

Field Light Drive To Be Held Mon.

'General' Page Is Directing All-Out Effort On Project

Monday will be "L-Day"—the day which may tell the story as to whether Southern Pines lights up its athletic field, or not.

The long-desired lights will be the goal of an army of canvassers who will start out early that day to give everyone the opportunity to give.

Headed by C. N. Page as "general," the "army" has been organized in military fashion, and its campaign is expected to sweep ahead with the success of Caesar's legions. Though with determination equal to that of the ageminent conquerors, there is, however, one important difference—Monday's invading army will be meeting with friend, not foe. All are expected to be of one mind—to get those lights up at the ball park for football and softball, and if possible for baseball also.

"General Page," his colonels, majors and captains will meet at 7:30 a. m. Monday for a kickoff breakfast at Holliday's Coffee Shop. There they will receive their briefing, their ammunition in the form of cards and receipt slips (tax-deductible) and their marching orders—effective the "minute breakfast is over."

All personnel will select cards bearing the names of persons they will and can visit on that day, to secure a cash subscription or a pledge toward the goal— (Continued on Page 8)



HOWARD HARRISON, peach grower and farmer of Eagle Springs, is apparently pleased with results he has obtained from irrigation with one of the largest such systems used in this county. He is pictured with fittings that are part of his irrigation equipment which is powered by a 125-horsepower motor. Irrigation is playing an increasingly important part in Moore County agriculture. (Pilot Staff Photo)

Reduction Of Water Rate Is Contemplated

Council To Ponder Resolution Setting Extension Policies

If the town council at its meeting Tuesday night next week adopts a resolution setting a definite policy on extension of water and sewer lines in and out of the city limits, savings realized will allow a reduction of the minimum water rate from \$5 to \$4.50 for the first thousand gallons used, City Manager Tom E. Cunningham said this week.

At request of the council, Cunningham has prepared a resolution on utility extensions. Sent to the councilmen for study, the resolution will be discussed and probably will be put to a vote Tuesday night, if the council again combines its "discussion" and "action" meetings into a single session, as was done in July.

Cunningham said that Mayor Lloyd T. Clark suggested the possibility of passing on savings in the water department to consumers, after the mayor had studied the water and sewer extension policy.

The reduction in minimum water rate would apply only within the city limits under the proposal that Cunningham will make to the council. (Continued on Page 8)

Board Of Education, Commissioners Deadlocked On School Fund Budget Matter Given To Court Clerk For Arbitration

A Controversy About School Capital Outlay Funds In The 1954-55 Moore County Budget Is Now In The Hands Of Clerk Of Court C. C. Kennedy Of Carthage For Arbitration

Capital outlay funds are those used for construction of school plant buildings of all types or in major additions or improvements to such buildings.

As of Thursday, Mr. Kennedy had not rendered his opinion on whether or not the county com-

missioners were justified in cutting \$422,471.43 requested by the county board of education to \$269,000 in the budget.

It is the first time in the history of Moore County that a board of education has formally rejected a budget allotment, setting into motion a legal procedure authorized in a State statute that has been invoked in similar budget disagreements in several North Carolina counties this year. The controversy affects only the county school system, not the city school

units at Southern Pines and Pinehurst.

Machinery set up in the statute began to turn last week when the board of education rejected the capital outlay budget and called a joint meeting with the commissioners last Friday afternoon at the courthouse.

In the meeting, J. A. Culbertson of Robbins, chairman of the board of education, and Jere McKeithen of Aberdeen and T. Roy Phillips of Carthage, members of the board, appealed to the commissioners to grant the full school capital outlay request, asserting the entire amount was needed for a "minimum" construction program.

Faced with the fact that it would take an increase in the tax rate from \$1.35 per \$100 of property valuation to about \$1.77, if the request were granted and if no other budget items were cut, the commissioners rejected the appeal.

According to the provisions of the statute covering such a deadlock, each board empowered its chairman to cast one vote on whether the school budget as it stood should be approved. Chairman Gordon Cameron of Pinehurst voted "yes" for the commissioners. Chairman Culbertson voted "no" for the board of education.

By resolution of the board of education, the matter was referred to Mr. Kennedy for arbitration, his decision to be rendered within 10 days of the time the vote was taken, that is, last Friday afternoon.

Either side, the statute states, may appeal the clerk's decision to Superior Court, but the appeal must be made within 30 days of that decision. Further appeal may be made to the Supreme Court by either side.

The matter is a civil action and also may be heard by a judge without a jury, but should the board of commissioners ask a jury trial, they may have one, the statute provides, this action to take precedence over all other business of the court.

If the commissioners fail to levy the tax ordered by the court, the statute says, they shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and shall be fined or imprisoned within the discretion of the court.

When the budget was under discussion Friday, it was still in tentative form. On Monday, at their regular monthly meeting, the commissioners formally adopted the budget, thus sealing their Friday decision that no change in it was to be made.

Should Mr. Kennedy's decision be appealed to Superior Court, the appeal could be heard at the September civil term of Moore County Superior Court, with the prospect of a Supreme Court appeal by either side.

How all this will affect tax billing and collection is necessarily (Continued on Page 8)

Town Schools To Open September 8 With 10 New Members Of Faculties

Schedule, Faculty For Negro Schools Not Yet Announced

Southern Pines white schools will open Wednesday, September 8, it was announced this week by Supt. A. C. Dawson, Jr.

Schedule for Negro schools, as well as faculty appointments in these schools, have not yet been announced.

Preliminary faculty meetings for teachers in the white schools will be held Tuesday, September 7.

There will be 10 new faculty members in the elementary and high schools this year, while some

teachers have been assigned to grades other than they taught formerly.

High School

In the high school, where Irie Leonard continues as principal and teacher of social studies, there will be two new faculty members—Miss Julianne Leimone, replacing Mrs. James Larkin as teacher of English and Spanish; and Mrs. Doris Story, replacing Mrs. Ted Warner as home economics teacher.

Other high school teachers will be: Miss Pauline Miller, English and Latin; Mrs. Ruth Swisher, commercial; Miss Billie Williams, science and physical education; W. A. Leonard, mathematics; Lynn H. Ledden, science, band and physical education.

Elementary School

The elementary school has two more teachers than in the last school year, caused by an increase of second grade rooms from two to three and of seventh grade rooms from one to two.

Here is the complete elementary school faculty list, with the eight new members and the teachers they replace indicated:

First grade—Miss Mae Delle Kennedy (taught second grade last year); Miss Carolyn Chester and Miss Elizabeth Peterson, new teachers replacing Miss Florence Dawson and Mrs. Ralph Chandler, Jr.

Second grade—Mrs. A. C. Dawson, Jr., and Miss Carolyn Sawyer and Miss Catherine Smith, new teachers (one added and one (Continued on page 8)

November 4-7 Set As Dates For Golf Event

The Southern Pines Golf Carrousel, a four-day tournament for pros and amateurs, men and women, will be played on the three Southern Pines golf courses November 4 through 7, it was announced this week by Jack S. Younts, chairman.

The announcement was made following a meeting held by Chairman Younts of the sponsoring Southern Pines Chamber of Commerce and his committee Wednesday with Chester I. Williams of Pinehurst, who will manage the tournament.

Mr. Williams flew here for the meeting from White Sulphur Springs, where he was on a nationwide committee for arrangement for another big tournament slated to be held late this year. Well-known in the golf world, with wide acquaintance among both pros and amateurs, Mr. Williams will have complete charge of the Carrousel with committees of the Chamber of Commerce working under his direction. (Continued on Page 8)

Capital Outlay Proposals Of School Board Summarized

FOR GENERAL COUNTY-WIDE USE — Audio-visual aids and other facilities \$7,600.00

TOTAL CAPITAL OUTLAY \$422,471.73

H. Lee Thomas, county school superintendent and secretary of the board of education, said that the first item on this list, headed "Carthage," includes \$154,500 for a new white elementary school at Carthage, containing 12 classrooms.

A portion of the remaining funds in this item is earmarked to go with anticipated State bond money for the big project of enlarging the Negro elementary school at Carthage, so that the obsolete Negro elementary school buildings at Vass and near West End (Vineland School), can be taken out of use and their students sent to a consolidated school at Carthage.

The county anticipates about \$185,000 in State bond money, a large portion of which, Mr. Thomas indicated, is expected to go into the important project of enabling the county to cease using the two inadequate Negro elementary schools.

The \$185,000 is not included in the county's capital outlay budget as listed above.

CARTHAGE—Replacement of obsolete facilities in elementary schools at Carthage, Vass and West End, also two new buses \$189,406.98

CAMERON—Completion of auditorium, sanitary facilities and other equipment \$37,700.00

ROBBINS—Completion of physical education building and other facilities \$82,454.00

VASS-LAKEVIEW — Improve water supply, classroom ventilation and other facilities \$5,611.20

FARM LIFE — Completion of cafeteria and other facilities \$22,489.00

ABERDEEN—Enlarge cafeteria, two new buses and other facilities \$54,217.33

WEST END—Stokers and other facilities \$6,369.29

HIGHFALLS — Completion of cafeteria and other facilities \$10,925.00

WESTMOORE—Improve heating system and other facilities \$5,698.63

Townshend In All-Star Game

Jimmy Townshend, 1954 graduate of Southern Pines High School and outstanding guard on last season's boys' basketball team, leaves today for Greensboro where he is slated to play Tuesday night of next week with the Eastern squad in the East-West All-Star basketball game.

Practice sessions will be held by the East and West teams, with the All-Star game set for 8 p. m. Tuesday in the new Greensboro High School gymnasium.

Jimmy, who is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Curtis S. Townshend of Country Club Drive, is the only player from this area invited to take part in the All-Star contest.

An All-Star football game, also featuring high school players from throughout the state, will be played in Greensboro High School stadium Friday night, August 13, but no players from Moore County are scheduled to take part.

27 Contestants Start Matches In Junior Tourney

First-round matches for boys started Wednesday, and for girls Thursday morning, in the Junior Sandhill Invitational Tennis tournament being sponsored for the seventh consecutive summer on the municipal courts.

Finals are scheduled to be held Saturday if the good weather holds out, otherwise they may run over until Sunday.

With 27 entries in junior boys' singles, 16 in boys', 16 in junior girls and 12 in girls', the tournament operated by the Junior Sandhill Tennis association is the largest and most outstanding in quality of players since the start of the series in 1948.

Such a plenitude of talent turned up among young players from all over the State that the only defending champion, Southern Pines' Lillian Bullock, is not even seeded. With five top girl players for the four seeded positions, the seeding committee resorted to a draw from a hat to settle third and fourth positions, and "Little LIP" lost out.

Seeded players represent practically the entire lineup of trophy winners from the Eastern Carolina Championships held at Durham last weekend, with the sole exception of one runner-up in juniors. (Continued on Page 8)

TWO MOORE CASES

Polio Leaders Will Consider Aug. 16 Drive

Paul Butler of Southern Pines, chairman of the Moore County Chapter of the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis, said this week that the executive committee and directors of the chapter will meet some time next week to decide what steps should be taken by this county in the nation-wide emergency March of Dimes August 16-31.

The national campaign seeks \$20,000,000 needed immediately to pay costs of continuing care for 67,000 patients under treatment and to meet the cost of increasing the nation's supply of gamma globulin and the cost of financing the polio vaccine study.

Two Moore Cases

As the national drive was announced, the first two polio cases of the year were reported to the Moore County health department. They are Carson A. Lemons, six years old, son of Carson L. Lemons of Southern Pines, whose case was diagnosed at Memorial Hospital, Chapel Hill, about the third week in July, and was reported to the health department Friday; and David D. Keith, year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Keith of Pinebluff whose case was diagnosed at Mercy Hospital, Charlotte, July 29, and was reported to the health department Saturday.

Dr. J. W. Wilcox, county health officer, said that these are the only two cases of polio reported to the health department in 1954.

Dr. Wilcox said that an Eagle Springs child was taken to Duke (Continued on page 8)

License Bureau Now In Southland Hotel

The motoring public is reminded that the auto license sales bureau serving this area has been moved to a new location in the Southland Hotel.

The bureau is operated by the Southern Pines Chamber of Commerce which moved last week after being located on East Pennsylvania avenue for one year.

J. Earl Parker is Chamber chairman in charge of operation of the bureau, which is attended by Miss Alice Baxter, Chamber manager. Hours are 9 to 1 and 2 to 5 daily—closed Wednesday and Saturday afternoons.

'Yield Right Of Way' Signs Placed

Signs reading "Yield Right Of Way" have been put at a number of street intersections, replacing "Stop" signs formerly used at these crossings, City Manager Tom E. Cunningham said this week.

Among the intersections at which these signs appear are Massachusetts Ave., and N. E. Broad St., Massachusetts Ave. and Ashe St. and Connecticut Ave. and Ashe St.

The law says that a motorist approaching on a street where one of the signs appears must enter the intersection at a speed no greater than 10 miles per hour.

The signs are designed to speed up traffic by eliminating stops at intersections when caution is in order but cross traffic is not heavy enough to require every car approaching to stop.

Huge Fig Tree Yields Harvest of 400 Quarts

John Gilchrist stands among the 11 huge branches, some of them six inches or more in diameter, that form a monster fig tree from which he gathered about 400 quarts of figs last year and expects to pick an equal or greater harvest this year. The tree is in the yard of his home at the corner of Wisconsin Ave. and Henley St., planted there by himself when it was a yard or so tall, 23 years ago. It was originally obtained from a farm near Drowning Creek.

Rising to a height of 15 or 20 feet, the fig tree sends its great branches out to a width of 25 or 30 feet, drooping to meet the ground on all sides and creating a cool shade underneath the canopy of its leaves.

Slung over the left shoulder of the West Southern Pines man is a bucket in which he gathers figs which he sells each year to individuals and stores throughout this area. In his left hand he holds a rubber glove he always wears when picking figs, as prolonged contact with them irritates the skin—something that is true of all figs but which appears to have no influence on their eating quality. It requires a ladder to reach into the upper branches of the tree. The harvest continues from the last of July to the middle of August, as the figs ripen progressively.

Now 67, the local man is semi-



retired, but still does a little yard work. He has given the big fig tree no special treatment, but thinks a drain from the kitchen sink that keeps the area around the tree moist has something to do with its amazing size. (Pilot Staff Photo)

SCHOOL HAS NO NOTICE OF MOVE

The USAF Air Ground School at the Highland Pines Inn has received no notice from higher headquarters of the Air Force that it is to move from Southern Pines. Col. John G. Foster, executive officer at the school, said Thursday.

In the absence of Brig. Gen. Daniel W. Jenkins, commandant, who was out of town Thursday, Colonel Foster was questioned by The Pilot about a widely-circulated rumor that the school may move.

"This rumor is circulating in town and it is circulating here at the school," said the executive officer, "but where it came from I don't know. Neither Tactical Air Command nor Air Force headquarters has sent us notification to move."

The lease agreement between the Air Force and the Stitzer Hotel Co., owners of the Inn, runs through June 30, 1955, with the provision now in force that either party to the contract may terminate the lease on 60 days' notice.