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Work Under Way On New Municipal Swimming Lake

Board Authorizes Building Permit For Leroy Lee

Preparations are going forward for the new swimming lake at the north end of town, it was reported Wednesday night by Mayor C. N. Page to the town board in regular session. The town bulldozer has been at work clearing stumps and debris from the drained bottom of the lake, and sand is being spread out from the banks, in expectation of opening the lake for use by summertime.

Various organizations are expected to undertake projects for development of the park.

It bids fair to become one of the nicest recreation spots in the Sandhills, and one which the people are anxious to get into operation, he said. "From the way they talk to me about it, this is really one town project everybody is in favor of," the Mayor declared, adding, "and that goes for me too."

However, proper operation of the lake, once it is ready for use, will take some study, all members agreed. This is to be largely in the hands of the Municipal Recreation Commission.

Title of the property has not yet been transferred to the town by its donor, E. R. Mills of Pinebluff, but Mayor Page said he expected that Mr. Mills would see the town soon had it in hand.

Lee Gets Permit
A reading of the minutes of a (Continued on Page 8)

Three-Year-Old Thrown From Car In Sunday Wreck

Judy Stevenson, three-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Alton Stevenson of Pinebluff, was seriously injured Sunday afternoon in a collision at Indiana avenue and Bethesda road. She was thrown from her parents' car in the collision and the wheels of the other car, driven by Leroy Dowdy of West Southern Pines, passed over her body.

Judy's mother, weeping, pleaded guilty to driving without an operator's permit, but not guilty to careless and reckless driving, in a preliminary hearing before Justice D. E. Bailey here Wednesday afternoon. Dowdy, similarly charged with careless and reckless driving, also pleaded not guilty. Justice Bailey found probable cause in both cases and bound them over to their own recognizance for their appearance Tuesday in recorders court.

The accident was the tragic climax to a happy day spent by relatives together. The Stevensons with their three children and a little cousin had spent the day with Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Blue and their children at Vass. In the afternoon they all went for a ride, with Mrs. Stevenson at the wheel. In the car were 10 people—Mr. and Mrs. Stevenson, little Judy and her brother Jimmy, 6, on the front seat; and in the back Mr. and Mrs. Blue, their daughters Mary Belle, 11, and Daisy Lou, nine; Brenda Stevenson, aged two, and Dawn Stevenson, five, a niece of the Pinebluff couple.

According to the State Highway Patrol report, the collision occurred in the center of the intersection as the Stevenson car, going east on Indiana, and Dowdy's car, traveling north on Bethesda road, crashed together. The impact knocked Dowdy's car against a light pole, shearing it off at the base. The right-hand door of the front seat of the Stevenson car apparently flew open, and Judy was thrown out.

She was taken to St. Joseph of the Pines hospital where she was found to have a fractured pelvis, badly gashed head and probable internal injuries. For several hours her life hung by a thread, but she passed her crisis successfully and at mid-week was reported "much improved."

Her parents, Jimmy and Brenda, were also taken to St. Joseph's, where Mr. Stevenson was found to have a broken shoulder while the others were badly shaken up.

The Blues, their daughters and Dawn Stevenson were taken to Moore County hospital. Mr. Blue's chest was bruised but otherwise no injuries were reported.

School Band Will Give Annual Concert Next Week



From left, front row, Majorettes Gladys Bowden, Louise Johnson, Shirley Garner, Johnnie Ferguson. Second row—Director Lynn H. Ledden, Jane Lorenson, Thomas Vann, James Prim, Jon Speller, Charles Covell, John Chappell, James Humphrey, Charles Baker, Drum Major Robert Speller. Third row—John Seymour, Allan topping, Billy Hamel, Claude Reams, Harry Haynesworth, Donald Fobes.

Fourth row—Katharine Dwight, Fred Dixon, David McCallum, Billy Haynesworth, James Morrison, Byron Naum, Lillian Bullock, Betty Jo Britt, Paul Propst. Fifth row—Robert Springer, Mary Matthews, George Patterson, Jimmy Hatch, George Cotton, Kenneth McCrimmon, Stanley Allen, Billy Huntley, David Bailey. Not in picture, Gilbert Harbort, Bobby Cline, Stella Voyles. (Photo by Emerson Humphrey)

UNION SERVICE

Protestant churches of the community will unite in a three-hour service from noon to 3 p. m. today, Good Friday, at Emmanuel Episcopal church.

Taking part in the service, "The Words from the Cross" will be the Rev. C. V. Covell, the Rev. C. K. Ligon, Dr. W. C. Holland and Dr. R. L. House, each of whom will conduct a meditation.

All members of local churches, non-church members and visitors are invited to take part in this solemn service commemorating the Crucifixion of Christ.

School Band Will Climax Year With Public Concert

The Southern Pines school band, the community's pride, will give its first annual concert for the public next Friday evening, April 18, at Weaver auditorium. The concert is not only for the community's enjoyment, but also so the townspeople can see just how far their school band has progressed in its short history of four and a half years, said Lynn H. Ledden, director since last September.

The band was started in the fall of 1947 under J. G. Womble. Funds were raised from time to time by various organizations for uniforms. It was not until last year it became completely uniformed.

Last year also, the band started marching. At first only the drummers could play and march at the same time. In recent months, with much practice, it has learned to march with practically all instruments going—a spirited sight and sound.

It has taken an increasing part in community and school events of various sorts, playing for various local fund-raising events. (Continued on page 5)

Phone Co. Asks Patience As New Strike Woes Loom

As the Western Union strike lightened up, the telephone strike this week closed down over the nation, keeping communications in a slowed-up condition with prospects that they will become worse.

At the Central Carolina Telephone Company office here, a spokesman said, "We ask the patience of the public while these conditions prevail. We're doing our best, but we have some big problems, far beyond our control."

These problems have been aggravated by the Western Union strike, which has thrown an extra burden of long distance calls on the company, and also by the fact that this is the peak of the busy season here.

At the local Western Union office, Mrs. Nellie Mann, manager, and her assistant Mrs. George B. Little went back to work Monday at 11 a. m., as the Raleigh relay center came alive again. Actually, the local staff had never gone off the job, but could get no telegrams through over the weekend.

This week, while the strike remained in effect in scattered spots throughout the nation, they said, "We've been able to get everything through okay so far, since Monday."

The Central Carolina, and other independent companies, are affected by the new strike only insofar as toll calls to many Bell stations are concerned. Employees (Continued on page 5)

FIREMEN'S BALL

Come out, folks, and shake a foot at the Nineteenth Annual Fireman's Ball—the yearly fun-frolic staged by the Southern Pines Volunteer Fire department for the whole community.

All year long the volunteer firemen rush to the rescue when danger threatens. Once a year the community turns out to do them honor, enjoy their company and aid their welfare fund, to which all proceeds go.

The ball will be held Wednesday evening at the Southern Pines Country club, 9 p. m. till 1 a. m. Music will be provided by Bob Smith and his Orchestra, from Fayetteville. A good time for all is guaranteed.

Youthful Pair Escape Hurt In Three-Car Crash

A Vass-Lakeview high school boy and girl going to the drive-in theatre Saturday evening had a miraculous escape from injury or death when their car was struck by two speeding cars in succession, knocked off the road by the first one and overturned by the second.

Donald Ray Jessup, 18, of Lakeview and Joanne Chappell of Vass emerged from Jessup's upside-down car badly shaken up but otherwise unhurt. The Pontiac coach was described by the investigating patrolman as "totally demolished."

He said the car, heading south, had reached the center lane, as it turned into the Starview drive-in on US 1 south, when it was struck in the right rear by a Pontiac coupe driven by Emmanuel McPhatter, 26, Negro, of Southern Pines. McPhatter's car knocked Jessup's to the left shoulder, and was itself bounced over to the right one. A Buick coupe behind McPhatter's swerved to the left from the center lane, knocked Jessup's car into the cinderblock embankment at the theatre entrance and over on its top, then came to a stop across the way, ahead of McPhatter's.

A portion of the cinderblock wall was broken by the impact. The highway was crowded at the time and traffic was slowed up for about a half hour, with three patrolmen at work to prevent a jam. McPhatter indicted for careless and reckless driving causing an accident, received a 60-day sentence in Moore recorders court Monday, suspended on payment of \$50 and costs, Gilbreath received a 30-day sentence, suspended on payment of \$25 and costs, for following too closely behind another car. No law violation was found in Jessup's driving, the patrolman said.

One-Way Traffic To Begin!

90-Day Trial On Broad St. Starts Monday;

Read Directions—Cooperate, Mayor Asks

One-way traffic on Broad street, between Massachusetts and Vermont avenues, will be given a 90-day trial starting first thing Monday morning.

Traffic will be northbound on East Broad street—southbound on West Broad. Cars may cross over at any intersection, provided they remain with the flow of traffic.

Angle parking spaces on certain blocks will be changed to accord with the traffic flow.

The new pattern was set up by State Highway Division engineers on request of the town board, and they have also prepared signs and markers which are now on hand ready to be put in place over the weekend.

For the first few days, policemen will be on duty at both ends of the one-way traffic lanes to help eliminate confusion which may result from the change. Motorists are asked to express their opinion of the new traffic patterns to Mayor C. N. Page or any town commissioner or policeman, as it is being installed purely on a trial basis.

"We ask the cooperation of all in giving the one-way plan a fair trial," said Mayor Page. "We believe that, after people are used to it, it should work out for the benefit of all and go a long way toward solving traffic and parking problems which have lately become acute."

"Watch the signs, learn how it works and we believe you will like it."

At the same time parking time limit hours are being extended from 5 to 6 p. m., on recommendation of the Chamber of Commerce, and the parking limit zone extended on New Hampshire avenue to the alley beyond The Manor.

Otherwise, parking remains the same, with time limits clearly indicated on signs.

Easter Services In Local Churches Will Tell Joyous Resurrection Story

Special Sermons, Masses, Cantatas Mark Festive Day

Easter services in local churches will mark the greatest festival of the Christian year with celebration of the Resurrection in song and sermon, with flowers of spring symbolizing life's renewal and prayers carrying the deep-felt hope for peace.

At Congregational Church
At the Church of Wide Fellowship there will be a special note of joy. After months without a home while the fire-damaged church building was being renovated, the congregation and their pastor will be back in their beautiful sanctuary.

The interior of the church has been painted in muted pastels. Chimes and organ have been renovated and indirect lighting installed. The old-time choir loft has given way to a new chancel, as yet with only temporary furnishings, but providing a handsome background for the three choirs. This was a project of the church's Fellowship Forum.

The beautiful new stained glass window given by Mr. and Mrs. George Case, longtime members who recently moved away, has been placed in the new masonry wall between the sanctuary and the educational annex now under construction.

Services will include the 11 a. m. worship, at which the sermon theme of Dr. R. L. House, pastor, will be "The Glory of the Latter House." All three choirs will sing.

At 4:30 p. m. the choirs will present a cantata, "The Easter Story" with Mrs. L. D. McDonald as director and organist.

At First Baptist
At the First Baptist church, Easter Sunday will see the choir robed in new vestments of mar-

oon. At the 11 a. m. service Sunday the choir will be heard in an anthem, "Behold the King of Glory," by Handel, with Mrs. Douglas Rowe as soloist singing "I Know That My Redeemer Liveth." Sermon theme of Dr. W. C. Holland, pastor will be "The Birthday of Hope."

At 7:30 pm Sunday the 26-voice choir will be heard in a cantata, "King of Glory," by R. S. Morrison, directed by Marvin Beasley and accompanied by Mrs. C. R. Mills at the organ and Mrs. C. C. McDonald at the piano. Soloists will be Mrs. Douglas Rowe, Miss Jacqueline Davenport, Mrs. W. L. Wonderly, Myron Adams and Joe Cameron, with a duet by S. B. Richardson and Joe Cameron.

At Brownson Memorial
At Brownson Memorial Presbyterian church, some 25 new communicants will be received formally as members by the pastor, the Rev. Cheves K. Ligon, as moderator of the Session, at the 11 a. m. service. Seven of the group, young people 10 to 15 years of age, who are graduates of a recent new communicants' class, will be baptized.

The church will be adorned with flowers by Mrs. J. W. Atkinson in memory of her husband, who died during the past year. "The Meaning of the Resurrection" will be the Rev. Mr. Ligon's sermon theme. Special hymns and anthems will be sung by the 15-voice choir led by Mrs. D. E. Bailey, with Mrs. N. L. Hodgkins at the organ.

At Emmanuel Church
At Emmanuel Episcopal church the Easter Sunday program includes Holy Communion at 8 a. m., the Church School mite-box presentation service at 9:45 and Holy Communion at 11, with a sermon, "The Risen Life," by the rector, the Rev. C. V. Covell. Easter anthems will be sung by the choir, directed by Mrs. P. T. Barnum.

After the 11 a. m. service the Young People's Service League will hold open house for all in the parish hall, with refreshments. Mary Johns Cameron, president, will have as her committee for this event Lucy McDaniell, Gene Cordon, Joan Howarth, James Menzel, Robert Butler and Charles Covell, Jr.

Holy Baptism will be held Saturday at 3 p. m.
At St. Anthony's
At St. Anthony's Catholic church, Easter Sunday masses will be held at 7, 8 and 9 a. m., with high mass at 10:30.

On Good Friday, mass will be at 8 a. m. with a special devotion, "The Seven Last Words," at 4 p. m.
On Holy Saturday mass will be at 8 a. m. Lent ends at noon Saturday. Confessions preliminary to Easter communion will be from 5 to 6 and from 7:30 and 8:30 Saturday.

Father Peter M. Denges, pastor, will be assisted in the services by Father O. T. Carl, of the Order of Preachers, Columbia, S. C.

Four Incumbents, New Candidate File For Commissioner

Monroe Seeks Place On Board Replacing W. J. Dunlap

T. R. Monroe, Robbins barber and a member of the town board of that community, filed this week as a candidate for the Moore County board of commissioners, succeeding W. J. Dunlap, who has represented District 2 (Bensalem and Sheffield townships) on the board for one full term and part of another.

Dunlap was appointed to fill out the unexpired term of W. H. Jackson, who died in the fall of 1948. He had previously served as

Hubert McCaskill, of Pinehurst, has been commissioned as a Democratic member of the county board of elections, replacing W. Lamont Brown, of Southern Pines, who has withdrawn in order to file as a candidate for county solicitor.

Mr. McCaskill was named as an alternate on the original list submitted to the State Board of Elections for approval. He will be sworn in at 11 a. m. Saturday at Carthage by C. C. Kennedy, clerk of superior court.

Others to be sworn in at this time are Sam C. Riddle, Democrat, and L. G. Thomas, Republican.

a commissioner several years in the past.

Incumbent commissioners filing this week, subject to the Democratic primary of May 31, include all the rest of the board: J. M. Pleasants, Southern Pines (District 4, Greenwood and McNeill townships) who is completing his first term; G. M. Cameron, Pinehurst, chairman (District 5, Sandhills and Mineral Springs); J. M. Currie, Carthage (District 1, Carthage) and L. R. Reynolds, Leaman (District 3, Deep River and Ritters).

Others who have filed are also incumbents—Judge J. Vance Rowe, judge of recorders court, and Ralph G. Steed, of Robbins, coroner.

Mr. Steed at present is an appointee, filling out the unexpired term of H. P. Kelley, deceased.

Robbins Church Plans Cantata

The Tabernacle Methodist church at Robbins will observe Easter with a sunrise service, to be held at the church at 6 a. m., and a cantata presented at 11 o'clock.

The cantata, "Man of Sorrows," by Van Denman Thompson, will comprise the entire 11 a. m. service.

Singing the cantata will be the choir of 16 voices, eight men and eight women, directed by J. A. Culbertson.

Soloists will be Mrs. Jean Klutz, soprano, singing "There is a Green Hill"; Mrs. Beatrice Kinlaw, contralto, "He Made Himself of No Reputation"; Joel Cranford, tenor, "Lo, I Am With You Always"; and C. L. Williams, bass, "To Gethsemane."

Mrs. Dixie Peace will be accompanist on the Hammond organ. The cantata was written especially for this instrument.

There will be no sermon at this service. However, the Rev. Jack N. Page, pastor, will preach at the sunrise service.

A large attendance from all denominations is anticipated at these traditional events.

FIDDLERS MEET

The traditional Easter Monday square dance and Old Time Fiddlers Convention of the Sandhills post, American Legion, will be held Monday night at the Legion hut on Mains avenue.

Fiddlers, banjo and guitar players and players of other string and wind instruments are invited to come out and compete for merchandise prizes, also square dance bands and dance teams with callers.