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Legislation Will Release Funds for Garbage Disposal

Fill Method Expected To Leave Balance For Sewer Improvements

A bill introduced by Rep. H. Clifton Blue in the General Assembly last week will authorize the Town of Southern Pines to use money derived from a 1948 bond issue, and held for three years with the purchase of an incinerator in mind, to be used instead for another method of garbage disposal.

Bonds were issued in the amount of \$30,000, which was not used at that time as incinerator costs were found to be extremely high. It was anticipated they would come down later to a point where one could be afforded for Southern Pines.

Newer methods, however, have in the meantime been developed. The sanitary fill-in, or trench, method, is known to have the town board's approval, and to be now under investigation by its members.

Purchases of equipment and all facilities for this disposal system here will cost about half of the money on hand.

The legislative act will permit the use of money thus saved from the \$30,000 to be used for enlarging and equipping the town's sewer system.

The sanitary fill-in method of garbage disposal is in use in many North Carolina towns and was initiated last week in Winston-Salem.

Bill Provides

Additional Terms

Moore county may have a chance to catch up on its overflowing civil docket, through a bill introduced in the General Assembly by Rep. H. Clifton Blue last week, by which additional civil terms are provided in March and in November.

By the bill, entitled "An Act to Amend GS 7-70 Relating to the Trial of Superior Court in Moore County, in the 13th Judicial District," the September term of civil court is extended to two weeks.

The bill gives Moore altogether six weeks of civil court, and three weeks of criminal court.

Civil terms will begin on the third Monday before the first Monday in March; third Monday after the first Monday in March; 12th Monday after the first Monday in March; second Monday after the first Monday in September, to continue for two weeks; second Monday after the first Monday in November.

Criminal terms will begin on the sixth Monday before the first Monday in March; 11th Monday after the first Monday in March; and the third Monday before the first Monday in September.

Lenten Observance At St. Anthony's

Ash Wednesday this week ushered in the solemn season of Lent at St. Anthony's Catholic church, with the blessing and distribution of ashes at mass, and the Way of the Cross and distribution of ashes at 3:30 p. m.

Today, Friday, and on all Fridays during Lent, Way of the Cross will be held at 3:30 p. m.

County Basketball Tournament

Southern Pines High school opened their play in the Moore County tournament Wednesday night by splitting with their opponents.

The boys nosed out a game, but outclassed, Westmore High entry 53-27. Southern Pines took a 6-0 lead in the opening minutes of play and at half time was out in front 28-10. Substituting freely, Coach Weaver used a mixed team of varsity and reserves, and the last half was played mostly with reserves. Baker, with 17, and Avery with 11 topped the scoring for Southern Pines, and, for the losers, Moore with 11 and Ritter, 10, were outstanding.

Coach Todd's girls were dropped out as tournament contenders by the Elise High girls of Robbins 27-21. Milliken and Menzel, with 5 points each, led in scoring for the Blue and White, with Coker taking top honors for Elise with 11.

"Careful, Motorist!" Is This Fellow's Daily Warning



Albert Adams, Hi-Y member, places the new eye-catching warning sign into position near the elementary school. Four have been given the schools by the Elks. Joanne Goodwin, Ann Singer and Allen Topping smile in appreciation at their new metal guardian, clad in bright red and yellow.

(Photo D. M. Madigan)

Four-County Cage Meet Next Week

Champion teams of four counties will meet in tournament for a Sandhills basketball championship next Friday and Saturday evening in the Vass-Lakeview school auditorium, under sponsorship of the Sandhills Key club.

All will be boys' teams, determined by county tournaments now under way. The Moore champions will, of course, be in there continuing their fight for glory, and negotiations are under way with neighbor counties to provide three more battling quintets for two evenings of entertainment for Sandhills fans.

Two tournament games will be played each evening, starting at 7 o'clock.

In addition, the Aberdeen girls' team, of extraordinary record, will play an exhibition game Friday evening with a team to be announced. Sponsors are trying to arrange a game for them with the Benhaven girls' team of Harnett county, which has rolled up an unprecedented string of victories. However, definite word from Benhaven had not been received at presstime.

The Aberdeen girls had their first defeat in more than half a hundred games, their second in more than 70, Wednesday night at Star, when they played the strong Trinity sextet for a score of 37-35. The teams had been paired as the opener of a triple-team playoff with Benhaven, through arrangements by the Carolina Basketball association, which had rated the three the best in the state.

Billy Caddell, of Aberdeen, is president of the Sandhills Key club, high school leadership organization sponsored by the Sandhills Kiwanis club. He is being assisted in arrangements for the tournament by Hoke Pollock, of Southern Pines, Key Club chairman of the Kiwanis club.

Elks Provide Unique Warning Signs To Lessen Traffic Danger At Schools

TARHEEL BANQUET

The Hon. J. Melville Broughton, North Carolina's junior senator in the 81st Congress, will be the feature speaker at the Thirteenth Annual Congressional banquet of the North Carolina Democratic club of Washington, D. C., it has been announced by John A. Lang, Jr., of Carthage and Washington, president.

The banquet will be held at the Mayflower hotel at 7:30 p. m., Friday, March 18.

Rep. H. Clifton Blue, of Aberdeen, and probably some others of Moore county will go to the Capital City for this function, which promises to be one of the most brilliant of the season for Washington and the Tarheels.

Mr. Lang, secretary to Rep. C. B. Deane, of the Eighth district, has sent word to his home county that a very special welcome will be accorded all attending from Moore and her neighbor counties.

Springdale Races Attract Several Local Entries

Five Southern Pines horses have been entered in the annual Springdale races which will usher in the National Hunt Race season at Camden, S. C., March 12.

These are Flake, Corregidor and Tagnall, of Stonebrook stables, all of which will be ridden by Mickey Walsh, Jr. Pinch Me, owned by Carlyle Cameron, and Graham Grant's Emcee.

A number of local people, including the entire Michael Walsh family, expect to attend the event, which is sponsored by the Carolina Cup committee of Camden.

Information and reservations may be obtained from Harry Kirkover, chairman of the committee, well known in equestrian circles here.

A five-card event, topped by the two-and-a-quarter-mile King Haigler steeplechase, has been announced for the Springdale meeting, forerunner of the Carolina Cup races which will be held at Camden March 26.

It is anticipated that Southern Pines and Pinehurst will have excellent representation in the Carolina Cup event, a highlight of the spring season in the Carolinas.

Safety Program Planned For Many Communities

Four new traffic warning signs of unusual and eye-attracting design, have been given to the Southern Pines schools by the local Elks lodge, and are placed in position daily on streets approaching the schools to warn motorists to slow down.

These are the first of many the Elks hope to buy and give away, as they plan to equip with such signs every school in the counties of their jurisdiction which has a traffic problem.

The signals have been in use about a week. A member of the Elks lodge, anxious to see if they actually helped, waited in a hidden position for an hour and a half the other day, watching traffic behavior as it approached the sign. He said practically every car slowed down as soon as it was seen.

The signs are red-and-yellow metal "patrolmen" five feet high, which are placed in the center of the street. The eighth grade has the job of putting a "patrolman" out each morning on Massachusetts avenue, near the Country club drive, and Hi-Y boys assisting the police in the school patrol put out the other three. Two are on Massachusetts avenue, to protect the elementary school crossings, and two on Highway 1, to cover the approaches to the high school.

This is the first step in a traffic safety plan, designed principally for the protection of children, which has been planned by members of the Southern Pines Elks lodge.

SPARED

The hard-hunted fox, practically within grasp, was spared by members of the Moore County Hounds on their regular hunt last Thursday morning.

The fleeing animal, plainly visible, with the hounds snapping at his heels, led the field at a hot pace through Knollwood, then plunged into the Mid Pines lake. It was a long swim, and he was winded. Watching from the shore, his pursuers saw him go down several times and struggle to the top. His struggles grew weaker but he swam on gamely, though it looked for a time as though he would not make it.

He crawled out on the far shore and lay, limp and gasping for breath. "We could have picked him up in our hands," said Ozelle Moss, MFH, later. "We didn't though. We called off the hounds and went on back home."

Four Middle Belt Markets Organize New Sandhills Belt

Sanford Meeting Climaxes Prolonged Tobacco Battle

Warehousemen from four flue-cured tobacco market towns in the Sandhills decided Wednesday to organize a new marketing belt.

Representatives from the markets at Sanford, Carthage, Aberdeen and Fuquay-Varina, which withdrew from the Middle Belt last year, attended the meeting.

Other markets comprising the Middle Belt are Durham, Henderson, Louisville, Oxford and Warrenton.

The warehousemen adopted a resolution calling for the organization of the Sandhills Warehouse association as a state corporation.

The secession developed over the Middle Belt opening date. Sandhills tobacco men argued that climate and soil conditions in their area brought tobacco to maturity earlier than in the rest of the Middle Belt market section. Hence, they said, the four markets should open sooner than the first week of September, the time the Middle Belt season usually starts.

Last season, the four markets opened with the Eastern North Carolina Belt August 19. But government grades left when buyers from the major tobacco companies failed to appear.

The Sandhills warehousemen lost a court suit in which they charged four major tobacco firms with conspiracy in not assigning buyers to the four markets.

However, the firms did send buyers to the markets when the regular Middle Belt season opened September 2.

The warehousemen elected A. R. Tally, of Fuquay Springs as president of the new organization; Joe Wilkins of Sanford, vice-president; and Walter Paramore of Fuquay Springs, secretary-treasurer. Paramore, sales supervisor of the Fuquay-Varina tobacco market, is the only officer who is not a warehouseman.

Named directors were the three officers and W. M. Carter of Carthage, James D. Bailey of Aberdeen, and King Roberts of Varina.

Others who attended the meeting were W. F. Wood of Sanford, who introduced the resolution; C. W. Puckette, also of Sanford; Hugh Smothers of Carthage, and E. V. Maynard of Aberdeen.

Two-Day Freeze May Have Injured Peach Crop, Budding Early

POSTMASTER

Appointment of A. Garland Pierce as postmaster of Southern Pines was made known to him in a wire from Washington, D. C., Wednesday.

Senator J. M. Broughton telegraphed him the information that the Senate had confirmed on Tuesday afternoon the recommendation made by President Truman February 17th.

Mr. Pierce has been acting postmaster since May 1, 1948.

In the permanent postmastership he succeeds Frank P. Buchan, who held the office for many years before his death in April, 1947.

Carthage-Cameron Trucking Line Seeks ICC Permit

A trucking line from Carthage to the Seaboard station at Cameron, giving the county seat equal "if not better," service than that afforded by the discontinued Moore Central railroad, has been chartered by the Secretary of State and is expected to go into operation before the end of this month.

Stockholders in the newly formed corporation met at the Carthage town hall Tuesday night and elected the following: Fred Flinchum, president; T. Roy Phillips, vice president; Colin G. Spencer, Jr., secretary-treasurer; W. B. Davis, manager, and Wilbur H. Currie, director.

The next step will be the application for an ICC permit, which will probably be granted within two or three weeks, after which the trucking line will start rolling on a one-round-trip-a-day schedule, to be stepped up as demand requires.

This will probably be the first trucking line in this part of the country to be formed and operated as a community project. Stockholders of the corporation, who have already subscribed some \$5,000 of the \$100,000 authorized capital stock, include most of the town's leading businessmen and (Continued on Page 8)

Growers' Hopes Rise Wednesday Along With Temperature

Rising temperatures early Thursday may save the Sandhills peach crop from serious damage, after below-freezing weather, which continued without let-up, from Monday until late Wednesday, had nipped the swelling buds.

Definite damage to many of the buds was noted. While several leading growers said on Tuesday that they felt Monday night's freeze had caused no appreciable hurt, by Wednesday it was a different story as the thermometer clung to the middle 20's.

Howard R. Harrison, on whose Eagle Springs farm is located a State Experiment station, said that many buds had reached the pink-tipped stage just prior to blooming, and that these showed definite signs of damage. However, he said it was entirely possible there would be no loss of any consequence, if the cold weather should soon relax its grip. It will be some weeks yet before the extent of damage can be determined.

The freeze, reaching a low of 22 by his recording thermometer Monday night, and about 25 on Tuesday, never descended to the "killing" stage, but the continued cold could cause internal injury to the tender buds, he said.

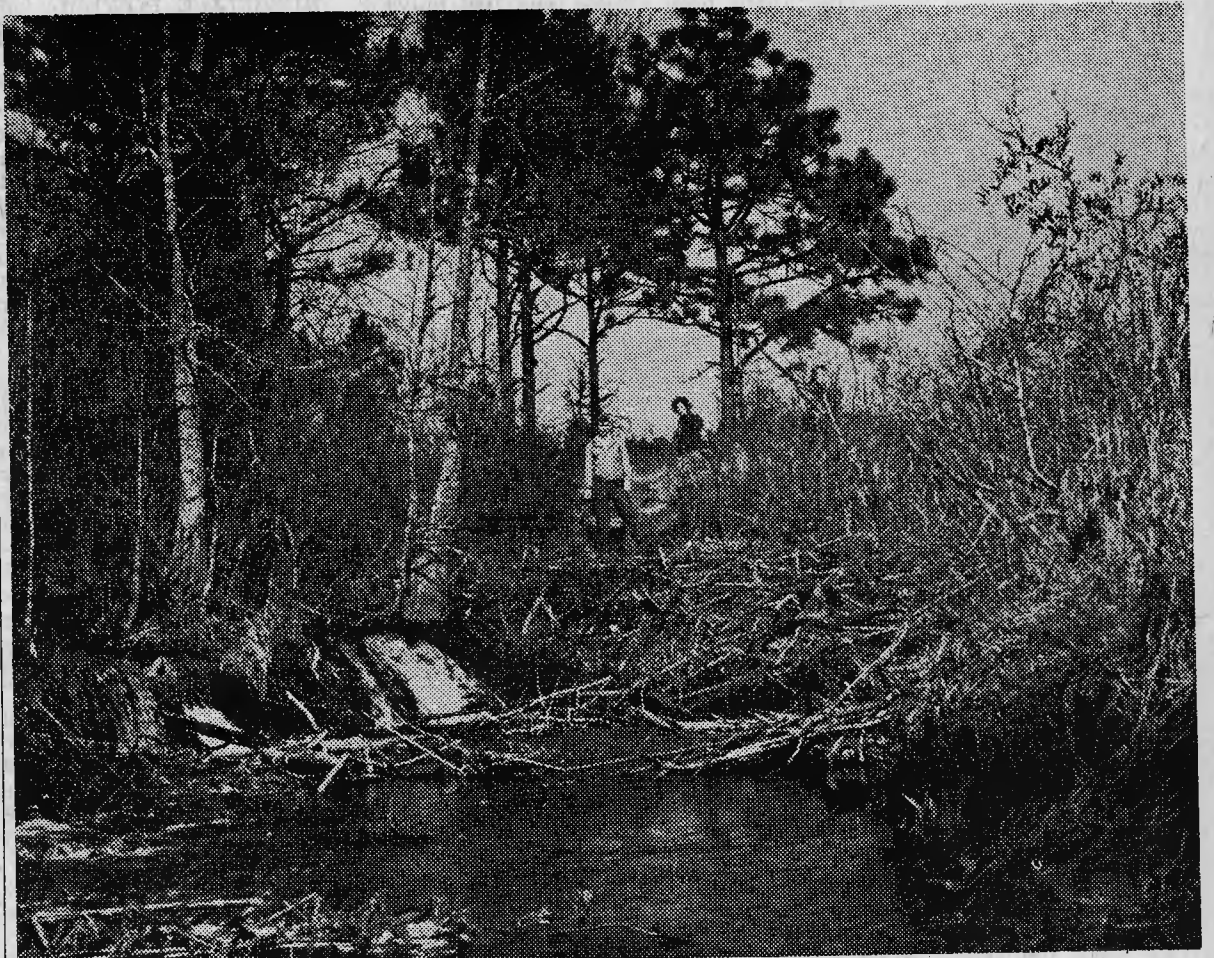
Scattered blooms which popped out last week in the unseasonably warm weather were all killed. There were not enough of these, however, for them to be called a real loss, the growers said.

Queried Tuesday evening, T. C. Auman, West End orchardist, was far from pessimistic. "If we had to have a freeze, this is the best stage for it," he said. "It is surprising what a bud can stand, and still survive. Blossoms are a different matter. We hardly ever have a real loss in March. April is the month to be afraid of."

J. Hawley Poole and Bob Donaldson, also owners of extensive peach orchards in the West End section, also said they felt little apprehension at this stage concerning the crop as a whole.

Small tobacco plants may also have been hurt, but not to any great extent, if at all, it was reported.

Beavers Won't Cooperate In Aberdeen Dam Project



THE PRESS CALLS ON THE BEAVERS but finds them not visible, as these shy denizens of woods and water don't do their work for photographers.

Tom Wicker, of the Sandhill Citizen, and Valerie Nicholson of The Pilot, take a good look, however, at the 18-foot dam the eager beavers built at the headwaters of Aberdeen lake. Carefully engineered at a turn of the stream, it has diverted the waters over many acres of woods to the left, and sent it pouring in a dozen waterfalls over the left hand bank. Upstream for a quarter mile on the right, small stumps show the smooth sawing of their sharp teeth, and many paths made by the hauling of logs and sticks run through the grass right into the water.

The dam looks like a heap of sticks and branches in a haphazard pile. Close inspection, however, shows it is a tough, firm structure, closely woven. This is the only beaver dam old timers remember in this section. The sad part is, built a mile farther downstream, it would solve the problem of Aberdeen lake, now empty of water since the man-made dam broke last September. (Photo by Preston Matthews)