

JANUARY 7

Louis V. Sutton, CP&L President, To Address Joint Civic Club Meet

Kiwanis, Lions, Rotary To Hear Utilities Pioneer

Louis V. Sutton, president and chairman of the board of Carolina Power & Light Company, will address a joint meeting of the Sandhills Kiwanis Club and the Lions and Rotary Clubs of Southern Pines January 7.

Mr. Sutton's address will come the same day as the dedication of the new Municipal Building.

Members of each of the three civic organizations will leave the meeting, which is being held in the Elks Lodge, and attend the dedication ceremonies as a group.

Sutton is a native of Richmond, Va. He first joined Carolina Power Light in 1912, but left in 1924 to become assistant general manager of Arkansas Central Power Company. Three years later, he became vice president and general manager of Mississippi Power & Light Company.

He returned to CP&L in 1933 as president, general manager and a director.

He has spent 45 years in the utility field, 37 of them with CP&L. Since he became president of CP&L, company properties have increased from less than \$75 million to \$291 million. Generating resources have risen from 430,000 to 1,620,000 horsepower; customers have increased in number from 62,500 to 403,000; gross annual revenue has risen from \$8,700,000 to \$67,000,000; and the company's employees have increased from 633 to 2,134.

Mr. Sutton has been recognized by the industry with the presidency of Edison Electric Institute and the presidency of the Southeastern Electric Exchange. He has served as a director in the N. C. State College Engineering Foundation, the VPI Alumni Association, National Association of Manufacturers, and the Business Foundation of North Carolina.

He was awarded an honorary degree of Doctor of Engineering by N. C. State College in 1944 and the 1953 award of the year by the N. C. Society of Engineers for "outstanding engineering achievement."

CP&L directors in 1954 unanimously named the largest generating plant in the system in his honor.



MR. SUTTON

RESULT OF BOOK WEEK EVENTS

Use Of Library By Children Shows Phenomenal Growth, Trustees Told

Circulation of children's books in the Southern Pines library showed a phenomenal increase in November, according to a report prepared for the library trustees and presented at their meeting Friday afternoon.

Comparing November, 1957, with November of this year, Miss Jane La Marche, assistant librarian, noted that 226 more children had used the library's facilities, an increase which she attributed largely to the observance of Children's Book Week and the subsequent promotion of that event.

"Circulation of children's books this past month has been higher than ever before," she noted, "and the circulation this month so far has kept up with the record set in November."

Trustees heard, however, that

Moore Memorial Hospital Plans Christmas Events

All is in readiness at Moore Memorial Hospital in Pinehurst for the annual Christmas Party to be held Thursday morning.

A beautifully decorated tree adorns the main reception room, and similar trees have been placed in all halls throughout the hospital. The decorations were accomplished through the efforts of the garden clubs and girl scouts working last week-end.

The festivities will begin at 10 o'clock Christmas morning, with Norris L. Hodgkins of Southern Pines in his regular role as a jolly Santa Claus. He will be assisted in playing Santa to all the patients, both young and old, by Mrs. James B. Boyle and Mrs. Voit Gilmore. Mrs. Boyle is chairman of the Christmas party this year, which is sponsored by the Woman's Auxiliary of the hospital. Mrs. Gilmore is president of the Auxiliary.

The roving band of musicians will follow Santa—to spread cheer and merriment for the occasion. Bob Miller of Jacksonville will be on hand, as he has been for a number of years, and playing with him will be Russell Powell, Robert Strouse and Tom Shockley of Southern Pines.

there was a decrease in adult circulation from November of this year over the same period a year ago. More than 1,500 adults are using the library's facilities each month, Miss La Marche said.

In other parts of the report, prepared by Miss La Marche for Mrs. Kathleen Lambourne, the regular librarian who is out sick, it was noted that a total of 157 adult books had been added to the collection in October and November, and 88 children's books during the same period. The books, it was explained, were not necessarily purchased by the book committee; some were donated by interested patrons.

The report showed that 496 local residents, including children, have registered under new procedures adopted by the trustees after the library's operation was assumed by the town several months ago. Also, some 75 out-of-town residents have registered.

The trustees, of which Dr. A. C. Dawson is chairman, were read a letter from Stuart Evans of Robbins, chairman of the county library board, in which he expressed appreciation to Southern Pines for the cooperation provided the county library since it was started here 13 years ago.

The county library is being moved to Carthage about January 5, Mr. Evans said, in order to have more space. The move, however, is a temporary one, since the county is planning to provide library facilities in the new agricultural building, for which some \$125,000 has already been appropriated.

The contract between the county library and the Southern Pines library provides that the county must give 60 days notice before terminating the rental, it was noted at the meeting.

According to a statistical summary of public libraries in North Carolina which was shown at the meeting, the county now has 17,179 volumes in its collection; Southern Pines has 20,403. During the 1957-58 statistical year, the county added 1,366 books, Southern Pines added 357.

The other three libraries in the county, at Robbins, Aberdeen and Pinebluff, have volumes which bring the overall total in the county to slightly more than 46,000.



THE WONDERFUL MAGIC of Christmas is reflected in the faces of these tots, who came into the Library Saturday morning to help trim the Christmas tree in the James Boyd Room. Placing a decoration is Carolyn McRae, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. M. G. McRae; at center is Margaret Ligon, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Cheves K. Ligon; the little tyke in Santa Claus attire is Mrs. Cornelia Vann's granddaughter, Cheryl Ann Meadors, of Salem, Mass. She and her mother, Mrs. Larry Meadors (Ann Vann), left for home Saturday to be with Mr. Meadors at Christmas. (Pilot photo)

OLD AND NEW

Christmas old and Christmas new is the theme of the current exhibit in the library.

The exhibit consists solely of two Christmas trees, with appropriate side decorations, both of which are attracting considerable attention.

In the James Boyd Room there is a traditional tree with tinsel, bird decorations, stars and the like.

In the art gallery there is a tree designed and made by John Faulk, a local architect, for his Christmas party. The tree is made in the shape of a traditional Christmas tree, using a large wood dowel for the trunk, and smaller ones for cross pieces.

On each cross piece there are different types of decorations: golden balls, stars, white balls, German straw stars, wood roses, and topped with a Swedish straw angel.

Annual Alumni Basketball Games Are Slated Jan. 30; Graduates Favored

Large Number Of Past Stars Will Perform

The annual alumni basketball game at Southern Pines High School, one of the highlights of the Christmas holiday season, will be played next Tuesday night, December 30.

Both boys and girls will play, with the first game scheduled for 7:30.

Coach W. A. Leonard said this morning that a rather impressive list of returning alumni would play, including many of the boys from squads of two and three years ago.

He listed Tony Parker, Bobby Walker, Roger Verhooff, David Woodruff, David Page, Johnny Watkins, Tommy Ruggles, Billy

Hamel, Bill Marley, Julian Pleasants, Bob Cline, James Humphrey, John Seymour, John Ormsby, Charles Weatherspoon, Gary Mattocks and Tink Bowen as some of them. Any others who wish to play are welcome, he added.

Some of the girls who have indicated they will play are Patti Britt, Louise McDonald, Nancy Traylor, Anike Verhooff, Lillian Bullock, Patty Woodell Campbell, all forwards; and Patti Hobbs, Carolyn Bryant, Delores Maready and Catherine Harris, guards.

Last year in the boys game the alumni won by a score of 50-42. They had also won the previous year, and hold a slight edge in the overall standings.

The alumni girls also won last year by a score of 50-46, though the regular girls hold the edge in standings.

HOOR LONG DOCUMENTARY OF HIS LIFE

Broadcast On Gen. Marshall Slated

A one-hour documentary broadcast on the life of General George C. Marshall will be heard over radio Station WEEB next Wednesday, December 31, which is his 78th birthday.

The program will be heard from 3 to 3:55 p. m.

The broadcast was prepared by NBC last year for presentation on Gen. Marshall's 77th birthday. It was secured by special permission by Jack Younts, WEEB manager, and is being heard only on the local station this year.

It traces Gen. Marshall's 43-year career in the Army and his glimpses into his college life at Virginia Military Institute.

Prepared by his personal biographer, the broadcast also has the



GEN. MARSHALL

voices of many prominent people who were associated with Gen. Marshall during his distinguished career as Chief of Staff of the Army during World War 2, his subsequent work as ambassador to China and, later, as Secretary of State.

It also recalls many of the incidents leading up to his founding of the European Recovery Program, which was called the Marshall Plan, a move which is credited with saving Turkey and Greece from Communism.

Retired in 1949, Gen. Marshall maintains his winter home at Liscombe Lodge in Pinehurst.

He has been ill for some time and makes no public appearances. An aid said this week that he was in good spirits, but continues in a weak condition.

Community Preparing For Two Day Holiday

Postmaster Says Car Wreck Takes Life Of Youngster Just Out Of Navy

James Lawrence Gaoiran, 20, only recently discharged from the United States Navy, was killed instantly Saturday night when the car he was driving went out of control in Carthage, slammed against a power pole and hurled him against the windshield.

Carthage police officer John McDonald, who investigated, said the accident occurred just inside Carthage's town limits near Caddell's Service Station on Highway 27. He listed the time as 11:15 Saturday night.

Another passenger in the car, a 1955 Oldsmobile, was Grady Bolling, 30, who received lacerations about the head.

McDonald said his investigation indicated that the car ran off the right hand side of the road as it was going out of town, veered back onto the road, crossed over and hit the power pole on the left.

McDonald, who reached the scene about five minutes after the accident occurred, said Gaoiran never knew what hit him. He had a three or four inch gash on his throat, McDonald said, and probably bled to death.

Bolling told officers that Gaoiran was the operator of the car. Gaoiran, whose home town was listed as Chinook, Montana, was in Carthage visiting a sister, Mrs. William Carlyle, who lives between Carthage and Cameron.

His body has been shipped to Chinook for burial.

In addition to Mrs. Carlyle, the young sailor is survived by his grandmother, Mrs. Mary Henry, also of Chinook.

Bolling is in Moore Memorial Hospital recovering from bruises and severe lacerations on his head.

Cameron Constable Severely Beaten By Bragg Soldier

Constable Lester Wood of Greenwood Township is in Moore Memorial Hospital today suffering a broken nose, two black eyes and a badly bruised neck as the result of a severe beating he claims he took from a Fort Bragg soldier Friday night.

The soldier, John D. Gneiting of Idaho, was arrested at Fort Bragg and turned over to Sheriff Wendell B. Kelly. He has been lodged in the jail in Carthage pending more investigation and the making out of formal charges.

Wood said he arrested Gneiting at a dance hall north of Vass Friday night and as he was taking him to jail, he was grabbed, beaten and choked nearly to death. The soldier, he added, left him on a rural road, and made off on foot.

Wood said he had arrested the soldier for being drunk and disorderly at the dance hall and was transporting him to jail when Gneiting slammed his foot on the brake, bringing the car to a quick stop and throwing Wood abruptly forward.

The soldier seized Wood's blackjack and pistol, according to Wood's story, and started pummeling him in the face. They wrestled on the ground where, Wood said, the soldier choked him into insensibility.

Regaining consciousness later, Wood sought help in the neighborhood. His car was still there, he said, but his keys, weapons and the soldier were gone.

The keys and blackjack were later found on the ground at the scene, but the pistol is still missing, according to Deputy Sheriff Herman Grimm.

Gneiting told officers he left the pistol in a doghouse where he claimed he spent the night. A grown dog and some puppies were also in the doghouse, he said.

He told officers he remembered choking and hitting Wood but that he was too drunk to know what he was doing.

Postmaster Says All Packages To Be Delivered

All business in Southern Pines will close Thursday for Christmas, and many of them are not expected to open again until Saturday.

Stores will remain open, however, tomorrow (Wednesday), with many of them observing late hours for the convenience of last minute shoppers.

Elsewhere in the county, public offices are expected to be closed for Christmas and, in some cases, the day after Christmas.

The town offices here will close at noon Wednesday and will reopen Saturday morning. Manager Louis Scheipers said, however, that garbage would be picked up Friday morning, and other necessary functions, such as fire and police protection, would not be interrupted.

The county courthouse office will close Thursday, Friday and Saturday, but the sheriff's office will be open on those days.

The Citizens Bank and Trust Company will close Thursday and Friday to allow employees a Christmas holiday, and will reopen for business as usual Saturday morning.

Postmaster Max Rush said the postoffice would be closed Thursday, Christmas Day, but that all Christmas packages would be delivered.

"We've passed the peak in outgoing mail," he said today, "handling more than this office ever has in a similar period. Last week there were several days in which the volume of mail handled set a new record."

Several churches are planning special Christmas services tomorrow night, and there are a few services scheduled for Thursday morning. Some churches held their traditional Christmas programs Sunday.

A round of parties, believed by some to be the largest number ever scheduled, will take place in the Sandhills, most at private residences.

The Moore County Hounds will put on their traditional Christmas season hunt in Pinehurst next Tuesday for guests in that community. This is a yearly hunt, growing in popularity, and is expected to be one of the largest ever this year.

The Hounds, of which W. O. Moss is Master, will not hunt on Christmas Day this year, but will continue the three-times-a-week hunts on Saturday, December 27.

In Pinehurst also, a gymkhana is planned for Sunday in the Carolina Ring, to which the public is invited.

And, as a final reminder, the State Highway Patrol announced this morning that the official traffic season for judging holiday accidents would begin Wednesday at 6 p. m. Cpl. Jim McColman, who heads the patrol in this county, urged motorists to be extremely cautious while driving. He said his men would be on around-the-clock duty in all sections of the county.

Christmas Lights To Be Judged By Jaycees Dec. 27

Southern Pines residents were reminded again today of the Christmas lighting contest being sponsored by the Junior Chamber of Commerce.

Bob Dunn, Jaycee president, said that judging would be held Saturday night, December 27, and all residents in Southern Pines are eligible.

Many houses, he noted, have already put up their outside lighting. He encouraged as many others as are interested to also put up lights. It is not necessary, he explained, to enter the contest; all houses that are decorated with outside lights are automatically entered.

The winner will receive a plaque denoting their achievement.