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## Sentiment For PTA to Be Queried

### Move Is Result Of Action Taken By Group Of Parents

At a special meeting of the local school board, Tuesday night, it was voted to address a questionnaire to the parents of all school children, asking them if they favored formation of a Parent-Teacher Association in Southern Pines schools.

The move came as a result of action taken by a local parents' group, meeting at the office of Dr. R. M. McMillan the previous week, at which school matters were discussed, with special emphasis on the benefits to be derived through parent-teacher cooperation.

A further point considered at that time for possible study was the question of a consolidated senior high school for the three "triangle towns" of Aberdeen, Pinehurst and Southern Pines.

Following a meeting between Dr. McMillan, chairman of the parents' group, and School Superintendent A. C. Dawson, Mr. Dawson presented to the school board the ideas of this group, with the resulting decision by the board to seek "the opinion of all the people," and, if it proved favorable, proceed with the formation of a P.T.A.

Mr. Dawson described as "favorable" the attitude of the local board toward the idea put forward by the parents' group. He stressed, however, that, though there had been considerable casual discussion of the subject, this was the first time, since he assumed his present position, that a direct approach from an organized group had been made to the school board.

## Three Democrats Recommended For Elections Board

The Moore County Democratic Executive committee this week submitted to the State committee the names of three men recommended for membership on the Moore Board of Elections.

These were S. C. Riddle, of Carthage, and J. Hubert McCaskill, Pinehurst, who are currently serving on the board, and Roy McSwain of Robbins.

The names were submitted Tuesday, said W. A. Leland McKeithen, chairman, also announcing his imminent resignation from this post. Judge McKeithen, newly sworn in to the superior court bench, said he will not resign formally until the annual meeting of the committee, which is due to be held in April. He has no official duties to perform before that time.

Two names of the three submitted for the board of elections will be selected by the State Democratic Executive committee, which will then add as third member one to be recommended by the Moore County Republican committee.

## SCOUTS PARADE

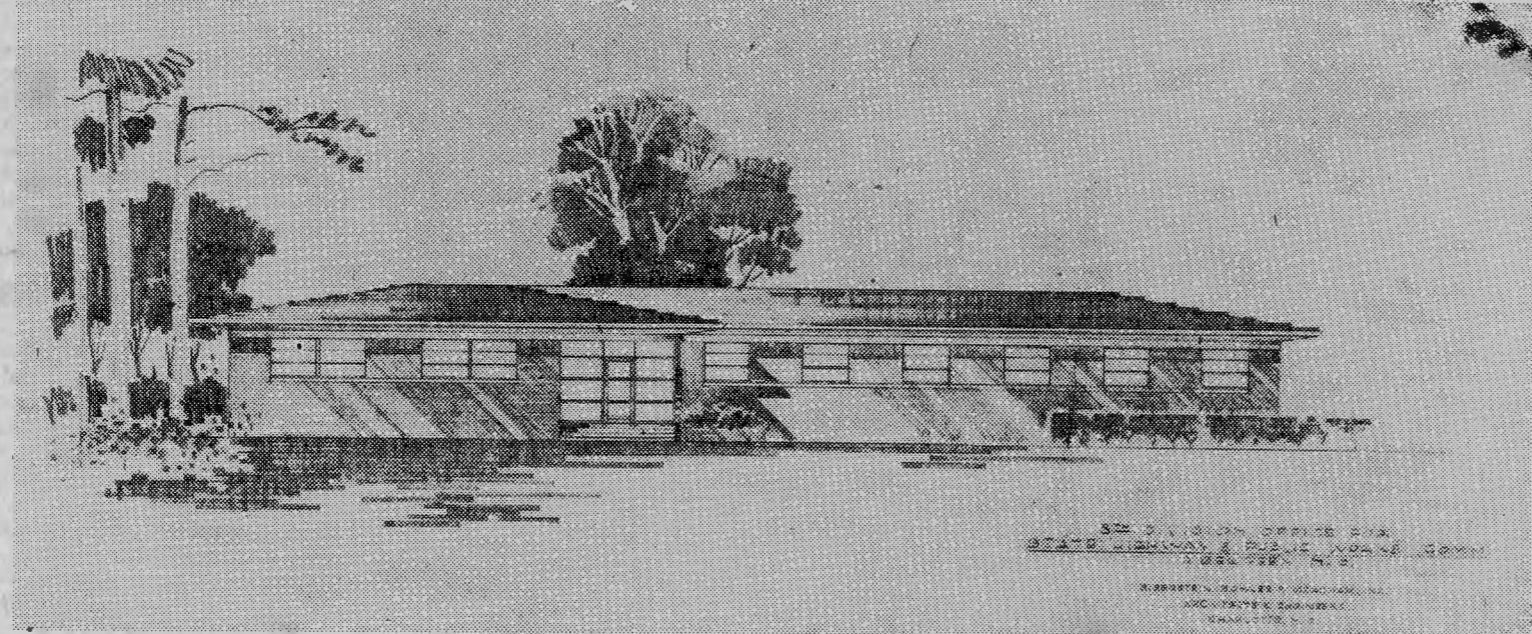
Sparked by the bands of Southern Pines and West Southern Pines High Schools, Boy Scouts and Cub Scouts of Moore County paraded from the school through the business section Saturday afternoon in observance of Boy Scout Week.

Adding color and interest to the parade were an American Legion color guard, the locomotive of the Moore County 40 and 9, Southern Pines fire department equipment, new cars in which adult Scout officials rode, vehicles of the National Guard, a Red Cross mobile water rescue unit and other vehicles and equipment.

Troops from throughout Moore County took part.

## BANK TO CLOSE

The Citizens Bank and Trust Co. will be closed Monday, February 22, in observance of the Washington's Birthday holiday.



HIGHWAY BUILDING—Here is an architect's drawing of the Eighth Division Highway building to be constructed at Aberdeen north of the Dairy Queen on No. 1 highway. Excavating work for the structure began this week and construction is slated to begin April 1, according to Forrest Lockey of Aberdeen, Eighth Division Highway Commissioner. The brick veneer building will have 7,135 square feet of floor space, 4,215 on the ground floor

and 2,850 in a basement to be reached by an outside entrance. The building will be 111 feet long, with a width of 37 feet on the south end and 42 feet on the north end where there will be an offset. Completion is expected by July 1, with a force of trained prisoners doing most of the work. Bibenstein, Bowles and Meachum of Charlotte are the architects.

## Bar Association Honors New Judge At Kiwanis Meet

### Leland McKeithen Praised By Tributes Responds To

Members of the Moore County Bar association paid honor to one of their number, Judge W. A. Leland McKeithen, in a special program at the Sandhills Kiwanis Club luncheon meeting Wednesday.

Judge McKeithen, who was sworn in at Raleigh last Thursday as a special judge of North Carolina superior court, is a longtime member and past president of the Kiwanis Club. J. Talbot Johnson, president of the county bar association, served as chairman.

All the lawyers in the county except two or three who were unavoidably absent, also C. C. Kennedy, clerk of court, were seated at the long speakers' table with Chairman Johnson and Club President N. L. Hodgkins.

Five of these were called on for (Continued on Page 5)

## Editor To Speak At Civic Club

Walter R. Freeman, editor of the Mentor Books section of the New America Library Publishing Co. of New York City, will speak at the Civic Club Monday afternoon on "Trends In Literature." The program will begin at 3:30 p. m.

Mr. Freeman, a graduate of New York University and a World War veteran, is interested in urging children and young people to read good books. With his wife, the former Virginia Douglas, and their three-year-old son, Geoffrey, Mr. Freeman is expected to arrive in Southern Pines Saturday. While in Southern Pines, they will be guests of Mrs. Freeman's parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Douglas, 355 East Ohio Avenue.

## Horse Show Will Not Be Held

Out of respect to the memory of three of its members who have died during the past year, the board of directors of the Mid-South Horse Show Association, Inc. at an informal meeting held on Thursday voted to dispense with the annual event in 1954. Instead, the group will give its support to a series of weekly horse events to be held throughout the season.

At the session held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd P. Tate, the directors present accepted with deep regret the resignation of Vernon G. Cardy as president of the association, and asked Mr. Tate, vice president, to serve until the next annual meeting of the association. This he agreed to do.

The question of abandoning for this year the annual event which has been held on the Starland estate of Mr. and Mrs. Tate for the past few years, from which the Moore County Hospital and St. Joseph-of-the-Pines Hospital benefited brought forth considerable discussion. Three reasons for dis-

## State, Federal Tax Help Offered

A representative of the State Department of Revenue will be at the Federal Internal Revenue office in the basement of the Southern Pines post office Wednesday of next week, February 24, to help taxpayers prepare State income and intangible tax returns. A representative will also be at the Carolina Pharmacy in Pinehurst Tuesday, March 2. Hours at both places will be 9 a. m. to 3 p. m.

E. Earl Hubbard, Internal Revenue Service representative is at the post office location daily, 8:30

a. m. to 5:15 p. m., except Saturday, offering free assistance to Federal income taxpayers. On Friday of next week, February 26, he will be in the courtroom at Carthage 9 a. m. to 5 p. m.

He asks that persons needing assistance come early and have their tax information readily available and says he is making every effort to avoid unreasonable waiting periods. On Saturday of next week, February 27, the local office will be open a half day.

## Many Horses Entered Hunter Trials Set Saturday

The Hunter Trials of the Moore County Hounds, one of the most informal and enjoyable of the "horse events" of the Sandhills season, will be held Saturday starting at 2 p. m. at "Scotts Corners" on Youngs Road, near Southern Pines.

In the Hunter Trials the horses who have taken part in the hunt during the past few months will be put through their paces, showing to a large audience just what goes on in the hunting field, and how well they meet the tests of the field.

The Hunter Trials this year are

## Sgt. Adams Loses Life In Accident

Sgt. Woodrow W. Adams of the 82nd Airborne Division was killed when a car in which he was riding with Master Sgt. Edward M. Pierce and two other soldiers overturned Saturday afternoon on the Manchester road in the Fort Bragg reservation.

Sergeant Adams, his wife and their infant child had been living in Southern Pines. Pierce, also with the 82nd, reportedly was driving and was taken to Fort Bragg hospital with serious injuries. The other occupants of the car escaped with minor injuries. Adams' parents live near Madison, Tenn.

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continuing it at least temporarily, were advanced: 1. The death of three of the most active members of the board within recent months, C. Louis Meyer, former president; Fred C. McBride, and Col. George P. Hawes, each of whom had devoted much time and energy toward the success of each year's event. 2. The interest on the part of both exhibitors and the public in the many training shows which have been held sporadically in Pinehurst and Southern Pines on weekends. 3. The lack of time and personnel to fully and adequately prepare for the 1954 two-day show which had tentatively been scheduled for the last of March.

Attending the meeting on Tuesday were the following: Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd P. Tate, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Goodwin, Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Crotty, Mrs. Audrey Kennedy, Dr. J. I. Neal, J. T. Overton, A. Corbett Alexander, Mickey Walsh, Dooley Adams and James Tufts.

## Women Voters Hear Reports On Town Study

### Officials, Budget, School Facilities Among Items Noted

First reports on a "Know Your Town" survey undertaken by the newly organized local unit of the League of Women Voters were made Thursday night of last week when the League met at the Civic Club.

Covering town officials, budget, tax rate, protection services, educational facilities and other matters, the reports launched the first major project of the League here. Mrs. C. A. Smith, who presided, called for reports after she had congratulated the bulletin committee on the first bulletin it has prepared and issued.

Mrs. Curtis Townshend and Mrs. Russell Simons submitted a report on "Tools of Government." They gave data on salaries and responsibilities of town officials and information on the town budget, talking of the administration's plans to reduce the tax rate from \$2.20 to \$1.80, chiefly by making water and sewage service self-supporting.

In the discussion it was brought out that there is no city assessor but that the town uses county assessments as a basis for taxation. The wisdom of this was questioned. (Continued on Page 5)

## Moore GOP Sets Dinner Feb. 22

Moore County Republicans will hold their Lincoln Day dinner Monday, February 22, at 8 p. m. in the American Legion hut out of Carthage on the Southern Pines road.

K. W. Hennings, chairman of the dinner committee, said that several speakers will be on hand and that a large crowd is expected.

## Basketball Tournery To Start

The curtain came down on the 1953-54 Moore County basketball season with Wednesday night's games although Wednesday's contests had no bearing on the pairings and seedings of the tournament which begins Friday at Carthage.

In their last games of the regular season Southern Pines boys and girls defeated the Pinehurst teams at the local gym Wednesday night, the boys winning 62-49 and the girls 60-50.

The athletic committee and coaches met Tuesday night at Carthage and pairings and seedings were made for the tournament which promises to be a hotly contested event in both girls and boys competition.

Aberdeen's Devillettes, with a 12-1 record are seeded first in girls' play, followed closely by Robbins 13-4, Highfalls 14-5 and Carthage 12-5.

A 12-1 county record enabled Aberdeen's Red Devils to be seeded number one in boys' competi-

## Pre-Revolutionary Home In Moore County To Be Taken As Historic Shrine

### Glenn Hancock Gives House, Land To State

Assurance that the "House in the Horseshoe," a pre-Revolutionary dwelling near Deep River in Moore County, would be taken over by the State as a historical shrine was given last week by J. A. Stenhouse, chairman of the State Historic Sites Commission.

Made possible through the generosity of Glenn Hancock, lumberman of Bonlee in Chatham County, who said he would present the house and 10 surrounding acres to the State for such a purpose, the plan marks attainment of a goal long sought by the Moore County Historical Association, the Alfred Moore Chapter, Daughters of the

American Revolution, and other interested persons.

All details of the project remain to be worked out when the Historic Sites Commission meets at Raleigh in March. Meanwhile the Moore Historical Association and the DAR Chapter, joined by the North Carolina Society for the Preservation of Antiquities and interested individuals are launching a state-wide campaign to raise \$5,000 for immediate and preliminary restoration work and other expenses in connection with the property.

Mr. Stenhouse's assurance was given Friday at the Deep River township site where he and Mrs. Stenhouse, coming from their home in Charlotte, met with Mrs. Ernest L. Ives, president of the Moore County Historical Association, Mrs. Katherine N. McColl, vice-president, and the owner, Mr. Hancock.

It was then that Mr. Hancock made his gift of the property to the State, although this could not be formally accepted until the Historic Sites Commission meets.

Built in the 1760's, the house has gained increasing fame through the years as the site in 1781 of a skirmish between its owner Phillip Alston, in the house with a group of Continental recruits, and the Tory Colonel David Fanning who launched an attack on the residence. Bullet holes in the house are still visible.

When Fanning threatened to set the house on fire, Mrs. Elizabeth Alston, wife of Colonel Alston, emerged and arranged a truce.

The house today, occupied by the Landreth family as tenants of Mr. Hancock, has deteriorated but is one of the few pre-Revolutionary homes in this area and is unchanged in many respects after nearly 200 years. Mr. Stenhouse called it one of the most important historic sites in the state.

At one time Gov. Benjamin Williams occupied the home. The late John Willcox, clerk of court in Moore County, owned and occupied the home for 20 years or more before his death several years ago. It was later sold to Mr. Hancock.

## Sandy McLeod Is Master Of Newly Organized Grange

Sandy McLeod of Aberdeen was elected master of the newly organized Pomona Grange when about 60 members of the Eureka, Narrow Ridge and Cameron Granges gathered at Farm Life School Friday night.

The Pomona Grange is a group drawing membership from the three Granges of the county. Normally, a Pomona Grange meets four times a year.

Other officers elected are: J. C. Stanley, Cameron, overseer; Mrs. Beulah Womble, Cameron, lecturer; Alfred Perry, steward; Ralph Thompson, assistant steward; M. O. Ball, Jackson Springs, chaplain; Mrs. W. E. Brown, Jackson Springs, treasurer; Mrs. Louise Blue, Carthage, secretary; Marvin Hartsell, Jackson Springs, gate keeper; Mrs. J. B. McLeod, Cameron, Ceres. Miss Mary Wallace, Jackson Springs, Pomona for fruit; Mrs. Lee Smith, Jackson Springs, Pomona for flowers; Juanita Thompson, assistant lady steward.

Executive committee members named are: H. C. Russell, Jackson Springs, three-year term; J. B. McLeod, Cameron, two-year term; and D. J. Blue, Carthage, one-year term.

Pomona members and all other members of the Narrow Ridge, Cameron and Eureka Granges are invited to meet at the Narrow Ridge community house in the Roseland area Thursday night, March 11, when further plans for Pomona Grange organization and activities will be made.

## PHOTOS OMITTED

All of The Pilot's front-page photos for today's paper, including a view of the Boy Scout parade Saturday and a picture of the historic "House In The Horseshoe," failed to arrive from the engravers before press time Thursday, accounting for their omission.