



THE PILOT



Social Agencies To Back Colored Nursery School

To Care For Children While Mothers Work; Edna Bethea Teacher

Meeting at the Southern Pines School Tuesday night, the Council of Social Agencies decided to back a project which has long been in the minds of many interested in the welfare of the neighborhood community, the establishment of a nursery school in West Southern Pines.

Present at the meeting was Miss Edna Bethea who presented an outline of the project contemplated, whose main object is to take care of small children whose mothers are away during the day. The general aim of the plan, as stated, is to be a supplement to the home as well as an attempt to recondition habits that might lead to personal difficulties and handicap a child later in life. Parents would receive, at the end of each month, a child development report, as regards physical, mental, social and emotional development.

It is hoped to take children, at a fee of \$1.50 a week, during the hours from 8:00 A.M. to 3:30 P.M., weekends excluded. A physical examination would be required.

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Board Announces Two Additions To Staff at Hospital

Added to the permanent staff at the Moore County Hospital is Dr. Thomas N. Lide, who comes to the Sandhills from Duke to fill the position of Pathologist. Dr. Lide, who started work last week, will divide his services between the local institution and the State Sanatorium.

A member of the class of 1938, Duke School of Medicine, Dr. Lide interned at the Germantown Hospital, Philadelphia, and from there became a fellow in Pathology at the University of Pennsylvania Hospital. Joining the army at the outbreak of the war, he spent 32 months in station and general hospitals in Northern Ireland and England, to return to Duke, upon his release, where he has served as resident pathologist for the past fourteen months.

Dr. Lide was raised in Anderson, S. C., and is a graduate of Clemson College. He and Mrs. Lide are living on Highland Road in Southern Pines.

The hospital also announces the appointment of William F. Henderson as assistant administrator. The new member of the hospital staff took office last week and is to be found already hard at work in the middle office of the three on the first floor.

A native of Jacksonville, N. C., Henderson received an A. B. degree at the University of North Carolina in 1935. His interest in public welfare led him into this field, and he acted as superintendent of welfare in Asheboro for several years, prior to entering the army. Assigned then to a neuro-psychiatric hospital, he conducted intelligence and personality tests in this branch of the service.

Upon release from the army, Henderson returned to his home town, where he took the position of Administrator in the Onslow County Hospital. From there he came to Moore County.

The new assistant administrator has been a friend of Moore County for some time. His wife, who is the former Mary Ruth Bruton, has many relations in Moore County, being a niece of Miss Ellen Bruton, and the late M. C. McDonald of Eagle Springs. She taught school for several years in Carthage.

OUR CITIZEN

H. Clifton Blue is listed as a representative who first voted against the teachers' pay raise amended bill, then changed his mind and voted for it. Clif started to follow orders; stopped; thought it over for himself; and came out strong on the right side. There's a Sandhill Citizen that all other Sandhill citizens, not to mention a Pilot can be proud of.

Good boy, Clif. More power to you!

Moore Central Creditors to Go to Supreme Court

Receivership Asked for Rehabilitation of Railroad

With its temporary receivership set aside as of December 30, notice given of appeal to the state supreme court by creditors seeking a permanent receivership, and its owners facing two suits for payment, alleged long overdue, for professional services, the Moore Central Railroad company now "knoweth not where it standeth," according to papers filed with the clerk of court January 10 by its owners, Van B. and Louise R. Sharpe.

These reply to a suit filed Dec. 5 by L. R. Powell and H. W. Anderson, as receivers for the Seaboard Air Line railway, seeking sums totaling \$4,489.37 for service, supplies and per diem due for cars between September, 1945, and July, 1946.

The one bright spot just now in the 10-mile railroad's troubled course is the extension of time (till February 1) for operation of the Moore Central's one locomotive, previously condemned by ICC inspectors for use after January 1.

Want Good Operation

As has been recorded earlier, creditors in Carthage followed fast after the SAL receivers in filing claims against the railroad, though instead of asking monetary satisfaction, they asked an operating receivership for the Moore Central, claiming it as an essential to the business and manufacturing life of the town.

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Masonic Lodge Will Celebrate 50th Birthday

Representatives of all Masonic bodies of the Sandhills are expected to attend the barbecue supper and special program to be held Wednesday evening by Southern Pines Lodge 484, in observance of its 50th anniversary.

William J. Bundy, of Greenville, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of North Carolina, will be the principal speaker, and other Masonic leaders will be heard. Past Master Ralph L. Chandler will give a history of Lodge 484 during a half century of activity. Present Master is James W. Causey.

The "birthday party," to be held at the Masonic hall, will begin at 7 p. m.

SUCCESS STORY

Word has come that the cantata, "Rose Maiden," which delighted the ears of Southern Pines folks, as sung by Director Charlie Picquet's attractive choir, last month, netted the Council of Social Agencies the sum of \$180.00.

ARMY TO RESCUE

The U. S. army rallied nobly to the aid of the Vass school this week, giving boiler parts needed for the repair of the heating system and enabling the school to open Wednesday after being closed two days.

Plans Proceeding For Radio Station With Studios Here

Night Operation To Be Applied For When Under Way

Granting by the FCC of the Sandhill Broadcasting corporation's application to establish a radio station here is expected with a very few days, and plans are proceeding apace for "a station Southern Pines and the whole section will be proud of," said John C. Greene, of Sanford, manager, visiting Southern Pines Wednesday.

A site has been selected, and the lease papers are awaiting only the word from the FCC. He is pretty certain this will be forthcoming, and, at its present rate of granting applications, the FCC should be just about down to this one, filed last October.

Application has been made for daytime operation only, but as soon as the 250-watt station is under way it is planned to apply for night operation as well, with "directional antennae," costing about \$20,000 extra, to shield hearers from interference on the airline they seek. This is that of 990 kilocycles, whose only other occupant within hundreds of miles is Station WNOX, at Knoxville, Tenn.

This is just a small part of the total investment which, said Mr. Greene, will give this community "one of the finest, most modern small stations anywhere." A building is to be erected, but the builders are just waiting on the (Continued on Page 5)

Court of Honor

Held at Vass; Awards Are Made

Pinehurst Troop 7 starred at the Moore County Boy Scout court of honor for January, held Monday night at the Vass school auditorium, with an expert signaling demonstration from a tower constructed on the spot; by leading the "better Scouting" competition for the county with a point score of 212; by winning the sought-after attendance award; and by seeing Earl J. Petro, Jr., assistant scoutmaster, receive the highest award made at the court—the Silver Palm on the Eagle badge, for work done as a Boy Scout before he went to the army several years ago.

I. C. Sledge, of Pinehurst, advancement chairman, was in charge. Bobby Klingenschmidt, of the Vass troop, led the ritual opening, and Rev. Troy Mullis, of Manly, offered a devotion. Following the attendance count, which showed 75 scouts and leaders, and around 50 friends and parents present, Richard Kelly Allen Watson, Frank White, Larry Hartzell, Fred McKenzie and James Harbison of the Pinehurst troop set up a 12-foot tree-trunk tower and wiggled messages in Morse code as demonstration.

W. D. Campbell, district commissioner, congratulated the boys and their leaders on their fine showing, and suggested greatest emphasis in future on advancement. He also saluted the leaders in the Better Scouting balanced program competition, giving the present scores in the three-weeks old contest as follows: Pinehurst, 212; West End, 172; Southern Pines, 157; Pinebluff, 91; High Falls, 85; Manly, 75; Robbins, 57; Carthage, 35; Vass, 5; Aberdeen, 0; Cameron, 0.

Awards

Advancement awards were made as follows: Star, John McCalloway, Troop 86; and W. B. Davis, scoutmaster, Troop 36; first class, Fred Martin, Troop 98, and Johnny Wilson, Troop 86; second class, Frank J. White, Jr. (Continued on Page 5)

WHO?

Who started the Teen Age Club? The Council of Social Agencies. Who started the Recreation Program? The Council of Social Agencies. Who started and carried on the Christmas Cheer program? The Council of Social Agencies. And now they are helping to start another good thing: a nursery school for our colored neighbors across the creek.

Blue To Introduce School Help Bill

From Moore County representative H. Clifton Blue comes word of a bill which he plans to introduce in the legislature, either as a local or state-wide measure, to enable high schools falling below the required sixty pupil average, to keep their franchise. If passed, the bill would directly affect the Sandhill Farm Life School, whose attendance rate is perilously near the average minimum, causing school officials to fear that a sudden epidemic or impassable roads, by reducing attendance, might cause them to lose the school.

Blue writes: "I have been asked by the Sandhill Farm Life School board and our County Superintendent of Public Schools to present a bill to the General Assembly to help them keep their high school. The present law requires an average attendance of sixty, before the State Board of Education shall allot teachers. The Farm Life High School's average attendance has fallen a little below sixty and they are very anxious that the high school be maintained. The bill would contain the following provision:

"The State Board of Education shall allot state teachers on the regular basis to all high schools now in existence which maintain an average daily attendance of forty-five (45) for the best continuous six months of the first seven months of each school year, provided the County Board of Education shall furnish at least one full time high school teacher whose salary shall be paid from county or local school district funds."

Pointing out that there are some 63 counties in the state with one or more schools whose average attendance is around sixty, Representative Blue explained that if they were suddenly reduced below this average the localities would lose their school, whereas, if kept intact, the attendance might rise above the sixty mark in a year or so. He said the bill would not permit the establishment of new high schools with less than the required sixty average, but would simply prevent the hasty abandonment of established schools whose attendance might drop.

Cameron Church Call To Be Accepted

Rev. C. K. Taffe, recently called to the permanent pastorate of the Cameron group of Presbyterian churches, has indicated his intention of accepting the call. The Pilot learned this week. He has been serving since September as supply pastor for this group, which includes churches at Cameron, Union and Vass. He is a native of Louisville, Ky., a graduate of Union Theological seminary at Richmond and of Southwestern university at Memphis, and has held pastorates at Carthage and Henderson in North Carolina, also in Georgia, Florida and West Virginia. He is living at Wayside Inn in Southern Pines.

BINGO PARTY

A bingo party was scheduled for Thursday night beginning at 8, in observance of "Family Night" at the Southern Pines Elks' club. Prizes, refreshments and entertainment for the whole family were planned.

Few Cases Heard On Opening Days Of Superior Court

Divorces Granted; Morrison Given 42 Years in Pen

Superior court got under way with disposal of a spate of 10 divorce cases Monday, the opening day, then slowed to a walk, and by late Wednesday had been bogged down for a day and a half on one trial, the Mabe-Hawks manslaughter case, with only three sentences previously passed.

There were, however, two points of interest—the new judge, William G. Pittman, appointed by Governor Cherry to replace Judge Donald Phillips, now engaged in war crimes trials in Germany; and Moore county's first woman juror, Mrs. M. J. McPhail, of Carthage.

In The State vs. Alex Mabe and Harding Hawks, charged with careless driving, driving while drunk and manslaughter, each defendant laid the actual driving to the other at the time of the fatal wreck between West End and Pinehurst November 6, and the testimony of a small army of witnesses failed to shed much light.

Gaddy Morrison, Negro, facing nine counts of breaking and entering, one of larceny and two of larceny of an auto, was sentenced to 42 years at hard labor in the Raleigh penitentiary. True bills had been found in all cases, but a nol prosee was taken in seven on which he pleaded not guilty, and (Continued on Page 8)

Dr. W. F. Hollister Of Duke Takes Up Practice Here

Southern Pines welcomes a new doctor this week in Dr. William F. Hollister who has come here to practice general surgery.

Raised in California, Dr. Hollister has spent the last fourteen years in North Carolina and says that he considers it his home.

Dr. Hollister was educated at the University of California and took his medical degree at Duke University School of Medicine. Continuing there for his post-graduate training in surgery, he joined the Duke Unit in 1942. Dr. and Mrs. Hollister lived in Southern Pines for the year the unit was stationed at Ft. Bragg, occupying the David Packard house on Ridge Street.

Overseas, the unit formed the 65th General Hospital attached to the Eighth Airforce, stationed in England. There Dr. Hollister, as chief of section in general surgery, worked under the same men under whom he had studied at Duke, and had as wide an experience of surgery as any young doctor would be liable to get. The 65th was a 2,000 bed hospital and handled every sort of case. Battle casualties, as many as a hundred a day, came in, as the battered, flak-scarred bombers limped back with their wounded crews. All the ground accidents incidental to the service were cared for there, as well: the truck accidents, jeep crashes, burn cases from high octane explosions also all the general run of medical cases to be expected. Intensely interesting, the work was arduous and varied.

In Moore County, Dr. Hollister will practice at the Moore County hospital and also at the State Sanatorium, where he will take care of thoracic cases, a branch of surgery in which he is especially interested.

Dr. and Mrs. Hollister, who, incidentally, is a native of Winston-Salem, are living in the Cook house on the Pinehurst-Southern Pines double road. Dr. Hollister's office is in the Mudgett Building.

NEW WARDEN

Earnest Woodrow Davis, of Southern Pines, has been appointed Moore County forest warden, according to announcement this week by J. A. Pippin, district forester.

Davis, succeeding Atlas Eastwood, recently resigned, has had many years of forestry experience, and is at present directing operations of the tractor and fire plow equipment in this county. Mr. Pippin requested continued cooperation of all county residents in helping Warden Davis in the prevention of forest fires, and in his other duties.

His headquarters remain at the Southern Pines fire tower, telephone 7043. His residence telephone is 8562.

School to Have Field House By Baseball Time

Southern Pines High school is to have its long awaited "field house"—a Quonset hut, to be erected on the athletic field probably by the middle of March, in time for spring baseball, it was reported by Philip J. Weaver, district principal, at a meeting of the board of education at the school Wednesday night.

Plans for the field house—which will have showers and dressing rooms for both visiting and home teams, and toilet facilities for the public, were completed at a meeting of the city planning board last week, and approved by Chairman L. V. O'Callaghan. E. J. Austin will be the contractor. It will be useful not only for baseball and football practice and games, but also for the summer recreational program, it was pointed out.

A letter was read from Dan Farrell, county school board chairman, and one from the county commissioners, setting January 28 as the date district boards are to present their final estimates on school building needs, looking toward the bond issue for which petition has been made. Dr. G. G. Herr, chairman, requested that all board members who can, attend this meeting.

It was decided that Southern Pines' estimated needs can in no way be revised downward. Secretary Weaver was directed to write William H. Dietrich, architect of Southern Pines' proposed new school building, to make application for priority on materials so they will be available when funds become available.

Weaver reported on various school matters, and also on a meeting at Raleigh supporting the teachers' pay raise issue.

Present were Chairman Herr, Philip J. Weaver, Mrs. J. S. Milliken, John Howarth, L. C. Woolley. N. L. Hodgkins was absent.

RECONVERSION

The Dunes Club is planning to reopen on February first, with the accent placed on CLUB.

Before the war, membership was by card only, and now James Warman and Karl Andrews, managers, are reconvertng like everyone else, and the membership cards are back again, in line with the Club's charter to operate as a private institution.

LOCAL CRUISE

Resort Airlines announces a local Sandhills cruise for the date of February 1st. Transportation is being furnished free, to and from Miami, where the regular cruise for the Southlands starts. With no expenses for the first and last legs of the journey, the whole cruise will cost local folks \$360.00, everything included.

Fly all the way from the Sandhills to the Tropiclands and back!

Pvt. W. R. Koonce Is Victim Of Hit-Run Driver

Vass Youths Cleared Of Connection With Death of Soldier

Pvt. William Robert Koonce, 28, on his way home from Pope field, Fort Bragg, to make plans for his wedding January 29, met sudden death on Highway No. 1, about three miles north of Southern Pines, in the dusk and rain around 7 p. m. Friday.

Reported to the police by a motorist who ran over the legs of the inert body before he saw what it was, the death was investigated first by local police, then by the sheriff's office on the theory that the soldier was the victim of a hit-run driver. This was also the conclusion of Coroner High Kelly, who reported that a deep gash on the side of the head was alone sufficient to have caused death, probably instantaneous.

Three young men from Vass, known to have been with Private Koonce shortly before his death, were questioned but have been exonerated from blame, it was reported yesterday. The search for the hit-run driver is proceeding, in charge of the military authorities, assisted by the highway patrol.

A military funeral was held at Galatia Presbyterian church, in Cumberland county, at 2 p. m. Monday, with the Rev. Troy Mullis of Niagara as officiating minister. Burial was in the church cemetery.

Private Koonce was born in Hoke county, son of W. D. Koonce and the late Mrs. Mary Jane Koonce, and was educated in the Hope Mills schools of Cumberland county; where the family moved. He worked on the home farm until he entered the army (Continued on Page 5)

McPherson Speaks On Tax Problems

The perils of the taxpayer, lost in the mazes of an antiquated, amended and reamended tax structure, were graphically described by Garland McPherson, local CPA, before the Rotary club Friday, along with ways in which he might be rescued—not through evasion of taxes, but through their legitimate avoidance.

And there is a vast difference, said McPherson, between evasion and avoidance—"about 20 years in Atlanta." Each citizen must and should pay his just taxes, but he should not pay more, nor does his country wish him to.

Partnerships, corporations, trusts and splitting of income all provide legitimate channels for lessening of taxes, but each of these has its own ramifications, many of which cannot be clarified without resort to law—and even tax courts differ on their interpretation. Advantages and disadvantages of various methods of business set-ups for tax declaration were explained.

Legion Post Sponsors Saturday Night Dance

A large crowd is expected at a dance to be held Saturday at the Pinehurst High school gym, sponsored by the A. B. Sally, Jr., post of the American legion, of Pinehurst.

Bob Miller's band will provide music, and tickets at \$1.50 per couple are on sale at drugstores, Jerry's Grill, the City Newsstand and the City Market at Pinehurst. Profits will go toward providing a meeting place for the post, and to buy recreational equipment.

Tom Black, post commander, heads the committee in charge of the dance, with Roderick Innes, Bob Barrett, True Cheney, Jerry Ashton and James Monroe as other members.