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AWARDED HIGHEST HONORS for the 1953 basketball season, at the Rotary club's testimonial banquet last Friday night, were the four young folks above—far left and right, David Woodruff and Peaches Cameron, named honorary captains by vote of their fellow squad members; and center, Sieger Herr and Steve Choate,

with their trophies given for "most valuable player." The trophies are given annually by the John Boyd post, VFW, following selection based on an opinion poll of coaches and players of both the local and opposing teams. Story and more pictures on page 13. (Pilot Staff Photo)

School Band Will Present Public Concert Tonight

Lovers of band music have a special treat in view tonight (Friday) when the Southern Pines school band will give its second annual concert at Weaver auditorium.

The program will start at 8 o'clock. There is no admission charge, though a voluntary offering will be taken for some needed new instruments.

With 38 members, boys and girls from the sixth through 12th grades, the band is larger this year and is offering a program considerably more advanced than before, according to Lynn S. Ledden, director. It includes a number of favorite band and marching selections, plus some semi-classical and even one "boogie" number.

The first part of the program will include the school song, "Fair Star of Southern Pines"; American Red Cross March, Mandalyan Overture, Mohawk View Fantasia (with trumpet solo by David Bailey); The Way You Look Tonight, and Coronation.

The second part will consist of Enthusiastic March, Overture Argentina, Big Boy (with sousaphone solo by Kenneth McCrimmon); Big Horn Boogie, Stout Hearted Men, Our Flirtations March (with routine by majorettes) and Star Spangled Banner, Band Members.

The instrumentalists: Clarinets—Mary Matthews, Robert Speller, Gilbert Harbort, James Collins, Donald Fobes, Claude Reams, John Seymour, Lillian Bullock, Robert Spurgin, Lynn Peterson, Margaret Smith.

Trumpets—David Bailey, Jimmy Hatch, George Colton, Bryon Naum, Billy Hamel, John McConnell, Jimmy Bowden, Bill McDonald, Mike Peterson, Iky Woodell. Saxophones—Bobby Cline, Bill (Continued on page 8)

PEACH FREEZE

The Sandhills peach crop suffered considerable damage as the temperature unseasonably dropped just below freezing Monday and Tuesday nights.

First reports that the crop had been wiped out were later modified. Though plenty of damage was done, it was not so extensive as at first thought. Estimates ranged from a 15 to 50 per cent crop loss and it will be some time before it can be definitely determined, reports said.

It was the latest freeze recorded in the state, April 17 being the previous record. The killing temperature persisted for only two or three hours each night, and a breeze was helpful. Growers burned hundreds of truck tires in smudge fires, helping to keep the loss at a minimum.

Mayor Page, O'Callaghan Quit Race After Many Years of Public Service

POPPY DAY

Wear a poppy tomorrow for our war heroes!

Memorial poppies honoring America's dead in all wars will be sold downtown in Southern Pines Saturday by ladies of the American Legion auxiliary and other volunteers.

They were made by patients at the Fayetteville Veterans hospital, and purchased from them by the auxiliary ladies, according to their annual custom.

The proceeds go entirely for the furthering of the auxiliary's program of child welfare and rehabilitation of war veterans and their families. Thus, in honoring the dead, the living are aided—a true memorial.

Youngsters Will Dance In Starnes Recital Saturday

"Festival in April," second annual recital of the Pat Starnes Studio of Dance, will present some 30 young people in a colorful show at Weaver auditorium Saturday night. Curtain time is 8 p. m.

The show is open to the public without admission charge. The program is in two parts, "Menu for Tonight" and "The Enchanted Doll Shop," presenting a total of 18 numbers.

The dances of the first part feature fancies—"Marshmallow Whirls," "Hawaiian Poi," "Holiday Puddings," "Candy Kisses," and other exotic dishes—winding up with "Southern Fried Chicken."

In the second part, the numbers bear such titles as "Easter Bunnies," "Dolls on the Tight Rope," "Alice Blue Dolls" and "Dolls Go Modern."

Group and solo numbers in tap and ballet, all gaily costumed, are featured, and there are five violet light. Mrs. George Mattocks "blackout numbers" with ultra-is in charge of costumes and music will be by Pat Kirk at the piano, Bob Strouse at the drums and Bus Doyle, guitarist.

Mrs. Starnes will dance one number and the other performers, from tiny tots up through the teen-ages, will be—Craig White, Jean Nolen, Beverly Hodgkin, Gail Given, Gail Bradford, Barbara Peterson, Martha Ellen Parks, Suzanne Boezeman, Carol Ann O'Callaghan, Nancy Ruth O'Callaghan, Winborne Howell, Jerryl Langner, Patsy Beasley.

Sharon Harp, Margaret Collier, Christine Collier, Gail Kelly, Mary McMillan, Julia McMillan, Andrea Lee House, Ann Giauque, Sharon Slaughter, Mary Lynn Dixon, David Duke, Julie Ann Penkunis, Linda Hisen, Nancy Griffin.

N. C. Symphony Here For Fourth Concert Monday

Harold Cone Will Be Soloist In Mozart Concerto

The 65-piece N. C. Symphony orchestra, conducted by Dr. Benjamin Swalin, will offer a concert here Monday at 8:30 p. m. at Weaver auditorium.

This will be the orchestra's fourth annual visit. First playing here in April 1950, it has drawn increasingly large and interested audiences.

Sponsored as before by the Sandhills Music association, the program will feature Harold Cone, noted pianist of Greensboro and New York City, as soloist.

Cone will play with the orchestra in the Mozart Concerto for Piano and Orchestra.

Orchestral numbers on the program will include The Berlioz Roman Carnival Overture; Beethoven's Cavatina from String Quartet in B Flat, Op. 130; the Sibelino Finale from Symphony No. V, Op. 82; Three dances—Hungarian Dance No. VII by Brahms, Slavonic Dance VII by Brahms, Slavonic Dance No. III by Dvorak and Riasger's "Dance of the Torgots"; also several excerpts from Jerome Kern's "Show Boat."

Mr. Cone studied with Nelson Kennedy at the University of North Carolina, transferred to Harvard, where he graduated summa cum laude and Phi Beta Kappa, studied under several eminent New York teachers, then came back to Chapel Hill for more graduate work, some of it with Dr. Swalin. Returning to New York for further work in piano and conducting, he established a studio in the Carnegie Hall building and has attained to national prominence as pianist, teacher and composer.

His wife, the former Madeleine Carabo, was a member of the first violin section of the Cleveland Symphony when they were married in 1944. She will play with the orchestra Monday night in special recognition of an important date—their ninth wedding anniversary.

The children's concert usually held on the afternoon of the symphony's visit on account of a conflict in dates was held Tuesday of this week. An audience of schoolchildren from the Sandhills towns filled the 720-seat auditorium to overflowing.

An unexpected preview for some local music lovers followed the children's concert. Richard Cass, concert pianist, of Greenville, S. C., who will solo with the orchestra at a date later in the season, joined it here for a rehearsal. Permission was given by Dr. Swalin for townspeople who and, despite the lack of advance notice, a small but appreciative crowd appeared.

Stoptlight Mixup On Highway Has Fiery Results

A two-vehicle accident which caused a power pole to topple, wires to crash to the street, 7,200 volts of electricity to start sparking and crackling—it sounds like a horrible accident, but no one was even scathed.

It happened Tuesday about 11 a. m. at the corner of Massachusetts and May—and it could have been horrible, police said, if it had happened later when children streamed out of the school nearby.

Mrs. Eva Mae Veasey, 75, of Pinebluff, traveling north, stopped her car at the stoplight—and she told police later it was red.

Jessie Odell Whitaker, of Sanford, driving a tractor-trailer 40 or 50 feet behind, swerved to avoid her—he said the light was green.

The truck struck the car a glancing blow on the rear fender, then hit the curb and the pole, which came crashing down.

The jetting electricity caused blue flames to flash through the grass, and the cement curbing boiled up like a pan of oatmeal.

CP&L crews had the mess cleared up in short order.

No arrest had been made at last report, as the police were still trying to figure out—was the light red, or was it green?

Caucus Ruled Out; Town Primary Monday; 15 Candidates Have Filed

Pick Five For Primary

Southern Pines voters will mark five names out of a list of 15 on their ballots Monday, in this community's first municipal primary.

Voting will be held at the fire station from 6:30 a. m. to 6:30 p. m.

Registration is now under way for the addition of new names for the primary and also for the municipal election of Tuesday, May 5. Today (Friday) and Saturday are the last two days. Today, registration will be from 9 a. m. to 5:30 p. m. Saturday, it is from 9 a. m. to 9 p. m.

The 10 candidates standing highest in the primary will be listed on the ballots May 5, when again the voters will mark five names. The five then receiving the highest number of votes will form the new town council, under the council-manager plan approved in the special election of April 15.

There will be no vote for mayor at either time, as under the new plan he will be elected by the council from their membership.

In answer to interest expressed on all sides, The Pilot asked each candidate for a brief statement. All of the 15 very willingly responded, some preparing written statements, others in informal conversation.

In presenting a few condensed facts about each man, The Pilot is not attempting a complete description but merely endeavoring to identify the candidates for the benefit of those who might not know them all, or might wish basic information.

Seeing the council-manager issue as one of paramount interest, The Pilot asked each man how he stood. All but one answered frankly. All the answers are given below:

W. E. BLUE, incumbent board member, in business here for 27 years, proprietor of the Modern Market for the past 17 years, opposed the council-manager plan and voted against it. Mr. Blue has been an elder in the Presbyterian church since he was 22 years old, and Sunday School superintendent at Brownson Memorial church since it was organized in 1936. His statement: "I am a candidate for reelection on the city council. Now that I have had three and a half years of valuable experience, I feel that I am better qualified to serve in this capacity. On April 15 the qualified voters spoke their minds at the polls and adopted a new form of government. If reelected I will do my best to put it into operation as smoothly as possible, and go along with it 100 per cent."

H. L. BROWN, incumbent board member, owner of the H. L. Brown Agency (office machines and supplies) and a resident since 1935, past president of the Southern Pines Rotary club, opposed the plan and voted against it. However, he said, "The people have spoken and if reelected I will serve to the best of my ability under the new form, as I have for the past three and a half years under the old. With a good council and a good city manager, I think it should prove very successful and I will be glad to have a part in making it so."

L. T. CLARK, incumbent board member, owner of Clark's Funeral Home and Clark's Taxi Service, past president of the Rotary club, has lived in Southern

Pines for 29 years. The most outstanding leader in the campaign for adoption of the new governmental form, he said, "Any statement from me should be unnecessary—everyone knows how I feel. I have been working for the council-manager plan for Southern Pines since long before I went on the board in the fall of 1949. I believe it is a good plan and will be good for Southern Pines. Whether I am reelected or not, I will continue to work with all my heart and soul for the good of our community."

DR. L. M. DANIELS, dentist, who has practiced here for the past 33 years, owner of rental property, member of the Rotary club and a former town commissioner (under Mayor Stutz in the 1930s) voted for the council-manager plan. His statement: "Since not many of our natives, including myself, have ever lived under the council-manager plan of government, one cannot speak from experience. But I do believe it will make for greater economy and efficiency than heretofore under our commission form, judging from the experience of other towns who have the managerial form."

HAROLD B. FOWLER, electrician, a member of the Southern Pines Volunteer Fire department for 16 years and now its Chief, has lived in Southern Pines for 33 years. He is an Elk, and a veteran of World War 2. Mr. Fowler reports that he opposed the council-manager plan and voted against it, but, "Since it is what the people want I am willing to go along with it all the way. I don't think we need so much change here, and I believe the new form of government can be very effective without many changes having to be made. I am for progress and what is best for Southern Pines, under any form of government we happen to have."

REV. J. R. FUNDERBURK, only Negro on the ticket, presiding elder in the AME Zion church for the past 16 years and a longtime worker for civic betterment in West Southern Pines. He has led in many worthy causes and humanitarian campaigns in the community and county. He is first vice-president of the Moore County Tuberculosis Association. (Continued on page 8)

Wake Forest College Choir Will Sing In Auditorium Concert Sunday Night

The Wake Forest College choir will present a program of choral music at Weaver auditorium at 8 p. m. Sunday, sponsored by the First Baptist church.

The public is invited to hear

this outstanding college group, composed of 38 singers from many North Carolina towns and seven states. There will be no admission charge, though a free-will offering will be taken to defray expenses.

The program will be composed of sacred music, ranging from classics to spirituals. It will be in five parts in the order of a religious service, starting with a choral invocation and call to worship, and ending with a benediction and choral response. The offertory will be by the male quartet.

Paul Robinson, who will direct the choir, is a native of Pennsylvania and a graduate of the Curtis Institute of Music at Philadelphia. He was for several years minister of music at Centenary Methodist church, Winston-Salem, and last year, before coming to Wake Forest, was instructor of organ at the University of Texas.

Alice Speas of Wake Forest is accompanist.



PAUL ROBINSON

Five Hours See Drastic Upset In Political Picture

A whirlwind of political activity hit Southern Pines last Friday afternoon. Five hours later, 16 men had filed for membership on the new town council, subject to a primary Monday and the municipal election May 5. One candidate later withdrew.

It was a history-making time in Southern Pines, with precedent falling shattered by the wayside.

Filing at a cost of \$5 each at the city hall were the following (thought not in this order): W. E. Blue, H. L. Brown, L. T. Clark, Dr. L. M. Daniels, H. B. Fowler, J. R. Funderburk, Joe S. Garzik, Voit Gilmore, Johnnie A. Hall, W. T. (Bill) Huntley, Jr., H. A. Lewis, Russell J. Lorenson, Joe P. O'Callaghan, J. T. Overton, C. S. Patch, Jr., and J. T. Saunders (who later withdrew).

Blue, Brown, Clark and Patch are incumbent board members.

The stir-up started with a visit to the State Attorney General by Town Attorney Hoke Pollock, his partner Harry Fullenwider, Mayor C. N. Page and W. Lamont Brown, attorney who had worked with the citizen group promoting adoption of the council-manager plan.

For Specific Information The trip was initiated by Mr. Brown, concurred in by the others, to gain specific legal information as to the next step to be taken in the nomination and election of candidates under the newly adopted governmental plan.

An opinion remitted to the town attorney from the Assistant Attorney General one month earlier had been that the caucus could, or should, be held here as before, and as legalized for Southern Pines by special act in 1951. This opinion had been variously interpreted, especially since the special act called for nomination of a mayor, which is dispensed with under the council-manager "Plan D."

Mr. Pollock's interpretation was that the old form had to be followed. Mr. Brown couldn't see it. They decided to get the word from the lion's mouth—the lion being Attorney General Harry S. McMullen.

At their Raleigh appointment Friday morning, Mr. McMullen informed the group that, according to the law, the caucus and all that went with it was out; that candidates would have to file, and quick—by 6 p. m. that day; and that if more than 10 filed, a primary must be held April 27.

Put Out the Word On their return at 1 o'clock, members of the group put out the word by phone call, by visit and on the air over WEEB.

Business and other town activities came to a standstill as people gathered in knots up and down the street or cornered likely citizens to urge them to file.

Efforts to persuade a woman, or women, to file were unavailing. Those who could, wouldn't; those who would couldn't, for one reason or another.

Lacking time to coordinate, two candidates filed from West Southern Pines—the Rev. J. R. Funderburk, who was a candidate in 1951, and J. T. Saunders. Negotiating later so as not to divide their strength, they appeared together Tuesday at the city hall for Saun- (Continued on page 8)

PLAY BALL!

An interesting sports event of last May will be repeated here Wednesday—a baseball game between the town merchants and high school team, on the town field at 3:30 p. m.

"Lineup" will be the same as last year except for those who have died of old age, came the announcement from the merchants. With a choice of promising material, no selection of pitcher had been made as yet.

The game will be held, as before, for the fund to buy new bleachers for the field. A good turnout is anticipated, with many rooters on both sides.