



Parade To Mark Observance Of Boy Scout Week

Troops To Compete In Window Display; Cubs Plan Banquet
Topping the many events planned in celebration of National Boy Scout Week, February 7-13, by Moore County Scout, Cub Scout and Explorer Scout units will be the first Scout Week parade to be staged in the county, with all troops in the Moore District slated to take part.

Plans for the parade, to be held in Southern Pines at 3 p. m. Saturday, February 13, were announced today by Dr. J. C. Grier, Jr., of Pinehurst, district commissioner whose staff, along with the District activities committee headed by Clarence Thomas of Pinehurst, will have charge of the event.

Following the parade, a "cook-out" for all troops of the county will be held at the Aberdeen Lake Scout hut.

Russell Simons, Scoutmaster of Troop 224, Southern Pines, will serve as parade marshal. Tentative plans call for formation of the parade units near the school on Massachusetts Avenue, after Scouts have gathered on the playground in back of the high school.

In addition to all Scout units of the county, the following organizations have been asked to take part in the parade: a band and marching unit from Fort Bragg, Red Cross, USAF Air-Ground School, Southern Pines fire department, county foresters, Carolina Power and Light Co., American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars, automobile dealers of the county, trotting horses from Pinehurst and high school bands from Southern Pines, Aberdeen, Carthage, Robbins and Pinehurst.

Cub Scout, Boy Scout and Explorer Scout units expected to take part will come from Southern Pines, Pinehurst, Aberdeen, Pinebluff, West End, Carthage, Robbins, Vass and Cameron.

Scouts in all these communities expect to attend church services in a body February 7 in observance of Scout Sunday.

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Pilot Given Press Award

An award for third place in local news coverage, among 26 weekly newspapers competing in North Carolina Press Association 1953 contests, was made to The Pilot during the Association's 29th Annual Newspaper Institute held at Chapel Hill and Durham last Thursday, Friday and Saturday.

Attending the Institute from The Pilot staff were Mrs. James Boyd, editor, and Cad Benedict, news editor. Others from the Sandhills attending all or part of the sessions were Mrs. Valerie Nicholson, who was news editor of The Pilot for the first six months of 1953 and so shared in credit for the award, which was based on several samples of the paper chosen by date throughout the year; H. Clifton Blue, editor and publisher of The Sandhill Citizen at Aberdeen; and William Ed Cox, Jr., of Southern Pines advertising solicitor for The Sandhill Citizen.

Competing weekly papers were judged for first, second and third place awards in news coverage, editorial page, features and photography. Only other weekly winner (Continued on Page 8)

Tax Listing To Run Thru Month

At their regular meeting in Carthage Monday, the county commissioners authorized extension of tax listing throughout the month of February.

Individual list takers in the nine townships of the county are making their own schedules of where they will be available during the month.

Mrs. D. J. Blue of Carthage, Route 3, McNeill township list taker, and Mrs. Adelaide Schnell of Pinebluff, who has the books in Sandhill township, announce their February schedules elsewhere in today's Pilot.



BLOOD DONORS HONORED—Pictured here wearing "gallon pins" and gift orchids are seven of the eight Sandhills residents who were honored last week for having each given a total of eight pints of blood in a series of collections sponsored by the Moore County Red Cross Chapter. Front row, left to right: Mrs. Bud Henderson and Mrs. James Smith, both of Pinebluff, and Mrs. Harry Menzel and Mrs. William Ed

Cox, Jr., both of Southern Pines. Back row, same order: Clyde Council, Harold A. McAllister and Marshall G. McRae, all of Southern Pines. Unable to be present when the photo was made was William Ed Cox, Jr., of Southern Pines. Orchids were presented to the gallon donors and also to 18 first-time donors by Carolina Orchid Growers, Inc. (Photo by Emerson Humphrey)

Hunter Trials Set For February 20, Attracting Interest Throughout Area

Plans are being made for the Washington's Birthday weekend, annually set aside by the hunting folks for special events relating to the horse life of the Sandhills.

On February 20 will take place the annual Hunter Trials, while that evening the Hunt Ball, sponsored by the joint masters, staff and followers of the Moore County Hounds, will be held at the

Cardy Named Head Hunt Racing Assn.

The nation's spring calendar of hunt racing and steeplechasing will open March 20 at Stonebrook Race Course here, with a one-day race meeting sanctioned by the Hunts Committee of the National Steeplechase and Hunt Association.

Southern Pines was officially returned to prominence as an amateur racing center with the highly successful 1953 race meeting at Stonebrook, held under sanction of the national organization for the first time in 10 years. The Sandhills is winter training headquarters for many of the country's top steeplechasers and is the home of 1953's leading steeplechase trainer, Michael G. (Mickey) Walsh, and the leading rider for the past five years, F. D. (Dooley) Adams.

Vernon G. Cardy, noted Canadian sportsman who makes his winter home at Southern Pines, was elected chairman of the Stonebrook Hunt Racing Association at a meeting here last week. Charles W. Stitzer of Southern Pines, well known amateur sportsman who won the North Carolina Hunt Cup on Tryon's Block House course and the Pink (Continued on Page 8)

Women Voters To Meet February 11

The League of Women Voters will discuss their current survey of the town government at an open meeting at the Civic Club Thursday, February 11, at 8 p. m. The discussion will be led by the survey chairman, Mrs. George Bellamy.

Mrs. Harold Walters of Chapel Hill will outline the state program of the League for 1954 and lead a discussion. The annual budget will be presented to members.

The public is welcome at this meeting which officers of the League called important for members and prospective members. (Continued to Page 8)

Civil Term High Court To Open At Carthage Monday

Pre-Trial Hearings To Be Held; Judge Armstrong On Bench

Cases are calendared for Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday of next week in a term of Moore County Superior Court for trial of civil actions. Judge Frank M. Armstrong of Troy, who presided at Carthage recently for a criminal term, will be on the bench.

An innovation in court procedure in this county will be instituted when all cases to be heard during the week, except two uncontested divorce cases, one will case and four cases on the motion docket, come up on a pre-trial calendar Monday, in accordance with Judge Armstrong's request.

Lawyers are asked to file trial briefs, without which, Judge Armstrong notes in a personal notice printed with the calendar, a continuance of the case may result.

No case will be tried, Judge Armstrong points out, unless a pre-trial order has been entered. Chief purpose of the pre-trial system is to speed court procedure.

Entered on the pre-trial calendar are these cases: last will and testament of F. G. Thomas, deceased; Virginia Maness Brady vs. Nehi Beverage Co.; Lester Brady vs. Nehi Beverage Co.; Donald Burns vs. H. L. Wolfe; J. W. H. Moore vs. H. B. Jason Moore; Charles Moore, Jr., vs. H. B. Jason Moore; B. S. Futress, al vs. C. R. Meadows; J. A. Blue, al vs. H. B. Meiselman, al; W. R. Clegg, Jr., al vs. Kilgo Motor Freight, Inc., and American Machine Co., vs. David G. Coffee.

The first six of these cases are then calendared for trial Tuesday and the last four for trial Wednesday.

The Monday motion docket cases, not on the pre-trial calendar, are: Mrs. Georgia Hackney vs. Bradford Ritter; H. W. Dorn vs. Elliotte Dorn; W. H. Spivey, al vs. Roger W. Purvis, al; and Willie Allsbrook vs. U. T. Hight.

The two uncontested divorce cases, set for Tuesday, are: Helen S. Morgan vs. Samuel Corbitt Morgan and Dorothy Moore Patterson vs. A. B. Patterson. Another case not on the pre-trial calendar is: In the Matter of the Last Will and Testament of Annie Campbell, deceased.

Check Starting On Refuse Law

A gradual program of enforcement of the town's refuse ordinance was predicted this week by Town Manager Tom E. Cunningham who said he is extremely encouraged by the vast majority of residents who are attempting to comply with the new law.

Enforcement was slated to begin February 1, after residents were given the month of January to comply with requirements setting size and type of container and other provisions.

First step in enforcement will probably be instructions to collection crews to pick up non-metal containers. Where violations persist, letters will be sent soliciting cooperation, Cunningham said. (Continued on page 8)

William T. Polk To Address Group Here On Tuesday

William T. Polk, associate editor of The Greensboro Daily News, will address a meeting of the Moore County Historical Association Tuesday of next week, in the Southern Pines Library at 8:30 p. m.

A University of North Carolina and Harvard Law School graduate who left the practice of law at Warrenton in 1942 to take the position he now has with the Greensboro newspaper, Mr. Polk is the author of the recently published and highly acclaimed book, "Southern Accent—From Uncle Remus to Oak Ridge," published by William Morrow and Company.

In addition to his regular newspaper work, he has written book reviews, poems, articles and stories. Gerald W. Johnson, North Carolina editor and author now living at Baltimore, wrote of "Southern Accent," "Poetic, sardonic, erudite and wise, this analysis of the South is above all healthy."

Born in Warrenton in 1896, Mr. Polk served in World War 1 after attending the University at Chapel Hill and later continued his studies in law at Harvard in Cambridge, Mass., where he shared a room with the late Thomas Wolfe, one of the state's best known writers.

TURKEY SUPPER

Members of the Woman's Society of Christian Service of the Pinebluff Methodist Church will sponsor a turkey supper on Wednesday, February 10, in the church basement. Supper will be served from 5:30 to 8:30 p. m.

Controversial Measures To Come Before Council

Games Moved To Thursday

The Blue Knights and girls of Southern Pines high school will be seeking to avenge a pair of basketball defeats earlier this year at the hands of Aberdeen high school's teams, when Southern Pines plays host to the Red Devils and Devilites at the gymnasium here Thursday night of next week.

The Aberdeen games, always exciting, are traditional highlights of the basketball season for both schools.

Next week's games, to start with the girls' contest at 7:30, were moved up from Friday night to Thursday night, so as not to conflict with the Nelson and Neal piano duo concert, sponsored by the Sandhills Music Association, at Weaver Auditorium Friday night. The games had been originally scheduled for Friday.

Both the boys' and girls' teams at Aberdeen lead the Moore County High School League, with Southern Pines boys not far behind in third place in the boys' division.

Between the halves of the girls' game, Boy Scout Troop 68 of Aberdeen and Troop 224 of Southern Pines will stage a basketball game in observance of Boy Scout Week. Between the halves of the boys' game high school majorettes will put on a show.

Topics Given For Tourist Industry Gathering Today

Topics for the tourist industry workshop to be held at Weaver Auditorium today (Friday) at 2 p. m. were announced this week by Ben E. Douglas, director of the N. C. Department of Conservation and Development.

Douglas will be present to summarize the presentations of five panel speakers. Chairman will be Fred A. Whitaker, manager of the State Tourist Bureau, who is organizing the series of workshops, of which this is the second and will be the only one for this area. The Southern Pines Chamber of Commerce is cooperating as local sponsor.

All persons in the hotel, restaurant or service station business, or any other related to the state's multi-million-dollar tourist industry, are asked to attend the meeting. Opportunity will be given them to ask questions.

Specialists appearing on the panel, and their topics, will be: Vice-President T. E. Pickard of the Carolina Motor Club, "What the Tourist Wants From You"; Chief Locating Engineer R. Getty Browning of the State Highway Commission, "Super-Highways Do Not Stop Tourists"; Walter Stansbury, vice-president of the Southern Hotel Association, "Hospitality is Bread Upon the Waters"; Marley M. Melvin, executive vice-president of the N. C. Association of Quality Restaurants, "Good Eating is More Than Food Preparation." (Continued on page 8)

Water Rates, Fire Service Up For Action

Two controversial proposals—uniform water rates and a charge based on property valuations for fire department service outside the town limits—are slated for consideration at the regular meeting of the town council Tuesday night, February 9. Council meetings start at 8 p. m.

Other items to be discussed include whether the council should set a second meeting date each month, in order to expedite pressing business, and a petition by residents of Knollwood Apartments for three-times-per-week refuse collection, as compared to the present two collections per week.

Representatives of the Knollwood Sanitary District of which Maj. Gen. Julian F. Barnes is chairman and which has employed Attorney Leland McKeithen of Pinehurst, are expected to be on hand to restate their opposition to a proposed 50 per cent increase in rates for water sold to Knollwood residents by the town.

At the January meeting, Knollwood representatives cited a 1928 agreement or deed of easement that calls for the same water rate in the Knollwood area, which is outside the town limits, as that prevailing in town. This concession was granted to Knollwood in return for an easement permitting the town to lay water mains across Knollwood property. Knollwood, which was then a development corporation, also donated a site for the town's sewage disposal plant.

Other out-of-town areas, with certain exceptions which also would be brought into uniformity under the proposed law, now pay 50 per cent more than the in-town rate for town water.

Knollwood residents call the proposal unfair, especially in view of the recently instituted sewer service charge which imposed a charge equal to 100 per cent of water bills on out-of-town users of the Southern Pines sewer system. The sewer charge was instituted over protests by Knollwood residents who pointed out that they installed and now own their sewer lines.

Tuesday night will see the first extended public debate on the proposed fire service charge which would permit service by the Southern Pines fire department only to those out-of-town residents, within two miles of the city limits, who pay to the town a service charge of 25 cents per \$100 of property valuation annually.

This proposal is based on the proposition that fire service is a constant and continuing benefit, through reduction of insurance rates and otherwise, regardless of whether the fire department is called.

Knollwood residents indicated at the January meeting that they might resort to court action, should the water charge be imposed. Attorney McKeithen expressed the opinion that the 1928 deed of easement remains a valid contract.

Zoning Board Prepared Law

In The Pilot's editorial page feature about the town's new zoning ordinance last week, it was incorrectly stated that the ordinance was prepared by a sub-committee of the Community Advisory Committee.

The ordinance was drawn up by the town zoning board of which Donald G. Case is chairman. The Advisory Committee has no authority to prepare legislation, whereas the Zoning Board is legally empowered to do so, subject to approval by the council.

The Advisory Committee's zoning sub-committee, which Mr. Case also heads, is investigating problems of zoning outside the town limits.

The confusion arose because Mr. Case is chairman of both the zoning sub-committee and the town zoning board.

SVA Opens Nurse Scholarship Drive; Three Girls Now Training

Opening its eighth annual nurse scholarship campaign, the Sandhill Veterans Association this week sent letters throughout the county asking for funds that will provide a complete three-year training course for a qualified Moore County girl.

Composed of about two dozen World War 2 veterans, the SVA is a strictly local non-profit corporation whose main project is the nurse scholarship. A panel of doctors, nurses, educators and hospital authorities chooses the scholarship winner from among applying graduates of Moore County high schools each year.

Beginning in 1947, one scholarship has been awarded each year, with the exception of 1950 when contributions permitted two. Winners are chosen on the basis of aptitude, previous record, spirit of (Continued to Page 8)



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