

PINEHURST NEWS

**By MARY EVELYN de NISSOFF
Scout Troop Formed**

A second Girl Scout troop has been organized in Pinehurst under the leadership of Mrs. Reginald G. Narelle and Mrs. Allan Peters. Serving as troop committee members are Mrs. A. N. Derouin, chairman; Miss Ruth McEnerly, Miss Anne Hotchkiss, Mrs. J. C. Bertrand and Mrs. W. A. Leiland McKeithen. Mrs. Arthur J. Debevoise has recently joined the Girl Scouts of America as an adult member.

Conducts Service

The Rev. T. A. Cheatham, rector emeritus of the Village Chapel, will have charge of the 11 a. m. worship service at the Chapel on Sunday.

Entertain

Mrs. Mary Evelyn de Nissoff entertained Monday afternoon for Mrs. Myra C. Wedlock who is the guest of her son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Keith Wedlock.

Mrs. Marian Watt Phillips was hostess at a luncheon at her home Tuesday honoring Mrs. Mercer C. Myers of Hackensack, N. J., who, with Mr. Meyers, is a guest at the Hollywood Hotel in Southern Pines.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry W. Lyman are entertaining at cocktails at their home today for their house guests, Mr. and Mrs. C. Vincent Armstrong of Greenwich, Conn.

Mrs. James B. Franks is honoring her brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. John D. McCown of Lumberville, Bucks County, Pa., at a cocktail party this evening at the Berkshire Hotel, where Mr. and Mrs. McCown are guests.

Maj. Gen. and Mrs. I. T. Wyche and Maj. Gen. and Mrs. A. V. Arnold will entertain jointly at a pre-hunter trial luncheon at the Arnolds' Southern Pines' home tomorrow (Saturday).

Mrs. McGee Kastner will be hostess at a dinner for out-of-town guests at her home after the hunter trials Saturday evening.

Brief Mention

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur J. Lacey have returned from a trip to Florida and are occupying their Midland Road home.

Miss Shirley Dana of Charlotte and Miss Penelope Dana, a student at Rollins College in Orlando, Va., were the weekend guests of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Dana.

Mr. and Mrs. S. Donald Sherred had as their house guests for several days this week Mr. and Mrs. Charles Freedom Eaton of Wellesley Hills, Mass.

Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Bevan arrived this week from Fort Lauderdale, Fla., and are occupying their Midland Road home.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard D. Chapman left Friday for Florida where Mr. Chapman will play in a num-

**Netherlands
Officers Here**

Four Royal Netherlands Air Force officers are attending the indoctrination course at the USAF Air Ground Operations School here this week. They arrived in Southern Pines Saturday, during an Air Force-sponsored tour of installations in the United States.

Heading the party is Major General Johannes A. Bach, chief, Air Materiel Command. With him are: Lt. Col. Arnold J. de Vries, Lt. Col. Johan W. Thijssen, Major Jelke L. Bosch and Major Gerardus H. J. Ruygrok. Accompanying the group is Major Cecil C. Young, U. S. Air Force escort officer.

ber of golf tournaments.

Dr. and Mrs. T. A. Cheatham spent last weekend in Oxford, N. C.

Mr. and Mrs. L. R. Porteous are making a short visit at the Mountain Lakes Club in Florida.

Octave Blake is occupying his winter home here.

Capt. and Mrs. Charles B. Maddox are occupying their home here where they will spend the remainder of the season, after a brief visit to Washington, D. C.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Spellissy of Philadelphia, Pa. are occupying the home of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Spellissy on Muster Branch Road.

**Appeal Entered
After Jury Says
Thomas Will Good
Case Attempting To
Break Will Consumes
3 Days Last Week**

Two uncontested divorces were granted, based on two years' separation, and several cases disposed of in pre-trial conferences in the civil term of Superior Court at Carthage last week, before a jury case was called which then consumed the entire period of trial time remaining in the term.

This was a caveat action instituted by 11 sons and daughters and a niece of F. G. Thomas, deceased, of West End, to break their father's will, charging that he was mentally incompetent when he made the will, and had been subjected to undue influence on the part of his 12th child, Lena May (Mrs. N. W.) McInnis.

The jury decided otherwise, determining after two days of testimony by about 50 witnesses that Mr. Thomas had been mentally competent, had not been subjected to undue influence and that the will was valid as a whole and in all its parts. The caveators gave notice of appeal.

The case, filed September 2, 1952, following Mr. Thomas' death in May of that year, had been continued for several terms but had been the subject of a note by Special Judge Grover A. Martin at the November, 1953, term that "this case ought to be tried," and setting it peremptorily for the first case to come up at the February term following the uncontested divorces.

These were: Dorothy Moore Patterson vs. A. B. Patterson, and William E. Phillips vs. Dorothy Simpson Phillips. Both were based on two years' separation, and in the Patterson case the mother was given custody of the two minor sons.

Court officials stated that the system of pre-trial conferences introduced by Judge Frank M. Armstrong at this term had "worked fine" and cleared a good deal of work out of the files. Also through these conferences 10 cases were boiled down to essential issues as a preliminary to trial, though only the one case was actually tried.

Caveators, or plaintiffs, in the Thomas will case were Mrs. Bessie Vest and her husband A. A. Vest; Mrs. Bertha Petree and her husband L. C. Petree; S. V. Thomas, J. L. Thomas, C. M. Thomas, Mrs. Ruth McKenzie and her husband Clyde McKenzie, Mrs. Velma Currie and her husband L. M. Currie, Mrs. Thelma Cole and her husband R. M. Cole, Mrs. Eunice McKenzie and her husband I. K. McKenzie and A. C. Thomas, all of them sons, daughters and sons-in-law of F. G. Thomas; also Mrs. Etta Caddell,

a niece, and her husband L. C. Caddell. All are well-known residents of the West End and Eagle Springs section of Moore county except O. R. Thomas, who lives in Greensboro.

With about 25 witnesses on each side, the case brought into court a large part of the population of that area, with a scattering from Carthage, Robbins and also from

King. Two physicians, Dr. J. C. Grier, Jr., and Dr. Glement R. Monroe, both of Pinehurst, were also among the witnesses.

The jury was empaneled Tuesday and the trial took place during all of Wednesday and Thursday.

There are over 300 Scout Units organized for physically handicapped boys.

WRITER VISITS STATE

Miss Llewellyn Miller of New York City, who has been assigned to write a travel article for the May issue of Redbook Magazine, recently visited North Carolina gathering material for her story. She spent a day in the Department of Conservation and Development and visited the Nuclear Reactor at State College and the State Fair Arena.

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House consists of large entrance hall, with winding stairway, large living room, large pine-paneled den, dining room, breakfast room, butler's pantry; kitchen with all necessary cabinets, stainless steel, in both kitchen and pantry. Seven open fireplaces, all set in different colored marble. Five bedrooms, three full tile baths and a one-half bath. Full basement, with oil heat and laundry. Servants quarters over garage, including three rooms and bath. Solid brick smokehouse and large tool house. Barn includes tack room, feed room and five large stables. All property under fence, suitable for cattle or horses. Home built in 1936 with the finest materials and workmanship to be had.

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