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All Aspects Of School Merger Plan To Be Discussed At Tuesday Meeting

Crowds Expected
At Armory, 7:30:
Speakers Listed

Dr. R. M. McMillan, member of the Southern Pines board of education, will present the general plan of the proposed merger of the Southern Pines and Pinehurst administrative school units at the public meeting scheduled for next Tuesday at 7:30 p. m. in the National Guard Armory.

The open meeting for patrons of the schools of East Southern Pines, West Southern Pines, Pinehurst and Academy Heights, and all citizens interested in the elementary and high school needs, was announced last week by the chairman of the two boards of education, Dr. C. C. McLean of Southern Pines and L. B. Creath of Pinehurst.

Various speakers will explain in detail all aspects of the proposed merger, according to Mrs. Walter Harper, chairman of the local board's committee on attendance.

R. F. Hoke Pollock, attorney, a former member of the local board, will present the legal as-

pects of the proposed merger, and legislation needed to put the plan to a vote of the people.

Melvin Wicker of the Pinehurst school board will present plans for the selection of the board of education members of the com-

Council Changes Meeting Date

The Southern Pines town council has changed its meeting date from Tuesday to Thursday night of next week, in view of the conflict with the public meeting to be held Tuesday night at the Armory for all school patrons. Many citizens may wish to attend both meetings, said Bud Rainey, town manager.

County Board Offers School Merger Proposal

The Moore County board of education, meeting Tuesday night at Carthage, completed a plan which, according to Chairman Jere McKeithen, "we hope will facilitate merger talks with the city units."

The plan has been presented informally this week to the chairmen of the Southern Pines and Pinehurst boards of education, also to the chairmen of the Aberdeen district committee and Aberdeen-West End combined committee for discussion with their boards.

It will be offered at a meeting called by the county commissioners at Carthage at 2 p. m. Tuesday, August 18, from the interested boards looking toward "consolidation of the lower part of the county."

It is a plan by which, if all units should merge, control of the whole system would be vested considerably more in the Southern Pines and Pinehurst districts than would be possible under the present organization of the county board.

"We would be willing to support legislation to change from a five-man to a seven-man board, with a complete rearrangement of representation also a member at large, to give more voice to the more populous areas," Mc-

Jr. Sandhill Invitational Under Way

Play started Thursday morning in the 16th annual Junior Sandhill Invitational, with approximately 100 boys and girls.

They come from Raleigh, Greensboro, Asheboro, Goldsboro, Durham, Winston-Salem and numerous other North Carolina towns and cities, with several from South Carolina, a couple of young brothers from Houston, Texas and a seeded junior singles star from Florida.

Several other states are represented by virtue of a dozen or more entries from the Wayne Sabin tennis camp, now in the second half of its summer season at Pinehurst.

Altogether, said Mayor Norris L. Hodgkins, Jr., tournament chairman for the Sandhill Tennis association, it promises to be one of the best in the 16-year history of the event.

Largest division is that of the boys 18 and under, with 47 entries. There is also an unusually large number of girls—19—in this age bracket.

Both the junior boys'—up to 18—and boys' divisions have attracted some real stars of the tennis world.

Topseeded in junior boys' is Billy Trotter of Raleigh, with Ed Parker of Raleigh as second seed. Both have just returned from the National Jaycee Tournament at Minneapolis after winning trophies as champion and runner-up respectively in the State Junior Jaycee tournament.

Ed Parker is current State High School Champion, and Richard Holderness of Greensboro, runner-up, is third-seeded in the Sandhill. He is an old-timer on the local courts.

Fourth seed in this division is Billy Powell of Fort Lauderdale, Fla., a protégé of famous tennis coach Wayne Sabin, who is visiting in his home here. Powell at 16 has just aged out of boys' play, in which he ranked No. 1 in Florida. He has just returned from playing in the national tournament at Kalamazoo, Mich.

Eight boys are seeded in the 16-and-under bracket, topped by Fred Rawlings of Durham as No. 1. Young Rawlings, who recently won the Greensboro Junior

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THE GREAT TREES ON THE COURTHOUSE SQUARE at Carthage and Judge H. F. Seawell, the man who planted them will be commemorated by a plaque. Above, with two

of the beautiful white oaks visible in background, are Miss Meade Seawell and Dr. Colin G. Spencer, who will give the plaque as memorial to his old friend. (Nicholson photo)

Pool Dedication Ceremony Set For Saturday, 11 A.M.

The new West Southern Pines swimming pool, which was opened about a month ago, will be dedicated with appropriate ceremony Saturday at 11 a.m. The public is invited.

Mayor Norris L. Hodgkins, Jr., will conduct the dedication in the course of the brief poolside program, in which civic and religious leaders of both East and West Southern Pines will take part.

Music will feature the program, and entertainment and refreshments will follow.

Presiding will be Felton Capel, West Southern Pines member of the town council now serving his third term, who is also the town treasurer and the council's representative on the library board. He will make introductory remarks.

Following "America," sung by the gathering with accompaniment by The Corvetts, Rev. Mar-

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Planting Of Courthouse Oaks 37 Years Ago Will Be Commemorated

The Moore County commissioners took a sentimental journey into the past Monday, honoring four great trees which cast their shade on the courthouse lawn, and the memory of the man who planted them there 37 years ago.

With grateful appreciation, the board approved the petition of Dr. Colin G. Spencer, forestry expert and historian, that he be permitted to give an inscribed bronze plaque for the courthouse, commemorating this act of the late Judge Herbert F. Seawell.

Appearing with Dr. Spencer was Miss Meade Seawell, daughter of Judge Seawell, who at his request read a poem, "The Heart of the Tree."

The petitioner also produced a copy of the minutes of the commissioners' meeting of January 3, 1927, containing the original petition made by Judge Seawell to plant four young white oaks from his lands, "two on the East and two on the West, that they may grow there and as their shadows lengthen and their arms widen

and their garments of living green deepen from season to season in the coming years, men may have pleasure in their sight and shade." The minutes, read by Mrs. Audrey McCaskill, secretary, to the present board, included also the authorization by the board of 1927 to Judge Seawell to plant the trees on the court house square.

It was an occasion filled with warm oratory, good feelings and a mutual glow.

Dr. Spencer said he wished to make the gift out of personal appreciation for the trees, love of his old friend Judge Seawell, and knowledge that tax funds cannot be used for such individual honor.

Chairman L. R. Reynolds appointed Commissioner John M. Currie to approve the form and wording of the gift.

Later, Dr. Spencer and Miss Seawell, who taught for many years in the Carthage schools, looked back on the tree planting, which both remembered well. The trees, said Dr. Spencer, are superb specimens of the white oak, one of the finest of native trees and indigenous to the "clay country" of Moore. They were approximately 25 years old when they were transplanted from

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18 Sentenced Following ABC Raids In Moore

Eighteen defendants, most of them nabbed in an ABC crackdown in the Eagle Springs area the night of July 24-25, were tried and sentenced for prohibition law violations Tuesday in a special term of Moore Recorder's Court.

Seventeen of these who were tried were operators or employees of four Negro "juke joints," Sally's Place, Capel's Place, the Mason Club and the Cooper Club, also known as Spencer Inn, all in the Eagle Springs area and drawing their patronage from Moore, Montgomery and Richmond counties.

Most of the charges, ranging from one to five per person, were for legal over-the-counter sales of whiskey, or whiskey and beer. Complaints about the places had been numerous, because of drinking, noise and disturbance, and

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Kelly's Holiday Inn Restaurant Robbed Of \$1,105

The kitchen of Doug Kelly's Holiday Inn Restaurant was broken into early Wednesday morning, and \$1,105 in cash was taken from Kelly's office opening off the kitchen.

Southern Pines police are investigating the theft, assisted by the SBI.

Officers said a screen had been cut on a window in a stockroom behind the kitchen, and an inner door was forced open to provide access to the kitchen. Employees arriving for work at 5:30 a.m. discovered the break-in.

The money, mostly in bills, with some change, was taken from several lock boxes where it had been put away for safekeeping, Kelly said.

THE WEATHER

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

	Max.	Min.
August 1	84	66
August 2	90	65
August 3	94	69
August 4	69	54
August 5	80	64

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Son Seeking Clues To Mother In Pinehurst

Assistance in finding his mother, or securing some information about her, is being sought here by the son of the former Betty Jo Williams of Pinehurst.

In 1929, she married James F. Zach in Chicago, and their son, James F. Zach, Jr., was born there June 15, 1932.

The following year, she left her husband and son in Chicago, supposedly to return to Pinehurst, but they never heard any more from her and the son grew up without ever knowing his mother.

Now, having recently moved Alabama to Kinston, where he heads a finance company, the son is trying to find her. This week he called Golf World, which he mistakenly believed to be a Pine-

hurst newspaper. The magazine now moved to Southern Pines, relayed the information he gave them to The Pilot, which is happy to help in the search.

Does the former Miss Williams still live in this area? If not, does she have relatives here? Her son would like to know.

There may also be friends who would have information about her which he could follow up, even if it took him to other places.

The description he has of his mother is that she was tall and slender, five feet eight, with Auburn hair and freckles.

Anyone with information about her, or any clues, is asked to let The Pilot know.

Vass Searchers Find Lost Young "Campers" In Little River Woods

An hours-long search for a young boy and girl who went "camping" in Little River township Wednesday ended happily when the lost, frightened children were found by Rescue Squad members.

Johnny Phillips, aged nine, of Vass Rt. 2, and his cousin Wanda Beasley, 11, of Broadway, who was visiting in his home, had packed their lunch early—about 6:30 a. m.—and gone off to "camp by the river" without telling their parents where they were going.

It was several hours before the parents realized they weren't in the neighborhood. Members of Vass Unit No. 2 of the Moore County Rescue Squad, under Max Edwards as captain started

searching about 12:30 p. m. About 18 men were in the search party, joined later by several members of the Carthage unit.

Their only clues were the fact that the children had packed a lunch, the little girl had taken some extra clothes and Johnny's little brother, two and a half years old, who had seen them leave, said they went into the woods back of the house.

Mr. and Mrs. Phillips, Johnny's parents, live on Lockport Road, two miles east of Vass, toward Fort Bragg where Phillips is stationed with the Army. Wanda's parents are Mr. and Mrs. John Beasley of Broadway.

The forest, with Deep River winding through it, stretches for

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FOOTBALL FIELD IS SHOW RING at Robbins Saturday afternoon, when spectators covering the hillsides and rimming the field were entertained for seven and a half exciting hours.

Showing in ring above, Class No. 5, "Western Pleasure Horses," won by G. M. Boren's Sir Charlie, who also won the Grand Championship. (Nicholson photo)



TROPHY WINNERS—Proudly holding their trophies are winners in the Robbins Farmers Day parade categories, including, at far left, Curtis Hussey, wagon master, for best rig—his fine old covered wagon seen in background, which led the parade. Plaques on the wagon show it has won twice before.

Youngsters in foreground are Sharon Criscoe of Robbins Rt. 1, best pony, and James Woodward, Eagle Springs Rt. 1, oldest rig—a mule-

drawn wagon carrying a small covered wagon made by James.

Others in picture, reading right from Hussey: Garland Beal, Goldston Rt. 1, best colt; Willie Ritter, Seagrove Rt. 1, workhorse; Graham Hussey, Seagrove Rt. 2, best mule; Malcolm Humble, Asheboro, best riding horse, and James L. Garner, Bennett Rt. 2, best colt (a tie with Beal). Stories and more photos on page 22. (V. Nicholson photo)

Welfare Fund Roadblock Removed; Commissioners Okay Medical Aid

The Moore County commissioners, in regular session at Carthage Monday, approved the county's participation in the new, broadened federal program of Medical Aid for the Aging (MAA) thus clearing away what might have been a roadblock to all federal welfare funds.

The program, now in operation on a statewide basis and endorsed by county and State medical groups, provides hospitalization for many persons other than those on public welfare, who may own up to \$2,000 in property or savings (previously \$500). It also includes out-patient and dental care, and, starting in October, medication.

Participation was "mandatory"

if any federal welfare funds at all were to come into the county, Mrs. W. B. Cole, public welfare officer, had previously told the commissioners. The county, however, has to pay a one-sixth share, estimated at \$3,343 for Moore for the coming year.

But the commissioners had completed the budget, adopted it tentatively, and then finally, without this appropriation.

When Mrs. Cole asked permission before final adoption, to shift funds around within her budget to provide the money, the board would not agree. Consequently, none of the welfare budgets which had to be submitted to the State could win approval—

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Airplane Firm Surveying Sites, Including Moore, For New Plant

The possibility of a large aircraft manufacturing plant's location in Moore county has caused some stir around here in the past couple of weeks.

However, at the present time the possibility seems somewhat remote, and the plans of the company itself are still rather up in the air, according to current information.

Herded by an announcement by Governor Sanford and in company of a State C&D industry hunter, Willard Olson, head of the firm, a Florida concern, had what appeared to be a highly satisfactory interview with the county commissioners Saturday, July 18. Members of the Moore County Industrial Development committee were present.

Olson said he would need a site at the airport and the commissioners approved a gift of land there if the decision was made to build a plant on it.

Construction of the proposed \$100,000 plant would, however, apparently hinge on the firm's securing some \$80,000 from the Small Business Administration, the rest to be donated locally. Sale of stock would be required to get manufacturing under way, Olson said.

Since his visit here, announcement has been made that a Charlotte site had been selected, then last Thursday night, at a meeting at Rockingham, businessmen of Ellerbe and Norman were informed that a location near them was

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