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Town Board Hears Plan For Water Plant Expansion

Estimated Cost
Around \$218,000

Contribution Made To
Chamber of Commerce

A report on a proposed expansion of the Southern Pines water plant, with extension of lines principally in West Southern Pines, was made Thursday night to the town board by L. E. Wooten, of Raleigh, a water engineering specialist, who estimated that the projected enlargement of existing facilities would cost \$218,000.

This includes an additional water storage tank built 20 feet higher than the tanks now in use, to give better water pressure to homes on the Weymouth ridge, where the water from upstairs faucets now flows to a trickle or goes entirely off if the present tank water level becomes lowered.

Mr. Wooten's survey was begun about two months ago following discovery by the town board that at peak times the town's water consumption approaches dangerously close to the maximum capacity of 1,000-900 gallons a day, keeping the motors working without let-up and with a very real menace present if the main line should break at any time.

The estimate, Mr. Wooten emphasized, was extremely flexible, depending on the amount of expansion the board deemed absolutely necessary, plus that which would be considered desirable in view of anticipated development of the town.

Details of Plan

The plan he presented included, for the water plant, general additional construction to double the present size, with addition of a filter, five chemical feeding machines, a two-way distribution panel, a 1,600-gpm pump and three hydraulic operating tables; for the lines, 6,400 feet of 10-inch pipe, 1,650 eight-inch and 9,200 six-inch, with valves, hydrants and fittings to give water service and fire protection over a much enlarged area; for the new tank, a 100,000-gallon reservoir, foundation, two altitude valves and a pilot control system.

This amounted to \$187,875, to which was added \$18,125 to take care of variations in the final cost, if the project is decided upon, and \$12,360 for the engineering.

One variation discussed was the use of eight-inch pipe instead of 10-inch from the water plant into town, or to the intersection of the Knollwood-West Southern Pines line, with the laying of a secondary line to take care of emergencies. Dependence on a single line for a distance of almost a mile was considered a present hazard they do not wish to carry into the future, according to ensuing discussion by the commissioners.

All listened intently to Mr. Wooten's presentation, which was of necessity cut short on account of darkness.

POLIO TEAM

A polio team of medical specialists, sent to North Carolina by the National Infantile Paralysis Foundation to render aid in the current epidemic, has been invited by the Moore County Medical Society to confer with leaders here during their stay. It was learned from the society's president, Dr. R. M. McMillan.

The epidemic aid team, headed by Dr. Jessie Wright, orthopedic specialist, was expected to arrive at Raleigh today by plane. Four physiotherapists are accompanying Dr. Wright.

Their visit will be for only two days and it is not known whether or not they will be able to come here. Physicians, nurses and physiotherapists from an 11-county area, including Moore, have been invited to confer with them.

Polio Quarantine Still On, Though Peak May Be Passed

Five New Cases
Include First For
Southern Pines

Five cases of polio reported in the county during the past week brought the total to 51 for the year, keeping Moore in the epidemic class though Dr. J. W. Willcox, county health officer, said he believed "the peak has been passed."

The week brought also the first case for the Southern Pines community in the current outbreak. Nine-year-old James Morrison, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Morrison, was taken last week to Rex hospital, where he was reported this week to be doing nicely. His family lives a mile from the city limits, on the Old Bethesda road, and his father is employed at Johnson's Food store here. James is a rising fourth-grade student at the Southern Pines school.

Other Moore polio victims of the week were Bobby Cox, five, stricken last week, and his sister Nancy, whose illness was diagnosed as polio Wednesday of this week. The children, who live on Carthage, Rt. 3, were taken to the Guilford Polio Center at Greensboro.

Also taken to Rex hospital over the week end was Betty McLeod, five, of Cameron; and to St. Agnes at Raleigh, James Adams Person, 15 months, of Carthage RFD.

Quarantine Continues

The quarantine on gatherings of children 15 and under remains in full force, and the DDT-spraying program is proceeding in the Robbins area, Carthage, Aberdeen, Pinehurst and Southern Pines. In this community, the spray team moved this week from West Southern Pines to Southern Pines.

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VFW District Meeting Here August 7-8

The annual convention of the Eighth district, Veterans of Foreign Wars, will be held at Southern Pines Saturday and Sunday, August 7-8, according to announcement made this week by Jack Reid, recently elected district commander.

The district, which roughly parallels the Eight Congressional district, is one of the department's largest, with 19 posts. Not all of these are expected to be represented, however, said Commander Reid, who estimated the number to convene here at from 75 to 100.

Business sessions will be held both Saturday and Sunday, with the VFW clubroom as convention headquarters, and a dinner and dance, with floor show, are scheduled to be held at Scottie's Saturday evening. Congressman C. B. Deane has been invited to be the banquet speaker and has said he will be present unless congressional duties prevent.

Among others expected to attend are Department Commander Harry Van Der Linden, of Hickory, and a number of other department officials. David Knauff, of Jacksonville, N. C., department commander of the "Cooties," fun organization of the VFW, has also been extended an invitation, as has also Past VFW Department Commander, E. C. Sneed, of Wilmington.

Wives will be welcomed and a program for the ladies is to be arranged. Their headquarters will be the Reed apartment at the Belvedere hotel. Ten of the 19 district posts have auxiliaries, and both the department president, Mrs. Alberta Varner of Greensboro, and the district president, Mrs. Bertha Williams, of Mocksville, are expected to be present and take part in the program.

Many of the delegates, living in nearby towns, will probably go home for the night, returning Sunday, but a number will remain as guests in local hotels.

Chairmen appointed from local post membership to attend to convention details are C. S. Patch, Jr., accommodations and publicity; Ray Backlund, program, and Bob Arey, entertainment.

CONFERENCE

Dr. Myron W. Marr, of Pinehurst, was one of more than 1,000 medical men and health leaders from many states and 33 foreign countries to attend the First International Poliomyelitis Conference, held July 12-17 at the Waldorf-Astoria hotel, New York, under sponsorship of the National Infantile Paralysis Foundation.

Dr. Marr, who has been interested in polio for many years, was sent by the Moore County hospital as its staff representative on suggestion of Paul C. Butler, Moore County Foundation chairman, and Philip Randolph, of Chapel Hill, head of the state organization. He is thought to have been the only North Carolina representative there.

He is expected to report on the conference before the Moore County Medical Society Monday evening. A report will also be carried in next week's Pilot.

Mid Pines Not To Be Sold, Says John Sprunt Hill

"The Mid Pines is not going to be sold this year or any other that I know of, as long as I stay alive," the Pilot was told last Friday in an exclusive (telephone) interview with John Sprunt Hill, of Durham, majority stockholder of the Homeland Investment company, which owns the resort hotel.

He added, "And I expect to stay alive a good many years. I'll be 80 years old my next birthday, but I've been coming to Pinehurst and Southern Pines every year for about 25 years now and you can expect to see me around there for a good many years yet."

He said preparations are now being made for the Mid Pines' opening in the fall, in better condition than ever before, with Frank Cosgrove at the helm as usual. A fine season is anticipated with many visitors — among them Mr. Hill.

He talked to The Pilot from the home of friends in Asheville, where he is vacationing. He had just come in from a round of golf, and sounded like a young sprout of no more than 40 or 50.

Since the sale of the Pine Needles, persistent rumors have been making the rounds that the Mid Pines will be the next of Southern Pines' fine resort hotels to go. The reports had it that it was being purchased by some large industrial concern for a sort of glorified old folks' home, or something of that nature.

When presented with the rumor, Mr. Hill said promptly, "Not a word of truth in it."

REGISTRATION

Registration will begin Saturday, July 31, for the countywide school bond issue, for a school building or buildings, or additions to present buildings, in the Aberdeen school district. Those already on the books need not register in order to vote.

The amount of \$375,000 has been set to take care of the pressing needs of the Aberdeen district, where population is growing and is expected to continue to grow, with the opening of the new Colonial mill. Both white and Negro schools were already congested, and their buildings said to be antiquated.

Succeeding registrations will be on August 7 and 14. Those qualified to vote who are not already on the books will find registrars at their regular stands on the appointed days.

The election, to be held Tuesday, August 24, will be decided by a simple majority.

Morgan's Defiance Of Law May Lose Airport Its Lease

County Authorities
"Disturbed" At
Skycruise Violations

The very real danger that Resort Airlines, Inc., may lose its lease on the county-owned Knollwood airport, as the result of a double defiance of the law on the part of a restaurant sublessee, loomed this week as the county commissioners admitted themselves to be "deeply disturbed" and Richard Tufts of Pinehurst, chairman of the county airport committee, said the group would meet soon to consider the situation.

Tommie Morgan, manager of the Skycruise club at the airport, arrested in April and again July 3 for the open sale of liquor there, failed to appear at recorders court Monday for trial, and his cash bond of \$500 was declared forfeit as a capias was issued for him.

This week it was revealed that the county commissioners had postponed the signing of a contract approved by them in regular session early in June, by which rent to be paid by the Standard Oil company for use of facilities at the airport might be used to pay off a loan, to be negotiated by Resort Airlines with the Citizens Bank and Trust company, for the building of a passenger lounge.

Committee To Meet

The signing was postponed, according to Gordon M. Cameron, chairman of the board of commissioners, pending recommendation of the airport committee concerning the continuance of Resort Airlines in business at its present stand.

The committee will meet probably early in August, Chairman Tufts told The Pilot, and until it does, nothing definite could be said. In any case, he said, the committee can only recommend, for action to be taken by the commissioners.

However, he added, "unless we receive very definite assurance that the place will be conducted properly, there will be nothing to do but revoke the lease."

This can be done, he said, on the basis of clauses in the contract between the county and resort by which the type of operations to be carried on there were specified—"and nothing was said about an operation of this sort"—and by which any sub-leases

School Will Open September 8 With One New Teacher

All Southern Pines high school teachers and all but one of the elementary school teachers are expected to return in the fall, it was announced this week by Supt. Philip J. Weaver.

Missing from the elementary faculty when the classes troop into their new building six and a half weeks from now will be Mrs. Troy Geer, who has resigned. She taught the second and third combination grade last year.

Mrs. Geer will be succeeded by Miss Lucille Creel, of Dunn, a member of the elementary faculty at Sanford for the past eight years, who will teach the same grade as a combination third and fourth.

The opening date has been set for Wednesday, September 8—tentatively, in view of the polio situation. However, chances that it will not have cleared up by then are thought to be extremely remote.

Disappointment has been met in the plans for the establishment of vocational home economics and industrial arts departments in the school this year, Mr. Weaver said. Applications submitted a year and a half ago for the school year 1948-49 were turned down by the federal vocational education department on account of a shortage in federal funds.

SPEAKS HERE



W. L. DOWELL

Dowell Presents Merchants' Group Plan At Meeting

Steps Will Be Taken
Toward Formation
Of Local Association

The functions and benefits of an active Merchants' association within a community, with those of the North Carolina Merchants' association as a whole, were presented by W. L. Dowell, of Raleigh, executive vice president of the state organization, before a group of Southern Pines business men and women, with some also from Aberdeen, at a luncheon meeting held at Scottie's Kitchen Wednesday.

An immediate result was the decision made by the Southern Pines Chamber of Commerce directors, in conference with Mr. Dowell after the meeting, to meet at the Community building Tuesday at 8 p. m. with local retailers and others extending credit, to take the first steps toward such an organization here.

Election of officers will be held Tuesday night for the Southern Pines Merchants' association, to function as a bureau of the Chamber of Commerce, which sponsored the visit of Mr. Dowell here.

Advantages Shown

In his speech, broadcast over WSTS, advantages of a Merchants' organization were presented in threefold form: as a means of developing a friendly spirit of cooperation among businessmen; for promotion of better trading conditions, with protection from unbenevolent practices; and, through an organized credit bureau in the hands of an executive, by confidential exchange of information concerning the paying habits and capacities of those seeking credit.

Mr. Dowell, who has served the North Carolina association and its local units for 21 years, was emphatic in his statement that "a properly functioning Merchants' association is worth its weight in gold." While it can operate in conjunction with a Chamber of Commerce, and this is desirable in the smaller towns, its function is different. While the Chamber of Commerce is a civic activity, a Merchants' association he termed a business activity, handling all details conducive to good and profitable trade.

"However, the two work together well, for the merchant should never forget that what is good for the community is good for business, and vice versa," he said.

The state organization, which in turn ties in with the national, he pictured as active in behalf of merchants in a larger way, working for improved business conditions everywhere, sponsoring legislation deemed beneficial, opposing that considered detrimental.

Open Forum

Of much interest was the question-and-answer session which followed his talk, which also went on the air by means of a portable microphone.

Among questions asked were the following:

C. S. Patch, Jr.—"Can a credit bureau be operated independently of a Merchants' association?"
—"Yes, but it is not profitable to do so, though the credit bureau brings in an income. There are heavy state taxes, also probably county and local, on an in-

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Pinebluff Group Protests Bond Order, Wins Modification From County Board

BOXING MATCH

A boxing show will be sponsored Friday evening, July 30, at the Southern Pines High School Memorial Ball park, by the James Boyd post of the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

Ray Backlund, local chairman, said the boxers are to be from out of the county, several from Georgia. Further announcement has been withheld pending the pairing of weights, determining who will fight whom.

However, the date and place are definite and a good crowd is looked for.

Midland Road Water District Plans Being Made

Action has been started by a group of property owners of the Midland road, between Knollwood and Pinehurst, for the establishment of a water district, with the laying of a new main not only large enough to take care of present needs but also for anticipated future expansion.

Costs are being ascertained, not only for the main but for fire hydrants and valves to give adequate fire protection.

A group of some 25, meeting Monday evening at the Community building in inehurst, named Col. G. P. Hwaes, Jr., chairman and Jimmy Hobbs and Mrs. W. F. Hollister members of a committee to further the project. Paul Van Camp, of Southern Pines, has been employed as engineer, Spence and Boyette of Carthage as attorneys and letters are being written to all property owners along the road who are now out of town, Colonel Hawes said this week.

Answers have been received from several out-of-town owners who were written to earlier, to ascertain their views in regard to the project, and so far all have given assurance of their support, he reported.

The Midland road is already served with a two-inch main, which is now proving inadequate to its task as this important area is developed. Water is supplied from the Pinehurst water system.

It has not been decided yet whether it will be sought to supply the new district from Pinehurst or Southern Pines, Colonel Hawes said, as this depends on the engineer's findings. Among alternatives are the laying of a line about four miles out of Pinehurst, almost to the Knollwood limit, in which case it would be

CALLED TO DUTY

Capt. Coker D. Blue, Field Artillery, Reserve, has been called to active duty with the Army for seven weeks. Captain Coker, a resident of Lakeview, will report to Fort McPherson, Ga., for duty with Headquarters Third Army at Fort McPherson.

Pilot Editor Finds Cordiality, Age-Old Beauty In England

Mrs. James Boyd, Pilot publisher and editor, sailed June 21 for England. Here with is published her first letter to the Pilot readers. She will fly today (Friday) from England to Switzerland, and will visit other countries also, from which we hope to have other letters from time to time.

Present address: Bibury. What's Bibury? It's a narrow valley with a clear trout stream running through its green center, crossed by ancient stone bridges. An old stone mill and a weir face the Swan Inn, where I am staying, on the other side of the valley. . . the whole thing not more than 300 yards across. Great trees climb the hillsides, the village nestles under them; just a

Plural Phrase May Open Way For Long-Desired School

Bond Order Approved

Pinebluff citizens at last struck a spark, in their long struggle to get an elementary school, when the county commissioners, meeting at Carthage Monday, gave ear to their cause and amended the Aberdeen school bond order slightly to pave the way for future action in this regard.

Responsibility for this action, the commissioners made clear, rests with the county board of education, the Aberdeen school board or both. If their past dealings with these two boards are any indication, the Pinebluff group still has a fight on its hands, but made clear Monday that they were ready to take on anybody, anywhere and go as high as necessary to achieve their aim.

Approving the bond order in modified form after the delegation left, the commissioners set the date of the countywide election on Tuesday, August 24, with registration days on three successive preceding Saturdays—July 31, August 7 and August 14. Saturday, August 21, will be "Challenge day."

Other business attended to Monday included the granting of \$25,500 to the Pinehurst district, for a new floor for the gymnasium, and new or repaired heating and plumbing in white and Negro schools. Items lopped from the Pinehurst request were \$1,000 worth of equipment for the industrial arts building, and \$1,000 for seats in the Negro school auditorium.

Pinebluff Closes

Pinebluff closed up Monday afternoon, shutting the doors of all its businesses so everybody could go to Carthage. Some 60 single-minded men and women presented themselves to the county board, overflowing the commissioners' room and filling the corridor outside.

The occasion was the hearing required by law before approval could be given the countywide bond order for \$375,000 for the Aberdeen school district.

The first spokesman was Leon Wylie, chairman of the Pinebluff citizens' committee which some months ago presented to the commissioners a petition signed with 356 names, asking for an elementary school in Pinebluff.

History Given

The ensuing history of the project was a sad one. Referred to the board of education, they presented themselves time and again before this body and had yet to receive a "yea" or "nay." Referred to the Aberdeen district board, they had met with definite refusal. With the bond issue coming up, Mr. Wylie said, they felt their last chances for a score or more of years were going glimmering, unless they could defeat the bond issue, and, if their own needs were not incorporated therein, they proposed to try.

Other speakers were Lamont Brown, Aberdeen attorney living (Continued on Page 5)

few clusters of houses, running haphazard, fitting the curves of the land.

The old stone cottages, with their lichened slate roofs date back to the twelfth or thirteenth centuries, with a few earlier than that, before William came over from France. There are ruins of Saxon farms and of Roman villas nearby. At the far end of the valley, hidden in the trees, is the Norman church, with the manor house behind it.

The latter is very beautiful, but shows the neglect made necessary by these hard times: the lawns are plowed up, and potatoes and market garden crops grow everywhere; the gardeners are at work there instead of trimming the box hedges and raking the driveway. But it is no (Continued on Page 12)