

Town Will Buy "Whammy" In Effort To Check Speeders Through Town

Patch Converted, Moves To Retain One-Way Traffic

The town board in regular meeting Wednesday night moved positively toward solution of what it termed "the town's No. 1 problem"—speeding on May street. It also saluted the practical conquest of another acute problem by making the one-way traffic system on Broad street permanent.

To defeat the speeders, Commissioner W. E. Blue moved and the board voted unanimously to install an electric automatic speed timer, authorizing Town Clerk Howard F. Burns to buy a "whammy" and also to put up the necessary signs at both ends of town advising that this modern protective device is in use. While May street was recognized "the major speedway, there are others and the "whammy" can be moved about at will, providing an instantaneous check on passing speeders, which at attending police can then catch and take to court with assurance of an unarguable witness.

A measure suggested for speed control on May street was moving the New York avenue stoplight to the highway entrance to town at Young's road, and installation of a caution light at New York avenue, the school corner. It was decided, though, to ask District Engineer T. G. Poindexter to make some specific recommendations and the board authorized Mayor Page to secure his services for this purpose.

The mayor said he had recently been to Raleigh to consult with traffic engineers on local traffic problems, including both speeding and possible diversion of trucks around town, but when he found the man he wanted was out of town, was unable to interest anybody else in helping to solve them.

Commissioner C. S. Patch, Jr., was the one who moved to make one-way street system, on trial since April 9, permanent on Broad street. He was also the one, he reminded the board, who had voted against it before. (Actually, Commissioner Patch had voted only to postpone the trial until September, stating he felt the spring was not the right time.)

"I found out I was wrong," he told the rest of the board candidly. "I didn't think it would work but now I'm convinced. It's working out better even than we had hoped and I know of only one man who isn't for it now, though a good many were dubious to start with." The rest of the board agreed that the system had met with practically universal favor, accomplishing what it was supposed to and more in smoothing out the traffic snarls which had been mounting on Broad street for several years.

In other actions of the meeting, the board voted to:

Pave the street in front of the West Southern Pines school before the start of the fall term.

Install street lights, as requested by citizens, at Rhode Island avenue and Broad in Southern Pines, and Henley avenue and New York in West Southern Pines.

Hold a meeting within the coming week to study various plans of hospital insurance which have been submitted to it in the past few months, with a view to selecting one to install for the benefit of the town.

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Town Board Adopts \$150,000 Budget; Everything Goes Up Except Tax Rate

The town board Wednesday night adopted a budget of \$147,805.43, its largest in history, and fixed the 1952 tax rate at \$2.20 per \$100 valuation, the same as for the past five years.

Estimated income is based on a property valuation of \$5,516,162, an increase of approximately \$520,000 over last year, resulting from new construction and property improvements. Approximately \$16,000 additional income should accrue to the town.

Despite the increase, the city fathers found it impossible to reduce the tax rate, as they had frankly hoped to do. The needs of the growing town and demands for public service have increased right along with the income, and

in fact have stayed well ahead of it, they determined. The budget every department, owing largely to increased manpower costs. This doesn't mean town salaries have taken any leaps, though some increases have been granted, but additional help has had to be hired in almost every department to take care of the mounting work load.

Thus the administrative department, set at \$10,006 last year, this year is \$10,404; the fire department, last year estimated at \$8,899.94, is expected to cost \$9,716.36 omits a number of expenditures customary in the past, while adding some others for which public

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APPOINTED

Mayor C. N. Page this week announced the appointment of the Rev. C. K. Ligon as a new member of the Municipal Recreation Commission, succeeding Dr. W. C. Holland, also the reappointment of Jack S. Younts, whose term has expired. Both appointments are for one year.

Other members of the Commission, which supervises the recreation program and administers its funds, are John Pottle, Mrs. Hilda Ruggles, Joe Montesanti, Jr., and J. W. Moore, with A. C. Dawson, Graham Culbreth and C. S. Patch, Jr., as ex officio members.

Dr. Ross Slated To Hear Sentence Despite Illness

Dr. W. H. Ross, West Southern Pines physician pleading nolo contendere to an abortion charge, was scheduled to appear in Moore superior court for sentencing Thursday afternoon despite grave illness.

W. D. Sabiston, counsel for the Negro physician, said his client would leave his sickbed, come to Carthage by car, be carried into the courthouse and up the stairs on a stretcher, but walk into the courtroom to stand before Judge Will Pless, Jr., for sentencing.

All testimony was given in at the May term, and only the sentencing remained.

When the case was called Wednesday, Attorney Sabiston produced a medical certificate stating that Dr. Ross was extremely ill, and having to remain in bed 24 hours a day. Judge Pless, however, summoned the certifying physician, Dr. R. M. McMillan of Southern Pines, to summarize Dr. Ross' condition in person at court.

Dr. McMillan, appearing Wednesday afternoon, stated on the stand that Dr. Ross was suffering from a bad heart condition, hypertension and high blood pressure. In answer to Judge Pless' question, "Would tension or strain have adverse effect?" he replied, "It would not be a good risk."

Judge Pless then requested Mr. Sabiston in open court to get his client there for sentencing if it were in any way possible.

The alternative is continuation of the case until the January term of court.

In the meantime, it was learned from law enforcement officers of the county that the chief state's witness, Mrs. Ada Jeannette Goodhue, has disappeared from her home, leaving her young children in care of her mother.

There are no charges of any sort against her, which, according to Sheriff C. J. McDonald, "makes it difficult to get her back if we should find her, in case she doesn't wish to come." However, he said that, on the evident wish of the family that a search be made, he has given her description to the SBI and she will be listed on their "missing persons" bulletin.

She is said to have been gone from home about three weeks. Her departure has no effect on the Ross case, officials said, as her testimony was given at the May hearing and she was not to be subpoenaed at this time.

No Signs of Drought In This Field



The Sandhills—or maybe just some farmers—are lucky in having fine tobacco crops this year despite the drought which has burned up the fields in most of the State—in fact, all over the South.

Above, Sam Marshall, farmer, and J. T. Overton, owner, radiate proud smiles over tobacco growing lush and green, its height ranging from five to seven feet, on the old Lemmons place on Bethesda road.

Mr. Marshall says he kept busy "turning and turning" the sandy soil, so all possible moisture could get to the roots of the plants. He has four acres of tobacco, which he plans to sell on Sandhills markets, according to his custom of years' standing. (Pilot Staff Photo)

Rain Saves Most Of Moore's Tobacco; Pastures, Corn Seared By Drought

Recent rains may have cut Moore growers' tobacco crop loss down to only about 10 per cent, instead of the previously estimated 40 per cent of loss due to drought, said E. H. Garrison, county agent, this week.

In this respect Moore farmers are considerably better off than thousands of others in North Carolina, which with several other states has been declared a "disaster area" for federal assistance loans.

In Moore, the greatest losses are in pastures, which have mostly dried up, and also in corn, of which only some 40 per cent has survived what is rated as the worst drought of recent years.

The pasture loss is especially bad as it creates feed problems for livestock which will grow worse as the winter advances.

C. C. Lingerfelt, Moore County FHA supervisor, said no applications for federal loans have yet been made by Moore farmers, though "it is early yet." Application for the loans, which are to help cover crop losses due to drought only, are to be made through the FHA office. A check was made of FHA families, Mr. Lingerfelt said, and none had sustained sufficient damage to warrant a loan.

Loan applications, if any are made, will be passed on by the regular FHA committee, which approves the regular FHA loans to buy land or improve property.

"Flying Saucer" Flashes Again Over Local Skies

That thing—the "flying saucer"—came back this week. It was seen by at least five people. This time it did not put on a two-hour show over town, as when seen by Sgt. and Mrs. Dick Kobleur and Mrs. C. S. Patch July 31, but flashed across the sky and was gone.

"It was big and round, bright orange in color—much darker in the middle than at the edges," said Bob Morrison, who watched, with his wife and mother, from the porch of his home on Bethesda road. "It sped across the sky from north to west, banking for the turn almost directly in front of our house."

It appeared to be rotating very fast, emitting sparks from all around the edge, said Mr. Morrison, an employee of the Colonial Stores here. He's certain of his facts, also that it was there, and it was real; not a star, and not a plane.

As to its size, he said, "That's impossible to tell without knowing how high up it was," but it appeared to be about eight times larger than a normal-sized star.

All three saw it clearly. In addition, Mr. Morrison said, a man at Pinebluff and a woman who attended the drive-in theatre that night, who heard what he had

seen, also saw it. (Continued on page 5)

YDC Meeting At Carthage Tonight; Staton Is Speaker

The Moore County Young Democratic club will hold its annual meeting tonight (Friday) at 8 o'clock in the courtroom at Carthage, to perfect its organization before the district meeting and state meeting scheduled to be held within the next few weeks.

T. Roy Phillips, of Carthage, has mailed letters to the membership urging their attendance at this important election-year event. He said also that all Democrats are invited to attend, whether or not they have affiliated with the YDC, and they may become members at this meeting.

W. W. "Bill" Staton, of Sanford state YDC president, will be guest speaker, reporting on the Democratic National convention at Chicago. He will give his eyewitness account of the nomination of the Stevenson-Sparkman ticket.

Officers are to be elected and a program of activities planned toward fulfillment of the YDC's greatest function, getting out the vote.

Storey Cup Given As Top Award In Sandhills Tourney

Committees Named For Major Tennis Event Next Week

A new, permanent trophy will be initiated at the Fourth Annual Sandhills Invitational Tennis tournament, to be held here next Wednesday through Sunday, according to announcement made by Angelo Montesanti, Jr., president of the Sandhills Tennis association.

The W. M. Storey Memorial trophy, gift of Voit Gilmore of Southern Pines, will be instituted as the championship cup, awarded the winner of the men's singles event. This is the first, and so far the only, donated trophy for the tournament, which in its four years of existence has become a leading sports event of the Carolinas. Other trophies are given winners and runners-up by the Sandhills association.

The memorial trophy will honor W. M. Storey, late business and civic leader of Winston Salem, founder of the Storey Lumber company of which his stepson, Mr. Gilmore, is now the head. The Storey company, founded in Winston-Salem, moved to Southern Pines in 1947.

The handsome trophy will remain for one year in the possession of the winner, who will be given a small replica to keep. It is never to be retired.

The announcement was made following a meeting of the Sandhills Tennis association held Sunday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Frank de Costa, South.

Tournament Will Bring Leading Tennis Stars Here

At least 50 entries are expected for the "biggest and best tennis event yet held in the Sandhills"—the enthusiastic prediction of sponsors for the Fourth Annual Sandhills Invitational tournament, slated to begin on the municipal courts next Wednesday afternoon.

Entries will include some of the leading net stars of North and South Carolina.

Frank Spears, defending champion, brilliant young player from the University of South Carolina, will be here with a delegation from his home city of Greenville. The delegation, however, will not include the women's defender, Mrs. Sara Rushton Walters, who will be unable to play this year.

A group of 12 or 15 from Raleigh will include such topnotchers as Dr. Fred West, former Texas Open champion; Jerry Robinson C. R. Council and others. Whit Cobb, former N. C. intercollegiate champion and a favorite of the local courts, will head a group from Durham. Johnny Farfour and others will be here from Goldsboro, Ed Bender and Mary Lou Jones, former state girls' champion, from Sanford, and others from Kinston, Rocky Mount, Chapel Hill and Wilmington.

In fact, according to advice received by the Sandhills Tennis association tournament committee almost the entire personnel of the Eastern Carolina tournament now under way at Raleigh will move just a little bit south—say 70 miles—next Wednesday.

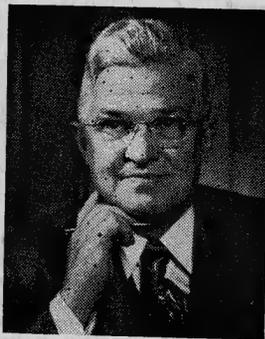
A large group of local players will, of course, be entered. This will include some of the more promising juniors, who will enter men's and women's events. Several of the groups from other towns are also expected to bring junior players, though only adult events are scheduled.

Men's and women's singles and doubles, also mixed doubles, will be played. Women's finals are tentatively scheduled for Saturday men's events for Sunday. Play will continue throughout the event in the afternoons and also at night under the lights.

Entertainment highlights will include a buffet supper at the Civic Club building, given by the host association, and the Elks dance at the Southern Pines Country club Saturday night. The Elks have invited all visiting players as guests, and members of the local group for a nominal fee.

"Julius Boros Day" Here In October To Salute World Winner

REAPPOINTED



JOHN S. RUGGLES

Ruggles Receives Reappointment To Hospitals Board

John S. Ruggles, Southern Pines insurance man, was reappointed Monday by Governor W. Kerr Scott to membership on the State Board of Hospitals Control.

The reappointment of Mr. Ruggles for a second four-year term is effective as of last April 1, and runs until April 1, 1956.

The board supervises the affairs of the state hospitals at Raleigh, Morganton, Butner and Goldsboro and the Caswell Training school at Kinston.

During his first term of service the local man was handed a large job of work to do and carried it through with distinction. As chairman of the alcoholic committee he was a leader in the setting up of North Carolina's new alcoholic rehabilitation program. Starting from scratch in July 1948, he has seen the program become a functioning unit and a model for study by other states planning similar programs. It is centered in the Butner hospital, and will have a wing in the new hospital of the University of North Carolina medical school.

Though unpaid, service on the board demands much time, which Mr. Ruggles has freely given. As it comes under the law against double public office-holding, in order to carry forward the work which has become a major interest in his life he gave up his elective position on the Southern Pines town board, also membership on the county board of elections.

The board consists of 15 members appointed by the governor, representing all parts of the state, also two paid executives, Dr. David A. Young, general superintendent and Roy M. Purser, general business manager of the state institution, both of Raleigh.

Norris Hodgkins, Visiting Springfield, Sees Stevenson As Man Of Action

By Norris L. Hodgkins, Jr. My vacation last week was a once-in-a-lifetime experience—a trip to visit a candidate actively campaigning for the presidency of the United States, Gov. Adlai E. Stevenson of Illinois, nominee of the Democratic party.

My invitation came from Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Ives of Southern Pines; Mrs. Ives is the sister of Governor Stevenson and acts as his official hostess.

The invitation was extended in the early spring when it appeared that Governor Stevenson had unequivocally removed himself from consideration as the Democratic presidential nominee. Imagined then my delight upon receiving a letter from Mrs. Ives soon after the convention saying that they were still expecting me to visit them at the Executive Mansion in Springfield, Ill., where Governor Stevenson had established his campaign headquarters.

My stay in Springfield lasted from last Thursday night to Sunday afternoon. During that time I saw Governor Stevenson on several occasions, but our conversations were always of a social and not a political nature. What I was able to discover of the Governor's political beliefs from the

Public Meeting Slated Next Week To Perfect Plans

A spontaneous movement sprang up this week to hold a "Julius Boros Day" here sometime in October, honoring the Mid Pines pro who has skyrocketed to sudden fame in golfdom, shedding lustrous glory on his home club and the Sandhills section.

Boros, winner of the National Open at Dallas, Texas, in June, on Monday won the "World Championship" at Chicago's Tam-o-Shanter Country club, picking up golfdom's richest prize—\$25,000—to become the top money winner of 1952.

C. S. Patch, Jr., has accepted temporary chairmanship of the proposed "Julius Boros Day," and has announced that a public meeting will be held for discussion of the plans, next Friday evening, August 22, at 8 o'clock at Weaver auditorium. All Sandhills civic organizations are being asked to participate and all interested persons are invited, especially members of the golfing fraternity.

A parade, exhibition match and banquet are among the tentative highlights, also the presentation of a gift from the Sandhills community. Before the meeting Mr. Patch expects to have word from Mr. Boros and the Cosgroves, proprietors of the Mid Pines club, as to a suitable date for the celebration.

Julius' meteorlike rise has made history in golfdom. Before winning the National Open he was just another pretty good pro, largely unknown to the big shots. His Mid Pines job, which he has held for three years, is his first in professional golf. He isn't even a member of the PGA—that takes a five years' apprenticeship.

The Mid Pines normally opens toward the end of October, and it is planned to schedule the occasion in his honor on some suitable date between the opening and November 1. This will occur in the "open season" between the close of the summer tournament series and the December start of the winter circuit.

Before then, even more glory will be shed on the Sandhills and North Carolina because of Boros. He is to be a special guest for the National Celebrities Open to be held at the Congressional Country club, Washington, D. C., starting September 18. Ham Bush, sports editor of the Washington Post, this week telephoned plans for the tournament to Howard F. Burns, Southern Pines town clerk, and was referred by him to Mr. Patch.

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men around him, I will discuss later. First, I would like to give you my impressions of him as a person.

Stevenson is of average size and to my mind his most noticeable physical characteristic is his quickness of movement. He walks fast, talks fast, reads and eats quickly, and as far as I could discover sleeps hardly at all. I have read newspaper stories which described him as a thinker rather than a man of action; while he must pour his considerable intellect into his major speeches, such as the dramatic acceptance speech at Chicago, he spent no time during my stay dreaming by the river.

Politicians were coming and going at the Executive Mansion so rapidly that I was sometimes reminded of Saturday morning at the Citizens Bank in Southern Pines.

Conferences were held almost continually on one day, from 9 in the morning until midnight. The visiting politicians were mostly enthusiastic amateurs; there were representatives there of Independent Voters for Stevenson clubs being formed in New York, Chicago, and Los Angeles. Political bosses

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