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EIGHT TEAMS TO ENTER

State Class A Basketball Tourney To Get Under Way Here Wednesday

North Carolina's top eight class "A" high school basketball teams begin battling for the state championship in the Southern Pines high school gymnasium next Wednesday night. Finals in the tournament, first ever to be held here, are scheduled for Saturday night, March 15.

Irie Leonard, principal of the high school and tournament manager, said today that the seating capacity of the gymnasium, normally about 975, will be increased to 1200 for the four-day event, expected to draw capacity crowds each night.

Antique Show Is Planned By Moore Historical Society

An "Antique Show" will be presented March 18, 19 and 20 at the Southern Pines Armory as one of the most ambitious projects ever conducted by the Moore County Historical Association.

The show will be divided into separate display spaces, one for each dealer.

Prices for the games will be fifty cents each night for students and one dollar for adults.

Two games will be played each night, the first beginning at 7:30 and the second at 9 p.m.

The show will be open from 4 to 9 p.m., Tuesday, March 18, the opening day, and from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. March 19 and 20.

Mrs. L. M. Johnson of Aberdeen and Mrs. W. F. Hollister of Southern Pines are co-chairmen of the committee in charge, assisted by Mrs. Tom C. Darst, Mrs. Ernest J. Ives and Miss Allie McIntosh of Southern Pines, and Mrs. Livingston Biddle of Pinehurst.

Cornelia Otis Skinner Will Appear At Next Program of Pinehurst Forum

Cornelia Otis Skinner is an actress—one of the few, aside from Ethel Barrymore—who has carried a family stardom into her own generation.



CORNELIA OTIS SKINNER

Her father, just then preparing to appear in the leading role of Ibanez's "Blood and Sand," led her across the threshold of the professional theatre by giving her a small part in his company.

found further roles in "White Collars," "In His Arms," "In The Next Room," "The Wild Westcotts" and "Will Shakespeare."

Soldier Killed In Little River Area This Morning

County's First Traffic Fatality Since Year Began

A 22-year-old soldier stationed at Fort Bragg was killed shortly after 1 o'clock this morning (Thursday) when the car in which he was riding crashed into a bridge abutment on Lobelia Road in Little River Township.

It was the first traffic fatality in Moore County this year.

A passing motorist, identified only as Mr. Morris of Jacksonville, N. C., was the first to reach the scene.

N. C. Symphony To Present Concert Here On March 18

The Little Symphony of the North Carolina Symphony Society, Benjamin Swalin, conductor, will appear in Southern Pines on Tuesday, March 18, at the Weaver Auditorium at 8:30 p.m.

The Little Symphony is an integral part of the North Carolina Symphony touring season, this year playing 63 concerts to adults and children in 32 communities.

The emphasis in the 25-man Little Symphony is on delicacy, refinement and clarity.

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Hundreds Attend Funeral Services Sunday For Judge Leland McKeithen

Hundreds of people overflowed the Pinehurst Community Chapel Sunday afternoon to pay last respects to Superior Court Judge W. A. Leland McKeithen, 45, who died last Thursday night at Duke Hospital following a valiant 10-day battle for life.



W. A. LELAND MCKEITHEN

Unable to find seats inside, many of the mourners, who had come from hundreds of miles away, stood outside on the church steps and in a nearby grove and listened to the funeral services over an amplifier.

Judge McKeithen had entered Moore Memorial Hospital February 17 for a minor surgical procedure. An unrelated and unforeseeable acute condition developed.

Except for a "clean-up" term at Carthage over which he presided last year, he held regular court in Moore County only twice.

Following Scriptural readings at the funeral service, the Rev. Mr. Prince, a former college mate of Judge McKeithen at Davidson, said, "As his pastor during the past 16 years, I came to know and appreciate the beauty and lasting value of his life."

RETIRING MARCH 31 Lt. Gen. Gavin, Army's Expert On Missile Program, Will Move Here

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Memorial Scholarship Is Planned

A spontaneous desire on the part of many of his admirers throughout the State of North Carolina has resulted in the establishment of an annual scholarship award in the memory of the late Judge W. A. Leland McKeithen.

The scholarship will be awarded at Davidson College where Judge McKeithen graduated with distinguished honors in 1933.

At a meeting at the Pinehurst Country Club of several of the Judge's friends with Grier Martin, Treasurer of Davidson College, to determine the conditions of the scholarship, the contributions already received were allocated to an endowment out of which the scholarship will be awarded to candidates on the basis of merit and need.

ored member."

"Though tolerant and appreciative of all groups," he continued, "Judge McKeithen treasured the logical and even austere doctrine of his people."

Members of the Moore County Bar Association served as honorary pallbearers. Burial took place in Old Bethesda in the family plot.

Tributes, from leading citizens all over the state had earlier been delivered to members of the family. Most characterized Judge McKeithen as a possessor of a skillful knowledge of the law, an impartial administrator of justice, and one who commanded a general understanding of human failures and tempered his decisions in that light.

He was appointed a special judge of the North Carolina superior court by Governor Umstead in February 1954, and was reappointed by Governor Hodges (Continued on Page 8)

Pledges For Lace Plant Coming In; 25% Is Collected

Officials Hope For Remainder By End of Next Week

About 25 per cent of the pledges made toward construction of a \$350,000 lace plant here had been collected this morning, according to officials of the Southern Pines Development Corporation.

Robert S. Ewing, the corporation president, said that as of noon today \$42,600 had been turned in to the Citizens Bank and Trust Company, trustees, representing pledges from 38 people.

Following a whirlwind campaign here before Christmas almost 200 people pledged \$180,000 toward construction of the plant.

"We are gratified with the response to date," Ewing said, "but would remind those who made pledges again that the quicker they're in the bank, the quicker we get a building and more employment for our people. We realize that the funds are being requested earlier than we had originally anticipated, but we are unable to alleviate that fact.

"Actually, subscribers are getting a far better deal now than had been proposed earlier and for that reason members of the committee are hopeful that those who did subscribe and perhaps many who did not will join the list."

Last week the committee received a letter from Charles Mozur, president of the company which will operate the proposed plant, and was elated at its contents. (It is reprinted in full below.)

Ewing said that the committee would start soliciting the pledges next week. In the meantime, however, he said that pledges should be turned into the Citizens Bank as soon as possible so that officials could begin plans for letting contracts for construction of the building.

Here is the text of the letter from Mr. Mozur:

"I was pleased to learn, upon my return to the States, of the substantial progress which had been made in our joint efforts to locate our plant in Southern Pines.

"Specifically, I was happy to learn that agreement had been reached for the financing of the building, and that plans and specifications had been substantially completed so that we will be in a position to receive bids from contractors within the next two weeks. But most important of all, I was pleased with the enthusiastic reception with which the entire project has been received by the citizens of Southern Pines.

"The project which is now being launched through our mutual efforts has not been undertaken lightly by either of us. You, on your part, have been most careful in your investigation of us and we are pleased that after thorough investigation by your lawyers, bankers, business people, and others comprising your Committee, your Committee felt that it could in good conscience recommend us as a worthy addition to your community.

"We, on our part, investigated (Continued on page 8)

Gas Explosion In Manly Causes \$2,500 Damages

Damage estimated at \$2,500 was caused late yesterday afternoon at Roy Dutton's combination grocery store-filling station in Manly when a gasoline pump exploded.

Southern Pines firemen responded to the call and put out the fire in a short time but the front of the building as well as the gas tank and a tractor were destroyed.

Firemen also answered a call Tuesday night about 11 o'clock on W. New Hampshire Avenue where the home of Joe Terry was burning badly. It was so far gone when they got there, however, that it was considered a total loss.

Fire Chief Harold Fowler is hospitalized this morning with a possible skull fracture, caused when a hose burst under heavy pressure last night. Firemen were cleaning the equipment when the hose burst, knocking Fowler to the pavement. His condition is not considered serious but physicians are keeping him in bed for a few days as a precautionary measure.

WEEKLY REPORT

Politics Pick Up As Four Of Incumbent Commissioners File

Still a little hedging in the political field this week but at least five people have definitely filed for office and a score of others have moved a bit beyond the mere rumor stage.

Biggest item: four of the five incumbent County Commissioners marched in a body to Elections Board Chairman Sam Riddle Monday afternoon and announced their intentions of trying to hold onto their seats for another two year term. The four were Jim Pleasants of Southern Pines (there's strong rumors hereabouts that he'll get a lot of competition this year), John Currie of Carthage and Highfalls, Tom Monroe of Robbins, and L. R. Reynolds of the upper end of the county.

Currie will be facing E. B. Cook, Monroe will have to com- (Continued on Page 8)

Hobbs Named To Town Council At Thursday Meeting

James D. Hobbs, who operates insurance agencies in both Southern Pines and Pinehurst, was named to fill the unexpired term of the late Gen. Pearson Menoher on the Southern Pines Town Council last Thursday night.

Hobbs, past president of the Sandhill Kiwanis Club, was nominated by Robert Ewing and elected unanimously. He is the second replacement on the Council since its election last spring. Councilman Ewing was appointed in the fall to fill the seat vacated by T. T. Morse.

Ewing was elected Mayor Pro Tem, a position which had been filled by Gen. Menoher.

No other business was conducted at the short meeting, held in the office of Town Manager Louis Scheipers, Jr.

SEVEN REGISTER

Mrs. Grace Kaylor, town registrar, said today that only seven people had added their names to the registration books for eligibility to participate in the forthcoming \$100,000 Town Hall bond election.

On the first day, she said, there were only two voters who added their names; five more came in last Friday.

The election is scheduled for March 15 and calls for the issuance of \$100,000 in bonds to complete the Town Hall now under construction on S. E. Broad Street.

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