

Registration For Democratic Primary To Begin Throughout County Saturday

Registrars To Be At Polling Places May 1, 8 and 15

Registration for voting in the Democratic primary May 29 will begin throughout Moore County Saturday.

Registrars will be at polling places in the county's 17 precincts from 9 a. m. to 5 p. m. Saturday and two Saturdays following, May 8 and 15. They may be reached at their homes or places of business for registration on other days, until close of the registration period at sunset, May 15.

Saturday, May 22, will be challenge day when any name on the books may be challenged as to that person's right to vote in the primary. The election will be held Saturday, May 29.

A new registration is not required for those persons who have previously voted as Democrats in primary and general elections in those precincts where they now reside.

New voters or those who have moved from out of the state or county or from one precinct to another within the county may obtain instructions from any precinct registrar.

Mrs. Grace Kaylor will have the Southern Pines precinct books open at the fire station Saturday for registration of Democrats. There is no Republican primary, as the party's candidates are chosen in a county convention. A list of all 17 Moore registrars appeared in The Pilot last week.

There are only four contested offices in the primary at the county level—sheriff, one seat on the board of commissioners and one seat on the board of education and register of deeds.

Nancy Harris Of West End Crowned Sandhills Queen

Nancy Louise Harris of West End, sponsored by West End High School, was voted 1954 Queen of the Sandhills in a beauty contest featuring the Pinehurst Volunteer Firemen's benefit dance last Friday night. Miss Harris is 17 years old, has brown hair and eyes. She weighs 125 pounds and is five feet, seven inches in height.

Miss Lottie Bell Monroe, sponsored by Robbins Mills at Aberdeen, was second in the contest and Miss Patricia Lewis, sponsored by Elise High School, Robbins, third. Twenty young ladies appeared before the judges, E. C. Jackson, Rye, N. Y., Fred Meissner, Flushing, L. I., and George Foster, Montreal, Canada. Nick Crotty was master of ceremonies. Jeep Maye and his orchestra played for the occasion. The first lady was crowned by Miss Jackie Barnes, the 1953 Queen. Prizes were awarded the contestants.

MAIL CLOSING

Mail closing times at the Southern Pines post office have been changed because daylight saving time in the North has affected operation of trains on the Seaboard Air Line Railroad. Postmaster Garland Pierce said this week.

The postmaster also announced that, beginning Saturday, air mail service to and from Knollwood Airport will be suspended for the summer.

New mail closing times are: Northbound—5:45 a. m., 9 a. m., 7:15 p. m. Southbound—5:45 p. m., 8 p. m.

Highway post office—going east, 7:45 a. m.; going west, 4:45 p. m.

Democratic Meetings Called

Moore County Democrats will gather for meetings in each of the county's 17 voting precincts Saturday, May 8, it was announced this week by W. Lamont Brown of Southern Pines, chairman of the Moore County Democratic Executive Committee.

A chairman and committeemen will be elected in each precinct. The present chairmen have been

Stores To Join In Spring Sales Event May 13-15

Thirty member merchants of the Southern Pines Chamber of Commerce have definitely stated their intention of taking part in the Spring Value Days cooperative sale event of May 13, 14 and 15. Perhaps a dozen more will be added to the list within the next few days as the Chamber's survey continues, said Miss Katharine MacDonald, chairman.

Dates of the sale were postponed from those of a week earlier, previously announced, because of the conflict with Mothers Day merchandising and promotion in several retail stores.

Spring Value Days will receive concerted promotion as a value-filled end-of-the-season sale by all the participating stores, as well as in general publicity of the Chamber of Commerce in newspaper and radio advertising, posters, handbills and other media.

Apparel shops, gift shops, department stores, drug stores, beauty shops, auto businesses, grocery stores, restaurants and various specialty businesses will be taking part.

A coupon and prize-drawing event similar to that of last October Fall Value Days will also be used as an attraction for shoppers. Free coupons for use by adults will be distributed in advertising matter, and others may be obtained in each participating store on making a purchase. Each store will have its own prize-drawing on the final sale day, and the Chamber of Commerce will give a Grand Prize of \$25.

Emphasis will be placed on genuine values to be featured. Some participating businesses will offer storewide markdowns, while others will spotlight selected specials, in the effort to make the Spring Value days even more of a success than the first such cooperative event last fall.

Participation is restricted to members of the Chamber of Commerce. Those definitely listed this week as taking part are Jackson Motors, Southern Pines Motor Co., Howard's Bakery, Agnes-Dorothy (Continued on Page 5)

Masons To Honor C. W. Picquet At Dinner On Monday

By W. ED COX, JR.

Special recognition will be accorded Charles W. Picquet, owner of the Carolina Theatre at Southern Pines and Pinehurst Monday evening at a dinner in his honor by Masons of the Southern Pines Lodge 484, A. F. A. M., marking a milestone in the varied career of a man who is one of Moore County's best loved citizens and one of America's oldest theatre owners and operators in point of service. The occasion is the opening of the first "CinemaScope" motion picture in the Sandhills, although this is by no means the outstanding service which Charles Picquet has accomplished during his 42-year residence in the Sandhills.

Special invitation has been extended all Master Masons in this area to be present at the 6:45 p. m. dinner, which will follow by one day the first showing in the motion picture industry, due to open Sunday, May 2, with "The Robe."

Mr. Picquet has served a total of 15 years as president of the (Continued on page 19)



These Two Joined Forces To Make Music

Composer Nathaniel Burt, on the right, smiles as he and Director Benjamin Swalin exchange congratulations on the stage of Weaver Auditorium, last Friday night, on the playing of the Burt composition by the North Carolina Symphony Orchestra. The warm handclasp between the two is indicative of the fine performance given Overture, "The Elegy Of Lycidas," which the composer dedicated to the late Henry Page, III, of Aberdeen, with whom he

grew up in the Sandhills. The concert was felt to be the best yet presented by the state orchestra, whose appearance here always closes the concert series sponsored by the Sandhills Music Association. Opening with Beethoven's Pastoral Symphony, the program included, besides the Burt piece, Stravinsky's Fire Bird dance suite and excerpts from Des Libes' "Copellia". Responding to enthusiastic applause, Dr. Swalin led the orchestra in several encores.

Blazes Threaten Home; Efforts Of Firemen Praised

A series of woods fires that burned on a large tract between Midland Road and Connecticut Avenue, inside the town limits, kept Southern Pines volunteers and the N. C. Forest Service fire-fighting crews hopping Monday afternoon and night and Tuesday morning.

The first alarm was turned in about noon Monday from the W. P. Davis home, a new residence that was threatened by fire burning on the 30 acres of the Davis property. The home overlooks a new lake that has been under construction off Midland road. Fires broke out again on the property later Monday and also on Tuesday.

While the Monday afternoon fire was in progress, the Southern Pines department received another alarm from the Lawson home in Kenwood near the Bishop (Continued on Page 5)

Local Horse Wins Daily Double At Belmont Opening

Extra Points, owned and trained by Mrs. C. E. Adams of Southern Pines, won the \$4,500 steeplechase Daily Double on Monday's opening-day program at Belmont Park, L. I., N. Y.

It was a surprise victory, scored at the expense of The Mast, last year's top steeplechaser, who was second, and also of Sun Shower and His Boots, two more big 1953 winners, who were also-rans.

Mrs. Adams' feat, at Best Play odds of 6-1, far overshadowed Eddie Arcaro's victory on White Skies in the \$25,000 Toboggan handicap, the day's main event, sportswriters noted. Mrs. Adams, trim, grey-haired and 50, is the mother of F. D. (Dooley) Adams, nation's leading jump rider. She was sixth leading steeplechase trainer last year, as her charges, headed by Extra Points and Errolford, earned more than \$34,000. (Continued on page 5)

Public Hearing On Annexation Of Knollwood Scheduled May 25

Library Members Will Meet, Greet New Librarian

The Southern Pines Library Association will hold its annual meeting for the election of trustees and officers at the Library this afternoon, (Friday) at 5 o'clock.

"This is the members' meeting," George H. Leonard, president of the association, stressed, making the announcement. "It is earnestly hoped that all dues-paying members will make an effort to be present."

The terms of four trustees have expired, the president said, and the following will be up for reelection or replacement: Mrs. James Boyd, Rev. Charles Covell, Lamont Brown, Thomas Darst. One vacancy, caused by the resignation of Arch Coleman, also must be filled. Terms are for a 3-year period.

The nominating committee is headed by Mrs. L. T. Avery.

Mr. Leonard said that at this meeting there would be a report from Mrs. Reid Healy, chairman, of the current state of the membership drive. Reminders of dues payable were mailed to all members last Friday. The results to date show payments of \$318. The stated goal for memberships and contributions was \$1,000, Mr. Leonard said.

Mrs. Marie Hunter, newly appointed librarian, will start on her new duties Saturday, it was stated by Mrs. Dorothy Avery, Moore County librarian, and it is expected that she will be formally greeted by the association at Friday's meeting.

Mrs. Hunter, a native of Minneapolis, worked for some years in that city in the Hennepin County Law Library, and also helped organize several other libraries in the area.

Young Musicians Concert May 8

The Fifth Annual Young Musicians' Concert, sponsored by the Sandhills Music Association, will be presented at the Pinehurst Country Club Saturday, May 8, at 8 p. m., it was announced this week by Mr. and Mrs. N. L. Hodgkins, Jr., of Southern Pines, program co-chairmen.

At the concert, music teachers from throughout the county will present pupils in a variety of instrumental and vocal selections. The full program and names of all participants will appear in next week's Pilot.

RED CROSS APPEAL

Moore County must raise about \$5,000 in an effort to bring its 1954 Red Cross membership drive to a successful termination within the next week, Brig. Gen. Robert B. Hill, of Southern Pines, county campaign chairman, said this week.

"I feel that this can be done provided people understand the need for this money," General Hill said. "It is my sincere belief that present conditions will increase calls upon the Red Cross."

"I hope that each person in our county realizes the importance of the work being carried on at all times by the American Red Cross and that residents of the county will help us meet our quota."

Variety Features Program For Free HS Band Concert

Program for the free concert to be given tonight (Friday) by the Southern Pines High School Band was announced this week by Lynn H. Ledden, director. The concert will begin at 8:15 p. m. in Weaver Auditorium.

Designed for audience appeal as well as technical advancement of the band, the program will open with "Fair Star of Southern Pines," composed by F. S. Smith, to be followed by "Liberty Fleet March," "Crimson Dawn Overture," "Jim Dandies"—a trumpet duet by Jimmy Hatch and George Colton, accompanied by the band, "Stairway to the Stars" and "The Glass Slipper."

After intermission, the concert will resume with John Phillip Sousa's "King Cotton March," followed by the "Hans Christian Andersen Overture" from the Samuel Goldwyn production.

A novelty, "Eh, Cumpari," will be played and other selections will be "The American Sailor Overture," "South" (a jazz number), "Symbol of Honor March" with majorette routine and the concluding "Star Spangled Banner."

The band's majorettes are Shirley Garner, Betty Joe Britt, Betty Swearingen, Betty Weatherspoon and Helen Blalock. A list of members of the band appeared in The Pilot last week.

Admission to the concert is free, but a collection for the band fund will be taken to help buy needed instruments.

Chapman, Patton In Headlines Of North-South Event

Pinehurst's Dick Chapman gained the quarterfinals Wednesday in the North and South Amateur golf tournament—an event he has been trying to win for 25 years. He shot a 70, two under par, to beat Frank Strafaci of Mineola, N. Y., 1-up, in the third round of the event that opened at Pinehurst Monday.

In the Wednesday morning second round, Chapman eliminated Roland McKenzie of Pinehurst, 4 and 2.

Also in the headlines and the quarterfinals after Wednesday's two rounds was Billy Joe Patton, the Morganton lumberman who was the sensation of the recent Masters tournament, who eliminated Bill Campbell of Huntington, W. Va., defending champion, and Jennings Randolph Jr., of Washington, D. C., both 3 and 1.

Chapman was to take on Alex Welsh of Rockford, Ill., Thursday, while Patton faced Curtis Person of Memphis, Tenn., who scored a 19th-hole victory over Medalist Ben Goodes of Reidsville and also beat Tom Draper of Birmingham, Mich., Wednesday. Thursday results came too late for the Pilot's press time.

Players in Thursday's quarterfinals teed off in this order: Person vs. Patton; William Hyndman of Abingdon, Pa., vs. William Look of Seaside, N. Y.; Welsh vs. Chapman; and Clinton Toms, Duke University freshman, vs. Frank Meacham of Roanoke Rapids.

Agreement With Town Is Reached

Public hearing on proposed annexation of the Knollwood area to Southern Pines has been set for May 25 at 8 p. m. in the town hall.

Decision to advertise the annexation ordinance and set the hearing was made last Friday afternoon at a special meeting of the town council to confer with representatives of the Knollwood Sanitary District, a large portion of which is included in the annexation proposal.

Maj. Gen. Julian F. Barnes, chairman of the Sanitary District's board of commissioners, led the delegation who conferred with the council and City Manager Tom E. Cunningham. Other Knollwood representatives were Livingston L. Biddle II, and Kenneth C. Kennedy, both members of the District's board of commissioners; H. J. Menzel, tax collector for the District; and K. C. Bullens.

The conference followed a meeting of Knollwood residents last week at which further negotiations with the town, looking toward annexation, were approved. General Barnes said Friday that only two property owners at the meeting opposed annexation. Others voted to go ahead with the plans, provided assurance on specified problems could be obtained from the council. This assurance was satisfactorily given by council at the Friday meeting.

Large Area Involved

The proposal would add to the town an area roughly estimated at 60 to 70 per cent of the town's present area. It would include the Mid Pines Club and golf course, St. Joseph's Hospital and the Pine Needles Club House and golf course, extending eastward bounded on the south by the Pee Dee Road (the Carthage road that intersects with South Pennsylvania Avenue in West Southern Pines)—to the "Y" intersection of Pee Dee and the other Carthage road north of St. Joseph's Hospital. The proposed annexation does not include the Kenwood development, although this is a part of the Sanitary District. The territory runs north almost to Manly and joins back with the Southern Pines line near the town lake off Midland Road.

A complete boundary description is published on page 15 of today's Pilot. It was pointed out Friday that this boundary is subject to change after the public hearing or by amendment later and may, as now described, include certain property that will eventually not be within the new limits.

Annexation would bring an estimated added property tax valuation of between \$700,000 and \$800,000 into town. No accurate population figures were immediately obtainable. Knollwood spokesmen said their records show 39 homes, plus Mid Pines Club, Pine Needles Club House and other buildings.

Points Discussed
Points taken up by the conference (Continued on Page 5)

DAWSON SPEAKS

An audience of parents and teachers numbering around 100 met at the schoolhouse last Thursday, under the auspices of the newly formed Parent - Teacher Association. This was the first formal meeting held since the group's formation.

Superintendent A. C. Dawson spoke on the schools of which he is administrative head. Following considerable background material, describing the development of the local schools, Mr. Dawson surveyed the needs of the future. These center, he pointed out, around the expected population increase of this area.

Dr. R. M. McMillan reported that approximately 200 members have joined the PTA, of which he is president. He said all who joined before the summer would be considered charter members.

Final meeting of the year will be held the fourth Thursday in May.



THE MOORE COUNTY HOME

south of Carthage. But what's it like? That depends a little on what sort of a day you go there. On any day the first impression

is one of emptiness and silence. As you step through the door from the two-story center section, (Continued on Page 13)