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PGA Delegates To Decide Place For Headquarters

Decision Slated In Meeting Dec. 3-6; Mayor Sends Letters

Southern Pines' invitation to the nation-wide Professional Golfers Association to move their permanent headquarters here from Chicago will be considered at a meeting of delegates to the PGA convention in Atlantic City, December 3-6.

Mayor Voit Gilmore, who travelled to Detroit with Harold Collins of Southern Pines last July and presented the invitation in person to members of the PGA's executive committee, said that he sent yesterday a letter to each of the 66 official delegates who will make the headquarters site decision at Atlantic City.

The letters briefly summarized the advantages of Southern Pines for the headquarters offices, recapitulating the material formerly presented in person to the executive committee.

Dugan Aycock of Lexington, head of the Carolinas section of the PGA, is formally taking the Southern Pines invitation to Atlantic City, Mayor Gilmore said.

Dunedin, near Tampa, Fla., where the PGA owns property which it sells to retired members for home sites, is regarded as the major contender, with Southern Pines, for the headquarters site.

All golfing and business interests in the Sandhills, as well as the town council, cooperated in last summer's discussions and planning that preceded the conference of the local men with the PGA executive committee.

This committee is expected to make a recommendation about the headquarters site to the Atlantic City meeting, but the final choice is up to the 66 official delegates from all sections of the nation.

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Inquest Will Be Held In Accident Death Of Woman

An inquest into the death of an ill woman, who was killed when she was thrown from the rear door of an ambulance in a collision near Robbins Sunday, will be held about the middle of this month, Coroner Ralph G. Steed of Robbins said this morning.

The coroner said that an autopsy he ordered after the accident disclosed that Mrs. Pauline Howell Freeman Griggs, 46, died of a skull fracture sustained in the accident. She was being transported to Moore County Hospital in an ambulance driven by W. R. Kennedy of Robbins, early Sunday afternoon, following a cerebral hemorrhage suffered Sunday morning.

The autopsy was ordered in view of the possibility that Mrs. Griggs may already have succumbed to natural causes before the ambulance and an automobile driven by William A. Beachum, 27, of Newport News, Va., collided at the intersection of Highways 27 and 705 near Robbins.

The coroner and the investigating patrolman, J. F. Swain, said that no charges had been made, pending the inquest. Coroner Steed said that the inquest was being delayed because Patrolman Swain is off duty for two weeks and because out-of-state people (Continued on page 8)

Final Appeal Voiced In Girl Scout Drive

Persons who have not yet contributed to the annual fund drive of the Central Carolina Girl Scout Council are asked to send in their gifts at once, as the committee in charge wants to complete its work this week.

Mrs. G. H. Leonard, Jr., to whom contributions should be sent, said that Southern Pines has a goal of \$2,500, but that only about \$1,600 has been turned in. The committee has not heard from many persons who customarily contribute to the Girl Scout campaign, Mrs. Leonard said.



NEW TROPHY ADDED—As seven members of the Southern Pines Blue Knights watch happily, Head Coach Irie Leonard places the State Championship Six-Man football trophy in the local school's display case. Visible at right in the case is the 1954 trophy also won by Southern Pines. The players, left to right, are: Johnny Watkins, Bobby Cline, Billy Cox, James Humphrey, Tony Parker, Bill Marley and John Ray. (Photo by Humphrey)

Defeat Western N. C. Champs

Knights Cop State Six-Man Title

The Blue Knights of Southern Pines High School bowled over Clemmons High School of near Winston-Salem, the Western N. C. six-man football champions, to win a 56-0 victory and the State Championship before a big Thanksgiving night crowd here last Thursday.

Outstanding in all departments and rolling like a well-oiled machine, the Blue Knights sent the highly touted, heavier and undefeated Western boys home scoreless and completed their own record of two full seasons of football undefeated under the guidance of Head Coach Irie Leonard and W. A. Leonard, assistant.

The local squad was outstanding both offensively and defensively. Leading the defensive charge were Bill Marley, Tony Parker and Kenneth Creech.

Johnny Watkins and Billy Cox, tailbacks, and James Humphrey, wingback, spearheaded at quarterback by the reliable Bobby Cline, led the tricky single-wing attack run by Southern Pines. The backfield players also were outstanding on defense.

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ELKS TO FETE STATE CHAMPS

Members of the Southern Pines state championship six-man football squad will be entertained at a banquet Saturday night at the Country Club, continuing a traditional event staged by the Elks for the squad annually. C. N. Page heads the committee for the banquet.

Presentations will include the James Milliken award, given annually by John Boyd Post, Veterans of Foreign Wars, to the most valuable player; gold footballs and medals, given by the Elks; and a special school award of jackets, with seals, to nine players of the starting line-up, with seals to go to other members of the squad.

The squad will announce, according to custom, its own choice of captain for the past season.

Christmas Lights To Sparkle Soon

Christmas lights will soon sparkle all over the downtown district and on the giant tree at Pennsylvania avenue.

The lighting plan this year will follow the same pattern as that of last year, which drew many admiring comments and brought hundreds of visitors to town, said Mrs. Jean Edson, chairman of the Christmas lighting committee of the Chamber of Commerce.

The traditional lights strung this week on both sides of Broad street, in the main shopping area, will be augmented by small Christmas trees, erected and decorated by individual merchants, in front of their stores. Through arrangements made by the Chamber of Commerce, S. T. Dunn will take orders for the trees at special rates, or merchants may supply their own.

The Southern Pines Garden Club will repeat its decoration of the great magnolia tree which,



JUBILANT—Overjoyed members of the Southern Pines High School Blue Knights celebrate their State Championship victory Thanksgiving night by hoisting Coach Irie Leonard to their shoulders in the melee that followed the final whistle. (Photo by Humphrey)

Post Office Asks Patrons Tie Cards By Destinations

To expedite handling of Christmas mail, the post office next week will distribute to patrons forms indicating "local" or "outgoing" mail which patrons are asked to tie on the outside of bundles of cards or letters.

Packaging of mail in this manner will eliminate much sorting time at the post office, said Postmaster Garland Pierce, in announcing the new request and other post office news today.

Patrons bringing bundles of cards or letters to the post office, with the local or outgoing form displayed, are asked to hand them in at the window.

Air Mail Change

Because of a change in flight schedule by Piedmont Airlines, closing time for outgoing airmail (Continued on page 8)

Historical Assn. To Have Program On Alston House

The Moore County Historical Association will resume activities following the summer recess, with a meeting Tuesday at 8 p.m. at the Southern Pines Library.

An informal program is being planned at which members will be brought up to date on the Alston House restoration, and Mrs. Ernest L. Ives, president, will report on events of today's meeting of the N. C. Society for the Preservation of Antiquities.

Other matters of importance to the association will be brought up, involving plans for the coming months. A directors' meeting is to be held following the program, and Mrs. Ives asks especially that each director be present.

Mrs. Ives and Treasurer Norris L. Hodgkins, Jr., are attending the 15th annual meeting of the N. C. Society at the Sir Walter Hotel, Raleigh.

The Alston House in upper Moore County, now a state-owned historic shrine, was No. 1 on the agenda of a panel program on major restorations, held this morning. Hodgkins reported on the Moore County project in the course of the program, at which John A. Kellenberger of Greensboro, a leading figure in the Tryon Palace restoration, was moderator. Though the State has now paid its commitment of \$5,000 for the property, he said, the costly project (Continued on page 8)

Basketball Squads Starting Practice

Boys and girls basketball squads of Southern Pines High School began practice sessions Monday, but no game has been definitely scheduled until a contest here with Carthage December 9.

Coach W. A. Leonard said that there is a possibility games may be scheduled Tuesday or Wednesday of next week.

College Pledges Total \$128,000; Site Inspection May Be Dec. 15

Committee Of Trustees Will Look At Town

December 15 is the tentative date when a five-member committee of the board of trustees of the Consolidated Presbyterian College will visit Southern Pines.

The committee is expected to tour the Weymouth Heights site offered for the college by Mrs. James Boyd, meet with civic leaders and obtain such other information as they may want about Southern Pines as a location for the new institution whose establishment has been authorized by the Presbyterian Synod of North Carolina.

All five committee members are on the board of trustees for the college. The committee to visit Southern Pines will be headed by Dr. Roy E. Watts, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church of High Point, it was learned this week. The other committee members are: Tom M. Bjelk of Charlotte, U. S. Congressman L. H. Fountain of Tarboro, Hector McLean of Lumberton and James L. McNair Jr., of Laurinburg.

The group is expected to spend the day in Southern Pines. December 15 will be the visitation day, it was learned this week, provided all members of the committee are able to be present at that time.

The complete board of trustees of the Consolidated Presbyterian College consists of 32 members. They have formed themselves into six five-member committees, apparently leaving two trustees as alternates; and each of the six committees are to visit three of the 18 communities seeking the college.

Dr. Watts' committee, it was learned here, also was to visit Raleigh and Kenansville, in addition to Southern Pines. Kenansville, however, has withdrawn from the list of towns seeking the institution, presumably leaving only Southern Pines and Raleigh to be visited by this committee.

The six committees will compare their findings and narrow the field of communities they are considering for the college. Then the full board of trustees will make a visitation to these towns before making their final choice of site.

According to the time schedule announced recently by the executive committee of the board, visitations by the full board will be made between February 4 and March 3, with the final decision to be reached March 6.

A. C. Dawson is chairman of a Southern Pines committee for planning reception of the inspecting group expected December 15. Other members of the local committee are Mrs. James Boyd, W. Lamont Brown, Mayor Voit Gilmore and the Rev. C. K. Ligon.

Council Acts On Bond Proposals

Public advertisement of four bond ordinances, covering proposed Southern Pines bond issues totalling \$450,000, begins today.

The ordinances were adopted by the town council at a special meeting last week—subject to approval by voters of the town in a bond election that will be held no sooner than February 1 of next year.

Also authorized by the council was publication of notice of the town's intention to apply to the Local Government Commission at Raleigh for approval of the proposed bond issue and election.

If the election is held and if the bond issues are approved, the council is given the authority to borrow up to the authorized amounts, when necessary.

The proposed bond issues are: \$150,000 for water system improvements; \$150,000 for sewer system improvements; \$100,000 for a municipal center-town hall-jail building; and \$50,000 for a swimming pool in West Southern Pines.

City Manager Tom E. Cunningham said this week that issuance



PATRICIA BOST

Moore Girl Wins National Honor At Chicago 4-H Meet

Patricia Foil Bost, 17, of Eagle Springs, has won national honors for her 4-H Club project in Recreation and Rural Arts. "Pat" was one of six 4-H'ers in the nation to receive a \$300 scholarship in this project at the National 4-H Club Congress now being held in Chicago. With other North Carolina 4-H Club State project winners she is in Chicago this week to attend the Congress.

Miss Bost has been a 4-H club member for the past eight years and is now a freshman at Woman's College of the University of North Carolina, Greensboro. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Bost of Eagle Springs.

In her Moore County project she led songs to 18,922 people, led 228 games to 2,382 people, led dances for 7,340 people, tap danced 36 times before 6,955 people, assisted with 110 parties for 2,217 people and made 94 different kinds of handicraft articles and other rural arts items. She was leader of the Eagle Springs Junior 4-H club which won the 1954 and the 1955 state award in recreation activities.

In addition to her outstanding record in recreation and rural arts, Pat as Moore County Dress Revue winner for 1955 was in the blue award group in the State Health Pageant. For the past three years she has appeared on the Parade of Talent Show at 4-H Club Week in Raleigh. She has 19 county awards in other 4-H activities and has held many local and county 4-H offices, it is reported by Mrs. Ruth H. Muse, assistant Moore County Home Demonstration agent who has charge of all girls' 4-H Club activities in the county.

\$25,000 From Pinehurst Donor Largest Pledge

The campaign for an initial gift sufficient to attract the new Presbyterian College is moving along well toward its goal, according to reports heard by the Moore County College Committee meeting with leaders of the endowment committee, Tuesday afternoon. Presiding was A. L. Burney, chairman of the countywide College Committee.

Pledges had been officially reported from only four county communities so far. Campaign leaders are in process of being appointed in various other communities, said Dr. R. M. McMillan, endowment fund chairman.

The pledges received up to that time totaled \$121,830 from only 75 donors, toward the \$200,000 target, it was reported by Mrs. Audrey K. Kennedy, vice-chairman. The list was broken down as follows: Southern Pines, \$72,675; Pinehurst, \$39,455; Aberdeen, \$5,050.

By Wednesday night, it was later learned from Mrs. Kennedy, additional pledges of more than \$6,000 had come in, raising the grand total above \$128,000.

Largest pledge on the list is \$25,000 from a Pinehurst donor. Second, and largest on the Southern Pines list, is a \$21,000 individual pledge. There are several of \$10,000 and \$5,000, while others range from \$1,500 down to \$30. Most of the donors wished to remain anonymous.

Most of these were from the "advance-pledge" list of large donors, with some resulting from a general appeal by mail, as person-to-person and special committee canvassing is now going on with pledges not yet turned in.

In Aberdeen, a \$50,000 drive has been initiated and is "proceeding slowly" but with expectation of success, said G. C. Seymour, leader of the campaign there.

Donald D. Kennedy, who is heading the general canvass in Southern Pines, said that solicitation is under way in both the business and residential districts, with 65 volunteer canvassers at work. He has more names for contacts and can use "a good many more volunteers," he reported. Mr. Kennedy is requesting that all workers make as complete a report as possible by the end of next week.

He reported that "enthusiasm is generally at a high level, and most people are being extremely cooperative. There is no question about it, the people very much want the college."

However, he said it was not a matter that could be rushed, as large sums, considerably above the usual campaign contributions, are involved, "many business people require time to think it over, (Continued on Page 8)

MID PINES PRICE TOPS \$400,000

One of the largest real estate transactions ever consummated in the Sandhills took place today when the final papers were passed in the sale of the Mid Pines property to Mr. and Mrs. Frank Cosgrove, managers for many years.

Totalling over \$400,000, the sale included the luxurious club buildings and out buildings, and 242 acres of golf course, woodland and lakeshore property.

Messrs. Sledge and Antrim, of Durham, represented the Watts Hill interests of Homeland Investment Company, former owners. Built by Mr. Hill's father, James Sprunt Hill, the Mid Pines was formerly an exclusive club, later reorganized as a hotel. During its many years of growth, much of it under the management of the Cosgrove family, the Mid Pines has been the scene of much of the social life of the section, playing host to business conventions, political gatherings, and gala functions, as well as entertaining most of the leading golfers of the country.