



## Bids Are Opened For Elementary School Contracts

**Building Expected To Be Completed By January 1**

Bids for the general contract, heating, plumbing and electrical work for the proposed Southern Pines Elementary school were opened at Superintendent Philip J. Weaver's office at 11 a. m. Wednesday morning, with quite a crowd of bidders present along with the town school board. William H. Dietrich, of Raleigh, architect, who presided over the opening, found the low bids to be as follows:

General contract: Laxton Construction company, Charlotte, \$120,980; plumbing, Robb Plumbing and Heating company, High Point \$7,236; heating, Engineering and Sales company, Raleigh, \$8,585 with coal, \$8,640 with oil (preferred); and electrical contract, B & W Electric company, Fayetteville, \$4,000.

Certified checks accompanying the bids were returned to all but the low bidders, and these were informed that contracts would be prepared at once.

The total of \$140,856 does not include lighting fixtures, equipment, ground improvement, architect's fees nor the cafeteria or gymnasium for which the plans provide if they can be financed.

Specifications covered by the bids are for a one-story brick building of Georgian architecture, harmonizing with the present building and with the neighborhood, to be built on wooded land across Ridge street from the

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### OVER THE TOP!

The Moore County Red Cross drive was slow in winding up, but when it finally did it went over with a whoosh!

With a quota of \$13,906, the latest report from Red Cross headquarters here shows \$18,258.56 collected with some reports yet to come in.

This is the first report to show the quota even in sight, much less so far surpassed, and it is due largely to a delayed take-off in Pinehurst, where collections jumped from \$2,000 to \$7,000 in the past two weeks, with more to come.

Other reports, most of them over their quotas, are as follows: Aberdeen, \$1,225; Addor, \$57.29; Cameron, \$282; Carthage, \$780.98; Eagle Springs, \$126; Eureka, \$105.50; Glendon, \$5; Hallison, \$35; High Falls, \$125; Jackson Springs, \$149.55; Knollwood, \$983.85; Pinebluff, \$416.90; Robbins, \$1,130.29; Southern Pines, \$4,961; Vass - Lakeview, \$529.90; West End, \$345; Samarcand, nothing—yet.

## Mayor, Patterson Won't Run Again; Other Board Members Will If Wanted

With "town meeting" in the air (the caucus is May 2, and election May 6), the Pilot thought the folks might like to know how their mayor and town commissioners feel about their jobs, and if they would like to be reelected or not.

Queries elicited the information that Mayor L. V. O'Callaghan and one commissioner, A. B. (Pat) Patterson, want it definitely known that they are not seeking office again. The other commissioners all said just about the same thing -- if the people want them, they'll be glad to serve; if not--no hard feelings!

Mayor O'Callaghan, who served the town as a member of the board of commissioners for 18 years before the term as mayor now concluding, says he thinks that's long enough--it's somebody else's turn. "I've enjoyed the work and been happy to serve, and if it can be considered I've performed a valuable service for the town I'm happy," he said. "However, I need a little breath-

### PASSES



P. FRANK BUCHAN

## Frank Buchan Dies At Home Tuesday

### Member of Pioneer County Family Was Community Leader

P. Frank Buchan, 64, Southern Pines postmaster for the past 12 years, and for many more years than that a prominent and well-loved leader in this community, died at two o'clock Tuesday afternoon at his home on Ashe street after an illness of several months.

Funeral services were held at Brownson Memorial Presbyterian church at 11 a. m. Thursday, conducted by the pastor, Rev. Thomas E. Davis, with burial following in Mt. Hope cemetery.

Pallbearers were John S. Ruggles, June Phillips, M. Y. Poe, R. L. Chandler, Sam B. Richardson, Leon Fields, Alec Fields and Shields Cameron.

Practically all local business houses were closed from 10:30 to 11:30 in respect to the funeral hour.

Surviving are the widow, the former Helen Walker; a son, Frank Buchan, Jr., of Southern Pines; a daughter, Katherine (Mrs. W. P. Whitlock) of Aberdeen; one grandson; and two sisters, Mrs. A. W. Clark, of Norfolk, Va., and Mrs. Lonnie Copeland of Pittsboro.

Though it was not unexpected, the news of Frank Buchan's death came as a shock to this community, where his friends were numbered in the hundreds, and where he was for so long vigorous and active in the affairs of the town.

He was instrumental in the building of the town to its place in the forefront of southern resorts, and was in the lead in many movements for civic improvement through the years.

Born at Jackson Springs in 1883 the son of Benjamin Franklin and Katherine Shaw Buchan, he was a descendant of a pioneer Moore County family of pre-Revolutionary days, and was connected with other families which also figured prominently in the county's history.

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## Peach Belt League Organized For Play This Season

**Southern Pines To Be One Of Six Member Clubs**

Completion of the organization of the Peach Belt Baseball league was effected at a meeting held at Laurinburg last Thursday of representatives of five member towns: Southern Pines, Aberdeen, Raeford, Laurinburg and Bennettsville, S. C. There will also be a sixth town, either Rockingham or Hamlet.

John S. Ruggles of Southern Pines was elected president, and directors were chosen from each town as follows: A. C. Dawson, Southern Pines; Haney Harris, Aberdeen; Lawrence Poole, Raeford; L. B. Singleton, Laurinburg; H. H. Sanders, Bennettsville.

Director Poole is now preparing a schedule, which will include 30 games for each team, with 15 games at home, the series to begin May 21 and end August 20, followed by the Shanessey method of playoff. Games will be played on Wednesdays and Saturdays, with extra games on Mondays.

Southern Pines Director Dawson is now starting the hunt for eligible amateurs for the Southern Pines club, and players wishing tryouts are asked to contact him. There is one chief requirement: players must come from in or around this community.

Much interest in the prospects for a good series and lively season was evidenced at the Thursday meeting, at which the following were present in addition to those already named; J. B. Griffin, general manager of the Waverly mills, Laurinburg; F. G. Galloway, general manager of Firestone Textiles, Bennettsville; George Jacobs and "Vic" Snipes, Laurinburg.

## Local Airfield Is Stop On New Route

Emphasizing the importance of Resort Airlines to this section is the announcement by the Civil Aeronautics board Tuesday that Knollwood Field is authorized as one of the stops on the Wilmington-Cincinnati route of Piedmont Aviation, Inc.

This concern, made up of North Carolinians many of whom are war-trained flyers, with headquarters at Reynolds Airport Winston-Salem, will fly a cross-state line, with stops at Bristol Asheville, Charlotte, Knollwood Field, Fayetteville and Wilmington, with another flight covering the Winston, Raleigh-Durham Goldsboro and New Bern stretch.

Commenting on the new line's schedule, Commander Burwell said: "We are all of us delighted that Piedmont is going into this service. We feel it will be a great convenience to the people of this section and, of course we are pleased to have our own field put to the greatest possible use."

No date has yet been set for the inauguration of the new service.

## Jackson Heads Scout Committee

Rev. Lamar Jackson, pastor of the Southern Pines Baptist church, has joined the district committee of Boy Scouts as Moore county chairman of leadership and training, according to announcement by Paul C. Butler, district chairman.

This is Mr. Jackson's debut into scouting, though he had extensive experience in boys' work for three years in Louisville, Ky. He succeeds John D. McConnell, who recently resigned.

The leadership and training committee is one of the most important of the scouting program, Butler said, as a program is only as good as its leaders and their training is a vital part of it.

### CHRISTIAN SCIENCE CHURCH

"Are Sin, Disease, and Death Real?" is the subject of the lesson-sermon in all Christian Science churches Sunday April 13. Service and Sunday school are at 11 a. m.

### GOOD

Colonel Ralph E. Bower, local representative of the AAA reports that a recent bulletin from the association describes the last-minute passage by the legislature of the Highway Safety bill. This is the bill the Pilot has been hammering for. Introduced by Moore County's Senator Currie, it provides for the periodic issuance of licenses and mechanical inspections, and stiff penalties for traffic violations.

## County Cancer Drive Initiated With \$1,500 Goal

Plans were initiated this week for the 1947 campaign in Moore county for the American Cancer society's program of education, research and aid to cancer sufferers, as R. F. Hoke Pollock, of Southern Pines, county campaign chairman, met with several community chairmen and press representatives at the Skycruise club, Knollwood airport, Tuesday.

The campaign will start here April 15 with a county quota of \$1,500, and the intervening time will be used in setting up campaign committees in the various communities.

Chairmen already named are Mrs. William M. Hollister and Mrs. V. J. Lee, co-chairmen for Southern Pines; Mrs. Walter D. Hyatt, Pinehurst, assisted by Miss May Chapman and Mrs. Mildred Miller; Mrs. J. L. McGraw and David Ginsburg, Carthage co-chairmen; Mrs. S. L. Windham, Aberdeen.

Chairmen will be named this week for Vass, Cameron, Robbins, West End and Eagle Springs, and (Continued on Page 8)

## Close Game Sees Aberdeen Winner Over Locals 7-6

Trailing three runs going into the ninth inning, Aberdeen High put on a scoring surge to knot up the count 6 all and then put over the winning marker in the 11th to defeat Southern Pines 7-6 in the second conference game here Wednesday.

In the first inning Aberdeen put across two runs on two hits, a passed ball, and a wild throw at home. Singles by Perham and Baker after Arnette got on an dropped third strike brought in Southern Pines' first run. In the fourth, Southern Pines evened the count on Harrington's long double to left, scoring Campbell who got on through an error and wild throw.

In the sixth, Southern Pines started to work on McLeod, Aberdeen's pitcher, driving in four runs before the side could be retired. Perham started it with a single, Blue went to first on an error, and Perham came home on Harrington's sizzling liner to left center, Blue going to third. Smith singled to score Blue, and Kaylor batting for McClelland hammered a double into center field scoring Harrington and Smith. Aberdeen added one in the eighth, and three in the ninth, when Baker, who had been pitching a fine game, weakened, and was relieved by Smith with the tying run on third. Smith's wild pitched allowed this run to score.

Arnette tripled in the 10th but died on third as McLeod tightened up and whiffed the next two batters. Aberdeen put over the winning tally in the 11th on McLeod's single, Smith's throw advancing him to second, and Mark's hit scoring him.

Harrington's fielding of a long drive in the fourth which had the extra base label, and the all-around play of a newcomer at second, ex-GI Bert Perham, highlighted Southern Pines' play.

The conference season opened last Thursday, with the Southern Pines-West End game played here, in which the local lads lost to the West Enders 7-5.

Games of the coming week will be with Robbins today (Friday) and with Cameron next Wednesday, both to be played on the local athletic field and starting at about 3:30 p. m.

## "Times Square" Wins Hunt Trophy



(Photo by Humphrey)

Times Square and his master, Vernon G. Cardy, won the Moore County Hunt trophy at the Easter Horse show in the Corinthian Hunters class. That's Mrs. W. O. Moss making the presentation. The big brown hunter—17 hands high—won in the green hunters class at the Royal Winter fair, Toronto, Can., and the championship hunter cup at Montreal. He was also heavyweight class winner at the Camden show and the hunter trials here.

## Large Crowd Enjoys Two Day Show Of Highest Class Horses Seen Here

### BIG NEWS

The big news this week, of course, is spring, which came in a rush over Easter weekend, with all the trappings of flowers, birds, sunshine and bees which make it the loveliest season.

Conditioned by week's showers, warmed Easter sun, the whole town has burst into bloom. There is the laughter of children in the park playground, and several parties of young people have already tried out the Aberdeen swimming lake.

The peach orchards are a rosy glory. The golfers, motorists and strollers are out to enjoy the sunshine and the long-awaited warmth. It's spring again in the Sandhills.

### Locals Win First Two League Matches

The Southern Pines Country club team has started off handsomely in the early matches of the Sandhills Golf league, sending strong delegations to the Richmond Country club last Wednesday and to the Lumberton club Wednesday of this week, and coming home with the bacon both times.

Nassau scoring gave them 25 points to Richmond's eight in the first match, and 24 1-2 to Lumberton's 17 1-2 in the second.

Eight more matches remain to be played on successive Wednesdays, three away and five at home. Next week's match will be at the Laurinburg club.

### Stolen Cars Returned to Owners

Two cars stolen here recently have been recovered and are back with their owners.

One was a Pontiac sport model belonging to Leo Arey of Aberdeen, stolen while the family was attending a Sunday night movie here March 16. It was later abandoned in Baltimore, Md., and returned to Arey by the highway patrol.

A 1940 Ford sedan belonging to William Johnson, of Pinecrest Manor, was stolen Easter Sunday evening, and recovered by local police a couple of hours later. It was found on Bennett street.

## Bill Is Passed For Referendum On Liquor Stores

**15 Per Cent Of Qualified Voters May Petition**

"A bill to be entitled an act to submit to the qualified voters of Moore county, the question of continuing the operation of the liquor control stores at Southern Pines and Pinehurst in said county" was introduced by Senator W. H. Currie, and ratified in the closing days of the General Assembly last week.

The bill provides for the holding of such election on petition presented to the county board of elections signed by at least 15 per cent of the registered voters of Moore county, and to be held within 90 days after the board has determined the petition to be sufficient.

Ballots are to be marked 'Against Southern Pines and Pinehurst Alcoholic Control Stores' and 'For Southern Pines and Pinehurst Alcoholic Control Stores,' with two voting squares.

If a majority of the qualified registered voters of Moore county vote against the stores, they are to be closed within six months, and proper disposal made of their contents, with proceeds properly accounted for and turned over to the general fund.

If a majority of the qualified registered voters shall vote for the store's continuation, they shall continue and no other election on the question may be held in the county within three years.

The election itself should, under this legislation, be held under all laws in force for election of members of the General Assembly, with due advance advertising, opening of registration books for the addition of names of qualified voters, and the striking out of the names of the dead or otherwise disqualified.

## One Injured In Three-Car Crash

May street's 2nd automobile accident of the year occurred last Thursday at 8:30 a. m. when the car of Dr. Vida McLeod was struck by that of J. I. Stuart, driving from Pittsburgh, on Route to St. Petersburg, Florida.

Dr. McLeod was driving down town in a hurry, and slowed down, but failed to stop completely, at the intersection of New Hampshire and May Street. Her car was almost across the highway when it was struck by the Stuart car, which was coming through town, it is reported, at an excessive rate of speed.

The McLeod car was almost completely turned around and crashed into the car of Frank Kaylor, parked on the west side of New Hampshire Avenue as he waited to turn out into the highway.

Dr. McLeod was thrown out onto the pavement and sustained minor bruises, while the force of the collision threw her companion, Mrs. Julia Chambers, against the side of the car with such violence that her arm was broken. Damage amounting to around \$200 worth was sustained by the Stuart car while considerable work had to be done on the others.

## Wake Forest-Cornell Game Draws Crowd

With rebel yells and Yankee whoops resounding over the local ballfield, a gay crowd of some fifteen hundred fans watched Wake Forest score a clean 7 triumph over Cornell's 3 victory Tuesday afternoon.

The Deacons took the lead in the second inning and ran it to 6-0 in the fifth. Cornell's pitcher over to score in the sixth inning.

At the other extreme was the Blue Ridge Hunt Team of visitors from Virginia. These top riders and top horses went at a little too fast. Accustomed to the springy turf in Virginia as opposed to our heavy sand, the horses were too extended and one finally came to grief. Rolling into a sizeable jump at top speed, Traumer Tan took off too far back and failed to clear the fence. The fact that he was going so

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