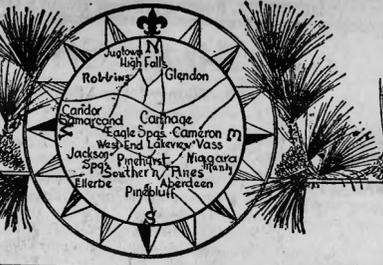


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OFFICIAL CHURCH BOARD — Eleven of the 16 members of the Official Board of the newly formed Southern Pines Methodist Church are pictured here after the church's Charter Day service Sunday. Left to right: L. E. Ledden, steward; W. A. Leonard, steward; J. A. Lowdermilk, steward; Mrs. Carolou Johnston, chairman of commission on missions; Milton Wilson, alternate delegate to the annual conference; Mrs. J. S. Hiatt, Jr, president WSCS and chairman, commission on membership and evangelism; E. E. Hubbard, steward and lay delegate

to the annual conference; Dr. J. S. Hiatt, Jr., trustee and lay leader; Richard Boaz, trustee; O. L. Hathaway of Fayetteville, district superintendent; and the Rev. E. E. Whitley, pastor. Members of the Official Board not in the photo are: L. D. Jones, steward; K. A. Bridges, steward and chairman, commission on finance; Dr. M. D. Kemp, trustee; Dr. M. B. Huffman, Church School superintendent and chairman, commission on education; and Mrs. J. A. Whitley, recording steward.

(Photo by Emerson Humphrey)

Many Received In New Church On Charter Day

One hundred and five persons attended a Charter Day service for Southern Pines Methodist Church held at the Civic Club Sunday morning with the Rev. O. L. Hathaway of Fayetteville, district superintendent, presiding. Between 50 and 60 persons joined the church Sunday, in addition to infants baptized and young people taken into preparatory membership. A group to be taken into membership next Sunday and thereafter will bring actual membership of the new church to over 70.

The Rev. E. E. Whitley, young pastor who has been organizing the church since June 1, delivered the call to worship and the invocation.

Actual organization of the church took place during the church conference and quarterly conference.

Officers, Committees
Officers and committees were elected, after the entire report of the nominating committee for these posts was accepted. They are:
Elected Stewards: Earl E. Hubbard, Lynn E. Ledden, J. A. Lowdermilk, L. D. Jones, W. A. Leonard and Karl A. Bridges.
Trustees, 1955, Richard Boaz; 1956, Dr. Malcolm D. Kemp, and

Good News From Polio Patients

It was good news this week from Southern Pines polio patients.

Nancy and Al Godwin, children of Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Godwin, Jr., of Midland Road, are home, after treatment in the polio ward of N. C. Memorial Hospital, Chapel Hill, and are reported to be getting along nicely. Nancy is 11 and her brother is six years old.

Pat Morrison, 15, daughter of Mrs. Pauline Morrison 865 N. May St., a patient at Memorial Hospital, Chapel Hill, has been up in a wheel chair this week and is walking a little bit, her mother said Thursday. Doctors say she will not need braces but her right leg is stiff and she walks with a limp that it is hoped will work out.

No new cases were reported in Southern Pines or Moore County this week. The 1954 count for the county remains seven, four of which have been from Southern Pines.

The Emergency March of Dimes drive officially ended Wednesday, but contributions may still be made to community chairman in the various towns and rural communities of the county.

Officials, Public To Be Invited To Attend Meeting On 'Outside Zoning'

Council Gets Report On Civil Defense; Firetruck Has Radio

With approval of the town council, Mayor L. T. Clark, City Manager Tom E. Cunningham and Town Attorney W. Lamont Brown are working on plans for an open meeting to discuss the controversial question of zoning outside the town limits.

Probably to be held at Weaver Auditorium, the meeting would bring together the governing boards and officials of Southern Pines and Aberdeen; the people

Blue Knights To Play Here Today; Schedule Changed

The Blue Knights of Southern Pines High School, who played a scoreless tie with Maxton's six-man football squad last Friday night in their season opener, will make their first home appearance here today (Friday) at 3 p.m., with West End High School gridders as opponents. (Story of last Friday's game, page 7).

This will be the only afternoon game of the season, Head Coach Irie Leonard pointed out. The following week (Friday, September 24), the Blue Knights will tackle Rowland, said to be a tough aggregation, at Rowland under lights.

Two changes in the schedule were announced this week by Coach Leonard. Bladenboro will be the opponent here in the night Homecoming game October 8, replacing the formerly scheduled Robbins which is reported to have a shortage of players. A feature of the Homecoming game will be sale of tickets by members of the Southern Pines Rotary Club, all proceeds going to the athletic field lights fund. Members of the club have given a total of \$1,500 to the fund and hope to regain a considerable portion of this through the sale of tickets.

In the other schedule change, the team from Whitakers-Battleboro school near Rocky Mount is replacing Carthage in the October 22 night game here. It is understood that Carthage has poor prospects for an adequate squad. The schedule changes mean that both Robbins and Carthage forfeit games to Southern Pines in county standings.

MATCH PLAY BEGINS

Match play began Wednesday in the annual Southern Pines Country Club golf tournament after a week of qualifying rounds. More than 60 players are taking part in the event.

whose property would be affected, not only between Southern Pines and Aberdeen but in other directions from Southern Pines; Highway Commissioner Forrest Lockety of Aberdeen, State Rep. H. Clifton Blue of Aberdeen; Hawley Poole of West End, Democratic nominee for State Senate; Chairman Gordon Cameron of the county commission and J. M. Pleasants, member of the county board from Southern Pines; and all interested persons.

The power to zone for business and residential development outside a town's limits can be granted only by the General Assembly. If the matter can be worked out satisfactorily in preliminary conferences and if there is widespread public approval of the proposal in the areas involved, Moore County legislators would be asked to submit a local bill that would authorize the zoning power.

Members of the council, at their regular meeting in town hall Tuesday night, said they thought the zoning power would be generally approved if all concerned understood what it was about. Zoning everywhere, it was pointed out, tends to raise property values by promoting orderly development.

In a session that lasted nearly four hours, the council spent a large proportion of the time debating, but taking no action on a proposal to raise the price of lots at Mount Hope Cemetery, which is owned by the town, in order to make it more nearly, but still not completely, self-sustaining.

A related proposal was put to a vote, but defeated when Mayor

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Progress In Past Year Summarized

Town Council Lists Accomplishments

Eighteen accomplishments of town government during the past year are listed in a statement made public at the town council's regular meeting Tuesday night.

Councilman Voit Gilmore, at whose suggestion the listing was drawn up by City Manager Tom E. Cunningham, read the statement to the council and the citizens attending the meeting.

The statement acknowledges with pleasure recent favorable newspaper and radio publicity regarding the town's progress during the past year, in improvement of its taxation and financial situation, and continues as follows: "This appears to be a favorable time to call to the attention of the people of Southern Pines a few specific accomplishments of this administration. Constant effort by the mayor, the council, interested citizens, the town manager and our loyal town employees have

Kiwanis, USAF Will Stage Kids Day September 25

School Children Will Go To Pope AFB For Program

An estimated 600 Moore County youngsters will take part in the annual Kids Day program Saturday, September 25, sponsored jointly by the Sandhill Kiwanis Club and the USAF Air-Ground Operations School at the Highland Pines Inn.

The kids and "kids-at-heart" of Moore County—the latter being interested adults, including members of the Kiwanis Club who will be on hand for the program—are invited by Brig. Gen. Daniel W. Jenkins, commandant at the school, and the Kiwanis Club to turn out for the day's events.

W. T. Huntley, Jr., of Southern Pines and T. Roy Phillips of Carthage are co-chairmen of the event for the Kiwanis Club. Kids Day programs are sponsored throughout the nation by Kiwanis Clubs and Air Force units.

The program was announced this week as follows: 9 a.m.—Youngsters will assemble at the Southern Pines school, many coming from other sections of the county in busses, and receive Kids Day buttons.

10:15 a.m.—Air Force busses will be loaded and will depart for Pope Air Force Base. Adult supervision will be provided on all busses.

11 a.m.—Arrival at Pope AFB and inspection of a "static display" of aircraft, including training planes, troop carriers, jet planes and bombers. There will also be a "fly-by" showing planes in the air, an aerial display, continuous movies shown in hangars, a fire-fighting demonstration and a parachute display by members of the 82nd Airborne Division.

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Gilmore Opponent For Committeeman Now Out Of Race

A delegation of Moore County Young Democrats is at Charlotte for the State YDC convention that opened Thursday and will run through Saturday.

The candidacy of Voit Gilmore of Southern Pines for YDC national committeeman from North Carolina received a boost this week unexpectedly when Parker Whedon of Charlotte, the only other announced candidate, withdrew from the race because of the illness of his young son who is under treatment for polio.

An election during the convention at the Hotel Charlotte will pick the national committeeman and other State YDC officers. Gilmore has the endorsement of the 8th District YDC, given at the district convention here, and many other assurances of support from throughout the state. He may yet have opposition, but backers here were hopeful of his success whether or not he is opposed. They headed for Charlotte prepared for a campaign to establish

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USAF Air-Ground School Slated To Move Early Next Year From Southern Pines To Keesler AFB



HOME OF SCHOOL—With a familiar designating sign looming in the foreground, the Highland Pines Inn was a center of attention here this week after it was announced that the USAF Air-Ground Operations School, which has occupied the stately, pillared structure since June, 1951, will move in a few months to Mississippi. This view shows the Inn porch topped with a "Power for Peace" banner in observance of Armed Forces Day last year.

HOPE TO SOFTEN ECONOMIC IMPACT

Local Leaders Act In Effort To Keep School, Delay Departure

News that the USAF Air-Ground School is to leave Southern Pines brought immediate action by the senators and representatives, all of whom said they were investigating the matter and would do what they could to determine whether the move to Mississippi is inevitable.

Purposes of the local efforts are to keep the school here if possible or to soften the impact of its departure by a delay that will give leaders here time to obtain some other similar unit or payroll source that would help maintain the area's economy at the present level.

The Air-Ground school's \$75,000 monthly payroll is considered a vital factor in the economy of the town and area and businessmen are worried about the economic blow of its suddenly being cut off.

Kiwanis Resolution

Further action was taken at the regular meeting of the Sandhills Kiwanis Club Wednesday when the club adopted a resolution recognizing the Air Ground School's beneficial effect on the community, acknowledging a debt of gratitude owed to the school by the community and urging that the school be allowed to remain in Southern Pines "if it be in accordance with the economy and plans of the Air Force and Army."

Their resolution pledged the club members, individually and collectively as a club, to any assistance they may be able to give to keeping the school here and in the meantime, the resolution stated, "our hearts shall beat time to the USAF Air-Ground School and especially to its excellent commander of personnel."

The resolution was introduced by Jack S. Younts. A Kiwanis committee on the matter is composed of Ward Hill, Voit Gilmore, W. P. Saunders and Norris Hodgkins, Sr.

Leaders Needed For Girl Scouts

A "desperate need" for leaders in local Girl Scout troops will be discussed at a meeting to be held at the Red Cross office, 244 S. W. Broad St., Tuesday at 7:30 p. m.

Mrs. John Ostrom, who announced the meeting, said that several troops are now without leaders or assistant leaders and invited all women who think they might be able to volunteer their services to attend the meeting to learn more about the needs and requirements.

Miss Cathryn Creasman of Sanford, executive of the Central Carolina Girl Scout Council, which includes Moore County, will attend the meeting.

More Economy, Efficiency Are Listed Reasons

The United States Air Force Air-Ground Operations School, which has been in the Highland Pines Inn since June, 1951, will move to Keesler Air Force Base, Miss., as soon as accommodations for it there have been made ready, it was announced Tuesday by Brig. Gen. Daniel W. Jenkins, commandant at the school.

When the school moves depends only on when the new quarters at Keesler Field are ready. It is likely, the announcement said, that this will take place early in 1955.

According to the announcement of the move that came earlier Tuesday from Gen. O. P. Weyland, commander of Tactical Air Command of which the school is a unit, "Selection of Keesler for the school's new location is based upon the availability of more economical and efficient facilities on an established Air Force installation."

The school rents the Highland Pines Inn from the Stitzer Hotel Company which is headed by Charles W. Stitzer of Southern Pines. Apparently the Air Force has concluded that it is more economical to operate the school on an Air Force base. It is reported that similar changes are being made elsewhere.

The increased efficiency mentioned in the announcement as resulting from the move probably refers to elimination of bus trips from Southern Pines to Pope Air Force Base which have been necessary because the school here is removed some distance from an operating Air Force Base with flying and other facilities available.

General Jenkins was not at the school Tuesday. Local release of the news was made after the announcement had come in on the Air Force teletype from General Weyland at Tactical Air Command headquarters at Langley Field, Va.

Continues to Operate

Meanwhile, the school will continue to operate. It is now in a regularly scheduled "stand down" period when classes are suspended, but a new class is slated to begin a weekly study session September 27, with the classes to continue their customary turn-over of 100 officers each week until the school moves.

The Air-Ground School's full complement of 123 officers and men who are stationed here permanently, many of them occupying homes and apartments in Southern Pines with their wives and families, will move with the school.

General Jenkins' announcement noted that the departing officers and men will miss the atmosphere of Southern Pines, where personnel of the school have played prominent parts in community life, and that they "will always remember the good times they have had here."

For the town, departure of the school comes as a shock. Not only are the Air Force personnel valued citizens in their own right, but the school provides a \$75,000 monthly payroll that is one of the largest in the county from any single source. Most of the "per-

COURT TERM

Judge Francis O. Clarkson of Charlotte is scheduled to preside at a term of Moore County Superior Court for trial of civil cases, to open at the courthouse in Carthage Monday morning.

Because of the Superior Court session the weekly recorders court usually held on Monday will be conducted Saturday of this week. Judge J. Vance Rowe and Solicitor W. Lamont Brown have announced.

For the complete calendar of next week's civil term, see story on page 10.