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Lace Plant Pledges Returned This Week; Committee Vows Not To Quit

Has No Plans At Present For Another Industry

The Citizens Bank and Trust Company, trustees of some \$180,000 subscribed by private citizens and local business firms and which was to have been used to help with construction of a proposed lace plant near here, completed the task of returning the money this week.

Norris Hodgkins, Jr., executive vice president of the bank and a member of the Southern Pines Development Corporation, said this morning that all funds, plus interest of one and one-half percent, had been refunded. The interest, according to a note received by each subscriber, was somewhat more than the rate actually received by the bank from investing the funds.

Announcement that the plant definitely would not be constructed came last week. A letter from Rubin, Baum & Levin, a New York law firm which represented Southern Laces, Inc., said an "inability on the part of the lace firm to obtain a satisfactory building contract" was the only reason the project was dropped. "It is most unfortunate," the letter continued, "that despite our joint efforts we were unable to see this transaction to a satisfactory conclusion."

Included with the returned funds to subscribers was a letter from James D. Hobbs, vice president of the Development Corporation, which said, in part:

"Although your committee has been unable to bring this plant to Moore County, we feel that the failure of the project was not through fault of our local efforts. We are particularly proud of the fact that \$180,000 was raised locally for investment in this plant through the efforts of you and nearly 200 other subscribers. We assure you that we will renew our efforts to bring desirable industry to the area and with your cooperation we are certain that success is only a matter of time."

Hobbs wrote the letter in the absence of Robert S. Ewing, president of the corporation, who was in New York with his daughter for hospital treatment.

Officials of the corporation said this morning that nothing in the way of new industry was definitely in the making this week though several prospects were still being called on.

Robbins Business Development Group Is Incorporated

A new agency, the Robbins Business Corporation, has been chartered by Secretary of State Thad Eure. Formed by civic leaders and business men of Robbins, the agency has as its prime purpose attraction of new industry.

Dr. W. E. Alexander, a dentist, was selected president of the corporation, which is authorized to issue 1,000 shares of stock. Other officers are W. M. Puckett, a pharmacist, vice president; and James W. Edwards, radio and television dealer, secretary-treasurer.

The agency can begin doing business when it has \$300 in subscribed stock. It is understood that at least that much and perhaps more has already been put into the corporation.

Four men of the town visited New York and the outlying area early in June seeking a new industry to add to the already booming poultry plant which was established last year. That plant was constructed by citizens of Robbins and leased to the Colonial Poultry Company of Athens, Ga.

Robbins also has an Amerotron plant and several smaller concerns. There are, business leaders there say, some 2,500 people from whom a labor supply can be drawn.

Committee Picked To Study Problems Of Aged Citizens

A Moore County Coordinating committee on Aging has been organized to evaluate existing services in the county for older people, identify needs, and make recommendations for boarding services to older people.

Announcement was made this week following recommendations made by Governor Hodges' coordinating committee, which was organized some months ago.

Members are Miss Flora McDonald, home demonstration agent, who is temporary chairman; Miss Hollis Haney, county librarian; H. L. Thomas, superintendent of county schools; Mrs. Walter B. Cole, superintendent of public welfare; Dr. J. W. Willcox, county health officer; and L. Garland Scott, of the State employment office.

The committee will meet next Wednesday in the first of a series of workshops to hear Miss Margaret Blee, associate professor of public health nursing at the University of North Carolina. The meeting will be held in the courthouse at 2:30 and the public is urged to attend.

Representatives from civic, fraternal and religious groups are particularly invited.

Miss McDonald said that a panel composed of various agencies with special programs for the aging will make short reports and ample time will be provided for discussion. She said that an increasing number of aged persons in the county are either shut-ins or incapacitated. Services for that group, as well as others, is the goal of the committee.

Young Democrats To Elect Officers At Called Meeting

The Moore County chapter of Young Democrats, getting ready for a fall season of heavy campaigning, will meet next Wednesday to select new officers, lay preliminary plans for the campaign, and hear reports of activities carried on in the past few months.

Mrs. John L. Frye of Robbins, president, said the meeting will be held in the courthouse in Carthage at 8 p.m.

Other officers are Dewitt Purvis of Route 1, Carthage, vice president; Diana David of Pinebluff, second vice president; E. O. Brogden of Southern Pines, third vice president; John Barringer of Carthage, secretary; and Fay Neville, Pinehurst, treasurer.

All members and prospective members are urged to be present.

12-Year-Old Is Accidentally Hit By Car On May St.

Melvin Gardner, Jr., 12, was struck by a car about 8:55 this morning when he darted from behind a parked car out into May Street without looking for oncoming traffic.

Police said that no charges would be preferred against Mrs. Arthur Eakins of 230 N. May Street, driver of the Buick sedan which struck the youngster.

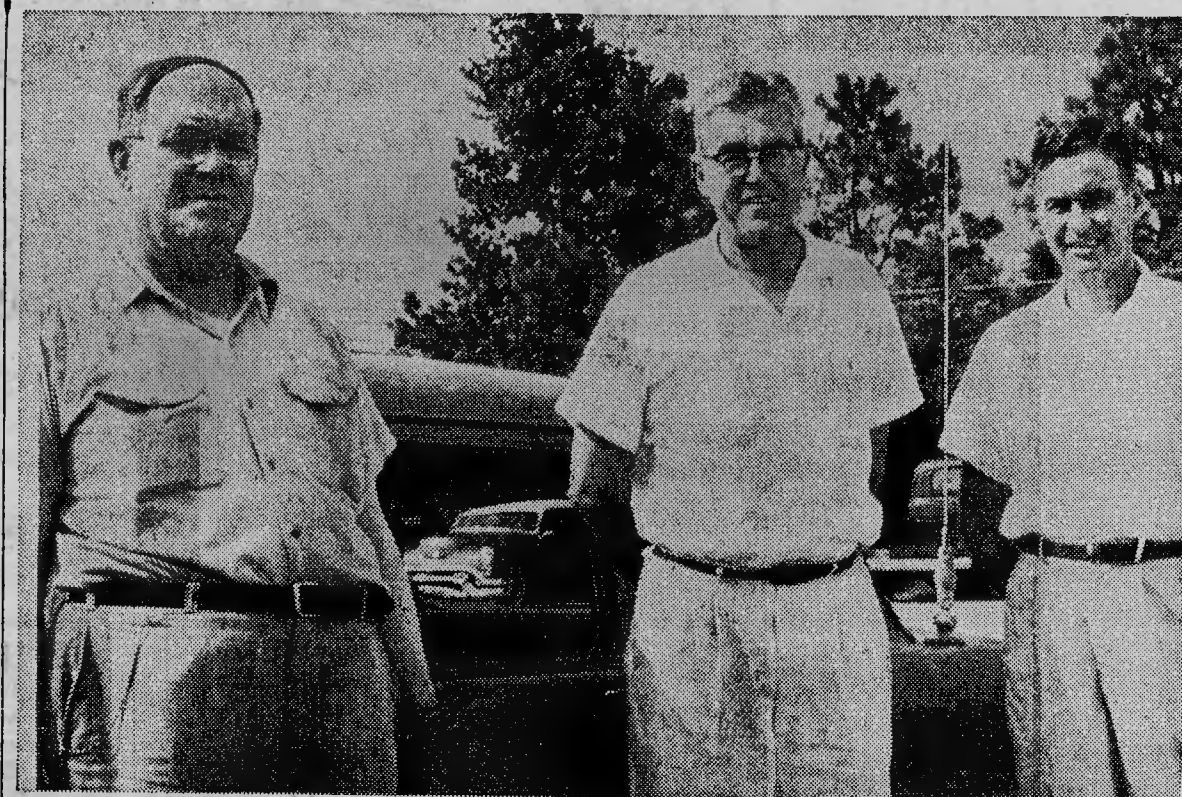
Officers related that young Gardner, son of Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Gardner of 640 E. Ohio Ave., was crossing May Street in the middle of the block and was going to the school building. He told them that he did not look for traffic.

Mrs. Eakins was unable to stop her car, which was traveling at a slow rate of speed, in time to avoid hitting the boy.

The accident occurred between New York and Massachusetts Avenues.

Carried to Moore Memorial Hospital for examination, he was found to be suffering only from a concussion.

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86 YEARS OF SERVICE with Carolina Power & Light Company, celebrating its Golden Anniversary this week, is represented by these three men, who stopped long enough Monday to have their pictures made. Lloyd Woolley, on left, is senior man in point of service. He came with the company in 1924, is now Central Division line inspector. Joseph Steed, center, is division superintendent and has been with the firm since 1928. Ward Hill, local manager, joined the firm in 1936. Another high official here, out of town when the picture was made, is John Howarth, divisional sales manager, who started his career with the company in 1932.

(Pilot photo)

STARTED IN 1901

First Electric Power In Sandhills Was Here, Pinehurst And Taylortown

Electric power came to Southern Pines in 1901, seven years before the formation of Carolina Power & Light Company, which this week is celebrating its fiftieth, or golden, anniversary.

That fact was brought to light this week by Ward Hill, local manager of CP&L, and Lloyd Woolley, longtime employee of CP&L and an employee of the old Sandhill Power Company, one of the companies which was eventually absorbed by CP&L.

Woolley traced the history of electric power in Moore County as follows:

Three Local Boys Named On All-Star Pony League Team

Three players from Southern Pines have been named to the Moore County All-Star Pony League team which will compete for the State title in playoffs beginning at Durham Monday.

The three are Eddie McKenzie, Jimmy Clark and Topper Parks.

The team, being coached by Raeford Wells of Robbins and O. D. Wallace of Robbins, will meet Wilmington in the first round of eliminations. The other two teams playing in the Durham eliminations are Durham and Williamston.

Making up the rest of the All-Star team are Donnie Cameron, Allison Monroe, Dewey Williams, Paul Williams, Jerry Williams and Jimmy Corbin, Robbins; Steve Paschal, Ricky Phillips, Garland Simpson and Eddie Cockman, Carthage; and Larry Purser and Jimmy Humley of West End.

Robbins won the league title this year with Carthage winding up in second place. Southern Pines, coached by David Page, had a 2-8 record for the season.

LOWEST SCORE RECORDED

Woodard Fires 70 For First Round Win In Annual County Golf Tourney

Bill Woodard, defending champion in the Moore County Golf Tournament, fired a 70 Sunday to defeat Carlos Fry 4 and 3.

Woodard's round was the best to date in the tournament, which has attracted a record entry list. Second best round in the opening matches was scored by Henson Maples, who had a 72 to defeat Will Wiggs 5 and 3.

Play in the tournament wasn't hampered this past week by rain though it was threatened several times.

Second rounds are now underway and will be completed by Sunday. Players defeated in the championship flight in the first

Southern Pines, along with Pinehurst and Taylortown, first received the power in 1901 from I. F. Chandler, who operated a company under the name "I. F. Chandler." He was the father of the late Ralph Chandler of Southern Pines and the grandfather of Ralph Chandler, Jr.

Mr. Chandler provided power to Carthage in 1905, and to Aberdeen and Pinebluff in 1907. He had two plants, one at Thaggard's Pond, and the other where the water plant now is.

Cameron, Lakeview, Lobelia, and Vass first received power in 1908 from the Lakeview Light Company, which was owned by J. B. Eastwood, J. R. McQueen and F. R. Danley. In 1911, the same company ran its lines to Raeford and changed the name of the company to the Sandhill Power Company.

In 1918 the I. F. Chandler company and the Sandhill Power company were merged and sold to McQueen, and he eventually sold out to CP&L in 1924. CP&L ran lines to West End in 1927.

CP&L now maintains a division office in the old "Scottie's" building just south of town. That office serves Randolph, Lee, Chatham, Moore, Richmond, Robeson, Montgomery and Anson Counties. Joseph Steed is the superintendent of the division, and John Howarth is division sales manager.

Woolley, who has been with CP&L since 1924, and who was with the old Sandhill Power Company a few months before it was sold, is chief line inspector for the division.

Hill, whose title is local manager, is in charge of the office which serves all of Moore County, except small portions in Robbins and the adjoining area, and small parts of Lee, Richmond and Montgomery Counties.

Three Retiring Officials Will Be Honored By Demos

A "love feast" honoring three county elected officials who will retire from public life after their current terms expire has been planned for August 9 in Carthage.

Arrangements for the observance is under the direction of the Moore County Democratic Executive Committee, which announced the date following a meeting in Carthage last Friday.

W. Lamont Brown of Southern Pines, committee chairman, said the occasion would be, for the most part, a watermelon party, general get-together of all Democrats, and speeches lauding the retiring officials for their service.

The three are Sheriff C. J. McDonald, Gordon Cameron, chairman of the county commissioners, and Mrs. Bessie Griffin, register of deeds.

At the Friday meeting, which was marked by one of the best attendances in recent times, the committee also decided to hold a county-wide rally of Democrats in Carthage at which Malcolm Seawell, N. C. Attorney General, has been asked to speak. No place has been selected for the rally.

It was also decided to continue a system inaugurated two years ago to hold precinct rallies during the campaign season. Some members, Brown said, wanted to conduct rallies on a District basis, referring to the five districts of the county commissioners, and others discussed the possibilities of holding rallies in only a few

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Two-Day Swimoree For Scouts Set At Pinebluff Lake

A "swimoree" for Boy Scouts and Explorer Scouts of Moore District will be held at Pinebluff Lake tomorrow (Friday) and Saturday.

J. Douglas David of Pinebluff, district activities chairman, is in charge of the program which will include camping, swimming, lifesaving, canoeing, rowing and log-rolling.

Water races will be held Saturday from 3 to 5 p. m. under the supervision of Dr. J. D. Ives of Pinebluff. He said that free style and back stroke will be used in the races, which also include treading water events, a ping pong race, and a lifeline relay.

Merit badges will be awarded to those who qualify. On hand for judging will be Dr. J. C. Grier for the swimming and lifesaving badges, David Drexel for canoeing and rowing, and Dr. Ives for camping.

Annual Sandhills Net Meet Lures 80 Players

Biggest Entry Since Event Was Founded In 1949

DOUBLE LIFE

Little Geoffrey Levy, son of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Levy of 858 N. Leak St., was something of a hero—and a bad boy, too—in his household this week.

Geoffrey put out a fire all by himself in the Levy kitchen last Thursday. The cook in the Levy home was preparing to cook some fish, it was reported to the Fire Department, and the grease in the iron pan became overheated. She grabbed the pan to put it in the sink. She burned her hand and a towel rack above the sink caught on fire. Little Geoffrey came in, took a quick look at the situation, and went into action.

He smothered the fire on the paper towel rack and then using a dish towel, put out the remainder.

When the fire trucks, which had been summoned from next door, arrived, everything was in apple pie order and Geoffrey was wearing a broad grin.

His parents naturally were glad that he put out the fire but scolded him for doing it. "Too dangerous for a boy his age to attempt something like that," Mrs. Levy said. Geoffrey's just eight.

Chamber To Air Woes At Special Council Meeting

The Town Council will meet informally with a committee from the Chamber of Commerce Monday night to discuss operation of the Chamber in the future.

The meeting, to begin at 8 o'clock in the town offices, grew out of a plea made at the regular Council session last week by Chamber officials who announced at that time that operation of the agency had been suspended because of lack of funds and interest on the part of many prospective members.

Joe Scott, Chamber president, said the meeting Monday would provide his committee with a greater opportunity to discuss problems with the Council. "We want the town to do something to help the Chamber," he said, "but whether the Council can officially act is something that will have to be determined at the meeting."

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Completion Date For Town Hall Is Seen In September

A completion date for the new Town Hall, or as it is being called by town officials, the Municipal Center, has been set for sometime during September.

Manager Louis Scheipers, Jr., said yesterday most of the heavy work has been completed, or will be in the next week or two. Workmen are laying the terrazzo floors in the building now, a rather lengthy project, but should complete that phase of the construction in a few days.

Most of the glass has been installed and the furniture has been ordered.

Scheipers said landscaping was under consideration but would be one of the last items to be completed.

Inside painting is also to be done, he added, but that phase will require only a few days. Color schemes will be selected in the next few days.

The building has been attracting a number of residents during the past few weeks who are inquiring of the completion date. Workmen say they have heard no complaints and, in many instances, the compliments have been of the highest order.

It is expected that a moving date from the present town offices on N. E. Broad Street will be announced in the next month.

With some 80 players, a record field, the annual Sandhills Junior Invitational Tennis Tournament got off to a flying start yesterday but play was cancelled this morning because of the unusually heavy rains last night.

Tournament officials secured permission of the Sanford Recreation Department this morning to transfer several matches there and they were played this morning and afternoon. At press time, it was announced that play would probably be resumed on the local courts late this afternoon.

This is the largest field ever to turn out for the tournament, which was begun in 1949, and is likely the largest number ever to play in a junior tournament either in North or South Carolina.

Sponsored by the Southern Pines Tennis Association, the event has drawn players from both states, about 30 coming from South Carolina.

Charlie Shaffer of Chapel Hill, who won the recent State Junior Chamber of Commerce tournament here, was an original entry but withdrew. He was slated for the number one seeded position in the junior division, a spot now held by Beansie Frampton of Charleston, S. C. Frampton won his first round match, defeating David Nash of Chapel Hill, 6-4, 6-2.

Second seeded Keith Stoman of Greenville, S. C. defeated Kenny Little of Southern Pines yesterday, 6-1, 6-0, and defending champion Jim Hart of Winston-Salem knocked off O. B. Hawkins of Raleigh, 6-1, 6-0.

Stanley Cocke of Asheville, number three, did not play the first day, and neither did Comer Hobbs of Charlotte, number four.

In the boys singles Jim Causey of Davidson is top seeded, with James Ledbetter of Belton, S. C., in the second spot. William Poore, also of Belton, is number three although he is defending champion.

Julia Blake of Belton is defending her title as No. 1 in the girls singles, with her cousin, Ann Blake, also of Belton, seeded number two. Gay Williams of Charlotte is the only seeded player in girls' singles.

A number of the players in the boys juniors division were here last month to compete in the Jaycee tournament. With Shaffer out, Hobbs or Cocke either one could pull an upset and walk off with the honors. Both displayed excellent form in the Jaycee tournament.

Here are the summaries of play up to this time:

JUNIOR BOYS

First round—Beansie Frampton, Charleston, d. David Nash, Chapel Hill, 6-4, 6-2; Jim Hart, Winston-Salem, d. O. B. Hawkins Jr., Raleigh, 6-1, 6-0; Mal-

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EXHIBITION

Bill Quillian, who has been ranked among the first 10 tennis players in the country, will play an exhibition match here tomorrow (Friday), night against Malcolm Clark, No. 1 player in Southern Pines.

Quillian, whose home is in the State of Washington, is now stationed at Fort Bragg. His appearance here will earn him the distinction of being the highest ranked player ever to perform on the local courts.

A past Southern Amateur champion, Quillian is being brought here by Lt. Col. Guy Jones of Fort Bragg, an ardent tennis enthusiast. Col. Jones has played both Quillian and Clark and feels that Clark will give the highly ranked player "a good game."

The match, to begin at 8 p. m., is an added attraction of the annual Sandhills Junior Invitational, currently underway.