

Record Entry List Reported in Hunter Trials To Be Conducted Here Saturday

A record-breaking number of entries for the 29th annual Hunter Trials of the Moore County Hounds, to be held Saturday at the trial course at Scotts Corner out Youngs Road, was reported this week by Mrs. W. O. Moss, M. C. H. secretary.

The first class will be called at 2 p. m., with upwards of a thousand spectators expected. Parking places are all reserved. Persons parking outside the course area will be admitted at a general admission fee of \$2 per person.

Judges will be Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Lenehan of Sewickley, Pa., and Mrs. Sally Sexton of Grantville, Ohio. Dennis (Nick) Crotty, a fixture at the trials, will again be the announcer.

Classes and number of entries in each, up to Tuesday of this week, are:

First Season Hunters, 18;
Thoroughbred Hunters, 23;

Junior Hunters (riders 18 years of age and under), 25; Non-Thoroughbreds, 14; Open Hunter, 18; and seven hunt teams of three horses and riders, each.

Trophies are provided in all classes, as well as a championship trophy and the Field Hunter Trophy, given last year for the first time, for the horse which has given the most competent safe, and from all standpoints most satisfactory performance with the Moore County Hounds during the past hunting season.

Winners of firsts or seconds in any class are eligible to compete for the Champion Hunter trophy. Last year's champion was Blessington, owned by Ray Firestone and entered by his Lauray Farms of South Carolina, ridden by Max Bonham.

An entry that will be closely watched is a former champion, D. W. Winkelman's Little Trip, entered in the Thoroughbred Hunter class. The 12-year-old dark chestnut horse was reserve champion and winner of the Field Hunter Cup at last year's trials, had been the champion in 1955 and 1956 and reserve champion in 1958 and 1959.

The Scotts Corner course includes a variety of terrain and fences.

100-Mile Race
Saturday's Hunter Trials is the first of three major equestrian events of the Spring season here. Scheduled for March 15-18, the St. Patrick's Day weekend, is the Sandhills 100-Mile Ride which is being organized under auspices of the Town of Southern Pines with support of the Moore County Hounds, an event new to the area already attracting interest and entries.

Trophies will be given in Senior (Continued on page 8)

BENEFIT BALL GAME TONIGHT

Tonight's basketball game between the Little Nine and Rosey's Major Leaguers, both teams featuring former college stars, will begin at 7:30 p. m. in the high school gym.

The contest is sponsored by the Jaycees and the Band Boosters Club for benefit of the school band uniform fund.

New Move By Carpet Firm

A. & M. Karageusian, Inc., manufacturers of Gulistan carpets, announced this week the decision to move the weaving and related finishing operations of their commercial narrow Wilton carpet from the New Jersey Division to their Aberdeen plant.

The company had already announced plans for moving its wide Wilton facilities to Aberdeen, into the new plant section which has been built on the plant there.

Cecil Beith, plant manager said the new wing—which adds 83,000 square feet of floor space to the 245,000 they already had—will be sufficient to house both the Wilton operations.

Both changeovers are expected to be completed by the end of the year.

MORE TRYOUTS

Additional tryouts for the next production of the Theatre in the Pines, local community drama group, will be held at 8 p. m. Friday at the town hall courtroom, it was announced today. All interested persons are invited.

Blue Knights Clinch County Title

By CHARLES ROSE
Coach Billy Megginson's Southern Pines Blue Knights pinned down the Moore County Conference high school basketball championship at Pinehurst last night with a 66-47 victory over Pinehurst, leaving the Knights with a 17-2 record for the season.

It was the first regular season championship won by a Southern Pines basketball team in over 10 years. To attain it, the Knights outpaced Robbins which ended with a 16-3 record.

The local girls lost to Pinehurst last night 75-56, dropping them to 10th place in the county standings.

Pinehurst boys led in the first quarter and most of the second, but the Blue Knights came back strong in the second half to gain

and hold a comfortable advantage.

Southern Pines scoring was led by Rose with 18 and Marcum with 15. Oldham and Beddingfield, with 15 each, were high for Pinehurst.

High scorers for the local girls were Morris, 29, and Grover, 17. For Pinehurst, they were Cameron, 41, and Kennedy, 15.

The Blue Knights took a great step toward the first position in the county race on Thursday evening of last week in Southern Pines, when they defeated the previously once-beaten Robbins Bearcats, 59-48, to tie them for the conference lead.

The lead changed hands many times in the first quarter with the Knights trailing by one point, 15-14. In the second quarter, the Knights picked up points on deadly outside shooting, while overtaking the Robbins lead and going ahead 26-22 at the half.

The Knights came back early in the second half and built that lead to nine points on Marcum's jumpshot, with five minutes remaining. (Continued on page 8)

TOURNAMENT STARTS FRIDAY

The 34th annual Moore County High School Basketball Tournament gets started Friday night at the Cameron school gym and is scheduled to move to Carthage for the final three days next week.

Southern Pines boys drew a bye in the tourney and are scheduled to play their first game in the semi-finals Wednesday night of next week at Carthage.

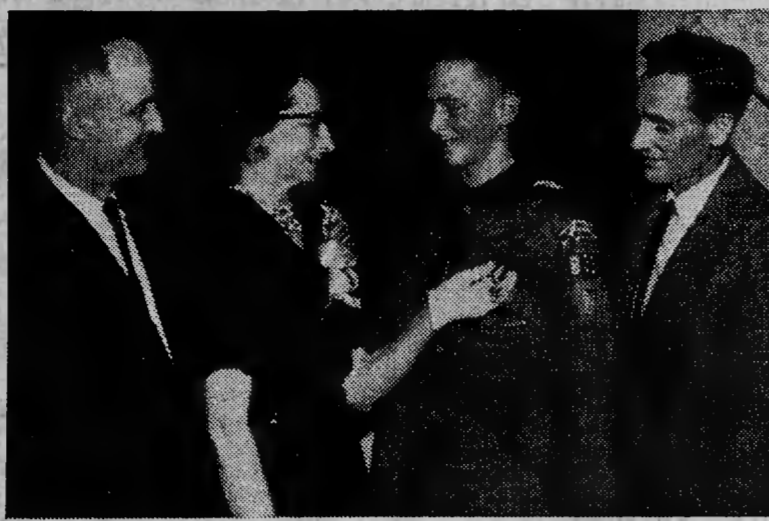
The local girls begin play at Cameron Friday against Vass-Lakeview.

Leading contenders for the boys' title are Southern Pines, Robbins, West End, Carthage and Cameron.

Moore Negro Tourney Starts Here Tonight

The annual Moore County basketball championship tournament, with all four Negro high schools of the county taking part, starts tonight (Thursday) at the West Southern Pines gym, with Berkeley (Aberdeen) girls facing Academy Heights (Pinehurst) girls and Berkeley boys playing the boys from West Southern Pines. First game is at 7:30 p. m.

Schools taking part are West Southern Pines, Berkeley, Academy Heights and Pinckney (Carthage). The tournament will run through Saturday night.



PROUD MOMENT — Scout Lee Caviness is wearing his Eagle badge, just presented in a court of honor ceremony. At left are his parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Caviness of Carthage. At right is his Scoutmaster, Fred Beck. (Humphrey photo)



TOP TROOP — Scoutmaster Henderson Britt (left) receives from Voit Gilmore, donor, the Storey Cup for general excellence of his Troop 74, Robbins, last year. Boys of the troop watch proudly in the background. (Humphrey photo)

LOCAL EXPLORER, CUB UNITS HONORED

Storey Cup Won by Robbins Troop; Carthage Scout Given Eagle Award

The coveted Storey Cup was awarded Monday night to Boy Scout Troop 74 of Robbins, "top troop of the year" in competition among all troops of the Moore district.

The announcement was made at the district court of honor held at the Pinehurst High School. The award is made by judging on points covering all phases of troop activity during the past year.

The handsome silver cup—filled for the occasion with candy bars—was presented by Voit Gilmore of Southern Pines, donor of the memorial trophy, to Henderson Britt, scoutmaster of Troop 74. The Scouts got the candy bars while Britt received a small replica of the trophy to keep. The award has been made

for the past 10 years by Gilmore, honoring the memory of his stepfather, W. M. Storey of Winston-Salem.

Besides the trophy and much applause, Troop 74 won the attendance award for the second consecutive month.

Eagle Badge
For Carthage Troop 852 it was also a proud occasion, as one of its members received the Eagle Badge. This was Lee Caviness, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Caviness. Making the presentation was Joseph E. Sandlin of Southern Pines, former Moore district chairman, now Occaneechee Council vice-president.

Two Local Awards
Two other high awards were presented. One, recognizing Southern Pines Post 224 as top Explorer Post of the year, was received by Raoul Trudell, post advisor, in behalf of his unit.

The other was the Commissioner's Cubbing Award, made to Dr. Bruce Warlick, cubmaster of Southern Pines Pack 73.

Presiding was C. Coolidge Thompson of Pinebluff, district advancement chairman. Pinehurst Troop 7 performed the opening ceremony.

Rank advancements or merit badges, or both, were presented to Scouts from units in Southern Pines, Aberdeen, Robbins, Carthage and Farm Life.

SYMPHONY TO PLAY AT 8:45

Tonight's performance by the North Carolina Little Symphony, directed by Dr. Benjamin Swalin, will begin at 8:45 p. m. in Weaver Auditorium, the public was reminded today by the sponsoring Sandhills Music Association.

During the concert, Dr. Swalin and Robert Velten, concert-master, will perform with the string section in a Bach concerto for two violins.

Tickets can be obtained at the box office.

Gifts of Groups Give Big Boost To SVA Campaign

(More on SVA activity, page 9)

The nurse scholarship campaign of the Sandhill Veterans Association received the biggest boost of its 13-year existence this week with announcement that two Moore County women's organizations each expect to contribute sufficient funds to send a girl through nursing school.

Funds will be given separately from the annual SVA campaign of general solicitation in the county, but contributions from both the organizations will be administered by the SVA and choice of the scholarship winners will be conducted under SVA regulations and procedures.

The two organizations assisting the scholarship project are:

The Moore Memorial Hospital Auxiliary which will donate \$950.

The Moore County Medical Auxiliary (wives of physicians in the Moore County Medical Society) which raised over \$500 at a tea and fashion show yesterday towards this group's financing a scholarship. (See story about this event elsewhere in today's Pilot).

Meanwhile, the regular campaign of the SVA is continuing, with a goal of sending at least two Moore County high school graduates to nursing school at High Point Memorial Hospital.

B. C. Avery of Southern Pines, drive chairman, says hundreds of appeal letters have gone out and asks that contributions be returned as quickly as possible. Persons not receiving letters may send checks to the SVA at Box 894, Southern Pines.

In an effort to encourage training of registered nurses, the SVA has sent one or more girls to nursing school, for a full, three-year, expense-paid course, since 1947.

Saunders Named To Bank's Board

William P. Saunders of Southern Pines was elected a director of the Citizens Bank and Trust Co. at a meeting of directors held Friday night, Norris L. Hodgkins, president, announced this week.

Mr. Saunders, who resigned in January after four years as director of the North Carolina Department of Conservation and Development, had formerly had a long and successful career in the textile business. He had been president of Robbins Mills, later merged with other textile firms, and for many years lived at Robbins where he served as mayor for a number of terms.

Election of Mr. Saunders to the local bank's board increases the number of directors to 14. At the recent annual meeting of the bank's stockholders, seven new directors were elected, increasing the board from six to 13 members, with authorization given to the directors to elect others, if they chose, up to a total board membership of 17.

Playhouse Sets Feb. 23 Opening

The Pinehurst Playhouse, the only professional Broadway Equity union company in North Carolina this winter, will open its 10-week season in Pinehurst Thursday evening, February 23, with presentation of "The Moon Is Blue."

A different Broadway hit play will be presented each week, with performances on Thursday through Sunday nights. The season will end April 30. Curtain time is 8:40 nightly.

Second attraction, opening March 2, will be "Streetcar Named Desire."

Donald Filippelli is the producer. The company will perform in the former Carolina Theatre which has undergone considerable repairs and redecoration.

BANKS TO CLOSE

The Citizens Bank and Trust Company of Southern Pines and other banks in the area will close Wednesday, February 22, in observance of Washington's Birthday.

Airport Hangar, Shop Burned In Night Blaze

Fire of undetermined origin Wednesday night completely destroyed a hangar at the Southern Pines-Pinehurst airport and a plane which was inside.

Southern Pines and Pinehurst fire departments answered the 10:10 p.m. call but arrived to see the metal building "collapse like an eggshell," said Southern Pines Fire Chief Frank H. Kaylor.

This was one of three hangars at the airport and was used solely for maintenance. Destroyed with it were all the shop equipment, tools, maintenance supplies and aircraft parts belonging to L. C. and R. E. McKenzie, brothers who operate an aircraft service, supply and charter business under lease from the county.

While the county-owned building was insured, there was no insurance on the McKenzies' equipment and their loss will run to several thousand dollars, said R. E. McKenzie this morning. He said they would not know the amount of their loss until an inventory could be made but "it won't put us out of business"—the business will continue, though necessarily suspended for a short time.

Gordon Cameron of Pinehurst, a member of the county's Airport Committee and former longtime chairman of the board of county commissioners, said today that the hangar was insured for \$3,000, but doubted if it could be replaced for that amount. He said the

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West End Boys On Probation in Vandalism Case

Judgment was continued under strict probationary terms in Moore County Recorder's Court at Carthage Monday, by Judge J. Vance Rowe in the cases of four West End teen-agers charged with malicious destruction of property in breaking 32 windows from the West End High School building recently.

The boys are: Donald Farmer, 16; Guy McNeill, 17; Harold Hunley, 16; and Larry Pusser, 16.

They were ordered to pay the costs and the full cost of repairing the windows.

Putting the boys under supervision of the probation officer for the next two years, Judge Rowe also directed, as terms of continuing judgment: that they be of good behavior for two years, that they stay away from the school grounds until reinstated in school (three were expelled for this term and one suspended for two weeks), that they use every effort possible to obtain work and keep themselves occupied in their work until reinstated in school, and that during the next six months they not operate a motor vehicle off their own premises at night, unless with written permission of the probation officer.

If they violate the terms of probation, Judge Rowe warned, they will be given prison terms. Judge Rowe lectured the boys on the meaning of responsibility and said he was giving them a chance to make good. If they don't, he said, they will have nobody but themselves to blame.

Savings & Loan In New Building

The Southern Pines Savings and Loan Association on Monday moved its offices from a location on N. E. Broad St. to its newly constructed building on the corner of S. E. Broad St. and New York Ave., Lloyd L. Woolley, president of the association, reports.

The building is completed except for a few details but all furniture had not been received this week.

Mr. Woolley said that a formal opening would be held at the new location within 30 days. The building was designed by Hayes, Howell and Associates, local architectural firm.

Telephone number at the new location is 695-6222. The office hours are 9 to 4, Monday through Friday and 9 to 1 on Saturday.



DR. McLEAN

Dr. C. C. McLean Named to Local Education Board

The town council appointed Dr. C. C. McLean Tuesday night to fill the unexpired term of Harry J. Menzel on the Southern Pines city board of education.

Mr. Menzel, who had been a member of the board for about 10 years, died last week.

Dr. McLean, who lives on Midland Road, between Southern Pines and Pinehurst, is a partner in operation of the Sandhill Veterinary Hospital. His name, the only one placed in nomination, was introduced by Councilman John Ruggles who recalled that for many years it had been customary to have on the board of education a member from outside the Southern Pines town limits, representing the Manly-Midland Road area.

The new board member has been active in the Parent-Teacher Association and on the Southern Pines School Study Committee, the group that is currently making a study of the curriculum and operation of the Southern Pines schools. He is president-elect of the North Carolina State Veterinary Medical Association.

Dr. McLean's wife is the former Laura Dew of Lumber Bridge. They have a daughter, Martha who is a third grade student at the local school.

Harry J. Menzel Funeral Held at Emmanuel Church

Funeral services were held Saturday afternoon at Emmanuel Episcopal Church for Harry J. Menzel, 59, prominent Southern Pines citizen, who died Thursday afternoon of last week at Moore Memorial Hospital.

The Rev. Martin Caldwell, rector, officiated. Burial was in Mount Hope Cemetery. Pallbearers were N. L. Hodgkins, Jr., Thomas Ruggles, Luther A. Adams, James Irwin, John D. McConnell and John Howarth.

A well-liked and respected member of the Sandhills community, Mr. Menzel had been associated with Biddle & Co., Pinehurst real estate and insurance firm for 30 years, maintaining his residence in Southern Pines. He was vice-president of the Pinehurst firm.

Although Mr. Menzel had not (Continued on page 8)

RESOLUTION HONORS MR. MENZEL

At its regular meeting Tuesday night, the town council directed that a resolution be drawn expressing the council's sympathy in the death of Harry J. Menzel who was a member of the Southern Pines board of education, also to express the council's appreciation for his valued services on the board for many years.

Members of the board of education for the Southern Pines city administrative unit are appointed by the town council.