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## Sectional Tourney Set Here

**Basketball Event To Get Underway Tuesday Next Week**

The North Carolina State High School Athletic Association sectional basketball tournament—which will boost some Moore County boys' team one step up the ladder that leads to the State Class A championship—will be played at the Southern Pines school gymnasium March 2, 3, 5 and 6, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday of next week.

Two games will be played each night, at 7:30 and 8:30, except for the finals Saturday night.

All boys' teams in the county are expected to take part, with the winner of this week's Moore County Tournament at Carthage getting the top seeded position. Because of its numerous teams, Moore County is rated a section in itself in planning the official Class A tournament schedule, therefore causing a repetition of play among the same teams that are taking part in the county tourney this week.

Winner of the Sectional event will advance to play in the District tournament at Red Springs the following week. The district winner will take part in the State Class A finals which had been previously scheduled for the Aberdeen gym March 18, 19 and 20.

Sites for the Sectional and District tourneys were set Saturday in a meeting of representatives of schools from throughout the District at Pinehurst Saturday, L. J. (Hap) Perry of Chapel Hill, executive secretary of the North Carolina High School Athletic Association, attended the meeting.

Irie Leonard, coach and principal at the high school here, was appointed chairman of the Sectional tournament.

There will be eight district tournaments in the state, winner of each to play in the Aberdeen finals. Moore County is in District 4 of the Eastern Conference. Four Sectional tourneys will be played within this District next week, the winners to meet at Red Springs.

## Church Sponsoring Local Explorer Scouting Program

The Church of Wide Fellowship this week set up a plan to give local youths 14-17 years of age the program of Exploring which is a division of the Boy Scouts of America.

The organization chairman, Dr. D. W. Whitehead, said that an overwhelming response had come from a survey of those who wanted to help in the Church of Wide Fellowship with the program.

The proposed organization includes institutional representative Harry Pethick; chairman of the post committee, Dr. D. W. Whitehead; indoor counselor, Walter Laake; community service counselor, Stanley Austin; social counselor, Thomas Shockley; transportation, Gene Blackwelder; and vocational counselor, Harry Fullenwider.

## Outside Property Owners Petition For Annexation

A meeting of the town council has been set for March 22 at 8 p. m. in the town hall to consider annexing four lots, on which three homes are located, in the Pine Needles area at the intersection of Midland Road and the road to Carthage.

The proposed annexation was petitioned by owners of the property, John C. Parrish who owns two homes, and Lloyd M. Stemple, who owns one.

The council met last Friday afternoon to give preliminary consideration to the petitions and decided to advertise the proposal as required by law.

The petition asked that the town take the property into the city limits.

## These Stars Shone In Local Hunter Trials



The trio pictured above is the winning hunt team of the Moore County Hounds hunter trials, winners of the trophy presented by Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Moss. The entry of the joint master, William J. Brewster, the team includes, from left: Curt Dutton on Harry's Last, Earl Hoy on Valley G., and Jack Goodwin on North Slope. In the adjoining photo Joan Walsh is shown taking a fence on the champion hunter of the trials, the brilliant thoroughbred Friar's Maid, star of the Vernon G. Cardy string. It is said that Friar's Maid is due to be trained by Mickey Walsh of Stonebrook Stables for the spring racing season, with the Maryland Cup as final goal.

(Photos by Emerson Humphrey)

## Friar's Maid Wins '54 Hunter Trials

Friar's Maid, long-striding chestnut thoroughbred of the Vernon G. Cardy string, galloped away with the honors of the Moore County Hunter Trials Saturday.

Able piloted by her trainer, Mickey Walsh, this good chestnut mare won the trials championship, with the reserve going to Dwight Winkelman's Lakelawn Farm's Little Trip, with Cappy Winkelman in the saddle.

The championship "follow-the-leader" ride was the climax of an afternoon that stood out in the annals of this event as one of the best. While the number of entries in the trials was below that of previous years, the quality of entries, both as to conformation and performance, was well above the average.

## Dr. Timmons, New Pastor For Church Of Wide Fellowship, To Arrive Today

The Rev. Wofford Colquitt Timmons, D. D., of New York City and North Tarrytown, N. Y., for the past nine years national director of the Commission on Evangelism and Devotional Life for the Congregational Christian Churches in the U. S. A., will take over the pastorate of the Church of Wide Fellowship, Congregational, beginning March 1.

Dr. and Mrs. Timmons are expected to arrive in Southern Pines today (Friday). They will live in the parsonage purchased by the church at the corner of Connecticut Avenue and Ridge Street. Dr. Timmons is scheduled to preach his first sermon Sunday, March 7.

The Church of Wide Fellowship has been without a regular pastor since the death of Dr. Robert Lee House over a year ago. The Rev. Oswald W. S. McCall, D. D., has been serving as interim pastor since November 1.

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## Republicans Will Convene

The 1954 Moore County Republican Convention will be held at the courthouse in Carthage Saturday night—the first such meeting held in more than 20 years with the background of a Republican administration in Washington.

Purpose of the gathering is to elect party officials for the next two years and name delegates to the State and Congressional District conventions. Other important party business will be transacted, it was stated in an announcement by W. Clement Barrett, county chairman, and Coy S. Lewis, Jr., secretary.

The convention has been called for 8 p. m.

"Democrats, friends, independents and those desiring to affiliate with the Republican party" were urged to attend the Saturday gathering, in addition to regular party members.

## Duke Glee Club Concert Will Be Given Thursday

Duke University's "musical ambassadors of good will," 40 singers making up its famed touring Men's Glee Club, their accompanist, and Director J. Foster Barnes, will appear here Thursday evening of next week, March 4, in Weaver Auditorium at 8:30. The appearance, an annual event, is sponsored by the Civic Club.

The program will present a newly formed group within the glee club, the Double Octet, in several musical comedy numbers.

Described by critics as "an example of the best that has come out of the university choral movement," the college singers are all members of Duke's Chapel Choir of 200 mixed voices. The touring troupe is chosen from the 150 male choir members who make up the glee club at its home concerts.

Beginning with a Lincoln Day performance in Washington, D. C., the 1954 tour includes cities throughout North Carolina and in Virginia, Pennsylvania, Ohio, and New York. As usual, two of the concerts will be network television and radio programs from New York City.

"Something for everyone" is Barnes' description of his programs. This year's offerings range from classical lyrics, religious songs, and operatic favorites to folksongs, spirituals, and hit songs from recent Broadway successes.

Members of the Men's Glee Club from this area who will appear at the local concert are: John A. Beasley of Southern Pines and Ledyard D. Gardner, Jr., of Pinehurst.

## BACK FROM GERMANY

Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Alexander are visiting the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. V. Autrey, in Vass. Mr. Alexander has recently returned from Army service in Germany. His wife had been employed in Durham for the past few months.

## Ernest M. Aiken Takes Own Life At Oxford Farm

**Former Resident Of Sandhills Found Shot In Car Wednesday**

Ernest M. Aiken, former resident of this section and owner of considerable property hereabouts, was found dead late Wednesday afternoon in his car, parked in the yard of his old home near Oxford.

Death was the result of a self-inflicted wound from a .38 calibre revolver found beside him, according to the verdict of Coroner Grover Saunders, of Granville County.

In the pocket of the deceased's coat were found two notes, whose contents have been withheld. Saunders stated that no inquest would be held.

Mr. Aiken, who had been through here two weeks ago, had planned, at that time, to go to Florida for a rest. Those who saw him at that time stated that he was in poor health and deeply depressed. Instead of going south, however, he returned to the house where he was born. It was said that he had some idea of converting this into a home for orphaned children in line with previous plans expressed by him at other times.

During the past few days he had occupied himself intensively with the creation of a garden at Old Salem Church, nearby, to be given in memory of a daughter who is buried there. Mr. Aiken had moved trees to the site from his farm near Pinebluff, and it is thought this occupation intensified a state of depression which had been chronic with him. Twice during the past few days he had attempted to end his life, according to report, but those near him had taken pains that no bullets for the pistol he kept near him were available. However, he made a trip to Oxford early Wednesday afternoon and it is thought at that time he bought the ammunition, five bullets of which were still in the pistol found beside him.

A few minutes before the fatal act, Mr. Aiken had been in conversation with John Blue, of North Bennett Street, road contractor, who was engaged with heavy machinery in construction work not far away. He walked back to his car, got in and shut the door. Mr. Blue noticed him sitting in the car and around 5:30, walked over to ask him a question and discovered that Mr. Aiken was dead. The noise of the machinery apparently muffled sound of the shot and the body had not moved from an upright position, indicating, it is thought, that death must have been instantaneous.

Surviving the deceased are his wife, the former Herminia Haynes, one son Benjamin M. Aiken, a senior at Princeton University, and three daughters, Ursula, (Mrs. Ward Mason) of Cambridge, Mass., and Marjorie and Nora, who live with their mother in Washington, D. C. Mr. and Mrs. Aiken had been separated for several years.

## Brig. Gen. R. B. Hill Will Head 1954 Red Cross Campaign In Moore County

Brig. Gen. Robert B. Hill, retired, of Southern Pines, will head the 1954 fund drive of the American Red Cross in Moore County, it was announced this week.

A quota of \$17,995—about \$5,000 less than last year's because of the end of hostilities in Korea—has been set for the campaign, according to Mrs. Audrey K. Kennedy, executive secretary of the Moore County Chapter.

The drive will start in Moore County March 9, while opening nationally March 1 with a goal of \$86 million. Advance gift appeals in this county have already been mailed.

Community chairmen and quotas will be announced soon. Chairmen from the upper part of the county will meet tonight (Friday) at the Carthage Hotel for a dinner at 7 o'clock to complete campaign plans under direction of Ralph Steed of Robbins. Other meetings of chairmen will be scheduled, replacing the usual "kick-off dinner."

Sunday will be marked as Red

## High School Students To See Driving Films

**Safety Project Sponsored By Kiwanis Club**



MR. HUNTLEY

## W. T. Huntley, Tax Collector, Dies Suddenly

**Well-Known Moore Man Stricken Sunday At Pinebluff Home**

Graveside services were held at Old Bethesda Cemetery near Aberdeen Tuesday afternoon for William Thomas Huntley, 73, who had been Moore County tax collector for 22 years and was one of the Sandhills' best-known and best-liked residents.

Mr. Huntley died Sunday morning at the home of his daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Dan Allred, Pinebluff. Apparently in good health the previous evening, when he had been a supper guest of Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Pleasants in Aberdeen, Mr. Huntley became ill Sunday morning but rallied after treatment by a physician who was summoned about 7:30 a. m. Later, before the physician had left the home, he was suddenly stricken and died about 9:30 a. m. of coronary thrombosis.

His death followed by less than two months the passing of his wife, Mrs. Della Deaton Huntley, last December 26, after a long illness.

## TO FILL POST

The board of county commissioners will consider appointment of a successor to W. T. Huntley, Moore County tax collector who died Sunday, when they meet in regular session at the courthouse in Carthage Monday.

Those mentioned as interested in the appointment include: J. Douglas David of Pinebluff; J. D. Sitterson of Southern Pines, Charlie Cheek of the Highfalls community, June Brewer of Robbins and De Witt Purvis of Ritters township. Others are thought to have applied or to be considering making application.



GENERAL HILL

Cross Sunday over the nation, featuring a radio and TV address by President Eisenhower.

In a driver education project sponsored by the Sandhill Kiwanis Club, six instructional films about correct driving techniques under various road conditions will be shown to students at all 11 of the high schools in Moore County, starting Monday at Cameron.

Judge W. A. Leland McKeithen of Pinehurst is chairman of the Kiwanis committee in charge. O. D. Griffin, field representative of the Highway Safety Division, State Department of Motor Vehicles, will be at most schools to give a safety talk after the showing of the films.

There will be two sessions at each school, one week apart, with three of the films to be shown at one session and three at the other. The first group illustrates driving on the highway and in the city and parking a car. The second group covers driving under adverse conditions and at night and care of a car. All films are obtained through cooperation of the Ford Motor Co.

Here is the schedule for showings: Cameron, March 1 and 8; Vass-Lakeview, March 2 and 9; Southern Pines, March 3 and 10; Aberdeen, March 4 and 11; Pinehurst, March 5 and 12; West End, March 8 and 15; Carthage, March 9 and 16; Farm Life, March 10 and 17; Highfalls, March 11 and 18; Robbins, March 12 and 19; Westmoore, March 15 and 22.

The Kiwanis Club, which draws its members from throughout Moore County, has a continuing interest in traffic safety. A few years ago it proposed driver instruction courses for all high schools in the county, but the plan was not adopted.

## Students Express Interest In Nurse Scholarship Plan

More interest on the part of high school girls and less interest on the part of the people of Moore county were reported this week by Watson Scott, chairman of the eighth annual nurse scholarship campaign of the Sandhills Veterans Association.

While contributions to the scholarship fund are coming in more slowly than in former years, prospects are that 15 or more seniors in Moore County high schools will apply for a scholarship, Scott said. The campaign opened three weeks ago.

District chairmen in the unique SVA organization of about two dozen World War 2 veterans have visited all schools of the county and have reported much interest in the scholarships among high school seniors.

"In view of this interest," Scott said, "we are urging that all those to whom appeal letters were sent and who have not yet replied send in their contributions at once. With as many as 15 girls seeking a scholarship, it is hoped that the SVA can give more than one scholarship this year, as we did in 1950. But this will depend entirely on the response we get from the persons to whom we have sent letters."

Beginning in 1947, the SVA has awarded one scholarship for nurse's training each year to a Moore County high school senior, with the exception of 1950 when two scholarships were given. Girls applying must be 18 by September of this year and must have satisfactory grades in high school on nursing school entrance subjects. They must be seniors in a high school in this county, be single and, if awarded a scholarship, must return to Moore County to complete their training.

## AUTO INSPECTION

Highway patrolmen will be at the Southern Pines police station to inspect out-of-state vehicles, prior to registration in North Carolina, each Wednesday from 1 to 2 p. m. and each Saturday from 9 to 10 a. m., it was announced this week. Persons with cars to be inspected are asked to see the patrolmen at those hours.