



Pine Needles Sold For \$406,000 To Catholic Bishop

Use Of Building As Hospital Confirmed

Golf Course Will Remain In Use

The sale of the Pine Needles Hotel and golf course to the Most Reverend Vincent S. Waters, Bishop of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Raleigh, was consummated here Friday morning.

Gathered in the office of John D. McConnell with the purchaser were his counsel Francis J. Heazel of Asheville and Mr. McConnell, associate attorney in the negotiations, and Mr. and Mrs. George T. Dunlap, Jr., representing the former owners, the Patuxent Development Company, of which Mr. Dunlap is president and his wife secretary. With them was the company's attorney, J. Talbot Johnson of Aberdeen. Dr. Francis Owens of Pinehurst, was also present.

In announcing the purchase, Bishop Waters stated that the property would be turned over to the Sisters of the Third Order of Saint Francis whose Mother House is in Maryville, Missouri, for use as a general hospital and sanitarium. He also stated that it is his desire and intention to have all of the property purchased by him maintained in the future up to the high standard that has heretofore been established for the property and that every reasonable effort will be made to continue to keep the Pine Needles Golf Course available for use by visitors to and residents of the Sandhill Section. Title to the property he said, would be held by a corporation, probably to be known as "St. Joseph of the Pines."

Purchased with the hotel plant and 531.75 acres of adjacent grounds were practically all the equipment and furnishings, with the purchase price given in the mortgage recorded Tuesday as \$406,000. Down payments of \$10,000 and \$46,000 were to be followed by further payments at stated intervals, the whole amount to be paid off within 10 years.

Miss Eifort Heads County Drive To Aid War Victims

Mrs. H. W. Doub of Aberdeen, district chairman of the Crusade for Children, has named Miss Lucille Eifort of West End as county chairman of the drive to raise \$2,868 for the relief of war sufferers, which will be launched with a radio program over station WEEB next Wednesday at 4:30 p. m., arranged by Mrs. S. L. Windham. Mrs. J. B. Edwards of Aberdeen is radio chairman, and Mrs. S. R. Smith of Vass, chairman of publicity.

Quotas for the various towns have been set, and a number of local chairmen appointed, with several places yet to be filled. The incomplete list follows:

Southern Pines, \$500, sponsored by the Elks club, A. B. Patterson; Aberdeen, \$375, Mrs. W. L. Batchelor; Carthage, \$350, Mrs. Walter B. Cole; Robbings, \$350, Mrs. Lucy J. Kennedy; West End, \$250, Miss Treva Auman; Vass, \$175, Mrs. N. N. McLean; Cameron, \$125, Mrs. Ernest Badgett; Pinehurst, \$350; Pinebluff, \$100; Eagle Springs, \$75; Lakeview, \$50; Roseland, \$35; Eureka, \$35; Spies, \$35; Glendon, \$35; Manly, \$25; High Falls, \$50; Jackson Springs, \$35; Niagara, \$35.

In towns where there are no women's clubs, other organizations will be asked to head the drive, and the chairman hopes to have her organization complete before the opening day of the campaign.

Twenty-five dollars will feed a starving child for a year and it is hoped that many individuals and organizations will realize the acute need and come to the aid of the innocent victims of war's plight by providing a year's support.

FOR YOUTH

Young people of the town will meet at 10 a. m. Monday at the Community building to inaugurate their recreation program for the summer, under the direction of A. C. Dawson.

Plenty of fun and wholesome activity is waiting for all in the two daily periods, beginning at 10 a. m. and 2:30 p. m. Monday through Friday of each week, and our word to every boy and girl is—better be in on it from the beginning. Baseball, swimming, tennis and other sports are being arranged, and the more who take part the merrier.

In fact, this is one program in which everyone in the community can join in, in one way or another. Word from the citizens' committee, which is seeking funds for the program, is that less than one-third of the \$2,250 needed has been contributed so far. Those who have not been solicited may do their part by mailing their contribution to the Council of Social Agencies, sponsoring agency, or giving it to June Phillips, council treasurer. E. C. Stevens, citizens' committee chairman, or any committee member.

Grinnell, Birch Lease Golf Course At Pine Needles

Will Open Sunday For Year-Round Use

Good news for golfers of this section and other places will be that of the reopening of the Pine Needles golf course and clubhouse Sunday as a year-round operation, with the well-known pros Roy Grinnell and Russ Birch in charge.

They have leased the facilities from Bishop Vincent S. Waters, of Raleigh, who last week purchased the Pine Needles hotel for conversion to a Catholic hospital. Birch will be in charge during the summer months, while Grinnell is serving as pro at the Seaconnet Country club, Little Compton, R. I., his summer post for the past 34 years. In the fall they will operate the Pine Needles course as partners, and Grinnell will also have charge, as usual, of the neighboring Mid Pines golf course and shop.

The Pine Needles course will be open to all golfers on a membership fee or daily-fee basis, with charges in line with those of other courses of the section, Birch said. The soda fountain is also being opened Sunday, with Bob McLeod as assistant in charge of this department. Plans for use of the kitchen and ballroom, which are also in the clubhouse, are being postponed until the fall.

The course is now being shaped up for use and, after having been closed for several weeks may not be in top form next week, but will soon be up to its old standards of one of the finest of the section, said Birch this week. A Donald Ross course covering 67 acres, it is well and widely known, and a favorite among golfers of many states and Canada.

Grinnell and Birch were associated for a number of years at the Pinehurst Country club and also at the Southern Pines Country club, until last year when Birch went into the accounting and bookkeeping business. He is now returning to his first love, and this week invited all his old friends of golfdom to "come on over."

Sunday, the opening day, said Birch, greens fees are "on the house."

EXHIBITION GAME

The Southern Pines team in the Peach Belt League will meet the Safie Mills team of Rockingham in an exhibition game Sunday at 3:30 p. m. at the High School Memorial park here.

Local Golfers Are League Officers



(Photo by Humphrey)

More than 200 golfers of the Six-club Sandhills League, holding their individual championship play and closing banquet of the season at the Highland Country club, Fayetteville, last Wednesday, elected the three Southern Pines men above to the league's top offices for 1948-49—Harold A. Collins, left, president; John Underwood, center, vice president; Will Wiggs, right, secretary-treasurer.

The season ended with the Lumberton team in first place, Southern Pines and Fayetteville tied for second, Laurinburg third, Richmond County fourth and Wadesboro fifth. In the individual matches Julian Hutaff, of Fayetteville, had low gross, and a playoff between Milton Teague and Harold Goode, both of Lumberton, resolved a tie for low net in Teague's favor.

Parker Faces Grand Jury Indictment On Charges Of \$114,000 Tax Evasion

Flag Day

Ceremonies to be held at 5 p. m. Monday, broadcast over WEEB beginning at 5:15, will mark a special observance of Flag day by the Southern Pines Elks lodge.

All lodge members and their wives are invited to the ceremony, to be held on the front lawn of the clubhouse on South May street, and the general public is asked to "listen in" to the program on the air, according to John E. Cline, chairman of the observance.

He is being assisted by Ted Barrow, Jr., Julian Tadlock and Jack Johnson in the preparation of the program, in which a number of the local Elks will take part, including the officers headed by A. B. Patterson, exalted ruler. A brief devotion, history of the flag, patriotic songs and talks will be heard.

The event will be followed by an outdoor chicken fry at which the Elks will be guests of the SPO Does.

Teen Agers Elect Summer Officers; Plans Are Made

The Teen Age club of Southern Pines met Wednesday night and elected officers for the coming three months. Re-elected were Windham Clark and Nelja Johnson as president and secretary-treasurer, while Tom Mattocks was elected to the vice-presidency in place of Fred Arnette.

The meeting, which was held at the Community building, was presided over by Windham Clark. Previous to the election of officers a discussion took place regarding the continuation of the Teen Age radio program, which has been taking place over WSTS on Saturday afternoons. With some dissatisfaction expressed over recent broadcasts, a more definite setup was advised and the president appointed Carol Sue Humphrey chairman of a committee to have charge of this activity.

Richard Kaylor was named chairman of the dance committee, to get up a dance for this Saturday night, to be held at the Community building from 9 to 12.

Nelja Johnson reported that the High School clubhouse could not be decorated and made available for use until the pool tables have been disposed of by the school. However, she said that the Coca-Cola machine had been purchased and installed there.

It was decided to continue the regular Wednesday night meetings at the Community building, with the hour unchanged: 7:15.

Eagle Springs Winery Owner Faces Trial

A grand jury indictment of a Moore County manufacturer this week set in motion the machinery of the law for trial of a tax evasion case of outstanding proportions.

Josephus D. Parker, owner and operator of Parker's Winery at Eagle Springs, was indicted at Greensboro for alleged income tax evasion of \$114,639.49 for the years 1943, 1944 and 1945.

Parker, owner of 1,721 acres near Eagle Springs, and manufacturer of several well known brands of wine, had a net income of \$238,608.32 for the three-year period in question, according to the indictment brought by the jury which met following the convening of the Middle District Court criminal term Monday.

The true bill states that in the three years Parker paid \$47,293.53 victory and income taxes, whereas the government alleges that he actually owed approximately \$161,933.02.

First count of the indictment, filed for 1943, alleged that Parker filed returns for \$20,660.78 net income and filed taxes due as \$6,668.92, whereas his net income for the year was \$33,747.02 and he owed to the government an income and victory tax of \$14,647.13.

On the second count, the indictment claimed that the defendant Parker stated his net income for 1944 was \$47,482.24, upon which he filed tax of \$25,336.68. The government claims that his income was \$158,110.63, and he

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Await Van Camp Survey Of Park

The June meeting of the town board, scheduled to have been held Wednesday night of this week, was postponed, according to Howard F. Burns, town clerk, as no matters were pressing and the Millen Park survey has not yet been completed.

The survey is being made by Paul Van Camp, consulting engineer, for a report on the practicality of restoring the park, and an estimate of costs.

A report on the park situation, to have been made by Hoke Pollock at the Chamber of Commerce meeting Tuesday, was also postponed pending the outcome of the survey.

Several local organizations are interested in the park, Pollock told the directors, and have tentative plans toward aiding in its beautification if it is restored by the town.

Interest has been expressed by the Sandhills Veterans Association, the Bird club, the Garden club, the troop committee of Boy Scout troop 73 and others, as well as many private citizens and visitors.

11 Victims, One Death Is County Polio Tally Now

Willcox Urges Caution, Asks DDT Spraying Campaign

Two more Moore County children, believed to be polio victims, have been taken to out-of-county hospitals in the past week, according to announcement by Dr. J. W. Willcox, county health officer.

They are Sarah Preslar, 13, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Marcus E. Preslar, of Robbings, whose seven-year-old son, Marcus, Junior, died last Sunday of the dread disease; and Janice Strider Kennedy, six-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Kennedy of the Westmore School section.

Sarah, whose illness had not been definitely diagnosed as polio early this week, was taken ill last Thursday night and was rushed to the Gastonia Orthopedic hospital. Janice was stricken Friday at the home of her grandparents in Carthage, and is at Rex hospital, Raleigh.

This brings the county's total of polio cases in the past few weeks to a possible 11, about one-tenth of the entire incidence in the state.

Dr. Willcox this week requested that parents not only exercise all possible care regarding the well-being and protection of their children, but join in a concerted effort to stamp out insect pests with DDT.

While it is not known definitely how the polio virus is carried, it is felt that the stamping out of the fly, the mosquito and the cockroach as far as possible is bound to help. The DDT-spraying campaign is being sponsored by the U. S. Public Health Service, the state and county boards of health, the Moore County chapter of the National Infantile Paralysis Foundation and other civic and community organizations.

Plans for a Bible school at Carthage Baptist church have been canceled in view of the increasing number of polio cases.

While 110 cases had been reported in the state up to June 4, an announcement from the state department of health was to the effect that "no definite trend in the outbreak of the disease has yet been detected." Health officials said it is still too early to determine whether the state is to be confronted with a major polio epidemic such as occurred in 1935 and 1944. They said that a trend should be apparent by the middle or end of this month, if there is to be one.

Guilford county, with 18 cases reported up to June 4, was the only one out of 22 reporting which had more cases than Moore. The disease outbreak continues to be centered in the middle Piedmont area, state health officials said.

Beer And Wine Referendum At Vass July 2

Vass voters will hold a referendum July 2 on the sale of beer and wine, the first such referendum to be held within the county, with the strong likelihood that the legal sale of beer and wine will be banned within the city limits.

Though no new registration is required, registration books were opened last Saturday and will be open June 12 and 19, to give those who have become of voting age since the last registration, or who for other reasons are not on the books, a chance to have their names recorded.

The issue will be decided by a simple majority vote.

The referendum follows presentation of a petition to the town's governing board. W. Alex Smith is said to have been the leader in the movement to circulate the petition, with a number of workers out securing names. They are reported to have had no difficulty in getting more than the required 15 per cent of the voters to sign.

Southern Pines Special Election On School Bond Issue To Be Held Tuesday

IN MEMORIAM

The High School Memorial park is the new name of the recreation center hitherto called the school athletic field, the town field, the town park and almost anything else that came to mind.

The new name, recently chosen by the Southern Pines school board, honors all young men of the community who lost their lives in the war, according to Dr. G. G. Herr, board chairman. It also retains identification of the high school as owner.

However, he said, the field will continue to be available for general town and public use at all times, except when they interfere with school activities.

Decision to change the name was made following recent community gifts for the improvement of the field, including dugouts constructed and installed by the local VFW post and bleachers given by the town team.

County Election On School Bonds Encounters Delay

Southern Pines And Pinehurst Must Pass Separate Resolutions

The countywide \$975,000 bond issue for general school improvements, for which a special election had been scheduled for July 6, has met with some snags which will necessitate a delay of several weeks.

Information from Reed, Hoyt and Washburn, New York bond attorneys, received last week was to the effect that the bond order should have preceded the election order; and also that, since the county has two administrative units outside the county school system, separate resolutions stating their needs will have to be passed by these units, Southern Pines and Pinehurst, in addition to the resolution of the county board of education.

Passing of a resolution by the commissioners incorporating the stated needs of all three must precede the bond order, setting the date of the hearing and bond issue; after which the election may be ordered and advertised, and registration dates set.

Information concerning the due legal procedure was passed on to the commissioners at their regular meeting Monday by U. L. Spence, attorney, who had been in communication with the New York legal firm which must certify the bond issue.

Present at the meeting was a delegation from the Southern Pines school board, with a request that the \$150,000 already pledged toward construction of a gymnasium, auditorium and cafeteria be added to the \$200,000 allotted in the proposed bond issue—a request which met with

\$45,000 Sought For New School Buildings

Will Supplement County Funds

Tuesday is the day of Southern Pines special election on the \$45,000 school improvement bond issue, and some 500 voters who put their names on the books during the registration period are expected to turn out in full force.

They will need to, unless they want to be counted as voting "no," as this is a vote against the registration. So far, sentiment as sounded out by The Pilot has been unanimously for the bond issue.

The election, however, may not be recorded as unanimous. Several who found out after they registered that they would not be in town Tuesday have been in to see if they could "unregister," said Tom G. Wicker, registrar. So far he has been unable to find any legal way this could be done.

The proposed bond issue, if approved by the voters will be used to supplement \$150,000 pledged by the county commissioners for the building of a cafeteria, gymnasium and auditorium for the school. The additional funds will insure the following of plans drawn up for two units, one a gymnasium, the other containing both auditorium and cafeteria.

Without the supplement, all would have to be put in the same gymnasium combined. This has been tried here for the past 25 years (until the auditorium-gymnasium's ceiling fell in last June) and the school authorities and general citizenry are "agin it."

The bond issue will add approximately six cents per \$100 valuation to taxes of Southern Pines district residents, it is estimated.

Tomorrow (Saturday) is "challenge day" for the election, as provided by law. Polls will be open Tuesday at the Community building from 6:30 a. m. to 6:30 p. m.

Little enthusiasm on the part of the commissioners. In fact, they made no reply.

Whether or not the Southern Pines and Pinehurst units will keep their minimum requests to the \$200,000 and \$50,000, respectively, allotted in the projected \$975,000 is now up to them, Mr. Spence said in answer to a query. A change in the allotments already made will mean further delay, as new forms will have to be drawn up. However, he said, the boards of the two units have equal standing with the county board of education, and their requests must be accepted by the commissioners if a bond issue is to be held.

The commissioners set the date of June 21 for their next meeting, at which time it is anticipated that the resolutions of the Southern Pines and Pinehurst school boards will have been passed, and will be presented.

Former Albright Manager Out For Scott, Says Many Veterans Follow

Moore County supporters of Mayne Albright, who ran a losing third in the gubernatorial campaign, have in the main shifted their allegiance to W. Kerr Scott, who was the expressed opinion this week of Joe Garzik, of Southern Pines, who served as Albright's county manager.

He himself, declaring he would work for Scott, was surprised to see himself listed in the News and Observer as "county co-manager" for Scott, but doesn't mind the tag, he said. "If co-manager means talking him up and doing all I can to get him elected, that's right," said Joe, World War 2 veteran and manager of the Shaw Paint and Wallpaper company here. "Others I have talked to who were for Albright have switched over to Scott, and that includes a good many veterans."

H. Johnson also feel that their candidate is assured of a considerable number of the Albright votes in the second primary of June 26. Mayne Albright himself, after keeping both surviving contenders on the anxious seat for three or four days, announced officially his decision to keep "hands off" in the coming fight, except for casting his own personal vote.

A letter received by Garzik this week from Albright asked his official report on expenditures, as required by law, and thanked him for his help in the campaign.

It also asked an analysis of what happened in Moore county, not only in regard to the loss of the Albright campaign but a general view of what part money and organization played at the polls.