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## Controversy Rises In Richmond Over Liquor Purchases

### ABC Board Here Says Seized Liquor Bought

A controversy that developed in Richmond County this week regarding the sale of confiscated tax-paid whiskey has brought about a change in the Moore County ABC Board's policy of buying such whiskey from neighboring dry counties.

The controversy may also cause a change of policy on a statewide level.

L. J. Hinson, manager of the Pinehurst and Southern Pines ABC stores, said he had received a call from District Solicitor M. G. Boyette of Carthage requesting him to lay aside whatever whiskey might be left from a June 8 consignment from Richmond County. Another call, from Carl Webster, ABC Board auditor at Raleigh, was also received, Hinson said, in which Webster requested that the board here make no further purchases of confiscated whiskey from dry counties.

"I had already decided not to buy any more before receiving the calls," he said this morning.

The controversy in Richmond apparently came to a head when it was learned that a purchase of 874 half-pints by the Moore ABC Board had been made June 8. Hinson said a check for \$722.71, payment for the whiskey, was made out to Richmond County and mailed June 14 to Palmer Nicholson of Mt. Gilead, a member of the Richmond County Board of Commissioners.

"Such purchases have been entirely routine all along," Hinson said. "However, we have usually bought the liquor as a favor, since the money goes to the school funds of the various counties where the purchases are made. Actually, I would much prefer not to do it. It is much simpler to get what we need for our stocks in this county direct from the manufacturer. It is, also, something of a nuisance to take over these confiscated stocks which are frequently half-pints."

He said that the pint is the smallest unit of sale in the state and that half-pints have to be disposed of two at a time, when customers ask for a pint.

Confiscated stocks, he said, have been purchased from time to time from Richmond, Lee, Randolph and Davidson Counties. Under the law they can be bought only from sheriff's departments.

Hinson said the June 8 purchase from Richmond has been the only one from that county this year. He said the number of purchases from neighboring counties had been exceedingly small through the past years.

Whiskey confiscated in Moore County is not sold to the stores. Judge J. Vance Rowe some years ago developed the policy of ordering all such contraband destroyed by the sheriff. The policy held when the largest tax-paid whiskey haul of recent years, valued at \$1,541 at current retail price, was seized from Lewis Ordille of Sanford, who was later convicted of transporting and drew a heavy fine.

## Area Soaked On Monday With 2.87 Inches Recorded

Two extremely heavy downpours of rain Monday produced a total of 2.87 inches at the official weather station maintained by the U. S. Weather Bureau at radio station WEEB.

The reading was considered high for this time of year but observers said it did not establish a record.

No damage, other than that caused by water seepage and small flooding conditions in several places, were reported.

Following the rains, which occurred just after noon Monday and about 7:30 that night, a cool weather front moved in, producing a comfortable 60 degree temperature on Tuesday.



PRELIMINARY ORGANIZATION of a Junior Chamber of Commerce in Southern Pines was given a big push by state and county officials at a meeting held here last week. Pictured, left to right, front row, are Tom Caddell of Carthage, outgoing fourth district vice-president; Jim Baird of Southern Pines, temporary president of the new Southern Pines group; and Tuck Gudger of Charlotte, fourth district vice-president. Back row on left are Russ Batchelor, president of the Aberdeen Club, sponsor for the one here, and John Goode of Winston-Salem, a national director. (Pilot photo)

## Jaycees Meet With State Officials To Map Final Organizational Plans

### Jim Baird Is Elected Temporary President

Formation of a Junior Chamber of Commerce in Southern Pines was greeted with enthusiastic response last Thursday night as prospective members met with state Jaycee officials at the high school and mapped final organizational plans.

Jim Baird, local insurance agent who has been instrumental in getting the Jaycee Club here organized, was elected temporary president.

State officials on hand for the meeting were Tuck Gudger of Charlotte, district vice-president, and John Goode of Winston-Salem, a national director. Tom Caddell of Carthage, outgoing vice-president of the fourth N. C. District, and Russ Batchelor, president of the Aberdeen Club, were also present and active in the discussions. Each took part in explaining the various functions of the club on local, state, national and international levels.

Batchelor, who presided at the meeting, announced that the Aberdeen Club would sponsor one here.

The primary purpose of any Jaycee Club is to make the town a better place in which to live, the speakers said. Gudger, in outlining the history of the Jaycee movement, said there are now more than 200,000 members in more than 50 countries throughout the world. There are some 2,500 local clubs in the United States, he pointed out, and 40's when dewberries were practically the "king" of the crops in this area. In that period it was not unusual for Cameron, called the "dewberry capital of the world," to ship between 60,000 and 90,000 crates of dewberries to market, all over the country.

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## National Guard Gets Medium Tank

An M-47 medium tank, equipped with 90 MM gun mounts, arrived in Southern Pines today aboard a special railroad flatcar for use in National Guard training exercises.

Capt. William J. Wilson, commanding officer of the National Guard company here, said the tank, which was sent from the Arsenal in New Jersey, will probably be driven from the freight station to the Guard's headquarters on Morganton Road Sunday morning to avoid the heavy traffic.

The tank is the second one to be made available to the local company, which now has approximately 70 men in its complement.

## GOC ENGINEER

Fred Hall, Jr., has accepted the position as chief construction engineer of the Ground Observer Corps post being built on the Boyd Estate. He should be notified of all contributions of materials.

## Twenty Entered In Annual County Net Tournament

### Finals Scheduled For All Classes Saturday

The annual Moore County Championships, sponsored by the Sandhill Tennis association, got under way Wednesday on the municipal courts in the town park. Kenneth Tew is chairman.

The tournament opened with 12 entries in men's singles, eight in women's singles, with most of these players and several others also entered in doubles events. Finals are expected to be held Saturday night, or Sunday if there are delays occasioned by weather or other causes. Trophies will be awarded winners and runners-up in all events at that time.

Women's singles opened the tournament Wednesday afternoon, with just one match completed. In this Gail Hobson of Pinehurst defeated Mrs. Margaret Hobbs, 6-3, 6-4. Two other women's singles matches were interrupted by rain, and these—Helen Feer vs. Pete Dana, and Mrs. Danny Devins vs. Shirley Dana—were to be completed today.

First-round matches in men's singles, held Wednesday night, were as follows: Tom Cunningham beat Kenny Little, 6-2, 6-3; Harry Lee Brown, Jr., beat Hugh Bowman, 6-0, 7-3, 6-2; and Frank de Costa beat Lemuel Tew, 6-4, 1-6, 6-3.

Among matches scheduled for tonight are: Kenneth Tew vs. Frank de Costa; Ray Schilling vs. Tom Cunningham; Harry Lee Brown, Jr., vs. Julian Pleasants, and George Little vs. Dr. Charles Phillips.

Play will continue each afternoon and night until the finals this weekend, with women's matches mostly scheduled in the afternoons.

Ray Schilling is defending his title of Moore County champion, won in 1955. In women's singles, the field is wide open as the champion, Lillian Bullock, is not defending this year.

Accorded an enthusiastic welcome on his return to the local courts was Dr. Harry Lee Brown, Jr., a founding member and first president of the Sandhill Tennis association, long active in organizing and operating its tournaments and a former Moore County winner. He was also the first winner of the Sandhill Invitational, the association's major tournament held in August.

## Town Council To Meet Tonight With Planning Board For Zoning Talk

### Highway Officials Discuss Plans For Bypass Plantings

"We expect the landscape people down here in two or three days... We'll be able to let the contract for laying the base-course, the final step before paving the road, the last week in July."

These two statements, made Tuesday by Forrest Lockey, district highway commissioner, at his office in the State Highway Department building near Aberdeen, set the stage for what is hoped to be the final moves in the completion of the new by-pass of Highway 1 around Southern Pines.

Expected here this week, Mr. Lockey said, were Frank Brant, head landscape engineer for the state road system, and some of his advisers, who plan to study the bypass thoroughly and come up with recommendations for planting the areas within the state's right-of-way.

Included in these are the center strip separating the two north-and-south lanes, the two strips that separate these from the service roads on either side, and the right-of-way area beyond the service roads which forms the outside frame of the two sides of the state-owned bypass: five separate strips in all.

Queried as to what this might be expected to involve, Mr. Lockey cited the planting done on the road stretching from Pinebluff to the Richmond County line as a possible plan to follow.

"The situation is different here, of course," the highway commissioner said, "but I would imagine that the strips, which are narrower, would be grassed, as well as the high banks along certain parts to guard against erosion, while on the outside strips, planting of native shrubs, such as dogwoods and pines, might be a good idea."

Some such landscaping would result, Mr. Lockey said he thought, in an attractive roadside effect which would be especially desirable in a resort area. It would also maintain the general character of the whole highway, making use of native growth which would transplant easily and be more apt to thrive in these surroundings.

Describing the planting done to the south, Mr. Lockey said that the plan had been worked out in consultation with Ernest Morell of Clarendon Gardens, who had strongly advised using the native growth. Six hundred and fifty dogwoods were donated to the project by Henry Blue of Aberdeen, while W. A. Rosey had given permission to the Highway Department to take hollies and pines from his property between Aberdeen and Pinebluff. Seven hundred pines and 60 hollies were transplanted, Mr. Lockey said, to which were added 25 Carolina cherries and 75 watermelon-red crepe myrtles, the purchase of the Highway Department. It is planned to transplant some more dogwoods, already chosen and tagged for their large blossoms, next fall, and probably 1,000 more young pines.

Unwilling as yet to comment on definite landscaping plans for the Southern Pines bypass, Mr. Lockey nevertheless stressed his desire that "this must be the prettiest section of road we can possibly make it" and pledged his every effort to bring this about. He said that he and the state landscape experts planned to advise with lo-

## Old Barn At Rear Of Ballard Home Destroyed by Fire

One of the biggest fires in recent months in Southern Pines completely destroyed a barn at the rear of James M. Ballard's home at 130 E. Illinois Ave. Sunday about 7 p. m.

The barn housed a furniture repair shop owned by Durwood McLeod. No estimate of the damage has been made.

Chief Harold Fowler of the Southern Pines Fire Department said the blaze was so intense when the fire trucks arrived it was almost impossible to get close to the barn. Origin of the fire is still undetermined, he said.

The building, which the Ballards used mostly for storage of furniture and tools, was operated as a dairy barn about 40 years ago. Mr. and Mrs. Ballard discovered the blaze a few minutes after they had returned from Lillington. They did not see it, however, until it was well beyond control.

Firemen soaked down a nearby building to keep the flames from spreading.

Ballard said the building was not insured.

## Dewberries: Making A Comeback?

Are dewberries on the way back? Once considered vital in Moore County's agricultural economy, the berry is showing signs of once again becoming all-important in cash income for a number of county farmers.

A 100 per cent increase in total shipments this year over last year—from 1,000 to 2,000 crates—has caused many farmers to recall the days in the mid 1930's and 40's when dewberries were practically the "king" of the crops in this area. In that period it was not unusual for Cameron, called the "dewberry capital of the world," to ship between 60,000 and 90,000 crates of dewberries to market, all over the country.

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DEWBERRIES, once a mainstay of Moore County's agricultural economy, may be on the way back. J. T. McLeod, who has planted six acres of the new Carolina variety on his farm north of Carthage, is shown here gathering a cluster of the juicy berries. He reported this week that his yield from two acres planted several years ago was about 150 crates per acre, short of the amount required to make the crop really profitable, but enough to merit considerable attention in future planning. (Pilot photo)

## CORRECTION

In a story which appeared in The Pilot last week reference was made to a trial in Moore County Recorder's Court in which John Henry Stubbs and his wife, Annie, were found guilty of violating the prohibition laws. The names should have been John Henry Marks and wife, Annie. The Pilot sincerely regrets the error and is happy to correct it.