdays, February 27 and March 6, and a full day Saturday, March 13.