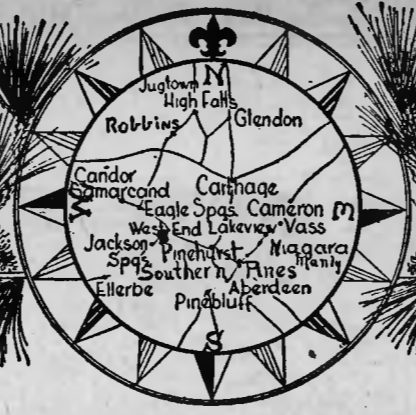


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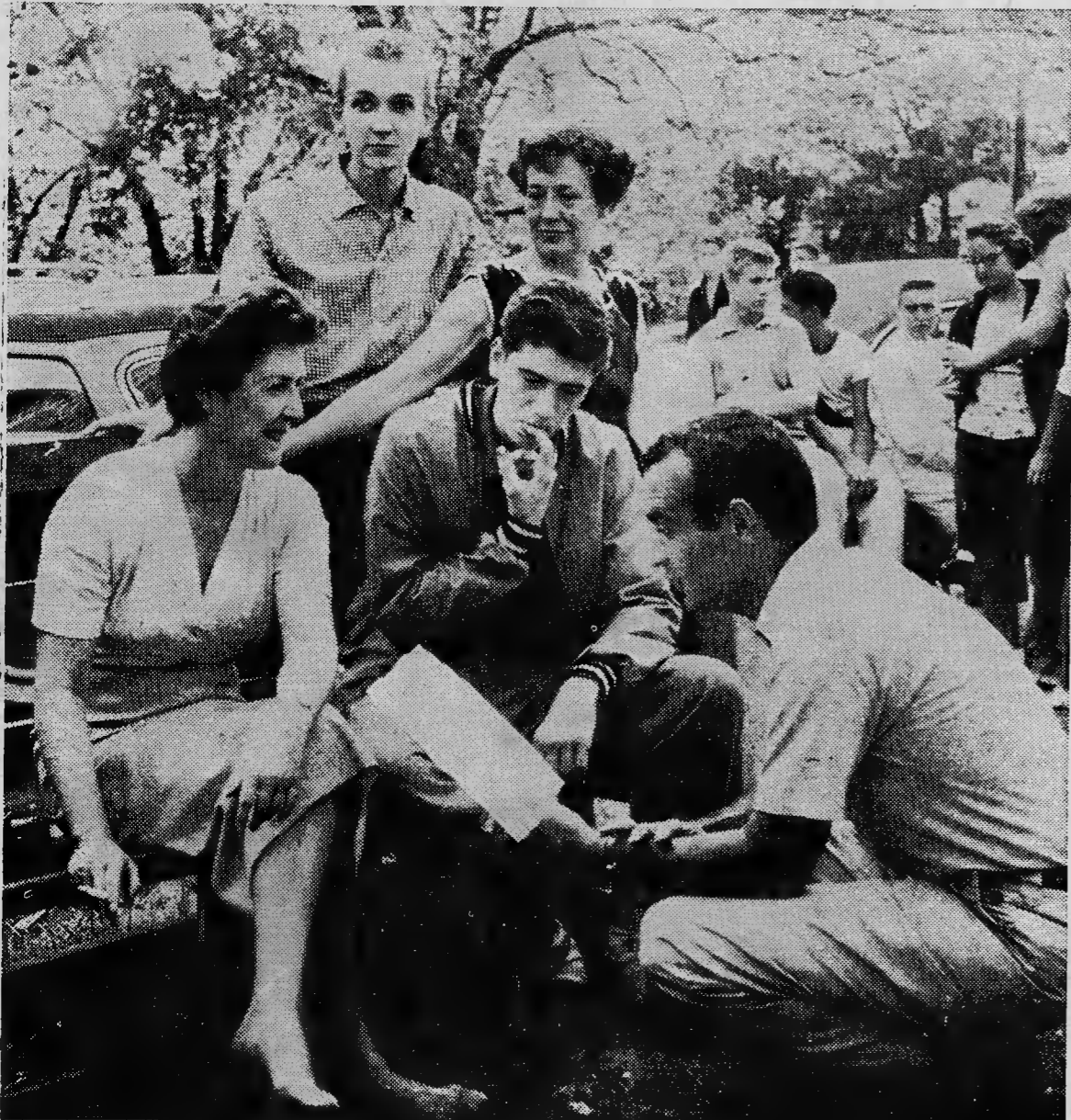
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PRICE TEN CENTS



RELAXING BETWEEN TAKES, Sara Seegar and Richard Trask, stars of a forthcoming "Big Story" television program that was filmed partially in Southern Pines Saturday, get a few tips on how a scene should be acted from Stuart Rosenberg, director of the show. Mrs. Valerie Nicholson, free lance reporter who was involved

in the real-life story on which the television show is based, and Clegg Maye, who was also involved, are sitting on the back of the bench listening to Rosenberg. Scene of the shooting was on the northeast corner of Broad St. and Penn. Ave. (Pilot photo)

DRIVE STARTS SOON

Speaker Cites Big Growth In Boy Scout Program, Urges Cooperation

Roy Armstrong, director of admissions at the University of North Carolina, told members of the Special Gifts committee of the forthcoming Boy Scout drive last Thursday night that scouting was the "boy crop" of the country and that there was a "terrific need" for expansion of the program.

Mr. Armstrong, who has worked with the Scout program for many years, said that the budget increase for 1957 in Oconee County, which serves Moore County, is up eight per cent over 1956, although the increase in the "boy crop" is up more than 15 per cent. Total budget requirements for the 12-county area this year is \$159,000, he said.

The budget in 1947, just 10 years ago, was only \$37,000, which Armstrong used as an illustration of the great expansion of scouting in the area.

Armstrong also pointed out that the council had organized 115 new units in 1955, a record which he said was equalled by only three other councils in the entire country.

The meeting, which was held at the Southern Pines Country Club, was an informative session on plans being made to finance the scout program in the county during the next year.

William Burroughs of Pinehurst is the chairman for the county-wide drive, which will be held October 2 "from dawn to dusk."

James Pleasants of Southern Pines is chairman of the special gifts committee, which will seek to reach 15 per cent of the prospects for contributions on or before October 2.

Committee members were reminded at the meeting that the success of the drive was of vital importance.

"In 1952, the membership of the Oconee County Council was 7,000," Frank Yandell pointed out. "In 1956 the total number of scouts had increased to 12,500."

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Democrats To Hold 10 Pre-Election Rallies

First Will Be Held Saturday At Pinebluff

Blue Knights To Meet Laurel Hill Tomorrow Night

Ten rallies, designed to whip up enthusiasm among Moore County Democrats in preparation for the general elections November 6, have been scheduled by the county Democratic Executive Committee, it was announced following a meeting last week.

Speakers for all the rallies have not been announced as yet, according to W. Lamont Brown, chairman of the Executive Committee, but three have accepted: L. Y. "Stag" Ballentine, A. Paul Kitchin and John Lang.

Brown said that all members of the Executive Committee as well as the various county candidates for election and present county officials would attend the rallies.

The first rally will be held Saturday at 7:30 p.m. at Pinebluff Lake with Brown and two former chairmen of the county's Democratic Executive Committee—Judge W. A. Leland McKeithen of Pinehurst, and M. G. Boyette of Carthage, district solicitor—as speakers.

"The real purpose of this rally," Brown said, "is to set the stage for the other ones that will be held between then and election day. We plan to lay the plan down—tell those present that it is absolutely necessary to get out a big Democratic vote this fall."

Brown further commented that if "we can persuade all the registered Democrats in this county to vote, and vote the straight Democratic ticket, we will win in November. I and the other members of the Executive Committee feel that the precinct leaders and workers will do that."

Terry Sanford of Fayetteville, former state senator and a prominent Democrat in state circles, will be principal speaker at a fund raising dinner at the Carthage Hotel in Carthage Monday night at 7 o'clock.

T. Roy Phillips of Carthage, dinner chairman, said a big program had been planned and urged a big turnout.

Tickets will be \$5 each with all proceeds above the actual cost of the meal going into the Moore County Democratic campaign fund.

The rest of the schedule will be as follows:

September 29—at Robbins School for Spies, Spencerville and Robbins, at 7:30 p. m., L. Y. Ballentine, N. C. Commissioner of Agriculture, speaker.

October 9—Vass-Lakeview at Vass Community House, 7:30 p. m. John Lang, secretary to Congressman C. B. Deane of the 8th North Carolina Congressional District, speaker.

October 12—Carthage-Eureka at Courthouse, 7:30 p. m.

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County's First Polio Case

The nine-month old daughter of an upper Moore County farmer is the first reported case of polio in the county this year, Paul Butler, county chairman of the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis, said this morning.

The girl, Phyllis Diana Garner, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Garner of Route 2, Carthage, was admitted to Memorial Hospital at Chapel Hill Monday, where it was confirmed she had contracted the disease.

Butler said he had learned the case was not diagnosed as paralytic. The girl, he said, had not been given the Salk vaccine because of her age. She was reported in good condition.

He reminded parents that the vaccination program is still going on and cautioned them against getting lax now that hot weather is turning. "September and October are very bad months for polio and every parent who has not had his child vaccinated should do so at once," Butler said.

County nurses are now making the rounds of the schools in the county administering the vaccine to all children who will take it.

EARLY SUNDAY MORNING

Hot Water Tank Explodes, Leaving 5-Room Residence In Destruction

A five-room farm house in the extreme western end of Moore County was partially demolished early Sunday morning when a 40-gallon hot water tank exploded, tore through the kitchen ceiling and left the roof in total wreckage.

The occupants of the house, Mr. and Mrs. Dolan Hall and their two-year old son, were not at home when the tank exploded.

An examination of the ruins showed that a part of the heavy metal tank was found in a field about 200 feet away. A corner piece of the house was found about 300 feet away, and wreckage from furniture was scattered in a radius of 50 to 75 feet in all directions.

Hall, who is maintenance man at Samarand Manor near Eagle Springs, had lived in the house only two days before the early morning blast. He and his family were away on a weekend visit to his mother's home in Star when the blast shook the countryside.

Hoyt Thornburg, Candor post office clerk, said he was awakened by the explosion about 1 a.m. His home is almost a mile away.

"I have seen wreckage as the result of explosions, but never have I seen such utter destruction."

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Young Democrats To Hold Annual Meeting Sept. 28

Henry Hall Wilson, president of the North Carolina Young Democratic Clubs, will be principal speaker at the annual meeting of the Moore County YDC Friday, September 28, it was announced today by Robert N. Page, III, of Aberdeen, county president.

Hall, who is a prominent state legislator and an attorney from Monroe, will be only one of several speakers at the meeting, scheduled to begin at 7:30 p.m.

Page said that candidates for president and other state-wide offices have been invited to attend.

The meeting will be held in the courthouse in Carthage and all members and prospective members are urged to be present.

Adlai: "Doing Fine" So Say The Old Pros

By KATHARINE BOYD

"Hi! You just back from Washington? See Adlai? How's he doing?"

That's the greeting, and the inquiry follows so fast you let courtesy go and jump right in.

"Well, I heard him at Harrisburg in the campaign opener speech and I heard him a couple of days later at Fairfax, Virginia, and then I went to the press conference, his first big one, at the Sheraton Hotel on Monday; he looked fine and he sounded fine to me; but 'how's he doing?' Who knows?"

And that's it: Who knows? Who can tell? But some of the wise birds who are following him so closely, the reporters from the big papers and the acute campaigners, mutter that they believe he's doing just fine.

They say there's been a distinct lift both to Adlai and to the atmosphere that surrounds him during the last two weeks. They attribute it to different things: some say it was the Maine election of a Democratic governor and one representative, maybe two, that started it; some say that it started earlier, in fact right after the Republican convention with its rigidly rigged platform and candidates, and the hand of the stage-manager heavy on the reins; some believe that the Suez crisis has made a good many folks think again about the gyrations of the Republican secretary of state; it has made them nervous and inclined to take more seriously the Democratic candidate's criticisms of the Administration's handling of foreign policy. However, whatever the reason given by the one you talk to, the opinions expressed at



HUNTING FOR JOE SMITH NOW

the three campaign gatherings last week were distinctly favorable to the Democratic cause.

"The Democratic tide is rising!" said the candidate, and folks in general echoed his words.

At Harrisburg, the affair seemed more like a convention than a rally; the crowd was so big and so noisy, the arena so enormous... the food so scarce.

It was supposed to be a dinner, but not many saw hide nor hair of the country ham and so on that had been used as bait for the crowd. A good many wise ones ate first; the others found only a glutinous chocolate jelly-roll affair squatting balefully on the paper plates, as cold and as solid and as heavy as a paper weight.

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LOCAL PEOPLE IN REAL-LIFE ROLES

'Big Story' Television Show Filmed Here Saturday; Legal Difficulties Cleared; Will Be Shown October 12

Courtroom Also Used As Scenes For Production

There was one remark that a number of people in Southern Pines and Carthage kept repeating Saturday: Making a television show is very hard work.

Television camera crews and a directing staff from New York, here to film action and background shots for a forthcoming "Big Story" show that involves free lance reporter Valerie Nicholson of Southern Pines, shot footage most of the day, taking time out from a very busy schedule only for a quick bite of lunch.

Stuart Rosenberg, young New Yorker who is directing the show, said the filming here was "just ordinary, not much to it, although I do think you people down here are a bit better at picking up this game than most people we've had experience with."

The show, which will be entitled "Nightmare," has one distinction that is a rarity in television: most of the "walk-on" parts, and other bit parts that do not require any dialogue, are being played by the actual persons involved in the action.

As most readers now know, the show revolves around events leading up to a trial, and the actual trial itself, held in Carthage last May in which Mrs. Nicholson was the principal state witness in a case in which a former practicing psychologist of Southern Pines was accused of criminal libel.

The filming started in the courtroom in Carthage early Saturday morning when workmen set up giant floodlights and stationed the cameras at strategic points. Sara Seegar, who plays the part of Mrs. Nicholson in the show, was filmed in several scenes of the courtroom part of the drama. She took the witness stand and went through the motions of testifying. Voice for the scenes will be dubbed in the show later in New York.

In another courtroom scene a crowd, made up of people who were anxious to "be on TV so my friends can see me," as one boy put it, was shot several times to

PTA TO MEET

The Southern Pines Parent-Teacher Association holds its first meeting of the fall tonight (Thursday) at 8 o'clock in Weaver auditorium. There will be no formal program.

Supt. A. C. Dawson will introduce the new teachers, and after a brief talk about the school, open house will be held in the home rooms, to give parents an opportunity to visit their children's rooms and become better acquainted with their teachers. Later, the crowd will come together for a social hour.

show emotion on their face. Rosenberg expresses complete satisfaction in the reality of the scene.

Playing their actual parts in the show were P. H. Wilson, who was prosecuting attorney in the trial of last May, Judge J. Vance Rowe and Solicitor W. Lamont Brown. Also on hand to be included were Sheriff C. J. McDonald, Clerk of Superior Court Carlton Kennedy and Southern Pines police chief C. E. Newton.

No voice equipment was used in the courtroom scenes but later, when the crew moved to Southern Pines for several sequences, the sound equipment was used. Director Rosenberg was silently complimented a number of times for his gentleness in handling the principals in the extreme heat of the day, particularly in one scene that required numerous shootings to achieve the reality he desired.

Kenny Holliday and Tommy Clark, two 12-year olds, were filmed as they met Mrs. Seegar on the street. Both fluffed their lines once but came through the second time.

Richard Trask, 17, who has appeared in a wide assortment of roles both on television and the stage, played the part of Clegg Maye, a Gibsonville teenager.

Rosenberg said the cost of the production would run "somewhere between 35 and 40 thousand dollars, not very much when you consider the costs of some half-hour productions."

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Mrs. Nicholson Agrees Not To Press Civil Suit

"The Big Story" production based on experiences of Mrs. Valerie Nicholson, plaintiff in the trial in which Vincent J. Daly, former practicing psychologist, was convicted of criminal libel, has been postponed from the scheduled date of September 28 to October 12, it was learned today.

Change in the date of production was made, it was stated, to allow general counsel for the American Tobacco Company, which sponsors the NBC-TV program, to perfect arrangements designed to safeguard the legal rights of all concerned.

The postponement action was taken following the receipt, by the producers, of protests from Daly, Miss Edwina Hallman, Mrs. Martha Dixon Underwood, and Erwin and Manner, law firm of Albemarle, threatening injunction if the show were not withdrawn.

Meantime telegrams from individuals and organizations in Southern Pines and environs had been sent to Paul Fahn, American Tobacco Company president, protesting any thought of cancellation of the show based on the

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Promotion Funds Being Sought From Business Interests

An effort to match a proposed \$2,000 advertising budget, set up by the Southern Pines Town Council last spring, has produced an "almost 50 per cent" success, it was announced this morning by George Pottle, chairman of the fund raising committee.

Pottle said the funds so far received came from hotel and motel interests but that a concentrated effort would be made in the next few days to see local business and professional people to raise the remaining funds needed.

Deadline set by Council was October 1. If, by that time, private interests succeed in raising \$2,000, Council will allocate a like amount for advertising the town and its various facilities in selected outlets.

Pottle said that if each business in town gave a minimum of \$20, the matching funds could easily be raised. He reminded people that an advertising program is desperately needed and called on them for their assistance and cooperation in making the drive a success.

No Outside Fire Service Till Fee Paid, Town Warns

Homeowners who live outside the corporate limits of Southern Pines were reminded today that they would not receive fire service unless they had paid the fire service charges, which were due September 15.

Louis Scheipers, Jr., town clerk, said that it was the practice of the town to answer all calls to homeowners who had paid the charge, which is figured on the basis of 25 cents per \$100 county valuation.

He said that any residents who still desired the service, but who had not paid the charge, could obtain it by going to the municipal offices and paying.

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