

### League of Women Voters Trace History of Education Proposals

The League of Women Voters has, as a service to citizens of North Carolina, compiled a history of events leading up to the proposals made by Governor Hodges and members of the Pearsall Advisory Committee on Education at press meetings Saturday.

The League, a non-partisan group which has a vital interest in seeing citizens exercise their rights at the polls, has a chapter in Southern Pines.

The Pilot is reprinting the League's release so that readers may have full knowledge of the events that lead up to the Saturday proposals, which, if adopted by the special session of the Legislature meeting next week, will be submitted to the voters as amendments to the State Constitution in an election this September.

#### Committee Created

The 1955 session of the General Assembly, in Resolution 29, created the North Carolina Advisory Committee on Education to study the school situation in North Carolina.

This same session passed several statutory laws relating to education. Among them is Chapter 366 authorizing county and city boards of education to assign pupils to public schools. Prior to the passing of this statute such authority had rested in the State Department of Education. In addition, the statutory laws regarding supervision of non-public schools by the State Department of Education were widened and strengthened.

#### The Report

After studying the North Carolina school situation this committee presented its findings over a state-wide television and radio program on April 5, 1956. The committee made the following recommendations:

"We recommend that a special session of the General Assembly of North Carolina be called this summer to consider submitting to the people the question of changes in our State Constitution.

"We recommend that this Legislature cause to be submitted to a vote of the people of North Carolina constitutional amendments, or a single amendment to achieve these desirable and, we think, necessary results:

1. Authority for the General Assembly to provide from public funds financial grants to be paid toward the education of any child assigned against the wishes of his parents to a school in which the races are mixed—such grants to be available for education only in non-sectarian schools and only when such child cannot be conveniently assigned to a non-mixed public school.
2. Authority for any local unit

#### INS AND OUTS

Mrs. W. E. Saunders has returned to her home in San Antonio, Texas after a month's visit with her daughter, Mrs. Paul Kinnison and family at their home on Valley Road. Other recent guests of the Kinnisons were Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Hobbs of Winston-Salem with their two children, Janie and David and Mike Dunn of Ft. Leavenworth, who visited Paul and Karen for ten days. Col. and Mrs. Kinnison and their family spent last week in Virginia Beach, guests of General and Mrs. J. Walter Squire.

The Robert Ewing family left last week for Lewes Beach, Delaware for several weeks of vacationing.

While many of our townspeople are vacationing at the beaches these hot, summer days, others are heading for the North Carolina mountains. Last week, Mr. and Mrs. Claude Reams and son, Tommy, decided they would take a trip up to Linville to check on their second son, George, who is spending the summer there working with the John Pottles at the Esseola Lodge. Needless to say, they found him having a wonderful time—working in the hotel with a fine bunch of boys and girls—and playing a good bit of golf on the side. Accompanying the Reams were Mrs. Katherine McColl and Miss Birdie Bair. Miss Bair remained for a visit with the Pottles this week.

Mr. and Mrs. William P. Davis and family have returned home after passing two weeks at the Murphy cottage in Myrtle Beach. Their daughter, Kay, who is helping with the summer recreation program, joined them for the weekends. Also at the Murphys' for a week were Dr. and Mrs. J. I. Neal who had with them their daughter, Becky and her husband, the William Tackaberys of Bethesda, Md., with their young son and daughter, Neal and Patti.

Mr. and Mrs. M. F. Farrior and daughters, Pat and Alice have returned home after a week's trip to Nag's Head where they attended a showing of "The Lost Colony." They spent the past weekend with Mrs. Farrior's mother, Mrs. A. W. Rouse in Kinston.

created pursuant to law and under conditions to be prescribed by the General Assembly, to suspend by majority vote the operation of the public schools in that unit, notwithstanding present constitutional provisions for public schools."

#### Special Session

Last month Governor Hodges called for a special session of the General Assembly to convene July 23, 1956 to consider the Advisory Committee's Report.

If this special session accepts the Advisory Committee's report it will need to amend certain provisions of the North Carolina Constitution to permit application of the Committee's recommendations to our public schools.

Amendments to the Constitution must be agreed to by 3/5 of each House of the General Assembly, and require a majority vote of the people at the next general or special election. The tentative date for a special election is now September 8.

So that you may follow the deliberations of the General Assembly with greater understanding we are listing below some of the provisions of the North Carolina Constitution that may be considered by our representatives:

"Article 1. Declaration of Rights. Section 27. Education.

"The people have a right to the privilege of education, and it is the duty of the State to guard and maintain that right."

"Article V. Revenue and Taxation. Section 3. State Taxation.

"The power of taxation shall be exercised in a just and equitable manner, and shall never be surrendered, suspended, or contracted away. Taxes on property shall be uniform as to each class of property taxed. Taxes shall be levied only for public purposes, and every act levying a tax shall state the object to which it is to be applied."

"Article IX. Education. Section 1. Education shall be encouraged.

"Religion, morality, and knowledge being necessary to good government and the happiness of mankind, schools and the means of education shall forever be encouraged."

"Section 2. General Assembly shall provide for schools: separation of the races.

"The General Assembly, at its first session under this Constitution, shall provide by taxation and otherwise for a general and uniform system of public schools, wherein tuition shall be free of charge to all the children of the State between the ages of six and twenty-one years. And the children of the white race and the children of the colored race shall be taught in separate public schools; but there shall be no discrimination in favor of, or to the prejudice of, either race."

"Section 3. Counties to be divided into districts.

"Each county of the State shall be divided into a convenient number of districts, in which one or more public schools shall be maintained at least six months in every year; and if the commissioners of any county shall fail to comply with the aforesaid requirements of this section, they shall be liable to indictment."

#### J. B. Boyle Dies

#### At Home Tuesday

James B. Boyle, 66, who with his wife moved to Southern Pines from Weatherly, Pa., last year, died at his home Tuesday morning.

Funeral services and burial will be held Friday at 10 a. m. at Weatherly.

Mr. Boyle moved to Southern Pines following his retirement from the Jones-Laughlin Steel Company.

Mrs. Boyle is the only immediate survivor.

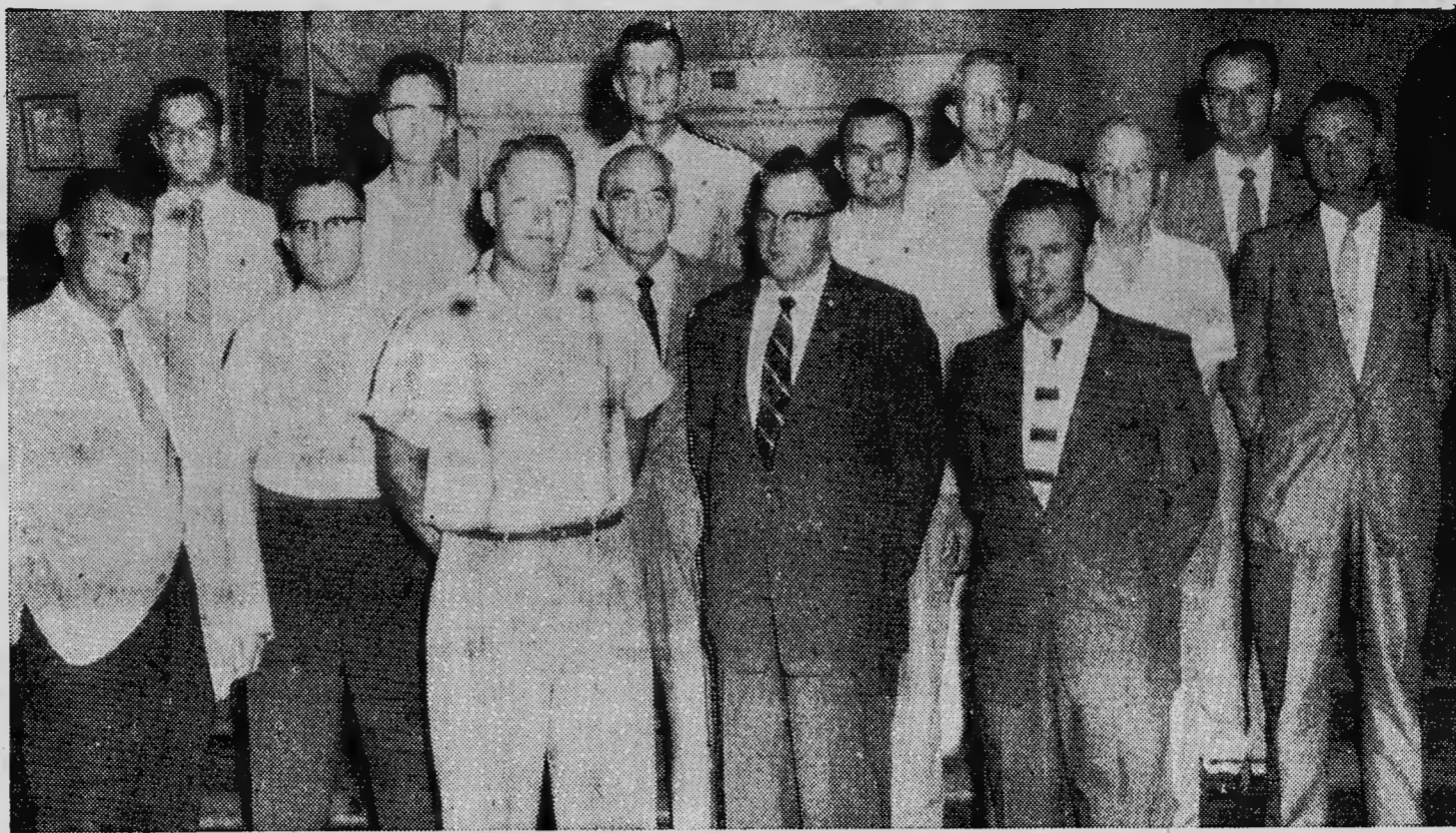
#### Southern Pines, Pinehurst Little League Share Lead

With the end of the season fast closing in, the Southern Pines Little Leaguers dropped a crucial game Wednesday, losing to Carthage 4-2.

The locals now have a record of eight wins and five losses and are tied with Pinehurst for top spot. Pinehurst, with a similar record, defeated Robbins yesterday 7-5 to move into the tie with Southern Pines.

Roger Ballard hit a grand-slam homer for Pinehurst in the game. Robbins now has a six won, seven lost record, and Carthage has won four while losing nine.

FOR RESULTS USE THE PILOT'S CLASSIFIED COLUMN.



Installation of new officers of the Southern Pines Lions Club was held at the Country Club last Friday night and was conducted by Coy Dawkins of Rockingham, district governor. Pictured here, front row, left to right, are Bill Benson, outgoing president; Dawkins; and Don Traylor, new president. Second row, left to right, R. Marvin Carter, Rockingham, district cabinet secretary;

Murray Clark, director; Bill Spence, director; Delamar Mann, Lion tamer; Sam Richardson, second vice-president; and Charles Patch, Jr., first vice-president. Back row, same order, Willis Rush, assistant secretary; Joe Marley, director; Joe Carter, tail twister; Randall Thompson, treasurer; and Broadus Caudle, secretary. Another director, Russell Mills, was absent when photo was made. (Photo by Harvey Horne)

#### ADULT SOFTBALL LEAGUE RESULTS

##### RESULTS JULY 17

Lions—17 Catholics—14.

USAFAGOS Officers—16, Nat. Guard—7.

Standings

USAFAGOS Airmen 5 0

Car. Power & Light 5 0

So. Pines Lions 3 2

Ch. of Wide Fellowship 2 3

USAFAGOS Officers 2 4

Catholic Laymen 1 4

Natl. Guard Tankers 0 5

##### GAMES JULY 19

7:15 Church of Wide Fellowship vs. Southern Pines Lions.

9:00 Carolina Power and Light vs. USAFAGOS Airmen.

#### GOVERNOR REVEALS

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one or more of the public schools in that particular unit.

The education expense grant, if such a plan is approved by the Legislature and the people, would be available only for education in a nonsectarian school. Such a grant also would not be available if the child can reasonably be assigned to a school not attended by a child of another race.

Strict regulations are provided for the allotment of these expense grants.

Local Option

2. Provide for the setting up of machinery for regulating the local option plan, which, of course, would depend upon the people's approval of the constitutional changes. In the preamble to this measure, which appears in full on today's editorial page, it is recommended that the Legislature affirm "that schools and the means of education ought forever to be encouraged."

Elections to decide whether a school or schools in a local option unit will be closed may be called upon petition of at least 15 percent of the registered voters within that local option unit. A like number of petitioners may call for reopening the school or schools.

Any teacher, principal or supervisor under contract with a school closed under such a plan will be entitled to all salaries and benefits during the life of the contract provided a similar job cannot be found elsewhere. Nor would the closing of a school affect the current contract of the superintendent of the city or county administrative unit.

Expense Grants

3. Set up machinery for education expense grants, if the people approve the idea. These grants would amount to the proportionate expense of state funds needed to educate the child. That is currently figured at about \$135 a year out of state funds. Local units might award more if they choose.

An applicant denied what he terms proper relief by his local board may appeal. Private schools must be approved to make grants available.

Rigid control is set up over the expenditure of these funds, an applicant who commits fraud would be treated as a felon with imprisonment of not more than five years and/or a fine of not more than \$5,000.

Funds from which to pay these grants would come from a special appropriation or from the State's Emergency and Contingency Fund. Money earmarked for the school year would be exempted.

Attendance Law

4. Amend the Compulsory School Attendance law to care for children who don't want to go to school with members of another race and who cannot find a proper private nonsectarian school. Otherwise, the present law would hold. That law directs that children between seven and sixteen years of age shall go to school.

5. Set the date for the September general election. This purely is a matter for legislative determination if the State Supreme Court finds such an election is all right. The Court is expected to render its opinion before the July 23 session.

'Part of Answer'

Those five steps constitute part of the administration's answer to the May 17, 1954, decision. The 1955 Legislature revised many school laws, including those on assignment of pupils, and bespoke its vigorous protest to the decision. It asked the Advisory Committee to continue its study, one that even then had been going on for several months under Pearsall, himself a former speaker and prominent member of the General Assembly.

Governor Hodges, always in close communication with the Committee, has repeatedly insisted that the 1954 decision did not direct that the states must mix persons of different races in the schools, or require them to attend schools. Hodges, backed by Federal Court of Appeals' rulings, maintained that the decision merely meant that a state may not deny to any person on account of race the right to attend any school that it operates. In short, integration of the races in public schools is not required.

#### COMMISSIONERS

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The Board of Commissioners told the group that the budget for the 1956-57 fiscal year had already been set up and that it would be difficult to tear it up and find the funds for purchasing new fire equipment for rural areas.

It was estimated at the meeting that some \$40,000 would be needed to purchase three trucks.

Last April a delegation from the Moore County Farm Bureau, which has some 400-500 farm families as members, went before the commissioners and requested that funds for fire protection in rural areas be included in the new budget, then being formulated.

The budget, which was tentatively adopted July 5, made no provisions for the protection.

Chairman Cameron pointed out that three weeks must lapse between the time the budget was tentatively adopted and the time it was officially adopted and, though he discouraged any such action, said it was possible for a new appropriation to be placed in it before final adoption.

He pointed out the difficulties of tearing up the budget at this late date and said he had no idea where any additional funds would come from. "The various departments in the county have been told what they're getting this year and they've already made their plans," he said, adding that it would not be in the public interest to take already-appropriated money from a department's budget.

Bond Issue?

He said that maybe a bond issue would be the answer.

Such bonds, he said, if voted would make it possible to secure all the needed equipment at one time and would do away with the difficult decision of where to place just three trucks in an area as big as Moore County.

Such a bond issue, if called, would, he pointed out, make it necessary to revise the tax schedule. He and other members of the board would not comment on what such an issue might cost in the present \$1.35 tax rate.

Cameron pointed out that the danger of the proposal presented by the group would be "double taxation" for town residents who already pay for fire protection.

Such protection, he said, is

#### MORE LIQUOR

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Pines, two counts, 60 days in jail, suspended for three years on payment of \$25 fine and costs.

Willie Waddell, 30 days in jail (unable to work on roads because of injured foot), suspended two years on payment of \$25 fine and costs.

Bessie Prescott, Aberdeen, seven counts, 18 months in Women's Division of Central Prison, and eight months previous suspended sentence ordered to issue at expiration.

Richard Hickman, alias Richard Hicks, Carthage, five counts, eight months on roads, suspended five years on payment of fine of \$200 and costs.

Sarah Taylor, two counts, six months in jail, suspended two years on payment of \$25 fine and costs.

Walter Reeves, alias Buddy Reeves, Aberdeen, five counts, eight months on roads, suspended three years on payment of \$25

fine and costs.

Sally (Pat) Lawhorn, Southern Pines, two counts, 60 days in jail, suspended two years on payment of \$25 fine and costs.

Jake Lawhorn, Aberdeen and Southern Pines, two counts, three months on roads, suspended on payment of \$100 fine and costs.

John Jeter, Cameron, possession and selling, 30 days on roads, suspended 12 months on payment of \$25 fine and costs.

Letha Rowan Harris, possession and selling, six months in Women's Division of Central Prison, appealed to Superior Court, bond set at \$350.

Myrtle Cole, Aberdeen, three counts, six months in Women's Division of Central Prison, with three month previous suspended sentence ordered to be served concurrently, appealed to Superior Court, bond set at \$350.

Addor Davis, and wife Callie Mae, Aberdeen, possession and selling, 60 days on roads as to Addor Davis and 60 days in jail as to wife, both suspended on payment of joint fine of \$50 and costs.

Frank Goines, Southern Pines, possession and sale, 30 days on roads, suspended on payment of \$25 fine and costs.

Thomas Lowe, Jr., Carthage, violation prohibition laws, called and failed, instant capias issued, sci fa on bondsman.

Bernice McCall, Aberdeen, violation prohibition laws, continued to August 6, (defendant in hospital).

Sam Taylor, Carthage, possession and sale, on conclusion of state's evidence, defense entered plea of guilty of possession of non-tax paid whiskey, eight months on roads, suspended for three years on payment of fine of \$100 and costs.

Ruth R. (Mrs. Tonzie) Akins, possession for sale and selling, state took nol pros because of question of identity.

Henry Threadgill, Southern Pines, selling beer after hours, state recommended case be handled by the state Malt Beverage Control Board.

Mrs. Henry Threadgill, selling beer after hours, state took nol pros with leave while above case being investigated by state Malt Beverage Control Board.

Latest estimates place the green pepper acreage in North Carolina for 1956, at 5,100 acres, a reduction of 12 per cent from 1955.

#### Pre-Inventory Sale

Continues

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