

School Budget Controversy In Kennedy's Hands

Joint Meeting Of Boards Held At Carthage Thursday

The county commissioners and the county board of education were to meet in Carthage at 2 p. m. Thursday to hear the decision of Court Clerk Carlton C. Kennedy on the school capital outlay budget controversy.

The meeting had been set for Wednesday afternoon, but was postponed because of funeral services held that afternoon for Mrs. Belle Pegram, mother-in-law of Mr. Kennedy.

BULLETIN

At 3 p. m. Thursday, as The Pilot went to press, a joint meeting of the board of county commissioners and the board of education was still in progress at Carthage. The board of education at 3 p. m. had not accepted a proposal of Carlton C. Kennedy, clerk of court and arbitrator of the budget controversy, that each board submit the issues to him in writing by Wednesday, August 18, with a hearing by the two boards to be conducted Saturday, August 21, and his decision to be rendered Monday, August 23.

Wednesday marked the end of a 10-day period in which Mr. Kennedy was required to arbitrate the budget dispute under a North Carolina statute that provides for appeal to a clerk of court if a county board of education believes that the county commissioners have not appropriated sufficient funds to carry on the school program of the county adequately.

The law was invoked at a joint meeting of the two boards Friday, July 30, after the board of education refused to accept less than the \$422,471.43 it had asked for in school capital outlay funds in the 1954-55 budget—and the county commissioners refused to appropriate more such funds than the \$269,000 they had allowed in the budget.

The commissioners formally adopted the budget the following Monday.

Mr. Kennedy's decision can be appealed to Superior Court by either side, to be heard either before a judge or in a jury trial. Further appeals could carry the

Rabb To Speak At Lions Dinner For Little Leaguers

Walter Rabb, baseball coach at the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, will be guest speaker at a testimonial dinner to be given tonight (Friday) by the Southern Pines Lions Club, honoring players and coaches of the local Little League baseball organization.

C. S. Patch, Jr., program chairman, said that Rabb is expected to bring baseball films to illustrate his talk.

The dinner will begin at 7 p. m. in the Country Club. The special program is part of the regular Lions meeting tonight.

Patch urged full attendance by the Lions and said that 17 players on the Little League squad and their coaches have been invited. Irie Leonard and C. L. Dutton coached the boys during most of the season, after the duties were turned over to them by Russell Simons who coached earlier in the summer.

Sponsored by the Lions Club, the Little Leaguers won eight games and lost nine during the

NEGRO SCHOOLS

Southern Pines Negro schools will open Wednesday, September 8, the same date as that announced last week for opening of the white schools, Principal J. W. Moore said this week. A list of faculty members will be announced next week, he said.



Campaign breakfast of General Page's "sport-light Army" takes place in carnival atmosphere, in restaurant festooned with cards containing names of 680 Southern Pines citizens, from whom contributions to the lights fund were to be sought. Bottom row, from left—1. Capt.

Gilbert Redfern quickly spots a card containing name of a friend who, he thinks, will be generous; 2. Major Cliff Worsham wonders—just how much will that one be good for; 3. Major Joe Garzik is really studying over this one. (Photos by V. Nicholson)

Deadline 11 a.m. Saturday

\$1,647 Collected In Lights Drive

Pledges Raise Total To \$2,366, To Match \$2,000 From Elks

Canvassers in the Chamber-of-Commerce-sponsored ball park lights campaign checked in \$1,647.65 by Wednesday night, and funds already on hand gave the drive a total cash collection of \$1,647.67.

Pledges raised the prospective total of \$2,366.17, enough—when converted to cash—to match the Elks Club's fund of \$2,000 and assure that the lights can and will go up.

However, campaign leaders urged, that the drive go on unabated during the rest of this week. Unless \$2,000 in cash is on hand by Saturday, the installation may meet with considerable delay, far past the opening of the football season.

New Deadline
A new deadline of 11 a. m. Saturday has been set by "General" C. N. Page, head of the campaign army, who asks that all canvassers turn in their cash and cards, whether or not their report is complete, at the Chamber of Commerce office before that hour. This will give Miss Alice

March Of Dimes Plans Scheduled

Plans for Moore County's participation in the nation-wide Emergency March of Dimes will be announced next week, Paul Butler, chairman of the county chapter of the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis, said Thursday.

Stating that it was impossible to complete plans for the campaign this week, Mr. Butler said that it will be announced next week to what extent the county will take part in the national drive to raise \$20,000,000 for immediate needs in the patient care, gamma globulin and polio vaccine projects.

SMITH TO RETURN, VIALI IN HOSPITAL

Officer Lamar K. Smith of the Southern Pines police department, who underwent an operation at Charlotte recently, is reported to be convalescing at his home in Aberdeen and is expected to return to duty Monday.

Frank Viali, well-known Southern Pines man who has been serving as third shift desk clerk at the police department, midnight to 8 a. m., underwent surgery in Moore County Hospital Monday. He is reported getting along as well as can be expected.

County YDC Will Elect Delegates, Officers Sept. 3

Election of officers and also delegates to the state YDC convention will be the chief order of business when Moore County Young Democrats meet for their annual convention in the courthouse at Carthage, Friday, September 3, at 8 p. m.

President J. Douglas David of Pinebluff, who was appointed county tax collector by the county commissioners following the death of W. T. Huntley several months ago, has announced that he will not be a candidate for reelection to the top office of the county organization.

Prominently mentioned as a candidate for the post is Voit Gilmore of Southern Pines, a member of the Southern Pines Democratic precinct committee and vice-chairman of the County Democratic Executive Committee. David is nearing the end of his second term in the office. It is understood that Gilmore would accept the nomination.

The State YDC convention will be held at Charlotte September 16-18, with delegates from Moore County expected to attend.

School Rumors Quiet This Week

Little was heard this week from rumors that the USAF Air-Ground School might move from Southern Pines.

Stories circulating on that subject recently were dismissed as only rumor last week by Col. John G. Foster, executive officer at the school, who said that the school had received no notice from higher headquarters that it is to move.

Charles Stitzer, head of the Stitzer Hotel Company, owners of the Highland Pines Inn where the school is located, pointed out this week that under the lease contract signed with the Air Force, the government may terminate the contract at any time on 60 days notice in writing, but that The Pilot was in error last week in stating that the hotel company also could terminate the contract on 60 days' notice. Only the Air Force has the cancellation privilege.

The present lease agreement will expire June 30, 1955.

Church To Be Chartered Sept. 12

The new Southern Pines Methodist Church will have its Charter Day services and ceremony Sunday, September 12, it was announced this week by the Rev. E. E. Whitley, pastor.

The Rev. O. L. Hathaway, superintendent of the Fayetteville District of the North Carolina Conference, will preside.

The first official quarterly conference of the new church will be held in the morning, marking actual organization of the church. Officers will be elected.

Completion of the Charter Day program will mean that the new church will be recognized as a Methodist Church in the North Carolina Conference.

Location of the Charter Day

Water Rate Cut Made By Council In Long Session

No Action Taken On Increase In Cemetery Prices

Combining their "discussion" and "action" meetings Tuesday night, the town council in a long session that lasted nearly to midnight took three major actions affecting the water and sewer departments:

1. Adopted a uniform policy of extending water and sewer lines by which the town will pay for 100 feet of line only toward the property of a person applying for service.

2. Adopted an ordinance that cuts the minimum quarterly water charge from \$5 to \$4.50, not affecting, however, rates on quantities used above this charge, for the first 5,000 gallons (10,000 gallons in the summer quarter).

3. Authorized extension of the sewer system in West Southern Pines to serve 54 residences and 59 building lots along portions of Wisconsin Ave., Stephens St., Gaines St. and Henley St.—to be done at a cost of \$10,000 to \$12,000 without necessity of borrowing.

The council okayed an application of the United Telephone Co. to place a public phone booth on the parkway of Pennsylvania Ave. near the Broad Street intersection, at the side of the Broad Street Pharmacy, specifying that it be on a 60-day trial basis, with the town privileged to rescind its permission at the end of 60 days and also that the booth be painted green, instead of the usual red, if

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Several States

Represented In Tennis Tourney

The seventh annual Sandhill Invitational Tennis tournament will be held on the local courts next Wednesday through Sunday, with an array of top stars from several states contending for the handsome trophies which will be offered.

Bill Umstaedter of Abbeville, S. C., will be back to defend the men's singles title he won last year, and Whit Cobb of Durham, 1953 runner-up, will again be a challenger.

Regarded as possibly the biggest threat, though, is a new star, Jose Aguiro of Rio de Janeiro, 20-year-old Tulane student who swept the N. C. Open with his brilliant game a month ago.

Sarah Rushton Walters of Charlotte, winner of the women's singles title in 1952, will return to try to get it again from its current holder, Southern Pines' Audrey West Brown. Miss Brown is fifth-ranked women's singles player, Mrs. Walters sixth-ranked, in the southeast.

Florida Delegation
A half dozen or more tournament

POULTRY EVENT TODAY

The annual Highfalls Poultry Show and Sale, one of the outstanding agricultural events of the year in Moore County, will begin today (Friday) at 8:30 a. m. at the Highfalls School. Events will run through the early part of the afternoon, with a free chicken dinner served at noon.

Highway By-Pass On McDeed Creek May Hold Route 1 Here

Project Remains Uncertain, Clark Informs Council

Surveys for re-routing No. 1 highway along McDeed's Creek between East and West Southern Pines offer probably the only route which will enable the highway to remain in or close to town, Mayor Lloyd T. Clark told the town council Tuesday night.

In a discussion of the highway project brought up by the mayor, he told the council that conferences with Forrest Lockey of Aberdeen, 8th Division Highway commissioner, have convinced him that only one thing is cer-

Town Recreation

Program Nearing End August 20

The Southern Pines municipal summer recreation program which was carried out under supervision of the town recreation commission, with Irie Leonard as director—and was directed in West Southern Pines by J. C. Hasty and Miss C. E. Steele—will end Friday of next week.

A swimming party, with a picnic for boys and girls attending, will wind up the East Southern Pines program at the town lake off Midland Road next Friday.

During the summer a weekly program in East Southern Pines has provided varied daily recreation events, starting June 14, including Little League and Pony League baseball, free golf instruction and privileges at the Southern Pines Country Club,

basketball and volleyball for high school boys and girls at the school gym, story hour and play hour at the elementary school library and playground, cooking and sewing classes, swimming parties and regular supervised swimming at the town lake, open house dancing Friday nights at the Church of Wide Fellowship and tennis, badminton, horseshoes, checkers, croquet and table tennis at the town park and the "Fox Hole."

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Graham Johnston

Killed By Plane Crash In Utah

Graham Johnston, 25, son of Mrs. Alec Roberts of Pinehurst, was killed Saturday in a light plane crash 20 miles southeast of Moab, Utah. Two other men were injured.

Graveside services for the young man will be conducted at Mount Hope Cemetery, Southern Pines, at 11 a. m. Monday, with the Rev. Dr. T. A. Cheatham, rector emeritus of the Village Chapel, Pinehurst, officiating.

Flying as a "scintillometer observer" while prospecting for uranium, Johnston was a passenger in the plane when it flew into the rim of a canyon about 4:30 p. m. Saturday.

The pilot, E. G. House of Dallas, Texas, and Richard Sherman of Moab, a passenger, were reported as not seriously injured.

A Civil Air Patrol search party found the demolished plane at 6:30 a. m. Sunday.

Reports from Utah indicated that the plane crashed into the canyon rim while flying about 120 miles per hour. Sherman and House apparently were thrown clear. Johnston died about 7 p. m. Saturday, according to news reports.

Johnston, known to his friends and family as "Gray," has been a visitor and part-time resident in Pinehurst, at the home of his mother, for several years. Last winter, he studied art in Washington, D. C., and had previously served in the Army. He was a graduate of Harvard.

He is survived by his mother and a sister, Mrs. John Wallman of Fort Benning, Ga.

tain: No. 1 highway is going to be moved off May Street.

"So far as Southern Pines is concerned," the mayor said, "if we are not successful in finding the highway commission a right of way in the McDeed's Creek section, we will certainly not get No. 1 in Southern Pines. There is a big possibility that if it cannot go there, it would have to be moved about halfway to Pinehurst and by-pass both Southern Pines and Aberdeen."

"The highway department does not care whether the route goes through Southern Pines or not," the mayor pointed out. "They are interested in moving traffic and getting the shortest route they can and would probably prefer to by-pass a town altogether. It would certainly be to the advantage of the people of Southern Pines to use what influence they have to enable the highway to come through town. So far as I can see, the McDeed's Creek route is the only thing we've got to offer where they could get a 200-foot right of way."

The mayor recalled that the matter of re-routing No. 1 had come up in a council meeting several months ago and that members of the council were asked to think about the matter and prepare to plan for a route that would protect the interests of the town.

He stressed the fact that Commissioner Lockey said there is nothing definite yet about the McDeed's Creek route. Surveying work going on here for the past two weeks is "simply a survey" the mayor quoted the commissioner as saying. If the route doesn't fit in with the State's best interests and plans in the matter, it will not be accepted, he said.

"With all the surveying that has been going on through town, we have had only one objection from a property owner," the mayor said. "I can't imagine any other route in or near town that could be surveyed for a 200-foot right of way in which many more people wouldn't have complained already," he said.

Describing in general outline the survey that has been under way, the mayor said the route leaves No. 1 highway this side of Skyline, north of Manly and crosses Midland Road near the intersection with the "cut-off" road to Manly. It would run between the W. P. Davis residence and the Mid Pines lake and swing in to follow south the course of McDeed's Creek, the stream that runs in the hollow between East and West Southern Pines. At the south end of town the surveyed route runs east of the cemetery and runs back into No. 1 at the curve just north of the Fairway and Charlton Court tourist courts, requiring removal of the old Sugg home on the West side of the curve.

If this route should be used, tentative plans call for an overpass traffic separation that would carry Pennsylvania Avenue over the dual-lane highway, with connecting "clover-leaf" intersections, at the bottom of the hollow between East and West Southern Pines. A similar traffic separation would be considered for the crossing on Midland Road, pre-

LICENSE BUREAU CLOSING 2 WEEKS

The Chamber of Commerce office and auto license bureau at the Southland Hotel will be closed for two weeks starting Monday as Miss Alice Baxter, secretary, will be on vacation.

Persons requiring motor vehicle licenses or license transfers during this period are asked to go to the offices at Sanford, Rockingham, Fayetteville or Raleigh, or write to the Raleigh office of the State Department of Motor Vehicles.

H. L. Brown, house committee chairman for the Chamber of Commerce, will have the key and pick up the mail during Miss Baxter's vacation period. The office will reopen Monday, August 30.