

Grand Jury Finds Health Department Still Lacks Space

Recommendations Have In General Been Carried Out

The grand jury, making their tour of duty Monday afternoon, found things generally in good order, again recommended measures for adding needed space to the health department and made a few other recommendations, of a minor nature.

Their report follows:

NORTH CAROLINA MOORE COUNTY

TO HONORABLE J. A. ROUSSEAU, JUDGE PRESIDING:

We, the Grand Jury, submit the following reports and recommendations:

BILLS OF INDICTMENT

Six (6) bills were presented to the Grand Jury and acted upon as follows: All six (6) were returned as true bills.

COUNTY JAIL

We visited the county jail and found that it had been impossible to carry out the recommendations made by the preceding Grand Jury, due to shortage of materials; otherwise, the jail was found clean and in good order.

COURT HOUSE

We find that except for the health department all recommendations of the preceding Grand Jury have been carried out. We recommend that as soon as possible that those recommendations be carried out in order to afford more room for the health department. We found one typewriter in the health department badly in need of repair or replacement.

We recommend that purchase of a new typewriter for the office of Supt. H. Lee Thomas. Mr. Thomas, so far, has been unable to secure cabinets for blue prints need of repair or replacement. In his office.

We recommend repair or replacement of (Continued on Page 8)

Young Democrats State Convention Set Sept. 19-20

The 1947 annual convention of the North Carolina Young Democrats will be held in Raleigh September 19 and 20, with the Sir Walter hotel as headquarters, it was announced following a meeting last Saturday of a special convention committee of which H. Clifton Blue, of Aberdeen, was a member.

The committee was appointed by Basil Whitener, president, at a meeting, at Raleigh Saturday of the state executive committee of which Blue, chairman of the Eighth district, is also a member. The executive committee accepted the Raleigh invitation but left the special committee of five to set the dates. Definite confirmation is to be made shortly, said Blue this week, as soon as it can be ascertained that the dates as set will not conflict with other important state meetings.

The executive committee meeting was also attended by J. Hubert McCaskill and Miss Helen Fields of Pinehurst, Ray McDonald of Southern Pines and Monroe Chappell of Vass. Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Horner accompanied them to Raleigh.

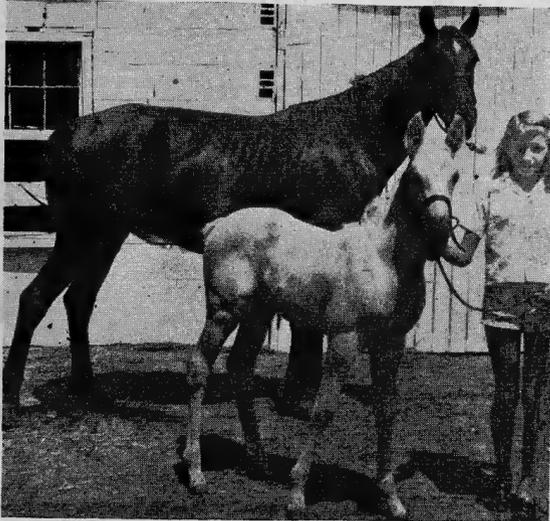
Patty Is Improving, May Return To School

Patty Dupree, 11-year-old polio victim, is getting along well at her home here now, and doctors have informed her mother, Mrs. W. T. Dupree, that there is a possibility she may enter school on time this fall.

She is being given special exercises at home, and can walk a little about the house.

She was taken to Duke hospital Wednesday for observation, and must go again in about six weeks. The doctors said the recovery of the little girl, stricken last June, was nothing short of a miracle.

Palomino Baby



This beautiful little palomino colt, believed to be the first ever born in Southern Pines, has created much interest here, especially since, at the age of two weeks, he started following his mother over the jumps at the Caddell stables.

Sired by a three-fourths palomino and one-fourth Arabian, and out of Sensation Princess, herself a thoroughbred, the little colt, of perfect conformation, is considered a valuable little animal. Sieger Herr, 12-year-old daughter of Dr. G. G. Herr, is the owner of Sensation Princess and her colt, born July 8, and all three are shown in the happy family picture above. (Photo by Turner)

Jury Convicts Webb Of Perjury In Sending Mother-In-Law To Dix Hill

BARN BURNS

The county's first tobacco barn fire reported here this season took place Wednesday morning on the W. C. Leslie farm at Vass, where a new barn completed just last week caught fire during its first curing, and burned to the ground. The barn was said to be a well built one with concrete foundation and oil burner. Cause of the fire, and the amount of loss, were not reported.

Superior Court Judge Vacates Restraint On Sharpe Apartment Sale

A superior court jury at Carthage Wednesday found R. L. Webb, of Eagle Springs, guilty of perjury in connection with the commitment of his stepmother-in-law to the state hospital at Dix Hill last April. Sentence was deferred. The trial began Tuesday afternoon and lasted until after the noon recess Wednesday, presenting an array of witnesses, many of them neighbors of the Webbs, with whom Mrs. Molly Wilson, stepmother of Mrs. Webb, makes her home.

These included J. W. Monroe, Herbert Bost, J. W. Page and a number of others, who said they had known Mrs. Wilson for 20 to 30 years, that she "had not changed in that time" and they believed her to be of sound mind.

Mrs. Wilson herself took the stand to testify that her stepson-in-law had repeatedly asked her to leave, and had suggested that she turn over to him her interest in the home, which she said she had refused to do. Though her testimony was somewhat contradictory, in general the little old lady, whom her neighbors declared to be a regular attendant at the Baptist church and Sunday school, showed good presence and composure on the stand.

Doctors Testify

Dr. John A. Symington, of Carthage, testified that he had examined her at the request of her relatives last January, and found her to be of "wandering mind." Trusting Webb's description of her behavior in the home, and told that she had "grown worse," he felt justified in signing commitment papers without further examination March 20.

Dr. J. W. Wilcox, of West End, said that, though he had made no specific examination for sanity, he had seen her off and on for a number of years, and hearing also from her relatives of her behavior, had also signed the commitment paper.

John Wilcox, clerk of court, took the stand to say that he had committed Mrs. Wilson to the hospital as prescribed by law on receipt of commitment papers signed by two reputable physicians, and after a hearing in which the relatives gave their description of her behavior. He had had her taken to Dix Hill April 16, then brought back three days later on notification by the doctors there that her mental condition was not such as to require hospitalization. She was then returned to her home, where she has stayed since.

Deputy Sheriff Lambert, who took her to the hospital and (Continued on Page 5)

V-J DAY

On account of The Pilot's Thursday noon deadline, no writeup of the county V-J celebration here can be given this week. Look for the story and pictures in next week's issue!

Thursday morning, the sun was shining, the flags were out, army and navy uniforms were beginning to appear about the streets, and everyone had a big smile for everyone else. The reviewing stand at the park was ready for dignitaries. Committees were winding up final details after weeks of work for the biggest and happiest celebration ever.

Half holidays had been declared in Southern Pines, Carthage and Aberdeen for the occasion, and other communities of the county were no doubt following suit, to allow every veteran and all Moore County families to take part.

Town Team Wins Three Straight To Regain Top Spot

By Slim Forsythe

The past week's action on the Peach Belt League baseball front finds Southern Pines back in second place with 18 wins and nine losses.

Last Saturday afternoon the local boys toured to Rockingham and had a field day, defeating the Steele mill team 24-1. Pate was the heavy hitter for Southern Pines, getting four hits out of five times at bat, one a long hit home run scoring three runs. Clyde Dunn and Joe Garzik hit in four runs apiece. Chan Page was the winning pitcher. The game went to only five innings by agreement of both teams.

A game was scheduled for last Tuesday afternoon with the Rockingham team but they called Tuesday afternoon to cancel, thereby forfeiting to Southern Pines, official score, 9-0 in favor of the local boys.

On Wednesday afternoon the scrappy Raeford club played here and had the local boys 7-0 in the last of the seventh inning. At that time Southern Pines exploded all over the place and scored five runs. Perham and Dunn were walked. Newton and McRae singled followed by another single from the bat of Dave Worsham. Newton knocked in Dunn, McRae knocked out a fly to left field, scoring Newton, then Clyde "Red" Smith knocked a pretty two bagger to right field scoring McRae and Worsham. This made the score 8-5.

Raeford went scoreless in the first of the eighth. In the Southern Pines half of the eighth Perham singled, Dunn singled, McRae was safe on an error, scoring Perham. Walt Harper, batting for Worsham, singled scoring Dunn and McRae. Joe Garzik went to first on an error. Red Smith singled scoring Harper, making the score nine to eight. Bill Upchurch received McKeithen to pitch this half of the eighth inning, McKeithen going to second base.

In the top of the ninth McAuley, Raeford catcher, was walked, McKeithen singled and on the throw-in McAuley scored, tying the score nine to nine. In the last half of the ninth Southern Pines was scoreless, McKeithen pitching for Raeford.

In the top of the 10th, Chan Page receiving Woody Davis after he had walked one batter and hit another, held Raeford scoreless. In the Southern Pines half of the 10th, Harper singled, Garzik was safe on a fielder's choice that caught Harper out at second. Red Smith was walked, then Chan Page won his own ball game by hitting a sharp ball down the left field foul line, scoring Garzik and ending the ball game.

SUMMARY	R	H	E
Raeford	9	13	2
So. Pines	10	15	7

Batteries: McKeithen, Upchurch and McAuley, Pate, Davis, Page, Seals and Neal.

Water Trucked From Southern Pines To Aid Carthage In Grave Emergency

Industrial Plants, Cannery Close As Tank Is Found Dry

Southern Pines this week was helping out her neighbor town of Carthage with large shipments of water from the water plant, to help relieve a shortage at the county seat which was declared the worst in a number of years.

As the Carthage water tank dried right up, leaving the standpipe only half full, in the shortage which has been increasing over the past few weeks, the town went under stringent regulations Monday designed to reduce the use of water to a minimum.

Industrial use of water was cut off and such plants as the Currie Lumber company, the Colin G. Spencer planing mill and the Model Laundry and Dry Cleaners were forced to shut down. Such activities as the washing of cars and the sprinkling of lawns have been under a ban for some two weeks.

Cannery Closes

The new cannery at Highway Prison Camp 606 was also closed Monday. It was to the use of thousands of gallons of water by the cannery in the past two weeks that the drastic shortage was attributed in Carthage. The town has been selling water to the camp to increase its income but was unprepared for the greatly stepped-up use brought on by the cannery operations.

On Tuesday, arrangements were made with the Town of Southern Pines to secure water for Carthage, transporting it in two 1,000-gallon tank trucks borrowed from Fort Bragg, and a milk tank truck of around 3,000 gallons capacity, loaned by the Coble Dairies, Inc., of Lexington.

Coming down to Carthage Tuesday, the milk truck tanked up at Lexington, and has since, with the military trucks, been plying back and forth between the Southern Pines water plant and Carthage. Wednesday morning it was reported that the trucks had worked until 3 a. m. and that some 35,000 gallons had been sent over.

Rain Gives Hope

The shortage originated with the prolonging of the midsummer dry spell, which has been acute at Carthage and northward in the county. A two-inch rainfall Monday afternoon promised some relief and Tuesday morning the water was found pouring into the tank again, giving hope that the situation may soon be relieved.

At the Southern Pines water plant, things were reported "in fine shape," with plenty of water to supply local needs and help out the sister town in her crucial condition.

Training Schools Set Next Week

School bus drivers for 1947-48 who have not previously qualified will attend drivers' schools to be held at the Carthage High school Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, according to a schedule sent to county principals this week by Supt. H. Lee Thomas.

Glenn Taylor, representative of the state highway safety division, will conduct the one-day schools, giving classroom instruction from 9 a. m. to 12 noon and road tests from 1 to 4 p. m.

Attending Monday will be drivers from Southern Pines, Carthage, Cameron, Vass-Lakeview, Farm Life and Aberdeen schools; Tuesday, Pinehurst, West End, Robbins, Westmore, High Falls; Wednesday, Pinckney, Berkeley, Academy Heights, West Southern Pines and Vineland.

Principals are supposed to have their lists of drivers and alternates for the county's 74 buses made up by the end of this week, and see that those who have not driven school buses before attend the drivers' school at the time and date indicated. Both boys and girls are eligible.

NO SPECTATORS

A vivid flash, a whiplike crash of thunder and a deluge of rain at 1:45 p. m. last Friday were immediately followed by the fire alarm calling out both trucks of the Southern Pines fire department to the Taft house, 445 South East Broad street, occupied by the family of Cpl. W. O. Martin, where lightning had followed a wire into the electric range.

Following the wettest ride ever experienced by our firemen, the drenched crews were able to stop the incipient blaze without difficulty. This was one fire at which there was a notable lack of spectators.

Speedboat Races Bring Pro Drivers To Lakeview Sun.

Another of those exciting speedboat race events, bigger and better than the first, is promised sports lovers of this section by Jimmy Allen, of Lakeview, for 2 p. m. Sunday.

The first races—the Sandhills' first in history—drew a crowd of more than 3,000 to Crystal Lake, Lakeview, last month, and preparations are being made for a far bigger crowd this time, Promoter Allen said.

Among outstanding professionals scheduled to race this time are Sweeney Prosser, Sonny Todd and Doug Creech of Charlotte—the latter also well-known motorcyclist; Henry West, of Chapel Hill, O. L. Lackey, of High Point and Douglas Marks of Sanford.

Several others are expected. All who have definitely announced that they will race are hydroplane drivers. However, if any arrive with runabouts a special event will be staged for them, said Allen.

The drivers have raced in numerous events in this and other states, know all the fancy tricks possible to their speedy little craft and can be counted on to give onlookers some real thrills. Six races will be held of three heats each, and it is planned to have each heat consist of five of the mile-long laps about the lake instead of four as before.

As in the previous event, Aberdeen Post No. 72, American Legion, is the sponsor and is in charge of the advance ticket sale. Admissions will also be available at the gate.

MEETING AUGUST 26-27

The district forest service meeting will be held in Southern Pines August 26-27, not September 26-27 as reported through error in last week's Pilot.

Forest Service firefighting crews of eight counties will attend the meeting, for instruction in latest methods of prevention and control of forest fires, with demonstrations of procedures and equipment.

Heavy Peach Crop Drained Of Profits By Rapid Ripening, Production Costs

"This has been the most expensive season the peach grower has ever known," T. C. Auman, of West End, told a Pilot reporter this week. "While prices opened well and stayed fair, few peach growers made any real money. Their labor, sprays, even their cartons cost far too much."

Then, right at the peak of the season last week, rapidly alternating sun and rain abruptly ripened every peach left on the heavy boughs.

Too ripe to ship, they were being bought up by residents of the countryside for canning and freezing.

Thousands of bushels have fallen to the ground to rot, or are hanging in thick clusters on the trees, their rosy-golden color betraying their rich ripeness, so costly to the growers.

As the season for shipping ended, the delicious Elbertas were

Mt. Hope Will Be Enlarged By Terrace Addition

Town Board Asks Seaboard To Build New R. R. Station

Mt. Hope cemetery, a new railroad station, parking meters and speeding, among other things, claimed the attention of the town board in regular session at the city hall Wednesday evening.

Mt. Hope, whose plots on the first and second terraces are now almost all sold, will be enlarged by the development of a third terrace, on city-owned land adjoining the cemetery to the south, it was decided. Plans for development were approved as submitted by A. B. Yeomans, landscape architect, who designed and planted the original area. It was decided to ask him to supervise also the planting of the new terrace so it will be in keeping, with the rest of the cemetery, famed as one of the most beautiful in the land.

Engineers will be employed at once to set the grades and draw up specifications for bids, with the hope of letting contracts and getting the work under way in time for fall planting of pines and evergreen shrubs.

Railroad Station

A strong request for a new station has been placed before the Seaboard Air Line by the board on recommendation of Mayor C. N. Page, it was learned, with no report as yet except that the matter of giving Southern Pines a modern, attractive station is "under consideration" by officials of the railroad.

A. C. Nichols, of Wilmington, former city manager at Wilmington, Greenwood, S. C., Clearwater and Daytona Beach, Fla., was present as representative of the Karpark corporation of Cincinnati, O., to demonstrate their automatic parking meter. This is the second parking meter to be displayed to the board, and the commissioner asked many questions concerning their aid in parking problems, maintenance and potential revenue.

Compliments were forthcoming from several commissioners for the police department on the noticeable improvement in speeding and traffic violations about town.

These have been a matter for serious consideration at board meetings during the spring and summer, and the subject of a special conference with Chief C. E. Newton recently, on which Mayor Page reported Wednesday night.

Support Promised

Full cooperation was pledged by the chief in behalf of his department, the mayor said, and the board determined to continue in full support of the program, designed to check heedless speeding in and through town, and other offenses.

The D-4 tractor authorized for purchase at the July meeting, for street maintenance and other city uses, has been found to be unavailable at this time and an order placed now may not be fillable. (Continued on Page 8)