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**HISTORICAL PHOTO** award for this year was won by Henry Turner, a student at Southern Pines High School, shown here receiving the warm congratulations and a \$10 check from Harry Vale. Mrs. Ernest Ives, president of the North Carolina Society for Preservation of Antiquities, is in middle. Young Turner turned in the best photograph of a historical subject in the county: his shots of pre-Civil War buildings

and houses near Carthage and Cameron. The contest was open to all students in the county and was designed, as Mrs. Ives said, "to promote projects among our young people and develop an interest, not only from a historical point of view, but an artistic one, for our priceless past." Henry turned his winnings over to the school's photography club.

## Possibility Seen That County Home May Be Reopened

Use As Rest Home Seen By Welfare Head

A number of unidentified parties have shown an interest in operating the former county home as a rest home, or nursing home, Mrs. Pauline Cole, superintendent of public welfare in this county, told the Board of Commissioners Monday.

She made the statement in answer to a question by Chairman L. R. Reynolds as to what the county could do to utilize the building.

Some repairs are being made to the property at present, Mr. Reynolds said, and hinted that the Board might consider leasing it out to a qualified operator, providing certain requirements were met.

Mrs. Cole was at the commissioners' meeting seeking to divert funds, already appropriated for her department, for use in hiring a stenographer. She cited a "vast amount of paper work that continues to pile up" as the reason.

She quoted statistics which she said proved the department was doing more work this year than last to back up her request.

"When the Federal government increased its share of OASI funds (Continued on page 8)

## Southern Pines Petitions County For Bigger Slice Of ABC Profits

Parade Here This Saturday To Kick Off Scout Week

Boy Scouts from almost every unit in Moore County will stage a parade here Saturday morning as the opening program in Boy Scout Week, February 7-13.

The parade, which will feature bands from both East and West Southern Pines schools, will form in front of the First Baptist Church at 10 a. m. From there it will move down to Broad Street, go up Broad to Connecticut Avenue, cross the railroad then down Broad to New York Avenue.

The parade will start at 11 o'clock. Several floats are being constructed and will be used in the parade, according to Scout officials.

First Rounds Of County Basketball Tourney Set Here

Southern Pines will host the first four days of the 32nd annual Moore County Basketball Tournament, Coach W. A. Leonard announced today.

The tournament, which sees all Moore County teams in action, begins next Thursday, February 12. Other playing dates here are Friday and Saturday, February 13-14, and Monday, February 16.

The last three days of the tournament, Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday, will be played in Carthage.

Leonard said the Carolina-State game Wednesday night, February 18, was "almost sure to keep some of our potential fans at home, since the game is being televised," and for that reason, that night will be an off night for the county tournament.

Southern Pines boys, with a current 7-3 won-lost record for county play, are showing signs of great improvement and are expected to be a strong contender in the tournament.

Robbins, with a 12-2 record, and Aberdeen and Carthage, both with 8-3 won-lost standings, are on top, however, and Robbins will be expected to win. Southern Pines, incidentally, has (Continued on page 8)

Southern Pines wants its share of profits from the operation of the ABC store here increased from the present 10 per cent to "at least 50 per cent," according to a petition presented to the Moore County Board of Commissioners Monday.

Four of the five Town Councilmen and Manager Louis Scheipers, Jr., went before the board with the petition, which brought out that the town is endeavoring to maintain a high class winter resort which brings on "unusual responsibilities and obligations."

Those items, spelled out, were a good police force, proper maintenance of streets, and a good sanitation system. Each of them, the petition declared, were dependant on sufficient funds.

"In order to pay the expenses of these obligations which the town has to its citizens and to the resort interest an unusually large amount of revenue is required," the petition read. "The only sources of such revenue... are ad valorem taxes and certain special benefits derived from fees, utilities, and other similar types of operations."

The town is maintaining, and had facts and figures to back it up, that the operation of the store here brings on additional expenses, primarily in police protection and street maintenance.

In reading the petition Scheipers noted that Southern Pines receives a smaller per capita return from the profits of ABC stores than any other municipality in the state. The figures of return, he said, ranged from a high of \$28 per capita paid to the town of Wrightsville Beach to a low of \$2 per capita paid to Southern Pines. (Last year, based on 10 per cent of the profits, Southern Pines received about \$10,000.)

Further, Scheipers pointed out, among the resort towns in the state the percentage of revenue from ABC store operation is much higher than that received by Southern Pines. The range in that area, he noted, was from a high of 75 to 100 per cent received by such towns as Wrightsville Beach, Carolina Beach, Asheville and Tryon, to a low of 25 per cent received by some of the minor resort communities. At any rate, he said, none of the towns in the state except Southern Pines received as little as 10 per cent.

The petition pointed out that Southern Pines officials were "not unmindful" of the fact that ABC profits are used to finance operations of schools in the county.

"The Southern Pines schools certainly receive a certain percentage of these funds," Scheipers said. (Continued on page 8)

County Will Show Appreciation For Its Industries

The last two weeks in February have been declared "industrial appreciation weeks" in Moore County by the Board of Commissioners.

Robert S. Ewing of Southern Pines, chairman of the county's Industrial Development Committee, said following a meeting of the commissioners Monday that he had made the request for the proclamation at the instigation of the members of his committee and that plans for the observance had met with the approval of the commissioners.

"We're trying every day to get more industry to locate here," Ewing told the commissioners, who were holding their regular monthly meeting, "and of course, that's our principal objective. We wanted to take time out, however, to let our already existing industries know that they're appreciated."

He said that by taking time out he didn't mean that efforts would stop for two weeks; instead, he said that he and other members of his committee felt such a program would help their work by encouraging more people to become "industry minded."

For the most part, he said, civic clubs in each community in the county will give over their programs during the two weeks to some phase of industry appreciation.

He told the commissioners that clubs in Southern Pines, Aberdeen and Robbins have already made tentative plans. Other communities are also expected to join in the two weeks' observance.

Robbins To Get New Lace Plant; Interviews Start

A manufacturer of ladies' dresses will locate in Robbins, according to an announcement made there by John Myers, Jr., president of the Merchants Association.

The plant, unnamed, is taking applications for employment, particularly for sewing machine operators.

Myers said the town would lease the Community Building, which was occupied by Seating, Inc., until a few months ago, to the new firm.

Robbins is also to be the location for a lace manufacturing plant and a building is currently being constructed. Details of that operation have been held confidential, however, and little is known as to the number of employees it will require, nor who the operators will be.

Myers said he had been requested by the company to refrain from divulging any information for the present. He said he expected the company would make an announcement in the near future.

The dress making concern will take applications from prospective employees Saturday from 9:30 until 5:30 at the city hall.

PTA Changes Serving Time For Supper

A change in the hours for the PTA benefit supper Monday night was announced today.

Serving will begin at 5:30. Mrs. Albert Grove, chairman, said, and will continue to 8 o'clock. The supper is being held in the school cafeteria in place of the regular February planned meeting.

Wildlife Club To Meet Here Tuesday

The Moore County Wildlife Club will hold its monthly meeting at Mason's Tavern in Southern Pines.

The guest speaker will be Mrs. Johnson of Southern Pines, who will show the club's recent mail with good

### SBL OTHERS INVESTIGATING

## Mysterious Telephone Call Blamed For Death Of Paul Muse Of Aberdeen

Hospital Reports All-Time Record Set In January

Moore Memorial Hospital set an all-time high in January for the average number of patients cared for in one month, according to Administrator Thomas Howerton.

The average, he said, was 124.6 patients per day, with 145 recorded last Thursday, the all-time high for one day.

Howerton said the previous high for one month was October of last year when an average of 120.4 per day were hospitalized.

The previous high for one day was 137, set on three separate occasions last year.

The hospital has 143 beds and 20 bassinets. At midnight Wednesday, 132 patients were in the hospital.

At St. Joseph's, a spokesman said the hospital had a larger number of patients during January than during the corresponding period last year but it did not constitute a record.

Paul R. Muse, 40, owner and operator of an automobile body shop in Aberdeen, died suddenly at his home in Aberdeen last Thursday of a heart attack following anonymous telephone calls to his home by a man saying, "You are going to be killed tonight."

Reaction of the Aberdeen community to the strange call was one of indignation, distress and fear. Mr. Muse, a popular resident of Aberdeen since he moved there from Carthage as a young man, had been ill for some time, a member of his family said, and the telephone call was believed to have been of such a shock to him that he died almost instantly.

The State Bureau of Investigation, Aberdeen policemen and members of the Moore County sheriff's department are working night and day, it is understood, in attempts to track down the mysterious person who made the call.

Mrs. Muse reported to police that the first one came about 11 a. m. Thursday and she answered. When Mr. Muse came home at noon for his lunch, she said, the telephone rang again and he took (Continued on page 5)

Bloodmobile Goes Over Quota On 2-Day Moore Visit

"Magnificent" was the word used by Donald D. Kennedy, chairman of the county's blood program, to describe the visit of the bloodmobile to Robbins and Carthage this week.

The bloodmobile, which had failed to reach its quota of 125 pints in either Southern Pines or Aberdeen on a previous visit, collected a total of 411 pints Monday and Tuesday. And, as a result, two industries in the county qualified for the group credit plan, which allows workers in each industry to receive free blood for six months.

Kennedy said that in Robbins a total of 198 pints was contributed and that 20 per cent or more of the workers in the Standard Minerals Company were among the contributors, qualifying that firm for the group plan.

In Carthage, where 213 pints was collected, Carthage Fabrics also qualified.

Both towns had quotas of 125 pints.

Power Failure Is Caused By Broken Wires Near Manly

Bad weather, and there are few who won't agree that the Sandhills section has had its share of it this winter, was the cause of that power failure Tuesday night.

Ward Hill, local CP&L manager, said that the area from Cameron to Aberdeen, and from Eureka to Loblivia, was blacked out when a pin on a cross arm of a power pole at Manly broke, allowing one heavy voltage wire to fall on another causing a spectacular fire on top of the pole.

The fire, he said, spread along the wire in both directions. CP&L crewmen, working in a freezing drizzle, had service in the Southern Pines area restored in about 15 minutes; in and around Niagara, Vass and Cameron the blackout lasted about 15 minutes longer.

Hill said the damage was confined to CP&L equipment.

## SVA Nurse Scholarship Drive Starts

The Sandhills Veterans Association this week began its annual drive for funds to provide scholarships for girls in the county who wish to become nurses.

The drive, as is customary, will extend through February.

To date, according to Voit Gilmore of Southern Pines, drive chairman, the scholarships have produced 10 graduate nurses, each of whom returned to this county to practice. That is the one stipulation of the scholarship award, which is valued at \$1,000 and covers three full years at High Point Memorial School of Nursing.

It is the only complete scholarship available for Moore County's high school girl graduates. There remains, Gilmore said, a critical need for trained nurses in this county. He said that officials of both hospitals have recently pointed up the need for more nurses to take care of expanded services.

"If the drive produces enough funds for two scholarships," he added, "we will award two. A panel of prominent Moore County citizens selects the winner or winners, from the graduating classes of our high schools. Every girl is eligible to apply."

Currently, there are three scholarship winners enrolled at High Point, a fully accredited and highly rated institution for training nurses. There are also several graduates who are staff members of hospitals in the county.

In addition to the hospitals, the county medical society has also endorsed the scholarship program.



SVA NURSES now in training are, reading from bottom, Miss Barbara Brewer of Westmoore, Miss Patricia Brewer of West End, and Miss Georgia May Joyce of West End. When they complete their course at High Point College they will bring the total to 13 of the number of nurses trained under SVA scholarships.

## Coming Events

- February 5—Sulie Harand, soprano, Pinehurst Forum, 8:45. "The Grace Moore Story."
- February 12—Rt. Hon. Anthony Nutting, Pinehurst Forum, "Muddle in the Middle East."
- February 13-21—Moore County basketball tournament. (First rounds in Southern Pines).
- February 17-19—Mid-South Lawn Bowling Tournament, Pinehurst.
- February 19—Varel and Bailly, the "Rogers and Hammerstein of France," and the Chanteurs of Paris, Pinehurst Forum.
- February 19-22—N. C. Gun Dog Classics, Sandhills Wildlife Refuge, Hoffman.
- February 21—Annual Hunter Trials, Moore County Hounds at Scotts Corn.
- February 21—Washington's Birthday Ball, Pinehurst.
- February 26—Fabian of Scotland Yard, Pinehurst Forum.
- February 27—North Carolina Little Symphony, at Weaver Auditorium, Southern Pines, under auspices of Sandhills Music Association.
- March 5—Mme. Jarmila Novotna, Metropolitan Opera Star, Pinehurst Forum.
- March 6-15—Spring Field Trials, Hoffman. Sponsored by N. C. Field Trials Association.
- March 18-23—North and South Inflation Golf Championship for Women, 57th Annual, Pinehurst.
- March 19—Dr. Frank B. Berry, Assistant Secretary of Defense, Pinehurst Forum.
- March 21—12th annual Stoneybrook Steeplechase, Mickey Walsh Stables, Southern Pines.
- March 30—Furman University Glee Club, Weaver Auditorium, under auspices of Sandhills Music Association.

Events will be listed as they are scheduled. Please telephone in, as early as possible, plans for coming events and help keep the calendar posted up to date.

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