

Moore Hospital Will Build New Wing; \$250,000 Will Be Sought In Campaign

Plans Are Revealed As Directors Meet; Currie Reelected

Will Greatly Expand Hospital Facilities

At the annual meeting of the Board of Directors of the Moore County Hospital, on Wednesday night, the governing body voted unanimously to proceed with plans for the erection of a new wing to the present building, and reelected, as president, Wilbur H. Currie of Carthage.

The meeting was held in the lounge of the Nurses' Home. With 15 present, the group heard reports from the standing committee chairmen, as well as the officers, reviewing the events of the past year. High among these ranked the establishment of the polio ward, during the summer months. The fact that the hospital was consistently full during 1948, severely taxing bed capacity and facilities, was noted as a definite indication that the time to build could no longer be delayed.

While plans for the wing have not yet reached the final blueprint stage, they are sufficiently advanced to enable the architect, Walter Hood and Associates, of Charlotte, to give a fair estimate of the cost of construction. This, it is believed, will be between \$400,000 and \$500,000. With part of

Friendship Train Gift Collection Is Under Way Here

A good amount of canned foods and several donations of cash have been received as part of Southern Pines' contribution to the North Carolina Friendship Train, said Angelo Montesanti, chairman of local participation, Thursday.

Packaged or canned staple foods are wanted to help make up the carload pledged by Moore county as a Christmas gift to the hungry people of Europe. Gifts may be left at Montesanti's Cleaning and Pressing shop, or McNeill's Feed and Seed store here.

Other collection points have been set up throughout the county. It is hoped to complete the collection this weekend.

The Friendship Train will be made up at Salisbury December 3 and will make stops at various points in the state to add cars filled by 70 counties. Moore's car will join the train at Raleigh.

The project is being carried forward under auspices of the Christian Rural Overseas Program (CROP), and the food will be distributed through church channels, with all leading denominations represented.

T. C. Auman is chairman in Moore. Though the program is designed mainly for rural people and farm produce is most earnestly sought, it was not wished to leave out the community of Southern Pines. Mr. Montesanti is being assisted by members of his family and a number of friends in making the collection.

For those who cannot give food, a donation of cash is suggested, for the purchase of food and payment of shipment charges overseas.

Pinehurst Theatre Organ, Sandhills' First, Moved To Presbyterian Church

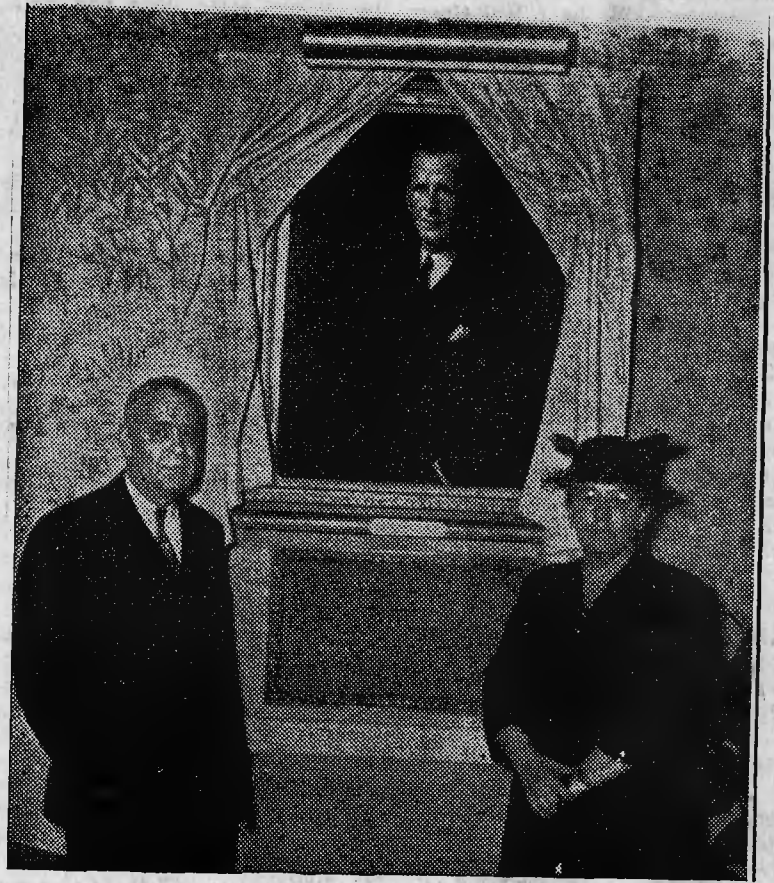
The first pipe organ to be installed in the Sandhills is being rebuilt and will be installed in the Brownson Memorial Presbyterian church after 25 years of service in the Pinehurst theatre.

In its dedication to church uses, which will be held within a few weeks, the organ will be returning to the uses for which it was designed. In choosing an organ for the Pinehurst theatre in 1923, Charles W. Picquet, manager, dissatisfied with the quality of organs generally bought for theatres, selected one of fine quality designed for church uses. It is a Robert-Morton, a make favorably

known to church organists the country over. At the time it was installed, there was no other pipe organ in the Sandhills area. Two years later, one was acquired by the Village Chapel in Pinehurst, and since then there have been several others, the most recent that of Emmanuel Episcopal church here. The Pinehurst theatre's fine organ saw much use for a few years in connection with the movies shown there. It provided just the right emotional touch for the scenes silently portrayed on the silver screen. Then came sound

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Portrait Of Dr. McCain Unveiled



U. S. Supreme Court Justice Wiley Rutledge and Mrs. Paul McCain, of Southern Pines, are shown standing beneath the portrait of the late Dr. McCain, unveiled at N. C. Sanatorium December 7. The main building was also dedicated as a memorial to Dr. McCain, who was superintendent of the N. C. Sanatorium. Justice Rutledge, who spoke at the unveiling, was a onetime patient at the Sanatorium, and long a friend of Dr. and Mrs. McCain. (Photo by Henry Turner)

Elks Preparing For 500 Children To Attend Christmas Party, Meet Santa

CHRISTMAS LIGHTS

Christmas lights are already twinkling at a number of homes and business places about town, and it is expected that this weekend will see many more.

Judges in the Chamber of the week. Residential displays contest will judge displays in the business district early in the week. Residential displays will be judged Christmas eve. Two prizes are offered in each division.

Home owners arranging displays are asked to notify the Chamber of Commerce, so none will be missed as the judges check about town, said Hoke Pollock, president. Displays will be judged on originality, beauty, color and lighting effects, as well as their expression of that intangible something—the spirit of Christmas.

Wicker Resigns Managership Of Local Chamber

Tom Wicker, manager of the Southern Pines Chamber of Commerce since January, has resigned this post, it was announced this week by Hoke Pollock, president.

Mr. Wicker, a December, 1947, graduate in journalism at the University of North Carolina, said he plans to enter work which will carry him farther along on the road toward his chosen career. He is considering several jobs and, in the meantime, will go to Aberdeen as news editor of the Sandhill Citizen during the time H. Clifton Blue, publisher of the Citizen, is serving in the General Assembly.

Mr. Pollock, Mr. Wicker and P. J. Weaver, member of the Chamber of Commerce board of directors, visited Chapel Hill last week in an effort to secure another recent graduate for the managership through the university's placement bureau. "We feel this is a good idea in view of our success with our first manager," Mr. Pollock said. "Even if we cannot keep these young men long, we can benefit by their good training and new ideas while they are with us."

Two prospects to succeed Mr. Wicker will confer with the directors here this weekend, and a third will visit the directors' meeting Tuesday evening at the Bel-

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School Buildings Are Still Planned As Separate Units

Plans Being Revised To Scale Down Costs Of Gym, Auditorium

Sacrifices Must Be Made

Sacrifice of a number of desirable features may still make possible a separate gymnasium and auditorium - cafeteria for the Southern Pines school, it was learned from school officials this week.

Conferences toward this end are being held by the school board and Supt. P. J. Weaver with the architect, William H. Dietrick, and the low bidder on the general contract, L. T. Cox of Sanford.

"We will give up almost anything that does not involve actual safety of construction, in order to build the two units separately," Mr. Weaver said this week. Being considered for discard, to bring costs down to something like the amount the school can pay, are the basement of the gymnasium; decorative wrought iron railings, to be replaced by plain pipe; asphalt tiles on the cafeteria floor; slate roofs, with composition shingles used instead.

Low bids opened November 30 for the two units, as originally planned, totaled \$308,369. About \$200,000 is all that is available, through a county grant and local bond issue.

The school board has, from the beginning, been opposed to building a combination gymnasium-auditorium, with the feeling that separate units are essential for both school and community uses.

The plans as they are now being revised call for no sacrifice of space, said Mr. Weaver, and desirable features eliminated may

Glee Club Will Sing Yule Songs by Candlelight

A candlelight concert of Christmas song, called "Music for the Yuletide," will be held at the Brownson Memorial Presbyterian church as the annual Christmas presentation and first public performance of the year of the Southern Pines High School Glee club.

Parents, friends of the school and all music lovers are extended a cordial invitation to attend the program Tuesday evening at 8 o'clock said Miss Hope Bailey, Glee Club director.

The group will sing as a vested choir, presenting mainly sacred music of the season, with many familiar Christmas carols and others, less familiar, from foreign lands.

Enriching the program this year will be an "echo choir" of some 25 elementary schoolchildren, also vested, who will be seated in the balcony at the rear of the church to echo the older group of singers in several numbers. The "echo choir" will also sing two numbers alone.

The young people have been rehearsing for some time under Miss Bailey's direction, to provide an hour of true Christmas spirit through loved old songs.

Opportunities Given To Share Christmas With Needy Families



A. L. Burney Is Awarded Kiwanis Builder's Cup

Ladies' Night Banquet Is Brilliant Gathering

A. L. Burney was the recipient, at the Sandhills Kiwanis club's annual Ladies' Night Monday evening, of the club's highest award, the Builder's cup, given in recognition of "unselfish service without hope or thought of personal gain."

Presentation of the cup by N. L. Hodgkins, chairman of the Builder's Cup committee, was the high moment of the Kiwanis banquet, held at the Mid Pines club.

Chairman Hodgkins kept the suspense high in describing the traits of the man who was to receive the handsome cup for outstanding service. Beginning with the general traits common to all good citizens, he made them more and more specific, until, with an appreciative smile, the crowd recognized their good friend "Gus" Burney.

There were many qualifications to list: his general character, his good judgment, his thoroughness and enthusiasm; his service in the difficult job of draft board member during the war, his unremitting and successful work in the county Boy Scout organization since; his Red Cross campaign service, and his recent appointment by Governor Cherry to a position of statewide service, as a member of the state board of corrections.

Choice is Applauded Many other notable qualifications were listed, and hearty applause as the presentation was made showed the concurrence of the Kiwanians and their guests in the choice.

Mr. Burney is a resident of Southern Pines, to which he moved on retirement from business in Aberdeen three years ago. He is advancement chairman of the

WELLMAN TO SPEAK

Alfred Moore, the man for whom Moore county was named, will be the subject of a talk by Manly Wade Wellman, of Pinebluff, before the Moore County Historical association at the Southern Pines library at 8 o'clock tonight (Friday).

This will be the association's first open meeting of the season, and all interested people are invited, according to J. Talbot Johnson, of Aberdeen, president.

Mr. Wellman, journalist, novelist and biographer, is currently working on a novel and also a juvenile book, with Moore county as a background.

He is a brother of Paul Wellman, author of the best-selling "Walls of Jericho," whose novel "Chains," to be published in April, has recently been announced as a literary Guild selection.

Food, Toys, Clothing Or Cash Will Make All The Difference

Many Ways Listed To Spread Season's Joy

With Christmas only eight days away, the thoughts of many are turning to ways in which they may serve others at this time.

For Christmas is not joyous for everyone. The bringing of happiness to the needy, the sharing with those who have little or nothing, is more important now than at any other season of the year.

One way is offered through local participation in the North Carolina Friendship Train, by which gifts of canned foods, packaged staples or money may be made for the hungry in Europe.

For help closer home—the DeMolay boys are repairing toys, to be given to children who might otherwise have none. Toys may be left with Bob McCormac at the Sandhill Oil company.

200 Families Immeasurable opportunity for service lies in the Christmas list of the Moore County welfare department, with 200 families whose need is great and who, according to Mrs. Walter B. Cole, superintendent, are deserving of aid.

They need money, food, Christmas goodies, clothing (clean and in repair), bedclothing and toys—toys—toys!

With the help of the more fortunate, no child should be saddened, no old person go cold or forgotten, this Christmas season. Mrs. Cole lists 68 families in the Southern Pines district, 28 in Carthage, 31 in Aberdeen, 34 in Pinehurst, 32 in Vass and Cameron, 13 in West End and 23 in Robbins whose Christmas cheer depends on the generosity of the public.

Where To Call In Southern Pines, the Council (Continued on Page 8)

Greater Weeklies Session Planned at Highland Pines

Officials and executive committee members of Greater Weeklies, national advertising representatives for weekly newspapers, will hold a conference with agency representatives and North Carolina Greater Weeklies members at the Highland Pines Inn January 14.

Arrangements have been made by Al Graham, manager of the organization, which handles a number of large accounts for weekly newspapers throughout the nation.

Non-member publishers of weeklies in North Carolina are also being invited to meet with the officials and agency representatives, with a view to building up the organization in this state, according to Mr. Graham. The meeting will consist of a morning business session, to begin at 10:30 o'clock, and a "publishers' luncheon." A number of those attending the conference are expected to remain overnight.

Headquarters of Greater Weeklies is at 225 West 39th St., New York City. Chairman of the board is Roy Clippingier, publisher of the Carmi, Ill., Democrat-Tribune. Executive committee members, all publishers of weekly newspapers, are R. A. Brodhecker, Brownstown (Ind.) Banner; D. Howard Moreau, Flemington (N. J.) Democrat; J. T. Tutthill, Jr., Patchogue (N. Y.) Advance; W. G. Hazel, Bennettsville (S. C.) Advocate.

The board also includes advisors in 27 states. J. Neal Cadieu, publisher of the Richmond County Journal, of Rockingham, is the advisor from North Carolina.

Advertising agencies which have already accepted the Greater Weeklies' invitation to attend the conference at Southern Pines include Newell-Emmett, agency for the Southern railroad and Chesterfield cigarettes, and the Biow company, agency for Pepsi-Cola, Schenley and other accounts.

Passing Parked School Bus Will Mean Trouble, Mister

If you drive your car past a school bus which is standing still, you are breaking a law.

And if you do it near Southern Pines, the chances are your license number is being taken, for a report to the state authorities, and you will also receive a letter from the local school authorities, issuing a warning not to break this particular state law any more.

If the violation is repeated, prosecution may follow, this week warned Supt. P. J. Weaver, who said the increasing prevalence of the offense is causing the local schoolfolk much concern.

"We don't want to prosecute but we will do it if this criminal

carelessness continues," Mr. Weaver said. "We are not going to let any schoolchildren be hurt on the highway if we can help it."

He said the worst offenses are in the afternoon, on Highway 1 south, when the school bus is letting children out between the city limits and the Puro station. There are four stops on this route and almost every day, while the bus is standing still, cars whip by at a rapid rate.

"We warn the children and expect parents to warn them too," the superintendent said, "but with young children, instructions are often forgotten. It is up to the drivers to remember that that 'Stop' on the back of the school bus means just that—by law."