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TEN CENTS

Ground Broken For New Gymnasium; Larger Auditorium Appears Assured

Dr. Herr First
To Wield Shovel;
Progress Is Noted

Ground was broken for the new school gymnasium with an informal ceremony at 8:30 a. m. Thursday, and the entire student body of the Southern Pines school standing by to watch the first step toward a long dream's fruition. Superintendent Philip J. Weaver spoke briefly concerning the significance of the day and handed the spade to Dr. G. G. Herr, school board chairman. Dr. Herr, longtime resident of this community, spoke with feeling of the progress made since days within his memory, when Southern Pines' one school was a one-room structure near the foot of Rhode Island avenue. In commenting on the progress made since that time, he gave credit to the board, Superintendent Weaver, the citizens' committee and (Continued on Page 5)

Elks Plan Party Sunday Afternoon For Mother's Day

"Mother" will be the theme of a program to be presented Sunday afternoon, Mother's day, at 3:30 o'clock by the Southern Pines Elks lodge on the grounds of their clubhouse on South May street.

The public is cordially invited, said Col. D. L. Madigan, exalted ruler, and all mothers will be guests of honor. Tea will be served to all, and gifts of flowers will be presented to the mothers.

A musical program will be given with Mrs. L. D. McDonald at the organ, accompanying songs by five soloists, Mrs. Page Choate, Mrs. Bryan Poe, Wesley Stoltz, Bob Smith and Pat Patterson.

Ministers of local churches will extend the invitation to all mothers at their Sunday morning services. An invitation is also being extended, through Mrs. Walter B. Cole, superintendent of public welfare, to mothers living at the county home, and transportation will be provided for them by the Elks.

Exalted Ruler Madigan will preside, and other members of the lodge will participate in making the program and party one of real pleasure for the honor guests. In case of rain, it will be held at the Civic club.

County Approves Short-Wave Radio Installation for Forest Fire Control

Short-wave radio as an up-to-the-minute improvement for forest fire control service in Moore county was included in the proposed budget for 1949-50 presented to the county commissioners at Carthage Monday, by representatives of the N. C. Forest Service. The commissioners approved the county's 35 per cent of the proposed \$11,200 budget, as presented by District Forester J. A. Pippin and County Fire Warden

WANTED—\$400

"The Answer to Cancer" may lie in your dollars and dimes, which, given now, will help in the National Cancer society's continuing war against this dread disease.

The fight goes on all the time—but only once a year is the public asked to give toward its financing. In the current drive less than half of Southern Pines' \$700 quota has been made, according to Harry Fullenwider, chairman, adding that the \$300 he has received has been given by a very few people. He'd like to see everyone represented.

Mr. Fullenwider is doing no door-to-door soliciting, as he said the need is too well known. Everyone, he is sure, wants to give—but many have postponed it. Wishing to close the drive within a week or two, he asks that contributions be mailed to him at Box 25, or brought to his office on East Pennsylvania avenue.

CONFERENCE LEAD

Southern Pines remained an undefeated high school conference winner this week by defeating Aberdeen here Tuesday 7 to 5, and its fate in Group 1 of the Eastern conference was to be determined Thursday or today.

A victory against either West End here Thursday afternoon postponed from last week on account of rain or against Highfalls Friday will mean the local lads will play the winner of Group 1, probably next Tuesday, for the regional championship.

The first defeat of the current season came in a non-conference game here last Wednesday, when the boys from Candor scored three runs in the ninth inning to snatch the lead and win 4 to 2.

A game will be played here Wednesday against Elise High of Robbins.

Countywide DDT Spraying Begins Here This Week

The county's new DDT-spraying machine will have its first workout in Southern Pines, where spraying of every street and the outside of every building may already have begun by the time this is in print.

Russell Mills, county sanitarian, said he was expecting the DDT solution, purchased at cost in 55-gallon drums, to arrive Wednesday or Thursday, and work should begin as soon as practicable after that.

Carl Klabbatz, Jr., of Southern Pines, has been employed to operate the machine, carrying it into all municipalities of the county in succession. He will have the help of town employees in carrying out the program.

In the spray program here, the interior of homes and other buildings will be sprayed on request. However, said Mayor C. N. Page, where screens are used and no unusual conditions are found, the exterior spray is believed to be sufficient. A thorough job is to be done, covering all detectable breeding places, killing flies and other insect pests at their (Continued on Page 5)

Caucus Procedure Undergoes Change By Popular Vote

Fruitful Discussions
Feature Gathering
Of Townspeople

Southern Pines' liveliest caucus in many years, drawing some 200 citizens to the Church of Wide Fellowship assembly room last Friday night, brought out many ideas for progress for the town, and effected at least one real change.

By the most democratic method in the world—popular discussion and majority vote—it probably put an end locally to the purest form of democratic government known, the old New England "town meeting" in which candidates were elected from the floor.

That a number of citizens had had this on their minds was evidenced by the fact that two attorneys, Hoke Pollock and Harry Fullenwider, were ready with an opinion that the old-style caucus has no legal standing; and two citizens had motions ready to present bringing the voting method more up to date.

That of Dr. L. M. Daniels—who had a petition ready, signed by a number of substantial citizens—was for reduction of candidates for mayor to two, and for commissioners to eight. This was chosen by the caucus without an amendment offered by C. S. Patch, Jr., that all names of nominees remain on the ballot.

Should Be Legalized

An elimination vote at the caucus would assure continuation of the caucus, Dr. Daniels stated—and the caucus he declared to be a good thing, liked by all. Mr. Fullenwider suggested that it be legalized by special legislative act. In response to a suggestion by Mrs. James Boyd that a longer interval be set between the caucus and the formal election, Buster Patch gave information that by the primary laws, it should be held two weeks in advance.

Dr. Daniels' suggestion as to the candidates for mayor could not be followed this time as only one nomination was made—that of C. N. Page, incumbent.

Nominees For Board

The following were nominated (Continued on Page 5)

Pinehurst Again Wins Picquet Cup

The Pinehurst Glee club won the Picquet cup for the second successive year, in the fourth annual contest sponsored by the Sandhills Kiwanis club for high school glee clubs of the county, and presented as a feature of the club's luncheon meeting at the Mid Pines Wednesday.

The Pinehurst choristers under direction of Paul V. Peck sang "Brother James' Air," arranged by Gordon Jacobs, Romberg's "Riff Song" to "The Night Has a Thousand Eyes," by Nobel-Cain, to win much sincere applause for their excellent performance, and the handsome cup awarded by C. W. Picquet, theatre manager of Southern Pines and Pinehurst.

Outstanding performances were also noted by the Southern Pines glee club, directed by Miss Hope Bailey; that of Aberdeen, directed by Mrs. Lucile Oliver; and that of West End, an organization only two years old, with Paul Peck as director.

Each contributed three numbers to the performance which many Kiwanians rate as the year's finest, and which this time won praise as better than ever. Dr. Robert Reuter, music director at Flora Macdonald college, who with Mrs. Reuter served again as judge of the competition, complimented all the clubs highly on their progress and musicianship.

E. C. Stevens, of the Kiwanis club, spoke also in praise of the performance, saying that each year had brought improvement, and this time the clubs were "twice as good" as last.

They have now reached a point, said Mr. Stevens, at which they may well serve as an inspiration and encouragement to music development in other schools, and may also be considering the possibilities of entering statewide competition.

Caucus Produces Some Ideas

MAYOR PAGE'S PROGRAM

"During the next two years the city limits should be extended, with water mains also extended at once, and sewer lines as soon as practicable. I would like to see a fund started, administered by the board, aided by town organizations with a five- or 10-year plan for beautification of Millen park. A civic center or recreation hall for the young people is a great need, since our present community center has resolved itself into something other than originally intended.

"The water plant should be expanded—it is working at capacity, 800,000 gallons daily, during peak times. We should have a new fire truck with a 500-gallon reserve tank, replacing the old Ford. The street department should trade in its oldest truck for a new one.

"The police building should be inspected and improved, and plans made for a new building before very much longer. We want to put the West Southern Pines playing field in condition, taking care of the drainage problem adequately. It is time to let the contract on the new sewage disposal plant, since the equipment will be here soon. If the new tax valuation is much different from the old, the tax rate should be changed to meet it.

"We should give study to the city manager form of town government. If it will be good for the town—I'm for it."

CITIZENS' SUGGESTIONS

S. B. RICHARDSON—Many people want to come here to live and can't get in. We need more homes.

L. T. CLARK—We're big enough now to think about having a city manager.

HOKE POLLOCK—A community center for teen-agers will help keep our juvenile delinquency low.

HARRY LEWIS—We need more things to entertain and interest visitors, and induce them to stay.

PAUL VAN CAMP—I'm for a retirement system for town employees. The State has a plan we could use.

SLIM FORSYTH—Let us all charge ourselves to start planning right now for a local man on the county commission.

JACK YOUNTS—Every time I send out a letter I put a folder inside telling about our town. Couldn't we all do that?

DR. L. M. DANIELS—How about having a lot of envelopes printed for all businesses to use, with attractive town advertising on them?

CLAUDE REAMS—One great asset is our healthful climate. We should capitalize on it.

HARRY FULLENWIDER—Let's help get industry in the county—a 12 months' payroll would help our community and others.

MRS. P. P. McCABE—For funds for improving Millen park, here's a thought: We're paying about \$20 a month for THOSE BILLBOARDS!

Distinguished List of Conventions at Resort Hotels Before Summer Closing

The imminent closing of resort hotels and seasonal night spots, scheduled during the next week or two, will mark the beginning of the summer recess for this springtime community.

The Mid Pines will close May 19 on conclusion of its current series of meetings and conventions. Wednesday through Friday of this week, some 60 executives of the Shell Oil company in North and South Carolina held a meeting. The Steel Fabricators of North and South Carolina, with members from various other states, will arrive today, 100 strong, to remain through Sunday.

During the week of May 9 a retreat will be held at the Mid Pines for priests of the Catholic diocese of Raleigh, with some 75 expected to attend.

One hundred are expected at the meeting of Luce Publications, Inc., which will bring executives and staff members of Life, Time and Fortune to the Mid Pines May 14 through 18 for a round of golf parties and other pleasure events. An outdoor chicken fry in the old Southern manner is one event on the schedule, and another drawing on Mrs. Cosgrove's resourcefulness in preparation is a banquet with an "old style Negro quartet" as chief entertainer feature. This has been arranged with the aid of Jack S. Younts, of Station WEEB.

At the Highland Pines Inn, the

annual convention of the Oil Dealers of North and South Carolina is being held this weekend (Thursday through Sunday) and a capacity crowd of Shriners here for the Spring Ceremony will fill the hotel to capacity next weekend. The Inn will close the following week.

The Hollywood hotel is entertaining the members of Delta Kappa Gamma, educational sorority, this weekend, Friday through Sunday. It will also extend hospitality to a full house of Shriners next Friday and Saturday, and close a few days later.

The Belvedere, Jefferson Inn, Southland and Park View, all of whom will also entertain Shriners, will remain open all summer. Dining rooms at the Southland and Park View, however, have closed until fall. This will be the first time the Southland has stayed open in summer, except during the war years.

The Dunes club has closed for the season. Pine Valley Inn, on the Old Pinehurst road, will remain open through May 18, according to the proprietress, Mrs. George Mascall, who says she plans to stay on at the Inn for the summer months, to care for the property.

AT PINEHURST

A half dozen state conventions held from May 1 through May 21 are winding up the season at the Carolina hotel, Pinehurst, in an annual outburst of distinguished speakers, glittering banquets, business sessions and elections of officers.

Closed to all guests except the convention members with the ending of April, the great hotel will close May 22 for a four months' recess.

In progress Sunday through Thursday of this week was the annual meeting of the N. C. Bankers association; beginning today, the N. C. Insurance association holds sway through Sunday.

The N. C. Medical society will meet Sunday evening through Wednesday, and will be followed next week, Thursday through Sunday, by the large textile group known as the N. C. Yarn association.

The N. C. Automobile Dealers will hold their annual meeting May 15-18, followed by that of the N. C. Dental society, last on this year's convention calendar at the Carolina.

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Record Turnout Elects Mayor Page And Board

ACCEPTS CALL



DR. W. C. HOLLAND

Dr. Holland Will Come to Baptist Church as Pastor

Dr. William C. Holland, of the department of religion at Stetson university, DeLand, Fla., has accepted the call of the congregation of the First Baptist church of Southern Pines extended to him on his visit here Easter Sunday.

He will come to his new pastorate the first week in June, according to announcement made this week by S. B. Richardson, chairman of the board of deacons.

The church has been without a pastor since the Rev. J. Lamar Jackson accepted the call of the English church at Birmingham, Ala., last November. Interim pastor has been Dr. Frank P. Lide, of Wake Forest, missionary to China under the Southern Baptist board, now on furlough in the states.

Dr. Holland, a native of Colorado, was educated at Baylor university in Texas and at the Southern Baptist seminary at Louisville, Ky., where he received the degrees of master and also doctor in theology. He has been professor of religion at Stetson university for several years.

Mrs. Holland, a native of Texas, is also a Baylor graduate. They have one child, an 18-months-old son.

The pastorium has been renovated in preparation for the arrival of the new pastor. Among other improvements recently effected have been the installation of new pews and carpet in the sanctuary.

The board of deacons, with Mr. Richardson at its head, has handled affairs of the church during the past half year. W. E. Kivette was chairman of the committee to select a new pastor, with Mr. Richardson, David Gamble, Mrs. William Dale and Mrs. James D. Marler as committee members.

Tag Day Saturday in Moore Towns Will Aid Maternal Welfare Program

The Maternal Welfare drive will go into action this Saturday as tags are sold for this county work in all towns and out in the countryside of Moore county.

In Southern Pines, the Teen-

CAMPOREE

Boy Scouts of Moore county will be moving, 250 strong, this afternoon (Friday) to their camporee site on the shores of Pinebluff lake, for a weekend of outdoor work, play and progress in scouting.

They are taking along all their equipment for outdoor cooking, and for competition in many phases of scout work. Competitive events will be held Saturday afternoon, followed by a chicken fry which is expected to make serious inroads on the nation's poultry population.

The camporee, third annual one for this district, will close after lunch and a final assembly, with presentation of awards, Sunday afternoon.

Kennedy, Ruggles, Patch Are New

Sworn In Wednesday

A total of 306 Southern Pines citizens, largest municipal vote ever recorded here, on Tuesday reelected Mayor C. N. Page, unopposed, with 278 votes; returned to the town board two of its veteran members, L. V. O'Callaghan and Eugene C. Stevens, with 215 and 211 votes respectively, and elected to the board three of their fellow citizens new to municipal government, as follows: Carlton C. Kennedy, 189; John S. Ruggles, 186; and Charles S. Patch, Jr., 157.

Also receiving healthy votes, though not quite enough, were four more candidates, one of them, Joe N. Steed, a member of the retiring board. Mr. Steed received 140 votes; Walter E. Blue, 123; R. L. Chandler, Jr., 110, and Don L. Madigan, 91.

One write-in vote each was accorded George Straka, L. L. Woolley and Charles Patch for mayor, and Lennox Forsyth for commissioner. Registration for the vote totaled 550.

Change In Procedure

Interest in the voting, bringing a record turnout, signaled the first election in town history in which the voters were given a real choice on the ballot instead of merely "going through the motions."

By act of the caucus held Friday evening, on motion by Dr. L. M. Daniels, candidates were to be reduced to two for mayor, instead of one, as heretofore; and to eight for commissioner instead of five.

In actuality, only one name was placed before the caucus for mayor, that of Page, who won nomination by an acclamation vote; and Chandler and Madigan tied for eighth place on the list of commissioner nominees. By caucus approval, both names were left on the ballot, for a total of nine.

The new board was sworn in at 11:30 a. m., Wednesday and will hold its first meeting on the regular meeting date, the second Wednesday (May 11) unless a special meeting is called.

Three Are New

The election gives the board a real influx of "new blood," with a majority of the members newly elected. Balancing them are the two veterans of some 18 years' service, O'Callaghan and Stevens, who led the ticket.

Mayor Page, starting his second term as mayor, also starts his third with the board, as he served for one two-year term as commissioner before being elected to the mayoral post.

The 1949 election brings to the town government the talents of four men heading their own local businesses—Page, proprietor of the Gulf Service station and partner in the McDonald-Page automobile agency; O'Callaghan, (Continued on Page 8)