



4-H AWARD WINNERS — Winners of top awards in the annual Achievement Night program of Moore County 4-H Clubs, held at Carthage last week, are pictured here. The awards recognized achievement in various farm and home projects throughout the past year. Front row, left to right: Don Matthews, Farm Life Club; Larry Barber, Farm Life Club; Julian Paschal, Highfalls Club; and Linda Williams, Eagle Springs Club. Center row, same order: Dalton Davis, Jr., Robbins Club; Johnny Davis, Westmore Club; Phyllis Monroe, Cameron Club; Lena Rose Jackson, Vass-Lakeview Club; Nancy McLeod, Cam-

eron Club; Loretta Thomas, West End Club; Sarah Bost, West End Club; Vivian Tucker, West End Club; and Norma Ann Fields, Carthage Club. Back row, same order: June Seawell, Highfalls Club; Gurney Brewer, Westmore Club; Paul Bullard, Aberdeen Club; and Bobby Auman, West End Club. Some of the Moore County award winners, including Patricia Bost of Eagle Springs, who took county, state and national honors this year in the Recreation and Rural Arts program, were unable to be present for the Achievement Night. For a detailed story, see page 18.

No Objections To Telephone Project Made At Hearing

Toll-Free Service Here To Pinehurst. Aberdeen Is Planned

Telephone toll service between Southern Pines and Pinehurst and between Southern Pines and Aberdeen, is expected to be a thing of the past before the end of next year. No objections to the proposed "Extended Area Service" offered by the United Telephone Company of the Carolinas, Inc., were offered at a hearing before the North Carolina Utilities Commission held in Raleigh Monday. With Commissioner Harry Westcott presiding, E. W. Small, representing the telephone company, outlined the plans for a change-over from the present toll system to direct dialing between the towns. He cited the costs involved in inaugurating the new service, and the loss of revenue from current toll charges, and submitted a proposed monthly rate schedule to offset these. He gave the net revenue loss as \$22,969 annually, and stated that the upward revision of rates prepared by the company would bring in approximately \$23,000.

Also appearing for the United Telephone Company were John E. Cline and George M. Thompson, top officials of the company, and for the Sandhill Telephone Company of Aberdeen, affected by the proposed extended service system, E. O. Freeman, owner-manager. Attorney Wade Barber of Pitts-

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VFW REPORTS

Cheer Program Goes Well But Help Is Needed

A Veterans of Foreign Wars committee headed by Fred Hall, Jr., expects to start packing Christmas cheer baskets for the needy about the middle of next week, using the street floor space in the Straka Building on N. E. Broad St. George Straka of Passaic, N. J., has granted the post permission to use the space. Packed baskets will be displayed for the public to see before they are delivered later next week.

Using the Welfare Department's list of approved needy families, the VFW post expects to distribute nearly 100 baskets of food items, as well as toys and other things to families who can use special items.

While the program is progressing well, Mr. Hall said, cash contributions are still needed for purchase of food items. The public may also give by placing non-perishable food items in the big silver-painted barrels that are prominently placed in all grocery stores in town. These are filling

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Pleasants Named To Study Group

James M. Pleasants of Southern Pines, a member of the Moore County board of commissioners, was named last week to represent the State Association of County Commissioners on the Commission on Reorganization of State Government, a group appointed by Gov. Luther H. Hodges.

PGA Headquarters Going To Florida

Delegates to the annual convention of the Professional Golfers Association at Atlantic City, N. J., last week decided to move headquarters of the organization from Chicago to Dunedin, near Tampa, Fla., where the PGA already owns property.

Southern Pines had bid strongly for the headquarters, with town council, interested persons, and professional and amateur golfers of the Sandhills cooperating to pool information and effort and present the case for this community.

SCHOOL VACATIONS

Christmas vacation will begin for children in the East Southern Pines schools at noon Tuesday, while West Southern Pines children will be free for vacation at noon the next day, Wednesday. Cafeterias will not operate at the respective schools on the day that school lets out.

KIDS INVITED TO CHRISTMAS PARTY

Hundreds of children are expected to take part in the annual Christmas party of the Southern Pines Elks lodge, to be staged at the Country Club from 2 to 5 p. m., Wednesday, December 21.

Planned for outdoors, weather permitting, and inside the club if the weather is bad, the party will feature candy, presents, games and arrival of Santa Claus. James W. Prim, Jr., is in charge, assisted by Mrs. John Cline and a large committee.

Parents and children lacking transportation to the Country Club are asked to call 2-8911, after 2 p. m. Wednesday, and transportation will be arranged. Several new features are planned for the party this year.

VFW Christmas Event Set Sunday, 2 p. m.

John Boyd Post, Veterans of Foreign Wars will hold its annual Christmas party for children at the post home on New York Ave. Sunday, December 18, at 2 p. m., with Santa Claus and gifts. While the party is primarily for children of members, other children are welcome to the limit of the post's facilities.

Stores To Stay Open Wednesday Afternoon

Retail stores in Southern Pines plan to remain open Wednesday afternoon next week for the convenience of Christmas shoppers. The stores were open Wednesday of this week.

PART OF \$500 MILLION PROGRAM

Ford Grants Made To Local Hospitals

The sums of \$51,900 for Moore County Hospital at Pinehurst and \$17,500 for Saint Joseph of the Pines Hospital, Southern Pines, are included in appropriations totaling \$500 million to be made by The Ford Foundation to hospitals and educational institutions over the nation. The unprecedented grants were announced this week.

The terms of the grants will place full responsibility on the governing authorities of each hospital to spend the funds in accordance with local needs and problems. Use of the funds will be permitted for any program of improvement or extension of hospital service, but not for operating expenses for services currently being performed by the hospitals.

Trustees' Committee Inspects Site For College, Sandhills Area Today



"COLLEGE STUDENTS" for an hour, strolling on the proposed campus of the new Presbyterian College, where they served as photographic models one day last October, were the high school seniors shown above—Jacque Davenport, Joanne Goodwin, Bob Cline and Johnny Watkins.

The photo, considerably larger than shown here, is used on the front cover of the Southern Pines brochure for the college. It was made in Weymouth Woods, which is being offered as a site and was visited by an inspection group today.

The back cover of the brochure shows a little boy and girl in a lane of dogwood and azaleas. The youngsters are Sandra and Mit Younts, presented as "members of the class of 1972," who state, "We want our own college—right here in Southern Pines."

(Photo by V. Nicholson)

Builders Cup To Be Given Friday For Civic Service

The 1955 Builders Cup, awarded from time to time to a man or woman of Moore County who by "unselfish personal service, without hope of personal gain, has outstandingly contributed to the upbuilding of the Sandhills section," will be presented Friday night at the Mid Pines Club by the Sandhills Kiwanis Club.

The big question: To whom? Only members of a select Cup Committee of the club know, and they won't tell. It will be the annual Kiwanis Ladies' Night at Mid Pines, and the principal speaker on the program will be the Rev. Dr. John McSweeney, of Clinton, S. C., retired Presbyterian clergyman and former president of Presbyterian College of South Carolina.

Winners of the Builders Cup in the past have been: John R. McQueen, Bion H. Butler, Leonard Tufts, Simeon B. Chapin, P. Frank Buchanan, Dr. H. E. Bowman, Mrs. T. A. Cheatham, Paul Dana, Dr. Clement R. Monroe, Charles W. Picquet, George H. Maurice, G. C. Seymour, Miss Birdilia Bair, Paul C. Butler, A. L. Burney, William D. Campbell, Mrs. Audrey Kennedy, Forrest W. Lockey, Mrs. William A. Way, Miss Laura Kelsey, and Richard S. Tufts, Superior Court Judge W. A. Leland McKeithen will make Friday night's presentation.

Jere McKeithen New SVA Head

Jere McKeithen of Aberdeen was elected president of the Sandhills Veterans Association at a meeting held in the home of Thomas R. Howerton of Southern Pines Monday night.

Other new officers of the SVA are: Watson Scott, secretary; Bert Premo, drive chairman; Don Taylor, assistant drive chairman; and Maxwell Forrest, publicity chairman. All are from Southern Pines.

Chief project of the SVA is its annual campaign for funds to provide one or more Moore County high school graduates with scholarships to study nursing.

Requirements Met Here, New Brochure Says

A visiting committee of trustees of the new Presbyterian College this morning visited the Weymouth Woods to view the site being offered as a campus by the Boyd family, through the Moore County College Committee.

Members of the visiting committee of trustees are Dr. Roy E. Watts, of the First Presbyterian Church of High Point, chairman; James F. McNair, Laurinburg; U. S. Congressman L. H. Fountain, Tarboro; Tom Belk, Charlotte; Hector McLean, Lumberton; also W. H. Neal, Winston-Salem, chairman of the board, and Mrs. Julian B. Hutaff, Fayetteville.

The visit to the beautiful wooded estate, of which some 200 acres will be donated if the college should locate in Southern Pines, was Item 1 on the agenda of a full day of inspection and information.

After spending an hour on the Weymouth property, the seven-member visiting group—including five official committee members and two additional trustees—convened at the Hollywood Hotel for a briefing session.

Information Discussed

With local campaign leaders they went over informational material in a packet with which each one was provided, and specific subjects of interest to them were discussed.

Two of the 10 college requirements coming up for discussion at this time were assigned to each of the following for further development: Rev. Cheves Ligon, pastor of Brownson Memorial Presbyterian Church; A. L. Burney, chairman of the Moore County College Committee; Mayor Voit Gilmore, School Supt. A. C. Dawson and W. Lamont Brown.

Luncheon was served at The Hollywood to the trustees, members of the reception committee headed by Supt. Dawson, members of the Moore County College Committee and a few other key persons associated with the local effort to secure the college.

The visitors were then taken on a station-wagon tour of Southern Pines and vicinity, including Aberdeen and Pinehurst.

An airplane flight to view the campus site and Moore County from above, originally scheduled to take place after lunch, was cancelled in view of the shortness of time, with much to see and do.

The day's program ended with a tea given by Mrs. James Boyd at her home, for the visitors and local campaign officials.

Packets containing the "basic information" desired by the trustees went out last weekend to those who were to visit here, on request of the chairman, so they would know better what they wanted to see, and what questions they wished to ask.

Packets Mailed

Similar packets were mailed this week to the other members of the board of trustees (including two alternate members) to reach them by today. By coincidence, this is the date previously set for the board to receive such information from all the competing towns. The packets, prepared by the local campaign publicity committee, contained a special brochure

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PRESBYTERIAN OFFICIALS STRESS:

Equal Consideration Promised Towns

Announcement of a proposal by Charles H. Babcock, Winston-Salem business man, to move Meredith College from Raleigh to Winston-Salem as an inducement to the Presbyterian Synod of North Carolina to purchase the Baptist property in Raleigh, will not affect the decision of the Trustees of the Consolidated Presbyterian College to give equal consideration to each of the seventeen towns seeking the institution, it was stated this week by Dr. Harold J. Dudley, general secretary of the Synod.

No proposition has been tendered the Presbyterian trustees, and it is assumed that the only way the proposal can get before the board will be in connection with the efforts of Raleigh to obtain the college, Dr. Dudley said.

W. H. Neal of Winston-Salem, chairman of the board, has stated unequivocally that the announcement relating to Meredith College has never been before the Board of Trustees or any group connected with it. Halbert M. Jones of Laurinburg, vice-chairman of the board, confirmed this by saying, "The matter not only has not been presented to the Board, but it has not been considered; nor has any committee or group been named by the board to consider it."

Mr. Jones added, "The intention of the trustees is to locate the college at the place where it will render the greatest service."

Dr. Dudley said at Raleigh, "The Meredith issue will not affect at all the responsibility of the Board of Trustees to give full consideration to each of the competing towns."

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HANDEL'S 'MESSIAH' TO BE SUNG TWICE

Churches Planning Christmas Events

Methodist Choir To Present Cantata At Civic Club Sunday

Church services, Sunday School parties, and special musical and other events have been scheduled by Southern Pines churches to mark the Christmas season.

Of wide interest in the coming week are two performances of Handel's "Messiah," to be given by a group representing the choirs of five local churches—Brownson Memorial Presbyterian Church, The Church of Wide Fellowship, Emmanuel Episcopal Church, the First Baptist Church and the Southern Pines Methodist Church.

First performance of the sacred oratorio will be at 4 p. m. Sunday, December 18, at the Church of Wide Fellowship. Second performance will be at 8 p. m. Wednesday, December 21, in Brown-

Bids On Hospital Work Run \$25,000 Below Estimates

Low bids opened and accepted by the board of directors of Moore County Hospital this afternoon on the hospital's proposed expansion and remodeling program totaled \$425,000, it was learned as The Pilot went to press.

State and Federal aid funds for the project had been authorized on an estimated cost of \$450,000, with adequate funds on hand for the hospital's share of the cost, giving the hospital a margin of funds for further work.

Details of the contracts will be reported next week.

HOSPITAL NAME CHANGE SLATED

Effective about January 1, 1957, the name of Moore County Hospital will be changed to "Moore Memorial Hospital," it has been decided by the board of hospital trustees.

The trustees have reelected Jack M. Taylor of Aberdeen as president of the hospital, elected other officers and approved staff appointments.

The Active Medical Staff of the hospital has named Dr. R. M. McMillan of Southern Pines chairman of the staff for the coming year.

For details—including names of all officers and directors of the hospital and all officers and members of the staff—see story, page 17.