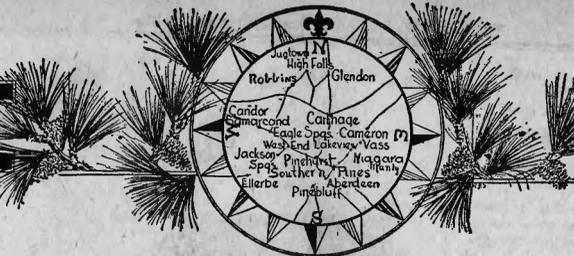


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## W. Pennsylvania Avenue Project Making Progress

### Training School To Send Boys To Help With Clean-Up Job

Project No. 1 of the 1954 "Finer Carolina" program, the improvement and beautification of West Pennsylvania Ave., took a big step ahead this week.

The month of October is being dedicated to a joint effort of organizations and citizens on both sides of town, to make this important town entranceway one in which the whole community can take pride, said Thomas J. Hayes, local architect, who is chairman of the project.

Through the interest of Professor Brown, head of the Morrison and Training school at Hoffman, and former principal of West Southern Pines school, 50 boys from Morrison will spend their Saturdays during the month working on the project, with two supervisors. They will paint, make repairs and help clean up yards and homes.

The Town of Southern Pines has cleaned and seeded "the Point," a former weed-covered barren at West Pennsylvania and Glover street, and the town crew will continue with weeding all along the parkways.

The Civic Club Garden Group has taken as its project the planting and beautification of "the Point" to make it of an attractive community park. With Mrs. James H. Ratliff, Jr., president in charge, shrubbery cuttings will also be distributed for planting on yards and on parkways along the street.

The Southern Pines Warehouse, Inc., is offering paint and repair materials at reduced cost, to West Pennsylvania Avenue residents during October.

Boy Scouts of West Southern Pines are disseminating information about the project, and will help the Morrison boys in their work, under direction of Messrs. Hasty, Faison, Graham, and Carpenter. They plan to devote many hours during the month to this community service.

That it will be a real service, to which full cooperation of residents of the avenue will be given, was the spirit of a meeting held Monday night at West Southern Pines school, with Chairman Hayes in charge.

He had previously met with T. T. Morse and J. T. Saunders, West Southern Pines members of his committee, to formulate general plans for the improvement project. These were both present Monday night, along with 20 or more other residents, most of them living on West Pennsylvania. (Continued on Page 5)

## State Opticians Group To Meet, Brown To Speak

The North Carolina Opticians Association will hold its fall meeting at the Hollywood Hotel here this weekend.

Registration of the opticians, with members of their families and other guests, will begin today (Friday) at 2 p.m. and continue through Saturday morning.

A dinner dance will be held Saturday evening. At the Sunday dinner the principal speaker will be W. Lamont Brown, Moore County solicitor and Southern Pines town attorney. Johnnie A. Hall of Southern Pines is general chairman for the convention.

A golf tournament for the men at the Southern Pines Country Club, with sightseeing tours for the ladies, will be major events of the weekend. The tournament, starting Saturday, will end Sunday with the presentation of trophies, one given by the association, the other by the Southern Pines Chamber of Commerce.

A business session will also be held Sunday, with election of officers. Present officers are J. W. Southerland, High Point, president; Edward Stamper, Greensboro, vice-president, and Jack Spencer, Greensboro, secretary-treasurer.



**MOORE FOLKS PRESENT**—Seated in the exhibit hall of the Lee County Fair grounds at a barbecue supper that followed Tuesday's 8th District Democratic rally in Sanford, this group includes several of the large Moore County delegation who attended the rally. From front to back at left of photo can be seen Mrs. Ruth Swisher, Voit Gilmore, Mrs. Valerie Nicholson, an unidentified Lee County Democratic lady and Mrs. C. B. Deane of Rockingham, wife of

the 8th District Congressman. At the right, from front to back, are Mrs. Bessie Griffin, Moore register of deeds and her husband, G. E. Griffin of Lakeview; Mrs. Monroe Chappell and Mr. Chappell, of Vass, and other unidentified Democrats. The empty chair in the foreground was vacated by Mayor Lloyd Clark of Southern Pines who left the table to speak to a friend shortly before the picture was made.

## Democrats Of Eighth District Flock To Rally

Democratic spirits rode high Tuesday afternoon at the congressional district rally of the "Fighting Eighth," when some 300 of the faithful from all 12 counties of the district gathered at the Lee County courthouse, Sanford.

It was the fifth in the current campaign series, featuring a caravan of state leaders and party candidates, and the first at which all counties of the district were represented 100 per cent.

### Moore Delegation

Membership of the Moore County delegation, second in size only to that of the host county of Lee, included: county candidates, Solicitor W. Lamont Brown, who as chairman of the Democratic executive committee presented the delegation, Rep. H. Clifton Blue, Sheriff C. J. McDonald, Clerk of Court C. C. Kennedy, Register of Deeds Mrs. Bessie Griffin; Deputy Sheriff A. F. Dees, Tax Collector Douglas David, Inspector H. H. Grimm; John A. Lang, Jr., of Carthage, administrative assistant to Rep. Deane; County Commissioner J. M. Pleasants, Mayor L. T. Clark, National YDC Committeeman Voit Gilmore, W. P. Saunders, Mrs. Ruth Swisher, John S. Ruggles, John D. McConnell, L. T. Avery, Mrs. Valerie Nicholson, all of Southern Pines; T. Roy Phillips, Miss Bess McCaskill, Miss Myrtle Frye, of Carthage; Frank McCaskill, Pinehurst; G. E. Griffin, Mr. and Mrs. Monroe Chappell, Vass; and T. Clyde Auman, West End.

Warm welcomes were extended (Continued on page 5)

## Cox Inquest Set For Monday Night

An inquest in the death of James Cox, 20, of West End in an automobile accident in Knollwood October 2, has been called for 8 p.m., Monday at the town hall by Coroner Ralph Steed of Robbins.

A key witness at the hearing will be Samuel Frye, Jr., 23, of Carthage, who was injured in the one-car accident and who was required to post a \$2,500 bond when released from St. Joseph of the Pines Hospital.

## BLUE TO SPEAK ON AMENDMENTS

Rep. H. Clifton Blue of Aberdeen will address an open meeting of the League of Women Voters at the Southern Pines Civic Club at 8 p.m., Thursday, October 21.

Mr. Blue will discuss the amendments to the Constitution to be voted on this fall. He was a member of the committee which drafted the proposed amendments.

The public is invited to attend.

### BRIDGE WORK STARTED

Much material for the new railroad bridge to be built in Vass has arrived and preliminary work on the project got under way this week.

## Hodges, Deane To Attend Meeting

Lt. Gov. Luther Hodges and Rep. C. B. Deane of Rockingham will be featured speakers at a Moore County Democratic rally to be held at the courthouse in Carthage, preceded by a dinner at the Carthage Hotel, Tuesday evening, October 26. Young Democrats and senior party members are co-operating in sponsoring the event.

The dinner will be at 6:30 and the speaking at 8. All party members planning to attend are urged to invite a young person, in line with the YDC's drive to encourage young people to active party participation.

## Blue Knights Win 48-0 Under New Lights



**OFF TO SCORE**—Billy Cox (32) gets away on a touchdown run for the Southern Pines Blue Knights early in last week's Homecoming game with Bladenboro. Roger Verhoeff (44) is ready to take care of opposition on the left, while Kenneth Creech (23) and an unidentified

player on the ground are doing the immediate blocking job to set Cox free. In the background is Johnny Watkins (38) and another local player who have already accomplished their tasks. (Photo by Humphrey)

An estimated 2,000 persons were on hand at Memorial Field last Friday night to see the Southern Pines Blue Knights roll over Bladenboro High School's six-man football team to a 48-0 homecoming game victory, and to witness ceremonies dedicating the field lights bought with publicly contributed funds.

Music by the school band, featuring a spectacular performance of "By the Light of the Silvery Moon," with the field lights off and individual battery-fed lights

on the caps of musicians and the feet and batons of the drum majorettes, made the occasion exceptionally colorful and interesting.

The school cheerleaders, headed by Patti Woodell, helped keep the spirits of the crowd high as the Blue Knights showed their power, with practically every member of the squad getting a chance to play during the one-sided contest.

Before the game, National Guard Warrant Officer Lennox Forsyth, as master of ceremonies, paid tribute to the leaders in the

## Council Approves Price Increase On Lots In Mount Hope Cemetery

### Sandhills Music Asso. Launching Member Campaign

Opening its season ticket sale for the 1954-'55 concert season, the Sandhills Music Association announced this week that student season tickets will be available for the first time this year to any student attending concerts, accompanied by an adult. The annual membership campaign of the Association begins today (Friday).

Subscription letters are being sent out to previous subscribers and to many new members. Obtainable at Barnum Realty Co., 124 N. W. Broad St., season tickets (memberships) are priced at \$6, \$9 and \$12, according to the desirability of seat locations.

First program of the new season will be presented Friday evening, November 12, with the appearance of Iva Kitchell, dance satirist.

Other attractions will be: January 7, Columbus Boys' Choir; February 18, the Little Symphony of the North Carolina Symphony Orchestra, under the direction of Dr. Benjamin Swalin; March 18, Jacob Lateiner, concert pianist; and April 22, Shirley Emmons and William McGrath, soprano and tenor.

All performances will be at Weaver auditorium. In addition, the Association (Continued on Page 8)

### Registration To Continue Next Two Saturdays

Registration for the November 2 general election will continue at Moore County's 17 polling places on Saturday, October 16 and 23.

Registrars will be at the precinct polling places on these days from 9 a.m. until sunset. October 30 will be challenge day.

Persons must be a resident of their precinct for four months and a resident of North Carolina for one year prior to November 2 to be eligible to register.

Young men and women who will become 21 years of age before November 2 may register and vote.

Qualified voters who will be absent from the county in which they are registered on election day, or who by reason of sickness (Continued on Page 5)

### BRUSH BURNING PERMITS VOIDED

County Forest Ranger Travis Wicker said Wednesday that he had received notice from State Forester Fred Claridge that all brush burning permits in the state are cancelled, as of Wednesday, because of excessively dry woodland conditions. No permits will be issued until further notice, Wicker said.

The permits referred to are those all persons must obtain before setting a fire over 500 feet from a dwelling, from October 1 through May 30.

### Crucial Test of Local Players To Be Made Tonight

#### Football Game At Aberdeen Is Rated Tops In Interest

The Blue Knights of Southern Pines High School, undefeated and tied once this year in Class A six-man football, go into the crucial game of their season tonight (Friday) at Aberdeen's newly-lighted field, with the Moore County championship and a chance for state playoffs hanging in the balance.

The undefeated and untied rambling Red Devils of the neighboring town will clinch the county title if they win tonight's game. If the Blue Knights win, it will mean the local boys have a good chance for the championship and subsequent playoffs.

With an older, more experienced team, Aberdeen is rated the favorite, but the rapidly developing juniors, sophomores and freshmen of Coaches Irie and W. A. Leonard have posed an increasingly potent threat to opponents this season. It is obvious that anything can happen in tonight's contest. A fumble or a dropped pass could mean the game.

Both teams are in top shape physically, local coaches and Coach Hugh Bowman of the Red Devils said this week, with no players out with injuries.

In this week's rating of Class A six-man teams by the Greensboro Daily News, Aberdeen retains the No. 1 spot and Southern Pines has risen from fifth to third position. The contest tonight is the ranking six-man game of the week in the state and should provide a maximum quota of thrills for the fans.

### Next Home Game Set October 22

The Southern Pines Blue Knights will play their next home game—the second under the new lights at Memorial Field—Friday night of next week, October 22, at 8 p.m., against Whitakers-Battleboro school near Rocky Mount which is reputed to have one of the strongest six-man football teams in the state. With this game, ticket prices will return to the usual 50 cents for adults and 25 cents for children and students. Higher admission prices were in effect only for last week's opening game under the new lights, when all ticket receipts went to the lights fund.

## Gen. Jenkins Lauds Free Press

A letter to Mrs. James Boyd, editor of The Pilot, from Brig. Gen. Daniel W. Jenkins, commandant at the USAF Air-Ground Operations School here, saluted The Pilot on the occasion of last week's observance of National Newspaper Week.

The letter recognizes the importance of a free press and other news media of the nation and specifically praises The Pilot's editorial policy.

Text of the letter follows:

"We at the Air Ground Operations School would like to take the occasion of the celebration of National Newspaper Week to salute The Pilot.

### Tax Question In Knollwood Is Discussed

An increase in the price of lots at the town-owned Mount Hope Cemetery, in order to make the cemetery more nearly self-sustaining, was voted by the council Tuesday night—with the expressed recognition that the action does not end the town's cemetery problems.

Effective with the adoption of the ordinance, which amends an existing section of the town code, the price of single grave lots (Sections D and E), formerly selling for \$25, becomes \$50. All lots in Section A of the cemetery, formerly \$150 and \$200, are now \$250; Section C lots, formerly \$100, are now \$200; and Section F lots, which sold for \$250 and \$300, are now \$350.

For persons who are not residents or real property taxpayers at the time of buying lots, a charge of 50 per cent of the listed purchase price will be added. This provision remains unchanged from the former practice.

In a related action, the council voted to cease depositing a portion of the price of each lot in a perpetual care fund, setting a policy of caring for the cemetery out of current income from sale of lots and from tax funds as necessary, but with a view to making the cemetery as nearly self-supporting as possible.

"There's no use putting that money away where it can't be used, now or ever," said City Manager Tom E. Cunningham. He reported that there is now about \$4,000 in the perpetual care fund which will remain there and the income from which will be used in cemetery care.

Questioned by L. W. Rhodes, a citizen attending the meeting, about the perpetual care fund, Cunningham said that about \$7,000 from the fund had been used by a former administration to buy land for expansion of the cemetery. He said that deposits had not been made in the perpetual care fund for several years before he became city manager in July of last year, but that he had resumed making such deposits at once and had since continued that practice.

Answering Mr. Rhodes' question as to why some lots in the cemetery have perpetual care and some do not, Mayor Lloyd Clark explained that before the town took over the cemetery from private operators many years ago, lot owners wishing to insure perpetual care for lots paid an extra charge of \$100 and some purchasers did not pay this charge. Since the town took over the cemetery, however, all deeds to lots call for perpetual care, the mayor said.

Mr. Rhodes said that he would hate to see the price of cemetery lots raised so much that it would drive people away from buying lots in Mount Hope Cemetery. "There's nothing wrong in spending tax money on a cemetery when needed," he said. "I don't think many people will kick on that."

"There's no question but what we'll have to continue to spend tax money on the cemetery," Mayor Clark replied, saying that the price increases contemplated would only relieve a part of the (Continued on Page 8)