

VASS NEWS and PERSONALS

MRS. CHARLES CAMERON

Girl Scout Week
In observance of National Girl Scout week and in commemoration of the 50th anniversary of Girl Scouting the local troops worshipped as a body on Sunday Church. Attending the service with the girls were Mrs. James Hudson, Brownie leader, and Mrs. Howard Gschwind, the neighborhood chairman.

Woman's Club Meets

Mrs. Charles Cameron was hostess to the Vass Woman's Club at her home Thursday night. President Mrs. Charles R. Pope presided over the meeting and conducted a business period prior to the program. Mrs. P. A. Wilson was in charge of the devotion and led in a responsive Club Litany. During the business period, Mrs. Howard Gschwind reported a total of \$101.36 collected in the Heart Fund Drive for the community. During the social hour Mrs. Gschwind modeled her three-piece all-occasion outfit which she had made to enter and model at the Vogue Fashion Sewing contest, sponsored by the General Federation of Women's Clubs which was held by District 9 on Saturday, in the Sanatorium Auditorium at McCain. The hostess served refreshments of pound cake, nuts, and Russian tea to the 16 members present.

Pastor's Family Honored

Members of the MYF of the Vass Methodist Church entertained at a surprise pantry pounding honoring their pastor, the Rev. David Moe and Mrs. Moe in the church fellowship hall Sunday night. A period of fellowship was enjoyed by members of the church prior to the presentation

of a bountiful table of food and other kitchen necessities by the MYF president, Patsy Callahan. The Rev. and Mrs. Moe expressed their sincere thanks for the gifts. During the refreshment period, punch, sandwiches, mints, and decorated cake squares were served.

Share Birthday Honors

Kent and Mark Bullock, sons of Mr. and Mrs. Lane Bullock, shared in birthday honors Saturday afternoon at a party given by their mother at their home. Some 32 guests were entertained with games and refreshments of ice cream and cake.

Personals

Mrs. W. D. McCrany was able to return to the home of her daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. D. H. McGill on Saturday after spending a few days in a Hamlet Hospital, and in the home of her daughter, Mrs. Andrew Hemphill. While hospitalized she was visited by her son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. W. R. McCrany of Richmond, Va.

Debbie McGill of Charlotte spent the weekend with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. D. H. McGill.

Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Buie and family of Greensboro visited with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Rosser over the weekend.

Mrs. Arch Blue and grand daughter, Teresa Foster, were Thursday night guests of her daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Taylor and family in Carboro.

Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Cameron and Larry Cameron, spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Henry Lane, and her father, James Hilliard in Bonlee.

MOORE COUNTY RECORDER'S COURT

Eight Convicted of Gambling at Rented House in Parkwood Section

Eight defendants from Moore and neighboring counties were convicted at Carthage Monday in Moore County Recorder's Court of gambling, with two additionally convicted of possession of gambling equipment and operating a gambling establishment.

All were netted in a raid on a rented house in the Parkwood section between Carthage and Highfalls, Friday night, March 9, by the sheriff's department, assisted by ABC officers and state troopers.

Chief Deputy H. H. Grimm, testifying for the State, identified Bill Maness, 26, of Robbins, and Joe Maness, 39, of Asheboro, as actual operators of the place, with Bill Maness having rented the house.

Grimm said he didn't know how long the place had been in operation but "we had had complaints about it for the past three months."

Several dozen decks of cards, some opened, others still in sealed packets, were taken in evidence and piled on a table in court.

When the raiding party entered, said Grimm, "there was an exchange of money between Joe Maness and Roscoe Wall (William R. Wall, 24, of Liberty) so we don't know how much each of them had before we came in." All were searched, and \$81.50 was found on Joe Maness, \$549 on Wall.

Leon Kennedy, 21, of Robbins had no money on him, while Bill Maness had only 83 cents. The others were carrying funds as follows: Roger W. Phillips, 24, of Sanford, \$57.08; Tillet Lee Maness, 24, Carthage, \$108; Ben Brady, 24, Robbins, \$123.03, and Carroll Chalfinch, 24, of Robbins, who Grimm said "had just come in and only just sat in on the game," \$70.20.

Only \$26.50 was found on the gaming table, and Judge J. Vance Rowe ordered this confiscated and turned over to the county treasury, while the money found on the defendants' persons was to be returned to them. The decks of cards he ordered destroyed, but other items seized—quantities of soft drinks, paper cups and cigarettes—were to be returned to their owners.

Judge Rowe ascertained that there was no evidence of alcoholic beverage about the place, that the defendants were all men with jobs and with the respect of their fellows. Only one, Joe Maness, was known to have "a trace of a police record" and this was in another count, Grimm said. He characterized the whole operation as "small time."

Defense Attorney H. F. Seawell, noting that there is "a touch of the gambling spirit in everybody," called it "sort of a country club without a golf course."

"These men gambled with cards," he said, "but somebody else might gamble by buying a ticket on a car to be raffled off for a worthy community cause." All the defendants pleaded not guilty except Ben Brady, who pleaded nolo contendere. Joe and Bill Maness drew 90-day sentences suspended for two years on payment of a joint fine of \$100 and costs, and were ordered not to engage in gambling nor in operating a gambling house in Moore County during the period of suspension. For the others, prayer for judgment was continued on payment of \$10 and one-sixth of the costs each.

Youths Plead Guilty
Four youths apprehended by officers in Wake County last week, when they tried to sell a battery which they admitted having stolen along with four cans of oil, from an Esso station in Aberdeen, pleaded guilty to larceny of the items and were sentenced to 60 days each in jail.

For the four—John Neilson, 22, of Ontario, Canada; Billy Root, 16, of Sarnie, Canada; Eugene Kenzie, 19, and Albert Hamm, 18, both of Charleston, S. C.—the sentences were to be suspended on payment of a joint fine of \$25 and costs, the costs to include the transportation and traveling expenses of the arresting officer in bringing them back from Wake County. Good behavior for 12 months was also a condition of the suspension. At last report, however, the youths, who had had no money when apprehended and who refused to allow any of their families to be contacted, appeared ready to "serve their time" without trying to pay out. **Sentenced for Escaping**

Two other young men from distant states—Robert Reeder, 17, of California, and John Allen Palmer, 19, of Oregon—drew three months each for escaping from the Carthage prison camp, the sentences to be served at ex-

piration of those they are now serving. Judge Rowe said he "made the sentences light" in view of testimony of a prison official that the youths had returned to the prison camp voluntarily after one week's absence.

Suspended Terms

It appeared to be Youth Day in court. Three Robbins youths, Ervin Hunsucker, 21, Carl Hunsucker, 19, and Leon Brown, 19, drew 60 days, suspended for 12 months on payment of \$25 and one-fourth the costs each, with strict good-behavior conditions, for disorderly conduct, cursing and interfering with police officer in pursuit of his duties. James Larry Sheffield, 16, of Ether, pleading guilty to larceny of gas, drew three months suspended for two years on payment of costs with a \$25 fine to be paid out of his own earnings, also to pay for the stolen gas.

Losses License

Leon Thompson Hussey, 16, of Robbins, was charged with speeding 80 miles per hour in a 60-mile zone. He pleaded guilty to speeding in excess of 75. Prayer for judgment was continued on payment of a \$50 fine and costs, and he was directed to surrender his license and not drive on the public roads during the next six months.

Appeals

Raymond Lloyd Brown of Carthage, Route 2, convicted of speeding 90 in a 5-mile zone, driving after license revocation, resisting arrest, careless and reckless driving and refusing to stop at trooper's command, drew a straight 12 months' sentence and noted an appeal to superior court, for which bond was set at \$1,000. In the same case Aaron C. Beauchamp of Carthage, Route 2, drew a 60-day sentence, suspended for two years on payment of \$50 and costs, with good-behavior conditions for public drunkenness and resisting arrest.

Franklin Belvin Frye, 19, of Greensboro, was found not guilty of a hit-run charge but convicted of drunken driving, and sentenced to 60 days, suspended on payment of \$100 and costs with license revoked for 12 months. Defendant noted an appeal and bond was set at \$300.

Also notifying of appeal, with bond of \$300, was Joe Flowers of Candor, drawing the same sentence conviction of drunken driving.

Other Cases

James C. Bradford, no address given, speeding 65 in 55-mile zone, \$10 and costs; Vernon Lee Allred, Robbins, Route 2, careless and reckless driving, judgment continued on payment of \$25 and costs; Marvin Lee Cagle, Jr., Sanford, speeding 70 in 55-mile zone, \$25 and costs; Diana Neal Bridges, Southern Pines, speeding 67 in 5-mile zone, \$15 and costs; David McDowell, Liberty, public drunk, \$25 including costs; Ed McCaskill, Robbins, public drunk, judgment continued on payment of \$25 and costs; Rufus Person, Robbins, Route 1, assault on female, threats, capias ordered for prosecuting witness for show-cause hearing, case continued to next Monday; Ernest Johnson, Carthage, exceeding safe speed, accident, judgment continued on payment of costs, defendant not to drive his auto during next 12 months and not until he gets car in good mechanical condition with good safe tires on it.

Jerry Wayne Bradley, speeding 70 in 60-mile zone, \$15 and costs; James Edgar Collins, Cameron, Route 1, exceeding safe speed, costs; Roscoe Brown, Robbins, public drunk, 30 days or \$15 and costs, not to appear in public place in town of Robbins while in intoxicated condition during next 12 months, appeal noted, bond set at \$50.

BEAT BENHAVEN, ORRUM AND CLARKTON

Blue Knights Win District Title

Knights play tonight in state tournament—See story on front page.

By RONALD McCRIMMON

The Southern Pines Blue Knights downed the Clarkton Warriors 56-51 in the finals of the District 4 playoffs at Red Springs Saturday night, to advance to the State 1-A tournament in Durham.

The Knights took an early lead and led the rest of the game. Off to a good start, they led 21-14 at the end of the first quarter. In the last few minutes of the second quarter the Warriors drew within one point of the Knights' lead, the closest Clarkton came to overcoming the local boys. At the end of the first half, Southern Pines was leading 27-26.

In the second half the Warriors offered several threats but each time the Knights successfully held them down. In the fourth quarter, the Knights had a 12-point lead at one time but it was cut down in the last few minutes by the Warriors in their final effort.

Last year at Robbins, Clarkton defeated Southern Pines in an overtime, in the District finals.

Wally Wallace led the Knights Saturday with 17 points. Eddie McKenzie followed with 16, Harold Williford 13, Dick Seymour 3, and Johnny Bristow 7. Jerry Hall 16, McEwen 12 and Hall with 13 points were the leading scorers for Clarkton.

Friday Game

Friday night, in the semi-finals, the Knights defeated the Orrum Raiders 74-56 in no doubt the finest game the Knights have played thus far in the season, hitting 70 per cent of their shots from the floor. The Knights led throughout the contest and were never offered any serious threats by the Raiders.

Eddie McKenzie led the

Knights with 20 points, followed closely by Wally Wallace with 19, Dick Seymour 8, Harold Williford 16, Johnny Bristow 6, Robert McCrimmon 4, and Joe Hiatt 1.

Mickey Connor and Paul Graham scored 24 and 15 points respectively for the Raiders.

In the first round of the tournament the Knights had eased by the Benhaven Bulldogs 42-39. They trailed 13-8 at the end of the first quarter but came back in the second to tie the game 17-17. In the second half the Knights built up a 14-point lead but had it cut down in the final minutes of the game.

Eddie McKenzie was the leading scorer with 13, Harold Williford 11, Johnny Bristow 10, Dick Seymour 5, and Wally Wallace 3 for the Knights.

Woods scored 13 and Marks 8 to lead the Bulldogs.

Southern Pines gave one of its

finest performances against the Orrum boys, since going into a mid-season slump.

In each game in the tournament the Knights proved to be excellent ball handlers and good shots from the outside. Williford and Seymour once again proved their ability to rebound; and Wallace, McKenzie and Bristow continued to work well together in the backcourt.

AMONG LOWEST

In North Carolina, public welfare payments to those eligible under law to receive aid, are among the lowest in the nation. County departments of public welfare continually seek to help recipients budget their small grants wisely and to help them become self-supporting citizens. For further information call or contact Mrs. Walter B. Cole, Moore County Director of Public Welfare, at Whitney 7-2436.

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