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Entries Piling Up In Hunter Trials Set for Saturday

First Class Called For 2 p.m. at Course Near Southern Pines

The Moore County Hunter Trials will be held Saturday. That is the big excitement this week, with entries piling up as this newspaper goes to press.

The place is the same: the rolling stretch of country between Scott's Corners and the properties of General A. V. Arnold and Harry Vale, just off Young's Road.

Judges are Mr. and Mrs. George C. Clement, of Ligonier, Penn., and John Cakebread, of Unionville, Ontario. Dennis Crotty of Pinehurst will be the announcer.

The first class is called for 2 p.m.: First Season Hunters. There will be no opening parade of hounds.

With a good many youngsters anxious to take part, an easy course has been mapped out for them. Otherwise the trial course is much the same, including a variety of terrain and fences. Horses will leave the hilltop in pairs, one behind the other, change places at the halfway mark and finish coming up the hill, this time, over the same low fence in front of the spectators.

Most spectacular event is expected to be the class for hunt teams. More entries are coming in for this class than ever before, with twelve listed to date. However, of these twelve entries one is from the Sedgfield Hunt and a late report from that section was the wail: "Snow! We may not be able to make it as we can't get out to exercise the horses."

Even without Sedgfield the showing should be good with well-matched horses and riders in full hunting regalia. Several local teams are entered, also teams from Camden, Tryon, Charlotte, Savannah and Virginia.

A new feature at the Trials this year will be the presentation of the Field Hunter Trophy, made by the donors, Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Walsh. The award goes, without further competition, to the hunter which has given the most competent, safe, and, from all standpoints, most satisfactory performance with the local pack during the past season. Judges comprise a small committee of regular followers who have been in a position to make this difficult decision.

The Trials end with the award to the Champion Hunter, with all (Continued on page 8)

Lutheran Service Set Here Sunday

A Lutheran church service will be conducted Sunday, February 21, at 7:30 p. m., in the Civic Club building, by the Reverend Lester O. Roof, Jr., pastor of Trinity Lutheran Church, Sanford.

Persons of Lutheran background and all other interested persons in this area are invited to attend.

SOKOLOFF COMPOSITION ON PROGRAM

Little Symphony Plays Here Feb. 25 With Violinist, Soprano as Soloists

A composition by a young musician with Sandhills associations will be played for its first performance Thursday evening, February 25, when the Little Symphony of the North Carolina Symphony Orchestra comes to Weaver Auditorium in Southern Pines.

The concert, to begin at 8:30 p.m., is the second attraction in a series of four being presented under the auspices of the Sandhills Music Association. Tickets are available at Barnum Realty and Insurance Co., Southern Pines, or from Music Association chairmen in communities throughout the county.

The music to have its initial orchestral performance is "Canticle for String Orchestra" by Noel Sokoloff of Princeton, N. J. Mr. Sokoloff has visited the Sandhills with his wife, the former Nancy (Continued on Page 5)



TREACHEROUS BEAUTY — There was beauty in the sleet and ice storm that hit the Sandhills last weekend, especially after the sun came out on Sunday, but it masked thousands of dollars worth of damage to public utilities and private property. Out of sight, at the right, in this view looking north on Weymouth Road

from Orchard Road, is the Charles P. Cole property where more than a dozen pine trees were snapped off, one of them striking a corner of the house. Photo shows ice-laden wires and longleaf pine branches bent down with heavy coatings. Damage was heaviest in the Weymouth Heights area. (Pilot photo)

'Best Possible' Service Pledged By Airlines Head

Tom Davis of Winston-Salem, president of Piedmont Airlines—the company furnishing air service to the Pinehurst-Southern Pines airport—told a joint Kiwanis-Rotary meeting at Mid Pines Club Wednesday that he feels confident the Civil Aeronautics Board will grant Piedmont's application for a north-south route that would serve the airport here.

However, he anticipates that a final decision will not be made on this and other Piedmont route extension requests within eight to 10 months and he qualified his prediction by saying he can't definitely forecast the decision.

The Piedmont president made it clear that the north-south route, scheduling of more flights here and all-year operation (Piedmont now discontinues its service here in the summer) depend on more business from this area and also on improvement of facilities at the airport.

The air line has had less business at Pinehurst-Southern Pines airport since adding two flights in January than it had previously, he revealed, but said that the flights would be retained and that a seasonal increase in business is expected soon.

As to airport improvement, (Continued on page 8)

CLOSING MONDAY

The post office and the Citizens Bank and Trust Co. will close Monday in observance of Washington's Birthday, a national holiday, but other activities in town are expected to go on as usual. The post office will have its holiday schedule—windows closed and no home delivery but mail will be processed as usual at the office.

CAMELLIA SHOW

A display of more than 50 varieties of Camellias grown by Harry M. Vale, Jr., of Youngs Road, will be on view at the Southern Pines Library Friday and Saturday.

Friday Operetta 'Sell-Out' Noted

The operetta, "White Gypsy," to be presented by the East Southern Pines Junior High School Friday night in Weaver Auditorium at 8:15 p. m., is a "sell-out." The Pilot was informed today. No more tickets are available.

Miss Charla Marcum will be the pianist for the presentation in which about 170 Junior High School students will take part, on the stage or in various other capacities.

PUBLIC INVITED TO ARMORY DRILL ON SUNDAY

National Guard Preparing for Test Alert

Moore County's National Guard company, with headquarters at the armory on Morganton Road here, faces one of its stiffest tests in the coming week—a week in which the Guard is in the spotlight all over the nation, with Washington's Birthday on Monday designated as "Muster Day" to acquaint the public with the organization's vital role in this country's life.

The test will be "Operation Hornets' Nest" in which the Guard company will be called out in a surprise alert which will involve assembling at the armory, drawing equipment and being dispatched for various simulated military duties in this area.

Even the company commander, Capt. James E. Harrington, Jr., of Pinehurst, does not know when the alert will come. He has cautioned the public in the Sandhills not to be alarmed if, day or night, there is a sudden bustle of military activity hereabouts.

Public Invited

Meanwhile, plans for one of the company's all-day Sunday drills are going forward for this coming Sunday, February 21. Captain Harrington invites the public to come to the armory that day to see the men and equipment and to become better acquainted with an organization that would be of inestimable value to the public in case of a military emergency or national disaster—and an organization also whose annual payroll in Moore County is the equivalent of a small industry and is therefore an important factor in the county's economy.

Recently, a Pilot reporter attended a Sunday drill of the local National Guard company and saw and was told in detail about its operations. Here's what this re-

porter learned:
Full Time Job
Master Sergeant Ralph Martin lives in Southern Pines, and works full time at the armory. His title during the week is Unit AST—Administrative and Supply Technician. This imposing title covers a multitude of activities—

maintenance of all unit records, including a thick folder of records on each of the 70 or more members of the unit, filing and updating of a four-shelf bookcase full of Army Regulations and manuals, supply records covering hundreds of items ranging from (Continued on page A)



REVIEWING PLANS — With the local National Guard Armory on Morganton Road in the background, Battalion staff officers review plans and training with local company officers. Left to right: Capt. James E. Harrington, Jr., Pinehurst, company commander; Major Paul Dickson, Raeford, battalion plans and training officer; 1st Lt. John W. Jones, Raeford, of the battalion staff; and 1st Lt. Ralph E. Horner, Pinehurst, company executive officer. The military organization of the local National Guard company, and the part it plays in larger units, is explained in an accompanying article. Other photos on page "A" and 16. (Pilot photo)

Worst Ice Storm in Memory Hits Sandhills, Causing Heavy Damage

Hospital Changes Policy on Blood Given to Patients

Failure to provide an adequate number of donors during the scheduled visits of the Red Cross Bloodmobile has brought about changes in the manner for approving transfusions at Moore Memorial Hospital, according to Thomas R. Howerton, administrator.

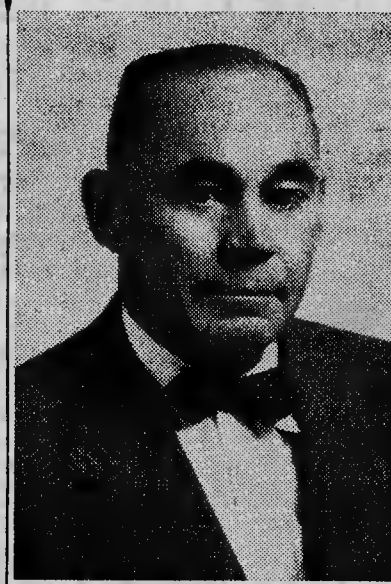
Mr. Howerton stated this week that the change was adopted at the request of the Moore County Chapter of the American Red Cross, in an effort to increase the number of blood donations at each visit of the bloodmobile from the Red Cross Blood Bank at Charlotte.

Effective immediately, a hospital patient can receive a transfusion only after a Red Cross Credit Card—which has been issued to some member of the immediate household of the patient—and dated within the past six months—has been presented to the hospital laboratory. If a credit card is not available from a member of the immediate household of the patient, the patient or members of his family are responsible for having a pledge card signed by someone, agreeing to donate blood on the next visit of the bloodmobile, for each pint of blood required by the patient on a one-for-one basis.

Provision has been made to supply blood for a patient in an emergency on the signed request of the attending physician. Such requests will only be honored in real emergency situations and must be signed by the attending physician.

A regularly scheduled operation of an elective nature does not qualify as an emergency and it has been strongly urged that surgeons do not schedule their operations until credit cards or pledge cards have been presented in an adequate number to take care of the blood requirements for the patient.

When blood is issued under the (Continued on page 5)



BRIG. GEN. L. W. MILLER

General Miller to Head 1960 Moore Red Cross Drive

Brig. Gen. Lehman W. Miller will be chairman of the Moore County Red Cross Fund Campaign for 1960, it was announced today. The campaign will be conducted during the month of March.

General Miller, familiarly known as "Duke," graduated from the United States Military Academy at West Point in the class of 1915. He retired from active duty in 1946, and moved from Westminster, Md., to Southern Pines in 1956. While in Westminster, he was chairman of Red Cross Disaster Preparedness and Relief Committee. He is married to the former Dorothy Carter of Virginia, and they have two daughters, one of whom, Susan, is a ninth grade student in the local school.

General Miller has had an interesting military career, totaling 31 years of service in the Corps of Engineers. Among his several assignments were those of U. S. District Engineer at Jacksonville, Florida, Panama, Canal Zone, and New Orleans. He was Chief of the U. S. Military Mission to Brazil from 1940 to 1942. Just prior to his retirement he was executive assistant to the Foreign Liquidation Commissioner in Washington. After retirement he served under the State Department as Foreign Liquidation Commissioner for Eastern South America.

During World War II, he commanded Engineer Training Centers at Fort Bragg and Fort Sutton, in North Carolina.

General Miller is organizing his committees and teams for the Fund Campaign and from time to time will announce the names of his sub-chairmen.

Democrats Endorse Riddle, Causey for Elections Board

The Moore County Democratic Executive committee, meeting at the courthouse in Carthage, late Monday afternoon, endorsed Sam C. Riddle of Carthage and J. W. Causey of Southern Pines as members of the county board of elections. J. Hubert McCaskill of Pinehurst was endorsed as alternate.

Mr. Riddle is longtime chairman of the elections board and Mr. Causey a member. Mr. McCaskill has served on the board in the past.

The committee also agreed on a pre-primary rally in the form of a dinner to be held in April or May, to which county and state candidates for office will be invited. A committee will be named. Miss Bess McCaskill, vice-president, presided, as W. Lamont Brown, chairman and solicitor of Moore Recorder's Court, was detained by a long court session.

County board of election members—two Democrats and one Republican—are appointed by the State board of elections, after being endorsed by county Democratic and Republican executive committees.

Trees, Branches Tear Down Wires Over Large Area

Southern Pines and a large area of Moore County to the west and south were still feeling the effects today of the 20th century's worst sleet, ice and wind storm in this section. The storm hit this area Saturday.

Damage to electric power and telephone lines, with consequent disruption of service, was called the worst to be caused by ice and wind in the memory of company officials. Sam Richardson, a resident of Southern Pines for more than 50 years, says the storm is the worst of its sort in his recollection, in terms of general property damage.

Neither the Carolina Power & Light Co. nor the United Telephone Company of the Carolinas could yet tally up today the cost of the storm to their companies, nor could they say yet exactly how many homes or persons had felt the effects of utility disruptions.

Carolina Power and Light Company estimated that between 6,000 and 7,000 customers were without electricity at the peak of the storm trouble.

As if to let the town know that Nature still packed a wallop, a sycamore branch broken during the storm but remaining caught in a tree fell on electric wires on E. Pennsylvania Ave. about 6:45 a. m. today and knocked out all the power in Southern Pines for 14 minutes.

Again, at 1:25 p.m., just before The Pilot went to press, there was a power interruption affecting the whole town for about 10 minutes, caused by a broken tree limb falling across a main circuit wire near the Hollywood Hotel. CP&L officials said that tree crews are patrolling the whole storm area today, trying to find and remove such limbs that might give trouble. The danger was increased by strong winds that arose this afternoon.

But utility repair crews, working night and day, had done a marvelous job of restoring electric and telephone service—an opinion voiced by officials of the companies, who are in a position to judge the achievements, and by the general public who for the most part bore their hardships of darkness and failing heat with understanding and good humor Saturday night.

Most of the damage to utility lines occurred Saturday when ice-loaded tree limbs—especially the heavy limbs of longleaf pines, broke off in gusts of wind that swept the area and fell on wires already also enclosed in a thick coating of ice.

Longleaf pine trees breaking up or tipping over and coming up by the roots caused most of the damage in private yards. Heavy damage took place at Mt. Hope Cemetery where there is a heavy concentration of pines.

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CALL TOWN HALL FOR TRASH PICK-UP

Now that town trash collection crews have picked up debris in the streets, following the weekend ice storm, trash collection is on the regular system of calling the town office to request collection.

Louis Scheipers, Jr., town manager, emphasized that crews are not automatically picking up everybody's piles of branches and rakings, but that a work order must be issued. He asked that property owners wait to call until their yards have been cleared and all trash piled on the parkways, so that two visits to the same location will not be necessary.

The manager thanked the public for its cooperation in the days after the storm and assured property owners that their pick-up requests would be handled as quickly as possible.