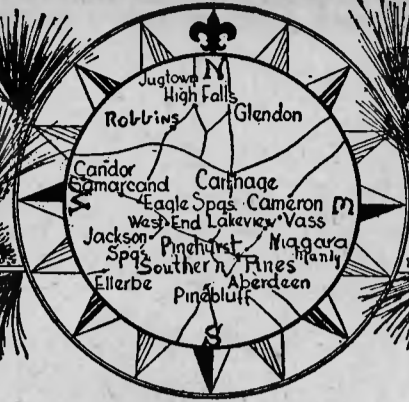


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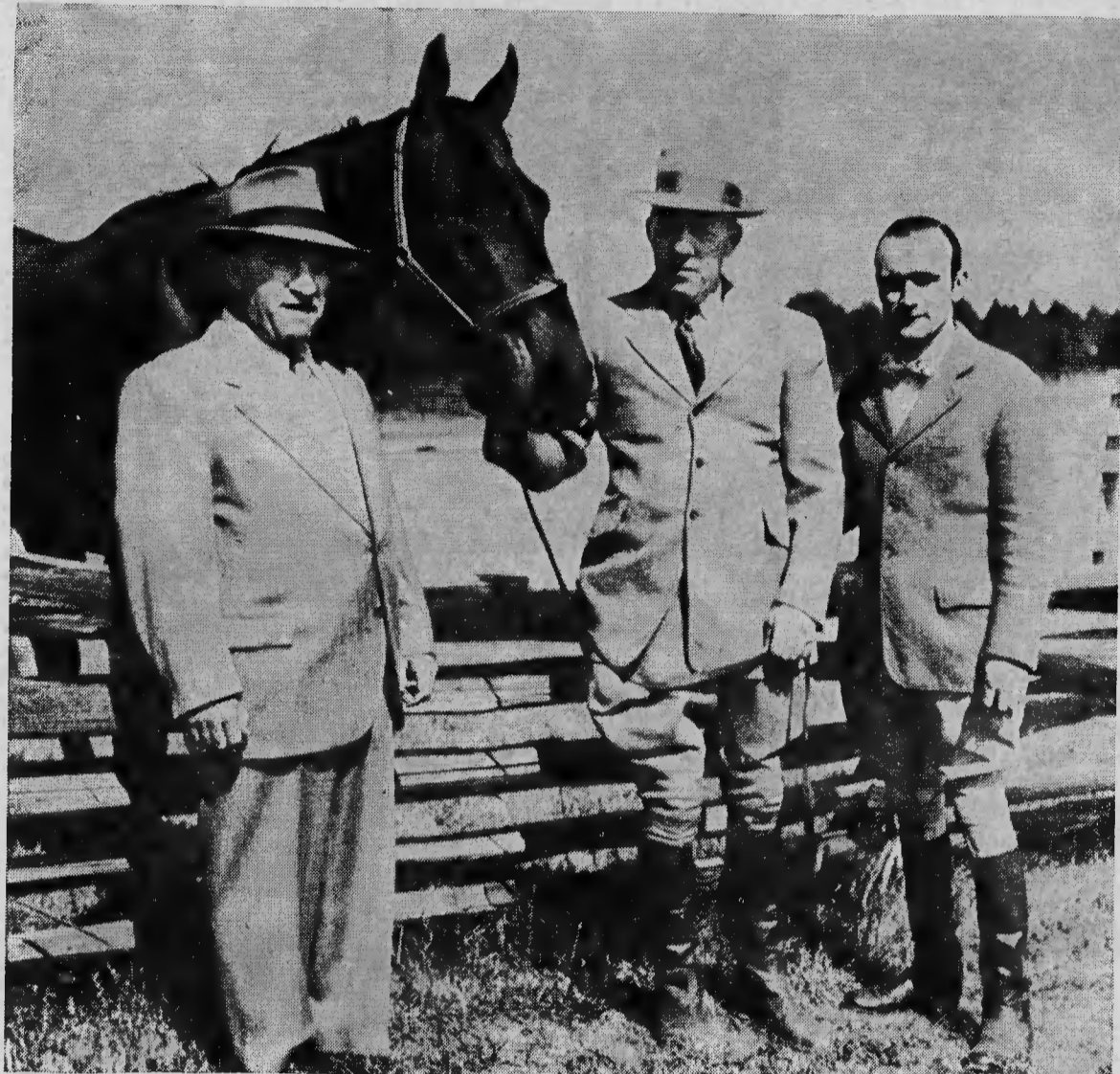
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NATION'S TOP-NOTCHERS will take part in Stoneybrook meeting Saturday. From left, L. R. Troiano, Port Washington, L.I., N.Y., leading owner on U. S. hunt racing tracks; King Commander, owned by Troiano, top horse over hurdles and third in all steeplechase races, with

winnings of \$28,960; Michael G. Walsh, leading trainer in races won and money won, and F. D. "Dooley" Adams, leading steeplechase rider for fourth consecutive year. The listings are from "Steeplechasing in America, 1953," official reference book of the sport, recently released. (Photo by Emerson Humphrey)

Groups Planning Hospitality For Maneuver Troops

Program Starts This Week, Coordinated By Local Commission

With the Southern Pines Recreation Commission as coordinating agency, churches, clubs and other organizations are preparing to provide recreational facilities for men of the armed forces taking part in the Flash Burn maneuvers. This area is expected to be visited by some 35,000 of the 60,000 men involved.

The program goes into effect this weekend, to last through May 10.

Letters asking cooperation have been sent to churches and civic clubs and, reports A. C. Dawson, Jr., chairman of the commission, very good responses have been received.

Basic need of the program is for recreational rooms to be open Friday nights, Saturday afternoons and nights and Sunday afternoons. Clubs and organizations that do not have rooms to open to the troops may be able to supply hostesses or to stage special events such as dances, bingo parties or suppers.

Plans for operation of the program in West Southern Pines are also under way, with J. W. Moore and Mrs. A. B. Barksdale in charge. The school recreation room will be open and various churches plan to serve refreshments on week-ends during the maneuvers. A basketball game is slated for tonight (Friday).

Responses received by this week were listed as follows by the commission:

A committee of the Church of Wide Fellowship with Tom Shockley as chairman will meet today to plan the church's part in the program. Church facilities will be open for recreation at the suggested times during each week-end. The board of deacons of the (Continued on Page 8)

Stevenson Will Arrive Tuesday, To Meet Public At Friday Event

'Open House' Is Planned At Carthage



ADLAI E. STEVENSON and his 18-year-old son, John Fell, both of whom are to arrive in the Sandhills for a 10-day visit Tuesday, team up for trap shooting practice. This informal photo of the 1952 presidential candidate and his son was made by Ed Wergeles of Newsweek Magazine.

Adlai E. Stevenson, leader of the Democratic party and its candidate for President of the United States in 1952, is expected to arrive in the Sandhills Tuesday. He plans to remain until he goes to Charlotte for a major political address April 2.

Here for rest and relaxation at the Paint Hill Farm home of his sister, Mrs. Ernest L. Ives, and Mr. Ives, Mr. Stevenson will by his own wish attend a welcome and "open house" gathering at the high school gymnasium in Carthage Friday of next week, March 26. The event is set for 7 p. m.

With residents of Moore and adjoining counties invited to attend, this event will be the public highlight of the Stevenson visit.

Plans for the occasion—which calls for informal greeting but not a formal speech by Stevenson—were rounded out Wednesday night at Carthage during a meeting of the committee in charge. Its members are State Rep. H. Clifton Blue of Aberdeen, Mrs. Ruth Swisher of Southern Pines, Mrs. Gilliam Brown of Carthage, Roy McSwain of Robbins, Robert Hyman of Deep River township and Judge W. A. Leland McKeithen of Pinehurst as honorary member.

The Stevenson party is expected to include his son, John Fell, a friend of his son, Bill North of Lake Forest, Ill., who is a classmate of John Fell at Milton Academy, Milton, Mass., and Mr. Stevenson's associate, William McCormick Blair. The party is expected to arrive at Raleigh or Charlotte by air, to be met by Mr. and Mrs. Ives and others and drive to the Sandhills.

Paint Hill Farm is off the Bethesda Road between Southern Pines and Aberdeen. The hill-top home, where Mr. Stevenson has frequently visited, but not since he was a Presidential candidate, affords a secluded retreat for the rest and relaxation he is said to be seeking in this visit.

The Carthage gymnasium seats over 1,000 persons and is expected to be jammed for the Stevenson open house event. Stevenson's popularity in this state—the home of his ancestors—is so great that some observers have predicted an attendance of many times the capacity of the Carthage building, with interested spectators coming from a wide area.

A member of the planning committee admitted the group has no idea what the attendance will be. Specifically, an invitation has been issued only to the people of Moore and adjoining counties.

Masonic Banquet Slated Saturday

The 58th anniversary banquet and ladies night of Southern Pines Lodge 484, AF & AM, to be held at the Pinehurst Country Club Saturday night, will feature an address by the Rev. J. S. Hiatt, Sr., D.D., of Elkin, father of Dr. J. S. Hiatt, Jr., of Southern Pines. A Methodist pastor and member of Statesville Lodge 27, Dr. Hiatt, Sr., is a widely known and favorite speaker in Masonic circles. The banquet starts at 7:30 p. m. Sale of tickets closed Monday.

PTA PROGRESS

A committee formed this week is planning an early April meeting when organization of a local Parent-Teacher Association will be undertaken.

Date of the meeting, possibly April 1, will depend on when State PTA officials can attend.

Dr. R. M. McMillan is chairman of the committee which was formed during a meeting at the school Tuesday. Members of the committee also present Tuesday are Mrs. Joe Marley, Mrs. Claude Reams, Mrs. William Davis and A. C. Dawson, Jr., school superintendent. Other members are W. Lamont Brown, Mrs. Paul Butler, Mrs. George Thompson and the Rev. C. K. Ligon.

2 p. m. Saturday. Rain or Shine!

Best Steeplechase Yet Predicted

Many Top Horses Entered On Card Of 7 Races Here

Post time is 2 p. m., rain or shine, for the seventh annual Stoneybrook Race Meeting, which will open the U. S. racing season Saturday on the Stoneybrook track at Southern Pines.

The entry list promises the biggest and best meeting in the State's steeplechasing history. Ten or a dozen nominees will run in practically every one of the four sanctioned races on the seven-race card, said Charles W. Stitzer, executive secretary of the Stoneybrook Hunt Racing Association.

Racing interests of eight states are represented on the list, including such top-winning stables as Mrs. Marion DuPont Scott's Montpelier Stables of Montpelier Station, Va.; Guilford Dudley, Jr., and Calvin Houghland, Nashville, Tenn.; Harry S. Nichols, Detroit, Mich.; P. T. Cheff, Holland, Mich.; Mrs. S. T. Patterson, Pittsburgh, Pa., and Mrs. M. G. Walsh and Mrs. C. E. Adams of Southern Pines. All of these, and others on the list, had winners on the northern tracks last year.

Feature Race
The feature race will be headed by Rustling Oaks, owned and trained by William G. Jones of Charlottesville, Va., contesting in a field of 12 for the Sandhills Cup and a \$500 purse. The nine-year-old veteran, runner-up for the Sandhills Cup last year, went on to win the coveted Carolina Cup at Camden, S. C.

Other "Cup" hopefuls are: Burford Danner's Bit-Whip Comet, Zionsville, Ind.; Lowry Watkins' (Continued on page 8)

GIFT OF GOLD WILL NOT RUN

"Gift of Gold," previously announced as a Sandhills Cup contender in the Stoneybrook Steeplechase, will not be running at Stoneybrook Saturday.

The famous horse, owned by Mrs. S. T. Patterson, is recovering at Stoneybrook from a leg injury suffered some time ago. Top timber horse of the nation in 1951, he was thought to be ready for a comeback but Michael Walsh, his trainer, says no.

"We don't want him to lose that chance of winning the Carolina Cup at Camden for the third time," said Walsh. Gift of Gold won the Carolina Cup in 1951 and 1952, and is the only horse in history to win it twice. He is expected to race again at Camden in April.

Backing Asked For Air Group At Camp Mackall

Organizations and individuals are requested by the Southern Pines Chamber of Commerce to write the Hon. Harold E. Talbot, Secretary of the Air Force, Washington, D. C., in support of a movement to have an Air Group located on nearby Camp Mackall.

Eighth District Rep. C. B. Deane is assisting in the project, said Valerie Nicholson, Chamber president, and has indicated that letters showing community support may help.

The letter from Mr. Deane, answering one from the Chamber, was read at the directors' meeting Tuesday night, and all declared themselves in favor of seeking full community support. The Chamber will provide any information that is wanted by the Air Force, and the directors will write letters and endeavor to secure the support of other organizations to which they belong.

According to information received by the Chamber, the Air Group was to have been located at Myrtle Beach, S. C., but the community did not want them, possibly because they would have to use the town's airport. Camp Mackall has its own airport, also numerous other facilities not now being used.

Easter Seal Sale Starts This Week; Chairmen Named

The annual sale of Easter seals by the Moore County Society for Crippled Children was to begin Thursday of this week to last until Easter, April 18.

Campaign chairman for the county this year is Miss Blanche Monroe of West End, who was elected at a meeting of the Society earlier this year. At the same time Mrs. D. D. Shields Cameron of Southern Pines was elected secretary of the board and Mrs. W. B. Cole of Carthage, treasurer.

Local chairmen throughout the county are mailing sheets of the seals, asking contributions that will aid children crippled by accidents, disease or any cause other than infantile paralysis. The Moore County Society is a unit of the State and National organization devoted to helping crippled children in all possible ways. In this county, the program includes medical examinations (Continued on Page 8)

Lawrence Johnson Is President of Music Association

The members of the Sandhills Music Association met Tuesday night and elected Lawrence Johnson of Aberdeen president for the coming year.

Serving with Mr. Johnson will be Dr. R. B. Warlick, re-elected as treasurer, and Mrs. W. F. Hollister, secretary. Thomas R. Howerton was elected drive chairman. The slate was presented by a nominating committee of Mrs. Paul T. Barnum, Mrs. Ralph Chandler, Jr., and Voit Gilmore, (Continued on Page 8)

NO ACTION

The board of county commissioners, meeting at Carthage Monday as board of equalization and review for tax valuations, stuck to the purpose of the meeting and did not, as was thought possible, name a successor to the late W. T. Huntley as tax collector. It is understood that the board plans to call in and interview all applicants for the job.

Five Projects In 'Finer Carolina' Contest Revealed

Southern Pines is now officially a "Finer Carolina" contest entry, according to a decision reached by the committee at a meeting held Friday night.

With five projects listed, and chairmen assigned to each, it is already moving forward in the competition for cash prizes sponsored annually by the Carolina Power and Light Co., for the communities it serves in North and South Carolina.

The town was tentatively entered in advance of the deadline February 1, but the chairmen were asked to study their projects carefully for a definite answer later as to whether they wanted to go ahead.

Voit Gilmore, general chairman, conducting the meeting last week at the Hollywood Hotel, told the group, "We want your frank answers as to whether community cooperation can be secured, and real achievement made. We'd rather withdraw from the undertaking now than to start off, and make a flop."

All the chairmen declared their wish to go ahead, envisioned no "flop" and in fact, some had already started working. The affirmative decision was a unanimous one. (Continued on Page 8)

Baseball Season Tickets On Sale

Season tickets for Southern Pines High School baseball games went on sale Wednesday, following a meeting of adult boosters and fans of the team at the home of Lt. Col. Ken Howett in Manly Monday night.

With C. N. Page as chairman of sales, the tickets are available at Barmum Realty Co., the Style Mart Store, Humphrey's Studio, Hardware and Electric Co., The Tog Shop, Powell's Service Station, Pinedene, Inc., and Garvin's store at Manly.

Adult season tickets sell for \$1, a great saving over the cost of individual game tickets.

Brown Succeeds McKeithen As Head Of Democratic Executive Committee

Group Pays Tribute To Late T. L. Blue At Carthage Session

Lamont Brown, Southern Pines attorney and county solicitor for recorders court, was elected chairman of the Moore County Democratic Executive Committee at a meeting of precinct chairmen held in the Carthage courthouse, Saturday morning.

At the same meeting, and as his first act on assuming office, the new chairman set in motion plans for a Moore County welcome to Adlai E. Stevenson, former Democratic presidential candidate, due in Southern Pines

Horne Unable To Serve As Member Education Board

A meeting of the Moore County Democratic Executive Committee has been called by its new chairman, W. Lamont Brown of Southern Pines, to be held at the courthouse in Carthage Friday of next week, just prior to the open house welcome for Adlai E. Stevenson, for the purpose of appointing a member of the county board of education, filling the vacancy caused by the death of Thad L. Blue of the Eureka community.

At a meeting of the executive committee last Saturday in Carthage W. E. Horne of the Eureka community was named to fill the vacancy on the board, but it was later found that Mr. Horne's residence is in Carthage township, whereas the new District 4 board member must be from McNeill or Greenwood township.

Strongly recommended to the committee is J. Herman Matthews, also of the Eureka community and, like Mr. Horne, a member of the Farm Life District school board. Mr. Horne this week gave his endorsement to the appointment of Mr. Matthews.

GARDEN TOUR

The Spring Garden Tour of the Southern Pines Garden Club will be held Wednesday, April 7, it was announced this week, with the Shaw House as headquarters and seven beautiful gardens and homes on the route of the tour. The tour has drawn increasing crowds annually since it was first held in 1950. Last year about 500 persons attended.

March 23.

Saturday's meeting opened with the former chairman, Judge W. A. Leland McKeithen of Pinehurst, in the chair. Precincts and their representatives were: from Aberdeen: H. Clifton Blue; Bensalem, W. McC. Blue; West Carthage, E. J. Burns, East Carthage, Mrs. Gilliam Brown; Deep River, Robert Hyman; Eureka, Mrs. Joe Blue (for W. E. Horne); Pinehurst, J. Frank McCaskill; Southern Pines, Mrs. Ruth Swisher; Pinebluff, Mrs. W. K. Carpenter, (represented by Mr. Blue); Ritter, Bardonia Ritter; Spencerville, D. A. Dunlap; Robbins, Roy McSwain; Vass, Monroe Chappell; West End, Edgar Johnson; Spies, Jason Feeman, represented by proxy. Highfalls was the only precinct not represented.

Mr. Brown's election was unanimous, as proposed by Mr. McCaskill, seconded by Mrs. Swisher, following an eloquent speech by Mr. Burns suggesting that the office might well go to "one of this group, a man, who has been loyal and worked hard for the party."

McKeithen Praised
Expression of appreciation to the retiring chairman had preceded Mr. Brown's election.

Speaking for the gathering, Editor and Moore Representative Blue spoke with feeling of Judge McKeithen's service to the party and his county, during his term in office.

"He has carried the flag of Democracy high during the political campaigns," Mr. Blue said. "He has been loyal and hard-working." Mr. Blue said that only because Judge McKeithen had received appointment to a higher office were Moore County Democrats, he felt, resigned to parting with him as chairman of their county committee. "We rejoice," he said, "that the Governor of North Carolina has recognized in our chairman a man of outstanding ability."

A rising vote of thanks was tendered the retiring official. (Continued on page 8)

SPRING VALUE DAYS

The Spring Value Days, sponsored by the retail division of the Southern Pines Chamber of Commerce, will be held Thursday, Friday and Saturday, May 6, 7 and 8, it was reported this week by Miss Katharine MacDonald, chairman. The dates were confirmed by the Chamber directors on recommendation by Miss MacDonald after she had taken a spot check of local merchants.