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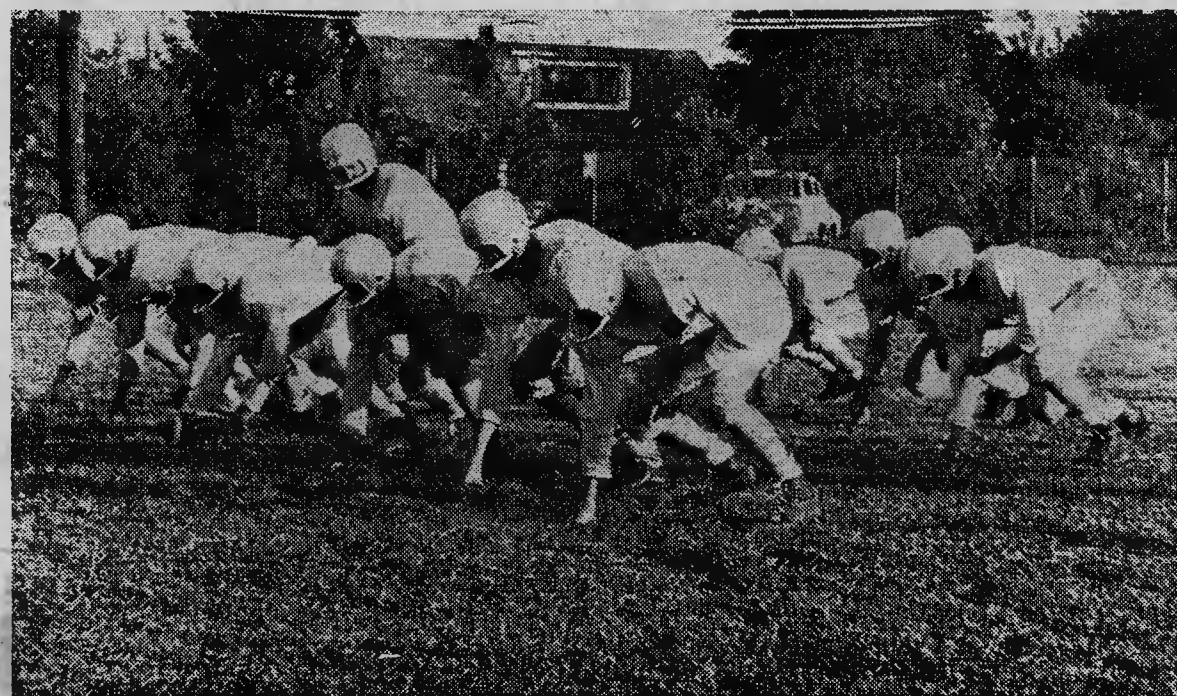
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ELEVEN MAN FOOTBALL is something new to the Southern Pines Blue Knights and maybe to a large number of fans who have been following the team in the past few years.

This picture is the first made of the squad which will open its season against Liberty here September 6. (Pilot photo)

TEAM HEAVIER THAN EXPECTED

Blue Knights, In New 11-Man Role, Look Good In Pre-Season Practices

The business of switching from six-man football to the eleven-man brand has its problems but the Southern Pines Blue Knights, who will be playing the more popular kind this fall, are rapidly catching on and should be fully prepared for the opening game September 6.

With 26 varsity members working out twice daily, Coach Irie Leonard said this week he was pleased with the squad's reactions to the new set-up so far. "We surely won't have the same kind of team we've had in past seasons," he said, referring to the seasons in which Southern Pines dominated the six-man circuit, "but we won't be as poor as originally thought."

There are few players on the varsity weighing under 150—and several will tip the scales at 180 or better when the season begins—a fact that has many fans talking enthusiastically of the team's prospects for the 10-game schedule.

The Blue Knights will be playing in the class A Cape Fear Conference this year.

Twice-a-day workouts have been conducted for the past week and several scrimmage sessions have already been held. The schedule will continue until the first game with Liberty, which will be held here.

Leonard has had the assistance of several former players in rounding the team into shape. Lynn van Benschoten, John Ray and Bill Marley have been working primarily on defensive tactics and assisting in the scrimmage sessions.

The Blue Knights will operate from the single wing, the same formation they employed so successfully while in six-man ranks.

Brightest spots in the workouts have been James Bowers and John van Benschoten, 200-pound tackles, and Bobby Watkins and Bob McIntosh, backs. Leonard also considers quarterback Robert Woodruff, a 140-pounder, and Steve Smith, 170-pound end, as promising players.

Here is the schedule for the year:

September 6, Liberty, here; September 13, Elizabethtown, away; September 20, Chadbourne, here; September 27, Red Springs, away; October 4, Shallotte, here; October 11, Hope Mills, away; October 18, Massey Hill, away; October 25, Rohanen, here; November 1, St. Pauls, here; and November 8, Fairmont, away.

GUEST MINISTER

The Rev. Leighton B. McKeithen, Executive Secretary of Fayetteville Presbytery, will be the guest minister at the morning worship service of the Brownson Memorial Presbyterian Church Sunday in the absence of the minister, Dr. Cheves Ligon. Mr. McKeithen will speak on "Christian Marriage."

Sam Daniel Wins Sandhill Tennis Tournament Here

Malcolm Clark, Southern Pines net star, was a finalist in the Sandhill Invitational Sunday, bowing to veteran tournament winner Sam Daniel in a four-set battle, 4-6, 6-2, 8-6, 6-3.

Clark moved in with a brilliant and aggressive game, to give the No. 1 player a real tussle. For a while it was a see-saw match. However, in the fourth set Daniel's superior game and experience paid off. He was extremely capable in placing his shots, and Clark, the younger player, showing tension more and more, blew up. A shot that resembled a guided missile won the match point.

This was Daniel's fourth try for the Sandhill Trophy, his first time to win. For the past three years he has been stopped in finals by Bill Umstaedter of Abbeville, S. C., who could not come this year. While it was virtually assured Daniels would be a finalist, his partner could not be predicted.

Clark rose from the ranks to meet him, knocking over two seeded players, Jack Warmath of Greensboro, No. 2, in quarterfinals and third seeded Norman Jarrard of Chapel Hill, on the way.

It all added up to exciting tennis as the ninth annual Sandhill tourney took its place as one of the best. While entries were fewer than in some previous years—about 40 in all—some top-notchers were given maximum opportunity at good play, and all had a good time.

Clark shared a runner-up win with Tommy Holder of Charlotte in the men's doubles match, which concluded in a shower late Sunday afternoon with Daniels and Warmath winning.

In women's singles, Louise

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Tobacco Markets In County To Open Thursday Morning

The Carthage and Aberdeen tobacco markets will open next Thursday morning with all major tobacco companies supplying buyers, the N. C. Warehousemen's Association has announced.

The date is the earliest in history for markets on the Middle Belt, of which Carthage and Aberdeen are members. Opening was originally set for September 3 but was moved up by the association.

The warehouses will open Tuesday morning to begin receiving the crop, reported about 35 per cent short due to the reduced acreage allotments and a long dry spell.

CROSS IS BURNED

Eisenhower, Supreme Court, Press, Ava Gardner Blasted At Klan Rally

The Ku Klux Klan moved into this area Friday night and, amidst carnival-like trappings, staged what is believed to be the first meeting of the organization ever held in Moore County.

There was no estimate on the number of people who attended but members of the State Highway Patrol, who were directing traffic along Highway 1, said between 200 and 250 cars were lined up on both sides of the highway. Most of them contained people who said they were merely curious.

The rally was held about 30 feet from the curb of the heavily-travelled highway in a roped off space which had crossed Confederate and American flags as a backdrop. During the meeting a cross estimated to be 25 feet high was burned and a record player blared patriotic and religious songs.

The "Grand Wizard" who was not identified, spoke and other robed men—there were five of them—passed out a pamphlet labeled "The Truth." Contributions of five or ten cents were requested by the "Grand Wizard," who said the funds were needed to publish more copies of the pamphlet. Large stacks were still to be seen after the meeting adjourned.

During the course of the evening the "Grand Wizard" attacked the press, which he said was "a pack of Communist liars," President Eisenhower, the Supreme Court, and Ava Gardner. He accused both the President and the Supreme Court of leaning towards Communism and said all should be impeached.

At one point during a haranguing of his foot-shifting audience, he said, in reference to the school situation in the state: "If the Pearsall Plan doesn't work, the Smith-Wesson will." Smith-Wesson is a type pistol.

The meeting started with the playing of several recordings of songs, among them "The Battle Hymn of the Republic," "Dixie," "John Brown's Body," and a number of protestant religious songs.

The "Grand Wizard" then made his pitch for donations for further publication of the pamphlet, spicing his remarks with the statement that "what we

need in this state is a newspaper that will tell the truth. And if the papers we have, which I tell you are all a pack of Communist liars, won't give the people the truth, then we will."

He then asked the crowd to bow for a prayer, which was inaudible.

The Klansmen were all dressed in loosely fitting white robes with peaked hoods, with the exception of the "wizard," who was wearing brilliant red. None of them had their faces covered.

Shortly after the "Wizard" conducted the prayer, he touched a match to a spindly cross that was wrapped in kerosene soaked burlap and the record player blared forth "The Old Rugged Cross." The record was played twice while the cross burned.

It was then that the "wizard" started his main talk.

He said that many rumors had been spread about the Klan, which he termed a "protestant Christian organization which has Jewish and Catholic friends." None of the latter, he said, were members.

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Annual 4-Ball Golf Tournament To Be Held In September

Qualifying for the third annual Moore County 4-ball golf tournament begins August 24 and runs through September 7, it was announced this morning by chairman Harry Davis.

The tournament is open to anyone living in Moore County, or to outside residents who are members of clubs in the county. Teams may consist of either man-man, woman-woman, or woman-man. Entry fees have been established at \$3, Davis said.

After qualifying rounds have been played match play will start in flights. Prizes will be awarded in each flight.

Davis said that all women entries who have a handicap of 10 or lower must play from men's tees.

T. T. Morse Resigns From Town Council

Cites Personal Reasons In Letter To Mayor



NEWLAND PHILLIPS

Local Man To Head Area Auto Dealers

Newland Phillips of Southern Pines has been appointed Area Chairman for Moore County, according to Walter A. Deal of Asheville, president of the North Carolina Automobile Dealers Association, who made the appointment.

As chairman for this county, Phillips will be the liaison between the state and national dealers. He will also direct the two associations' annual membership campaign to be held this fall.

Phillips is also responsible for keeping the public informed of matters of interest in the retail automobile industry.

FISH STORY

Here's the latest method of catching fish, related by a local man who has witnesses to prove it.

Bob Ewing, general manager of the Moore County News, his wife, Ann, and Moss Frye of Carthage were fishing Thagard's Pond Friday afternoon.

They went out in a boat after carefully sticking a cane pole, with hook attached, into the bank. While out, they managed to catch a couple of crappies, nice size, but not really enough to go around.

When they returned to shore they discovered the cane pole gone. They got into their car and were preparing to leave.

The headlights were shining on the water and they were making their turn to leave when they spotted the pole floating a few yards offshore.

Back to the boat went Bob and Ann. When they got close to the pole, it moved. Finally they eased up on it and there, "snuggly hooked," as Bob put it, was a two and a half pound largemouth bass.

Local Officers Capture Brothers Wanted In Richmond County Robbery

Quick-thinking Southern Pines police were responsible for the apprehension of two men with lengthy prison records last Friday. The men were wanted in Richmond County for forcible robbery.

The two were identified as Essie Lee Boggins, 34, and his brother, Fred, 32, of West Southern Pines. Essie Lee is a parolee from Maryland State Prison, where he served eight years of a 20-year sentence for armed robbery. Officers said Fred's police record extends through several states.

Fred Boggins admitted the robbery of Minnie Lou Leonard at her small roadside store on the outskirts of Ellerbe last Thursday. Rob Boggins admitted the

T. T. Morse, the first Negro ever to serve on the Town Council of Southern Pines, resigned today.

He cited personal and business reasons for the decision which was contained in a letter to Mayor Walter E. Blue.

Morse, an insurance and real estate salesman, was first elected to the Council in 1955 and re-elected this past spring. His position, many believe, has been the determining factor in harmonious race relations in Southern Pines in the three years he has served on the Council. It was the Council position that caused him to be named the outstanding Negro citizen of Moore County this year by fellow Negroes.

Morse earlier this week had told several people in town that he was considering quitting the post. It was learned that he is now in Wallace with his wife's family and it was from there that he wrote the letter to Mayor Blue.

A special meeting of the Council has been called for tonight (Thursday) at 6:30 in the Town offices to consider the resignation. Mayor Blue said that there definitely would be no appointment made to fill the post then.

"The announcement was unexpected and none of the other Councilmen have had a chance to consider it," he said, adding that he also felt that Gen. Pearson Mencher, a member of the Council, is out of town and should be at any meeting when a replacement is considered.

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Loose Dogs Bring Police Crackdown

Dog owners in Southern Pines were warned today by police chief C. E. Newton that an immediate effort will be initiated to stop dogs from chasing cars and creating nuisances.

Chief Newton, who cited several instances where dogs had been the cause of near accidents, said members of his department would spot such dogs and, if necessary, court action would be brought to halt future occurrences.

The dog law in Southern Pines makes it illegal for a person to allow his dog or dogs to follow any motor vehicle, cart, wagon or carriage and any owner violating this restriction is guilty of a misdemeanor. Upon conviction, such people may be fined up to \$50 and be liable for damages to any person injured or property damage caused by dogs.



JOAN HOWARTH of Southern Pines, a member of the Caravan Theatre group which has its winter quarters in Pinehurst, had a supporting role in the world premiere of "Pete's Choice" this past weekend. The play, written

by Fred Carmichael, co-producer of the group, was presented at the Caravan Theatre in Dorset, Vt. Pictured, left to right, are members of the cast, Anne Morris, Patricia Wyn Rose, Miss Howarth, and Steve Dunn.

Local Girl Has Part In World Premier

A part in any play is an ambition many girls—and boys, too—dream of, but few ever realize. For a Southern Pines girl, the dream came true last week and the occasion was the world premiere of a new comedy written by a man already established as the author of six other published plays.

Joan Howarth, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Howarth and a member of the Caravan Theatre group of Dorset, Vt., and Pinehurst, was given a supporting role in "Pete's Choice," written

by Fred Carmichael, co-producer of the group.

No report, as yet, has reached The Pilot on the audience reaction to the play, but a note from a member of the company said it was far better than any of the others. And, the note continues, the others were good enough to warrant publication by Samuel French, Inc., biggest name in the business.

Miss Howarth has been with the group all summer. She will return here for a few days prior to leaving for Coker College where

she earned a scholarship.

"Pete's Choice," incidentally, starred Wyn Rose, Mr. Carmichael's wife, and Steve Dunn. Anne Dudley Morris, a new name in the theatre group, and Miss Howarth had the supporting roles. Also featured in the production, which was staged by Mr. Carmichael, were Peggie Rose, Bob Pettito, Bob Caraway, Carol Arata, Robert Caulfield, Sara Ellis, Joan Darville and Ellen Knox.

The play was billed as entertainment for the entire family.

robbery, police said, in which \$10 was forcibly taken from Mrs. Leonard. Chief C. E. Newton said that Essie Lee had denied the robbery, however, but was identified by Mrs. Leonard as a participant. She also identified his car as one that was used by the men to make a getaway.

Chief Newton said he first got wind of the robbery when Beulah Little of West Southern Pines came to the police station Friday to swear out a warrant for Essie Lee Boggins, with whom she had been out the night before. She said they drove around for several hours, later going to Oakland Park, a Negro recreation center near Lakeview, but found they were too late.

She said no one was at the park. Leaving, she said, Essie Lee forced her into an altercation and she got out of his car with the intention of walking home.

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