

## Talk Of Candidates Is Heard As Town Voting Date Nears

### Some Are Found Receptive To Idea

With the town caucus just one week off (Church of Wide Fellowship, 8 p. m. Friday, April 29) and the municipal election coming only four days after that, talk of candidates and potential candidates began to be heard about town this week.

The Pilot, listening hard and checking with several of those whose names were heard, reports that there are no signs as yet of any contest for mayor. Mayor C. N. Page, who says he is willing to take on the job again if he is wanted, seems so far to have a clear field.

The three present commissioners who have signified their willingness to serve again also seem to meet with general satisfaction for reelection, though with several names popping up for the vacancy, or vacancies, you never can tell. Incumbents are E. C. Stevens, Joe N. Steed and former mayor L. V. O'Callaghan.

### Draft Blue?

Commissioner June Blue has said definitely he prefers not to be reelected, as his work demands more time than he has been able to give it during his first, and rather demanding, term. The only World War 2 veteran on the board, he has been well liked and many have expressed the desire to see him reelected. "We'll just draft him," some have said, feeling that if the wish of the people is strongly evidenced he may yield.

However, other World War 2 candidates are in the field and one of them may be found to take his place. These include Lennox Forsyth, who has the unofficial endorsement of the local VFW post, and also his former post commander, C. S. Patch, Jr.

### Supporting Forsythe

Patch said this week he is supporting "Slim" Forsyth and not campaigning for himself. However, he is well liked, and has a background of municipal history, as his grandfather was a mayor of the town, his father a long-time commissioner. He is a native of Southern Pines.

Another veteran of World War 2 prominently mentioned is Hoke Pollock, who has also been asked by friends if he would not consider running for mayor. Mr. Pollock, who does much of the town's legal work has said frankly that he would prefer to continue in this capacity and will accept no elective office at this time.

Harry Fullenwider, another attorney of the town, has reacted to a proposal that he run for a commissionership by saying that he thought he should live here much longer before aiming for any office. Mr. Fullenwider has been in Southern Pines less than a year. Though he has made many friends in that time, most of them (Continued on Page 5)

## Much Fine Timber Destroyed As Fires Ravage Country; Worst Loss This Year

This past week with the high winds of April blowing, has been a busy one for fire fighters and a sad one for all those who love the woods and value Moore County's timber crop.

The first fire started near the Pinebluff dairy Tuesday, in a patch of young pine. The owner had been burning off new ground prior to spring planting and had chosen a windy day on which to do it. His loss was about 28 acres of young pines, almost all of which were killed by the hot fire which raged through them.

The power wagon of the county department turned out and the fire was fought for a good two hours, from 2 to 4 p. m. "Tough," was the grim comment of the smoke-blackened crew, and "tough" must have been the word of the owner surveying his charred trees.

### Threaten Old Bethesda

"The Good Lord saved his church!" was the way one on-looker put it of the fire that started in the old Frank McClure land near Old Bethesda Wednesday afternoon. There seemed to be no way to stop it, in the high

## Local Cancer Drive Quota Is \$700

Harry Fullenwider, young attorney who hung out his shingle in Southern Pines last summer, will have his initiation as a campaign worker and leader, as local chairman of the cancer control drive, during the coming month.

Mr. Fullenwider has undertaken to raise the sum of \$700, part of the county quota of \$2,500 hoped for by the recently organized Moore County Cancer society.

This will be the first campaign since formation of the county unit, with Mrs. J. L. McGraw of Carthage as chairman. The possession of such a unit, to administer funds for cancer education and aid to needy victims, will assure return to the county of 40 per cent of the campaign funds. Twenty per cent will go to the North Carolina society, which works on a statewide basis with laboratories and hospitals, and 40 per cent to

the National Cancer society, which finances research into the causes and control of cancer, as well as a broad educational program.

Plans for the campaign were made at a luncheon meeting last Tuesday at the Carthage hotel, attended by officers of the county unit and community campaign leaders.

Mr. Fullenwider says he is planning no high pressure campaign; and that he hopes letters and coin collectors in several stores will do the work. Both radio station WSTS and WEEB are helping.

He is relying, he said, on the sympathy of the public with the well-known program of the Cancer society, and the general knowledge of the need for its work.

He asks that contributors mail their checks to him at Box 25, Southern Pines, or bring their gifts to his office on East Pennsylvania avenue.

## Red Cross Barbecue Wednesday Night

A mammoth community barbecue will be held at Mile-Away Farm Wednesday night, to help the Red Cross past its local quota in a final burst of speed, and to provide everybody a wonderful time in so doing.

Ozelle Moss, master of Mile-Away Farm, is not only lending his famous facilities for outdoor cooking and eating, but is personally supervising all the operations with the culinary assistance of Morris Johnson, chicken frying specialist, and John Ferguson, barbecue specialist.

Their artistic work in these fields is well known locally, and the word comes from A. B. Patterson, Red Cross campaign chairman, that for your supper ticket you will get all you can eat of chicken, or barbecue, or both, with all the trimmings.

The supper will start at 6:30 p. m., and will be held "rain or shine," as the outdoor cooking arrangements are roofed, and

there is also enough room under cover for a large crowd.

The tickets are on sale at the Red Cross chapter office, at several local hotels and are being sold by a number of interested citizens of the town.

Southern Pines is short about \$700 of meeting its \$4,500 fund drive quota. The campaign is also lagging in the county. This is the first time, said Chairman Patterson, that either the county or the town has failed to more than meet the quota and it is a matter of community pride not to let the Red Cross down.

Something over 70 per cent of the campaign funds remain in the county, to be spent on aid to Moore County veterans in distress and their families, and to further the first aid, home nursing, water safety and other educational programs for which the Red Cross is so well known. In case of a community disaster also, the Red Cross stands by.

## Local Delegation Goes To Governor's Bond Drive Dinner; Marshall Speaks

### "Opportunity" Drive Will Open May 16

Mr. and Mrs. N. L. Hodgkins, Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Overton, Miss Blanche Sherman and J. C. Cole were among the guests at the Governor's dinner held at the Sir Walter hotel, in Raleigh, Tuesday evening in furtherance of the U. S. Savings Bond program.

County bond sale chairmen, press and radio representatives and volunteer bond sale workers were honor guests at the dinner. E. C. Stevens, Moore County chairman, was unable to attend.

Gen. George C. Marshall and Governor W. Kerr Scott headed the list of distinguished speakers who followed the lead of President Truman in asking support for the forthcoming Opportunity Bond drive, which will be held May 16-June 30. Governor's din-

ners were held in all 48 states, and President Truman spoke at a dinner in Washington, to give the drive probably the finest send-off any American campaign has ever had.

### 500 Attended

Some 500 persons from all over the state attended the Raleigh dinner, at which I. M. Bailey, well-known attorney who is state Savings Bond chairman, presided as toastmaster. The State College orchestra played.

General Marshall, in a brief effective speech, praised the North Atlantic pact as a long forward step toward the security of all nations, and said that time, patience and wisdom should bring a solution for the problems which now beset the UN.

Governor Scott, honorary chairman of the State Savings Bond committee, paid high tribute to the untiring efforts of volunteer workers in the sale of bonds since 1941.

### "Go Forward"

Urging support of all North Carolinians in supporting the forthcoming drive by purchasing extra U. S. Savings bonds, Governor Scott said, "This is your and my opportunity to serve our country, our state and our community."

"And in this as in all other programs in North Carolina," the Governor added, "let the word be 'Go Forward.'"

North Carolina's E bond quota in the drive has been set at \$12,000,000.

"Eternal vigilance remains, as always, the price of freedom, and we are in for a long period of necessary vigilance," General Marshall said in his address. "No body can perceive just how long it will be."

"However, the European Recovery Plan has progressed much more favorably than I think anyone here could realize without having lived in Europe in that period of poverty, fear and despondence which followed immediately after the failure of the Moscow Conference in the spring of 1947.

### Must Work Together

"Faced as we are with the necessity to strengthen our military and economic defense against a (Continued on Page 5)

## REGISTERED?

If you plan to vote in the municipal election of May 3, you should make sure today (Friday) or tomorrow that your name is on the town books.

Having registered or voted in the gubernatorial or school bond elections does not mean you are registered for the municipal vote. The town books are separate from those of precinct and school district.

If you did not vote in the last election for mayor and commissioners of Southern Pines, see Hiram Westbrook, registrar, at the town hall today or tomorrow—last days of the municipal registration.

## Assembly Passes Law Enforcement Act For Pinehurst

"An Act for the Better Enforcement of Law in Pinehurst, Moore County, North Carolina," introduced in the General Assembly by Rep. H. Clifton Blue, received its ratification at the hands of the Senate last week.

The bill constitutes the village of Pinehurst a municipal corporation for specific purposes which it sets forth; authorizes the county commissioners to appoint a chief constable, and gives him some extraordinary powers. It authorizes a jail for Pinehurst, and benefits of tax moneys or refunds normally enjoyed only by fully incorporated municipalities.

The act follows:

SECTION 1. For all the purposes of this act, but only for such purposes, all that territory within an area one mile distant in all directions from what is known and designated as the General Offices in the Village of Pinehurst, in Moore County, North Carolina, shall be and constitute a municipal corporation to be known and hereinafter referred to as Pinehurst.

SECTION 2. After the ratification of this act it shall be the duty of the Board of Commissioners of Moore County to appoint a chief constable for said municipality of Pinehurst and such other constables as may be deemed necessary by said Board of Commissioners; and such chief constable and other constables so appointed shall have, within the limits of Pinehurst territory, as hereinbefore defined, for the enforcement of law in said territory, all such authority as the Sheriff of Moore County possesses for the enforcement of law within the County of Moore. The term of office of said chief constable and any other constables appointed by the Board of Commissioners of Moore County shall be for such time as said board may designate in the order of appointment, and before entering upon the duties of their offices, respectively, the said chief constable and other constables shall execute such official bond as (Continued on Page 5)

## Public Poll Okays Mail Delivery For This Community

### Postmaster Will Submit Report To Postal Department

Southern Pines wants and needs city mail delivery service, was the opinion overwhelmingly registered in a poll taken all day Saturday at the local post office under auspices of the Chamber of Commerce.

Beginning at 7 a. m. and continuing without recess until 6 p. m., Chamber Manager Tom White and his assistants invited all comers to register their opinions on ballots at a table near the front steps. These, with a few ballots dribbling in by mail or by hand during the next few days, showed about 850 for the delivery service, with only 23 against.

Aiming at 1,000 names, Manager White said these could easily have been collected on the one day, Saturday, if the cold weather had not forced the workers indoors as evening came on. Postmaster A. Garland Pierce, however, said this week he thought the number on hand would do very well to show the postal department a good cross-section of public opinion, and that he plans to submit a report shortly, requesting the service.

### Many Wait Long

About 40 people who said they were against delivery service refused to sign ballots. Most of the signers affixed their signatures willingly, even eagerly, particularly those who have been on the waiting list for post office boxes for a year or longer, without seeing any chance of getting a box. Some of these wrote urgent notes on the ballots. One man wrote, "Waited two years till I gave it up in disgust." Colored people coming by early on their way to work were almost pathetically eager to sign in the affirmative. Many must walk a long way to the post office, and must get their mail at the general delivery window.

Many elderly people were made happy at the idea of having their mail delivered, and one lady took 15 ballots for those at her boarding house to sign, returning them to Manager White Monday and getting a dozen more. Several businessmen took ballots for their employees.

Many citizens fortunate enough to have boxes, but well aware of the congested situation in the post office, signed in the affirmative for the sake of others.

### Like Seeing Friends

Most of those who were against the service said they like meeting their friends at the post office, and one lady said plaintively, "It's the only place I have to go." Some husbands were frankly against the service "because I don't want my wife seeing my mail."

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## School Bond Vote Set Tuesday; 331 Register

### EXHIBIT

William and Winifred White, makers of satinstone ware, will hold an exhibit of their exclusively designed, handcrafted decorator items in the Fine Arts room of the Southern Pines library from Monday afternoon through Saturday of next week.

They will show table tops, including two "lazy susans," book ends, lamp bases and wall tiles made of satinstone, a hard glossy-finish marble-like cement which lends itself handsomely to coloring and to the use of varicolored designs.

Their work is sold by decorators in New York City, Florida, Washington and North Carolina cities, and is seen in some of the handsomest homes of the east coast. They recently held a successful exhibit at the Everglades club in Florida. This is the first showing of their work to be held in their home town.

## Baseball, Softball Schedule Is Full For Coming Week

A full week of baseball and softball events will be provided next week by Southern Pines high school teams as the Blue and White boys continue their (so far) highly successful season, and the girls step into the picture with a softball team.

The high school boys' team will meet Candor on the local field this afternoon (Friday) and will play Pinehurst, also here, Monday afternoon.

Next Wednesday, a varsity game here with Jonesboro, will be preceded by an unusual exhibition game, as the Hi-Y boys take on the girls' softball team, handicapping themselves in various ways so as not to make it too tough for the young ladies. Word comes, though, that they might do better to play their best as the girls' team is shaping up nicely and may give the boys the licking of their lives.

This double-header will start at 1 p. m. and will be held for the benefit of the band uniforms.

The girls opened their softball season Thursday afternoon by meeting the West End girls here, and will play at Vass Tuesday and at West End Thursday. No report was in from yesterday's game at the time of going to press.

The boys' baseball team won a close victory over Aberdeen on the local field Wednesday afternoon, in a pitchers' duel providing plenty of excitement and a final score of 3 to 2. Smith for Aberdeen and Baker for Southern Pines both pitched fine games. Smith struck out 11, Baker 10. No Aberdeen player got more than one hit, with Southern Pines scoring eight hits in all, Aberdeen three. Dickerson made 3 for 4, Bowen 2 for 4 for Southern Pines.

## Camp Mackall Lives Again As Troops, Tanks, Guns Assemble For Maneuvers

Southern Pines will have visitors from the maneuver area Saturday, when 1,000 soldiers will be on leave here from noon till midnight, according to word received by the police department from the army authorities.

### By Valerie Nicholson

The tanks of war are rolling again, the big guns are on the move—this time over the country roads below Aberdeen, leading from Fort Bragg to the neighboring Camp Mackall reservation, where army units have been assembling for four weeks for the great war maneuvers, Exercise Tar Heel.

All about Camp Mackall, once again a scene of action after several desolate years, the roads have been widened, graded and marked with military signs. Country bridges have received coverings—superimposed and reinforced to bear the weight of the tanks, artillery and truck convoys which are now constantly passing.

The historic V Corps—the 82nd Airborne division and many supporting units—started moving over from Fort Bragg Monday,

to take on a new name, "Task Force Victor," in the newest chapter of the greatest war games of history, extending to various points in the nation and even to the Caribbean.

This is a sequel to Exercise Assembly held at Camp Campbell, Ky., last year, when the 82nd Airborne flew from Fort Bragg to overrun and capture that strategic air base; and to the Caribbean exercises which recently involved marine and navy units. Col. Sam Sloane, one of the sharpest commanders on Uncle Sam's payroll, has brought his famed "Aggressor Troops" to Fort Bragg and it is against these that Task Force Victor will test its mettle.

### Situation Pretty Hot

The Aggressor Troops have been specially trained at Fort Riley, Kansas, to spot every weakness in the "U. S. Forces" they are opposing. According to the thickening plot, after their Caribbean defeat and the breaking up of their submarine pens off Puerto Rico, they have made secret landings in this country. Rumors have flown as to where they might be. The nation is in a

state of undeclared war and the Chief of Staff, viewing the situation as pretty hot, has ordered the assembling of a giant Task Force, to be ready as soon as needed.

### Field Problems

Since March 20 this Task Force has been assembling, and men of the 82nd Airborne, based at Fort Bragg until this week, with its supporting units which have come in by air, rail and truck convoy from bases all over the country have been working out intensive field problems. These have involved tactical jumps, and cross-country maneuvering from the DZ (drop zone) to a prearranged rendezvous for attack. Aggressor Forces have harassed them, making known their presence in the area.

One unit of five paratroopers missed their way a week or so ago, and finally showed up in the middle of a Boy Scout camping expedition in the vicinity. This is not expected to happen very often. With 65,000 acres at Camp Mackall, and almost 10,000 belonging to Fort Bragg, all the maneuvers are expected to stay (Continued on Page 16)

## Maximum Figure Will Assure Gymnasium, Auditorium - Cafeteria

Voting in the \$90,000 school bond election for Southern Pines will be held next Tuesday at the city hall, where Harry Fullenwider, registrar, and Joe Montesanti, Jr., and C. S. Patch, Jr., judges, will be on the job from 6 a. m. to 6:30 p. m.

Final registration totaled 331 names of citizens who will decide, by a simple majority, whether or not plans may continue for the new school gymnasium and auditorium cafeteria.

The \$90,000 figure is a maximum one set by the school board to assure having sufficient funds on hand to complete the buildings, and to see that they are fully equipped if no funds come in from other sources. The county is expected to lend some financial assistance, but no commitment in this regard can be made until budget time in the summer.

With luck, said Supt. P. J. Weaver, the new buildings can be completed for town and school use by next winter. The first piece of luck, of course, involves getting the money, to add to funds already on hand.

Modern buildings, worthy of the community, are planned though a number of economies have been effected in the original plans to scale down costs.

Saturday (tomorrow) is Challenge day, when by law citizens may challenge names of registrants believed unqualified.

## New Credit Bureau Soon To Operate On Paying Basis

The Credit Rating Bureau of the recently organized Southern Pines Merchants association now has about 1,000 names in its file and, with inquiries coming in at the rate of about 60 a month, is on the verge of becoming self-supporting, it was learned this week from Tom White, executive secretary.

Most of the inquiries come from out of town, through facilities of the N. C. Merchants association of which the local organization is a member. The Hooper-Holmes Credit Rating Bureau of Greensboro and the O'Hanlon Bureau of Charlotte are regular customers. Single inquiries come daily from Fayetteville, Sanford, Raleigh and other North Carolina cities. Service on the inquiries is charged for at the rate of 40 to 75 cents each, depending on the type of inquiry which is submitted.

No active drive for membership has been pushed, pending the building up of a fairly complete file, but about 35 local business firms and individuals (business and professional men) have joined and a number of them are making use of the service, said Mr. White. Aberdeen and Pinehurst are being served when desired, along with Southern Pines.

Members are sending in their ratings of credit customers rather slowly, said Mr. White, adding that the file will be far more complete and useful when all of these are in and a complete credit picture can be given of anyone in the file, when an inquiry is made.

All the information in the file is strictly confidential, for the use of local and affiliated members only, and no merchant's name is given as a source of the information.

Income of the association is derived from the membership dues of \$15 a year, entitling to a maximum of four free inquiries per month, and fees for extra and out-of-town inquiries. Any toll charges involved, when an immediate report is wanted, are extra.

Expenses of the association include half the rent of the Chamber of Commerce office in the Belvedere hotel, and half the salary of Mrs. James Prim, who has been employed as a part-time secretary for both the Chamber of Commerce and the Merchants association. Mr. White's services are not charged for, as these are considered part of his duties as manager of the sponsoring Chamber of Commerce.

Walter E. Blue is president of the Merchants association, which has also a board of local businessmen as directors.