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## Methodists To Conduct Charter Day For Church

73 Persons Will Be Accepted For Membership Sunday

Charter Sunday for Southern Pines' new Methodist Church will be observed September 12 by prospective members and friends of the church with special services at the Civic Club at the corner of Ashe St. and Pennsylvania Ave.

The Rev. O. L. Hathaway of Fayetteville, superintendent of the Fayetteville District of the North Carolina Conference, will deliver the sermon at the morning service which is to begin at 11 a. m. Regular Church School at 9:45 a. m. will precede the Charter Sunday service.

The call to worship and the invocation will be delivered by the Rev. E. E. Whitley, pastor, who has been organizing the new church during the last several months. There will be special music. Prelude and postlude will be played by Mrs. Eleanor Caldwell, pianist.

Seventy-three persons will be received into membership of the church—12 coming by profession of faith, 43 by letters of transfer and 18 children coming by baptism and preparatory membership.

The service will include baptism of infants and children, receiving of members into the church, reception of members of transfer, and also the church conference and quarterly conference at which the actual organization of the new church will take place.

A nominating committee will bring in nominations to be considered by the new church members for stewards, trustees, Church School superintendent and a number of commissions and committees, as well as lay delegate and alternate to the annual conference.

Tentative plans call for construction of an education building and church sanctuary, when possible, on a lot at the southwest corner of May St. and Maine Ave.

## Blue Knights To Open Season At Maxton Tonight

Southern Pines High grid squad completed a week of hard work Thursday afternoon with tapering-off drills in preparation for Friday night's opener with Maxton under the lights at Maxton.

A broiling sun all this week failed to dampen the high spirits of the squad although their shirts and practice pants were quickly sweat-drenched. Workouts were spirited Wednesday, made more so by the boys making terrific bids for starting positions in Friday's game.

Headcoach Irie Leonard on Wednesday hadn't picked the starters for the game with the Robeson County high team, but indicated that Tony Parker and Bill Marley would be on the ends.

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## Mrs. Struthers Burt Here; Service Of Mr. Burt For Moore Hospital Recalled

Mrs. Struthers Burt, widow of the novelist and poet who died at Jackson, Wyo., August 28 and who had spent a large part of his life in Southern Pines, arrived here this week and is staying at Weymouth, the home of Mrs. James Boyd.

Mrs. Boyd is expected to arrive in Southern Pines from Sorrento, Maine, Monday.

Funeral services for Mr. Burt were held at Jackson, Wednesday of last week. Burial was in the Jackson cemetery which is described as a beautiful spot in view of the Teton mountains. The Three Rivers Ranch, which had been owned by Mr. and Mrs. Burt for many years, is not far from Jackson.

Mr. Burt's many years of faithful service as both a director and officer of the board of directors of Moore County Hospital were

pointed out this week by Paul Dana of Pinehurst, secretary of Moore County Hospital, Inc.

He was one of the 15 original directors elected at the permanent organization meeting of the hospital board on April 23, 1928, and continued to serve as a director for about 20 years, until the end of 1947.

He was a member of the first finance committee appointed in 1928 and chairman of that committee in 1932. He served as vice-president in 1932 and as president of the board during 1933.

He was a member of the executive committee from 1934 through 1937; a member of the public relations committee from 1940 through 1942; and a member of the professional relations committee from 1943 through 1946.

"During all these years he was one of our most faithful and valuable directors," Mr. Dana noted.



NEW SCHOOL OPENS—Students gather on the steps of the new "Phase A" unit of Southern Pines High School, as classes opened Wednesday, marking first use of the structure which was built at a cost of \$126,644. Leslie N. Boney of Wilmington was architect of the brick building which has a "modified Colonial" design to harmonize with other units of the school plant here. Work is expected to begin later this year on the adjoining "Phase B" unit that will extend 191 feet north, parallel to May St. Total cost of the whole structure is expected to be about \$250,000. (Photo by V. Nicholson)

## Total Town Enrollment Tops 1,000

## Record Number Pupils Enter Schools

First-day enrollment at Southern Pines white schools increased by 71 pupils, as compared to the first day last year, Supt. A. C. Dawson, Jr., reports. Local schools opened Wednesday.

An increase of 50 was recorded in the elementary school—from 475 last year to 525 this year. In the high school, enrollment jumped from 125 to 146.

Further increases in the high school registration, probably to between 155 and 160, are expected, Mr. Dawson said, as additional students who have been out of town return.

In the West Southern Pines schools, Principal J. W. Moore reported an increase of 16 in the elementary school, from 228 to 244, and an increase of 18 in the high school, from 82 to 100.

This brings the total first-day enrollment in all schools of the Southern Pines city unit to 1,015—the first time enrollment has topped the 1,000 mark in the local school system.

Total increase of pupils in all the local schools this year, as compared to last year, amounts to 105.

Supt. Dawson said that the influx of pupils at the white elementary school may mean that one class will have to move to quarters outside the school plant. The school is short four classrooms and is conducting one class in the teachers' lounge, two in the home economics cottage and one in the gymnasium office.

The teachers' lounge, he said, will accommodate a class of only 20 students, because of its size. As it appears each teacher will have to instruct the full complement of 30 students, it may be this room cannot be used for an emergency classroom, he said.

The Parent-Teacher Association formed here early this year will have its first meeting in the school auditorium Thursday night, September 23.

County Schools Supt. H. Lee Thomas at Carthage reported that the county school system showed a first-day attendance gain of 303 as a total of all elementary and high schools in the nine districts of the county.

Total enrollment in the county schools was 6,407 as compared to 6,104 last year.

Largest gain registered was at Berkley Negro school in Aberdeen which showed an enrollment increase of 100. Aberdeen white schools showed 33 more students in high and elementary schools combined; Westmoore School showed an increase of 39 and Pinckney Negro school at Carthage 38.

Four schools of the county system showed decreases in first-day enrollment—seven at Farm Life, nine at Highfalls, 12 at Vass

schools in the nine districts of the county.

Of paramount local interest was the endorsement bestowed by the convention on the candidacy of Voit Gilmore of Southern Pines, president of the county YDC and general chairman of Friday's gathering, for YDC national committeeman, a post that is to be filled by election at the state YDC convention in Charlotte, September 16-18. A delegation from Moore County is expected to journey to Charlotte to back Gilmore's candidacy and take part in the political maneuvering that is always a part of state YDC meetings.

Motion for endorsement of Gilmore's candidacy was made by Ralph Monger, Jr., of Sanford, who is Lee County Democratic chairman and has been active in YDC for many years.

Fat Taylor, Jr., of Wadesboro, 8th District YDC chairman, presided at the outdoor chicken supper for which Morris Johnson and associates at the Country Club (Continued on page 8)

**BROOM SALE CONTINUES**

The broom sale begun Tuesday by the Southern Pines Lions Club is continuing through Saturday. Proceeds of the sale are used to help the Lions' program of aid to the blind and sight conservation. Brooms will be sold Saturday from a booth in front of the Citizens Bank and Trust Co. and also from a truck at the post office.

## Town Audit Shows Excess Of Nearly \$29,000 For Year

Deficit Of Previous Year Overcome; Funds In Bank Increase

An audit of the town's accounts received from W. M. Russ and Co., certified public accountants, of Raleigh, shows an excess in the general fund of \$14,420.53 and in the water fund of \$14,422.23.

The audit report covers the fiscal year ended June 30, the first fiscal year under the council-manager form of government.

An audit of the previous fiscal year, ended June 30, 1953, had showed expenditures exceeding revenue in the general fund by \$5,590 and in the water fund by \$1,299.

While the town at the beginning of the fiscal year had a deficit of about \$20,000, some of which had been carried over from previous years, the new audit shows a surplus of \$24,300 in the water fund and \$4,109 in the general fund, for a total accumulated surplus of \$28,409. The deficit of \$20,210 was wiped out during the year.

The audit for the 1953-'54 year shows cash in banks as \$118,699, compared to \$47,787 at the end of the previous fiscal year.

Because the transactions had not been undertaken when the new audit was made, the report does not show as cash assets for the town \$13,500 which is expected from sale of the Community Center building on May St., nor \$7,000 which is the price the town expects to receive for the site of the former police station and ABC store building. Dr. Malcolm Kemp of Southern Pines now holds an option on the site for that price.

"The audit report shows that the town is now in a much better position to tackle things that need to be done," said City Manager Tom E. Cunningham. Among these things he listed building sewers and streets and a new town hall, police station and fire station.

elementary (Negro); and 20 at Vineland, a Negro elementary school near West End.

The Vass and Vineland Negro schools are priority projects for consolidation with the Carthage schools.

## Commissioners Accept School Money Decision

Tax Rate Will Not Be Raised, Officials Say

**SPCC TOURNEY**  
With about 65 entries, play in the qualifying rounds of the annual Southern Pines Country Club golf tournament began Wednesday. Harold Collins of Southern Pines is defending champion. Match play will start September 15.

## 'Outsize Zoning' To Be Discussed

Discussion of a proposal to increase the membership of the town council from five to seven and of a proposal to work with Aberdeen on joint zoning of territory between the two towns, as well as possible zoning of other outside areas, is slated for the town council at its regular meeting at town hall Tuesday night of next week at 8 o'clock.

Also on a tentative docket being prepared by City Manager Tom E. Cunningham is discussion of general financing with a view to setting policy now and in the future. A study made by the manager, at the request of the council, recommends that contributions to a perpetual care fund be discontinued, that prices of lots be raised and that the cemetery, now claiming about five cents of \$1.75 tax rate, be put on a more nearly self-sustaining basis.

All three of these matters have been previously discussed by the council, some at several meetings. Change in the council membership, as well as "outside zoning" would require authorization from the 1955 session of the General Assembly. The zoning proposal looks to discussion with Aberdeen officials, as well as public meetings for the property owners involved and all other interested persons. Its aim is to give the towns some control over the development of approaches to the communities.

## Emergency Dimes Drive To Go On

A "very good response" in the emergency March of Dimes was reported this week by Paul C. Butler of Southern Pines, chairman of the Moore County Chapter of the National Association for Infantile Paralysis.

While reports have not been received from most of the community chairmen throughout the county, Southern Pines has contributed close to \$500, Aberdeen has about \$200 and one report lists \$30 collected in Niagara.

The emergency drive, nationwide attempt to meet a \$20 million need to continue programs of polio research, will continue through September 15.

## IN TOWN OFFICE

Mrs. Dick Mattocks of S. Bennett St., began work as administrative clerk at town hall Friday of last week, resuming a position that she left March, 1 of this year. She replaces Mrs. Elizabeth Zoll who will leave with her husband for Gainesville, Fla., September 10.

## Contract Signed For Work On Lights; Elks Lodge Turns Over \$2,000 Fund

W. B. Holliday, chairman of the athletic field lights project of the Chamber of Commerce, reports that a contract was signed Wednesday with the Camco Construction Co. of Sanford to start work Saturday of next week on installation of the poles and lights.

Work to be done by the Sanford firm will cost \$845 under the contract. This will cover setting the poles, installing the lights on the poles and part of the wiring.

Some of the remaining work may be done by volunteer labor. "We are trying to make our money go as far as possible," said Mr. Holliday.

## Elks Fund Turned Over

Also this week, the Elks contribution of \$2,000 to the project was turned over to Mr. Holliday by Bryan Poe, Exalted Ruler of the Southern Pines lodge.

This amount, raised by the Elks through various activities over the

The county commissioners, meeting Tuesday at Carthage, resolved to accept the decision of Clerk of Court C. C. Kennedy, arbitrator in the school capital outlay dispute with the county board of education, thus terminating the controversy between the two boards.

The board of education had previously accepted the decision, leaving the way open to the commissioners to accept or appeal to the civil court.

By their action, both boards have now abandoned their right of appeal, and the capital outlay budget remains in effect as approved by the commissioners August 2, except for the modifications ordered by the arbitrator.

The budget as originally approved reduced capital outlay funds from \$472,471 requested by the board of education to \$269,000. The modification restored certain deleted items totaling \$8,359, bringing the total capital outlay for the year for the county school system to \$277,359.

## No Tax Increase

Before adopting the resolution in their regular session, the commissioners asked John C. Muse, auditor, who was present, if the addition of the \$8,359 would necessitate any alteration in the tax rate, already set at \$1.35. The auditor informed them that it need not, as that amount could be "absorbed" in the budget.

The acceptance was advised by M. G. Boyette, county attorney, who also attended the meeting. He told the commissioners of their right to appeal to the superior court, in which the findings of the clerk would be laid aside and the judge would make his own findings, and reach his own decision. "He could go lighter on you, or he could make it very much worse," warned the attorney.

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## APPRECIATION

C. N. Page, "general" for the athletic field lights campaign which has been conducted during the past month, and W. B. Holliday, chairman of the project for the Chamber of Commerce, this week expressed their appreciation to all persons who have been active in the drive or who have made contributions.

Calling the campaign a "wonderful community effort in which many worked hard and many gave generously," the chairman pointed out that installation of the lights will enable larger numbers of persons to see athletic contests of all types here and will bring pleasure to the town for years to come.

"We are deeply grateful to everyone who has given time, effort or money, whether the contribution was large or small. The response in this campaign was a tribute to Southern Pines," they said.



AT DEMOCRATIC RALLY—Commissioner of Agriculture Srag Ballentine rides in the "YDC Special," a tiny cart drawn by a "Democratic" donkey at the Young Democrats' 8th District convention here. At right is Voit Gilmore, general chairman of the event, and in center is Pat Taylor, Jr., of Wadesboro, district YDC chairman. Onlookers in the background were not identified. The commissioner, main speaker at the gathering, drove the cart around among the outdoor picnic tables before he delivered his address. The donkey and cart were supervised at the rally by Bob Priest of Pinehurst, their owner. (Photo by V. Nicholson)