

## Injunction Denied State Board In Vass School Case

**Judge Upholds Stand Of Moore Board Of Education**

**Authority Denied**

The Moore County board of education won a hands-down victory over the State Board for Licensing Contractors at a hearing held at Carthage Monday, when Judge Luther Hamilton denied the State Board's petition for a writ of injunction to halt construction of the Vass-Lakeview school.

The petition, filed last February 18, with the hearing postponed to the present term of court, charged a direct violation of state law in non-employment of a licensed contractor on construction of a public building, built with public funds amounting to more than \$10,000.

The judge upheld at every point the Moore County's position that, in case of emergency, it could not be forced to employ a licensed contractor when that contractor's bid, even though the lowest submitted, was considered exorbitantly high.

The Vass-Lakeview school, on which construction was begun last summer, is now nearing completion by a county construction crew with N. N. McDonald, of Aberdeen, as foreman. Costs are estimated to be running around \$200,000. When completed, it will be the largest school in the county system.

### No Contract Let

Legal procedure of advertising for and canvassing bids was followed up to the point of letting the contract, the county board stated in its reply, when it was found that the lowest aggregate bid totaled \$230,535, far more than the board had on hand to (Continued on Page 8)

## Two Wins Give Town Team Top Place In League

**By Slim Forsyth**

The Southern Pines Town team moved into first place again in the Peach Belt League by virtue of two wins this past week.

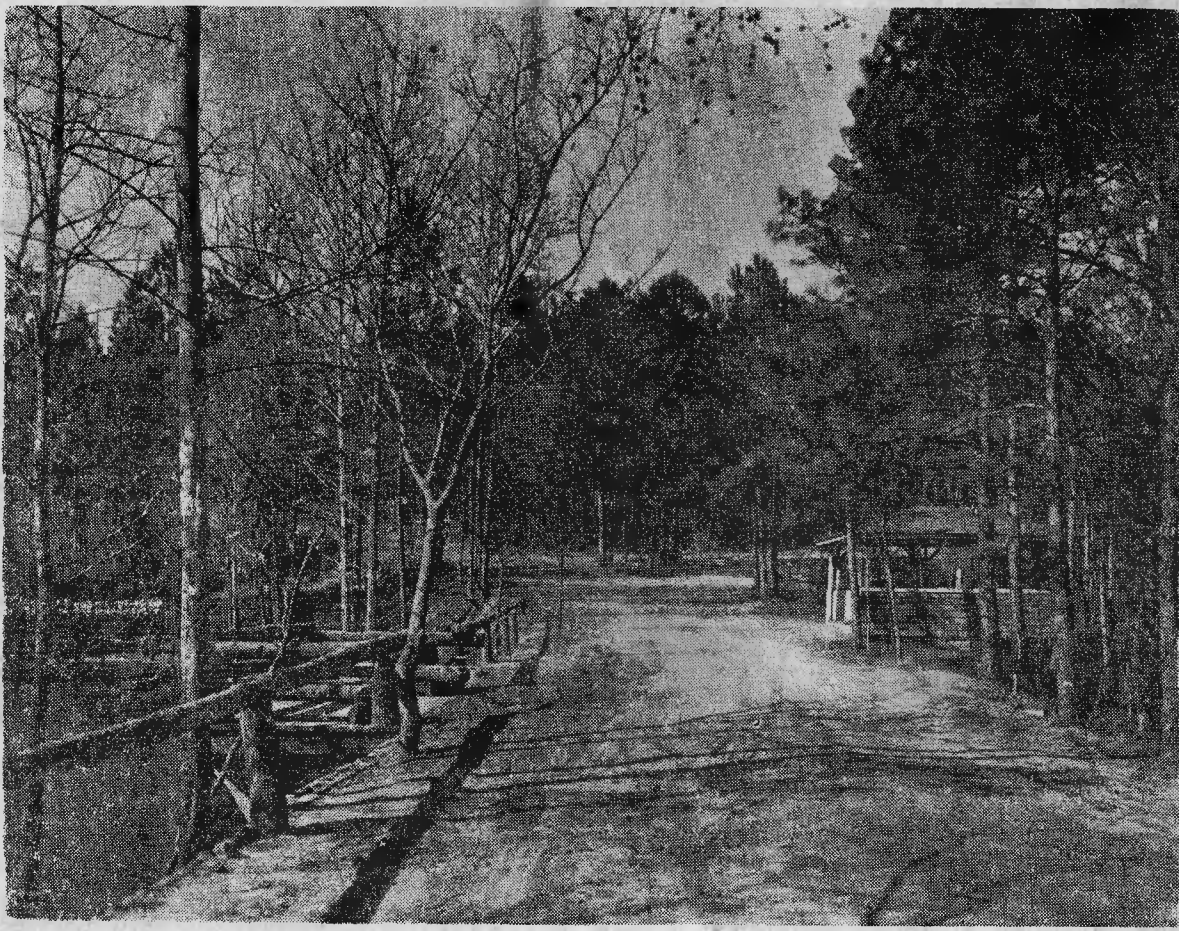
Last Sunday the long-awaited contest between the two league leaders took place when Aberdeen played Southern Pines here before a large crowd of 400 fans. Aberdeen took an early lead and had Southern Pines 7-0 going into the seventh inning. At that time the unpredictable Southern Pines boys went into action and before the dust cleared away in the last of the tenth, Southern Pines emerged with a 11-9 victory. Dick Hardison started on the mound for the local team but was relieved by Carleton McNeill in the fourth. McNeill, a right hander, went on to finish the game in very creditable style. Carleton is the younger brother of Les McNeill, former Southern Pines catcher, now with Aberdeen. Bob Pugh was the Aberdeen pitcher, who tried his best to win his ball game by lifting out a long home run over the right field fence with two men on. Doc McRae, Frank Buchan, Ed Newton, Fred Hall, Walter Harper were the big sticks for Southern Pines.

### In Top Place

By virtue of Aberdeen's defeat this Wednesday afternoon by Beaufit Mills, 2-0, and Southern Pines' defeat of Hamlet under the lights Wednesday night 9-6, the local team now has first place in the Peach Belt League. Bus Thomas was the winning pitcher for Southern Pines, going the full nine innings and holding the Hamlet sluggers to six scattered hits. The next home game for South Pines will be Sunday afternoon, when they will play an exhibition game with the strong Safie Mills nine of Rockingham. Game time 3 p. m.

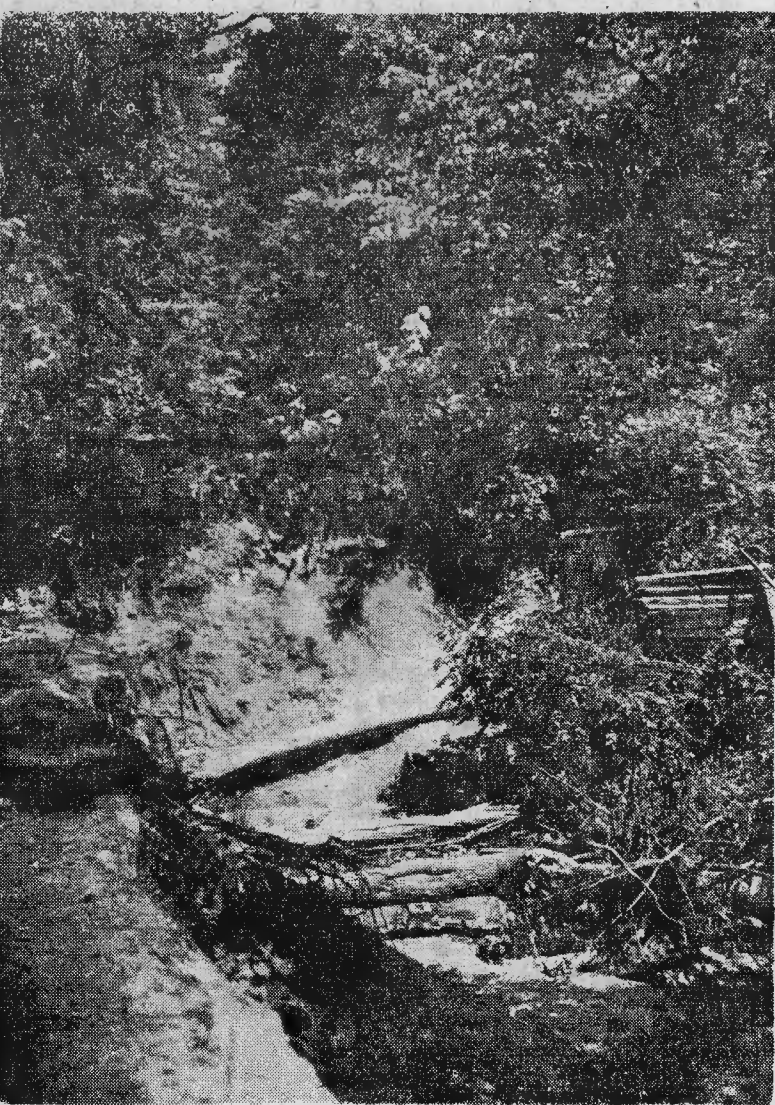
Southern Pines plays Beaufit Mills at Rockingham tomorrow (Saturday). Game time, 4 p. m.

## The Bridge In Millen Park In 1928



**Should Millen Park Be Restored As Beauty Spot, Or Returned To Owner?**

## The Bridge In 1948



## Twenty Years Have Turned Wooded Acres To Wasteland

The two pictures above show scenes in Millen park as they looked 20 years ago, when the five wooded acres were given to the town to be maintained for the public's use.

The two pictures at lower left and right, made this week by Emerson Humphrey, show the same scenes after 20 years of neglect. On the right above, is the entrance to the wide lane which formerly ran through the park; and below it is the narrow footpath the lane became after it was closed on account of some of the neighbors' objections to passing traffic many years ago. The gateposts have disappeared entirely.

On the left above, is a continuation of the lane, crossing a bridge over the dam behind which had backed up as pretty a little lake, fed by natural springs, as you would ever want to see. Below it is shown an eroded ravine which bears little resemblance to the top picture, but it is the same place. You can see the remains of the cement bridge supports. A little stream, trickling below, is out of sight beneath fallen trees and tangled growth. The "springhouse" seen in the top picture is no more.

### Shocked By Sight

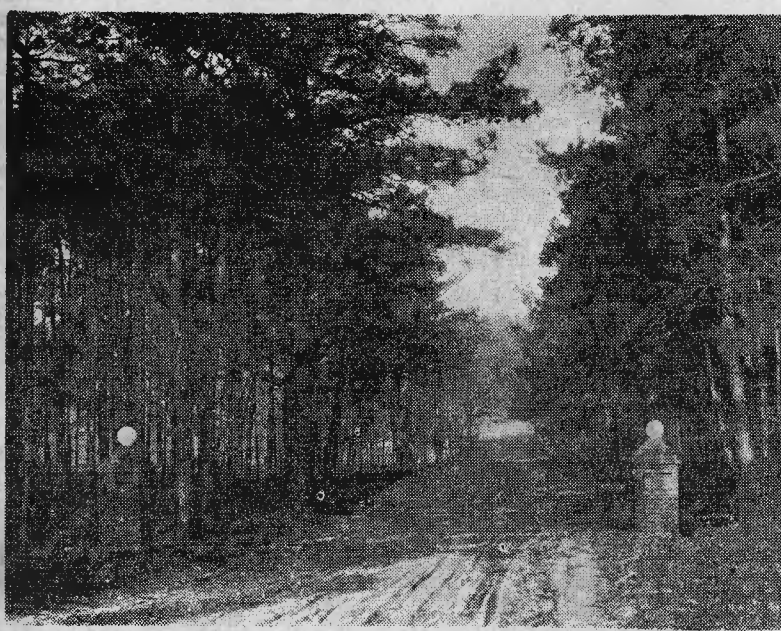
The park was dedicated in 1928 at a ceremony at which A. B. Yeomans, then a commissioner, made the speech of acceptance for the town. At that time, also, special bird houses were erected for the proposed bird sanctuary.

A condition of the gift in 1928 was that it be maintained as a public park, or revert to its former owner, Mrs. Edmund Millen. Returning recently from a long period away, Mrs. Millen was shocked by what she saw. She asked that, if nothing was to be done about the park, it be returned to her. At the last town board meeting, the board set about doing just that.

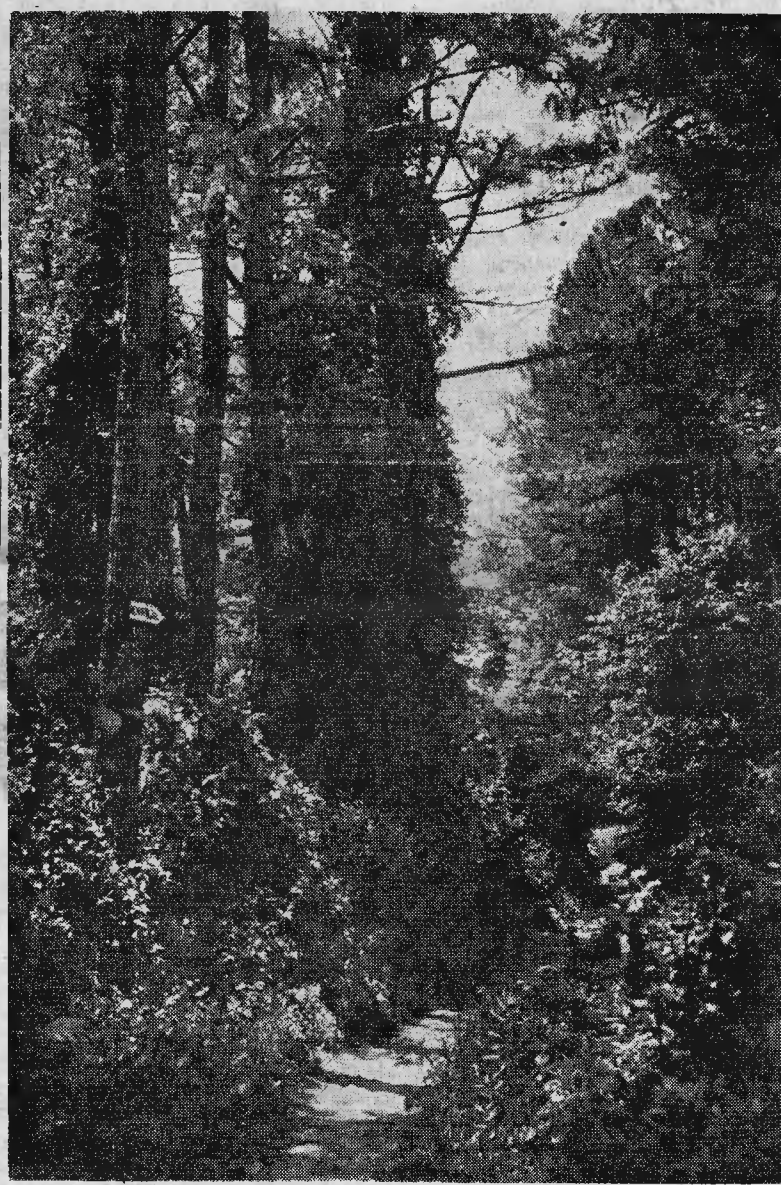
Mrs. Millen, writing voluntarily to The Pilot, has set forth her position in a letter to be found on the editorial page. Other letters have been received, and since publishing the board's decision last week The Pilot has had visits and phone calls from others who think it would be a shame to lose this park property.

Some who have moved here of recent years knew nothing of its history, nor to whom it belonged. Now they have learned, they are aroused. Others remember it as it used to be—a pretty, tidy place loved of picknickers and strollers-in-the-woods, with a lake which provided swimming, boating and fishing. It is still used, as in bygone years, by the Bird club which each spring meets at the New (Continued on Page 8)

## As It Used To Be



## As It Is Today



## Survey Being Made Of Water System With Eye On Future Expansion Needs

### Second Line Planned From Plant To Town

An extensive survey of the Southern Pines water system is being made by L. E. Wooten, consulting engineer, of the firm of Wooten and Kovac, Raleigh, for recommendations concerning the best ways of meeting future expansion needs.

Decision was made by the town board in March on receipt of information that the present plant, built in 1924, is consistently pushing 70 per cent of capacity, and at peak times runs uncomfortably close to capacity—1,000,000 gallons a day.

At that time also the board was informed by Howard Burns, town clerk and water superintendent, that it had become necessary to put the 100-hp. motor at the water plant into use, as the 75-hp. motor which had been hitherto considered adequate was running 24 hours a day.

Though the water plant is considered more than adequate for present needs, the probability of the town's growth during the next 24 years at the same rate, or greater, than that of the past 24 caused the board to consider expansion possibilities at the water plant.

Not only the mechanics of the plant are being studied, but the location of new lines, said Mayor C. N. Page this week, with emphasis on one in particular—a line more or less paralleling the present one on its way from the plant through Knollwood into (Continued on Page 8)

### BOND ELECTION

An all-new registration is now under way for the Southern Pines school district's special election, having as object a \$45,000 bond issue for school improvements.

Though you may have registered for the primary, you will have to register again to vote in the special election. A word of caution: the school bond election is "against the registration"—which means that if you register and fail to vote, you will be counted as having voted against the bond issue.

Registrar Tom G. Wicker will be on duty all day Saturday of this week and next at the Community building, after which the registration will be closed. Voting will be on June 15.

Funds promised by the county toward an auditorium, lump them all in one building. The \$45,000 supplement will assure construction of two buildings, with separate auditorium and gymnasium. Plans call for the cafeteria to be in the basement of the auditorium.

This will be one more step—or two—toward an adequate, modern school building system for Southern Pines. Register—then vote.

## Pine Needles Purchase Said Being Negotiated

**Operation Of Hospital Planned By Franciscan Nuns**

**Still In Rumor Realm**

It was reliably ascertained by The Pilot this week that the Pine Needles is being purchased for conversion to a hospital, to be operated by a Catholic nursing order, the Franciscan Sisters.

The confirmation remained unofficial as final arrangements have not been completed, though it was expected that they would be within a few days.

The Pine Needles, located on the Midland road, is one of the largest and most beautiful of local resort hotels. Possessor of its own golf course laid out by Donald J. Ross, it has won fame nationally and internationally as a mecca for golfers and spring visitors here.

Negotiations for its purchase have been under way for some months by the Right Rev. Vincent S. Waters, bishop of the North Carolina diocese.

The Franciscan Sisters, whose Mother House is at Marysville, Mo., operate four large hospitals, of 100 to 120 beds, in the middle west. They also have two orphanages in Missouri, and operate schools in connection with them. They also operate "Maryhurst" retreat house for women in Pinehurst, to which they came early this year.

Plans for the hospital were not revealed, pending completion of the final details of the purchase.

## Fire Protection Added In Two Sections Of Town

Six blocks of the water mains have been laid in two sections of town, with hydrants at eight intersections to provide fire protection for several blocks which have not had it before.

Similar installation, for which pipe and hydrants are already on hand, are to be made along seven more blocks, awaiting only the completion of a survey of the town's entire water system now being made by L. E. Wooten, consulting engineer, of Raleigh.

Mains have been laid in the six blocks from U. S. Highway 1 at Youngs road to Ohio avenue, and east on Ohio to where Youngs road intersects again; and along Leake street from West Vermont to West New Hampshire avenues, and along West Connecticut, between Leake and Saylor streets, in a T-shape pattern.

It was in this second section that two Negro homes burned early last summer, for lack of a fire hydrant near enough to help the firemen at their work.

The third section will go four blocks along Gaines street, turning at Wisconsin for an additional three blocks, for further protection in West Southern Pines.

The town board decided on installation of the new mains, to be paid for out of water department reserves, soon after going into office last June, and shortly after (Continued on Page 5)

### MEMORIAL DAY

Memorial day will be marked by veterans here in two traditionally significant ways: by the annual Poppy Day sale of the John Boyd post, VFW, and the placing of VFW flags and American Legion markers by members of these two groups working together.

The marking of the graves will be held Sunday, May 30.

Poppy Day will be observed the day before, according to the custom by which the nearest Saturday is selected for the sale. Members of Boy Scout Troop 73, of which Col. D. M. Madigan is scoutmaster, will be the salesmen on downtown streets and adjacent residential areas. Proceeds will be used for rehabilitation of veterans and relief of their families.