



Cause of County Health Center Is Pushed By Citizens

Delegation Asks Commissioners To Accept Opportunity

The case for the construction of a health center in Moore county received fresh impetus, Monday, when several citizen groups went before the county board of commissioners to plead this cause. From Southern Pines, Mrs. James Boyd, a past president of the Moore County Maternal Welfare Committee, and Mrs. L. T. T. very, former secretary, joined with Mrs. A. P. Thompson, chairman of the Pinehurst branch, and Mrs. T. A. Cheatham, chairman of the county T. B. Association, to ask that serious consideration be given to this project. Their efforts were seconded by J. Talbot Johnson, Aberdeen attorney, who spoke on behalf of Mrs. Johnson, head of the Aberdeen Maternal Welfare committee, who was unable to be present.

Carthage Leads the Way
Carthage opinion was represented by Colin G. Spencer, Jr., a member of the Junior Chamber of Commerce, which had gone on record as favoring this project, and by Mayor Arch Barnes, who ended the discussion.

Mayor Barnes said that he knew the commissioners felt an equal interest with the citizens present in the situation of the health department. The Medical Care Commission grant offered to the county for a new building, in which the federal government and the state would assume two-thirds the cost, presented, he said, an opportunity which he felt should not be missed. He said he and others had come to ask the board what could be done to forward this project.

Mrs. Boyd, as spokesman for the men's organizations said she needed the need for the health center was clearly evident. The center quarters, she said, have long been considered inadequate due to their position up two flights of long stairs in the top of the court house, inappro-

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Welcome, Sweet Springtime



This is what April, that unpredictable month, produced in Southern Pines last Friday. The big white blobs are what hailstones look like to a camera, close up. (Photo by Emerson Humphrey)

Freak Hailstorm Batters Sandhills; Half-Hour Pounding Causes Damage

A freak hailstorm pounded the living daylight out of this community for a half-hour Friday evening. From 5:45 to 6:15 hailstones ranging up to golfball size rattled like artillery on roofs, walls, windows and the earth. By the time it ceased, yielding to drenching rain, the ground was covered with midwinter whiteness, and the hailstones were piled in corners six to 10 inches deep.

Southern Pines and its neighbor towns north and south were tallying the damage for days, as claims stacked up chin high on insurance agents' desks. The storm followed US Highway 1, hitting Vass, Manly, Southern Pines, Aberdeen and fading off toward Pinebluff. At Pinehurst, golfers played serenely around the course unaware of the havoc being wrought within a few miles. The section around Carthage and all the north end of the county apparently escaped untouched.

Damage to buildings was mostly on roofs, which lost shingles, sprang leaks and gave way to holes of varying sizes. A number of roofs had to be entirely replaced, including that of the Tommy Vanns at Manly and the Aberdeen theatre. Some windows were broken at Manly, skylights at Southern Pines and 44 lights at the Chandler's Greenhouses.

Howard F. Burns, town superintendent of streets, said Thursday it would take a week or 10 days longer to clear the streets of litter and repair the deep gullies in the dirt streets washed by driving hail and rain. Stopped-up culverts required the town crews' immediate attention following the storm, and they have plenty more to do.

The new leaves were beaten off of trees in all parts of town. Many leaves were knocked from the magnolias in the city park, and others were pierced by the hailstones with many holes. The dogwood blossoms, already on the wane, vanished like chalk pictures under an eraser.

Tops of several convertibles parked on local streets were turned into sieves, also the awning on the front of the H. L. Brown agency.

Flower plants newly set out and young shoots coming up in gardens were mutilated beyond recovery.

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Proclamation

WHEREAS, MISS ANNE P. HUNTINGTON is retiring in June from teaching after 46 years of faithful service; and

WHEREAS, Forty-one of these years have been devoted to the youth of our own community, helping them gain a good education, instilling in them the principles of service and good citizenship; and

WHEREAS, There is nothing finer on earth than a good and faithful teacher, and no treasure greater than such a one gives to each child who comes under her influence;

THEREFORE, I proclaim Wednesday, May 10, ANNE HUNTINGTON DAY in Southern Pines, a day for the loving gathering about her of her pupils of former and present days, and a day for all citizens of Southern Pines to do her honor, and render such return as may be possible for the invaluable gifts she has given to us all; and I call a PUBLIC MEETING at 8 o'clock May 10 at the new Southern Pines auditorium, so that this may be done in fitting manner.

C. N. PAGE,
Mayor of Southern Pines

FOR MISS ANNE A program honoring Miss Anne Huntington will be held at 8 p.m. Wednesday, "Anne Huntington Day," at the new school auditorium, followed by open house at the gymnasium.

Sponsors of the program say that all townspeople are invited, and particularly as many of the hundreds whom she has taught in 41 years of loyal service as can possibly come. Many still live here; others will come from distant places; the town will join them to honor a lifetime devoted to teaching—and to them.

L. V. O'Callaghan Named Manager For Willis Smith

L. V. O'Callaghan, Southern Pines town board member for 23 years and former mayor, will handle Willis Smith's campaign for the United States Senate in Moore county, it was announced by Smith's state campaign chairman, Charles P. Green, at Raleigh this week.

Mr. O'Callaghan has been fire chief and head of the town's volunteer fire department for about 15 years. He is a World War I veteran, member of the American Legion, VFW and Elks lodge.

He is also a past president of the North Carolina Plumbing and Heating association and is now a state director. He operates a plumbing and heating and electrical appliance business here.

Manager Green, in announcing his Moore County manager, declared: "We are proud to secure a man who is held in such high esteem, and who has enjoyed the confidence and trust of his community for so long, to handle Mr. Smith's campaign." He offered high praise for Mr. O'Callaghan's outstanding record of public service.

In accepting the appointment, Mr. O'Callaghan listed several reasons why he is giving his support to Mr. Smith's candidacy. "I am for him," he said "because I believe he's the man for the office. He is one of the outstanding men of the State, who has attained both State and National prominence and is well versed in international affairs."

Mr. O'Callaghan also pointed (Continued on Page 5)

Changes Seen In S A L Schedule; One Train Cut Off

The Seaboard Air Line's Washington-Hamlet run has lost a train, according to the summer schedule which went into effect Sunday.

Just six times a day now do trains stop at Southern Pines for passengers and mail. Northbound, they are The Sunland, 6:16 a.m.; local, 10:06 a.m.; and The Palmland, 6:50 p.m.

Southbound — The Palmland, 9:05 a.m.; local, 6:50 p.m., and The Sunland, 10:54 p.m.

Another change here is the loss of a ticket clerk, Mrs. B. W. Anderson, who has been serving in this capacity from 4 p.m. to midnight for two months. She is returning to her home at Wake Forest.

D. E. Bailey, station agent, will be on the eight-hour shift alone. Since his duties require him to be on the code machine a good deal of the time, especially at train times, it is going to be difficult for him to attend to answering questions, selling tickets and making change at the same time. He issued a request this week that as many people as possible buy their tickets in advance of train time to relieve the pressure at the window.

The schedule has necessitated only one minor change in local mail closings, according to Postmaster A. Garland Pierce. The 5:30 p.m. closing for southbound mail is no longer necessary, as the 6 p.m. will serve for mail going both north and south.

TONIGHT AT 8 Persons interested in drama and the possibility of a community theatre here next year, are invited to a meeting tonight (Friday) at 8 o'clock at the Southern Pines library, Frank Echols and Erle Hall, of the University of North Carolina, will be present to explain a plan in this connection.

The young men, both experienced in Playmaker work and "alumni" of The Lost Colony at Manteo, propose to start such a movement here if they find community favor and support. Experienced in direction and technicalities of staging plays, they would produce several plays during the season, using local talent in the casts.

If you are interested, the group would like your ideas.

N. C. Merchants Meet Here Sunday In 48th Convention

FINE ARTS "The Art of Portraiture" is the title of the exhibition on view in the Fine Arts room of the Library this coming week.

The show is made up of reproductions of some of the world's most famous paintings, from the print collection of the Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York, Holbein, Rembrandt, Van Dyke, Raeburn, Sully, Peele, Lawrence are among the old masters represented, while such moderns as Van Gogh, Gauguin, Speicher, Cassatt bring the collection up to date.

Credit Women's Breakfast Clubs Will Meet Here

While the N. C. Merchants association is in convention here Monday and Tuesday, members of the N. C. Credit Women's Breakfast Clubs, including women executives all over the state, will join their convention sessions and social functions while also holding several of their own.

A board meeting at the Hollywood hotel, convention headquarters, at 7:30 a. m. Monday will get the meeting off to an early start. Coffee Hour at the Hollywood from 10 o'clock until noon will honor the president of the state association, Mrs. Mary Etta Johnson, of Winston-Salem. Mrs. Johnson will preside over the luncheon Monday at 12 noon at the Hollywood. The Salisbury club is in charge of entertainment for this luncheon, and, through local arrangements, has secured Mrs. Mary Chatfield as singer with Mrs. L. D. McDonald as accompanist.

Greeting From Cameron
Herbert N. Cameron, director of the N. C. Merchants association representing the Sandhills group, will give a welcome. Miss Francie Rowe, of Washington, D. C., first vice president of the national organization of Credit Women's Breakfast Clubs, will be the luncheon speaker. A business session will follow. The women will then join the Merchants' convention session at the auditorium, and that night will attend the dance at the Southern Pines Country club.

Visitors and residents will meet and mingle at two events here Sunday, opening day of the N. C. Merchants association and N. C. Credit Women's Breakfast Clubs conventions.

A gymkhana will be held at 3 p.m. at the Southern Pines Country club, put on under the chairmanship of J. T. Overton, assisted by Joe Montesanti, Jr., especially for the entertainment of the guests. Some of the Sandhills' fine horses and riders will take part. The public is invited.

Sunday evening, public and visitors alike are invited to the Fellowship Forum's "Evening of Music" at 8 o'clock at the Church of Wide Fellowship. The choir will sing, with Mrs. L. D. McDonald at the organ, and four or five of the town's fine soloists will be heard.

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Tuesday, the Durham club will present a breakfast program and Voit Gilmore, of Southern Pines, will be the speaker. After convening with the Merchants for their morning convention session, a luncheon will be held at the Highland Pines Inn with installation of officers as major highlight of the ensuing program.

Coleman Is Speaker
Arch Coleman, of Southern Pines (Continued on Page 5)

Enthusiastic Throng Hears Symphony In First Appearance In Sandhills

New Southern Pines Hall Is Scene of Gala Affair

Plans of the Sandhills Music Association which began a year ago culminated Wednesday night in the concert of the North Carolina Symphony orchestra in Southern Pines' new auditorium.

The big hall, opening for its first major entertainment was filled almost to capacity by an audience which came from all parts of Moore county to hear the famous orchestra give its first performance in the Sandhills.

Under the direction of Benjamin F. Swalin, the orchestra's distinguished conductor, the group of more than sixty players gave a performance to which the audience responded with prolonged applause that drew three encores at the close of the program. Varying from the opening classical number: "Trumpet Voluntary," by Purcell and the weighty Brahms Third Symphony, to Gills' "Ranch House Party" and the finale, "Tales of the Vienna Woods," the program was keyed to suit every taste. Expressions of pleasure heard during the intermission and afterwards showed that appreciation was widespread of this outstanding musical treat.

Music Association Plans
Prior to the opening number, Voit Gilmore, president of the Music Association, appeared on the stage to introduce the orchestra and to describe the plans of his group for further musical entertainment in the Sandhills. He paid tribute to those who had helped "to bring music to the Sandhills," his mention of "Mr. Al Yeomans, who was the president of the first Music Association," bringing a burst of applause from his hearers. He told the audience that Mr. Yeomans, unable to climb the long steps to the auditorium, was hearing the concert from his car outside.

Describing plans for the future which included the possibility of concerts by distinguished artists, Mr. Gilmore asked for a show of hands of those who could be counted on to subscribe \$10.00 (Continued on Page 8)

Doctors Call Special Meeting

An emergency meeting of the Moore County Medical society was called for Thursday evening, the purpose of giving endorsement to the proposed state-federal health center for Moore.

The endorsement is to be presented to the county commissioners who have called a meeting for Friday in order to take action on establishment of the center.

Dr. J. S. Milliken, president of the county society, said the doctors were summoned together for mediate action following discussion of the health center plan by Dr. Roy Norton, state health officer, and other officials at the N. C. Medical Society convention held at Pinehurst this week. A committee of the Moore County society appointed to secure the facts did so at this time, and recommended the calling of the special meeting.

Dr. Milliken said that he had no doubt that full endorsement would be made by the county society.

The investigating committee, appointed following discussion of the project at the regular meeting April 24, consists of Dr. R. L. Felton, chairman, Dr. W. F. Hollister and Dr. M. W. Marr.

National Square Dance Champions Here Next Week

The Soco Gap Dancers of Waynesville, national square dance champions, will give an exhibition performance and lead in square dancing at the Southern Pines gymnasium next Friday night, May 12, under sponsorship of the school band.

This world famous group has been written up in publications all over the country, pictured in Life and given request performances before the King and Queen of England and at the White House in Washington. They have appeared by special invitation in big cities all over the land, giving the old-time mountain dances with authentic artistry.

During the evening, from 9 to 12, they will lead the square dancing, teaching all comers, and also give two exhibition dances. Figure calling with all known variations will highlight the proceedings. Both dancers and spectators may anticipate a lively time, of unusual entertainment value.

The group consists of both men and women, who appear in country costume.

Proceeds of the evening will be used to buy additional uniforms and instruments for the band.

THE POLITICAL SPOTLIGHT— Jim Pleasants For Commissioner

Jim Pleasants, Southern Pines' candidate for the county commission in more than 30 years, who can truly say he filed cause of the urging of my ads."



JIM PLEASANTS

ate of the Carthage High school, Jim attended Davidson college and Stetson university, Florida. He was employed for a time by the Way Construction company of Valdosta, Ga., then became a partner and sales manager in a manufacturing concern at Carthage.

After some years he entered the employ of the N. C. Department of Agriculture, and was stationed at various places throughout the state for four years. He entered insurance at Sanford in 1938, and in 1946 returned to Moore county, making his home at Southern Pines and serving as district agent of his insurance company, covering several counties.

He is the grandson of the late Superior Court Judge James D. McIver of Carthage. By chance he married a lady also named McIver—Miss Jean McIver, of Sanford. They have two sons, Julian and Rodney.

Jim is a member of the Brownson Memorial Presbyterian church and last year served as an organizer and as first president of the (Continued on Page 5)