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Bill Would Permit Counties To Set Up Joint Domestic Relations Court

Move For Measure Now In Assembly Led By Moore Men

Legislation that would make it possible for Moore County to join with other counties in this area in operation of a domestic relations court has been introduced in the State Senate by Sen. Robert J. Morgan of neighboring Harnett County.

Need for a domestic relations court in this county has long been apparent to attorneys and court observers and Moore County is playing a leading role in the current effort to put enabling legislation through the General Assembly.

A committee of attorneys appointed by the Moore County Bar Association prepared the proposed legislation. On the committee were P. H. Wilson of Carthage, chairman; W. D. Sabiston, Jr., of Carthage and John D. McConnell of Southern Pines and Pinehurst. The bill was sent to Senate Judiciary Committee No. 1 after its introduction.

The legislation would extend

an existing State law that authorizes cities and counties to set up joint domestic relations courts. The proposal provides that not less than two nor more than five counties whose boundaries are contiguous could jointly employ a special domestic relations judge who would travel to county seats and hold court on a regular schedule.

If the enabling legislation is approved, the courts could not be set up without approval of the county commissioners of the counties involved. The commissioners of counties concerned would meet jointly to employ a judge and fix his salary.

Juvenile Cases, Too
Such a domestic relations court, under the proposed legislation would remove from the clerks of court their function as juvenile judge and would place this with the domestic relations court.

The welfare department in each county involved would play an important part in the court's work, getting background information on families of persons appearing before the court and cooperating with the judge in efforts to assist defendants and improve family situations, where possible.

Lack of background information and alternatives to a criminal prosecution and judgment are stumbling blocks to handling domestic relations cases in the regular Recorders Courts or county courts, attorneys and judges say.

The move was initiated by Clerk of Court C. C. Kennedy of Moore County and has been endorsed by court clerks in Richmond, Harnett, Montgomery, Chatham, Hoke and Lee Counties, all of which border on Moore.

Purpose of the legislation is to allow less populous and less wealthy counties to share the expense of domestic relations courts.

Council Meeting Thursday Night

The newly elected town council was to meet Thursday night—after The Pilot's press time—for its first regular meeting.

On the docket were a number of important matters, including presentation of the budget for the 1955-'56 fiscal year, by Town Manager Tom E. Cunningham; selection of a regular meeting night for the future; a general discussion of the committee which is studying the town's precinct system and allied matters; discussion of designating a planning committee to advise the council with physical planning of the town and other matters.

Expected to attend the meeting were the newly-elected mayor, Voit Gilmore, Mayor Pro Tem Harry H. Pethick, Treasurer Walter E. Blue, Councilman Lloyd T. Clark, who is retiring mayor, and Councilman T. T. Morse, the first Negro elected to public office in Southern Pines.

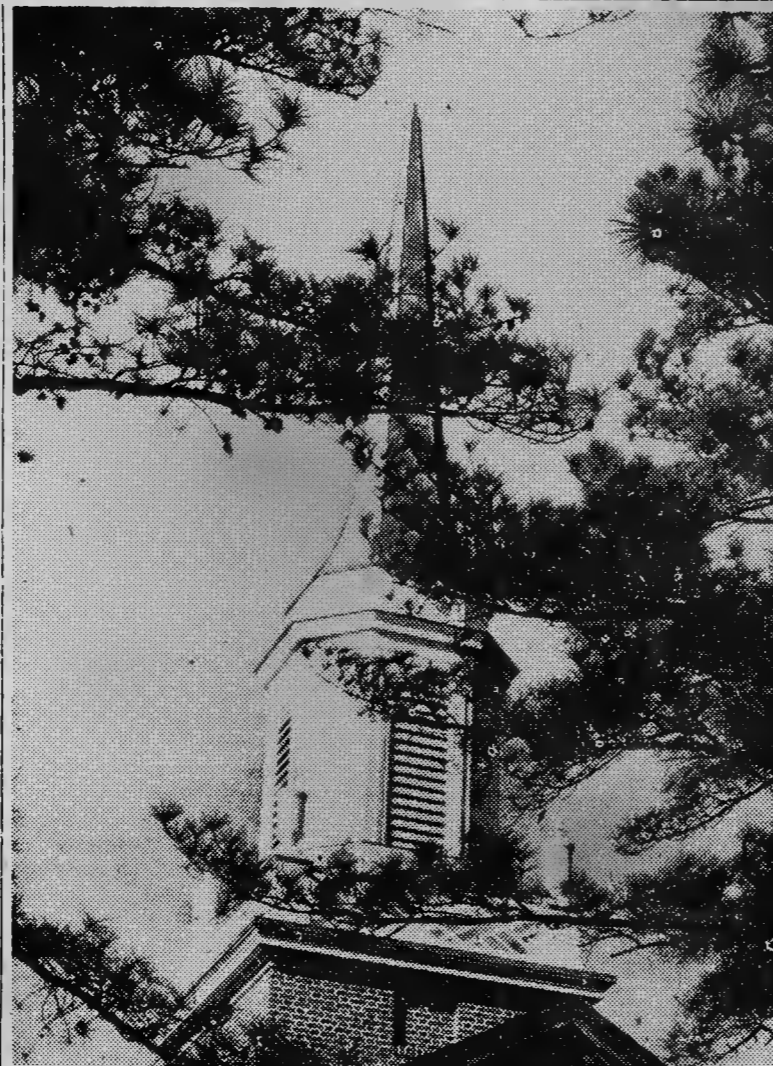
WITH PIRATE FLAG FLYING FROM ANTENNA

Pistol-Packing Driver Gives Area Jitters

A pistol-waving young man who was flying a black and white skull and crossbones flag from the radio antenna of his automobile—and who gave a number of persons first-degree jitters with his antics in the Sandhills last Friday afternoon—may well take his place in the annals of Moore County Recorders Court beside such unforgettable defendants as the pianist who had 150 pink pills concealed in the nine pairs of socks he was wearing or the exuberant motorist who sped past a red traffic light a few years ago standing up, barefoot, at the wheel of his convertible.

As with the cowboy-style driver and the musical vagrant, the arrest of the modern buccaneer took place in Aberdeen where he was placed in jail only long enough for him to tear up a blanket and to rip out the plumbing and flood his cell. Then he was taken to jail at Carthage.

Ottis Wayne Smith, 32, of Fayetteville and Newport News, Va.—where police officers called by Deputy Sheriff A. F. Dees identified Smith as a familiar figure



TO BE DEDICATED—Members of Brownson Memorial Presbyterian Church and the pastor, the Rev. Cheves K. Ligon, are making elaborate plans for morning and afternoon services Sunday, May 22, when the church sanctuary and education building will be formally dedicated. Dinner will be served on the grounds at noon. The sermon of dedication will be preached at the 11 a.m. service by the Rev. E. L. Barber of Raleigh, former pastor of the church. Shown above is a view of the church's spire, a familiar sight to local residents and one that is often admired by visitors as they see it framed in pine branches. Complete details of the May 22 services will appear in next week's Pilot.

League Of Women Voters Delegates Have Convention

The Southern Pines League of Women Voters had its week to close to a hundred members of the state league assembled in two-day conference at the Southland Hotel.

Tuesday saw the state board meeting, under the direction of Mrs. Harold Walters, of Chapel Hill, state president, while on Wednesday delegations from all ten state units, as well as three newly formed provisional leagues, and observers from the membership of the Southern Pines group, (Continued on Page 8)

GOOD TAG SALE

Southern Pines receipts in the county-wide Maternal Welfare Committee tag sale Saturday amounted to \$214.33, Mrs. L. T. Avery said this week. Reports from other communities of the county had not been received here this week. It is expected that they will be made at a meeting of the committee Tuesday. Local committee members were well pleased with results of the sale here. (Continued on Page 8)

Varied Program Planned For Red Cross Gathering

Members of the Moore County Chapter, American Red Cross, will be able to acquire detailed knowledge of the far-flung activities of the organization through the program that has been prepared for the chapter's Annual Meeting to be held tonight (Friday) at the Pine Needles Clubhouse, starting at 8 p.m.

All sections of the county will be represented in the schedule of discussions and reports. An attendance of 100 or more is expected.

The program calls for invocation by the Rev. M. C. Henderson, pastor of the Methodist Church in Carthage; a welcoming address by the chapter chairman, Garland McPherson of Southern Pines, and music by the prize winning glee club of Aberdeen High School, with presentation by the Chapter's vice-chairman, T. Roy Phillips of Carthage.

As planned, the Chapter's Annual Report will be in the form of a panel discussion with Joe Warren, radio announcer of Southern Pines. (Continued on Page 8)

Young Musicians Of Moore County To Give Concert

17 Performers On Program At Club In Pinehurst Saturday

Winding up the 1954-'55 musical season, the Sandhills Music Association will present its Sixth Annual Young Musicians' Concert Saturday in the Pinehurst Country Club, at 8:30 p. m.

This popular event, for which there is no admission charge, will present music students of 16 teachers in Moore County in piano, vocal and instrumental selections, with most of the students playing the piano. One college student will also play.

Dr. William F. Hollister will be master of ceremonies. On the program committee are Mrs. N. L. Hodgkins, Mrs. Norris Hodgkins, Jr., and Mrs. Ralph Chandler Jr., all of Southern Pines.

Here are the students to perform, with each student's name followed by the teacher (unless otherwise indicated, a piano selection is to be played):

Anna Dell Smith, Southern Pines—Mrs. C. R. Mills; Judy Stanley, Cameron School—Mrs. W. G. Ferguson; Willis Howard Williams, Robbins School—Mrs. H. G. Poole; Annette Davis, Carthage—Mrs. Floy Dalrymple; Miss Elsie Lawrence, Aberdeen (voice)—Mrs. Roscoe Prince; Henry Turner, Jr., Southern Pines—Mrs. Frances R. Webb, Lucy McDaniel, Southern Pines—Sister Charles Marie; Ann Ehrhardt, Pinehurst—Miss Gladys Stuts.

Also: Dorothy Von Canon, West End—Mrs. L. R. Sugg; Graham Farrell, Aberdeen—Mrs. C. H. Storey; Mike Lewis, Aberdeen (trumpet), accompanied by Miss Edwina Hallman—Lynn H. Ladden; Ava Gosnell, Aberdeen—Mrs. Lucile Oliver; Leon Keith, Vass-Lakeview School—Mrs. H. D. McInnis; Mary Elizabeth Chapel, Southern Pines—Miss Nancy Mackie; Becky Traylor, Southern Pines—Mrs. C. C. McDonald; Dorothy Ritter, Robbins—Mrs. W. F. Hancock; Margaret Grimm, Carthage—(no local teacher, is now student at Meredith College).

Young People To Have Discussion Youth Week Talks

The united young people's service, to be held at 6 p. m. Sunday, at the Church of Wide Fellowship, will feature a panel discussion whose topic will be an appraisal of the talks made here recently by the Rev. Joe Flora of Greensboro, during an interdenominational Youth Week observance.

The united young people's organization meets monthly and is composed of groups from the Baptist, Episcopal, Methodist and Presbyterian churches and the Church of Wide Fellowship, in Southern Pines; the West End Methodist Church, Culdee Church and the Pinehurst Community Church.

Young people attending the meeting Sunday are asked to bring sandwiches. Soft drinks and other refreshments will be provided by the Women's Society of the church, of which Mrs. Bryan Poe is leader.

Members of the discussion panel will be Kay Davis, James Prim, Sally Michelson, Jimmy McDonald and Dorothy Newton James Humphrey will be moderator.

LIBRARY WANTS OLD MAGAZINES

An appeal for old magazines of all types, to be distributed to schools, was made this week by Mrs. Dorothy Avery, county librarian. Persons having magazines are asked to leave them at the Southern Pines Library. If unable to take the magazines to the library, call 2-7875 and some one will pick them up. Magazines distributed in this manner reach many homes where they are enjoyed. Mrs. Avery said past experience has shown.

Registration To End Saturday For Special School Tax Election

2-Cent Rise In Tax Rate Is The Issue

NO PLANS YET FOR 2nd SHOTS

Dr. J. W. Willcox, Moore County health officer, said at noon Thursday that he is awaiting information from the State Health Department as to when a "second round" of vaccination shots will be given in this county to first and second grade students who received their first shots two to three weeks ago.

"All I know is what you see in the papers," the health officer said. "They said they would notify us by wire when to go ahead and notification has not yet arrived."

The Moore health department has not received the vaccine for the second shot which was originally scheduled to be given from two to four weeks after the first shot.

Dr. Jonas Salk, developer of the vaccine, told the Associated Press at Pittsburgh, Pa., Wednesday "that the spacing of the second inoculation beyond the two to four weeks period is not material, provided it is given before the ensuing epidemic season or before exposure in the individual instance."

Tennis Clinic Set For Sunday; School Tourney Underway

Four University of North Carolina tennis players will be at the municipal courts at 2 p. m., Sunday to take part in a tennis clinic that is one of a series being put on by the North Carolina State Tennis Association over the state.

The clinic will fall at the conclusion of the annual Moore County School tennis tournament sponsored by the Junior Sandhill Tennis Association. The school event opened Wednesday and will run through Sunday, with both high school and elementary school boys and girls taking part.

The UNC players will give instruction to young folks taking part in the school tourney and all other interested persons. There is no charge. The college players will also stage some exhibition matches.

UNC players coming to Southern Pines are: Bob Britner, Richmond, Va., ninth ranking player in the Middle Atlantic Association in 1954; John Foster of Fairfield, Conn., third ranking junior player in New England; Tommy Holder, Charlotte, former Charlotte. (Continued on page 8)

Methodist Men's Club Sets Charter Meeting

The Methodist Men's Club of the Southern Pines Methodist church, will hold its Charter meeting at Highland Lodge Sunday night May 15, starting with supper at 6:30 p. m. All present members and anyone interested in joining are urged to attend.

The Star Methodist Men's club, who will be sponsors, will officiate at the Charter-Night ceremonies.

Highfalls, Pinehurst Win Openers In County Tourney; Knights Play Tonight

The Moore County High School baseball tournament began Tuesday with first round victories by Highfalls over Farm Life, and by Pinehurst over Westmoore.

Highfalls goes into a quarter-finals game with Robbins today (Friday), while Pinehurst takes on Carthage in another quarter-finals contest, also today.

Southern Pines Blue Knights will play Vass-Lakeview tonight (Friday) at 8 p. m. under lights at Memorial Field in the local team's first game of the tournament, while Aberdeen tangles with West End today in the fourth quarter-finals fray.

If Southern Pines wins tonight, the Blue Knights will face the

Residents of the Southern Pines school district may register at the fire station through Saturday for voting in a special school tax election to be held May 24.

In the election, the board of school trustees is seeking authority from residents of the district to increase the local school supplement tax from 48 cents to 50 cents per \$100 of property valuation.

Voters must register in the period ending Saturday in order to vote. Registration on either town or county election books does not entitle a person to vote in this election, as the school district has different boundaries than either the town or Southern Pines precinct.

Increased costs of operation and need to increase local teachers' supplements, in order to obtain the best possible teachers, are cited by the trustees as main reasons for calling the election at this time.

If approved, the two cents increase in the tax supplement would appear on this year's tax bills. Local school taxes are billed through the county with regular county real estate and personal property taxes.

While the authorization sought in the May 24 election is to raise the school supplement tax in this district only two cents, the proposal assumes that the county will take over debt service payments on the Southern Pines gymnasium debt. These payments currently account for 14 of the 48 cents in the local tax rate.

Authorization of the additional two cents would provide a 16 cents rate to be applied on costs of operation and maintenance and on the local salary supplement which school officials describe as vital if good teachers are to be obtained.

Teacher salary supplements run higher in many North Carolina communities than in Southern Pines, according to School Supt. A. C. Dawson. If sufficient supplement is not provided locally, a school loses out in the stiff competition in hiring teachers, he said.

Assembly Bill Noted
A bill introduced in the General Assembly at Raleigh, giving Southern Pines School trustees the authority to levy a school supplement tax rate up to and including 60 cents per \$100 of property valuation is not to be confused with the proposal to raise the rate to 50 cents in the May 24 election, School Board Chairman John Howarth said this week.

The bill, introduced by Rep. H. Clifton Blue of Aberdeen, is to give the local board authority to increase the rate, should it be necessary in the future. The bill does not mean that the tax will be raised to a 60-cent rate in the coming year, Mr. Howarth said.

CLOSING MAY 20

The Citizens Bank and Trust Co. and other banks of this area will be closed Friday of next week, May 20, in observance of Mecklenburg Independence Day a State bank holiday.

'Spring Value Days' Slated May 19-20-21

"Spring Value Days," annual town-wide trade promotion event of the Chamber of Commerce will be staged Thursday, Friday and Saturday of next week, May 19, 20 and 21, it was announced this week by Mark King, Jr., of the Patch Department Store and Mrs. Jean Edson of Franjean's, who are the committee members in charge.

With most local merchants participating, special values will be offered during the three days for the benefit of shoppers from throughout this area.

Repeating a feature of last year's Spring Value Days, each participating merchant will stage at 5 p. m. Saturday, May 21, a drawing from slips deposited in a box during the three days, giving a prize gift to the winner.

Slips of winners from all the various stores will be taken to the Chamber of Commerce office where a drawing will be held for a \$25 cash grand prize on Monday, May 23, at a time to be announced.

Mr. King said that slips for the drawing boxes and other promotion material would be ready for merchants early next week. Further details will appear in next week's Pilot.

Armed Forces Day Lunch Tickets Here

Fifty tickets for lunch at Fort Bragg during the Armed Forces Day observance there on Sunday, May 22, have been made available to the Southern Pines Chamber of Commerce, Miss Alice Baxter, secretary, announces.

Obtainable by any one who wants them, the tickets cost 60 cents each. They should be picked up by Monday, she said, since she has been asked to report back to Fort Bragg that day as to the number sold.

For details on the all-day program at Fort Bragg May 22, see a story elsewhere in today's Pilot.

NIGHT SOFTBALL LEAGUE PLANNED

All local men interested in an adult night softball league this summer, as players or managers, are asked to meet in the town hall at 8 p. m. Monday.

Irie Leonard, town recreation director, said that a league would be organized at the meeting and said he had already been assured of considerable interest in the proposal. The league will be sponsored by the town recreation department and will be a feature of the summer recreation program directed by Leonard.