

Town Commissioners Approve Location on West Broad Street for Bus Station

To Be Wholly on West Broad Not Connecting With Vermont Avenue

At a general meeting held last Friday in the City Clerk's office in connection with the relocation of the bus station—a subject that has long been under consideration—the Town Board adopted a resolution approving the location between Vermont Avenue and Connecticut Avenue on West Broad Street as the location for the bus station of the Greensboro-Fayetteville Bus Line, Inc., to be located, however, wholly on West Broad Street without connecting with Vermont Avenue, when and if plans and specifications for the improvement of the building in which this station has heretofore been located shall have been presented to the Board of Commissioners and approved by them. It must be approved by the Utilities Commission, also.

Present at the meeting were the Mayor and Town Board, Stanley Winborne, Chairman of the Utilities Commission, and R. G. Johnson, a member; Major Charles D. Rodriguez, provost marshal, and Lt. George A. Both, public relations officer, of Camp Mackall; U. L. Spence, Carthage attorney representing a group of residents opposed to the present bus station; J. W. Quattlebaum, assistant general manager of the Greensboro-Fayetteville Bus Line, Inc., W. E. Smith, attorney, and James R. Sigur, representative of the bus company, and others.

Briefly told, the bus station story runs like this: Residents living near the present station, long dissatisfied with the conditions, had employed Mr. Spence to represent them. On March 8, at his request, the Board adopted a resolution authorizing the removal of the station to the Shell Oil Company place at the south end of town. It appeared that the Utilities Commission had been informed that the Town Board objected to the removal of the station from its present location.

The Board also discussed a proposal of the new owners of the Belvedere Hotel that the old Loomis Building on Pennsylvania Avenue be used as a bus station.

News of the proposal to move the station to the lower end of town brought forth loud protests from Army people and others who would be greatly inconvenienced and resulted in petitions with many signatures protesting this proposed move. Other meetings led to the above stated action.

RICKENBACKER

Capt. Edward V. (Eddie) Rickenbacker, America's top fighter pilot in World War I with 21 enemy planes and four balloons to his credit, and a hero of World War II, has just accepted an invitation to address the Rotarians of the 189th district at their annual district conference in Pinehurst May 7-8. District Governor Robert W. Madry of Chapel Hill has announced.

The invitation was extended to Captain Rickenbacker by District Governor Madry and was strongly supported by Playwright Paul Green of Chapel Hill, who has just finished writing the movie story of Capt. Rickenbacker's life.

"We feel that we have been extremely fortunate in securing Captain Rickenbacker and several other headliners for our conference program, which will be streamlined and compressed into a two-day session and which will emphasize Rotary's contributions to the war effort," District Governor Madry said.

Captain Rickenbacker will speak at the banquet session of the conference on Monday night, May 8. All sessions of the conference will be held at the Carolina hotel, which will be given over entirely to Rotarians and their guests.

A NEW ONE

In its 44 years of service the Southern Pines Fire Department has had some odd calls for assistance. A new one was added to the list at high noon Sunday, when the truck sped up on U. S. No. 1 to a point mid-way between Vass and Cameron, to the rescue of a burning "Bus" of the Queen City Line. The responding crew members had a cold, wet ride, but they saved the coach. Probable damage, two or three hundred dollars.

Kiwanis Club Hears Wallace Irwin Read

Wallace Irwin, author and writer, entertained the Kiwanis Club at its luncheon Wednesday at the Pinehurst Country Club in reading a radio script entitled, "To Hell with Dante" or "The After Life of the Nazis".

Dr. Thaddeus A. Cheatham urged the Kiwanis Club to support the current Red Cross Drive and to get their subscriptions in immediately. He advised that the county quota is \$39,000.00, and we have only eight more days in which to raise the amount.

The speaker was introduced by Eugene C. Stevens.

Annual Gymkhana to Be Held March 26th

The featured event on the sports calendar for the week is the annual equestrian gymkhana and hunter trials to be held at the horse show grounds at the Southern Pines Country Club Sunday afternoon, March 26th, according to announcement by Louis Scheipers, chairman of the equestrian committee. Upwards of thirty-five blooded hunters will be entered in the various classes.

The program will open with a class for middle and heavy weight hunters to be run over a scenic hunting course of rail jumps and panel fences. Second, is a class for pair jumpers; third, a class for light weight hunters; fourth, a class for open jumpers in the inside show ring; fifth, a class for men in uniform, and sixth, a class for ladies' horsemanship.

"Jumping Band" to Give Concert Here

A musical treat is in store for the Sandhills when Col. McEntree of Camp Mackall presents his unique musical organization, the 541st Parachute Infantry Band, widely known as the only "Jumping Band" in the United States, in a concert in the City Park Sunday afternoon, March 26th.

The program by these musicians, each of whom is said to be as good a trooper as he is a musician, will consist of the favorite selections of the three Americas, South, Central and North.

The Band will be under the direction of S/Sgt. Fernando Perez, a man of marked ability in the musical field who is already known to Southern Pines music lovers who have enjoyed his band in previous appearances here.

VOTING DAY, MARCH 28

Southern Pines citizens will vote next Tuesday, March 28th, on the bond election which will decide whether the town is to acquire and reconstruct the Southern Pines Country Club for a Community Building and improve the golf course. Only those who registered in the new registration which closed March 18th will be entitled to vote. To register and neglect to vote is equivalent to voting against this important measure, the fate of which means so much to the future of Southern Pines.

BROTHERS HOLD REUNION IN LONDON



WILLIAM REEFUS MORRISON

LEONARD MORRISON

Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Morrison of Southern Pines have recently received a picture of their two soldier sons, Leonard and William Reefus, celebrating a reunion in London. Leonard, who had been sent to North Africa from Italy after seeing service there as well as in Sicily and North Africa, got a furlough which permitted him to visit his brother who was in England. The letters of both these men to their families, like those of most of our boys overseas,

show a deepened appreciation of home and an increased interest in the welfare of their parents. This is the pattern of their messages: "Hope you are all well; don't worry, Mom and Dad, I am fine, Love to all." The Morrison brothers attended the local high school and worked in Penders and the A & P. Leonard enlisted in April 1941 and has been overseas since October. Reefus was inducted in the fall of 1942 and went overseas last November.

EDITORIAL

REGRETTABLE SITUATION

Announcement is made in this issue of THE PILOT that the Carthage Weaving Company's plant in Carthage, which is engaged in filling a war contract for nets to be used in dropping supplies from airplanes to the armed forces, is to close at the end of business this Friday afternoon until such time as Van B. Sharpe, managing partner, is allowed sufficient gasoline tickets for carrying on his business.

THE PILOT, not having heard all of the issues, does not presume to side with the Weaving Plant or with the Moore County Rationing Board, but it does feel that the situation is a regrettable one for which there should be a remedy.

On the face of things, it would appear that the operation of the plant is important to the prosecution of the war, else our government would not place contracts with the Company. There is no argument as to the plant's being important to Moore County, as any industry that affords an opportunity for 300 unskilled women and girls to earn an average of \$22.50 per 5-day week, as we are informed that employees of the Carthage Weaving Company earn, is important not only to the families represented, but to the business houses throughout this section.

The Rationing Board has regulations laid down for it by the OPA, regulations which in some instances are rather involved and which lend themselves to different interpretations. The Board has studied Mr. Sharpe's case and reached certain decisions, and Mr. Sharpe has appealed from the Board's rulings to the State Board. We grant that each side is conscientious in its thinking, and await with interest the action of the State Board.

A government investigation of the local situation might result in better understanding and a more satisfactory settlement of the problem. It would perhaps be welcomed by the Board and would lead to an authoritative decision.

KEEPING US ALIVE

From a German "Stalag Lufti" Lieutenant Paul Hartman wrote his mother in Great Falls, Montana, "I am well-treated, and very well fed by the Red Cross. Contribute generously, Mom. They are keeping us alive."

Four Communities in County Are Over the Top in Red Cross War Fund Drive

NURSE'S AIDES

The Nurses' Aides are starting a new course for volunteers at the Moore County Hospital within the very near future. Prespective volunteers who have applications out are requested to fill them immediately and return them to Mrs. Stuart Wood, Southern Pines. Any one who has not received an application but wants to join the class can secure the blanks from Moore County Red Cross Headquarters in Southern Pines. Mrs. Wood should also be apprised of their decision.

Aberdeen, Knollwood, West End and Eureka Pass Their Allotments

Aberdeen, Knollwood, West End and Eureka are reported over the top in the Red Cross War Fund Drive and several other communities are nearing the goal. It is extremely important, however, that each person who has not contributed do so at once and that those who have contributed but find that they can spare a bit more lose no time in doing so. There is only one more week to go.

Aberdeen, with a quota of \$3,000, has raised \$4,109.50 and donations are still being received. Knollwood is \$101 above its \$1600 goal. West End, with a quota of \$900, and Eureka, with \$250, have not sent in exact figures but they are said to be "still going".

Southern Pines has \$8100 of its \$12,000 askings. Pinebluff, whose percentage increase is larger than most others, was within \$40 of its \$900 goal Wednesday. Carthage has over \$2600 of its \$3000, and Pinehurst, with a quota of \$14,000, is around the \$12,000 mark.

Vass-Lakeview, Cameron, and several of the smaller communities have not reported, but are thought to be coming along nicely.

The week beginning March 23 is designated as Movie Week and representatives of various branches of Red Cross services will be on hand to receive donations. Theatres in the county last year collected \$1660.

Mrs. William J. Kennedy, publicity chairman, reports that she has been informed that North Carolina and Tennessee, with receipts of 41 per cent of their quotas as of March 10, were leading the states in the southeast area. According to last Friday's report, Moore had raised \$28,263 of its \$39,000 quota.

The Chairmen urge that the people of the county contribute as generously as possible during the last week of the drive in order that Moore's quota may be reached.

Mrs. J. A. Lang of Carthage Succumbs

Mrs. John Albert Lang, 70, prominent Carthage resident for many years, died Tuesday after an illness of several weeks.

Funeral services were held Thursday afternoon at 4 o'clock at the Carthage Presbyterian Church, conducted by the Rev. W. S. Golden. Burial was in Cross Hill Cemetery.

Surviving are her husband; two daughters, Miss Johnnie Redding and Mrs. Howard Gardner both of Carthage; one son, Capt. John A. Lang, with the Army in the Alaskan department; two sisters, Mrs. Zeb Hunter and Mrs. Edgar McNeill, both of Sanford; a brother, Alexander McLeod Kelly of the Salem Church community in Lee County, and a granddaughter.

Postmaster Buchan Is Rotary Speaker

Frank Buchan, Southern Pines postmaster, talked to the Rotary Club at Friday's regular luncheon at the Highland Pines Inn. Naturally, Mr. Buchan talked of a business he knew intimately, the postal services, and his talk was highly informative on one of the most important of Government Services. Too few people realize the magnitude of the post office business, its intricacies of operation, and its wide and varied services to the public and armed services, Mr. Buchan said.

Mr. Buchan described the issuing of money orders, transmittal, and handling methods for payment, the way registered mail is handled, and how mail is dispatched. There was a gem of a story on a registered letter. It was sent from here and was a day late in reaching its destination. A tracer was requested—and tracers trace, here, there, everywhere. This particular tracer finally got back to this office with thirty some letters attached to it, one from every clerk who received and sent the letter on its way, each letter bearing the date, time, name of the clerk received from, the name of the receiving clerk and the name of the clerk he dispatched it to. Well, the letter wasn't lost; heavy snowstorms had merely delayed trains. In one year, of 51,000,000 pieces of registered mail handled, only 1700 claims were filed, and perhaps bet-

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NEW POSTAGE RATES

The postage rate increases that Congress put into the revenue act of 1943 will go into effect Sunday, March 26.

In Southern Pines local mail will remain at one cent an ounce. The rate for air mail between places in the United States (including Alaska) will go up from 6 to 8 cents an ounce or fraction thereof. The former air-mail rate of 6 cents for each half-ounce will continue to apply to air mail sent to or by the U. S. armed forces overseas served through Army and Navy post offices.

Dr. P. P. McCain Is Honored for Long Service As Head of State Sanatorium

Some 200 prominent doctors and laymen from all parts of North Carolina gathered at Sanatorium recently to pay honor to Dr. Paul P. McCain in recognition of his 30 years of service as medical director and superintendent of the North Carolina Sanatorium. L. L. Graveley of Rocky Mount, chairman of the Board of Directors, presided.

Dr. Paul Ringer of Asheville, member of the Board of Directors, made the principal address of the evening, paying tribute to Dr. McCain and calling attention to the fact that 30 years ago there were only 32 beds in the Sanatorium, while today there are 1200 beds in three State institutions for tuberculosis care and control. He described Dr. McCain as being the most popular and beloved doctor in North Carolina.

Paul Mason, a patient at the Sanatorium, spoke in behalf of the patients and presented a present to Dr. McCain. Dr. S. M. Bittering, as-

sociate superintendent and medical director of the Western N. C. Sanatorium, extended greetings from the three State Sanatoria and presented him with a gift from the members of the staffs of the Sanatoria, while Dr. G. E. Bell of Wilson spoke in behalf of the directors of the N. C. Sanatoria and gave a present.

Frank W. Webster of Raleigh, executive secretary of the North Carolina Tuberculosis Association, and Dr. James W. Vernon of Morganton, president of the Medical Society of the State of North Carolina, brought greetings from their respective organizations and Mr. Webster presented him a gift from the N. C. Tuberculosis Association.

Dr. and Mrs. McCain responded and expressed their appreciation for the honor extended them.

Attending from Durham were Dr. Derwin Cooper, who is in charge of

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COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTION

At a meeting in Raleigh Saturday, the State Board of Elections appointed three-member boards of election for all counties of the State. Each board is made up of two Democrats and one Republican.

John A. Fry of Carthage and A. S. Ruggles of Southern Pines, Democrats, and B. C. Wallace of Carthage, Republican, comprise Moore County's board.

PRESBYTERIAN AUXILIARY HOLDS ANNUAL MEETING WEDNESDAY

The 55th annual meeting of the Woman's Auxillary of Fayetteville Presbytery will be held at Mt. Pisgah Church, Broadway, on March 29th. Registration will begin at 9:30 and the meeting will be called to order by the president, Mrs. M. J. McGuire, at 10:00 a. m.

A program of unusual interest has been planned. Among the speakers will be Mrs. McGuire, Miss Lucy Steele, Miss Mary McEachern, Mrs. George U. Baucom, Jr., Miss Margaret Shelby, and Mrs. Henry Lee and Miss Louise Miller.