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## Presbyterians Approve College Merger; Interest In Southern Pines Reported

Board of Trustees  
To Be Named Will  
Choose Campus Site

(Details of college report, page 13)  
Presbyterians of the Synod of North Carolina approved overwhelmingly Wednesday a proposal to create by merger of three small colleges a four-year, coeducational institution of higher learning to be located in the Southeastern part of the state. Southern Pines is under consideration as a site for the college and a committee formed here is already at work compiling information to show the suitability and attractions of this community as the site. Recently announced was the tentative offer by Mrs. James Boyd of a large tract of land on the Weymouth estate, as a campus site if the institution is located here.

Attending the Synod session at Barium Springs as official delegates of Brownson Memorial Presbyterian Church were the Rev. C. K. Ligon, pastor, and M. S. Farris. Also attending from Southern Pines, representing the church and the town, were W. Lamont Brown and Mayor Voit Gilmore, both of whom are members of the church.

Mayor Gilmore said today that the local group talked to many persons at the meeting and found "widespread interest" in Southern Pines as a possible site for the college.

The Synod called for formation of the new four-year college through consolidation and merger of three Presbyterian colleges—Peace Junior at Raleigh, Presbyterian Junior at Maxton and Florida Macdonald at Red Springs.

Little opposition was heard against the proposal. (Continued on Page 8)

## Mystery Death Of Moore Girl Called Murder

Sheriff C. J. McDonald and Deputy Sheriff D. B. Cranford, of Moore County, are assisting Sheriff Wayne W. Wilson of Randolph County in investigation of the mysterious death of a 16-year-old Moore County girl, Isabel Hussey, whose body was found this week in an abandoned house near Asheboro.

The girl had disappeared June 22. Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Hussey of Robbins, Route 2, parents of the girl, were "almost positive" in their identification of her from clothing found on her body, a report from Asheboro stated Tuesday.

An examination indicated the girl had been dead at least three weeks. A man picking blackberries discovered the body in a second story room of the house which had been vacant for six years.

Thinks It's Murder  
Sheriff Wilson said the condition of the body made it impossible to determine the cause of death. "Until something turns up to show us otherwise, we are holding to the opinion that the girl was murdered," he added. (Continued on page 8)

## ADULT SOFTBALL LEAGUE RESULTS

July 13 Games  
(Postponed from July 12)  
Hill Top 18, Lions 16  
Col. Furn. 15, CP&L 7

Team	W.	L.	Pct.
USAFAGOS	3	0	1.000
Cath. Laymen	3	0	1.000
Hill Top Jokers	2	2	.500
Holliday's Chicks	1	1	.500
CP&L	2	3	.400
Col. Furn.	1	2	.333
Lions Club	0	4	.000

## COMING GAMES

Tonight, Thursday  
7:00—Special women's game  
7:30—Holliday's vs. Col. Furn.  
9:30—USAFAGOS vs. Laymen  
Tuesday, July 19  
7:30—Jokers vs. Laymen  
9:30—Holliday's vs. Lions

## MAYOR TO GO ON AIR 6:05 FRIDAY

Mayor Voit Gilmore will go on the air over Station WEEB, Southern Pines, Friday at 6:05 p. m., to report to the residents of this area about the merger of three Presbyterian colleges and efforts being made to make Southern Pines the site of the new institution. The mayor also will report on efforts now going on to bring the headquarters of the Professional Golfers Association from Chicago to Southern Pines.

## Red Cross Group To Help Welcome Airlift Troopers

Mrs. George Thompson, Mrs. Cheves K. Ligon, Mrs. Harry Chatfield and Mrs. William A. Benson will lead four Red Cross teams from Moore County in Operation Gyroscope at Camp Mackall, 10 miles south of Southern Pines, according to an announcement by Garland McPherson, chairman of the local chapter.

Operation Gyroscope is a mass airborne movement of the 187th Regimental Combat team from Japan to its permanent base at Fort Bragg. The first plane load of troops landed at Camp Mackall early this morning and additional planes will arrive each two hours, throughout the day and night, until noon Sunday. At that time some 4,000 men will have landed at the airfield and begun their truck trip to Fort Bragg.

The teams headed by Mrs. Thompson and Mrs. Ligon will begin work at midnight tonight and greet the incoming planes from then until 4 a. m. The team members are: Mrs. Chan Page, Mrs. J. A. Matthews, Mrs. W. C. Coffin, Mrs. Eugene McKenzie, Mrs. Stanley Austin, Mrs. Joseph P. Marley, Mrs. D. D. Curry, Mrs. Irie Leonard, Mrs. Charles Cole, Mrs. Victor Shephard, Mrs. W. A. Toyne, Mrs. Betty Coley, Mrs. McKee Kastner, Mrs. Edward Conlin, John S. Ruggles, Jimmie Menzel and Garland McPherson.

The two teams headed by Mrs. Chatfield and Mrs. Benson, will begin on Sunday morning at 4 o'clock and serve the incoming planes until 8 a. m. The team members are: Mrs. M. J. King, Jr., Mrs. J. D. Stephenson, Mrs. O. A. Monroe, Jr., Miss Pauline Crain, Mrs. D. D. Curry, Miss Geneva Hall, Miss Ruby Hall, Miss Alice Baxter, Mrs. J. T. Overton, Mrs. T. T. Hayes, Jr., Mrs. Chas. S. Patch, Jr., Mrs. Bruce Warlick, Mrs. Edward Conlin, Mrs. L. A. Silvernall, Mrs. McKee Kastner, Mrs. G. B. Kimball, Voit Gilmore, J. D. Stephenson, O. A. Monroe, Jr., and Garland McPherson.

Mr. McPherson explained that Red Cross chapters near Moore County will service the landing of the planes throughout the entire operation. "I am anxious to express the Red Cross' thanks to all of the people who have volunteered." (Continued on page 8)



NEW OFFICER—Signing in as he went on duty, soon after appointment to the Southern Pines police force, is Robert Thurman Yonts, who formerly served with the Military Police and in a Civil Service position at Fort Bragg. His wife is the former Evelyn Snipes of Niagara. They have a four-month-old daughter, Marie Short, eight years old. The new officer is a native of Kentucky. His appointment brings the Southern Pines police force to seven. (Pilot Photo)

## STUDY COMMITTEE APPOINTED

### Local School Board Directs Pupils Attend Same Schools

Meeting Wednesday, the Southern Pines city board of education directed that all children in the Southern Pines school district shall continue to attend the schools they attended during the past school year.

Appointed to a committee to study all aspects of the rulings of the Supreme Court concerning integration of the races in the public schools were John Howarth, chairman of the board of education who was also named chairman of the committee; L. F. Garvin and Harry Menzel, members of the board of education; and A. C. Dawson, superintendent of schools.

Other members of the board of education are Dr. Vida McLeod and Norris L. Hodgkins, Sr. The statement adopted by the board authorized the committee to call on any citizen or group of citizens to assist them in making their study.

The board of education is the administrative group that has charge of both white and Negro schools in the Southern Pines city school unit, including the elementary and high schools in East Southern Pines and the elementary and high schools in West Southern Pines.

The statement adopted by the board of education reads in full: "Because of the lack of sufficient classroom facilities and the crowded conditions in all the schools in the Southern Pines School District, and since the organization of the schools for the 1955-56 term had been completed before the last ruling of the U. S. Supreme Court, and in order that the Board of Education have time to study the effect of the ruling on the Southern Pines (Continued on Page 8)



W. E. GLADSTONE  
E. R. GRAHAM  
ZONE CHAIRMEN—These Sandhills men were recently named zone chairmen by Henry Price of Kannapolis, Lions district governor. Mr. Gladstone, a charter member and past president of the Vass Lions Club, is chairman of a zone that includes clubs at Vass, Broadway, Dunn, Erwin and Sanford. "Buck" Graham was president of the Aberdeen club in the 1953-54 year. The zone includes a number of Moore County Lions clubs.

## Delegations To Oppose Marking New Route '1-A'

Adverse Effect On  
No. 1 Highway Is  
Cited By Objectors

Delegations from several towns in this area are expected to attend a meeting scheduled to be held at Raleigh at 2:30 p. m. Tuesday, to protest the designation of an alternate route north of Sanford as "Highway 1-A."

Mayors and other town officials, Chamber of Commerce leaders and owners of hotels, motels, restaurants, service stations and other businesses dependent on highway travel are expected to protest the move, which would siphon off traffic from the regular US Highway 1 and possibly divert a large part of it along other routes.

Forrest Lockey, Eighth Highway Division commissioner at Aberdeen, said in answer to an inquiry that he was opposed to the proposal, which originated with the Durham Chamber of Commerce, as establishing a precedent which might seriously affect the major tourist arteries throughout the State.

At present, he said the "A" designation is given only to a true alternate route—that is, an old route which formerly had the primary numeral, but where a by-pass has been built. Thus, a town which has always been on US Highway 1, but which is bypassed in the highway improvement program, could remain on "US Highway 1-A."

Durham, however, has never been on US Highway 1. The proposal (Continued on Page 8)

## 41 Young People Play In Junior Tennis Tourney

Forty-one young people, 34 of them from other towns—and from two other states—are taking part in the Junior Sandhill Invitational Tennis tournament this week on the Southern Pines courts.

Play began with four rounds of junior boys' singles Wednesday afternoon after a meeting of all participants at the courts, where the visitors were welcomed by Norris L. Hodgkins, Jr., president of the Sandhill Tennis Association, and rules of the tournament were explained by Irie Leonard, general manager of the tournament.

Girls will enter the play this afternoon with several rounds of junior girls' competition. Boys', girls' and doubles matches will start tomorrow, with finals set for (Continued on Page 5)



NEILL CAMERON

NEILL CAMERON, a 1955 graduate of Vass-Lakeview High School, and his brother, Eddie, 17, a rising senior, attained Carolina Farmer rating at the recent Future Farmers of America convention held at N. C. State College, Raleigh. They are the first from this school to reach this rank. Carolina Farmer status is attained after coming up through the Green Hand and Chapter Farmer degrees and meeting stiff requirements which include much memory work, and actual farm experience. Among the requirements are: at least a B average on all high school courses, and earning at least \$500 from a supervised farming program. Both young men have been outstanding on various teams, according to their instructor, W. E. Gladstone, competing successfully in livestock and seed judging and tool identification, all through high school. Both are members of the Vass-Lakeview Beta Club chapter. They are the sons of Mr. and Mrs. Martin Cameron.

## Town Bond Needs Set At \$700,000; Plans For Election Started



HEADS LIONS — William A. Benson was installed Friday as president of the Southern Pines Lions Club. For a photo of other new Lions officers and a report of the Ladies Night meeting, see page 9. (Photo by Humphrey)

## Information For PGA Site Project Being Prepared

Information collected by a committee working to bring the headquarters of the Professional Golfers Association from Chicago to Southern Pines was pooled Tuesday afternoon at a meeting of the group called by Mayor Voit Gilmore, its chairman, in town hall.

Detailed information about available sites or buildings, housing, communications, transportation, printing and other facilities and services in the Sandhills is being supplied the PGA in answer to a long list of specific questions submitted to Southern Pines and other communities under consideration for the headquarters.

All this material, with many other items of interest suggested by committee members, is being put together, with photographs of scenes around this community, and will be submitted to the subcommittee of the PGA executive committee that is working on the new headquarters site proposal. About a half dozen offers to construct buildings here for lease to the PGA were reported by committee members Tuesday.

Chamber of Commerce Secretary Alice Baxter, Mrs. Valerie Nicholson and Mayor Gilmore are preparing the material for presentation.

It is expected that Mayor Gilmore will (Continued on Page 8)

## Council Has Busy Session Tuesday Night

Preliminary steps in a town bond election for public utilities and buildings were taken by the town council Tuesday night when they authorized City Manager Tom E. Cunningham to consult with the Local Government Commission at Raleigh.

Just what will be offered to the voters in such an election has not yet been determined. Estimated town needs that will call for bonds were listed by the manager as: \$200,000 for sewers; \$150,000 for water; \$150,000 for civic center (town hall-police station-fire station); \$50,000 for two recreation centers; and \$150,000 for two swimming pools and two bathhouses—a total of \$700,000 in needs.

Tentative plans call for an election that would allow for voting for and against each of these proposals separately, but exact amounts and how they would be presented on the ballot have not yet been determined.

If the people do vote for all the proposals, all of the bonds would not have to be issued. The election would only give the council authority to issue the bonds when the funds are needed.

Councilmen H. H. Pethick and W. E. Blue, with the manager, were appointed by Mayor Voit Gilmore to a committee to look into comparative merits of various companies' group health insurance policies for town employees. Representatives of the Carolina Casualty Co. at Burlington appeared at the meeting to present a plan of their company for the council's consideration.

The council voted not to charge for building permits in the future for public, tax-supported schools but decided not to refund building permits already paid. The council also declined to relieve the schools of sewer service charge, on the theory that the sewers are a definite service rendered. (Continued on Page 8)

## Old Car Fans To Be Entertained

Members of the Horseless Carriage Club, who will convene here Friday, July 22, will be guests of the Southern Pines Chamber of Commerce and Moore County auto dealers at an outdoor supper at Mile-Away Farm that night.

J. T. Overton has headed a campaign for the Chamber of Commerce by which the local merchants and Moore auto dealers have contributed approximately \$300 to pay for the supper and other incidentals of the three-day visit.

The event will bring 150 members of the N. C. Regional Group of this unique organization here as they wind up their annual tour. The 71 cars in which they will travel—models of 30 to more than 50 years ago—will be paraded downtown as they arrive, and exhibited to the public at the ball park that night. A business meeting, judging, awards and another supper, at the Southern Pines Country Club, are scheduled for Saturday. The procession will depart in formation Sunday afternoon.

This is the first time Southern Pines has been selected as the terminal point of the tour. The Chamber of Commerce, through Harry Smyth, president, is arranging details of their stay, and the local welcome. Harold Collins and E. Nolley Jackson, members of the Horseless Carriage Club, are general chairmen.

## CRITICALLY ILL

Dr. R. G. Rosser of Vass is critically ill at the Pinehurst Convalescent Home, where he has been a patient for several months. Maj. Robert G. Rosser, Jr., presently stationed at Fort Dix, N. J., Mrs. Russell Spicer (Janet Rosser) of Haddonfield, N. J., and John Rosser, a pharmacist at Charlotte, have been called home.