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Senate, Sheriff Races Lead Primary Interest

Democrats To Go To Polls Sat., May 29

Democrats of Moore County will go to the polls Saturday to help nominate a candidate for U. S. Senator, state treasurer, state commissioner of insurance and member of Congress from the eighth district and to choose nominees in only four county races.

Polling places will be open from 6:30 a. m. to 6:30 p. m., says Sam C. Riddle, chairman of the Moore County board of elections. Only Democrats registered in the precinct where they now reside can vote.

Claiming top interest on the ballot for State officers and Congressman is the U. S. Senate race in which the leading candidates are Senator Alton A. Lennon, incumbent, Wilmington attorney appointed to the office by Gov. William B. Umstead to fill out the unexpired term of the late Willis Smith; and former Governor Kerr Scott. Generally conceded to be the third strongest of seven candidates who filed for the primary is Alvin Wingfield, Jr., of Charlotte, formerly district manager for a typewriter company. Others on the ballot are W. M. Bostick, Henry L. Sprinkle, A. E. Turner and Olla Ray Boyd.

Of most local interest in a three-way race for the sheriff's nomination with R. G. Fry, Jr., and Wendell B. Kelly, both of Carthage, challenging Sheriff C. J. McDonald who has held the office for over 25 years.

In the register of deeds race, C. L. Worsham of Southern Pines, businessman who is a newcomer to politics, is seeking the post now held by Mrs. Bessie J. Griffin who was elected to the office in 1950.

There is one race for a county commissioner's seat. John M. Currie of Carthage, present board member from District 1, has opposition from Benjamin David Sineath of the Hillcrest community, 30-year-old World War 2 veteran. Candidates for county commissioner file from each of five districts but voting on them is county-wide in the primary.

One seat on the county board of education is involved in a contest this year, with W. Howard Mathews of Clay Road Farms, newly appointed member of the board, opposed by E. E. (Blue) Monroe of Cameron.

Board of education members, like the commissioners, file from districts, but are subject to county-wide voting.

In the primary, members of the

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Fire Chief Asks Youths, Adults Not Chase Truck

A strong appeal to teen-agers and adults not to chase the fire trucks when an alarm is sounded and not to block streets near the firehouse or elsewhere along the route of the trucks was made this week by Fire Chief Harold Fowler, who said:

"I think everyone in our fair town who has given any thought to the matter will agree that we have a good Fire Department. Firemen, paid or volunteer, are no different from ordinary human beings. They have a job to do when the siren blows the same as any other workman has when the time to go to work arrives. Like any good workman, a good fireman likes to do a good job too.

"The difference between a volunteer fireman and most other workmen is the time element involved and especially the fact that it is more or less of a hobby with him to fight fire. However the thrill of being a fire fighter does not come with the dogging of

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DRIVE TOPS QUOTA

With donations of \$707.50, Southern Pines has exceeded its \$700 quota in the 1954 campaign of the American Cancer Society, Mrs. J. S. Milliken, local chairman, said this week. She thanked all contributors.

MONDAY PLANS

No general holiday will be taken by Southern Pines merchants Monday, May 31, a legal holiday since Memorial Day falls on Sunday, May 30, but the Citizens Bank and Trust Co., and others banks in this area will be closed. The local post office will give window service only between 10 and 11 a. m. and there will be no city delivery of mail. Distribution of mail to boxes will go on as usual.

Women Voters Sponsor Meeting For Candidates

In the first such event ever held in this area, sponsored by the Southern Pines League of Women Voters, candidates for office in the Democratic primary appeared last Friday to express their opinions and answer questions.

While all the candidates, even some of those with opposition, did not attend the meeting and while attendance did not fill the ballroom of the Southern Pines Country Club, the forum was lively and interesting and was rated a success by the sponsors as an initial effort.

Mrs. C. A. Smith, League president who presided, described the meeting as "an example of democracy in action," and introduced Mrs. Graham Culbreth, chairman of the League committee in charge, who told the audience that the League is not so much interested in how people vote as that they do vote. She thanked the candidates for coming.

Performing as moderator and keeping the meeting moving smoothly, quickly and in good spirits was W. D. Sabiston, Carthage attorney, who introduced the candidates and later read to them written questions sent up from the audience.

In the order in which they were introduced, the candidates present were:

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Earl Edwards To Be Here Tonight

Earl Edwards, head football coach at N. C. State College in Raleigh, will be the principal speaker tonight (Friday) when N. C. State alumni of Moore County and their wives meet at the Southern Pines Country Club.

The meeting will start at 7 p. m. with an outdoor chicken dinner. Others who are not NCSA alumni but who are interested in football are welcome to attend. Tickets may be secured from Graves Vann or John Ponzer.

Formerly line coach at Michigan State College, Edwards was given a three-year contract as head coach at State last January.

Leading Senatorial Candidates



KERR SCOTT



SEN. ALTON A. LENNON

A slowly moving race between the two leading contenders for the Senatorial nomination in Saturday's primary has picked up considerably in interest during the past week. State-wide, the Lennon campaign has featured attacks on Scott's character and his conduct while in office as governor, while the Scott forces have stressed their candidate's efforts in North Carolina in support of better roads, schools, hospitals and rural electrification.



GERALDINE BETHEA
Valedictorian

CHARLES H. BOWMAN, JR.
Salutatorian

COMMENCEMENT EVENTS SCHEDULED

31 Will Receive Diplomas June 1

Dr. Olert, Mr. Gill Speakers; Play To Be Given Monday

Thirty-one members of the Class of 1954 at Southern Pines High School will receive diplomas in graduation exercises in Weaver Auditorium Tuesday at 8:15 p. m. Students to graduate are: James Alfred Barber, Jr., Geraldine Bethea, Margaret Bracey Bowers, (Continued on page 8)

Charles Harwood Bowman, Jr., Donald Lee Burney, Robert Bion Butler, Joan Cheatham, George Marshall Colton, William Clarke Davis, Clarence Patricia Anne Dupree, Shirley Mae Garner, Barbara Ann Hackney, Leighton Caldwell Hall, James Vernon Hatch, Gladys Bowden Huntley, Della Maxann Kerr, Jane Sue Lorenson, Joseph Perkins Marley, Jr., Harold Alexander McNeill, Jr., George Arthur Morrison, David Charon Page, Barbara

Louise Pearce, Robert Ripley Renegar, Thomas Ruggles, Joseph Wesley Smith, Robert Ernest Blakefield Speller, Jr., James Parry Townshend, Donald Van Benschoten, Paul Hewitt Warren, Betty Jean Moore Wheeler and Georgia Williams.

The high school band will play the processional and recessional and two other selections during the graduation exercises.

Gill To Speak
Edwin Gill of Raleigh, State Treasurer, will deliver the commencement address. He will be presented by John M. Howarth, chairman of the Southern Pines school board.

N. L. Hodgkins, school board member, will present the diploma. Invocation will be given by the Rev. C. V. Covell, rector of Emmanuel Episcopal Church, and Father Peter M. Denges of St. Anthony's Catholic Church will pronounce the benediction.

Geraldine Bethea is first honor graduate, or valedictorian, and Charles Bowman is second honor graduate, or salutatorian.

Honor graduates—those who have a general average of 90 or above each year in high school—are, for four years: Jane Sue Lorenson and David Page, in addition to the first and second honor graduates.

James Barber is an honor graduate with one and a half years in Southern Pines High School and Robert Butler and Robert Speller are honor graduates with three years in the local school.

Marshals, chosen on the basis of scholarship, are: Norma Bowles, chief; Dorothy Newton, Patti Woodell, Kay Davis, Claude Reams, Bobby Cline, Bill Marley, Barbara Williams, Thomas Vann, Ray Daeke and John Chappell.

The commencement exercises of the Class of 1954 are dedicated to the loving memory of Dr. G. G. Herr who served devotedly for 20 years as a member of the school (Continued on Page 8)

Members of Air Patrol Practice Rescue Mission

Several members of the recently organized Pinehurst-Southern Pines squadron of the Civil Air Patrol participated in a Search and Rescue Civil Air Patrol (SARCAP) at Burlington last weekend.

Taking part were Jimmy Lawson of Southern Pines and Fred Wilson, Tom Connelly, Bert Clayton, Carl Bradshaw, Estelle Bradshaw and Jimmy Hobbs, all of Pinehurst.

Searching for missing aircraft is one of the chief functions of the Civil Air Patrol. The North Carolina CAP Wing recently aided the search for a missing jet reported lost in South Carolina.

Supervised by the Air Force, the SARCAP at Burlington made 125 out of a possible 150 points, according to a scoring system used in these events.

The local squadron will meet at 8 p. m. Wednesday night of next week at the Pinehurst-Southern Pines airport. Lt. Carl Bradshaw will speak on navigation and dead reckoning. At a meeting Monday night of this week, Lt. J. Vance Rowe, Jr., gave the orientation lecture.

Regular meeting time of the squadron is each Tuesday at 8 p. m. at the airport. Interested persons are invited to attend all meetings.

Knights, Regional Champs, Playing Game Here Today

Perquimans High of Hertford scored four times in the sixth to come from behind and edge Southern Pines, 4-2, in the opening game of the Eastern Class A high school championship series at Hertford Tuesday night.

Second game of the series will be played in Southern Pines today (Friday) on Memorial Field at 3:30 p. m.

If the Southern Pines Blue Knights win today, necessitating a third game, it too will be played here—at 2 p. m. tomorrow (Saturday).

A victory by Southern Pines in both the home contests would give them the Eastern Class A title, sending them into a series with the Western winners for the State championship.

Righthander Paul Matthews pitched the win and gave up six hits. He struck out 14. Lefty David Page pitched a four-hitter in a losing effort, and was hurt by five errors, four of them in Perquimans' big sixth frame. Page whiffed 13.

Matthews also provided his mates with what proved to be the winning margin. He blasted a 350-foot triple into left centerfield to score the winning runs.

Johnny Watkins scored South- (Continued on Page 8)

Safety Program Gets Good Start

Officers at the USAF Air Ground School have been speaking this week in Sandhills communities on behalf of "Operation Impact," the traffic safety program that has been repeated this year after a successful trial in Southern Pines last summer.

Major Jack Steinberg addressed students at Aberdeen High School and Major J. F. McCarthy spoke to the Pinehurst Lions Club. A report from the Air Ground School says the program is going over very well in all Sandhill towns. The VFW is the co-sponsoring agency in Southern Pines.

Purpose of the program is to make people safety conscious when they sign a safe driving pledge and receive a windshield sticker.

A plaque constructed by the Training Aids section at USAFAGOS is being presented to all co-operating groups.

The current program will run through July 10, a period covering the dangerous Memorial Day and July 4 weekends.

Annexation Increases Town Area 50 Per Cent

A RECORD?

Is Southern Pines the only community in the nation with two 18-hole golf courses within its city limits? So far as was known here this week, it is.

With the annexation of Knollwood area to the town by action of the council Tuesday night, both the Pine-Needles and Mid Pines courses are brought wholly within the city limits, as are the Pine Needles clubhouse and the Mid Pines Club.

Southern Pines Country Club is not in the town limits.

Valuable Property Taken In

Southern Pines grew up in a hurry Tuesday night.

It only took a few minutes for the council to vote unanimously to make the Knollwood area a part of Southern Pines, as petitioned by residents, but the action followed weeks of planning and advertising the proposal and a public hearing that lasted about an hour before the council voted.

"This," said Councilman Voit Gilmore after the vote, "is an historic moment in the life of our town."

The land taken in adds an area which is about 50 per cent of the "old" Southern Pines, roughly bounded as follows; clockwise: north along Fee Dee road from the Pennsylvania avenue intersection in West Southern Pines, to the "Y" intersection of Fee Dee Road and Central Drive with the road from Carthage, then east along the Pine Needles golf course, south and east again near Manly, leaving out a big tract of some 200 undeveloped acres belonging to the Sandhills Lumber Co. at Manly, over to the Yackin road (the "short cut" road from No. 1 highway to Midland Road) and back to join the present city limits.

The annexation adds: An estimated 300-400 in population, which probably brings the population of Southern Pines (4,135 in 1950) to nearly 6,000, considering growth of the town since the last census.

Property valued at between \$700,000 and \$800,000.

St. Joseph of the Pines Hospital. Two 18-hole golf courses—Mid Pines and Pine Needles.

The Carolina Orchid Growers greenhouses. Many handsome residences and, as was noted at the meeting Tuesday night, many residents who will become valuable citizens of the community.

Present at the meeting were Gen. Julian F. Barnes, chairman of the Knollwood Sanitary District, a legal governing entity that will now be dissolved; Kenneth Kennedy, Knollwood resident who has taken part in negotiations leading to the annexation, and Harry Menzel of Southern Pines, tax collector for the Sanitary District, who has played a prominent part in planning and working out the annexation procedures.

After the vote, Mayor L. T. Clark said: "We love and admire the people of Knollwood and we frankly had no intention of taking in Knollwood or any other section to make money from it. I believe that annexation will be to the advantage of the people in Knollwood and the people of Southern Pines."

"We look forward to having some of the people of Knollwood help us in the government of Southern Pines. I nor any member of the council do not want to take in any section outside the city limits unless it is an advantage (Continued on Page 8)

Memorial Service Scheduled Sunday At Local Cemetery

A united vesper memorial service will be held Sunday at 4:30 p. m. at Mount Hope Cemetery, honoring the dead of all wars on Memorial Day.

The service is planned under the auspices of Sandhills Post, American Legion, of which Lyle McDonald is commander; John Boyd Post, Veterans of Foreign Wars, T. R. McKenzie, commander; the USAF Air Ground Operations School, Brig. Gen. William M. Gross, commandant; auxiliaries of the Legion and VFW and Boy and Girl Scout troops of Southern Pines. Shields Cameron is general chairman.

Extensive preparations have been made for the service. All graves of war veterans in the cemetery have been located and marked. Flowers will be placed on all the graves by Girl Scouts or auxiliary members and flags will be placed on the graves by Boy Scouts or veterans.

Donations of flowers for the graves will be received at the American Legion hall on Maine avenue until 2 p. m. Sunday. Commanders and leaders of all organizations are asked to have their contingents at the cemetery by 4 p. m.

Brig. Gen. Pearson Menoher of Southern Pines will give the main address.

The Rev. Fr. Peter Denges of St. Anthony's Catholic Church will give the invocation and memorial tributes will be paid by the commanders of the two local veterans organizations.

The Rev. (Lt. Cmdr.) Cheves K. Ligon, Legion chaplain, will lead the devotional memorial service, assisted by the Rev. W. C. Timmons, pastor of the Church of Wide Fellowship. The Rev. C. V. Covell, rector of Emmanuel Episcopal Church, will pronounce the benediction.

A Boy Scout honor guard will stand at each grave during the ceremonies.

The public is invited.

Commencement Speakers



DR. F. H. OLERT



EDWIN GILL

Dr. Frederick H. Olert, pastor of the Second Presbyterian Church, Richmond, Va., will deliver the commencement sermon to the Southern Pines High School Class of 1954 at the Church of Wide Fellowship Sunday evening. He is a nationally known church leader. Edwin Gill, North Carolina state treasurer, is a native of Laurinburg, and a former U. S. Collector of Internal Revenue. He will deliver the commencement address next Tuesday evening.

Nephew Of Local Residents Killed In Navy Tragedy

Orlo Hamlin Kane, 24, Navy lieutenant junior grade who was a nephew of Mrs. Howard Butler and Mrs. Al Wells, of Southern Pines, was killed in the violent explosion and fire on the Aircraft Carrier Bennington 75 miles off the New England coast Wednesday.

The young man had visited in Southern Pines periodically since he was a child. His wife, the former Virginia Lee Brasse of Alexandria, Va., and his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Evan O'Neill Kane of Kane, Pa., visited here two weeks ago.

Lieutenant Kane was a graduate of Mercersburg Academy and Lafayette College, Easton, Pa.

Some 90 Navy personnel were killed in the tragedy and more than 200 were injured.