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Confirmation of Pine Needles Sale To Catholic Order Expected Today

Bishop Waters Due In Sandhills To Make Final Decision

At a meeting of lawyers in the office of John D. McConnell in Southern Pines, final negotiations for the sale of the Pine Needles Hotel to the Catholic nursing order of Franciscan Sisters were under way Thursday morning with Talbot Johnson of Aberdeen, attorney for the owners, George Dunlap and George Dunlap, Jr., and Attorney Francis J. Heazel of Asheville, representing the purchasers, present.

The meeting was expected to be the last in a series of talks which have been going on during the past weeks, as last details of the pending sale were ironed out.

In a statement to the Pilot, Mr. Heazel made it clear that official confirmation of the sale must await the arrival of Bishop Vincent J. Waters of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Raleigh, who is due today, but he said that he had little doubt that the transaction would go through.

"The outlook is very promising," Mr. Heazel said, "and only a few details remain to be set—"

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Presbyterians Top First League Game

About 100 spectators witnessed the opening game of the Church Softball league between the Presbyterians and Episcopalians Monday evening. The Presbyterians won by a score of 11-5. Much interest was shown by all who attended and they saw Jack Caudle make one of the most spectacular catches in centerfield of any season.

Those playing for the Episcopal church were Bill Sledge, Tommy Avery, Al Viall, Joe Sweet, Bobby Straka, George Hodgkins, Richard Patch, Roland Bower and Marshall Palmer.

The Presbyterians had the following players: Dan Ray, Jr., Walter Harper, Roy Newton, Harold McNeill, Richard Newsome, Jack Caudle, Eugene Maples, Gerald Thomas, Ray McDonald, Dick Ray and Richard Newton.

Eugene Maples, Howard Hoffman, Walter Harper, Roy Newton and Richard Newton led the scoring with two runs each, and Richard Patch made a beautiful home run.

SIGN FOR FUN

School out, Summer Recreation on!

Already they are gathering on the porch of the Community Building and the former Men's Club, now the property of the school, talking over plans, deciding which part of the program to sign up for.

A. C. Dawson will be in charge, and funds are coming in, assuring another summer of fun and worthwhile endeavor for our young folks.

On page 5 is printed the complete schedule, for clipping purposes. This program is sponsored by the Council of Social Agencies.

Survey Being Made Of Millen Park By Paul Van Camp

The Town Board is to be congratulated on taking up the Millen Park problem in the right way.

On Monday Paul M. Van Camp, consulting engineer, entered the tract, armed with his instruments, to make a complete survey of the site. In order to be able to consider every possible phase, with a view to determining how extensive a job the proposed reconstruction would be, Van Camp is studying the problem from the angle of drainage, lighting, the reconstruction of the dam and rebuilding of the roadway. His report will be made to the Town Board at the next meeting, probably next week.

With many now alert to the possibilities of the park, and a few, on the other hand, voicing fear of what may turn out to be a large expenditure of town funds, the survey proposed by the board and being made by Van Camp is felt to be exactly the right step to take at this time.

"This will give us a chance," Mayor Page said, "really to know where we stand. It is impossible for anyone to make an accurate estimate of the cost of this reconstruction and until we know that, we cannot tell how we ought to handle it."

Van Camp's report will lay the

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New Fire Truck To Save Moore County Forests



Above is shown Moore County's new fire truck in action. The first of its kind, the truck is a joint purchase of the County and the State Forestry Department, and will be under the charge of County Warden E. W. Davis, shown at right. On his right stands, District Forester J. A. Pippin, District Forester N. T. Faulkner, welding the hose, and, behind him, A. B. Smith, equipment supervisor of the State Department of Forestry. The disc and heavy plow blade at the rear of the truck is ready to be lowered to plow a fireline.

Moore Boy Scouts Moore Is First County To Possess Newest Type Fire Fighting Truck

All 16 Moore County troops and the two Senior Scout troops are expected to participate in the second annual Moore District Boy Scout camporee to be held today (Friday) Saturday and Sunday at the 11th hole of the Pine Needles golf course.

Plans for the camporee were announced this week by George T. Dunlap Jr., chairman of camping and activities, who will serve as camporee chief assisted by the district commissioner and his staff, all district committee chairmen, and Bill Hewett, field executive.

Troops will report at the camporee headquarters between 12 noon and 5 p. m. today, and until 3 p. m., Sunday, the departure hour, will take part in a full program of outdoor activity, including plenty of work and also plenty of fun.

Adult leaders are to accompany each troop. The groups will

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REGISTER!

We must not allow ourselves to be stuck any longer with a combined gym and auditorium. The handicap to our school is too great. If Southern Pines voters register this Saturday and vote the school bond issue on June 15th, we can have the fine buildings pictured below. Let's do it!

Election Returns Highlighted In Moore County

With A Few Lowlights Added On In Passing

Southern Pines appears to have cast a bigger vote this year in the primaries than ever before. This is the story told by the figures comparing this year with 1944 and 1946. In 1944, 259 votes were cast, in 1946, there were 391, but in 1948, 637 citizens voted. This is the report of the registrar, Tom Wicker, who put in that long hard day in line of duty.

With booths in the Community Building opening at break of day, voters came early in order to avoid the crowded conditions which had been in effect the Saturday of registration. Things went smoothly. Out under the trees the vultures waited with their cards for Broughton, Umstead, Scott, Johnson, Albright and the rest, all ready to swoop on the innocent lambs. Most people greeted them with laughs and waved them away: "I've made up my mind! No use to talk to me!" they cried. But every now and then, perhaps just to stir up some excitement somebody would announce: "I can't decide. Tell me: who's the best man..." and then the fur started to fly. Mrs. Swisher darted about in her smart black raincoat, Mrs. Milliken waved her candidate's card on high, John Ruggles, with felt hat at a gay angle, smiled knowingly, Lloyd Clark announced: "I want to school with him!" as if that must settle things once and for all.

Somehow the glimpse of American democracy at work looked as if it really was working the way it is supposed to, and as if everyone was thinking it was a pretty good state of things.

Perhaps part of the reason was that among the candidates for office, there was not one who was not a pretty good man. No world-beaters, probably, and, of course, it is just possible that world beaters are the kind we need right

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By James Boyd, Jr.

Moore County is the first county in the state to possess one of the new fire fighting trucks.

On Tuesday the first one to be put into operation was run through a series of trials out on the hill near the Southern Pines fire tower, with A. B. Smith, equipment supervisor of the State Department of Forestry, directing the tests. Assisting him were Moore County Fire Warden Woodrow Davis, N. T. Faulkner, district forest ranger, J. A. Pippin, district forester, both of Rockingham, and V. E. and W. G. McCrimmon of the Moore County fire force.

Like Army Truck

The truck is a one ton Dodge, designed after the Army's three-quarter ton weapons carrier, with four-wheel drive, extra large tires, and a motor-operated cable winch. Heavy steel bumpers enable it to move through thick underbrush and even small scrub oak. Behind the cab is a built-in 250 gallon water tank, a gas pump, and various lengths of hose; also a steel derrick and winch which is used to raise or lower the disc plow attached to the back of the truck.

The first test made was to see how fast the tank could be filled, using as power the truck's motor. The truck was stopped by a stream on the Morganton Road and a twelve-foot hose was connected to the tank, the other end placed in the stream. Immediately the valve was turned on, water started pouring in at the rate of 45 gallons a minute.

Proves Effective

With full tank, the truck then moved off through a field, showing its ability to progress without difficulty through deep sand and heavy underbrush. The disc plow was dropped, cutting a three-foot wide ditch from which backfires could be started. The gas pump was turned on with the 50-foot hose and spray attached. Within a few minutes water was shooting approximately 15 feet, tearing through underbrush with its 400 pounds of pressure. It was clear that this powerful stream of water would be highly effective in fighting fire. The water tank is also equipped with a spigot from which small one-man portable pumps can be filled, thus overcoming one of the main difficulties of fighting fire.

The general opinion was that this apparatus was the most effective weapon produced to fight fires on a small scale. There were a few details to be corrected to make the machine more adaptable for its rough work, such as protective covers for the headlights, racks for the hose and small equipment and a heavier chain to handle the disc plow. But aside from these small de-

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Commencement Day Celebrated In Local School, Awards Presented

For Merit!

"School's out!" was the cry around town on Tuesday, and the fact was clearly evident in the groups of gayly chattering children on street corners, or to be met skipping happily home, Cheshire cat grins on their faces.

It was evident, too, in more solemn fashion. At the First Baptist church an audience of parents, friends and members of the student body and the faculty of the school attended the presentation of honors and awards to outstanding members of the upper classes.

The meeting was presided over by William Warner, president of the Student Council, and valedictorian of the graduating class, with Carolyn Chester, vice-president, beside him on the rostrum.

Salutatory Address

Opening with the national anthem, the program continued with a Scripture reading and prayer by Alfred Viall. Carolyn Chester then made the salutatory address.

The presentation of medals and awards followed, starting with the American Legion citizenship medal given by Post commander L. L. Woolley to Dorothy Gale, "for those outstanding qualities of leadership, courage, honor, and scholarship needed in the upholding of American citizenship."

On behalf of the Legion Auxiliary, Mrs. Haynes Britt made both the Poppy Poster and the Essay awards, cash prizes of \$5.00 for first, \$3.00 for second and \$2.00 for third. Betty Baucum won the first prize in the essay contest, with William Warner, second, and Robert McClellan, third. In the Poppy Poster contest, Daniella Frassinetti won first, and Louise Dorn and George Dunlap tied for second place; Lucy Rhyne of the 4th grade, won third. Honorable mentions in the poster contest were won by Carlyle Hackney, Robert Edward Cline, Lettie McCrae, Dickie Mattox, Tommy Avery; George McClellan and Tommy Avery won Honorable Mentions in the essay contest.

Service Awards

Lloyd Clark presented the Builders cup, given by the Rotary Club to the student who has shown the greatest general improvement during the year. This was awarded James Dickerson. The Danforth Foundation Award to the boy and girl who "stand four-square in personal development, health, knowledge, character, personality," in the words of the donor, Miss Pauline Miller, went to Carolyn Chester and Robert

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Ritter House In West End Burns

A blaze, starting from an oil stove, totally destroyed the house of Carl Ritter in West End, Thursday, May 20th.

The Ritter family had moved into the house, a Veteran's prefabricated dwelling, a year before. New equipment had just been installed and Mrs. Ritter's beauty parlor had been set up on the lower floor.

The catastrophe took place early in the morning. It is reported that Ritter arose and lit the stove in the kitchen, then returned upstairs to dress. Hearing a roaring sound, he ran down to find the room ablaze. There was hardly time to get his wife and child out before the spreading flames. With no fire fighting facilities in West End, friends who hurried to the scene were powerless to halt the fire. The house was a total loss, covered, however, by insurance. The contents were not insured.

This is the second time tragedy has struck the Ritter family recently. Two years ago, Ritter's car was hit by an ice truck and he was severely injured, necessitating six months stay at the Moore County hospital. He was away from his job for almost a year.

Ritter is a veteran of World War

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Large Audience Hears Noted Editor Speak On "Our Democracy"

Southern Pines turned out in goodly numbers Tuesday evening to watch 29 boys and girls of the community receive their high school diplomas.

The folding doors at the back of the auditorium of the Church of Wide Fellowship had to be thrown open, and seats placed in a Sunday school room to accommodate the overflow of families and friends.

The churchly surroundings enhanced the solemnity of the occasion as, to a processionary played by Mrs. L. D. McDonald, organist, the seniors in their grey caps and gowns marched in dignity to their places, led by the white-clad chief marshals wearing the blue-and-white ribbons of their school.

An invocation by the Rev. J. Lamar Jackson, pastor of the First Baptist church, was followed by a song, "The Year's At the Spring," by the girls' ensemble. The young singers wore pastel colors except for three girls singing their last song with the group, in cap and gown.

The solemnity lightened as the speaker of the evening, Dr. C. Sylvester Green, presented by Dr. G. G. Herr, chairman of the school board, opened his speech with a smile and a joke. Commencement, he told them, was not the end of everything, but the beginning of many things; they were entering a wider world in which all the things they had learned at school would be called into play. He noted, in particular, the pledge of allegiance to the flag, in which they would in the years to come, he said, see far deeper meanings than they ever had before.

Calling his speech "The Evolution of a Patriot," Dr. Green, editor of the Durham Morning Herald, explored word by word, the pledge so many say without thought of its vast significances. Dr. Green, Wake Forest graduate who has won distinction as a Baptist minister, a college president (Coker college at Hartsville, S. C.) and now as editor of one of the state's leading dailies, drew freely on a rich store of anecdotes in illustration.

A song, "A Perfect Day" sung by Mildred Weatherspoon Wright, of the graduating class, and a waltz, "Mischa," played by the school band under direction of J. G. Womble, preceded the presentation of the diplomas by N. L. Hodgkins of the school board. Each graduate, receiving his diploma and a red rose from Mr. Hodgkins, received also the audience's applause and a hearty handshake from his superintendent, P. J. Weaver, as he left the platform.

One Polio Death, Three New Cases Reported In Week

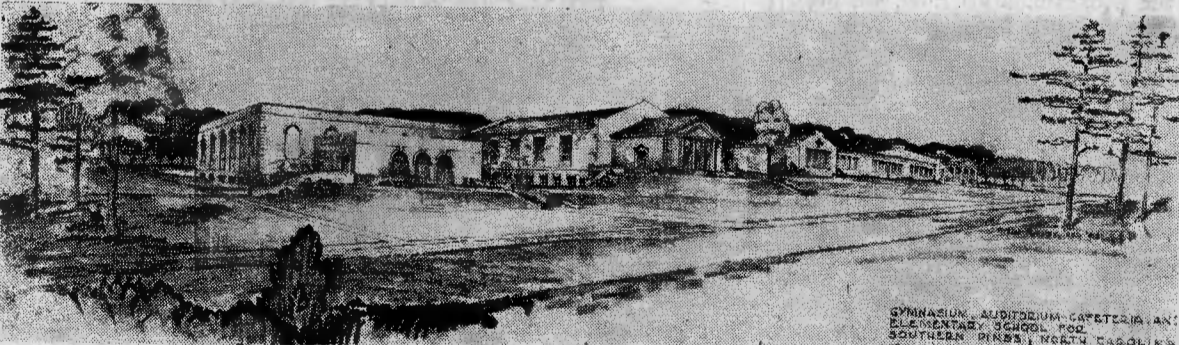
Two new cases of polio last week and another Wednesday bring this year's total for the year to nine cases, one more than was recorded for the whole of last year.

One death occurred last week. Marcus E. Preslar, Jr., 10-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Marcus E. Preslar of Robbins, died Saturday morning at the Guilford Polio center at Greensboro. Funeral services were held at Troy.

Two cases developed Friday. Sarah Inman, 12, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Will Inman of Hallison, and Eugene Smith, 10, who lives with his grandfather, G. D. Edmiston, in the Sweetheart Lake section adjoining Hoke county, are the victims. Both were taken to Moore County hospital, then transferred, Sarah to Greensboro, and Eugent to Rex hospital, Raleigh.

Janice Kennedy, 6, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Kennedy of Steeds Route 1, became ill Wednesday and after examination at Moore County hospital was taken to Guilford Polio center Wednesday night.

Southern Pines Hopes For This New School Plant



YOUR VOTE MAY MAKE THIS COME TRUE!

Above is shown the architect's drawing of the proposed new school construction for Southern Pines. At top, right, is the new elementary school. Coming on down the hill are: the auditorium, seating 750, which will have in the basement a cafeteria able to serve 200 at a time. Farther down, in the left foreground, is the proposed gymnasium. Saturday is the last chance to register for the vote on the bond issue to build this—June 15. The Pilot breaks all editorial rules to urge: "Register and vote!"

Last Local School Bond Registration Is Saturday

Saturday will be the final registration day for the Southern Pines district school bond issue special election, for which voting will be held June 15 to determine whether the Southern Pines school shall have a separate gymnasium and auditorium instead of both in the same building.

It will also be the first of four successive registration days for the countywide school bond issue special election, with voting scheduled for July 6 on a \$975,000 bond issue for school improvements in 10 Moore districts.

The two elections, both for the benefit of the schools, require separate registrations and differ widely in scope and procedure. It behooves each voter to get the differences quite clear in his mind, and know what he is about

both when he registers and when he votes.

One main fact, however, is the same in both cases. The unregistered cannot vote, and registration for any previous election or primary does not count in either.

Registration for the two elections is being held in the same place here, the Community building, with Tom G. Wicker as registrar.

Registration for the first, or local, election is "against the registration"—which means that every registered person must vote, or have his vote counted against the bond issue. It will be as negative as the votes of those who go to the polls and mark their ballots "no."

Those who favor this bond issue but will be absent June 15, should not register.

To be voted on is the issuance of bonds in the amount of \$450,000, the maximum amount approved for school improvements here by the General Assembly. The approval, given some years ago and never used, will this time—if the voters also approve—provide a sum which, supplementing \$150,000 promised by the county, will assure construction of two new school buildings here: a modern gymnasium, built for the purpose, and a modern auditorium, also built for the purpose, with a cafeteria in the basement.

Without the extra \$450,000 the county funds will build a one-unit combination of the three school needs, which local school authorities have gone on record as declaring an unsatisfactory compromise.

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