

Majority Of Parents In Favor PTA

Superintendent Says Plans To Be Made To Organize Group

Response by parents to an inquiry letter about organizing a Parent-Teacher Association in the local schools is overwhelmingly in favor of a PTA here, A. C. Dawson, Jr. superintendent, said this week.

The letters went to parents of pupils in the elementary and high school via the pupils who were to take them home. Each letter asked a yes or no answer to three questions:

1. Do you feel that a PTA would serve the best interests of the Southern Pines schools?

2. Do you favor organization of a PTA?

3. Would you join and actively support a PTA?

The letter provided space to check the answers. While replies varied and a final count of answers has not been made, it is apparent that sentiment is strongly for a PTA, Mr. Dawson said.

The superintendent said that he hopes plans can be made next week for an organization meeting to which he would invite State PTA officials to aid in local organization.

Weekly Informal Horse Shows Set

Horse events are coming thick and fast as the season draws to the climax of the Stonebrook Race Meet set for March 20.

Weekly informal horse shows, held Sunday afternoons, with interest centering around children's riding, are drawing large galleries. Last Sunday's show, held despite sudden showers, at the Starland ring divided the winnings between Southern Pines and Pinehurst, with the two big jumping classes going to Starland Farms' Venus, (open jumping), with Billye Farms, (Mrs. Louis Meyer) second with Irish King; W. J. Brewster, joint master of the Moore County Hounds, won the working hunter class with North Slope.

The stiff Knock Down and Out competition called for a jump-off with the obstacles raised to sky-heights. Miss Eleonora Sears' Reno, ridden by Gabor Faltani, was the winner, over L. T. Tate Jr.'s First Attempt, (second), Vernon Valley Farms' Friar's Maid, Joan Walsh up, (third) and Starland Stables' Venus (fourth).

This Sunday's schooling show will be held at the Brewster ring just beyond Mileaway Farm on Highway 1 beyond Manly, while two weeks ahead, March 21, will be the turn of Dwight D. Winkelman to be host to the Sunday afternoon event, at his Lakelawn Farm.

Meantime hounds are going out regularly, showing the good sport that is the rule with this Moore County pack. Thursday's meet, held at the Corbett Alexander stables on the Midland road, attracted a large field, with many following in cars, led by the "roadmistress", Mrs. Dwight Winkelman.

Witness Describes Shooting

Deane Felt 'Glued To Floor' As Bullets Blasted House Chamber

A Tarheel knows gunfire when he hears it.

Even though the firing was in the chamber of the House of Representatives, where he wouldn't expect to hear it, C. B. Deane, Congressman from this Eighth district, knew that it wasn't "firecrackers", as some of his colleagues thought.

Another reason he knew it was because he was up in the gallery, almost across from where the guns were blazing. In fact, Mr. Deane was pretty much in the line of fire at one moment.

"The firing came from across the floor of the House," Mr. Deane told the Pilot, when queried about the dramatic event on the telephone Tuesday "and was aimed all over the place. While some of

Blue Knights Jubilant After Winning County Tournament



MOORE COUNTY CHAMPIONS—Southern Pines High School basketball squad members flash smiles of victory at Carthage Saturday night after defeating the Robbins High School boys 65-58 to clinch the 1954 Moore County championship. Aberdeen's Red Devillets captured the girls' title by topping Carthage, 55-39. See stories on page 5 for details of tournament, all-county teams and awards. In the photo are, kneeling, left to right: James Collins, Coach W. A. Leonard, James Humphrey, Tony Parker, Johnny Watkins. Standing, same order: J. F. Sinclair, West End principal and coach; Irie Leonard, Southern Pines High School principal and chairman of the tournament, who presented the

trophies; Charles Watkins (over Mr. Leonard's shoulder), Billy Hamel, David Page, John Seymour, Tommy Ruggles, Jimmy McDonald, manager; Jimmy Townshend, Bill Marley, Bobby Cline, Roger Verhoeff (behind Cline), Julian Pleasants, Joe McDonald (partially visible), Joe Diggs and James Morris. Not in the photo are Don Moore, assistant coach; Jimmy Bowden, Jimmy Barber, Jimmy Cheatham and Bobby Parker. That's the remnants of a souvenir net around the neck of Coach Leonard. Note the handsome trophy held by Page and Ruggles.

(Photo by Emerson Humphrey)

Gordon H. Clark Heads Local Red Cross Campaign

Tuesday of next week opens the Red Cross Drive for members and funds in Moore County, except for Pinehurst which begins on the following Monday. The goal is \$17,995.

Regional dinners of community chairmen have been held, with the remaining one scheduled at Highland Lodge next Monday at 7 p. m. to kick-off the drive in the south end of the county.

Brig. Gen. R. B. Hill released this week the names of most community chairmen for the drive, with quotas:

Southern Pines, \$5,500, Gordon H. Clark; Aberdeen, \$1,800, Dan E. Hancock; Pinehurst, \$5,500, Dr. John C. Grier, Jr.; Pinebluff, \$250, chairman not listed; Carthage, \$1,200, chairman not listed; Addor, \$40, Mrs. Henry A. Addor; Bensalem, \$20, Mrs. J. A. Kelley; Big Oak, \$15, Evander Cole; Cameron, \$175, Mrs. Frank Loving; Clay Road Farms, \$30, C. L. Ragsdale; Eagle Springs, \$120, Herbert Bost; Eastwood, \$50, W. L. Sheffield; Eureka, \$30, A. T. Perry; Glenkelman.

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Sectional Tourney Underway

Aberdeen's boys defeated Pinehurst 71-46 and the Southern Pines boys downed Vass-Lakeview 60-50 here Wednesday night to advance to the semifinals of the sectional Class A basketball tournament.

Gerald Cribb scored 22 points to lead the Aberdeen victory, and Frazier Smith scored 14 for the losing Pinehurst team. For Southern Pines, the big star was Johnny Watkins, who dumped in 19 points. Haynes of the Vass-Lakeview team had 22, however.

No games were scheduled Thursday night, with Aberdeen meeting Southern Pines and Robbins battling Carthage in semifinals tonight (Friday).

Old friends, acquaintances and classmates of Alvin Morell Bentley—the Michigan Congressman who was critically wounded when Puerto Rican fanatics shot into the House of Representatives in Washington Monday, this week were recalling the youth who lived here and was graduated from Southern Pines High School with the class of 1934.

For many who had known the young Bentley as "Morell" in Southern Pines, it was not immediately recognized that "Rep. Alvin M. Bentley (R-Mich)" was the boy who once lived at 165 N. Ridge Street (now the Earl Parker home) and who attended elementary school here, also the Ark School on Indiana Avenue Extension (now an apartment building) and later Southern Pines High School.

Most classmates had lost touch with Bentley who continued his studies at the University of Michigan and later went into the U. S. Consular Service, serving in Budapest and Mexico City. But several of the members of the class of 1934 recalled their school days with the boy whom fate put into the headlines of every daily newspaper in the nation this week.

Reports Thursday were that the Congressman, shot in chest, lung, liver and stomach, had been taken off the critical list. He was the most seriously injured of the legislators hit by bullets from the guns of the Puerto Ricans.

In Southern Pines, Bentley lived (Continued on page 8)

Vienna String Orchestra Will Play Next Week

Music from the city with the world's most glamorous musical tradition will be featured in the program of the Vienna String Symphony at the Weaver Auditorium in Southern Pines Thursday, March 11, at 8:30 p. m.

The ensemble, conducted by Kurt Rapi with Rosl Schwaiger, coloratura soprano of the Munich and Vienna State Operas, and the distinguished young concert violinist, Eilfriede Bachner, as soloist.

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Wounded Congressman Recalled By Classmates



BENTLEY AT GRADUATION—Standing at extreme right of this photo of the 1934 graduating class of Southern Pines High School is Alvin Morell Bentley, now a Republican Congressman from Michigan and most seriously injured of the legislators who were shot by Puerto Rican fanatics in the House of Representatives at Washington Monday. Several members of the class still living in Southern Pines got out these photos, somewhat faded after nearly 20 years, as they reminisced about the classmate thrown into national prominence by the tragic occurrence. Members of the class, as listed under this photo appearing in The Pilot of June 1, 1934, were: Front row, left to right—Mary Pethick, Charles Carlisle, Alice Abel, E. J. Austin, Madeline Chat-

field, Paul Blue, Mary Weatherley and Edith Poate. Center row, same order—Earl Powell, William Wilson, Theresa Montesanti, Frances Swearingen, Raymond Yorke, Susan Swett, Lois Cameron, Helena Kelly, Robert Gifford, Katie Ward and Bentley. Back row, same order—John Notargiacomo, John Hewitt, Henson Maples, George Moore, Jr., Thomas Atkinson, Ralph L. Chandler, Jr., William Cox and J. H. Hassell. Members of the class not present when the photo was taken were Katherine Buchan and Sarah Stewart. A number of the class members still live in Southern Pines. Most of the girls have married but The Pilot was unable to obtain the married names of all of them and therefore omitted this designation for any.

Change In Division Of ABC Profits Proposed At Officials' Meeting

Hosiery Mill Changes Hands

News that a new industry has come to Carthage is reported this week in the sale of the Phillips-Russell Hosiery Mills, Inc., to the Russell Hosiery Mills of Star.

Paul Russell, president of the company, has already started moving equipment from his establishment in Star and it is hoped to start work at the new Carthage location within a few weeks.

Mr. Russell takes over the concern from the Phillips brothers, N. W. and T. Roy, who took a lease on the Carthage plant three years ago, thereby saving this industry for the town of Carthage, and Moore County.

It is believed that, with the proposed expansion, an addition to the labor force of from 50 to 75 workers may be anticipated.

No Action Taken By Commissioners On Tax Collector

Moore County will be without a tax collector for at least another month.

No action on this question was taken at the regular meeting of the county commissioners to fill the place left vacant by the death of the late William T. Huntley, tax collector for 22 years.

At the monthly meeting, held in Carthage, the chairman, Gordon Cameron, of Pinehurst, reported that 10 applications for the position of collector had been received. It is expected that there will be even more, with many seeking this important county office. The board agreed that the next month should be spent by individual members in screening the applicants, with decision to be made at the April meeting.

Meantime the work of the office is being carried on by the staff, Miss Jenny Cameron and Mrs. Dot Bryant. As Mr. Huntley's regular report had been presented only two days before his death on February 21, affairs are considered to be up to date, with no heavy load expected during the coming month, the chairman stated.

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Council Thinks Towns Should Receive More

The question of equitable division between the two towns and the county of the profits of the ABC stores in Pinehurst and Southern Pines formed the subject of a joint meeting of the county commissioners, the ABC board, and a delegation of officials and citizens from Southern Pines, Monday.

Held in the commissioners room of the courthouse, with the chairman, Gordon Cameron, presiding informally over the discussion, the meeting proved both informative and valuable as establishing a friendly spirit among all concerned.

Representing the ABC board was James Tufts, of Pinehurst, chairman, and L. L. Marion of Carthage, Jerry V. Healy of Southern Pines, the third member, was not present.

The Southern Pines delegation included Mayor Lloyd Clark, Councilmen Volt Gilmore and Joe O'Callaghan, and Town Manager Tom Cunningham; also John Ruggles, John Pottle, Claude Reams, Jack Younts, Max Forrest and Graves Vann, Jr.

All commissioners were present.

Mayor Clark opened the discussion, saying that there were two main points upon which the group desired information and, if possible, action. The current town budget, he said, had been based on the expectation that funds accruing from ABC profits would run about as usual. Instead, Mayor Clark said, there had been a cut of a considerable amount. Mayor Clark asked the ABC board, as Point 1, if they could not find some way of making up this amount.

Percentage To Towns Too Low

The other point he emphasized was that it was felt the towns received too small a percentage of the profits from the ABC stores, as compared with the amount accruing to the county.

The system under which the Moore County ABC operates is similar to that existing in the 35 state ABC stores, but, whereas 32 of these 35 stores make a direct contribution of a share of the profits to the towns in which the stores are located, the Moore County board is one of only three which allow no share to the town.

The Southern Pines mayor pointed out, by means of statistics showing similar systems in other localities, that many towns such as Tryon, Asheville, Wrightsville Beach, Carolina Beach and others received anywhere from 25 to 75 percent of ABC store profits.

Judging it on a per capita basis, Mayor Clark pointed out: Wrightsville Beach gets \$28 per capita, others \$30 and \$25; Southern Pines gets only \$1.00.

The only revenue Southern Pines has received from ABC store sales has been a share of whatever was left over from the amount which is set aside under state law for law enforcement. The law specifies that ABC boards must spend not less than five per cent nor more than 10 per cent of the profits derived from the stores for law enforcement. Employment of at least one law enforcement officer by the board is mandatory.

With no pre-arranged allocation of profits to Southern Pines and Pinehurst, the amount received by the two towns has varied according to the decision of the board and in relation to how much

COUNCIL TO MEET

Marking the first use of its new "double meeting" system, the Southern Pines town council will convene next week for its "discussion" session Tuesday at 8 p. m., and will gather again for the "action" meeting Friday at the same hour, in town hall. At the first meeting, council will not vote on any matters before it, reserving debate and voting for the Friday meeting when there will be no discussion from the floor. Both meetings will be open to the public.