

Funeral Held at Aberdeen Church For M. A. McNeill

Malcolm A. McNeill, 82, of Southern Pines died Thursday of last week. Funeral services were held Sunday afternoon at Bethesda Presbyterian Church, Aberdeen, conducted by the pastor, Dr. W. C. Neill. Burial was in

Old Bethesda Cemetery. Surviving are three sisters, Misses Kate, Harriet and Flora McNeill, all of the home; and two brothers, Milton, of Asheville, and Daniel R., of Southern Pines. Mr. McNeill lived for many years on a farm southeast of Southern Pines on the road that runs from Indiana Ave. Extension to join Highway 211, east of Aberdeen. Recently he and his sisters occupied the home of the late W. S. Harrington on South Bennett St.

Zoning Hearing On Tract For Office Building Set By Council For May 8

A public hearing will be held at the May town council meeting on a recommendation of the Planning Board that a triangular piece of land on Pee Dee Road east of that road and a short distance from the road's intersection with Pennsylvania Ave., be rezoned from Residence III to Business II, to permit construction of an office building on the lot.

Meeting for its April session last week at town hall, the council voted to call the hearing after learning from Town Manager F. F. (Bud) Rainey that the Planning Board had made the recommendation after two visits to the site. All adjoining property owners will be notified of the hearing.

The small tract of land is owned by Councilman Felton Capel who seeks a change in the zoning so that he can build on it an office building in connection with the cooking ware sales business of which he is manager for a large territory.

Mayor John S. Ruggles was absent and Mayor Pro-tem J. D. Hobbs presided. Present also were Councilmen Morris Johnson, Capel and Fred Pollard.

The council approved a resolution relieving the tax collector of certain taxes erroneously listed. Mr. Rainey said that about

\$1,000 was involved, some of the tax bills going back to 1953. The taxes in question are levied against persons who are deceased or who have moved away and can't be located, mostly taxes on automobiles. Sometimes, it was stated, an automobile owner lists a car one year and then sells it, but it is picked up and erroneously listed by the tax lister the next year and the tax billed against the owner is never paid because it is not actually owed.

Mr. Rainey said that every effort is being made to locate "lost" persons who actually owe back taxes and that a considerable amount has been collected. The Council, he said, is not asked to relieve the collector of any taxes unless the person either doesn't really owe the tax or can't be found.

The council discussed briefly upcoming expansion needs in the water and sewer departments, on which bond issue proposals are expected some time in the future.

'Young Americans For Freedom' Officers Elected

The Thomas Jefferson Chapter of the Young Americans for Freedom was organized recently by a group meeting in the home of Bill Wicker at Aberdeen.

Officers of the chapter, elected to hold office for the coming year are: Bill Wicker of Aberdeen, chairman; Wayne C. Morton of Aberdeen, vice-chairman; Herman Russell of Aberdeen, secretary; and Thomas C. Thompson of Pinebluff, treasurer.

A free showing of the film, "Communism on the Map," will be sponsored by the YAF chapter at the American Legion Hut in Aberdeen, Saturday, April 28, at 7:30 p. m.

Commenting on the formation of the chapter, Wicker said, "All young people should join with us because here is a real opportunity to make a contribution toward achieving stability and progress in both government and our economic life. The millions of young Americans have the greatest stake in the future of our country. The socialistic program of bigger and bigger government and more and more controls and less and less individual freedom must be stopped. Membership in the Young Americans for Freedom is how the young people of Moore County can join in this fight to preserve our way of life."

Young Americans for Freedom is a national organization founded in September, 1960, in a conference at Sharon, Conn., by young people from 24 states. Membership is open to anyone under 39 years of age.

A statement drawn up at the Sharon conference describes members of the organization as young conservatives. It states that "political freedom cannot long exist without economic freedom," opposes government interference with the free play of supply and demand in the market economy, praises the Constitution for its restraining of concentration and abuse of government power, and says that "the United States should stress victory over, rather than co-existence with" international Communism.

Town Attorney W. Lamont Brown, who is chairman of the board of trustees of the town-owned Southern Pines Library, asked that the council also study library expansion needs—an addition to give more book, reading room and research space.

An increasing number of persons are using the library which Mr. Brown described as "bursting at the seams."

Mr. Rainey said that a suggestion had been made that a civics class at Southern Pines High School be permitted to have a

"youth day in government," taking over for a day all town offices, in cooperation with town officials, to learn about municipal affairs.

Councilmen indicated they favored issuing an invitation to the class to conduct such a program.

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Colonel Wright Dies; Rites Held At Arlington

Graveside services for Col. Robert Lee Wright, who died Friday at Womack General Hospital at Fort Bragg, were held Wednesday at Arlington National Cemetery by a Christian Science reader.

Colonel Wright, a retired Army officer, had lived for several years in Southern Pines, having an apartment at the Stanley Austin home on Morganton Road and moving early this year to the Jefferson Inn.

His daughter and son were in Southern Pines last weekend and planned to attend the service at Arlington.

During part of World War II he was on the Inspector General's staff, stationed at Greensboro.

A native of Kalamazoo, Mich., he entered the army in 1911, served on the Mexican border, then during World War I with the AEF in France. Surviving are one daughter, Mrs. David L. Neil of Glenview, Ill.; one son, H. A. Wright of San Antonio, Texas; and six grandchildren.

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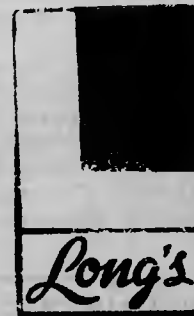
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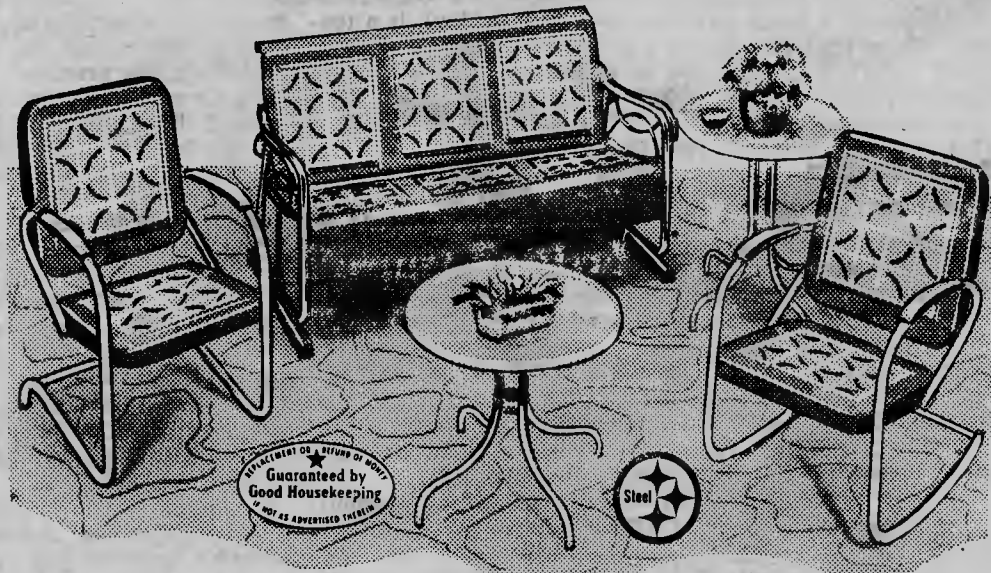


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