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## Rep. Blue Plays Constructive Role In General Assembly Session Just Ended

### Many Local Bills Passed; Alcoholic Hospital Is Assured

#### Helps Set Up Scott's Roads And School Program

Moore county's legislator, H. Clifton Blue, of Aberdeen, returned home last week end on the closing of the General Assembly with a full record of service for his second term, and a noteworthy consolidation of gains in prestige for himself and his county.

He started as a member of Governor Scott's inaugural committee. He served on eight important legislative committees, and was chairman of one. He authored some notable pieces of legislation, and assisted with others.

He returned to Raleigh Tuesday of this week at the Governor's behest, to assist in plans for the forthcoming statewide road and school building bond elections and to become an incorporator, with many illustrious citizens of the state, of "Better Roads and Schools, Inc.," to promote the Scott-sponsored bond issues which will be voted on June 4.

In the 94 days of deliberation, stretched out over almost four months, Blue introduced 14 bills in behalf of Moore county, 13 of which became law.

**Alcoholic Hospital**  
He sponsored or worked closely with a half-dozen major pieces of statewide legislation, the most memorable probably that establishing a hospital for alcoholics, separate from Dix Hill.

His sponsorship, that of a declared personal and legislative (Continued on Page 5)

## Atherton Cup Is Given As Annual Sandpiper Trophy

The Arthur Atherton cup, given by Mrs. Atherton in memory of her husband, will be awarded May 21, at the Sandpipers and Pine Dodgers annual banquet, to the championship winner of the Sandpipers tournament now under way.

Mr. Atherton was a charter member of the Sandpipers club, active and loyal until his final illness. The award of the trophy will be made annually, it was learned this week.

Matches have been going on in two flights at the Pine Needles club since the qualifying rounds Sunday, April 17. Pre-final matches are to be played this week end, on or before Sunday, to determine the trophy contestants in both flights. Final playoffs will be held on or before May 7.

**Championship Flight**  
In the championship flight, Jack Carter and Will Wiggs are paired, and Jimmy Riggins and George Pottle. In the first flight, Howard Burns and Joe Montesanti, Jr., have been paired, H. C. Woodhouse and Harry Chatfield.

After qualifying for the championship flight (no handicap), eight pairs played off as follows, winner named first: John Pottle (defending champion), R. N. Page, 3rd, 4 and 2; Jack Carter, Herrman, Grover, 2 and 1; Will Wiggs, Paul Belle, 4 and 3; Jimmy Riggins, Charles Everest, Jr., by default; John Underwood, M. Herndon, 2 up; George Pottle, Harold Collins, 4 and 3; Bennett Harris, Bob Page, 2 and 1; Warren Royer, F. E. Stubbs, 1 up.

The defending champion went down in this week's playoff, as John Pottle bowed to Jack Carter 5 and 4. Other pairs, winner named first: Wiggs, Royer, 3 and 2; Riggins, Underwood, 5 and 3; G. Pottle, Harris, 1 up.

**First Flight**  
In the first flight (with handicap), qualifying players paired as follows, winner named first: Howard Burns, Dr. W. E. Bush, 6 up; Charles Swoope, S. T. Wallis, both defaulted; Dr. P. M. Whitehead, W. L. Batchelor, 4 and 3; Joe Montesanti, Jr., Nolley Jackson, 1 up in 20 holes; Charles Everest, Sr., Boyd Starnes, by default; H. C. Woodhouse, N. L. Hodgkins, 5 and 4; A. B. Patterson, Carlton Kennedy, 2 and 1; R. E. Rhodes, Harry Chatfield, 6 and 4.

This week's pairs, winner named first: Montesanti, Whitehead, 2 and 1; Woodhouse, Everest, by default; Chatfield, Patterson, 7 and 6; Burns, by default.

## A SHAME

Blue is in the red by about \$1,000, on his service in the 1949 General Assembly. He says it was worth it—but how long can we get good men to go to Raleigh at such heavy personal cost?

In the fourth longest session in state history, appropriations of some \$500 million were made, and bond issues totaling \$225 more were authorized by probably the poorest set of legislators on record. Long before the 16-week term ended, the \$600 set by an old statute (passed in the days of 50-cent dinners and \$1 hotel rooms) had blown.

Most legislators paid someone to carry on their work (as did Moore county's representative Blue) or suffered financial loss in their business or profession. They had to keep a hotel room for the full term, buy meals and pay to come home weekends. It all cost \$100 a week, or more.

Among the 1,300 new laws they passed was a hopeful one by which voters will have their third chance—they have turned down two—to give their lawmakers a raise, come the 1950 election.

## Twin City Team Is Peach Belt Entry; Opener Next Week

The Twin City club, a merger of the Southern Pines and Aberdeen ball clubs effected through a series of meetings this spring, will make its bow in the 1949 Peach Belt League by playing Bladenboro on the local field Saturday, May 7.

An exhibit game will be played with Hamlet here at 3 p. m., Sunday.

The merger is expected to provide a stronger entry for the League than either town could manage alone, according to Manager Henry Pierce, who said this week that with the present arrangement chances look good for a successful playing season and a good try at the trophy.

Officers elected at a recent meeting were Chan Page, Southern Pines, president; Henry Pierce, Aberdeen, manager; Ray McMullen, Southern Pines, League director, and Ralph W. Barnhart, Aberdeen, secretary-treasurer.

The season, opening May 7, will include games scheduled every Monday (or Sunday if these can be arranged), Wednesday and Saturday through August 15, with playoffs starting August 17. Game time will be 4 p. m.

Clubs in the 1949 League include the Twin City of Southern Pines and Aberdeen; Beautit Mills, Safie Mills and Steele Mills, all of Rockingham; Hamlet, Bladenboro, Robbins and Plymouth Mills of McColl, S. C.

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## Summer Recreation Plans

Summer recreation will be sponsored again this year for both the white and Negro youth of Southern Pines, by the Council of Social Agencies, from which word comes that an appeal will be made during the first 10 days in May for the \$2,500 which it is estimated will be needed.

A. C. Dawson, Jr., of the high school faculty, who has headed the program successfully for several years in the past will do so again this summer. He will have an assistant in charge of the program in West Southern Pines, and how much other help he will have will depend on the success of the appeal for funds.

Solicitation will be headed by Don Madigan, named chairman at a recent Council meeting. He began his work this week with a request that donors send checks to the Council of Social Agencies, care John Pottle, treasurer. Promptness will be a big help, he said, as it is hoped to have all

## Mass X-ray Clinic For TB Detection Planned In County

### Mobile Units Will Visit All Communities Starting August 26

Free adult X-ray clinics will cover Moore county, community by community, for six weeks in the early fall, via mobile units of the state health department equipped for the quick and easy detection of tuberculosis or its incipency.

The program will be sponsored by the state and county health departments and the Moore County Tuberculosis association, financed jointly by the county and the association.

Plans were completed at a meeting held at Carthage Tuesday attended by Mrs. T. A. Cheatham, of Pinehurst, president of the Moore County Tuberculosis association; Dr. J. W. Wilcox, county health officer; G. M. Cameron, chairman of county commissioners, and the following from the state department of health: Dr. M. A. Smith, director of the division of tuberculosis control; Miss Lulabelle Highsmith, health director; Miss Blanche Vincent, consultant, and Al Chiswell, of Southern Pines, technician.

R. L. Chandler, of the Carolina Power and Light company's district office here, was also present to ascertain electrical requirements, in which his company will cooperate.

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## Beer Referendum Set November 1

A referendum on beer and wine sales in Moore county was set for November 1 by the county board of elections, meeting at Carthage last Thursday afternoon.

The referendum followed presentation of a petition sponsored by the Moore County unit of the Allied Church League, bearing 2,010 names. It was presented to the board last December 31.

Since the law calls for the calling of an election within 30 days after presentation of a petition bearing the requisite number of signatures of qualified voters, an attorney representing opponents of the election appeared to protest the legality of setting any date at all, since more than 30 days have elapsed.

M. G. Boyette, county attorney, who also attended the meeting, stated as his opinion that, despite the delay, it was incumbent on the board to set a date; and that any who felt that it might be illegal to do so could have recourse to injunctive proceedings.

The delay was occasioned, it was reported by the board, by the fact one of its members, John S. Ruggles, was ill during much of the time. He was a patient at the Moore County hospital, sustained an operation there and has since been recuperating.

Also, it was authoritatively reported, the petition bore many signatures obviously written by the same hand, or hands, rather than the persons whose signatures they purported to be.

## Mrs. McCain Will Help With Choice Of UNC President

The momentous task of nominating a new president for the Greater University of North Carolina has been entrusted by Governor W. Kerr Scott to a committee of nine University trustees, of which one is Mrs. P. P. McCain of Southern Pines.

The first meeting of the committee will be held at State college June 6, according to notice received by Mrs. McCain Tuesday. It will be followed by meetings at the University at Chapel Hill and at Woman's college, Greensboro. The three units comprise the Greater University.

At these open meetings, recommendations of all comers will be heard for the choice of a man to succeed Frank P. Graham, now U. S. Senator by appointment of Governor Scott.

The meetings will probably be followed by an executive session, at which a candidate will be chosen, for recommendation to Governor Scott.

## Two-Year Summary Shows Progress Under Old Board

A glance back over the files of the town board whose two-year term will end with next week's election shows many things for which it will be remembered.

It is a record of real accomplishment, reflecting the needs of the growing town and continuing along a path of progress set by the present board's predecessors of bygone years.

The record as presented here has been gathered from the minutes of board meetings from May, 1947, through April, 1949, and also from the Pilot files.

Among the highlights are:

Purchase of equipment (which has not yet arrived) for the inauguration of the sanitary fill-in method of garbage disposal, thus putting an end to the ancient and despised city dump.

Abolition of Sunday beer and wine sale in public places in the town.

The addition of 6,290 feet of sewer lines, and 6,800 feet of six and eight inch water mains, with 3,200 feet of two-inch water mains providing service to many new homes. The larger water mains are equipped with fire hydrants for greater protection in both Southern Pines and West Southern Pines.

The opening of several new blocks and streets in Southern Pines and also West Southern Pines.

The extension of the business district on South Broad street, Pennsylvania avenue, New Hampshire avenue and also in

West Southern Pines, on recommendation of the readjustment board.

Widening of Broad street at New York avenue and also near the passenger station, to relieve traffic conditions by providing more parking space.

The purchase of a D-2 tractor and other equipment to facilitate street repairs, etc., by the town crews.

"Fogging" of the town with DDT during last summer's polio epidemic.

The purchase of additional land for Mt. Hope cemetery, and the development and beautification of a considerable part of it to add new plots to last many years.

The granting of pay raises to city policemen and several other town employees, bringing them more in line with what is paid in other places.

The enlargement of the police department by one patrolman and a deskman, also the purchase of a police car.

Appointment of a city electrician (W. H. Mumford) and the adoption of the N. C. uniform electrical inspection code, with a few minor changes.

Inauguration of garbage collection three times a week from the rear of buildings in the business district.

**Mayor's Objectives**

On his nomination and unofficial election at the town caucus of 1947 (confirmed by the official vote four days later) Mayor C. N. Page stated as two main objectives:

## Heavy Majority Assures Gymnasium, Auditorium, Cafeteria For Schools

### COMMENCEMENT

With commencement now little more than five weeks off, Supt. P. J. Weaver this week announced speakers and dates of the final exercises at the Southern Pines High school as follows:

Baccalaureate services will be held Sunday, June 5, with sermon by the Rev. Paul E. Hardin, pastor of Wesley Memorial Methodist church at High Point.

Graduation exercises will be on Tuesday evening, June 7, with Dr. Carlyle Campbell, president of Meredith college at Raleigh as speaker. Both will be held at the Church of Wide Fellowship.

### Work Starts Soon For Completion By Winter

Voters of the Southern Pines school district went to the ballot box Tuesday to assure the construction and equipping of their new gymnasium and auditorium-cafeteria, by a decisive vote of 241 to 36.

Eighty-four per cent of the 331 registrants voted their approval of the \$90,000 bond issue which may be necessary to complete payment on contracts already let, and to buy sufficient equipment for use of the two buildings.

A 30-day waiting period required by law will be followed immediately by the activities of the L. P. Cox Construction company of Sanford, which, with the cooperation of plumbing, heating and electrical contractors, will endeavor to have the buildings ready for use by next winter.

This will be the second time Southern Pines voters have approved a bond issue for the two buildings, and by the time ground is broken it will have been almost two years since efforts began to have the two buildings added to the local school unit.

### Ceiling Fell

It was in June, 1947, that the ceiling of the old auditorium, which doubled as gymnasium, fell with a crash—fortunately, on an empty floor. The month before the closing of school two weeks earlier had been filled with commencement activities, the senior play and special assemblies. During the winter and spring many basketball games had been held

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## LEGION BASEBALL

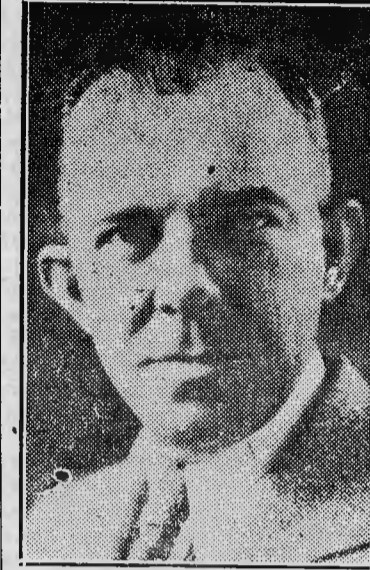
Practice for Junior Legion baseball in Moore county will start Saturday, with sessions at 9:30 a. m. and 1:30 p. m. at the Robbins ball park. It was announced by Charles W. Swoope, of Pinehurst, Legion Council chairman.

Boys from several county communities who have indicated their desire to join the team are expected to attend, and newcomers desiring try-outs are also invited, said Mr. Swoope. Those without transportation are asked to get in touch with members of their local Legion post for assistance.

The summer schedule of play has not been set but will start soon after the closing of school, early in June. All boys who had not reached their 17th birthday by January 1 of this year are eligible to play.

## Town Caucus Tonight Election Day Tuesday

### DIRECTOR



GEORGE ROSS

## Ross Appointed By Governor Scott To High State Post

George Ross, an adopted son of Moore county long prominent in the state, was appointed this week by Governor W. Kerr Scott to the important post of director of the board of conservation and development.

He will take office May 1, succeeding R. Bruce Etheridge, of Dare county, head of the board since 1933.

Ross is a longtime friend of Governor Scott and his former associate in the state department of agriculture, where he is said to have been among the first to perceive Scott's potentialities, and to assist him in developing his political talents.

Ross, a native of Randolph county, came to Moore soon after his graduation from State college in 1911. He lived at Jackson Springs where he still owns a home, and managed the Derby farms. He became well known in the county and represented Moore in the General Assembly in 1921 and 1923.

His success as farm manager led to his appointment in 1929 as director of state-owned farms, a job he held for five years.

Planning publication of a farm paper, he became briefly a Moore county newspaper owner in the 1930's and figures in the history of both The Pilot and the Sandhill Citizen.

In 1934 he purchased The Citizen, then being published at Southern Pines, but just about that time was appointed administrator of the Rural Rehabilitation and Loan Administration and gave up the newspaper idea. He sold (Continued on Page 8)

## Shannon Starts On Enumeration For Business Census

W. D. Shannon, of Pinebluff, started last week on the business census of Moore county, for which he was appointed enumerator for the U. S. Department of Commerce.

The census will cover all retail sales and service businesses and certain types of wholesalers and other businesses, concerning which information will be sought for statistical purposes.

It is emphasized that all information is absolutely confidential, and has no connection with any other government department, or with taxes of any kind.

The census is usually held every five years, to provide an up-to-date overall picture of employment and business conditions throughout the nation. The last one, however, was skipped on account of the war, which makes completeness and accuracy all the more important this time.

Mr. Shannon is working by a map dividing Moore county into enumeration districts. The first district includes the section southwest of Highway 1, adjoining Richmond and Hoke counties. He is visiting first the businesses on the outside of the incorporated towns, then will take the towns one by one.

## Few Candidates For Municipal Offices

### Movements Afoot To Change Caucus Procedure

Southern Pines' town caucus will be held at 8 o'clock tonight (Friday) in the Sunday School auditorium of the Church of Wide Fellowship, with the nomination of a mayor and five town commissioners as the major business in hand, along with public expression by any citizen of his views on municipal matters.

The caucus will be followed by the town election at the city hall Tuesday, with Registrar Hiram Westbrook and judges on duty from 6:30 a. m. to 6:30 p. m.

By established precedent, voting is done here at the caucus, in the old New England fashion, making the ensuing election a mere form. This time, however, there are indications that precedent may be upset.

A motion has been passed around this week in petition form, garnering a number of signatures of respected citizens, asking that the voting reduce the number of nominees for mayor to two instead of one, and for town commissioner to eight instead of five.

**For All Nominees**  
It is learned that there may also be a motion to leave the names of all nominees on the ballot, except for voluntary withdrawals.

Both methods will leave the voters with a choice to make on the official election day.

This time it would be hard, from present indications, to reduce the candidates for mayor to two, as no opposition was apparent this week to the incumbent, C. N. Page. General satisfaction is expressed with his rule, and also in that he has said he will serve again if elected. Barring unforeseen development, the field is all his.

For town commissioner, the pre-caucus week has seen a narrowing, rather than an enlargement, of the field. In this category, though, unexpected nominations are the rule rather than the exception.

**Blue Says No**  
No dissatisfaction has been heard concerning the service of the incumbents, of which three (Continued on Page 5)

## Maternal Welfare

### Tag Day Set For Saturday, May 7

The Maternal Welfare drive which is due to take place Saturday, May 7, is getting off to an early start throughout the county with preliminary plans being made for committees in various towns. Plans for carrying out the Tag Day sale are being set up and it is expected that this popular cause will, as usual, receive widespread support in this yearly fund drive.

In Southern Pines, Mrs. James Boyd is in charge with Mrs. L. T. Avery, Mrs. Paul P. McCain, Mrs. J. H. Towne, Mrs. James B. Swett and other assisting her. As usual, tables will be established at the post office and the bank where the tags will be sold.

In Robbins, Mrs. Herbert Davis and Mrs. Wray are in charge. The Robbins group made a sterling contribution last year.

In Aberdeen Mrs. J. T. Johnson heads the committee, while in Pinehurst a large group headed by the committee's second vice-president, Mrs. Hugh Carter, is starting work.

Pinebluff's Mrs. Walter MacNeille will also sell tags, with others helping her. Pinebluff's clinic is one of the largest and most flourishing in the county, while the Golden Rule shop there frequently supplies needy mothers with layettes.

In Vass, Mrs. S. R. Smith heads the committee. A house-to-house sale is planned for this year's drive. Vass completely ran out of tags last year and is taking on a larger quota than ever for sale on May 7th.

Cameron will also be represented, as will West End, Eagle Springs, Carthage and the other towns of the county where committees are still in the process of organization.