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W. Southern Pines Taken Over by City

Annexation Bill Sponsored by Town Commissioners Passes General Assembly

CHARTER IS REVOKED

Citizens There Deserve Advantages in Way of Police Protection, Public Improvements and Sanitation, Says Southern Pines Official.

The bill to abolish West Southern Pines as a corporate village and annex it to Southern Pines, introduced in the State Legislature by Senator Murdoch Johnson at the request of the Town Commissioners of Southern Pines, was passed by the General Assembly yesterday. West Southern Pines, familiarly known as "Jimmie town," becomes a part of the City of Southern Pines, its own charter revoked and its present administration automatically suspended.

This measure has been the chief topic of fireside and street corner conversation in Southern Pines since it was introduced in the State Senate a short time ago. There have been those who saw great danger in the annexation of the colored community as well as those who believe it to be the only solution of government for the colony. The citizens of West Southern Pines themselves are said to have been in favor of annexation "if they could afford it," but they questioned their ability to do their share in support of any program of improvement. The opponents of the measure in Southern Pines itself feared the additional tax burden of taking over the suburb if it meant improvements in the way of sewers, proper water supply, proper policing, etc.

Proponents of the bill maintained that self-government had not proved a success in West Southern Pines, that conditions were not as they should be, that existing conditions so near to a resort town were an ever present threat both from the standpoint of health and peace, and that the only solution was to bring the town under the government of Southern Pines.

A member of the city government, interviewed by The Pilot immediately after passage of the bill yesterday, made the following statement:

No Public Improvements

"The General Assembly has passed the bill advocated by the Town Commissioners abolishing the charter of West Southern Pines and including

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Robert N. Page Again Heads Country Club

Directors and Officers of Southern Pines Corporation Hold Annual Meeting

Robert N. Page was elected president of the Southern Pines Country Club at the annual meeting of the officers and directors of the organization which was held last Saturday night in the Country Club at 8:00 o'clock. The business meeting was preceded by a banquet.

Other officers chosen are: vice-president, M. G. Nichols; second vice-president, Frank Shamburger; third vice-president, Dr. J. W. Dickie, and secretary and treasurer F. F. Travis.

The board of directors for the ensuing year was chosen as follows:

L. E. Adams, J. C. Barron, Dr. A. McN. Blair, J. H. Boyd, Struthers Burt, A. I. Creamer, Dr. J. W. Dickie, Hunter Eckert, H. W. Gage, C. L. Hayes, J. J. Harrington, Ernest Morrell, Nelson C. Hyde, Dr. W. C. Mudgett, George C. Moore, Dr. J. S. Milliken, M. G. Nichols, R. N. Page, F. B. Pottle, J. N. Powell, Frank Shamburger, J. B. Swett, M. H. Turner, F. F. Travis, E. C. Stevens, T. A. Kelly.

No other important business was transacted, the remainder of the time being given over to a reading of reports of the various officers.

Now It's "Judge" Poate

Municipal Recorder's Court for Southern Pines Created by General Assembly and Mayor Names Author—Doctor—Lawyer as Presiding Justice

Southern Pines is to have its own Recorder's Court. A bill providing for its establishment was passed by the General Assembly on Tuesday, and Mayor D. G. Stutz immediately appointed Dr. E. M. Poate as judge. The Mayor and Commissioners decided to establish the court at once, to take the place of the Mayor's Court which is now in operation.

Next Tuesday, March 10th, at 10 o'clock in the morning, the City Recorder's Court will be formally opened and will hold its first term in the new Court room on the second floor of the Municipal Building. Judge Poate will be sworn in by Mayor Stutz at that time. Howard Burns, Town Clerk, is expected to act as Clerk of Court.

The court will have the same jurisdiction as the County Recorder's Court, except that it will be limited in jurisdiction to the Town of Southern Pines and the district within two miles outside the town limits. All misdemeanors committed within this territory will be tried before Pr. Poate—author, doctor, lawyer, psychiatrist and now a judge.

Mrs. McNeill Dies Suddenly at Vass

Prominent Woman of Community Passed Away Tuesday after Family Reunion Sunday

The Vass community was shocked on Tuesday as it had not been in a long time when it became known that Mrs. E. L. McNeill, one of the best loved women of the community, had passed away.

Mrs. McNeill was able to be about her usual duties on Sunday and had greatly enjoyed having her entire family with her, the three daughters, and little grandson who reside elsewhere being at home until the late afternoon. On Monday morning she suffered an attack of gall-stone colic, but members of the family were entirely unprepared for her passing, which came most unexpectedly at eleven o'clock Tuesday morning from acute dilation of the heart.

Funeral services were held at 3:30 Wednesday afternoon at the Vass Presbyterian Church conducted by the pastor, the Rev. Charles A. Lawrence, assisted by the Rev. M. D. McNeill of Cameron, a former pastor and friend of the family. Comforting passages of Scripture were read and the pastor paid a high tribute to the life of the deceased. "Nearer My God to Thee" and "Jesus Lover of My Soul" were sung by the choir, and "Sometime We'll Understand" was sweetly rendered by Mrs. Dan S. Ray and Mrs. W. H. McNeill of Lakeview.

Friends and relatives in numbers greater than the church auditorium could accommodate were present, and the floral offerings bore testimony of the great love which the neighbors felt for the deceased. The body was interred in the Johnsons Grove cemetery.

Active pall bearers were Jesse Gardner, Fred L. Taylor, Eugene Keith, J. R. Auman, John McCrummen and N. N. McLean. Honorary pall bearers were S. R. Smith, W. B. Graham, A. D. McLaughlin, J. A. Keith, J. M. Tyson, W. D. Smith, W. D. Matthews and W. C. Leslie.

Mrs. McNeill, before her marriage, was Miss Elizabeth McLellan, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. C. McLellan of the Godwin section of Cumberland county. She was from a prominent family, her father having at one time represented his county in the State Legislature.

Lived Here 34 Years

On December 22, 1897, her twentieth birthday anniversary, she was happily married to E. L. McNeill and as a bride came to a plantation on Little River to make her home. To this

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MANY HERE APPLY FOR MILITARY TRAINING CAMP

A number of applications have been received from young men of Moore county for the Citizens Military Training Camp at Fort Bragg from June 12th to July 11th this summer, and with the small quota of eight allotted to this county it is only a question of first come, first served. Nelson C. Hyde, who is in charge of enrollment in the county, has all the necessary application forms and information folders, and those interested in this golden opportunity to become better citizens as well as to enjoy a month at government expense should communicate with him at The Pilot Office, Aberdeen.

Mrs. Maggie Blue, Ill Two Years, Dies

Was One of Earliest Settlers of Blue's Crossing, Now City of Aberdeen

Mrs. Maggie Blue, member of a prominent Aberdeen family, died at her home here about 4:30 o'clock Monday afternoon after an illness of almost two years during which time she suffered three strokes of paralysis. She had been in a coma for several days and her death was not unexpected. She was 71 years old.

She was the widow of the late Malcolm Blue, who died 40 years ago at Valdosta, Ga. She is survived by her two daughters, Misses Berta and Ila Blue, who have been devoted attendants at her bedside all through her last illness. Henry McCoy Blue, Mayor of Aberdeen, Will Blue, Halbert J. Blue, Mrs. John Graham and Miss Louise Blue are nephews and nieces of the deceased.

She was a member of the Methodist church since early childhood and a consecrated Christian woman.

Mrs. Blue was one of the settlers of the town, coming to Aberdeen to live about 1888 and it was for a member of her family that Aberdeen was first called Blue's Crossing.

The funeral was conducted at her home here on Tuesday afternoon at 3 o'clock, the Rev. W. C. Ball, pastor of the Aberdeen Methodist church, officiating, with interment at Old Bethesda cemetery by the side of her son, James Blue, who preceded her to the grave about 10 years ago.

TYSON GETS TWO YEARS ON LIQUOR CHARGES

Ralph Tyson, former resident of Southern Pines where he resided on Bennett street, near Wisconsin avenue, drew a sentence of two years and a \$500 fine in Federal Court at Rockingham this week on charges of dispensing liquor from his home. He was arrested some time ago by Chief of Police Beasley of Southern Pines. Sentence will be served in the Federal Industrial Reformatory for men at Chillicothe, Ohio.

MISS MARY LEACH BRIDE OF NEILL A. GRAHAM

Announcements were received in Aberdeen during the week of the marriage last Thursday of Miss Mary Elizabeth Leach, daughter of Mrs. Ralph Leach of Aberdeen, to Neil Archibald Graham of Durham. The wedding was quietly solemnized at the Leach home here. The bride is one of the most popular and attractive of Aberdeen's younger set, while Mr. Graham is assistant manager of the Malbourne Hotel in Durham, where they will make their home.

HUNDREDS ENJOYED THE ANNUAL SHRINE BALL

The annual Shrine Ball of the Sandhill Shrine Club held at the Pinehurst Country Club last Friday night was a huge success socially and financially. The many people present, and they ran into the hundreds, had a good time, and the children of the county benefited, for the funds will be used as in former years for examination and correction of eyesight among the needy ones. Donald Ross of Pinehurst headed the committee in charge of the dance.

MANNING TO PLAN IMPROVEMENT OF MIDLAND SECTION

To Lay Out Development Between Southern Pines, Knollwood and Pinehurst

NEW ROADS UNDER WAY

Plans for the improvement of the territory lying between Southern Pines, Knollwood and Pinehurst have been shaping for some time. This week they are about to climax in the announcement that Warren Manning has been engaged to survey the situation and furnish a design for the work. Mr. Manning has been supplied with maps and information from which he will begin a preliminary study. As he has already worked out the projects for the two separate developments of Pinehurst and Knollwood, with much work on Midland Farms territory, he has the ground work for the job in hand now. As soon as the preliminaries are laid out he will be down this way to go over the field in a detail way, when the real work will commence.

Mr. Manning has long had a bold conception of this section. When the Midland Road was first talked he argued for a 200-foot road. That looked too visionary at the time, but he finally won with 120 feet, which is now seen to be too narrow. His preliminary plan at that time was for a four-way road. A one-way road was built. Now it is a two-way road, and it is highly probable that the Manning idea of four tracks will ultimately prevail. But to relieve this the projected 100-foot road in the extension of Pennsylvania avenue from Southern Pines to Pinehurst is now contemplated. This road has been opened to the west line of West Southern Pines. Judge Way, Knollwood and Midland Farms own the frontage from West Southern Pines to Pinehurst. They have been discussing the advisability of clearing out the right of way and disclosing on the ground the outlook that will follow the final construction of the road through there. The plan is for 100 feet the whole distance. The route is straight from Broad street in Southern Pines to the turn in the old trolley route near the Rountree house on Midland Road, but keeping on the trolley route back of the Midland block of five-acre lots, parallel with the Midland road.

On the north side of the Midland Road Rassie Wicker is making a survey of another broad road which will mark the line between Midland lots and the Midland Farms just as Pennsylvania avenue will on the south side. This will go to the Barber and Burrell White lands, opening the north side in similar manner to Pennsylvania avenue on the South. This is the primary feature of the work. What Mr. Manning will do with the whole job remains to be seen. It looks as if the scheme will unfold quickly now and cover the whole region down to the Watson property.

\$95,000 Allotted for New Postoffice Here

Southern Pines, Included on Ten-Year Building Program Awaits Appropriation

Ninety-five thousand dollars is allotted to Southern Pines for a new postoffice in the ten-year building program announced by the Postoffice and Treasury departments at Washington. The sum must be appropriated by the next Congress which convenes in December, before it becomes available. When made available, post-office officials will visit Southern Pines, select a site and the Treasury department will draw plans for the building.

MOORE TAXES REDUCED 52 CENTS FOR SCHOOLS

The passage of the educational bill introduced in the Senate by Senator Johnson of Duplin will result in the reduction of school taxes for current expenses of 52 cents in Moore county. Reductions range throughout the state from 24 cents in Forsyth county to 80 cents in Currituck.

County Commission Five Members Provided in Bill Before Assembly

Moore County Divided into Five Districts with One Commissioner To Be Elected From Each Subdivision

CAMERON AND SEYMOUR ADDED NOW

A bill to increase the Moore County Board of Commissioners from three to five members was introduced in the State Senate by Senator Murdoch M. Johnson of Aberdeen on Wednesday and is understood to be in line for prompt action. Introduction came as the result of a growing sentiment in the county that owing to the varied interests of this community each section of the county should have direct representation on the board and also because of the enactment of the new State highway law doing away with county highway boards, thus throwing additional work on the county commissions.

Under the bill as introduced, the county is divided into five districts, as follows: No. 1—Carthage Township; No. 2—Bensalem and Sheffield Townships; No. 3—Deep River and Ritters Townships; No. 4—Greenwood and McNeills Townships, and No. 5, Sandhills and Mineral Springs Townships.

It is the purpose of the measure to have one member of the County Commission elected from each of the five districts, but not exclusively by the electorate of that district. The entire county votes for all five candidates, but one nominee must come from each of the five districts.

Cameron and Seymour

Provision is made for the immediate increase of the present board, the bill providing for the adding of Frank Cameron of Greenwood Township and G. C. Seymour of Aberdeen, representing Sandhills Township, to the commission to serve from the passage of the measure until December, 1932. The present Board of County Commissioners, comprising Messrs. Matheson, Currie and Shaw, all come from the northern section of the county, leaving the more populous end of the county only indirectly represented during a time when new state legislation effecting the county and general business conditions require the most careful consideration of all townships.

The bill introduced by Senator Johnson appears to have county-wide support, and is expected to weather the legislative mill before the General Assembly adjourns in the course of the next few weeks. The Pilot has heard no objections raised to its enactment, the public generally considering the measure as one for the benefit of the county as a whole.

The bill as introduced reads as follows:

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA DO ENACT:

Section 1. That there shall be, and the same is hereby created, five districts in Moore County for the nomination and election of County Commissioners.

Section 2. That at the next general election in one thousand nine hundred and thirty-two, and every two years thereafter, there shall be nominated and elected respectively one commissioner from each district, and the districts shall be numbered one, two, three, four and five, and shall comprise the following townships:

- (a) District number one shall be composed of Carthage Township.
- (b) District number two shall be composed of Bensalem and Sheffield Townships.
- (c) District number three shall be composed of Deep River and Ritters Townships.
- (d) District number four shall be composed of Greenwood and McNeills Townships.
- (e) District number five shall be composed of Sandhills and Mineral Springs Townships.

County-wide Vote

Section 3. That the candidates in the primary from each respective district shall be voted on by all of the

qualified voters of Moore County, and the candidate from each respective district who shall receive the largest number of votes shall be declared to be the nominee of his party, duly nominated as the candidate from said district for the general election, and said candidates shall be voted on in the general election by all of the qualified voters of said Moore County.

Section 4. That in addition to the present Board of County Commissioners consisting of three members, Frank Cameron, of Greenwood Township (District number four), and G. C. Seymour, of Sandhills Township (District number five), be and they are hereby appointed commissioners to serve until the first Monday in December, one thousand nine hundred and thirty-two.

Section 5. That the laws governing the election of County Commissioners not in conflict with this act shall be as provided by statute.

Section 6. That all laws and clauses of laws in conflict with the provisions of this act are hereby repealed.

Section 7. That this act shall be in full force and effect from and after its ratification.

Denny and Johnson New Kiwanis Members

Club Hears Good Reports from Committees at Monthly Business Meeting

Robert E. Denny and Raymond Johnson, both of Pinehurst, were greeted as new members of the Kiwanis Club of Aberdeen at the Weekly meeting held on Wednesday in the Community Church at Pinehurst, and welcoming speeches were made by Paul Dana, Herbert Vail, the Rev. Murdoch McLeod and the Rev. J. Fred Stimson.

Good work was reported by the Kiwanis Educational Committee, through its chairman, Elsie Keith; by the Music committee, Jerry Healy, chairman, and the Publicity committee, of which Howard Burns is chairman, at this week's meeting, which was the monthly business meeting.

The club was visited by a delegation from the Trenton, N. J. Kiwanis Club, which entertained the local Kiwanians with mouth organs and zoboes. W. L. Blackburn of the Trenton club made a few remarks, winding up with the improvised quotation, "All work and no play makes Jack—and lots of it."

The Kiwanis Ladies Night and Dance will probably be held the second week of April, it was announced. James McNab of Pinehurst is chairman of the committee on arrangements.

Drivers License Law Bill Passes Assembly

And Senate Votes To Increase Size of State Highway Patrol

The General Assembly has passed a Statewide drivers' license law, for which The Pilot has been campaigning for some time, and Wednesday the Senate approved an increase in the State Highway Patrol from the present complement of 37 to a total of 84. These two measures should militate against the heavy slaughter on highways of North Carolina in the future.

Assemblyman U. L. Spence of Carthage introduced two new bills in the House during the week, one to permit the State treasurer to charge a lower rate of interest on balances and protect State funds, the other to enable the State treasurer to issue bonds and anticipation notes.