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Board Considers Future Change In Caucus Procedure

Mayor And Three Commissioners Will Serve If Reelected

Final Meeting Of Term

The town board, meeting for the last time Wednesday evening before elections to be held on May 3, attended to a few details of business, then entered a discussion on some suggested changes in the present method of caucus voting here.

While it is too late to effect any changes this year, the board members agreed that a longer period than three days should be allowed between the caucus and the election; that filing for office rather than waiting for nomination, might be encouraged, and that all nominees might be given a place on the ballot instead of those chosen by elimination vote.

They favored strongly the retention of the caucus itself, as a good clearinghouse for public opinion, and an opportunity for anybody, whether a qualified voter or not, to speak up about town affairs.

The longer interval after nomination was suggested so that voters might better inform themselves concerning the candidates and their stand on matters of importance to the town, before going to the polls.

Four Are Available
Mayor Page made a gracious speech to the board in appreciation of their cooperation during the two-year term just ending. "Being mayor of Southern Pines has been a liberal education," he said. "I have enjoyed it, and have done my very best to serve well." He said he is a candidate for reelection.

Three of the present commissioners said that, while they are not actively running, they are available if the people want them. These were E. C. Stevens and L. V. O'Callaghan, who have records (Continued on Page 5)

HOT TIME

There'll be a hot time in the old town the night of Tuesday, April 26, when the annual Firemen's ball of the Southern Pines Volunteer Fire department will be held at the Southern Pines Country club.

This will be the 16th Annual Firemen's ball, an event looked forward to by hundreds in the Sandhills from year to year. That well-known aggregation of music makers and entertainers, Johnny Mack and his orchestra, will play. The ball will be for the benefit of the firemen's welfare fund.

Firemen in charge of arrangements are Harold Fowler, chairman, Joe Garzik, Joe O'Callaghan, P. V. Hatch, Woodrow Davis and George Little. Tickets may be obtained from any fireman and at several downtown stores.

Bavarian, Many Others Visit School; Registration Ending For Bond Election

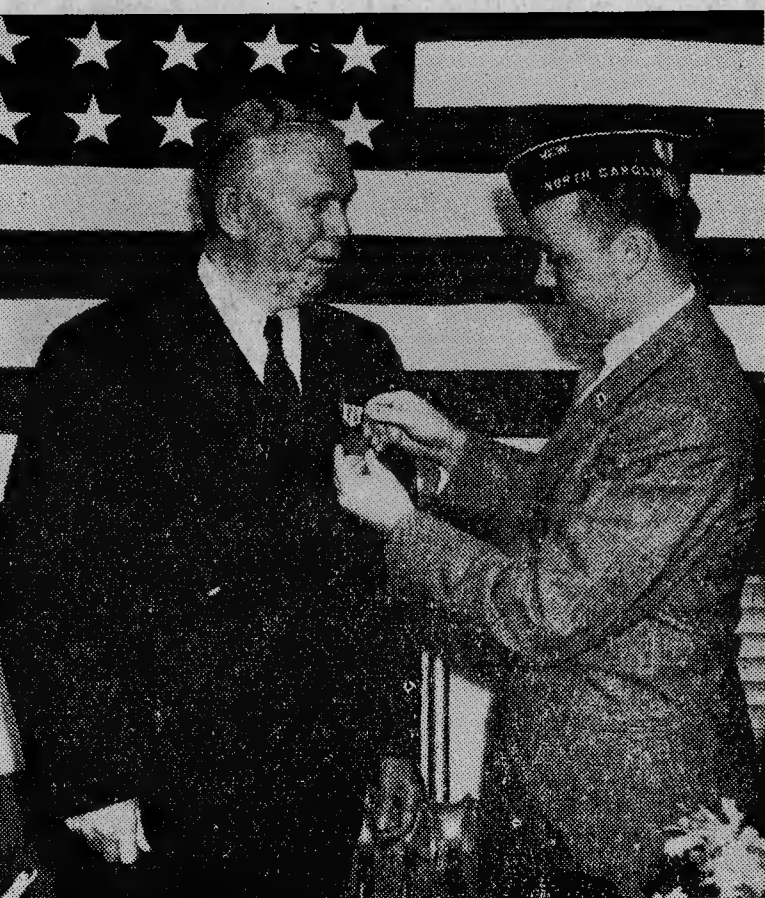
Even as the Southern Pines elementary school, new this year, continues to stir interest in the educational world, action goes forward on another step toward bringing the entire school unit up to date—the providing of a modernly equipped gymnasium and auditorium-cafeteria.

A bond issue in the amount of \$90,000 to add to other available funds for construction of the two buildings, will be voted on Tuesday, April 26. Registration is under way at the office of Harry Fullenwider, registrar. Books will be at the city hall on the last day, tomorrow (Saturday).

Less than 100 had registered through Wednesday of this week. It was anticipated that the week end would bring a rush of registrants, including many school patrons reminded by leaflets explaining the bond issue, which the school children took home on Wednesday.

Rockingham Delegation
Sunday before last by appointment made with Supt. P. J. Weaver, "a few" Rockingham parents

Marshall Receives Citizenship Medal



"For your leadership of our armies as Chief of Staff, and of our nation as Secretary of State..." Post Commander C. S. Patch, Jr., making presentation. (Photo by Humphrey)

Veterans Should Be Best Citizens, Marshall Says

Many Leaders Are Guests At Banquet

The nation's No. 1 member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars paid a neighborly call last Saturday evening on the John Boyd post of Southern Pines, on invitation of the membership dedicating their new post home that evening with a banquet.

Gen. George C. Marshall, member of VFW Post No. 1 of Kansas City, now living at Pinehurst, on this occasion became the first recipient of the post's bronze Citizenship medal. The medal was pinned by Post Commander C. S. Patch, Jr., on the right lapel of the civilian coat of the gentleman who, as Chief of Staff during World War 2, had commanded more American men than had ever been in uniform at one time before.

Receiving the award graciously, and speaking informally to the more than 100 members and guests at the tables before him (and via public address system to other tables upstairs) the former Secretary of State said humorously, "It is a satisfying thing to be called a good citizen these days, and not be regarded with suspicion."

Interest in Veterans

In more serious vein, he expressed his deep interest in war veterans and what happened to them. "I was concerned with about 10,000,000 of them in the process of becoming veterans."

"If the veterans' organizations are really sincere in what they now stand for, they can do every-

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ROOMS NEEDED

Will you have a room, or rooms, available for "paying guests" May 13 and 14? The Chamber of Commerce would like to know.

Shriners attending the Spring Ceremonial of Oasis Temple here at that time will need lots of places to stay. Many will bring their wives, and a crowd of 1,000 to 1,500 is expected for the two-day convention. Hotel space has all been reserved, and the townspeople are being asked to open their homes to take care of the huge overflow of guests.

Only five homes have been registered to date with Tom White, Chamber of Commerce manager. Many more will be needed and it is hoped to get up the list considerably in advance. Registration may be made at the Chamber office in the Belvedere hotel.

Easter Seal Sale Aids Handicapped Youth of County

Easter seals, to be sold for the benefit of crippled children of the state and county, were in the mail this week to many citizens of Moore county, and may also be purchased through both the white and Negro schools, according to Mrs. Sarah McCaskill, child welfare worker with the county welfare department, who is again serving as county Seal Sale chairman.

Moore county's quota of \$1,417.50 is larger than that of last year, as both scope and expenses have greatly increased, Mrs. McCaskill said.

This is the 16th Annual Easter Seal sale, helping the N. C. Crippled Children's League in its work done through all county welfare departments and other county agencies, in the aid of children handicapped through congenital defects, accident, disease, burns or other causes—any cause other than polio, which is cared for through the March of Dimes.

Many children in Moore county are receiving the benefits of the funds raised through the sale of the attractive little seals, used to carry the Easter message through the mails. Contributions may also be made through coin collectors in stores.

Quotas for the various county communities have been set as follows: Southern Pines, \$270; Aberdeen, \$270; Cameron, \$25; Carthage, \$200; Eagle Springs, \$20; Highlands, \$29; Jackson Springs, \$12.50; Pinebluff, \$25; Pinehurst, \$240.

Robbins, \$270; Vass, \$25; West End, \$25, and Westmore, \$25.

EASTER HOLIDAY

General holiday will be observed in Southern Pines Easter Monday, with practically all retail stores, business offices and the Citizens Bank and Trust company closed.

Service stations and drug stores will not close. Post office windows will remain open till 10 a. m. only. Incoming and outgoing mail will be worked as usual during the day.

School will keep as usual, as the young 'uns had a generous spring holiday in March. City and county offices will close, and recorders court at Carthage, regularly held on Monday, will be postponed till Tuesday.

Blue - Sponsored Hospital Bill On Way To Passage

A bill which has had much support in this section, introduced by Rep. H. Clifton Blue and calling for a separate state hospital for the treatment of alcoholics, cleared two major General Assembly hurdles Tuesday and Wednesday, and was headed Thursday for the third and last—the Senate.

Success of the bill was indicated by its speedy and unanimous passage through the House Wednesday, after winning a favorable report on release the day before from the House Finance committee.

The committee, headed by Rep. Larry Moore, gave the bill its approval after it had been cleared by a sub-committee. It amended the measure, however, to provide that the hospital shall be maintained from an annual appropriation of \$150,000.

As introduced by Representative Blue with the co-signatures of several other House members, the bill provided that the money was to come from an additional (Continued on Page 8)

Borst, Tyson Are Nominated For Mayor Of Vass

H. A. Borst, who is rounding out 20 years as mayor of the town of Vass, and C. L. Tyson, a member of the board of commissioners, were nominated for the office of mayor in a caucus held in the town hall Monday night.

P. A. Wilson served as chairman and A. R. Laubscher as secretary of the meeting, which was attended by only 35 or 40 citizens.

Nominated for the three commissioners' places were D. F. Cameron, N. N. McLean, D. H. McGill, C. P. McMillan, Mack Callahan, also two incumbents, S. R. Smith and H. C. Callahan, and two women, Mrs. S. R. Smith and Mrs. P. A. Wilson.

A. M. Cameron, a past mayor and board member, was suggested as a nominee, but he emphatically "did not choose to run." Others who nipped their nominations in the bud were Harold Williams, Mrs. W. H. Keith and P. A. Wilson.

Final filing dates for candidates will be April 25. With Mrs. H. C. Callahan as registrar, the book will be open from this Saturday through Saturday, April 23, the last day to be challenge day.

ART EXHIBIT

Emily Forrest, Southern Pines artist, will hold an exhibit of portraits and other works at the Fine Arts room of the Southern Pines library next week, beginning Monday afternoon.

Among children's portraits to be shown will be those of Johnny and Julia McMillan, children of Dr. and Mrs. R. M. McMillan; Ann and Allen McDonald of High Point; formerly of Southern Pines; and David Lynch of Bennettsville, S. C., grandson of Mrs. Katherine McColl. Also shown will be portraits of Mrs. Paul T. Barnum and Maxwell Forrest, husband of the artist, and several imaginative works, one entitled "Ballerina."

Mrs. Forrest is the subject of an article on Page 15 of The Pilot this week.

Chamber Promotes Mail Delivery For Southern Pines

Public Expression Will Be Sought On Community Need

Ballot Is Published

Chamber of Commerce directors, by unanimous motion, decided Tuesday night to promote the cause of getting mail delivery service for Southern Pines.

As the first step, they will this week secure an expression of public sentiment in the matter, and if it is found the service is wanted, will work with Postmaster A. Garland Pierce in presenting it to the Post Office department.

Ballots will be handed out to all regular post office visitors. In cooperation with the movement, The Pilot is printing a sample ballot on Page 15, which may be filled out, clipped and mailed or taken to the Chamber of Commerce, Southern Pines.

A large number of signatures will be needed, as inquiries in the past have elicited information that the Post Office department must have an unmistakable expression of the need for such service before it goes to the trouble and expense of establishing it.

A Village No More
Similar movements have been begun in the past, but have died out through indifference or a lack of support. (Continued on Page 5)

A & P Retracts Any Statements Against Morrison

A legal document, signed at Carthage Tuesday afternoon, apparently ends a situation of general community embarrassment in which the good names of a number of people were involved.

The situation arose from charges said to have been made against a town policeman, by persons connected with the A & P Tea company.

The accusations were made at a special meeting of the town board held some time ago but never, according to Mayor C. N. Page, documented with substantial proof. As a result the board made no move, leaving the burden of proof on the accuser. In this, said Mayor Page, the board had legal advice.

The situation became generally known and talked about. The Pilot was aware of the situation. No statements, however, were available from any source and it was not a matter to be trusted to hearsay evidence. Like the town board, the Pilot awaited a move on the part of one party or the other which it could then report.

The first recorded move will, apparently, be the last. It is in the form of a legal process, not too frequently used, called "Disclaimer and Retraction," which we quote in full below:

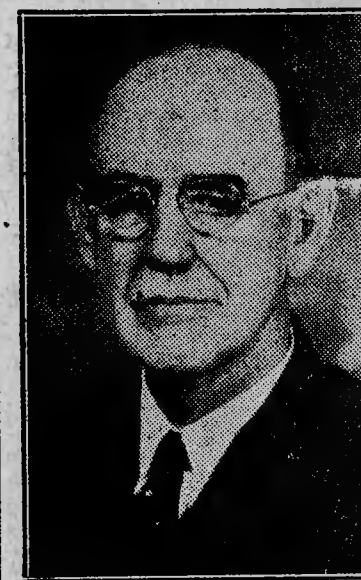
DISCLAIMER AND RETRACTION
Now comes the A & P Tea company and L. D. McDonald and hereby makes disclaimer and retract with respect to any misunderstanding between the said A & P Tea company and Police Officer Irvin Morrison, of Southern Pines, N. C.

The said A & P Tea company and L. D. McDonald hereby disclaim and retract and deny any and all statements made, or alleged to have been made, which would in any manner reflect upon, or in any respect be a reflection upon the moral character and integrity and upright character of the said Police Officer Irvin Morrison. This statement is entered into voluntarily for the purpose of settling any and all differences which have arisen between the parties and is for the purpose of retracting any or all statements or allegations which would in any manner tend to affect the high moral character and integrity of the said Police Officer Morrison. And the said Police Officer Irvin Morrison is at liberty to show this statement to any and all persons who care to see same.

This April 8th, 1949.
The A & P Tea Company.
By L. D. McDonald.
The paper is also signed by J. L. Creed, of Fayetteville, district manager of the A & P Tea company.

Song And Sermon Will Re - Tell Easter Story

SPEAKS TONIGHT



Hon. John Oates, of Fayetteville, lawyer, legislator, author and historian, will be the speaker at the April meeting of the Moore County Historical association, to be held at the Southern Pines library at 8 tonight. Mr. Oates is writing a book on the pioneers of the Upper Cape Fear region.

Deane Introduces Bill For Expansion Hospital Program

Another To Follow For Personnel Training

Rep. Charles B. Deane of Rockingham, Eighth District congressman, introduced a bill in the House Tuesday that would double the size of the highly-successful national hospital construction program and provide \$50,000,000 a year in Federal funds for maintenance and operation of non-profit hospitals built under that program.

Deane's amendment to the original Hill-Burton bill is intended primarily to improve hospital and medical facilities in rural areas having comparatively small financial resources.

Using the situation in North Carolina as a probable illustration of conditions existing in many other sections of the nation, Deane told the House that:

North Carolina has made remarkable progress in improving its health and hospital facilities in recent years, yet "... there are many areas where hospitals are urgently needed, but where there is no real way a hospital could be maintained on a financially sound basis even if it were built."

Deane said that another problem in his state and throughout the country is the shortage of nurses, technicians and doctors required to staff modern hospitals. "I plan within the next few days," he said, "to introduce a bill designed to deal with the urgent problem of training more people in the health field. I am not discouraged by the fact that it will take anywhere from three to ten (Continued on Page 5)

Pinebluff Folks Ask Closing Of Wells; Voting Change Is Initiated At Caucus

Along with nominations for mayor and three town commissioners, another serious matter was taken up by Pinebluff citizens at their town caucus Monday night—the closing of dangerous open wells in Pinebluff and vicinity.

The matter was presented to the townspeople by David Packard, and received strong support. Several said they knew of such wells, which if not closed might cause tragedies similar to that of little Kathy Fiscus, whose fall to death in an abandoned well shaft in San Marino, Cal., held the nation in sorrow's grip last week end.

Mayor W. Lamont Brown, presiding, also gave the proposal his support, and asked that any such open wells be reported either to him or to the town superintendent, Grouland McCaskill.

In conducting the election, Mayor Brown made it plain that he was in line for no town office, as his office is now in Southern Pines and the chances are that he and his family will move here before

Easter Services Have Joy As Theme Good Friday Observance

Joyous congregations will gather at flower-decked churches Sunday to hail the greatest feast of the Christian year.

The Resurrection story will be told in song and sermon, with prayerful rededication to the principles of Christian living.

At Congregational Church
At the Church of Wide Fellowship, the congregation and pastor will be speaking a farewell, as this will be the last service for the Rev. Tucker G. Humphries. With his family he will go on Easter Monday to his new pastorate at Reidsville.

He has chosen as his sermon theme, "A Modern Answer to an Age-Old Question." Special musical selections, under the direction of Mrs. L. D. McDonald, organist, will include an anthem, "Lift Up Your Heads," with Mrs. (Continued on Page 5)

Fiddlers Meeting And Square Dance At Legion Hall

The Annual Moore County Olde Tyme Fiddler's convention and square dance will be held Easter Monday night at the American Legion hall in Southern Pines, under auspices of the Legion post.

Fiddlers, banjo and guitar players from near and far have been invited to participate in this annual contest, and the committee in charge advise that they will be here from the upper regions of Moore, Chatham and Randolph as well as from the lower Cape Fear, to contest in this annual event. Suitable prizes to be awarded individuals and bands.

The Caddell - Rosser, Baker Stewart and Sandhill Fiddler Square Dance bands will be among those on hand to play the old time Scotch and Irish tunes that will make the old oaks and pines swing and sway to their rollicking melody. Virgil Lee from Baltimore will act as master of ceremonies, and Mrs. Lee will assist.

Square dance sets will be called by well known prompters—Dunk McCrimmon, Squire Haywood Fry, Ray McDonald and others. Daniel Fry will do his usual buck and wing.

L. V. O'Callaghan has been asked to give a real Irish jig, and says he will if he can get his left foot in working order.

Fairley Ray from down Wagram way has promised to bring up a set of Scotland County dancers that he says should take home the square dance prize.

The committee had originally planned to have this affair at the Olde Shaw Homestead, as most suitable in atmosphere, but due to lack of space there, it was decided to have it in the Legion hall.

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he can have completed a term. Nominated for mayor were E. H. Mills, J. Douglas David and Harry Howie.

Nine men were nominated for town commissioner. These included all members of the present board, Luther Tyner, George Moger and James W. Smith, also L. L. Meanor, V. L. Purdue, Manly W. Wellman, Robert Williams, Clay Parker and D. O. Caddell.

Departing from the precedent of many years, by a motion made and carried at the meeting all names are to be placed on the ballot for election on the regular election day, May 3, along with those of any others who wish to file for office. They may file with the town clerk, Levi Packard, before the closing of the books April 23rd.

In former days both nomination and voting, which was tantamount to election, took place at the caucus, in the old New England style.

The meeting was held at the Pinebluff Home Demonstration hall, with about 30 present.