

CHAMPIONSHIP PLAY STARTS WEDNESDAY

Softball League Playoffs Begin Monday; Ghosts Are League Winners

\$5,000 Collected For Fieldhouse At Memorial Field

Construction of a new athletic field house at Memorial Field is expected to get underway soon, according to Bill Thomasson, who led a drive to secure funds for the new building.

Thomasson said this morning that some \$5,000 is on hand for the construction. Some people who made pledges have not fulfilled them, he added, urging that they do so as soon as possible.

The new building, to be located adjacent to the quonset hut that now houses dressing room facilities, will contain a huge shower room, locker room, and a ladies restroom. It will also be roughed in to contain some other facilities to be installed as funds become available.

To be constructed of concrete blocks, the new building is expected to be ready by fall, hopefully by the opening of the football season, Thomasson said. The first game is in the first week of September.

Funds were secured through public donations. Last fall a drive was started after some townspeople were informed by Irie Leonard, former football coach and principal of the high school, that the facilities were sorely needed.

Thomasson headed a committee of about a dozen people that drummed up enough interest to raise the \$5,000.

Knollwood Airport Improvement Seen With Federal Help

The possibility of Moore County obtaining Federal funds for construction of paved runways at Knollwood Airport are very good, an engineer with the Federal Aviation Agency said here Monday.

W. L. Mayfield, who works out of the District Airport Engineer's office in Charlotte, said that the airport probably would qualify for Federal funds easily if matching funds are made available by the county.

The meeting, held in the Municipal Building, was attended by Mayor Robert Ewing, who is also chairman of the county's industrial development committee; Sidney Taylor of Aberdeen, a member of the Board of County Commissioners and the airport committee; L. C. McKenzie, who operates the airport on a lease basis, and Town Manager Louis Scheipers, Jr.

The airport, Mayfield said, is already in the National Airport Plan which is a distinct advantage, and has facilities that many other airports receiving help do not have. He mentioned the fact that there was sufficient land for enlargement and improvement of the runway, and it was already public property, thus eliminating the problem of having to purchase land.

Mayor Ewing said that it was the desire of town and officials and the industrial committee to look to the future development of the field, particularly in view of the fact that Piedmont Airlines is expecting to begin direct service to Raleigh in the next few years. He said that paved runways would be an important step in the development of the airport to put this area on a competitive basis with other areas in the attraction of new industry and more tourists.

Taylor is making a report on the meeting to the Commissioners.

Shaughnessy playoffs in the summer softball league here begin Monday, according to Irie Leonard, director of the summer program.

The regular season ends tonight, he said, and the fourth team will be decided. Three, the Galloping Ghosts, the Moose Lodge and the Lions, are already assured of berths. The battle for the other spot is being waged between the VFW and the Manly Presbyterian Church entry.

Tonight the VFW meets the Lions Club in a regular game. If the VFW wins, that team will enter the playoffs. If it loses, however, then a game must be played between the VFW and the Moose to determine the fourth team.

Leonard said that the Ghosts, with a 12-0 record for the season, would be awarded a plaque at tonight's game for winning the regular season championship. The plaque is being presented by the Town Recreation Department.

The playoffs Monday night begin at 7:30 when the Moose team, No. 2, meets the Lions, No. 3. Following that the Ghosts, No. 1, plays the winner of the VFW-Manly battle.

On Tuesday night the order reverses, with each of the teams required to play its opponent in a best two-of-three series.

The remaining two teams will then play a best two of three series, beginning Wednesday night, for the championship.

Other standings to date have the Moose Lodge with a 9-3 record, the Lions with a 4-7 record, VFW with 2-9, and Manly with 2-10.

Coroner Planning To Hold Inquests Into Two Deaths

Coroner Ralph Steed said this morning that he might hold an inquest tomorrow in the death of Harold Gene Sheffield, 17, who was found dead early last Thursday morning on Highway 27 about three miles from the Robbins crossroads.

He said also that an inquest into the death of Ralph Medlin, Southern Pines policeman who was killed Monday night of last week in a corridor of Moore Memorial Hospital after threatening several people with a gun, would probably be held next week.

In both instances, Steed said, he was attempting to secure further information.

Sheffield, of Route 1, Eagle Springs, was struck by an auto driven by Constable Oscar Bailey of West End. Bailey told State Highway Patrolmen J. A. McColman and Thomas Clark that he did not see the boy lying in the road until it was too late to stop. The incident occurred about 3:30 in the morning.

SAVINGS BONDS

In Moore County, sales of E and H Savings Bonds for the month of June were \$27,567.80, and for the year to date \$177,457.25. This is 47.7 per cent of the county's quota for 1959.

Lightning Hits Courtroom

Court officials and attendants in Carthage are accustomed to the unusual happening during the Monday sessions and causing some delay in the proceedings. There have been all sorts of them, from wrecks on the traffic circle that surrounds the courthouse to near births in the audience.

The one that will be longest remembered, however, occurred Monday at the height of an electrical storm.

Solicitor W. Lamont Brown was questioning a woman who was being tried on a charge of driving drunk. Just as he got to the climax of his vigorous examination an awesome bolt of lightning struck a walnut tree behind the nearby Carthage Hotel and then the lightning skipped over to the courtroom, jumped around the room about a minute, then disappeared.

Brown reported he was considerably jarred. Judge J. Vance Rowe, though a bit-shaken by the whole business, ordered that the session go on as usual.

The woman on the stand, one attendant reported, just smiled. The attendant figured she had been telling the truth and wasn't worried at all.



GOING AWAY GIFT of a fishing rod and reel and a tackle box was presented Irie Leonard, former coach and principal at Southern Pines High School, by some of the students last week. Making the presentation, which came as a surprise as a couple hundred other friends of the popular coach joined in a picnic at the Southern Pines Country Club, is Robert Woodruff. Others in the picture are, from left, Glen Marcum, Bob Ryder, Joe Garzik, Butch Ryder, Chuck Ward and John Marcum. (Humphrey photo)

TRUSTEE TO BE APPOINTED

Mrs. Busbee Declared Incompetent By Special Jury This Afternoon

Mrs. Juliana Busbee, who with her late husband, Jacques Busbee, found and managed Jugtown Pottery for some 40 years, was found incompetent to manage her affairs at a hearing this afternoon.

The finding was made by a jury composed of six men and six women. Carleton Kennedy, Clerk of Superior Court, presided at the hearing, which began at 2 p.m. and was over about 3:30.

The actual issue submitted to the jury, after some eight witnesses had been heard, was: "Do you find the said Juliana Busbee incompetent, from want of understanding, to manage her affairs by reason of mental weakness, age, or disease of old age?"

Among the eight witnesses testifying were Dr. Clement Monroe and Dr. A. A. Vanore, both of whom said they had observed Mrs. Busbee for some time and both of whom said that in their opinions she was incompetent. Mrs. Busbee also took the stand and said she was amused by the testimony of those preceding her.

Kennedy said he would appoint a guardian or a trustee for Mrs. Busbee, as required by law when such a finding is made, "after I have given the matter more thought, probably in a day or two." He gave no indication who that person might be.

Clerk of Court Kennedy ordered the hearing Monday after a complaint had been filed in his office by H. F. Seawell, Jr., attorney for Jugtown, Inc., on behalf of Mrs. Isabelle B. Henderson of Raleigh, one of the organization's members.

The order was accompanied by a summons for a jury of 12 who were also appointed. They were to return a verdict of "whether or not Mrs. Busbee is incompetent from want of understanding" to handle her affairs.

The petition for the hearing, which was filed earlier this month, alleged that Mrs. Busbee

Police Force Gets Two New Members; Seven Now On Duty

Additions Bring Force To Full Complement

Police Chief C. E. Newton announced today that two new policemen had joined the force and pulled their first tours of duty last night.

The two are Allan James Benner, formerly of Carthage, and Odis Claudelle Bridges, formerly of Wadesboro. They replace Harold Stamper, who resigned earlier this month to enter private business in Oklahoma, and Ralph Earl Medlin, who was slain last week in a corridor at Moore Memorial Hospital after terrorizing several people there with a gun.

Chief Newton said that the addition of Benner and Bridges to the force brings the complement to the full seven, of which he is included. Others are sergeants Luther Beck and Earl Seawell, and officers Wesley Thompson and Charles Wilson.

Benner, whose age is 30, is a native of Devon, Pa., and graduated from the high school in Berwyn, Pa. He entered the Army in 1951 and served part of his two-year enlistment at Fort Bragg.

When he was discharged in 1953 he went to live in Carthage and was employed at a hosiery mill in Star. He was employed there six years.

Married to the former Audrey Brown of Carthage, they have one child.

Bridges, 24, was born in Wadesboro and graduated from the high school there in 1954. He served in the Air Force from 1955 until December, 1958, as an air policeman at Webb Air Force Base at Big Springs, Texas. After his discharge in December he became a member of the police force in Midland, Texas, and stayed there until June 24.

He is married to the former Betty Rose Cook of Wadesboro and they are parents of one child.

ALSO TO COMPLETE M. A. STUDIES

Gary Mattocks Joins East Carolina Grid Staff As Graduate Assistant

Gary B. Mattocks of Southern Pines, former East Carolina College quarterback, has been added to the football coaching staff at East Carolina as graduate assistant coach.

The announcement, made by Dr. John D. Messick, East Carolina College president, and Dr. N. M. Jorgensen, director of athletics, said that Mattocks will be working to complete his studies for the M. A. degree in addition to assisting head football coach Jack Boone in coaching assignments.

Mattocks joins three other East Carolina alumni in strengthening the Pirates' football coaching crew. Frank H. Madigan and William B. McDonald have been assistant coaches for the past two years, and George M. Tucker comes from Davidson to the East Carolina campus September 1 to begin his duties as an assistant.

Native of Southern Pines where he made outstanding contributions to six-man football, Mattocks first entered Duke University upon high school graduation, but left to begin military service at the end of his freshman year. Following his armed forces experience, as a paratrooper, Mattocks resumed his college work at East Carolina and for three years had a successful career on the gridiron for the Pirates.

Since his graduation from East Carolina in February, 1958, Mattocks served as a member of the Fayetteville YMCA and during the past school year he was on the coaching staff of the Hamlet high school. The new assistant reports on September 1 to join Coach Boone and the football coaching staff.

Two Being Held For Trial On Tire Stealing Charges

Two people have been arrested and are in Moore County jail awaiting trial on charges of stealing some \$3,000 worth of tires from the Quality Oil Company of Eagle Springs in June.

The two are Isinore Locklear, 39, of Maxton, and Robert Lee Lowry, 30, also of Maxton. They are being held under \$5,000 bonds for the August 17 criminal term of Superior Court.

Sheriff Wendell Kelly said another person is still being sought in the theft.

The tires were located by Montgomery County officers, who had kept a night-long watch on the hiding place, which they had discovered. It was located 12 miles west of Troy.

While maintaining their lookout, the Montgomery County officers, assisted by several from Moore County, saw two men brought to the hiding place in a car driven by a woman. The men became alerted to the officers' presence, however, and managed to get away. The woman also drove off but was picked up later parked on the highway a short distance away.

Lowry and the Locklear woman were given preliminary hearings and ordered held under the \$5,000 bonds. The other person, still unidentified, is being sought, Sheriff Kelly said.

Commissioners Adopt \$1 Million Plus Budget

No Changes Are Made From Tentative Figures

The Board of County Commissioners, in a called meeting Monday, adopted the 1959-60 budget calling for expenditures of more than one million dollars, not all of which comes from county taxes. It remained unchanged from tentative budget estimates made about a month ago.

Biggest item in the budget is, as usual, funds to build new schools and operate those in existence. The commissioners allocated a total of \$270,000 for new construction, of which \$140,000 goes into the county system, \$90,000 to Southern Pines system, and \$45,000 to the Pinehurst system. The total for capital outlay of the various administrative units was \$285,841, of which \$228,463 goes to the county unit, \$36,596 to Southern Pines, and \$20,782 to Pinehurst.

The Commissioners also continued in effect special assessments for three schools, each based on \$100 property valuation: Southern Pines, the largest, has 50 cents; Pinehurst has 30 cents; and Aberdeen also has 30 cents.

One other special assessment, 10 cents on each \$100 property valuation, will be collected for the West End fire protection district.

Here are some of the major items in the budget (the total figure relates to operation of the entire department, including salaries): county commissioners, \$6,000; sheriff's office, \$34,000; dog warden, \$8,000; register of deeds, \$16,000; courthouse and grounds, \$17,000; listing and assessing, \$16,000; elections, \$3,000; coroner, \$1,000; fire warden, \$9,633; jail operation, \$12,000; county library, \$16,189; rural fire protection, \$11,000; county accountant's office, \$9,000; heating and air conditioning the courthouse, \$32,100; agriculture building, \$108,000; and water and sewer line, \$7,500. There was also an item of \$200 in the budget, the smallest appropriation of all, for capturing stiles.

The \$108,000 appropriation for the agriculture building actually was carried over from last year. There had been approximately \$118,000 appropriated in the last budget but funds were used for other purposes, leaving \$108,000 when the year ended.

Included in the budget also was \$48,206 for the operation of health services in the county, of which \$29,520 is for salaries.

In the welfare budget the Commissioners allocated \$25,000 for hospital care of certified patients, a total of \$19,995 for Old Age Assistance, \$7,660 for Aid to the Blind, \$7,605 for Aid to the Permanently and Totally Disabled, \$12,906 for Aid to Dependent Children, and \$1,500 for medicine. Cost of administration in the department was set at \$37,490.

Most items in the welfare budget are supplemented and, in some cases, more than matched, by Federal and State funds.

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Area Development Meeting Slated Here In September

Directors of the Sandhills Area Development Association, a four-county organization, met here last Thursday to lay plans for a kickoff meeting this fall.

Robert Ewing, Mayor of Southern Pines and a mover in the organization, said that Tuesday, September 15, had been tentatively selected as the date for a full meeting of representatives from Moore, Montgomery, Lee and Richmond Counties. He said a goal of at least 100 delegates from each county was anticipated for the meeting.

The meeting will be held in the Southern Pines high school auditorium at 8 o'clock. In addition to explaining the idea of area development, Ewing said, officers will be elected to guide the association through the first year.

Youngster Hurt Doing Back Dive At Aberdeen Lake

Tommy Evans, 11-year-old grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Van Camp of Southern Pines, tried a back flip off a diving platform at Aberdeen Lake this morning and wound up in the hospital with an injured vertebra.

Tommy, it was reported, hit the bottom of the lake with considerable force and complained later of pains. He was examined by Dr. H. M. Caddell who sent him along to the hospital for X-rays. An ambulance from Powell Funeral Home was pressed into service.

Mr. Van Camp said Tommy was feeling pretty good this afternoon. Tommy's parents live in Durham and he has been here visiting his grandparents.

Polio Vaccine In Short Supply At Health Clinic

Dr. J. W. Willcox, Moore County health officer, said this morning that Salk polio vaccine is in critically short supply in his office.

Dr. Willcox said that though the county has had no incidence of polio this year the threat exists. One little boy from the Midway community was admitted to Duke Hospital recently with a questionable diagnosis of polio but was returned to his home after being hospitalized seven days. The youngster, Dr. Willcox said, had not received Salk shots.

State law requires that health departments give the shots only to children between the ages of two months and six years, and Dr. Willcox said his agency could meet those demands. Ordinarily only those who are indigent receive the shots from the health department.

A spokesman for the U. S. Public Health Service said Wednesday, according to wire reports, that shortages of polio vaccine reported in some areas of the nation may continue for four or five weeks. He said that despite efforts of the government to spread available supplies of Salk vaccine to needy areas, "not enough has been produced to meet heavy demands."

One local doctor said this morning that he had not had any unusually heavy demands for the shots and that he could provide them on the ordinary demand basis.

Craven To Head State Highway Employees Group

Thomas Craven, right-of way engineer in the Eighth Highway Division, was elected president of the division unit of the North Carolina Highway Employees Association at a meeting held last week in Sanford.

Craven lives in Southern Pines. Other officers elected were Z. V. Tolar, also of Southern Pines, vice president; and Miss Jean Morton of Aberdeen, secretary-treasurer.

Chief speakers for the meeting were Otis Banks, executive secretary of the employees association, who spoke on benefits gained by the group during the last session of the Legislature, and Ervin Dixon, official with the State Highway Department, who spoke on benefits of a bi-weekly pay period for state highway personnel.

The district is composed of Moore, Lee, Montgomery, Chatham, Hoke, Richmond, Randolph and Scotland Counties.