



JUST FRESH OUT of its sealed boxcar—the new fire truck, photographed immediately after it had been driven from the train to the firehouse. In the driver's seat, Mrs. Grace Kaylor has just replaced her husband. From left, Fire Chief Harold Fowler; Norman Calcutt, who just

happened by; Resident Fireman Kaylor, Firemen Joe Garzik and George Little; Roy T. Rogers, LaFrance engineer, who supervised the unloading and stayed a week to commission the truck and train the firemen in using the equipment; Fireman Frank Viall. (Pilot Staff Photo)

## N. C. Elks Holding Annual Convention At Country Club

The N. C. Association of Elks is holding its annual convention here today (Friday) and Saturday, with headquarters at the Southern Pines Country club.

Registration opened Thursday evening at the clubhouse, and all the convention events are being held there. These include business sessions both mornings, starting at 9:30; a memorial service and ritualistic contests by degree teams today; a social hour, banquet and dance, with special entertainment, this evening; the past presidents' breakfast Saturday morning, and golf tournament Saturday afternoon.

Election and installation of officers will take place Saturday morning.

About 200 Elks and their wives are expected to compose the delegations coming from the 35 lodges all over North Carolina. Many will spend the night in local hotels, while others will commute from nearby towns.

The BPO Does will prepare and serve the banquet, also Friday luncheon and the past presidents' (Continued on page 5)

## Swett Memorial To Be Dedicated By Bishop Penick

A memorial to the late James Baldwin Swett will be dedicated in the Parish Hall of Emmanuel church this evening (Friday).

Bishop Edwin A. Penick, Episcopal Bishop of North Carolina, will hold the dedication ceremony, to which are invited all parishioners and friends of the late Mr. Swett.

The memorial is the new kitchen given by the Guilds of the Women's Auxiliary, together with a door and ramp permitting entrance to the hall from the Ridge street side. The plaque inscribed to the memory of Mr. Swett will be over the entrance, symbolizing the friendliness and human understanding and sympathy of the late vestryman and church warden and beloved member of the community.

Prior to the evening affair, Bishop Penick will hold a service of confirmation of a small group to be presented by the rector, the Rev. Charles Covell. The Junior choir will sing. Following his address the Bishop will install recently elected officers of the Guild for lay leadership in the parish, the ceremony to be followed by a picnic supper in the Parish Hall. Guests are invited to bring their picnics, with the Guild supplying refreshment.

## Kids Get Rides On "Fire Truck Day"; Parade And Demonstrations Saturday

"Fire Truck Day" is being observed here Saturday, by proclamation of Mayor L. T. Clark, to give citizens big and little a chance to inspect and admire their new fire truck.

The splendid new American LaFrance will lead a parade along Broad street starting at 10 o'clock in the morning, and will then be taken to Ashe street near the city park to give demonstrations and rides to the youngsters until about noon.

At 2 p.m. the truck will be driven

to West Southern Pines, and the same demonstrations, with more rides for the kiddies, will be given on New York avenue at Gaines street.

In the morning parade, all the department's wheeled equipment will be on display, with most or all of the volunteer firemen in attendance.

Also on display in the parade will be the new Air-Ground school fire truck, recently assigned by the Air Force to Highland Pines Inn, which will be used as a supplementary apparatus for civilian protection in case of emergency. It will be manned Saturday by officers and airmen making up the school's firefighting detachment.

The school bands of both the Southern Pines and West Southern Pines school will march in the parade.

Neighboring towns have been invited to send over some of their equipment to take part, said Assistant Fire Chief Joe O'Callaghan, who is in charge.

Authority was delegated to his assistant by Fire Chief Harold B. (Continued on page 5)

## Moore Closed Championship Opens Wednesday

The senior tennis events of the summer will get under way next week with the fifth annual renewal of the Moore County Closed Championships, to be played Wednesday through Sunday on the municipal courts.

All players who are permanent residents of the county are invited to take part, said Harry Lee Brown, Jr., president of the sponsoring Sandhill Tennis association. This includes military personnel stationed in the vicinity on a permanent basis, and living in the county.

Application forms may be secured from W. F. Bowman, tournament chairman, Box 406.

Events are scheduled as follows, with trophies to be awarded to both winners and runners-up: men's singles, men's doubles, women's singles, women's doubles and mixed doubles. Finals are expected to be held Sunday night under the lights.

Women's events will start at 2 p. m. Wednesday, men's events at 7 p. m. They will continue both afternoon and night throughout the weekend.

Defending champions are Mildred Gruebl and Harry Lee Brown, Jr., both of whom are expected to be on hand to defend their titles.

## OOPS!

We are so used to the bank having many holidays through the year that, in reporting the observance of Memorial day (Saturday) by the post office on Page 7, we added the bank, too, for good measure.

We were wrong, though. On account of extra work at the end of the month, the Citizens Bank & Trust Co. is not observing the Saturday holiday.

The Page 7 announcement was already printed before we discovered the error. Sorry!

## New High School Building May Get Started Next Fall

Part of Money Already In Hand For 10-Room Unit

Plans are well along which may lead to the construction of the first unit of a new high school building starting in the fall, to go into use in September 1954, it was learned this week from Supt. A. C. Dawson.

An architect has been selected and drawings are now in preparation. He is Leslie M. Boney, of the Wilmington architectural firm of that name.

With the present building condemned for future repairs, hopes are high that the building may go forward in unit form as planned. It depends, the superintendent said, on whether the county commissioners, at budget-making time this summer, find themselves able to add about \$100,000 to some \$45,000 the Southern Pines school board already has in the bank.

The commissioners have expressed their wish to cooperate, as far as they are able, with a "five-year plan" laid before them by Mr. Dawson a year ago. The plan is designed to take care of all present school needs on a gradual basis. The first cooperation took the form of \$60,000 given to the Southern Pines district last year, of which some \$12,000 or \$15,000 has since been spent for improvements at the West Southern Pines school.

The first unit of the new high school building will consist of 10 classrooms, facing Massachusetts avenue in a line down from the auditorium and gymnasium. Once these are in use, the old building can be torn down, and another new unit added later fronting on May street. The project is expected to cost about \$250,000 altogether. Architectural design will be harmonious with the modified Williamsburg style of the rest of the school plant.

## School Finals Start Tuesday Night; 22 Will Receive Diplomas Tuesday



COMMENCEMENT SPEAKERS. Dr. W. Amos Abrams, left, associate editor of North Carolina Education, will deliver the address to the graduates Tuesday night, while the Rev. Joe W. Flora, right, minister to youth of Greensboro's First Presbyterian church, will preach the baccalaureate sermon Sunday evening.

## Local Ministers Will Have Share In Commencement

Twenty-two boys and girls will receive their diplomas in commencement exercises of Southern Pines High school, to be held at Weaver auditorium Tuesday at 8:15 p. m.

Four of the group are listed as honor graduates, with a general average of 90 or more for each of their four years in high school. These are Ursula Sieger Herr, first honor graduate; LaNelle Kirk, second honor graduate; Irene Eliza Easton and Janet Saralyn Hamel.

Members of the class of 1953; David Ernest Bailey, Carl Bowman Bowers, Mary Johns Cameron, Steven Page Choate; Phyllis Carol Faircloth, Joe Clement Horner, Carolyn Celeste Hoskins, William Thomas Huntley III, Edith Grace Johnson, Elaine Johnson, Esther Louise Johnson, Mark Jay King, III, Ronald George Luketz, James Aubrey Matthews, William Kenneth McCrimmon, Ernest Charles Pitts, Raymond Lee Williams, Frederic David Woodruff, Jr.

The exercises will climax three days of finals, which will open with the baccalaureate service Sunday evening.

Monday evening, the senior class play will be presented.

Tuesday at 11:15 a. m., Honors and Awards Day exercises will be held.

All events will be at Weaver auditorium, the evening ones starting at 8:15. The public is cordially invited to attend them all, said Supt. A. C. Dawson.

Guest speakers will be, Sunday night, the Rev. Joe W. Flora, minister to youth of Greensboro's First Presbyterian church; and Tuesday night, Dr. W. Amos Abrams of Raleigh, author, former teacher and college professor, Shakespearean authority, for the past seven years associate editor of North Carolina Education and other publications of the State NCEA.

According to local tradition, every minister of the community will take part in one or the other of the two main commencement events. The school choir will sing Sunday night, with Mrs. L. D. McDonald at the organ. The school band will play two selections Tuesday night, also the professional and recessional.

Diplomas will be presented by (Continued on page 5)

## Burns Voted Out As Council Elects Norfolk Man To City Manager Job

Council Splits In Speed-Up Vote; Clark Breaks Tie

In a dramatic five-hour session at the city hall Tuesday night the town council interviewed six applicants for the city manager position, received petitions and heard speeches in behalf of the candidacy of Howard F. Burns for the job—also some against him—and voted three to two against retaining the services of Mr. Burns, town clerk and treasurer for the past 27 years.

Elected by vote of Mayor Clark, Councilmen Voit Gilmore and Joe O'Callaghan, against the votes of

Councilmen W. E. Blue and C. S. Patch, Jr., was Marvin W. Lee, 26-year-old administrative assistant to the city manager of Norfolk, Va.

Mr. Lee, who had been interviewed during the early part of the evening, was in bed and asleep by the time this decision was reached at city hall. He was called back to the council meeting by telephone, since he was to leave for Norfolk by an early-morning train.

He had spent a night and a day in Southern Pines but told the council he was not sure he could, or should, accept. To do an effective job of city management, he said, he felt the services of a full-time engineer might be needed and he was not sure the town budget could stand both salaries.

Will Study Budget

He asked for a week in which to make a study of the town budget and audit report, after which, he said, he would present to the council his necessary requirements. He may recommend instead that the town employ someone as city manager who can supply the essential engineering background, though he might be short on administration, Mr. Lee's forte.

He will telephone his answer early next week and, if he accepts, assume the position early in July.

The midnight session followed a sequence of motions made and passed in which the vital decision was rushed to a head before discussion could be held of the relative merits of the visiting candidates.

Three Motions Made

This was done by action initiated by the council's minority faction as follows: (1) motion by Blue, seconded by Patch, that the screening be concluded; (2) motion by Blue, seconded by Patch, that the council proceed at once with the selection of a manager; and, following a lengthy discussion by both council and visitors of Mr. Burns and his job. (3) nomination of Burns by Patch, seconded by Blue; nomination of Lee by O'Callaghan, seconded by Gilmore.

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## SENIOR PLAY

"Willie's Weekend," a farce comedy, will be presented by the senior class Monday at 8:15 p. m., at Weaver auditorium.

This is the first time the seniors have put on their own dramatic offering with no assistance from other classes. The cast of 14 boys and girls, props and arrangements committees and all, are made up of the graduating personnel.

That is, all except the coach, Mrs. Ted Barrow, eighth grade teacher, who has been in charge of the direction.

Entertainment galore, as well as a chance to swell with parental or friendly pride is in store for the audience, it is reliably reported.

## Little League Tryouts Saturday

Moore County will have a little League this summer, Southern Pines will have an entry in it and tryouts for the 15-boy baseball squad will be held on the high school field at 9:30 Saturday morning.

All boys from eight to 12 years of age are eligible to try out for the privilege of wearing the new uniforms to be given by the Southern Pines Lions club, and of playing in the Little League games in Southern Pines, Pinehurst, Carthage and Robbins. Twelve-year-olds who will become 13 before August 1 are not eligible.

These four towns will contribute teams to the League, said Irie Leonard, Southern Pines director of summer recreation, revealing plans made at an organization meeting held Tuesday night at the Pinehurst school.

The local entry will be sponsored jointly by the Southern Pines Recreation Commission and Lions clubs, and the project will

be part of the recreation program here during June and July.

The local squad will be made up of five boys 12 years old, five who are 11 and five who are 10 or younger. The Commission will provide equipment, transportation, and coaching by Director Leonard as coach. The Lions club will provide the uniforms.

Games will be held every Monday and Wednesday at 5:30 p. m., starting June 15 and continuing through August 1, rotating among the participating towns.

A group of 25 recreation, school and civic leaders from Southern Pines, Pinehurst, Carthage and Robbins, organizing the program at Pinehurst Tuesday night, elected the following officers: Dr. J. C. Grier, Jr., Pinehurst, president; W. S. Evans, Robbins, first vice-president; Dr. D. W. Whitehead, Southern Pines, second vice-president; Bobby Dodds, Pinehurst, secretary; LaVerne Womack, Carthage, treasurer.

## National Guard Plans "Open House"

Moore county's National Guard unit, Battery D of the 130th Automatic Anti-Aircraft Artillery Battalion, will hold "open house" at the National Guard Armory (garage) from 2 to 5 p. m., Sunday.

Capt. W. J. Wilson, commanding officer, extends an invitation to all the battery's friends throughout the county to attend its first public event since the building was completed a year and a half ago.

Designed as a motor garage for the housing of the unit's equipment, it is large enough to serve as an Armory until one can be built, and has become so designated by the public in general.

The spacious building stands on a wooded tract 400 feet square donated by the Town, on the Old Pinehurst road adjoining the town showgrounds.

also; the secondary armament, the 50-caliber air-cooled machine gun. The communications section will have on display the latest in army radio equipment, the AN/PRC 10, a walkie-talkie set newly issued to the National Guard. Other basic communications equipment will be shown.

The motor section will display the new XM 211 2½ ton hydraulic GMC truck, the army's new experimental "work horse" recently issued to National Guard units for testing. Varied equipment will be shown in the mess section.

The battery will be on duty throughout the afternoon so the visitors may see their National Guard in action, against the setting of their own home, become acquainted with their equipment and learn more of their important mission.

Refreshments will be served. Following the "open house" the unit will participate in the Memorial Day observance to be held at Mt. Hope cemetery at 5 o'clock.