

McKeithen Sworn As Superior Court Judge



JUDGE McKEITHEN

Pinehurst Resident Takes Oath Thursday In Raleigh Ceremony

W. A. Leland McKeithen was sworn in as a Special Superior Court judge at Raleigh Thursday. The Pinehurst attorney, who was notified Tuesday of his appointment by Gov. William B. Umstead, took the oath in the governor's office at noon. As a Superior Court judge he will serve throughout the State, presiding at terms for trial of civil and criminal cases, as assigned.

The appointment continued a legal career that brought Judge McKeithen the presidency of the N. C. State Bar Association, 1951-1952, and membership on the State Bar Council to which he was appointed in September, 1952. At that time he resigned as solicitor of Moore County Records Court, an elective post he had held for 14 years, except for three and a half years of military service in World War 2.

Son of Mr. and Mrs. E. T. McKeithen of Aberdeen, where he grew up, he was a 1933 Phi Beta Kappa graduate of Davidson College and received his LL.B. degree at Duke University Law School in 1936. In that same year he established an office at Pinehurst where he has since practiced law, forming a partnership with John D. McConnell of Southern Pines in October, 1950.

Judge McKeithen entered the Army as a private in February, 1943, serving in the field artillery. He attended Officer Candidate School, was commissioned a second lieutenant and received further training in the Judge Advocate School, leaving the service as a captain January 1, 1946.

Judge McKeithen's wife is the former Janet Wiggins of Middletown, N. Y. They have a five-year-old son, John Leland. The family's home is at Pinehurst.

In September, 1950, Judge McKeithen was chosen chairman of the Moore County Democratic Executive Committee. He was president of the Moore County Young Democrats Club in the early days of that organization. He is a member of the Eighth Congressional District's Democratic Executive Committee.

The Pinehurst man helped organize the Moore County Historical Association in 1946 and was its first president, serving for three terms. He was chairman of the county Red Cross fund drive in 1953.

Judge McKeithen's appointment fills a vacancy among special judges that was created when the governor appointed Francis O. Clarkson of Charlotte as a resident instead of a special judge. Judge Clarkson was appointed January 30, when the governor promoted William H. Bobbitt of Charlotte from Superior Court Judge to associate justice of the State Supreme Court.

Governor Umstead said he was confident Judge McKeithen "will make a splendid record as a Superior Court judge."



NELSON AND NEAL

Husband And Wife Two-Piano Team To Play Tonight At Weaver Auditorium

Music Association Presents Concert By Young Musicians

The Sandhills Music Association will present its third program of the season this (Friday) evening in Weaver Auditorium at 8:30 with the brilliant young pianists, Nelson and Neal, a two piano team, who travel with their own special truck in which they live

and carry their matched pianos.

Allison Nelson, now Mrs. Harry Neal, was, at the age of 17, already a seasoned trouper on the Australian Broadcasting Company's Celebrity Concert Circuit when Eugene Ormandy directed her twice with the Sydney Orchestra. Upon Mr. Ormandy's recommendation, she was awarded a scholarship to study with Rudolph Serkin, which brought her to the United States. She was acclaimed on a nation-wide tour when she returned to Australia in 1950, while her husband was on a solo tour of the United States.

Mr. Neal, a Tennessean, was for some years a radio announcer. In Philadelphia, he held an executive position and produced television shows for the local CBS outlet. He is a versatile young artist. In high school he won Tennessee and Kentucky state contests as a pianist. In competition with pianists from all over the world, he was awarded one of the coveted scholarships to the Curtis Institute of Music in Philadelphia to study with the renowned teacher, Mme. Isabella Vengerova. That is where he met and married Allison Nelson, a fellow student, and they began playing two pianos together.

The next concert of the Sandhills Music Association will be the Vienna String Orchestra on Thursday, March 11. That will be followed April 23 by the North Carolina Symphony. Tickets are on sale at the Barnum Realty Co., Broad Street, Southern Pines.

Scout Week Parade Set

Southern Pines will be the meeting place for Boy Scouts from throughout Moore County Saturday when the first Scout Week parade to be staged in this area will be held here.

Slated to begin at the high school at 3 p.m. and progress through the business section, the parade will include a large number of invited units, including high school bands from Southern Pines, Aberdeen, Carthage, Pinehurst and Robbins, veterans' organizations, military and Air-Ground School representation, auto dealers, trotting horses and others.

Russell Simons, Scoutmaster of Troop 224 here, will be parade marshal.

Also in observance of National Boy Scout Week, February 7-13, will be the Cub Scout Blue and Gold banquet of local Pack 73 to be held tonight (Friday) at Brownson Memorial Presbyterian Church.

Many other Scout Week events are being staged by troops throughout the county.

Mrs. Cannon Honored By Girl Scouts Here

Mrs. Charles A. Cannon of Concord was made an honorary member of Girl Scout Troop 53 in a ceremony at the Shaw House where she was guest of honor at a tea given by Mrs. Ernest L. Ives, Wednesday afternoon. Taking part in the ceremony were members of the troop and Mrs. W. D. Campbell and Mrs. Mildred Merrill, leader and assistant leader. Details and a photo of the unusual event will appear next week.

C. Of C. Member Campaign Starts Early Next Week

The 1954 membership campaign of the Southern Pines Chamber of Commerce will start next week, following the directors' meeting to be held at The Southland Tuesday at 8 p.m.

At the meeting W. Ward Hill, membership chairman, will outline the campaign plans as developed by his committee, and the green light for securing new memberships and renewals will be flashed on. The goal for this year is 150 members, an increase of 32 over last year's record number.

All memberships are renewable at this time, no matter when they were paid last year, said Chairman Hill, so the 1954 program can get under way at once. Other members of his committee are June Blue, Virgil Clark and Robert F. Arey.

Twenty-one persons and firms have already paid for a total of 25 memberships for the year. These are: Auto Credit Co. (a new membership); United Telephone Co. (two memberships); Carolina Power & Light Co. (three memberships); Citizens Bank and Trust Co. (two memberships); Thomas C. Darst, Investments; Patch's Department Store, Inc.; Hollywood Hotel; Eastman, Dillon & Co., Investments; Hillendale Driving Range; P. T. Barnum, Inc.; H. L. Brown Agency; Tots Toggery & Mrs. Hayes Shop; Jefferson Inn; Cameron Oil Co.; The Arlington, Valerie Nicholson, Franjeans, Braeburn Hall, H. A. Lewis and Dr. W. Harrell Johnson.

Water Rate Ordinance, New Fire Service Law Adopted By Council

Men, Materials Markets: South's Assets, Says Polk

"Standing Room Only" signs were in order Tuesday night at the meeting of the Moore County Historical Association held in the Southern Pines Library, the card that drew the full house being William T. Polk, of Greensboro, speaker of the evening.

Mr. Polk, who is a member of the editorial staff of the Greensboro Daily News, and author of the recently published "Southern Accent," spoke on different phases in the growth of the South.

Mrs. Katherine N. McColl, vice-president of the Historical Association, was in the chair, replacing the president, Mrs. Ernest L. Ives, who was unable to attend. Mrs. Lawrence Johnson of Aberdeen is this year's secretary.

The speaker was introduced by Moore County's H. Clifton Blue, editor of the Sandhills Citizen and representative for this district in the state legislature.

Said Mr. Blue: "You know Will Rogers used to open his remarks, 'I only know what I read in the papers'; well, I'm a consistent reader of what Mr. Polk says in the papers, the distinguished editorials he writes for the Greensboro Daily News, and that means I know a lot. Because he knows a lot, and he knows how to tell it." Recalling to the audience that the speaker was a past president of the state Press Association, and author of many short stories and articles, Mr. Blue said: "He is one of the most distinguished writers in the South, and on the South."

South A Confusing Place
The speaker, however, disclaimed any special knowledge. "The South," he said, "is a confused and (Continued on Page 8)"

National Scout Honor Again Won By Region Six

For the second successive year, Region Six, Boy Scouts of America, of which William D. Campbell of Southern Pines is chairman, has won the Lorrillard Spencer trophy, national Scouting award.

The trophy recognizes the highest percentage of increase in Scouts, Scouting units and subscriptions to "Boys' Life" magazine, among all 12 regions of the United States, during 1953, as compared to 1952—the year for which the Region had previously won the award, also with Campbell as chairman.

Region Six includes North and South Carolina, Georgia and Florida. Presentation of the trophy to Campbell will take place at a regional meeting April 20 in Atlanta, Ga. The large handsome trophy is now in Southern Pines.

Campbell recently was installed as president of Oconeechee Council, a 12-county Scouting unit with headquarters at Raleigh and including Moore County. His term as chairman of Region Six will end in April.

Resorts Should Plan Hospitality

The tourist needs few things but those he must have: good food, comfortable accommodations, entertainment and a welcome. Director Ben E. Douglas of the N. C. Department of Conservation and Development told a group of Sandhills business people meeting in Southern Pines Friday.

With these needs satisfied he will be happy, may stay longer than he originally planned and is very likely to return, the speaker said, adding, "It is that repeat business which makes money for us."

Must Coordinate
But there's a hitch. Local business interests desiring to enhance their tourist trade must coordinate their efforts. In this way it can be doubled, even tripled, within a few years. The State Tourist Bureau stands ready to help any



MR. HALL

Johnnie A. Hall Named President Of Rotary Club

Johnnie A. Hall was elected president of the Southern Pines Rotary club at its luncheon meeting Friday, held at the Southern Pines Country Club.

Mr. Hall moved to Southern Pines from Fayetteville five years ago. He has managed the local office of H. M. Smith, Optician, for the past eight years. He has participated in numerous civic activities, was chairman of the Rotary's Halloween celebration last fall, and has just completed a two-year term as a director of the Chamber of Commerce.

Joe Garzik was elected secretary-treasurer, with E. W. Small, A. A. Howlett and George McCormac as new directors. The Rev. C. V. Covell, as retiring president, will automatically assume the office of vice-president. The new officers will be installed at the first meeting in July.

Speaker at the meeting was Fred A. Whitaker of Raleigh, manager of the State Tourist Bureau, who was in town to lead the tourist industry workshop that afternoon.

He told the group that building up a good tourist trade was no longer a matter of cut-throat competition, but should be the object of a united selling effort if the full benefits are to be obtained. These benefits, he said, are far greater than a superficial appraisal would indicate, as in a tourist town the visitor's dollar is split many ways, seeping through the (Continued on page 8)

State Tax Aid To Be Available Here

Assistance in filing State income tax, intangible tax or other State tax returns can be obtained in Southern Pines Wednesday, February 24, when a representative of the State Department of Revenue will be at the Federal Department of Revenue office in the basement of the post office.

In Pinehurst, this assistance can be obtained at Carolina Pharmacy, Tuesday, March 2.

Hours at both places will be from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., said Ralph Monger, Jr., of Sanford, district deputy collector, who made the announcement.

Out Of Town Residents To Be Affected

An ordinance setting uniform rates for town water, in and out of the city limits, and an ordinance setting up an entirely new system of fire protection service by the Southern Pines fire department outside of town were adopted by the town council Tuesday night.

Protests against both measures were registered by representatives of the Knollwood Sanitary District who have been attempting to reach an agreement with the town that would modify provisions of the water rate law, the previously adopted sewer service charge or both.

Neither measure affects in-town property owners directly, except in the case of one laundry and one or two swimming pools which have had special water rates that are now brought into uniformity with the town-wide rates. These rates already provide for a sliding scale that progressively lowers the price for large users.

Both of the new laws were proposed by the town to put the water and fire departments on a more business-like basis, more fairly distributing the cost of their operation to all users, in and out of town.

Full texts of both the new laws appear on page 18 of today's Pilot.

Under the new water law, all consumers of town water outside the city limits will pay 50 per cent more for their water than those inside. This is nothing new for outside residents, except in the case of Knollwood where property owners have been paying the same rate as persons in town, in line with a 1925 agreement between the town and the Knollwood corporation that gave the town an easement to run water mains across Knollwood property and granted Knollwood residents a water rate that was to remain the same as the rate in town.

The sewer service charge, previously adopted, imposes a charge of 100 per cent of the water bill on owners of property connected with town sewers. About half of the property in Knollwood is so connected, it was stated at the meeting Tuesday, meaning that these property owners, as things stand now, are slated to pay a 300 per cent total increase in water and sewer charges.

This, the Knollwood representatives have maintained, is unfair in view of the old agreement and the fact that Knollwood owns and maintains, or pays the town for maintenance, of both its sewer and water lines.

Amendment Expected
In an effort to work out a compromise agreement with the Knollwood and Mid Pines area (Continued on Page 8)

Council Sets 2nd Meeting

The town council voted Tuesday night to hold a second meeting each month—on the Friday night following the regular second Tuesday of the month meeting time.

Suggested by Mayor L. T. Clark, the resolution sets the Tuesday meeting as a time for general discussion of matters on the docket and from the floor, assigning the Friday meeting for debate and action by the council.

Both meetings will be open to the public, but at the Friday meeting there will be no discussion from the floor, allowing the council time to debate and decide issues in a more relaxed atmosphere.

Mayor Clark said the council welcomes public participation in meetings but noted that there has been so much discussion at recent long meetings that council has felt it is unable to give proper consideration to the issues.

The new system will go into effect in March, with the discussion meeting March 9 and the action meeting March 12.

County Passes \$7,460 Quota In March Of Dimes

Indications this week are that Moore county has gone a little way past its \$7,460 quota in the 1954 March of Dimes—but, said Chairman H. Clifton Blue, reports are still coming in and it is anticipated the final showing will be a highly creditable one.

Moore has, in recent years, surpassed its quota by \$3,000 to \$4,000. "We hope that this year, when the funds are so badly needed to deal the death blows to polio, that we will at least do as well as before," the chairman said.

He asked that all community reports be completed and turned in within the next few days. February 15 has been set as an extended deadline.

Several communities, last week and this, reported their quotas well in hand—Pinehurst, where Chairman Frank McCaskill, with a \$1,000 quota, had some \$1,500; Vass, where Monroe Chappell had reached his \$300 goal and was still forging ahead; Westmore, Howard Kennedy, chairman, quota \$100, collections \$160; Aberdeen, W. H. McNeill, Jr., \$1,000 quota, \$1,200 collected and \$1,500 hoped for; Eagle Springs, where Mrs. Arthur Williams has raised \$125, or 25 per cent more than the goal; Roseland, surpassing its \$30 quota by \$28.44; and Niagara, Mrs. Gurney Bowles, chairman—goal \$30, \$50.12 taken in.

In Southern Pines, Chairman Paul C. Butler left his \$1,700 mark behind two weeks ago, last week reported \$2,200 and this week close to \$3,000. Next week, he said, he hopes it will have gone over \$3,500, more than double the (Continued on Page 8)

ABERDEEN GAMES

As The Pilot went to press Thursday, Southern Pines High School basketball teams were preparing to play host to the boys and girls from Aberdeen in contests at the gym here Thursday night. A big crowd was expected for this highlight of the school's winter athletic season.

Riding Events In The Spotlight

Plans Progress For Hunter Trials To Be Held February 20

Entries are coming in and plans are progressing for the annual Moore County Hounds Hunter Trials and Hunt Ball to be held Saturday, February 20.

The Hunter Trials, always a leading event of the winter season, will take place on the Scott farm out Youngs Road near Southern Pines. The Hunt Ball is scheduled for the Pine Needles Club that night.

Mrs. Ozelle Moss, secretary, and a committee are working on plans for the event which is open to horses that have hunted regularly with the Moore County Hounds and others, on approval by the masters and the hunt committee. Joint masters of the Hounds are Ozelle Moss and W. J. Brewster.

Classes have been announced as first season hunters, thoroughbred hunters, non-thoroughbred hunters, open hunters and hunt teams.

Joanne Goodwin Wins Trophy In Sunday Gymkhana

"Young entry to the fore!" was the password for the gymkhana held Sunday afternoon at the ring at Pickridge, the home of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Collins out on Young's Road. More than 20 youngsters from both Southern Pines and Pinehurst vied for the ribbons in a series of classes for horsemanship and children's mounts, with the Pickridge Trophy, donated by Mr. and Mrs. Collins, as the highlight of the show. Presented by their daughter, Emmaday, for horsemanship in children under 16, the cup was (Continued on Page 8)

Valentine's Day Schooling Horse Show Scheduled

Featuring eight classes, including several events for children and younger riders, a Valentine's Day schooling horse show will be staged Sunday afternoon by Mr. and Mrs. Vernon G. Cardy at Vernon Valley Farm. Starting time is 2 p.m.

Trophies and four ribbons will be offered in all classes. Bain Walker of Greensboro and Miss Charlotte Nicholson of Michigan will be judges. The program is subject to change if classes do not fill or for any other necessary reason. (Continued on Page 8)