

Sewanee Faculty Resigns, Bishops Ponder Issues

Former Local Rector In Thick Of Touchy Situation

Episcopal bishops of 22 dioceses of the South met in Atlanta yesterday to take under discussion the controversy which has developed at the Theological School of the University of the South at Sewanee, Tenn., over the admission of Negroes to the seminary.

Headed by Bishop Edwin A. Penick, all members of the board are also members of the 66-man board of trustees of the university, holding special jurisdiction over the Theological school.

Stating that "anything we do will be in the nature of a recommendation," Bishop Penick said, last week, that the controversy had caused a great deal of concern among churchmen everywhere. Last summer, he recalled, the General Convention of the Episcopal Church, meeting in Boston, had passed a resolution directed at the situation, condemning racial injustice.

Deeply involved in the matter is the Rev. F. Craighill Brown, dean of the seminary, and former rector of Emmanuel Church here. Dean Brown heads the group of seven faculty members who, with the chaplain of the school formally submitted resignations which were accepted last week by Dr. Edward M. McCrady, vice-chancellor of the university.

The protesting group had originally stated that, while protesting the action of the trustees, they would await the annual meeting in June, for further discussion of the matter. Last week's sudden action of the faculty was set off by the methods of those in authority in that, according to the statement released by the protesting group: "what gets discussed at present is not the issue itself but the real or imagined defects of our character and the debatable points in our procedure."

"So great is our love for the cause," continues the statement, "so great is our concern that Sewanee wrestle with this issue manfully and objectively, that we have come, after much agonizing searching of conscience, to the conclusion that we must resign."

Dean Brown, who heads the dissenting group, went in 1949 to Sewanee from Southern Pines.

Youth Confesses Looting Homes At Vass, Chapel Hill

A 17-year-old Negro who has admitted to looting three homes at Vass October 31 faces superior court trial not only for these depredations, but for several recently committed at Chapel Hill, it was learned this week from the office of Sheriff C. J. McDonald.

Members of the sheriff's department aided by the SBI arrested Henry Lee McCrimmon within 24 hours after the discovery was made by Mrs. P. A. Wilson, Monroe Chappell and Earl Ferguson, of Vass, that their homes had been broken into and robbed of numerous articles, small and large, also some cash.

McCrannon was found to be an Orange County Negro, who had been visiting relatives in the Vass neighborhood. Jailed in default of \$1,500 bond, he was soon visited by police from Chapel Hill and admitted to them he had been responsible for several home robberies in that town. They took him back to Chapel Hill, and he pointed out several homes he had robbed. At his home they also found much of the loot.

Most of the articles taken at Vass were also returned, except for the cash, which had been spent. A gun and rod and reel missing from the Ferguson home were not located. A watch belonging to Mrs. Wilson was found, but in damaged condition.

Whether McCrimmon, now back in jail at Carthage, will face trial first at the Orange County term of criminal court in December, or at the Moore County term at Carthage in January, has not yet been determined. Whichever county tries him first, the other will get him later.

Football Banquet

Plans are under way for the annual Elks Club football banquet honoring this year's Blue and White football squad, with John S. Ruggles as chairman and Saturday, December 6, set as the date.

The banquet is given by Southern Pines members of the Elks' lodge, who themselves buy the tickets for presentation to the honor guests squad members, coaches, cheerleaders and a few special guests. Other members of the community will be allowed to buy tickets up to the limit of dining room facilities.

An interesting program is being prepared for the occasion. Chairman Ruggles said this week. The banquet will be held at the Southern Pines Country club, prepared and served by the BPO Does.

Cardy Hunt Team Retires Trophy At National Show

Vernon G. Cardy's hunt team, wearing the Eglington Hunt Club colours of this Toronto hunt, won the Amory L. Haskell Trophy for the third time in a sensational performance at Madison Square Garden last week.

Competing against twelve teams drawn from many parts of the United States, Times Square, ridden by Vernon G. Cardy, MFH, Gold Lode, ridden by Miss Helen Ferguson, honorary whip, and Racormac, ridden by James Pogue, professional whip, scored a faultless round over ten jumps. In six years of competition in the Cardy team has a record of three seconds and three.

Their victory gave them outright possession of the Amory L. Haskell Trophy.

Maple Leaf with Helen Ferguson on up, won second place in the Working Hunter event and Full O'War also was second in the \$1,000 four year-old, class with Jimmy Pogue up. Hunter events were the largest in the history of the nation show this year, with fifteen or more entries in each class.

The Cardy horses were the only local stable competing at the Garden last week. However, Miss Joan Walsh, of Stonebrook Stables, had the mount on several occasions on Miss Eleanor Sears' chestnut mare Reno. Miss Walsh piloted Reno to several victories, winning else fifth in the Working Hunter class and second in the Frank Melville Memorial Trophy test for hunters ridden by amateurs.

Lariat, a horse seen here in the hunting field when owned by Cappy Smith, won the jumper championship of the show. Linky Smith, who has visited here, hunting with the Moore County Hounds, had the mount on Lariat.

It's Official - Ike 5442, Adlai 5066; Oddities In Moore Election Returns

Official returns in the general election of November 4, following the canvass of votes by the board of elections last Thursday morning, showed that Eisenhower won 5,442 votes in Moore county, against 5,066 for Stevenson. These were the largest votes ever cast in the county for either a Republican or a Democratic candidate.

The presidential vote totaled 10,508, the largest number of voters ever drawn to the polls by an election in Moore. Records were broken all along the line, in the votes cast by both parties. It was the first time since 1928 the county voted for a Republican

REELECTED

C. B. Deane of Rockingham, member of Congress from the Eighth district, was reelected recording secretary of the N. C. Baptist State convention at Winston-Salem Wednesday.

This will be the 21st year Mr. Deane has served his church in this capacity. He has also served as a trustee of Wake Forest college and a member of the board of directors of the Baptist hospital at Winston-Salem.

The Rev. Archie Ellis, pastor of the First Baptist church at Salisbury, was elected president of the Convention.

Town Bond Election Slated Tuesday

Possible Changes Seen Combining Town Facilities

Registered voters living within the city limits of Southern Pines will vote Tuesday on a four-way plan for civic improvement. By their vote they will approve or reject issuance of bonds in the total sum of \$160,000.

Voting will be at the fire station, from 6:30 a. m. to 6:30 p. m., with Mrs. Grace Kaylor as registrar.

The \$160,000 total is presented by the town board as an "outside figure" for the four projects. The likelihood is that they will not cost this much, and bonds will be issued only in the amount needed, said Mayor C. N. Page.

He cited the case of the municipal water plant, for which the voters approved issuance of \$275,000 in bonds, whereas \$255,000 was all that was needed and issued.

The four projects are to be voted on separately. This means voters may mark their ballots for some, if they wish, and against others. There is no "straight ticket" in this election, and those approving all four projects will have to mark their X four times.

Since the town board meeting Wednesday night, the possibility is seen that two of the projects may be combined in actual construction, if it is found economical and practical to do so. See town board story in adjoining column.

The projects as advertised during the past few weeks are as follows:

(1) Enlargement and extension of the sanitary sewer system, \$10,000.

(2) New, modern fire truck, \$20,000 (the LaFrance truck now in use to be kept as a reserve).

(3) Modern building to be used as police station and jail, with furnishings and equipment, \$96,000 (This building, to be built of brick and classified as fire-resistant, will also have space to house the ABC store, with storage room, also a courtroom for use in JP trials and in the event of the setting up of a separate traffic court here. It is planned to be built on the site of the present police station).

(4) Remodeling of existing fire station to house the new truck and other fire fighting equipment, and construction of an addition to provide storage for the town trucks, with furnishings and equipment, \$34,000 (the town trucks now being housed in a wooden shed considered hazardous and inadequate).

The fire truck the board has in mind, it has been previously announced, is one on the order of (Continued on page 8)

Citizens Visit Board To Urge Changes In Bond Vote Projects

A last minute attempt by a group of citizens to obtain postponement of the bond issue election, scheduled for next Tuesday, in order to give time for further study of the proposals involved, went down to defeat at the town board meeting held Wednesday night. The board, of whom only three commissioners, Messrs. Blue, Brown and Clark, and Mayor Page, were present, voted to proceed with the election as planned.

However, the board agreed with several points made by the group, notably that consolidation of town facilities might be better than the way they have been planned. If the bond issue passes, it is likely they will make some changes in the proposed construction, in favor of consolidation. This can legally be done, the town attorney said.

They decided it was more economical to proceed with the election, then change the plans if desired, than to postpone the vote after expenses in connection with it have already been incurred.

Voit Gilmore, president of the Storey Lumber Co. and past president of the Sandhills Kiwanis club, and Jack Younts, owner and manager of WEEB, were the spokesmen for the group which included: Ralph Chandler Jr., Graham Culbreth, Maxwell Forrest, J. T. Overton, John Pottle, A. R. McDaniel, Mrs. James Boyd, D. S. Dorman.

Harry Fullenwider was present as the town's legal advisor. Following the reading of the minutes by Clerk Burns, the mayor called on the delegation and Mr. Younts handed around copies of the questions on which the group based their plea for delay of the election. They were as follows:

(1) In view of the fact that the town requires additional space for fire equipment, for the police department, and for a jail, would it not be well at this time to consolidate all these functions under one roof, conducive to a more efficient operation of the town's business through coordination of public services and an ultimate lowering of costs of operation?

(2) Is it proper to include the construction of an Alcoholic Beverage Control Store in a municipal bond issue?

(3) Would the town board agree to a deferment of the election, meanwhile allowing the citizens' group to appoint a selected number of interested, capable, private citizens to work with the Board on this matter, in order to derive greater benefit from this bond issue and more adequately satisfy public opinion?

Not Opposing

Proceeding, Mr. Younts made it clear that the group did not oppose the bond issue, nor question the fact that the improvements contemplated were all necessary. They did, however, he said, have serious doubts as to the plans proposed. He outlined what the group felt was inefficiency that resulted in having the town's services so scattered, and spoke also of the fact that valuable business property in the center of town was removed from taxation.

Mr. Younts said the committee believed that putting the fire and police departments, and the town clerk's office under one roof would save countless footsteps, and probably some labor costs as well. As for the jail, which is a must, the present structure having been long since condemned, he asked if consideration had been given to construction of a detention room, instead of a full-scale jail, for overnight detention of local offenders, a plan that would, he suggested, materially reduce costs of construction.

ABC Store Question

Speaking of the ABC store and the plan to incorporate it in the proposed new building, he asked if the legal aspect of this step had been cleared, saying that he and the group questioned whether it was legal for a municipality to build property for rent. He pointed out that, under present rules, the Alcoholic Control Board may build its own stores, which was not the case when the present arrangement was made.

Mr. Fullenwider gave his opinion that the arrangement is legal. Voit Gilmore followed Mr. Younts, saying that the group came not to criticize or as experts, but simply as interested taxpayers—"who want to see the greatest return from our tax dollars." He admitted that the action came very late.

"We have come at the eleventh hour," he said, "but feeling that it is better to come now than to wait until too late. We do realize that the board may well be exasperated at this last minute delay, but there it is, and after all, \$100,000 is a staggering sum to Southern Pines. We hope that the best possible thought may be brought to (Continued on page 8)

This was the largest write-in vote of the election, possibly the largest of all time, in Moore county, and apparently represented an organized movement but a spontaneous wish expressed by about eight per cent of the electors. No one had filed for surveyor on either ticket.

Mr. Swett said it was the first time any such thing had happened to him since he found himself once, some years ago, on the Republican ticket for surveyor. A job anyhow, he had his name removed.

One other write-in vote this time was interesting—that of H. M. Tucker, whose name was written in by 325 voters for county commissioner on the Republican ticket, opposing G. M. Cameron in District 5. Mr. Tucker, who lives in West End, had previously been taken off the ticket, as he had never announced or filed as a candidate. His name, however, was employed in Republican campaign advertising.

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Farmers, Hunters And Fire Fighters Rejoice In Rain

Rain falling Monday and Tuesday on bone-dry forests and fields broke the back of a 32-day drought and rejoiced the hearts of farmers and fire fighters alike.

It was also welcomed by hunters, as the state had clamped down a ban on hunting only last Sunday, for fear of more forest fires. This was lifted Tuesday as the rain continued.

In the southern end of Moore county, it began with a downpour in the early hours of Monday morning. Though no downpour, only light showers, were reported in the upper part of the county, Farm Agent E. H. Garrison said, "This is just what we wanted—if it will only keep up." It did in a two-day drizzle.

Pasture seeds planted a month ago might now be expected to germinate, and good winter pastures could still be expected if conditions now remain normal, the farm agent said.

Crews of the N. C. Forest Service and volunteer fire fighters, who have been battling flames in the tinder-dry woods in Moore as in many other counties of the state, are now taking a well-earned rest—with their fingers crossed.

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S/SGT. ALLISON FIELDS

Sgt. Fields Dies In Plane Accident Near English Base

Staff Sgt. Allison E. Fields was killed in an airplane accident in England last Thursday night, according to word received by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Alec Fields of Southern Pines. He would have been 27 years old today (November 14).

According to information received from the Defense Department, his body is being flown to this country, to arrive within 10 days to three weeks. Plans are being made for his funeral and burial here.

His wife and four-year-old son, Allison Edgar Fields, Jr., will arrive next week from their home at Hunter Air Force Base, Savannah, Ga., to be with his parents for the funeral.

According to available information, Sergeant Fields, a waist gunner, was one of an 11-man crew, all of whom were killed when their plane exploded at Great Dunmow, near Bishopstortford, England, as it was coming in for a landing.

Sergeant Fields was born and reared in Southern Pines and graduated from high school here in 1943. On graduation he was the recipient of the Junior Chamber of Commerce award for citizenship and service. He was an Eagle Scout of Troop 73, and an outstanding swimmer, serving as lifeguard at Aberdeen lake and also at Lakeview.

In the fall of 1943 he entered Charleston Medical college as a pharmacy student but in a short while enlisted in the Air Force. He was called early in 1944, and in July of that year received his gunner's wings at Kingman field, Arizona. Soon he was flying combat missions over Europe.

On his discharge soon after World War 2 ended, he returned to college at Charleston. In 1947 he was married to Miss Pansy Janelle Johnson of Ridge Springs, S. C., a graduate of the University of South Carolina. He left college and returned to the Air Force at that time.

From his home base at Savannah he had been sent on a number of training missions overseas, and on the last one had been in England two months, on a mission supposed to last only three.

Surviving are his wife, his son, his parents and one brother, Alec Fields, Jr., of Southern Pines.

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Community Event Drawing Big Names Of Golf And Press

The Julius Boros Day Tournament committee has reached its fund goal, and entries are pouring in for the big community event slated for next Sunday through Tuesday, November 23-25, at the Mid-Pines club.

Announcement concerning the fund achievement was made Wednesday by Arch Coleman, chairman of the citizens' committee heading up the community project. The quota, to take care of a \$5,000 purse for professional golfers and other expenses, had been originally set at \$6,700. While he did not state the exact amount which had been raised, it is "within shooting distance" of this amount.

Solicitation has ended, but additional contributions are still being received at the Chamber of Commerce office, to add to the prizes for the amateurs.

From Miss Jean Cosgrove at the Mid Pines, who is handling the tournament entries, came word this week that 75 professional and amateur golfers have accepted invitation. A number of others are expected in to make up the field limited to about 100 players.

Boros Will Play

Leading the list of entries is Julius Boros himself, the 1952 "King of Golf," a fairly obscure pro at the Mid Pines Club and minor tournament winner until his phenomenal winning streak opened up last June. In quick succession he won the National Open and the World Championship for a total of \$37,000 in prizes.

Boros will return Monday from Chicago, where he was honored at a dinner given by the PGA and made the recipient of the "Professional Golfer of the Year" award, the topmost in his field.

The local tournament, designed to be held annually, is being sponsored by Southern Pines and Pinehurst citizens in recognition of Boros' fabulous achievement, and the fine publicity which he has brought to the Sandhills.

As a community project it will be free to all spectators, and a large gallery is expected to follow the host of golfing stars about the Mid Pines course during the three-day event.

Banquet

The banquet to be held in the Mid Pines dining room Tuesday night is also open to the public—for a price. Plates are \$10 and are expected to be scarce at that. Only about 40 or 50 are expected to be available after all the guests—golfers, golf officials and press—have been taken care of.

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