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TEN CENTS

Moore County Board of Commissioners Plan Yearly Budget

Board of Education Increases Its Askings For Rural School Work

The Board of County Commissioners, meeting in recessed session Monday for the purpose of considering the budget, was joined by the Board of Education, which presented its rural school askings for the next year. This Board requested \$172,999.21, an increase of \$47,346.01 over last year's school budget.

Of this increase \$42,000 was earmarked as part cost of a proposed school building in Carthage to take the place of the Pinckney Negro High School building which was destroyed by fire in May of last year. This school is to serve all Negro high school students in upper Moore County, including those of West End, Jackson Springs, Vass, Cameron, Robbins, Highfalls, all of Bensalem and Carthage townships.

The remaining \$5,346.01 increase is for new school furniture and science equipment.

After some discussion the School Board, at the suggestion of the Commissioners, agreed to reduce their askings in the amount of \$7,299, and County Superintendent H. Lee Thomas was instructed to eliminate enough items from capital outlay to cover this amount.

The Commissioners ordered that \$1,108.10 of county school funds be transferred from the current expense to the capital outlay fund for the purpose of buying two tracts of land. Two acres of Shaw land adjoining the County Garage property is to be purchased for \$1,000 to provide more parking space for school buses and to extend the county's property to the highway. The remaining \$108.10 is for the purchase of one and one-half acres to enlarge the lot of the colored school in Aberdeen.

No Definite News About Bus Station

First Estimate Too High for Bus Companies; Less Costly Plans Are Drawn

The situation as regards a new bus station for Southern Pines remains obscure. At the hearing on the suit brought in the name of Mary B. Hall, held in Laurinburg May first, the judge's decision was in favor of raising the injunction against the Queen City Bus Company and the Greensboro-Fayetteville Bus Line, Inc., provided certain temporary sanitary improvements were made and plans put in motion for the construction of a proper station. The improvements were carried out and the bus companies reopened their office.

Since then plans have been drawn up, passed by the Town Board and submitted for bids. Estimates turned in proved higher than the bus companies were willing to pay. To date no further action has been taken, though it is said that less costly plans are under consideration. However, due to the fact that the case has been appealed to a higher court, it remains doubtful if anything will be started until a final decision is reached.

EXCITEMENT

Shattering with piercing walls the calm which prevailed at high noon Saturday when the shimmering heat encouraged inertia, the air raid alarm system of West Southern Pines and upper Massachusetts Avenue ran amok, much to the consternation of nervous folks who join with inquisitive folks to hurl questions over the telephone to the police, firemen and air raid wardens and started Bill Bushby searching for crossed wires. He had to start all over again at 2:30 Sunday when they repeated the performance. The crossed wires have been located and put in shape so that no more trouble is anticipated.

CLOSING FOR VACATION

Mrs. Frank Welch will close her gift shop on July 1st for two months to take a vacation.

IN ENGLAND



S/SGT. M. C. FERGUSON

S/SGT. M. C. Ferguson, son of Mr. and Mrs. S. J. Ferguson of Southern Pines, has landed safely in England. The news came by letter Monday, the first in six weeks.

S/SGT. Ferguson, who attended school in Southern Pines, was inducted into the Army in January 1943 and received his basic training in San Luis Obispo, Calif. He spent last summer at Camp Rucker, Ala., then went to Tennessee for a while and was at Camp Butner just prior to leaving for foreign service.

War Loan Drive Is Gaining Momentum Throughout County

Solicitors Are Working Hard for the Success of the Campaign

War Bond sales have picked up since last week's report and E. C. Stevens, Moore County chairman of the Fifth War Loan drive, estimates that the county as a whole has sold 25 or 30 per cent of its quota. As usual, the Carolina Power and Light Company has purchased bonds and allotted Moore County its proportionate part.

Robbins is leading the places that have reported to Chairman Stevens and indications are that this manufacturing town will reach its goal next week.

Southern Pines' active forces, under the leadership of Chairman Paul Jernigan who is constantly on the job, have raised approximately 40 per cent of the city quota. Mr. Jernigan is getting fine support from the women's division, which is captained by Mrs. George Moore. In fact, THE PILOT has it by way of the grapevine route that "the women have the men licked two to one so far".

All citizens are urged to buy bonds, as many as they can and as early as they can, as every additional bond will play its part in the outcome of the life-and-death struggle in which our boys are at this moment engaged.

BOND PAYMENTS

The Town of Southern Pines forwarded checks to the Chase National Bank and the Chemical Bank & Trust Company of New York Monday totaling \$9,718.75, in payment of bonds and interest due July 1st. \$8,000 of the above was in payment of bonds; \$1,718.75 was for semi-annual payment of interest. \$5,000 of the above principal was in full payment of 6 per cent Public Improvement Bonds 1922. The bond issue originally stated at \$74,000, and the funds were used as a part of the Paving Program 1922-1923.

Honored By Legion

United States Deputy Marshal John H. Stephenson, a sergeant in the Tank Corps during the World War, was elected a grand chemist at the convention of the North Carolina 40 & 8, fun and honor society of the American Legion, at Asheville Sunday.

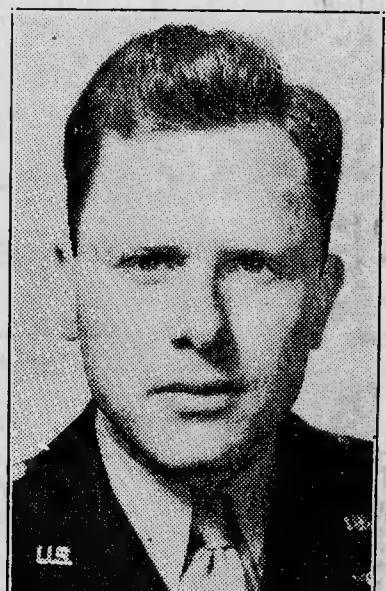
Several legionnaires from the Sandhills attended the convention.

MISSING IN ACTION

2nd Lt. Virgil C. Johnston, 23, pilot of a P-47, is reported missing in action over France since June 10th. The War Department's message bearing the news was received by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Johnston of Southern Pines, around 10:00 a. m. Wednesday.

Lt. Johnston was inducted at Richmond, Va., fifteen months ago and was commissioned at Marianna, Fla., last December. He had been overseas since the last of April. He graduated from Mt. Lebanon, Pittsburgh, Pa., in 1939 and prior to entering the service was manager of The Sanitarium, Richmond, Va.

DECORATED



Lt. Preston F. Matthews, pilot of a Mustang, has been giving a good account of himself since going to England early this year. On June 4th he was decorated with the Air Medal and the First Second and Third Bronze Oak Leaf Clusters. Lt. Matthews has only recently decided on a name for his plane and had it painted on the fighter. It is "Sarah Dee". The first is part of the name of his grandmother, mother and sister, and the second is an initial of his father and sister-in-law; sort of a family affair. He is the son of Mayor and Mrs. W. Duncan Matthews of Southern Pines.

Special Services Hold June Workshop

Volunteer Special Services held its regular monthly workshop meeting Thursday morning, June 15, in the Committee Room at Red Cross Headquarters, with Mrs. Paul Dana presiding. The purpose of this meeting, as previously publicized, is to coordinate the various services active in Moore County; namely, Surgical Dressings, Canteen, Motor Corps, Nurse's Aide and Grey Ladies.

Reports were made and pertinent matters discussed by the various vice-chairmen present. The most newsworthy item was an announcement by Mrs. James Boyd that the Army has offered paying positions to Nurse's Aides who volunteer for all-time service. Already the plan is being put into action throughout the country, and Volunteer Special Services as a whole may well be gratified at this recognition of the success of one of its most worthwhile ventures. Due to the heat and to reduced personnel—as well as to the smoothness with which the work of the various services is being done—a decision was made to have no further meetings until August.

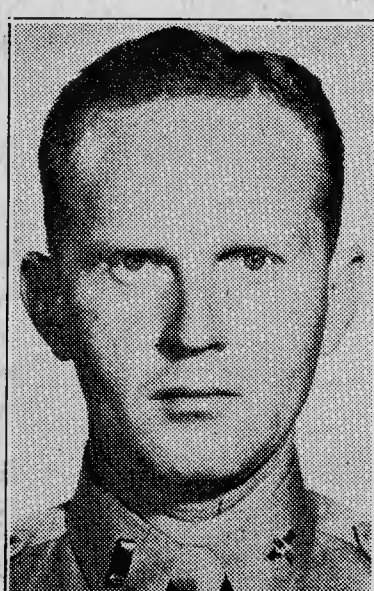
BEGINS PASTORATE

The Rev. Herbert V. Carson, D. D., who for the past two years served as an Army emergency relief officer with the Army Air Forces, with the rank of major, and is retiring, preached his first sermon Sunday morning at the First Presbyterian Church in Sanford, to which he has accepted a call. Major Carson was stationed at Knollwood Field for several months and is well known here.

USO DANCE

There will be a Dance this Saturday night at the USO Club with music furnished by a Band from Camp Mackall.

COMMISSIONED



LT. STANCIL M. STROUD

Lt. Stancil M. Stroud, son of Mrs. Lela B. Stroud of Southern Pines, was a member of the first class to complete training at the Army Air Forces Candidate School of the San Antonio Aviation Cadet Center a short while ago. This class began its training while the school was situated at Miami Beach, Fla. He was commissioned a second lieutenant, and has been assigned to duty at the air base at Gowen Field, Idaho, where he is acting as assistant physical fitness officer.

Lt. Stroud, before he entered the Army July 17, 1942, was employed as a teacher and physical education director at Snow Hill.

Work on Club House Is Well Under Way

New Walls Will Be Solid Brick; Interior to Be Completely Re-Decorated

Work on the reconstruction of the Southern Pines Country Club is well under way. The two side walls of the main building have been completely removed, and the new walls are already up to a height of four feet. These walls will be of solid brick, thirteen inches or more thick. Upon removal of the old walls, it was found that, whereas the former contract had called for an eight-inch solid tile wall, the original walls had been built only one tile thick with cement facing. That the building stood as long as it did is considered remarkable.

It was expected that a good deal of termite damage to timbers would be discovered. However the wood is almost entirely solid, probably due to the fact that the steam pipes, going under the floor, had not been protected by asbestos. While this did keep out termites it undoubtedly greatly increased the cost of heating the building.

Re-wiring will be necessary and entirely new flooring for most of the building, as well as complete re-decoration of the interior, which conforms to the old floor plan.

As there is no rush about completion of the building and the current labor shortage is likely to last all summer, it is doubtful if the work will be finished before fall. The contractors, Reinecke and Dillehay, expect to have the club ready to start operation well in time for the winter season.

WHEW!!!

The lashing rain storm that precipitated 3.38 inches of rain and jagged hail between 3:15 and 4:30 o'clock Monday afternoon broke the heat wave prevailing during Saturday, Sunday and Monday. The official temperature taken in the shade at 5 o'clock Sunday registered 102 degrees.

Let's we forget, 103 degrees was recorded on June 5th, 1943, and 104 on June 21, 1933.

PRESENTED GIFT

At the last business conference of the First Baptist Church before the resignation of its pastor, the Reverend J. Fred Stimson, became effective, the members of the church presented Mr. and Mrs. Stimson with a purse of \$200. Mr. Stimson preached his last sermon here June 11 and will leave the end of this week to begin his new work in the western part of the State.

Electric Storm and Hail Bring Relief From Heat, But Damage Crops in Area

BOX RENTS RISE

Postmaster P. F. Buchan announces that by order of the Third Assistant Postmaster General, effective July 1st, the rent on Post Office boxes in Southern Pines will increase, as follows: Boxes renting in the past for 60 cents a quarter will go to 75 cents; 75-cent boxes will jump to \$1.00; \$1.00 boxes will rent for \$1.50, and those that were \$1.50 will be \$2.00.

Lightning Strikes Two Houses and Many Trees Are Uprooted or Broken

Breaking the intensive heat in which Sandhills residents sweltered during the weekend, a violent electrical storm accompanied by a deluge of windswept rain and battering hailstones ranging from pellets of buckshot size to chunks of ice as large or larger than bantam eggs occurred Monday afternoon, cooling the air to a delightful degree, but causing considerable damage. The storm lasted from 3:15 to 4:30 o'clock.

Southern Pines and Aberdeen seemed to be in the center of the storm area, with the upper part of the county getting little if any rain. Reports of hail in spots here and there have been heard, but nothing to compare with the above mentioned communities.

In Southern Pines two houses were reported struck by lightning, that of Dr. G. G. Herr and one in West Southern Pines. Several trees were struck and many were uprooted or had limbs broken. The streets were littered with leaves and twigs knocked down by hail, and gardens suffered severely from the pounding.

Harold Bachman of Skyline Airport accompanied A. G. Edwards, Jr., of Vass, a student pilot, on a cross country flight to Asheville that day. They returned in the midst of the storm and were unable to land at the airport, but made a successful landing in a wheat field on the farm of Sam Comer, several miles away, where they waited for the storm to pass.

Dr. P. J. Chester estimates that fifty per cent of his peaches were damaged by hail, and it is reported that the Chapin orchard suffered some loss from both wind and hail.

Out from Aberdeen on Henry Blue's farm sixteen acres of tobacco was badly damaged and Elbert Garner's tobacco and watermelon crop was hard hit, as was the tobacco of Reuben Cothran of Ashley Heights.

In some other parts of the county crops were looking fresh and green Tuesday morning following a second widespread rain which fell between seven and eight o'clock that evening, bringing welcome relief from the drought that was becoming serious.

Lake Investigation Still In Progress

Mayor Forrest Lockey of Aberdeen was contacted Thursday for latest information regarding the Aberdeen Lake, and he said that nothing definite would be known until Friday or Saturday, after more samples of the water have been tested.

Working to clear up the situation which has made the waters of Aberdeen Lake off limits for soldiers and civilians since the first of June, a conference was held in Pinehurst on Thursday of last week and an inspection made of the corrective measures taken at the Pinehurst sewage disposal plant which had overflowed.

The overflow had been stopped and additional precautions taken to insure against a recurrence of the situation, Pinehurst, Inc., giving every evidence of a desire to cooperate.

Present at the conference were W. S. McKimmon, chief sanitary inspector for the State; Major Wakefield, sanitary officer of the 13th Airborne Division; S. G. McKay, county health officer; Mayor Forest Lockey and E. O. Freeman of Aberdeen and John F. Taylor, representing Pinehurst, Inc.

A report on samples of water drawn from the lake indicated that it had cleared up and it was hoped that swimming could be resumed this weekend, but on account of the heavy rains which fell Monday it was thought wise to make additional tests as there was a possibility that dried matter left on the ground after the sewage overflow had washed into the stream, so the State officer drew additional samples late Tuesday afternoon.

Council of Social Agencies Works Out Recreation Program

Youth of Town Will Have Wholesome Entertainment Provided

Although a trained playground director such as was provided last summer by the Southern Pines Council of Social Agencies is not available, the Town's younger set will not lack wholesome entertainment during vacation time if they take advantage of the activities planned by the Recreation Committee of the Council.

This committee, now headed by Harry L. Brown who succeeds Miss Birdilia Bair, met at the school building Tuesday night and held an enthusiastic discussion of plans already made and those in the making.

A junior baseball team of high school boys has been organized with Mr. Brown, Philip Weaver, Morris Johnson and Joe DeBerry as coaches. Robert Franklin McLeod and John Neal will coach the younger boys in soft ball and tennis.

Misses Audrey Brown and Jean Schaeffer will supervise the younger girls in tennis and other sports.

The Scout Council and the Catholic Church have given permission for the vacant lot next to the Scout Hut to be used as a summer playground, and the boys will do the work necessary to get the lot in proper shape. Mr. DeBerry, with the help of the boys, will build an outdoor fireplace, tables and benches, and doubtless many good suppers will be enjoyed by groups of young people at this recreation center. Provision will also be made for the small children to share in the play program. Parents will be asked to supervise and help in making the venture a success.

THREE FIRE ALARMS FIRST HALF OF WEEK

The Southern Pines Fire Department was called out twice on Monday, the first alarm coming from the home of Henry Stubbs, South Gaines Street, West Southern Pines, at 1:15 o'clock. Cause: a light socket. There was no damage.

The second alarm, at 3:45 p. m., called the men out in a deluge of rain for a run to the home of Dr. G. G. Herr on Vermont Avenue where a bolt of lightning had struck the house. There was no fire damage.

A prompt call for assistance at 9:00 o'clock Wednesday morning brought the firemen to the home of James Morris, colored, on Saylor Street near Connecticut Avenue, where blazing shingles surrounding the kitchen chimney were quickly extinguished.

COMMUNITY SINGS

The first of a series of weekly community sings was scheduled for 7:30 p. m. Thursday of this week on the lawn of the Community Church Pinehurst, the weather permitting. It is planned to have these weekly meetings to sing just for the love of singing, and everyone is invited, especially members of army families. If there is any change in the place or time, notice will be given.

TO MAKE IMPROVEMENTS

O. R. Conrad is closing Jack's Grill from July 3rd to July 20th to make improvements to the building, he has announced.