

## Bishop Firm To Close Southern Pines Plant

### Buyer Sought For Business, Official Says

A definite announcement that J. Bishop & Company will cease operations here within the next few months was made this morning by E. E. Comfort of Malvern, Pa., president of the firm. The announcement confirmed recurring rumors here for the past several weeks.

The plant, which manufactures hypodermic needles at the plant here, employs between 60 and 70 people. It has been in operation since 1951.

Mr. Comfort, reached by telephone in his office, said it was the firm's intention to sell the plant as a "going concern" to someone in an allied industry. If that is not feasible, he said, the building and facilities would be sold to another industry.

The firm has about 20 acres on the Southern Pines-Carthage highway.

ers had developed yet but that several other companies had shown a definite interest.

"Southern Pines is a very desirable location for the operation of such a business," he said, "and we believe that a buyer will come along. In the meantime we plan to continue normal operations, but definitely expect to be out of Southern Pines within six months."

He said that the company has been more than pleased with the work of its employees in the Southern Pines plant. "I believe it is one of the finest labor markets in the country," he said.

He added that he wanted the employees and other people in Southern Pines to be assured that the company's management is primarily interested in selling the plant as a going business. "We have an obligation to our customers to fill the present orders and can't leave them flat. Even so, we definitely will leave Southern Pines."

Aaron Shank is plant manager in Southern Pines.



OFF AGAIN on another trip to continue the drive to raise funds for the Presbyterian Synod's Christian Higher Education campaign, Mayor Voit Gilmore, chairman of the drive, poses with two fellow workers in front of the "College Cruiser," an airplane the mayor is using to cover more territory in the state. The fellow workers are Mrs. R. A. Willis, Jr., of Monroe, president of the Women of the Church of the North Carolina Synod, and the Rev. R. L. Prince, of the Pinehurst Community Church. Already, Mayor Gilmore estimates he has travelled 7,000 miles. Before the campaign is over early in June, he expects to visit most of the key cities in the state. (Photo by V. Nicholson)

## New Construction Work At Hospital Nears Completion

The new entrance wing of Moore County Hospital is nearing completion, and the middle of August has been set for completing the new boiler house and laundry building in the rear. Work will then get under way on the patients' entrance, emergency and periatrics wing, the institution's directors were told at their quarterly meeting held in the Nurses' Home last Thursday night.

The chairman of the Project committee, John F. Taylor, informed the board that construction was proceeding in accordance with schedule, and spoke in high praise of both the architect and contractors.

Furnishings and equipment for the addition which has changed the appearance of the main entrance to the hospital and which will provide administration offices, reception and storage rooms and quarters for the canteen will soon start coming in, Mr. Taylor said.

Paul Dana, treasurer, reported receipt of a check for \$3,060 from the Duke Endowment, for charity cases, and of several donations from individuals.

The hospital administrator, (Continued on Page 8)

## Post Office Closes On Memorial Day

No general holiday will be taken by local merchants next Wednesday, which is Memorial Day. The Citizens Bank and Trust Company, which observes Confederate Memorial Day May 10 and the Mecklenburg Declaration of Independence Day May 20, will remain open as usual. The windows at the post office will be closed all day and there will be no city delivery of mail. Mail will, however, be placed in post office boxes and will be dispatched as usual.

## DEADLINE SET FOR 'PUBLIC SPEAKING'

Because of The Pilot's printing schedule, it is necessary that letters to "The Public Speaking" column reach the office not later than noon Monday, if they are to appear on that week's editorial page.

Letters of extraordinary timely interest will be accepted, like news, up to Thursday morning, but cannot be printed on the editorial page of a certain week's paper if they are not received by Monday of that week.

Unless the sender indicates otherwise, letters to the editor received after noon Monday will be printed the following week in "The Public Speaking" column on the editorial page.

## Marion Named New ABC Board Member

L. L. Marion, Jr., furniture dealer of Carthage, has been appointed a new member of the Moore County Alcoholic Beverage Control Board succeeding his father, who died two weeks ago.

The appointment was announced Wednesday following a meeting of the county commissioners.

Other members of the board are Jerry Healy of Southern Pines and James Tufts of Pinehurst.

## Councilman Answers Letters

How the town council reached its decision to locate proposed new municipal buildings on the park block is reviewed in a letter sent to The Pilot this week by Councilman Sam B. Richardson.

The councilman's letter was prompted by two letters to the editor in last week's Pilot, both regretting that the park had been chosen as the site.

To be built on the site—after the present town hall, an old residence, is razed—are administrative offices, fire station and police station, or as much of this as can be constructed with \$100,000 voted for the purpose in a bond election early this year.

"The entire council joins me in assuring the public of its great concern for the continued beauty of our town park and its intention to see that good taste and good sense govern our town's growth," Mr. Richardson's letter concluded.

The letter follows:

"The recent letters to The Pilot

criticizing the selection for the location of the municipal building in the town park came as a surprise to the town council, especially since there was so much favorable comment immediately after the announcement of our selection.

"We held two open meetings before making our decision and all citizens were urged to make suggestions before we acted. These meetings resulted in a variety of ideas, many of which were impractical, upon investigation. The majority of those attending these meetings favored the park location. The council spent long hours and rode many miles over town before coming to a decision. After considering several other sites and seeking the advice of many citizens, we always came back to the park as the best location.

"Moreover, a capable professional town planner was retained (Continued on page 8)

## County Political Leaders Appointed At State Meeting

During what some observers said was one of the "most harmonious" State Democratic conventions in history, a number of appointments involving Moore County people were made, thus assuring the county a sound representation in the party for the next four years.

Cliff Blue of Aberdeen, the county's representative to the N. C. General Assembly, was chosen as one of four delegates from the 8th Congressional District to attend the national convention to be held in Chicago in August.

W. P. Saunders of Southern Pines, head of the N. C. Department of Conservation and Development, and Mayor Voit Gilmore of Southern Pines were named alternate delegates-at-large to the convention. Both expect to attend.

In other action at the convention, which was held in Raleigh last Thursday, the following appointments of Democrats from Moore County were also made:

Members of the State Democratic Executive Committee: W. P. Saunders, Southern Pines, and Bess McCaskill, Carthage.

Members of the 8th Congressional Executive Committee: J. Hubert McCaskill, Pinehurst, and Mrs. W. G. Brown, Carthage.

Members of the Judicial District Executive Committee of the 8th Congressional District: E. O. Brogden, Southern Pines, and W. Lamont Brown, Southern Pines.

Members of the Solicitorial District Executive Committee of the 8th Congressional District: Robert N. Page III, Aberdeen, and J. Douglas David, Pinebluff.

Charles M. McLeod, Carthage, was named a member of the State Senatorial District Executive Committee of the 8th district and Page was also named district assistant secretary.

## Town Affiliation Proposal Given Warm Reception

If a small but enthusiastic group of local people get active encouragement from more people, there is a distinct possibility that Southern Pines will "adopt" a foreign town in the near future.

That was the general feeling that the group, meeting in Town Hall Monday afternoon, had following an hour-long discussion of the advantages of becoming affiliated with a town comparable in size to Southern Pines.

The affiliation, which would be primarily of a cultural nature, would not be an official project of the town itself, but between private citizens or civic clubs and similar groups in the "adopted" town.

Mayor Voit Gilmore had called the meeting of civic and business leaders last week to determine if there was sufficient interest in the project to formally organize such a move. Several of those who attended said they had been associated with the idea in other towns and had found it a widely-accepted and worthwhile project.

Frank Warner, a winter resident of Southern Pines, spoke of the work his home town, Garden City, N. Y., had done in connection with the town adoption idea (Continued on page 8)

## Bank To Observe New Summer Hours

The Citizens Bank and Trust Company will be closed on Wednesday afternoons from June 6 through the first Wednesday in August, it was announced today by bank officials.

Most retail establishments in town close during the summer months at noon Wednesday, it was noted, and similar hours at the bank would allow employees more time off during the week.

Regular banking hours will be observed on other days of the week throughout the summer.

## President's Son Visits Sandhills

Southern Pines and Pinehurst golf courses are going to get a workout from the son of a famous golfer this week.

Major John D. S. Eisenhower, son of the President, said Tuesday that he plans to play a little while he is here, taking the one-week course at the Air-Ground Operations School.

"I was here a couple of months back and really enjoyed it," he said. "The courses are really fine. I just whacked a few balls then but I hope to be able to play a round or two this week."

The 33-year-old major, who wishes to be just another of the hundreds of officers who come to Southern Pines for the Air Force indoctrination school, gave reporters five minutes between classes Tuesday. He posed for pictures, but was visibly uncomfortable.

He was asked: "When you play with your father, who usually wins?"

"Well," he said, "he gives me about five strokes and we manage to come out about the same, although I've beaten him several times. He's not too taken with medal play though; prefers match play."

"How's his new baby, the one born in December?"

Fine, he answered, "and was pleased at the question. "I wish

## Lack Of County Races Expected To Cut Primary Vote Saturday

### 8th District Contest Draws Most Interest

With not a single race for a county office to stir up interest, Moore County Democrats are not expected to break any voting records in the Democratic primary Saturday.

This is the first time in even the oldest oldtimer's memory that Moore has been without a county contest. In the last primary in 1954, there were 5,600 people voting; this year some observers said the figure would probably approach 4,000.

Biggest interest so far has been the race the day filing time ended, has made some inroads into Deane's strength, at least in Moore County, observers say. They concede that Kitchin might make a terrific showing in the southern end of

Luther H. Hodges, Tom Sawyer, Harry P. Stokely.

For Lt. Governor: Gurney P. Hood, Alonzo C. Edwards, Kidd Brewer, J. V. Whitfield, and Luther E. Barnhardt.

For Commissioner of Agriculture: Kermit U. Gray and L. Y. Ballentine.

For Commissioner of Insurance:

Charles F. Gold and John N. Fredrick.

For Commissioner of Labor: H. D. Lamberth, Jr., James R. Farlow and Frank Crane.

For United States Senator: Sam J. Ervin, Jr., and Marshall C. Kurfess.

For Member of Congress: A. Paul Kitchin and C. B. Deane.

## Deane, Kitchin Working Hard

C. B. Deane, the Rockingham resident who is serving his fifth two-year term as Congressman from the 8th North Carolina District, is running hard in the Democratic primary campaign that will end in Saturday's election but, say his supporters, he's not running scared.

While insisting that the long record of service and the Congressional seniority of their candidate will not be forgotten by a majority of the voters in the Eighth District Saturday, Deane forces recognize that the candidacy of A. Paul Kitchin of Wadesboro poses a threat that can't be ignored.

Deane, who has refused as a matter of principle to accept personal cash contributions to his campaign—believing that "it is not right for vast sums to be spent" for such purposes—has been ringing hundreds of doorbells over the 12-county district and has solicited the backing of loyal friends he has made during his near-decade in office.

Moore County supporters of Deane point especially to his record of service to this county in matters affecting the welfare of the whole area and in giving generously of his time and effort to attend to requests from many individuals. They have pointed out his successful efforts in helping to keep the USAF Air-Ground School in Southern Pines last year and this year; his work in getting peach crop insurance in Moore and neighboring counties and his part in restoration of a low interest rate on Farmers Home Administration loans for small farmers.

Also mentioned as services of the Congressman to this county, which should not be forgotten by voters, are his blocking of the abolition of post offices at Highfalls. (Continued on Page 8)

A. Paul Kitchin, seeking to unseat Congressman C. B. Deane in Saturday's Democratic primary, talked for almost an hour at the Kiwanis Club meeting here Wednesday and didn't mention a word about politics.

(The club long ago adopted a standing rule against allowing its guest rostrum being used by people seeking public office. Kitchin told of the work of the FBI, of which he is a former member. See another story in today's Pilot.)

After the meeting, however, Kitchin met with reporters for half an hour and discussed the present state of his campaign to oust Deane, who has represented the 8th District since 1947.

"I am an amateur in politics," he said. "This is the first time I have ever run for anything. Frankly, I've enjoyed the campaign and am grateful that no mudslinging has been done either by my supporters or those of Mr. Deane."

"As it stands right now, just three days from the election, I'm encouraged. If every one I've talked to votes like they talk, I think I'll win."

Kitchin, who is 47, said he had been quite busy during the past few weeks, particularly in the four northern counties of the district—Wilkes, Yadkin, Davie and Davidson. "I didn't know many people up that way," he said, "and I went up on a hand-to-hand tour. I'll probably be in Lexington Thursday or Friday and back in Anson, my home county, on election day."

Questioned on his stand regarding the Southern Manifesto, which was signed by 101 Southern Congressmen but not by

### POLLING PLACES

Polling places in Moore County will be open from 6:30 a. m. to 6:30 p. m. Saturday for the Democratic Primary, Sam C. Riddle, chairman of the county board of elections, said yesterday. Here is a partial listing of the voting places in the county:

Southern Pines, firehouse; Aberdeen, American Legion building; Pinebluff, Home Demonstration club building; Vass, firehouse; Pinehurst, Community house next to firehouse; Cameron, community building.

the 12-county district, but give him little chance in the other sections.

Deane, favored to win in populous Davidson County and in the northern counties that have about as many Republicans as Democrats, has been spending a great deal of time in Moore County and in Davidson.

Deane was first elected in 1947. He succeeded W. O. Burgwin of Lexington. At present he is a member of the House Appropriations Committee and various sub-committees.

Kitchin is a former agent with the FBI and is now a law partner with former Lt. Governor H. Patrick Taylor and State Representative H. P. Taylor, Jr. The only public office he has held was as a member of the Anson County Board of Elections.

Here are the candidates on the only ballot that Moore County voters will receive:

For Governor: C. E. Earle, Jr.,

## Phoney Appeals Being Used By Magazine Sellers

Magazine subscription salesmen, palming themselves off as students at an orphanage in South Carolina and apparently in other fictitious roles, made a few fast bucks in Southern Pines Tuesday.

The salesmen, who said they were 18 years old and worked for the Union Circulation Company of New York City, informed the people they called on that they were students at "Hendricks Orphanage" in Columbia and were working as subscription salesmen in order to raise much-needed funds.

In one instance that was brought to The Pilot's attention by the persons involved, the two youths, nicely dressed and possessing good manners, went to a (Continued on Page 8)

## Allen Named New Moore Farm Agent; Succeeds Garrison

Fleet Allen, who has been an assistant in the Moore County farm agent's office for three years, has been appointed agent succeeding E. H. Garrison, who has resigned effective June 1.

The county board of commissioners, in a special meeting Wednesday, announced the appointment.

Garrison retired after 30 years in the county. He gave ill health as the reason.

Allen has been primarily concerned with the broiler industry since he came to the county from Randolph to succeed W. G. Caldwell, who had been an assistant agent 15 years.

Allen is a native of Marshville. He graduated from N. C. State College in 1942 and went to work immediately as an assistant agent in Pasquotank county. He took the Randolph position in 1944.

He is married to the former Virginia Woods of Hillsboro. They have two daughters, Betty and Peggy.

The Allens live on the Vass road.

## Mysterious Death In Addor Probed

The badly decomposed body of a Negro woman was found in a lonely wooded area south of Addor near the Hoke County line last Thursday.

The woman, identified as Sarah McRae, 39, of Addor, had probably been there at least four days according to Coroner Ralph Steed.

According to members of the dead woman's family, she had last been seen Sunday morning. Steed said the body could have easily decomposed almost beyond recognition during the four-day period because of a few days of very warm weather during the interim.

Because of the condition of the body no autopsy was held. Pending further investigation by the State Bureau of Investigation and the Moore County sheriff's department, Coroner Steed said the cause of death had not been determined.

## VOTE RETURNS

Election headquarters here will be set up at radio station WEEB Saturday night. Jack Younts, president and general manager of the station, said that the hallway of the building, located at 135 West New Hampshire Ave., would be open for visitors who want to see how the election returns are coming in from around the state.

The station will maintain direct contact with the sheriff's office in Carthage for county returns, and with the Associated Press for state returns.

The station will be open until all returns are pretty well in.



I had brought my family down. Didn't know I'd have these few hours off each day."

The major is stationed at Ft. Belvoir, Va., now and plans to make the Army a career, just like his father did.