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TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

Library Work Contracts Approved; Employee Retirement Plan Studied

Signing of contracts totalling \$28,899 for expansion and remodeling at the Southern Pines Library was authorized Tuesday night by the town council.

Edmund J. Austin, local architect, outlined the work to be done at the library and said that in reducing the cost from a former plan that had run too high, there have been "no major omissions of the features originally proposed."

After the cost of the library work was found to run over the \$25,000 voted for the purpose in

a town bond issue, private contributions and pledges have raised the amount available to a level that will make possible the work as now proposed.

The figure stated does not include the architect's fee which is expected to run between \$1,900 and \$2,000, but anticipated funds are said to be sufficient to cover all costs.

The work will not require closing of the library at any time, said Mr. Austin, and it is expected that it can be completed within three months.

The full council attended Tuesday's meeting—Mayor W. Morris Johnson, Mayor Pro Tem Norris L. Hodgkins, Jr., and Councilmen Felton Capel, C. A. McLaughlin and Fred Pollard, along with Town Manager F. F. Rainey, Town Attorney W. Lamont Brown and Mrs. Mildred McDonald, town clerk.

After hearing from Nathan H. Yelton, executive secretary of the Local Government Employees Retirement System, a detailed explanation of how the state-wide system works in providing retirement benefits for local government workers (at age 55 for policemen and firemen and age 65 for others), the council asked Mr. Yelton to make a "valuation survey," costing about \$175, to determine what rate the town would have to pay to put the retirement system into effect here.

Under the system, employees pay 3 per cent of the first \$4,800 of annual salary and 5 per cent over that amount of salary and the town pays a percentage of annual payroll that runs, in other towns, cities or counties cited, from 6.2 to 8.9 per cent, depending on amount of prior service of employees, for which they are given credit, to be amortized over future years in payments by the town.

This "prior service valuation" can be liquidated in a lump sum payment if a town so chooses. The program probably would cost the town between \$6,000 and \$8,000 annually, estimated on tentative figures.

Col. A. M. Koster, Moore County and Southern Pines Civil Defense director, outlined the entire CD program on federal, state and county levels, displaying the completed Moore County Civil Defense Plan.

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Mrs. McCormac Named To Town Planning Board

Mrs. George A. McCormac, proprietor of Southern Pines Florists, was appointed by the council Tuesday night to fill a vacancy on the town's Planning Board.

She accepted the appointment on Wednesday.

The recent death of Mrs. Katherine McColl, a board member for several years, caused the vacancy.

Mrs. McCormac was nominated for the post by Councilman C. A. McLaughlin. There were no other nominations.

DISTRICT COMPETITION NEXT

Thompson Named Morehead Candidate

Thomas Coolidge Thompson, senior at Aberdeen High school and a son of Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Thompson of Pinebluff, has been notified of his choice as Moore County candidate for a 1964 Morehead Award at the University of North Carolina, it was announced this week by H. L. Graves of Southern Pines, chairman of the county Morehead Award selection committee.

Alternate choice for the award is Richard North Lewis, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. R. N. Lewis of West End, who with his twin brother, Charles Blake Lewis, attends the Southern Pines High School. The twins' home is at West End, but they live in Southern Pines during the school year.

Thompson, who is known as "Tommy," is president of the Student Council at Aberdeen High school. He participated in a summer in a science program for gifted students held at the University of North Carolina during the summer.

He is a member of the club at Aberdeen High school.



NEW VISTA—One of the new vistas created by the lakeside golf course in the new Country Club of North Carolina development on the former Watson property is pictured here. The course, which crosses natural water hazards at several places, is expected to be open before the end of the year. Members of the Country Club of North Carolina, from over the state and elsewhere, are meeting at the Mid Pines Club here on Friday to review progress of work and discuss future plans. (Pilot photo)

Area Development Awards Scheduled At Monday Meet

Awards in the area community development contest—"the contest in which no one is a loser"—will be made at the fifth annual meeting and Awards Night of the Sandhills Area Development Association, to be held at the Carthage High School cafeteria starting at 6 p. m. Monday.

The quote is from comments of Mrs. E. L. Key of Ellerbe, area chairman of the community development program, as she accompanied the area judges on their tours Monday and Tuesday of this week.

They visited the winners of the county community development contests—Dignus in Lee County, Mountain Creek in Richmond, Uwharrie in Montgomery, Glendon in Moore and Ashmont in Hoke. These were winners in the rural community part of the program. Only two, both in Richmond County—Ledbetter and Cordova—were entered in the village division, and these were also visited.

"Everyone wins in this program, as they have worked throughout the year in cooperation and neighborliness, and have many achievements to their credit which have bettered their communities and aided living conditions for all," said Mrs. Key. As chairman, she did not serve as judge, but, she added, "I just enjoyed myself. These are all wonderful people."

Some 200 persons are expected from the five member counties at the dinner supper meeting. Anyone interested in county and area progress will be welcomed, said Paul C. Butler of Southern Pines. (Continued on Page 8)

PLAYOFF CONTEST SET HERE FRIDAY

Aberdeen's Cape Fear Conference undefeated championship football team will face the undefeated Angier team on Memorial Field here at 8 p. m. Friday, in a regional Class A football playoff.

Also on Friday night, Carthage High School's team, runner-up to Aberdeen in the Cape Fear Conference, will play Cobb Memorial High in Caswell County, at the Cobb field. Carthage won seven games, tied one and lost one.

This week's regional Class A winners—eight of them over the state—will be paired for district contests next week.

Tickets On Sale For PTA-Benefit Marionette Show

Tickets to the Nicolò Marionettes production of "The Emperor's Nightingale"—to be presented in Weaver Auditorium at 3 p. m. and 8 p. m., Monday, December 2—went on sale at Monday night's meeting of the sponsoring East Southern Pines Parent-Teacher Association.

The entertainment program, brought here by a well known marionette group now in its 25th year, will be the PTA's chief fund-raising project of the year. Members voted Monday to use the proceeds to help buy new backdrop curtains for the Weaver Auditorium stage, at an estimated cost of \$855.

Tickets will be sold in the business section Friday and Saturday of this week and of next week, also at the A & P and Colonial stores on those days. They will be available in the school cafeteria on November 26 and 27, so that parents can give children the money to buy them there on those days.

It was emphasized that the show is for both adults and children. Ticket prices are being held down to make possible a large attendance.

"The Emperor's Nightingale" is based on a Hans Christian Andersen story and is described as a "musical extravaganza, crowded with tricks, illusions and fantasy, with elegant costumes and lavish settings."

McMillan Draws 8-10 Years Term

An attempted-rape trial in which the victim was unable to appear and speak for herself Wednesday in Moore County Superior Court at Carthage resulted in an eight-to-10-year prison sentence for the defendant, James McMillan, 38-year-old Aberdeen Negro.

Mrs. Esther Styers, 85, nearly blind and suffering from arthritis and arteriosclerosis, who has long been unable to walk without the aid of a mechanical walker, was at home in bed. Since the attack made in her home near Aberdeen October 12 she

Forester Links County's History To Biggest Tree

The Moore County Historical Association, holding its first meeting of the season at the town hall Monday night, heard an appropriate message of local history in a talk given by Atwood Whitman, forestry consultant, of Carthage.

Mr. Whitman, using "the largest tree in Moore County" as his subject, traced the growth of the tree in conjunction with the history of this area.

Previous to Mr. Whitman's address, the meeting, conducted by the president, Colin Spencer of Carthage, heard reports of the present status of the society as regards treasury, projects, and a few glimpses at the coming season's plans. The treasurer's report was given by John McPhaul, pinchitting for Miss Helen Butler who was unable to be present because of a sprained ankle. It showed a balance on hand of \$2,675.91. Mr. McPhaul also explained that because of changes in income tax rulings as regards fillings of non-profit organizations, he believed it would be necessary to employ an accountant to prepare the complicated and retroactive reports which the new ruling entailed. A motion activating this suggestion was unanimously passed.

In opening the meeting the president commented on the fact that so many county communities were represented in the audience and showed them the gavel with which he was presiding which was made of wood from the old home where he had been born.

Sheriff W. B. Kelly reported on the reconstruction of the tombs of the Governor Williams family. He said that besides the protective work on the tombs, the inscriptions had been cleaned and could now be clearly read and the

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120 Teams Playing As Golf Carousel Begins

A total of 120 two-player teams teed off today in qualifying rounds of the 10th annual Southern Pines Golf Carousel, coming here from 17 states, Canada and the District of Columbia, reports Fred Teeter, general chairman of the event for the sponsoring Jaycees.

Entered are 96 teams in the men's division and 24 in the mixed division, with men and women players, said Sam Harrison, entry chairman.

Last year's Carousel champions—Clyde Mangum of Southern Pines and Pete Tufts of Pinehurst—are not defending their title. However, the 1961 winners—Bill Harvey of Greensboro and Reid Toler of Raleigh—are playing again this year. They are two of the state's well known and high-ranking amateur golfers.

Also entered is the 1963 Moore County golf champion, Bill Woodward of Robbins, teamed with Bill Wilson of Southern Pines. A number of other top Sandhills players are entered.

The unique match play tournament gives all teams a chance to use both the Southern Pines Country Club and Pine Needles courses. Trophies for winners and runners-up will be given in all flights. There are eight teams in each flight, except for the championship flight of 16 teams.

First social event of the tournament—part of the visitors' long weekend golfing "package"—is a pre-dinner party at Pine Needles Country Club today.

Trophies will be awarded at the Southern Pines Country Club at 5 p. m. Sunday.

CAROUSEL DANCE OPEN TO PUBLIC

Saturday night's Golf Carousel dance at the National Guard Armory on Morganton Road is open to the public, the sponsoring Jaycees pointed out today.

This event, begun primarily for entertainment of Golf Carousel visitors, has been successfully combined for several years with a public dance. Couples only may attend.

Ticket sales places are listed in an advertisement elsewhere in today's Pilot.

Adult Basketball League Organizing

Men in the East Southern Pines School District who are interested in playing in an adult basketball league this winter are invited to meet Wednesday, November 20, at 7 p. m. in the town hall to organize teams and adopt by-laws.

At an informal meeting of interested men last week, J. D. Hobbs was elected president of the league and a decision was made to organize four teams.

Men wishing to play should register at the Style Mart Store or the Hobbs Insurance Agency not later than 6 p. m. next Wednesday, Hobbs said today.

Games will be played in the East Southern Pines gym, one night each week, with Thursdays tentatively favored. The playing night will be decided at next week's meeting after consultation with school officials.

2 Husbands Face Court, Charged With Killing Wives

Probable cause on a murder charge was found against Marjorie Bennett, 30-year-old Southern Pines Negro, in a hearing in Moore County Recorder's Court at Carthage Saturday morning. Bond was set at \$5,000 for his appearance in this week's term of Superior Court.

Accused of the fatal shooting of his wife, Ruth, at their home Sunday night, November 3, Bennett contended that it was an accident.

Another Negro husband, William Cobb of Carthage, Route 3, was also being held for the murder of his wife, subject to grand jury action this week. On the finding of probable cause by a Carthage magistrate Tuesday of last week after the Monday night shooting at his home in the Summer Hill community, Cobb, 23, was ordered held without privilege of bond.

True bills were found by the grand jury this week against both defendants.

Bennett was himself shot, and spent three days in a hospital. He was transferred to jail, charged with murder, last Wednesday.

At the hearing he testified in his own behalf that he and his wife had argued over money, that she shot him with a .38 automatic and that, when he tried to get the gun from her, she was shot.

Southern Pines Police Chief Earl Seawell testified that Bennett had previously told him he was showing his wife how to work the safety catch on the gun when it accidentally went off, killing her, and that he did not know how he himself was shot.

Chief Seawell also presented a statement made by Marjorie J., 10-year-old son of the couple, and eldest of their three children. Though the boy was present in court, Judge Rowe allowed the statement to be read rather than call the boy to the stand. He said his parents started to argue and his father told him to leave the room. As he ran out, he said, he heard a shot and turned to see his mother sitting in the armchair with blood streaming from her mouth.

In a few minutes his father called him back into the room, and he saw his mother lying on the floor. His father sent him to a neighbor's to call for help, the statement said.

Cobb, who admitted to Chief Deputy Sheriff H. H. Grimm he had been drinking, recalled quarreling with his wife Barbara, 23, but said he did not remember firing the shotgun blast which killed her. The couple's four children were in bed in the next room. In this case also the eldest child, a boy of five, was sent to a neighbor's for help. In both cases the

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Hearing Set On Bennett Block Parking Change

At Tuesday night's town council meeting, a public hearing was set for the next council meeting, December 10, on a proposed ordinance establishing two-hour parking on the east side of Bennett St., between Pennsylvania and New Hampshire Avenues.

The proposed change was suggested by a delegation from the United Church of Christ. Robert M. Cushman, spokesman for the group, said that the present unlimited parking on the east side of Bennett at this point often blocks the church and education building entrances when needed.

The delegation also asked for a loading zone in front of the education building, but withdrew this request when it became apparent the council had some doubts about the advisability of completely cutting off parking anywhere in the block.

Individual councilmen expressed approval of the proposed change.

Blood Donors Can Give At Aberdeen Church On Friday

An effort to collect the 434 pints of blood that will make possible continuation of the Moore County Blood Program began today with a bloodmobile from the Charlotte Red Cross distribution center at the Pinehurst high school gym from noon to 6 p. m.

Tomorrow (Friday), the bloodmobile will move to the Aberdeen Baptist Church, from 8 a. m. to 2 p. m.

A third and final collection in Moore County for the year 1963 will take place at West End High School, Wednesday, November 27, from noon to 6 p. m.

J. R. Hauser of Southern Pines, Moore Blood Program chairman, urged that residents from any part of the county give blood at the two remaining visits. He reminded the public that the program will be discontinued unless the county can collect before the end of the year the 434 pints needed to bring donations up to the level used by patients in the county's two hospitals which get blood from the Charlotte center.

He said that all persons over the county who have signed "replacement pledges," promising to give blood on behalf of somebody who has used Red Cross blood in a hospital, have been notified of the final 1963 visit. He urged them to make good on their pledges.

Reason for the emergency is that Moore County residents, in the year ending June 30, used 1,397 pints of blood, but donated only 879 pints, forcing the Red Cross to discontinue the program unless quotas are met.

THE WEATHER

Maximum and minimum temperatures for each day of the past week were recorded as follows at the U. S. Weather Bureau observation station at the W E B studios on Midland Road.

	Max	Min.
November 7	67	54
November 8	67	47
November 9	71	31
November 10	71	46
November 11	70	41
November 12	61	54
November 13	55	33