

### Annual Meeting of Red Cross Chapter Scheduled Tonight

Paul Moore, assistant manager of the Southeastern Area, American Red Cross, will arrive today (Friday) to address the Moore County Chapter at its annual meeting at 8 p. m. at Brownson Memorial Presbyterian Church.

Mrs. Audrey K. Kennedy, executive secretary of the Chapter, urged all who are members of the Red Cross to plan to attend. Any one who has donated \$1.00 or more this year is a full member of the national organization. The meeting will be held in the large Fellowship Room of the church.

Officers will be elected and the lagging fund drive will be discussed. Receipts in the 1954 campaign are still only one half of the \$17,995 county goal, and efforts are continuing toward reaching the goal, said Gen. R. B. Hill, Fund Drive Chairman.

### Furniture Plant At Vass Planned

The West End Table Company, which recently bought the former Vass Industries plant at Vass in a bankruptcy sale, plans to start furniture manufacturing there within a few weeks it has been announced.

E. V. Hogan of Norman is president of the company and Harold Markham of West End is secretary. Details of operations planned at the plant were not revealed.

A Thomasville furniture manufacturer bought the machinery at the plant under a joint bid of \$45,000 entered with the West End company which acquired the building and 12 acres of land.

### Chapman's 212 Wins Tourney

Richard D. Chapman of Pinehurst won his sixth Tin Whistles Club championship last week with a 54-hole total of 212 in the annual event played over the Nos. 1, 2 and 3 courses at the Pinehurst Country Club.

Runner up with 218 was P. C. Jarboe of Midland Road. B. F. Kraffert of Southern Pines, the 1953 champion, carded 229 for third place.

Chapman held the title 1947 through 1951.

Over 1,000 miles of wire will be used in establishing the communication system for Exercise Flash Burn, the atomic defense maneuver to be held this Spring in North Carolina.



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### Building Program For County Schools Lists Projects Totalling \$1,455,000

#### Completion Set For 1957 On Proposed Construction Work

A program of construction in the county school system, totalling \$1,455,000 in cost, has been outlined by H. Lee Thomas, county superintendent and secretary of the Moore County board of education.

The program, said Mr. Thomas, has been tentatively worked out by the board of education in terms of 20 projects, with costs estimated on the basis of past experience. The program is expected to be completed by 1957.

In the schedule adopted by the State board of education for spending the first \$25,000,000 of the state's authorized \$50,000,000 bond issue for school construction, Moore County has been allotted \$185,460. The county can expect to get this money by next year, Mr. Thomas said.

The program outlined by Mr. Thomas affects only schools of the county system. The Southern Pines and Pinehurst city school units have their own development programs. Under the state allotments for the first \$25,000,000 of bond money, Southern Pines is due to get \$29,856 and Pinehurst, \$19,380.

Although these funds are allotted directly to the school units involved, the Moore County commissioners will continue to allot to Southern Pines and Pinehurst school systems yearly amounts from county school funds for capital outlay projects.

Here is the complete list of county system projects, listed, says Mr. Thomas, in about the order of priority in which they will be undertaken:

1. Carthage Elementary, 21 rooms, improve site, equipment, \$22,000.00.
  2. Pinckney Gymnasium, colored, \$100,000.00.
  3. Aberdeen Auditorium, Enlarge site, equipment, \$130,000.00.
  4. West End, 10 rooms and enlarge site \$110,000.00
  5. Aberdeen Cafeteria, Addition, enlarge site, \$25,000.00
  6. Farm Life Gymnasium, \$80,000.00.
  7. Elise Agriculture Building site, Equipment, \$25,000.00.
  8. Pinckney High School, 10 room addition, colored, \$100,000.
  9. Berkley Cafeteria (site-equipment), colored, \$25,000.00.
  10. Davis Cafeteria, colored, \$15,000.00.
  11. Westmoore Gymnasium, \$30,000.00.
  12. Berkley Agriculture Building (site, equipment), colored, \$25,000.00.
  13. Westmoore Agriculture Building equipment, \$20,000.00
  14. Elise Cafeteria (site, equipment), \$35,000.00.
  15. Cameron Cafeteria, \$25,000.00.
  16. Cameron Gymnasium, \$80,000.00.
  17. Aberdeen Elementary, 6 rooms, \$60,000.00.
  18. County Garage, \$30,000.00.
  19. School Supply Warehouse, \$30,000.00.
  20. Vass - Lakeview Auditorium, etc., \$125,000.00.
- Total, \$1,455,000.00.

Red Cross hospital personnel will be assigned to three maneuver hospitals during Exercise Flash Burn, the atomic defense maneuver to be held in the Fort Bragg-Camp Mackall area of North Carolina, this Spring.

### COMMISSIONERS

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vice under E. H. Garrison, and the Welfare Department, officials of the two services going into considerable details with chickens, cows, dewberry prospects figuring prominently in the first report and the ills of the aged and the orphaned in the second.

"What can we do about egg prices? How can we regulate them? What can be done about the surpluses?" were questions put by Commissioner John Currie to J. D. Allen, the department's chicken expert.

Drying and preserving the eggs seemed to be the only answer to a situation that is admittedly a stumper: "After all," said the agent, "Everything that has feathers on it is just going to lay more eggs in the spring."

Reports of 4-H work were given by J. A. Dinan, of the Extension Service, and Mrs. Muse, assistant to Miss Flora McDonald. The former stressed the growing interest in sheep raising among the young people. Mr. Dinan also described a new type of hay shed being built near West End under the guidance of James Parker of the state agriculture department and spoke highly of the help given the county service by the state official.

Miss McDonald followed with word of her Home Demonstration Club's activities. She put in a strong plea for the development of another market, this one to be located in Aberdeen.

Miss Freda McNeil, agent for the Negro clubs, spoke with enthusiasm of the fine cooperation she is getting from leaders and members. The nine 4-H clubs already established are going ahead full steam, she said. There have also been 11 Home Demonstration club meetings with as many as 80 attending a recent one on gardening, addressed by a state speaker.

A plea for a Negro farm agent was made by Charles ... of Carthage, who pointed out how successfully Miss McNeil was carrying on her work. He was backed up by others present who agreed that farm work with the boys should be encouraged.

"Our boys need the 4-H clubs, too," they said and expressed the belief that "people would not mind paying the taxes to get such help, if they got the help."

Mrs. W. B. Cole presented the report of the Welfare Department part of the Welfare Department which she heads. She said that, though the load of relief cases might have lightened a little since her last report, unemployment seemed to be still on the increase,

bringing many calls for help. Individual cases on the relief roll were discussed, and the large amount—approximately \$3,000—spent for hospitalization during the past two months; also the number of cases that must be taken care of at nursing homes out of the county because of lack of county facilities.

#### Worker for the Blind

Acquisition by her department of a new case worker for the blind was announced by Mrs. Cole, in Miss Gladys Tatley of Statesville. Miss Tatley, who is partially blind herself, has been working in Richmond County and will now spend three days a week in Moore. The new worker's salary was already included in the present budget.

Mrs. Cole closed her report with a repetition of the plea often made before, for a county child welfare worker. She asked that the commissioners consider this serious need now, in order that the state might aid in locating applicants for this position for the coming year. However, even though it was explained that, for the first year, at least, the county would have to pay nothing, with the state carrying the full salary for this position, little hope was held out by the commissioners for this addition to the staff.

Following adjournment for lunch, and a meeting with the ABC board (reported elsewhere) the commissioners heard reports of the health officer, Dr. J. W. Willcox on the rabies situation, and his earnest plea that the commissioners do something about the stray dog situation, seconded by your reporter, who spoke of the increase in stray dogs in this vicinity with much criticism being voiced of this danger and nuisance. Mr. J. C. Muse, county auditor, who was present, stated that 3000 dogs were on the tax list.

Dr. Willcox also described the recent county X-ray tests, at which 14,346 small plates were made and 400 individuals referred for larger X-rays. No figures of results of the countywide survey were yet available.

Praise was given to Drs. Neal and McLean for their efficient service in inoculating dogs for rabies. Chairman Cameron stated that he believed the good record of the county to date might well be due to the excellence of their efforts.

Mr. John Taylor, chairman of the Pinehurst school board, appeared with School Principal Lewis S. Cannon to explain how district funds had been used by the board to buy materials used by Negro students in building at the Academy Heights school. The construction included a shop building, extra rooms and fireproofing the basement. It was hoped also to add a cafeteria eventually, Mr. Taylor said. The

work, he explained, was being done entirely by the students themselves. The commissioners voted to allow the board the use of district funds, to be replaced later from the capital outlay for school construction.

The balance of the meeting was taken up with passing on county bills as presented by Miss Maida Jenkins, of the auditing department.

### Vesper Service Set For Sunday

A vesper candlelight service of music by the combined adult, youth and junior choirs, directed by Mrs. L. D. McDonald, will be held at the Church of Wide Fellowship at 4:30 p. m. Sunday, and Mrs. McDonald invites the pub-

lic to attend. Soloists will be Wesley Stoltz of Sanford, Joe Cameron of Manly, Miss Ross Maples of Raleigh, and from Southern Pines, Miss Carolyn Hoskins, Dr. David Whitehead and Mrs. Bryan Poe.

### Carthage Club Plans Friday Night Dances

The Carthage Community Club is sponsoring a square dance tonight (Friday) from 8:30 to 11:30 and each Friday night until further notice, to provide recreation for the young people of Carthage and surrounding communities. An admission charge is made to help offset expenses of putting on the dances. The dances will be held at the Carthage American Legion Hut on the Southern Pines-Carriage road.

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