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## Town Will Have Fire Inspection Of All Buildings

### Patch's Expansion Causing Problems, Town Board Hears

Regular inspections of all business places every three months, and residences once a year, according to the state fire prevention laws, will be held in Southern Pines under auspices of the volunteer fire department through action taken by the town board Wednesday night.

The board authorized the employment of a replacement for Resident Fireman Frank H. Kaylor to permit him to leave the fire station at least one day a week in order to make the inspections.

Business places must be inspected, by law. Residences are to be inspected at the option of the householder—that is, he has the right to forbid it if he desires. To Protect Everyone

However, no difficulties are anticipated as the board was told by Fire Chief Harold B. Fowler, "this is for the protection of everyone. We not only need to find and point out existing fire hazards, but to familiarize ourselves with all local structures so that, in case of fire, we can fight it most quickly and effectively."

**Expansion Problem**  
Fire safety came up indirectly in a new problem, presented to the board by Misses Kitty Wiley and Jean Edson, proprietors of Mrs. Hayes Shop and franjeans on West Broad street.

The expansion of Patch's Department store, they said, would practically cut off ingress or egress at the rear of their places of business. They asked if there could be removed by way of the Arcade through the front, also if they could have a loading zone.

Their problem revealed that this block, the busiest in town, with the disappearance of the alleys is reaching a stage of both boredom and bewilderment and confusion.

The expansion of Patch's, it was revealed, would fill up all the Patch-owned land at the rear of their building. Only a one-foot strip would be left on their lot, owned by a Mr. James. Patch's had offered to jog its building by five feet if Mr. James would stand the cost. This would have created a six-foot driveway. How-

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## 32nd Airborne Heads Home After "Snow Storm"

The 32nd Airborne Division has completed its part in "Operation Snow Storm" at Camp Drum, N. Y., and is on its way back to the land of sunshine and flowers.

In fact, one of the four great convoys left Thursday, March 5, arriving back at Fort Bragg Monday. The second was due to leave the maneuver ground Monday, the third Thursday and the fourth will not leave until Thursday of next week.

The first column consisted of the 325th Airborne Infantry, 319th Airborne Field Artillery "C" Company of the 307th Engineers and the division band.

Column two, expected to arrive today (Friday) consists of the Division Artillery Headquarters, 98th Field Artillery, 80th Air-Aircraft Artillery and a detachment of the 307th Engineers.

The third column will be made up of the 505th Airborne Infantry, 456th Airborne Field Artillery, 44th Tank Battalion, the 37th, 87th, 306th Transportation Truck Companies and "B" Company of the 307th Airborne Engineers.

The last column will be made up of the 504th Airborne Infantry, 714th Tank Battalion, 376th Airborne Field Artillery, 82nd Division Anti Tank Platoon, The 84th, 151st and 524th Transportation Truck Companies and "A" Company of the 307th Airborne Engineer Battalion.

Detachments from the various Division Special Troops units, such as Headquarters Company Headquarters Detachment, 82nd Division Signal Company, 407th Quartermaster Company, Military Police, and the 307th Medical Battalion, are being placed throughout the various march columns.

## ART EXHIBIT

An exhibit of paintings by Patricia Herring Stratton, well-known painter of portraits of people and animals, will be on display during the next two weeks, starting Monday, at the Southern Pines Library art gallery.

The show will include "a little bit of everything," said Mrs. Stratton, who works in various media. Prominent among the horse portraits will be one of "Gift of Gold," owned by Mrs. Simon T. Patterson, and ridden by Joan Walsh. Trained at Stoneybrook Stables, "Gift of Gold" was the leading steeplechase winner of last year.

Continuing on display through this weekend will be the exhibit of paintings by Emily Forrest.

## Jim Wilson First Scout Executive For Moore Alone

The Moore district has come of age in Boy Scouting.

Now the fourth largest of the 12-district Oconeechee Council, it has been assigned its own district executive, the first in its history. Hitherto, Moore has shared an executive with at least three other districts.

The arrival of James D. (Jim) Wilson this week thus marks the end of an era in Moore scouting, and also the beginning of one which should be the best and most progressive so far, said J. Hubert McCaskill of Pinehurst, district chairman, in making the announcement.

Mr. Wilson moved his family Wednesday to Southern Pines, which will serve as his headquarters town, and will start to work Monday as an executive of the Oconeechee Council serving the Moore district. During the first month, in which he will be getting acquainted with all Moore scouters, he will be accompanied by Tom Burgess, his predecessor on the local assignment.

Mr. Burgess and Mr. Wilson entered scouting as boys in the same council in Florida, and became friends when the former was on the staff of a summer camp which the latter was attending as a troop member.

The new executive is a native of Moorhaven, Fla. He has been in scouting 13 years, starting as a member of the Moorhaven troop, in which he became an Eagle scout, later serving as assistant scoutmaster, then as an assistant on the district finance committee.

He was with the U. S. Maritime Service for a period immediately following World War 2, then for a time attended Stetson University, DeLand, Fla.

He entered professional scouting from Stetson in 1949, and became a graduate of the 136th National Training school. During the past four years he has been an executive with the Quapaw Council at Little Rock, Ark., serving first at Pinebluff, Ark., then at Gatesville.

He was a member of the Pinebluff Kiwanis club, and of the board of deacons of the Gatesville Baptist church.

With his wife Marjorie, and 13-month-old son Paul he is living at 375 Delaware avenue, Knollwood apartments, Southern Pines.

## PEARSE ROBBERY

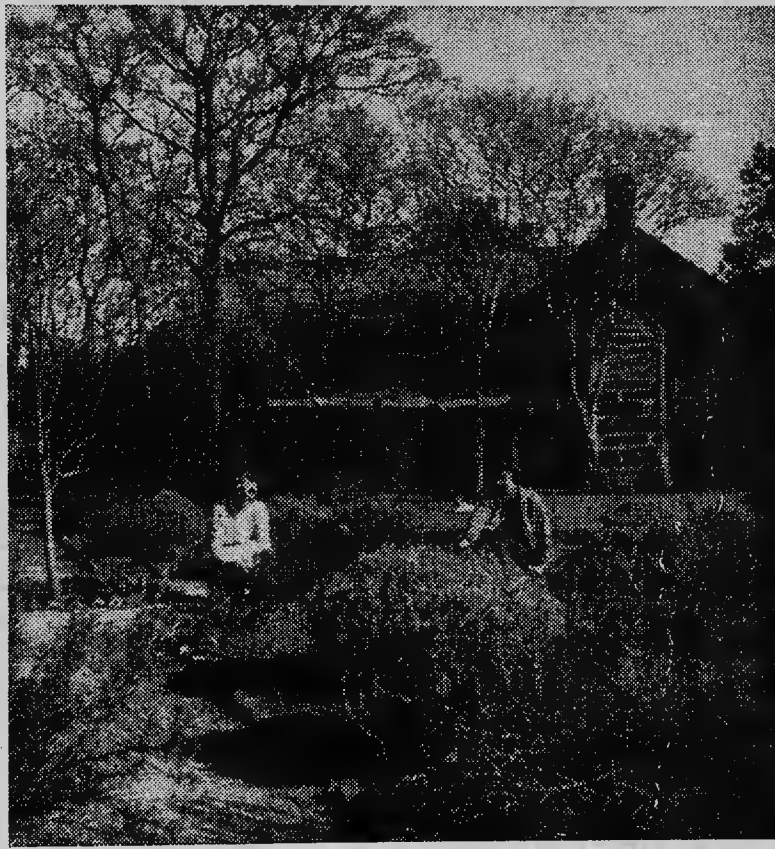
A thief entered the building of Pearse Motors, Inc., sometime last Thursday night, worked the combination of the safe and stole cash amounting to approximately \$150, it was learned from city police. The safe was not damaged.

Entry was made by breaking the glass in a window toward the rear, through which another window was unlocked.

The building is located at the southern entrance to town, where Broad street and US Highway 1 intersect. It is somewhat screened by shrubbery.

The SBI is assisting local police in the investigation.

## Headquarters For April Garden Tour



Date of the Southern Pines Garden club's annual Home and Garden tour has been set for Wednesday, April 8, and the Shaw House and its old-fashioned herb garden, above, will be a focal point of interest.

The Shaw House will again be headquarters for the tour, and luncheon and tea will be served there to the hundreds of visitors expected to attend. Both town and country homes and gardens will be opened, the exact list to be announced shortly by Mrs. B. F. Kraffert, tour chairman.

At the Shaw House the other day we found, digging happily in the garden, Mrs. W. D. Campbell, left, who gave it to the Shaw House, and Mrs. Ernest L. Ives, president of the Moore County Historical association, who headed the unique restoration project. (Pilot Staff Photo)

## Moore, Lee, Hoke Citizens Meeting At Vass Protest Reported Army Plan

### DECISION?

With hot protests coming from both directions, the Army apparently this week decided on its original expansion plan for the Fort Bragg-Camp Mackall reservation—the corridor route connecting the two military areas, lying almost entirely in Hoke county.

This decision was indicated by T. A. Young, administrative assistant to the Secretary of the Army, to Senator Willis Smith at Washington, according to news dispatches published Thursday.

However, Mr. Young said, a meeting of Army officials, members of the Congressional delegation and Hoke County opponents of the plan has been set for Tuesday.

An estimated 500 persons from Hoke, Harnett and Moore counties met in the Vass-Lakeview School auditorium Monday night to hear more of the Army's tentative plan to extend Fort Bragg into Little River township in Hoke and Johnsonville in Harnett, and to register their protest against any action that would drive them from their homes or take over their holdings.

Neill M. McKeithan, Vass merchant, presided over the meeting, and accepted the responsibility of heading up a committee to look deeper into the matter. He named to this committee E. L. Hedrick, C. H. Marks, Paul L. Barringer and Dr. A. D. Barber.

First speaker was W. B. Bruce, manager of the Percy Rockefeller county, who said that he was appalled at Overhill's in Harnett proached in February by engineers from the Army in regard to taking of property.

Mr. Bruce stated that the Army was planning two different expansion programs, one around 50,000 acres and the other around 100,000 acres.

It would be to take all the land between the Atlantic railroad as far north as the Moore County line.

Mr. Bruce would be the area north of the present Fort club in the 51st annual renewal of the south, Highway 87 one of the country's oldest towns. It will continue through Monday, March 23.

Miss Barbara Romack, Sacramento, Cal., who won the title in the 50th Jubilee tournament last spring, her first appearance here, will be on hand to defend her crown. Leading the competition will be Mary Lena Faulk, Thomasville, Ga., who was medalist last year and the year before, when she trimmed four strokes from women's par, returning a sparkling 70.

On "Grapefruit Circuit"

Both girls have been getting the headlines during the winter campaign on Florida's "grapefruit circuit" with Miss Faulk the more prominent of the pair. The Georgian annexed the Doherty all-star event at Miami, defeated Barbara 5 & 4 in a 36-hole final, and paired with Mary Ann Downey to win the Women's International Four-Ball; was leading amateur in the Miami Beach Open, four strokes off pro Betty Jameson's winning 222; and recently took the Florida East Coast title for the third successive time. Barbara

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## Municipal Building Center Proposed By Planning Board

The final report and recommendation of the municipal planning board, setting forth a definite site for proposed town buildings, was unanimously accepted, with warm praise, by the town board in regular session Monday night.

The board recommended the acquisition of properties along West New York avenue and Bennett street, at the intersection of the two, with suggestions as to buildings to be built thereon and reasons why the site had been deemed most suitable.

(The full report is published on Page 6.)

Not accepted was the resignation of the planning board, presented at the same time as having completed its assigned task. With the resignation, however, J. O. Gilmore, chairman reported that "we hold ourselves in readiness to render continued service at any time." The town board determined on retention of the planners as a "stand-by" group, for consultation all through the long-range building program.

Acquisition of the Rowe lot on West New York, the former Grosvenor home next to it and the Hayes property along Bennett street was proposed for the construction of all future public buildings, with town offices, a fire station and police station and jail specifically proposed. This would form a municipal center with the post office, library and city park all close at hand, with hotels, restaurants, and stores concentrated within a two-block area.

Proposals concerning financing, disposition of presently owned public buildings, etc., may be found in the report.

The municipal planning board was set up by Mayor C. N. Page immediately following the bond election of last November, in which a bond issue was voted for new fire station construction and a fire truck, while one for a new police station and jail (with combined ABC store) was turned down.

Protests from citizen groups immediately preceding the election led to the plan of setting up a citizen board for research into current needs, standards throughout the state and best use of money available at this time and which might become available later.

The town board this week went on record unanimously as praising the work of the planning group, and thanking them for their efforts of the past four months.

## Trees vs. Business Interest Is Town Board's Problem

Just how far the town should go in protection of the parkways and trees, when a businessman believes his interests would be served by some elimination, was a poser for the town board in regular session Wednesday.

Elliott Shearon, owner and operator of the Parkway Cleaners, appeared to ask permission to cut down two trees in front of his building on East Pennsylvania avenue, and to pave the parkway, for a drive-in arrangement. This could be done without affecting parking, he stated.

"The parkways were planned for the town's beauty and enjoyment of the people, and they actually belong to all the people. We have to consider all their feelings in the matter," was Commissioner Clark's comment. Other members of the board were in agreement, though Mr. Patch reminded, "We have to think also of whether or not the trees are an actual detriment to a man's business. Also, it might be considered unfair that businesses on Broad street do not have the same considerations to face." However, he brought up also that "if one is given permission to remove trees and pave a parkway, others would have the right to ask the same thing, for the same reasons, and how would anyone know where to stop?"

The matter was referred to the streets and public works committee, and the mayor and commissioners agreed to sound out public opinion thoroughly before a decision is rendered.

## Special Election Slated April 15 On Adoption Council-Manager Plan

### ON, ABERDEEN!

The Aberdeen boys' team was slated to make its bow in the state high school basketball tournament, as Eastern contender against Etowah, from the West, at Winston-Salem Thursday afternoon.

Twelve games, in classes A, AA and AAA, were scheduled for Thursday at three different gyms, with semifinals coming up Friday, and finals Saturday night. All finals will be held at Reynolds High School gymnasium.

The Aberdeen team lived up to its longtime formidable reputation by winning the district playoffs, held last week at Red Springs. Fans here who have followed these lads' career will not be surprised to see them still in there—and winning—Saturday night.

## Smallpox Case Diagnosed Here; Many Vaccinated

Orderly, good-natured and unfrightened crowds queued up here last weekend for vaccinations, on information from the county health department that there was a case of smallpox in town.

The patient is Clyde McCall, 36-year-old Negro, a resident of Saylor street, on the boundary between Southern Pines and the west side.

Following the diagnosis made by a private physician, and confirmed by Dr. J. W. Wilcox, county health officer, a public health nurse vaccinated every one in the patient's household and neighborhood Thursday afternoon, 254 children at the West Southern Pines school Friday morning and 276 children and adults Saturday morning at the Southern Pines elementary school.

The situation was not generally known until Friday afternoon, when local schoolchildren brought notes home signed by Supt. Dawson, explaining what had happened and urging that all those unsure of their vaccinations attend the special clinic Saturday morning.

"Be vaccinated and forget it," was the advice of Dr. Wilcox, who said there is no cause for alarm, as medical science has provided this sure preventive, effective even within seven days after contact. (Continued on Page 8)

## Sandhills Trophy Offered For First Time At Stoneybrook Races March 21

Regaining its past glory in the world of thoroughbred racing, Southern Pines will have the honor of officially opening the 1953 season of steeplechase racing in America.

The current agenda of racing between the flags will make a seasonal debut Saturday, March 21, when the Stoneybrook Hunt Racing association offers its initial race meeting under the auspices of the National Steeplechase and Hunt association on the property of M. G. (Mickey) Walsh.

Although the race meeting will be the sixth annual event on the Stoneybrook course, it will be the first to be held under the rules and sanction of the parent body of steeplechasing.

**Sandhills Cup**  
A diversified program of seven races, starting at 2 p. m., will be highlighted by the Sandhills Cup, a two-and-a-quarter mile test over stiff timber fences.

A noted event, the Sandhills Cup was the feature of the old Sandhills race meetings held in the 1930s on the Barbour Estate, now the L. P. Tate property. The coming race meeting returns the name to the roster of famous steeplechase races, and a beautiful challenge trophy will be presented to the winner by Mr. and Mrs. D. W. Winkelman. For permanent retention of the trophy, one owner must win the race three times, not necessarily consecutively.

A special election will be held in Southern Pines Wednesday, April 15, on whether to change to the council-manager form of municipal government, or retain the present mayor-commissioner plan.

The date was set Wednesday by the Moore County board of elections following the presentation of petitions two days earlier.

The petitions were found to contain the names of some 430 qualified voters. More than 500 names altogether appeared on the petitions, which had been in circulation about 10 days, but a good many were found, on checking by the board, to be unregistered on the municipal books.

Legal advertisement of the election started this week, bearing the signature of Sam C. Riddle, chairman of the county board, and may be found elsewhere in The Pilot.

Municipal elections are generally set without reference to the county authority. However, it is specified by law that this must be done when the issue is a change in the form of government.

Registration will be held on seven successive days (skipping Sunday) starting Friday, March 27.

During the month intervening before the election, it is anticipated that a campaign of education in the council-manager plan will be undertaken by its proponents. Those seeing no reason to make a change are expected to make this plain, with reasons. The campaign should be both active and informative, on both sides.

Hoke Pollock, town attorney, said Thursday he is writing to the State Attorney General to see what changes, if any, will be necessitated in the present form of nomination and election, if the proposed change carries.

The town caucus is slated to be held Tuesday evening, April 21, just seven days after the special election. Municipal elections, on a statewide basis, are scheduled for Tuesday, May 5.

## TAX DEADLINE

Follow the crowd to the basement of the post office building for help on your U. S. income-tax return. There's still time.

Earl Hubbard, deputy collector of internal revenue, is keeping office hours of 8:30 a. m. to 5:15 p. m. all week, and that means Saturday, and also Monday, March 16—deadline date.

After that, he will resume field work, staying in the office Fridays only.

## Pink Coat Race

Local interest will be focused on the Moore County Pink Coat Race, a two-mile timber event for members of the Moore County Hounds, who will be mounted on horses which have been hunted with the local pack. The lucky winner of the event will receive the William J. Kennedy Memorial trophy, presented by Mrs. Audrey Kennedy, noted for her tireless effort in local equine activities and charity work.

To create more active interest in local steeplechase racing, a racing membership in the Stoneybrook Hunt Racing association has been formed. Invitations to join have been mailed to hunting and racing enthusiasts throughout the United States. Racing membership in the association includes a member-and-one-guest admission, with special-area parking and admission to the paddock and officials area. Information on racing memberships may be obtained from Kathleen R. Walsh, secretary of the race committee, phone: Southern Pines 2-4502.

W. J. Brewster, joint MPH of the Moore County Hounds and chairman of the race committee, this week announced that the now-sanctioned meeting will attract horses from all along the eastern seaboard. Although the entries do not close until tomorrow (Saturday) he has been assured of a plethora of starters.