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## Election Draws Interest But No Candidates File

### Patch Not To Run Again; Others On Council Undecided

Although a lively town election is anticipated by most observers of the local scene, not much life had been shown by this week.

Filing time for candidates for town council is now open, but no one had filed by Thursday at noon. Filing time ends at 6 p. m. April 15.

Questioned by The Pilot Thursday, only one member of the council had a definite statement of intentions in the election. C. S. Patch, Jr., said he would not run.

"After six years in town government, I feel that it is time for me to move over," he said.

Mayor Lloyd Clark and Councilmen W. E. Blue, Voit Gilmore and Joe O'Callaghan would make no definite commitment Thursday as to their intentions, although Blue indicated he would run and O'Callaghan indicated he would not. Gilmore said he had been thinking about the matter and would reach a decision in a few days.

It is understood that Mayor Clark would like to step down from his strenuous job, but will not if he feels his services on the council are needed. His decision will depend on how the filing goes. He said Thursday, he was undecided as yet.

There is no separate race for mayor, under council-manager government. Five councilmen are elected and they elect one of their number as mayor.

Rumored as likely candidates for council seats are Harry Chatfield and Brig. Gen. Pearson Me-

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## LWV Booklets To Be Sold Saturday

Prevented by bad weather from selling their "Town Survey" booklets last Saturday on the streets of the business section, members of the League of Women Voters have scheduled the sale for Saturday of this week.

The booklets, compiled by members of the League from many sources, contain much information about the town's government, organizations and other resources. They are being sold at less than cost as a public service.

## 24th CHILD BORN

Mrs. Isobel McDougald, 39, gave birth to her 24th child at Lee County Hospital, Sanford, Saturday. Married at 13, she is the wife of Herman McDougald, tenant on the Robert King farm near Cameron.

Of the 24 children, 18 are living—12 boys and six girls. The oldest, Herman, Jr., 22, is married and living near Fayetteville. Of the 17 living at home, 11 are in school.

"I told the doctor I couldn't stay in this bed too long or I'd get lazy," she told visiting reporters at the Sanford hospital. She cooks, washes and irons for the entire family.

## Vallee Changes Mind On State

Until he arrived in Southern Pines a couple of weeks ago to begin a highly successful series of nightly appearances at the Dunes Club on Midland Road, Rudy Vallee—one of the nation's most famous entertainers for a quarter century—hadn't stopped in North Carolina since a 1933 tour when the promoter ran off with the money in one city and there was so much sleet and ice on the streets in another town that even his loyal fans were unable to reach the performance hall.

The last two weeks, he says, have altered his opinion of Tar-

heelia.

Dressed in a conservative suit and candy-striped shirt, and smoking a long, fragrant cigar, in his room at the Belvedere Hotel this week, Vallee looked more like a successful business executive than the versatile entertainer who has been orchestra leader, "crooner" and stage and screen actor and is now packing in a new genera-



CUP PRESENTED—Mrs. M. G. Walsh (center) receives the Sandhills Cup for the victory of her Erin's Cottage in the featured race of the Stoneybrook meeting last Saturday, from Mrs. Dwight Winkelman, right. Flanking Mrs. Walsh are her husband, M. G. (Mickey) Walsh, (left), trainer of the winner, and Carlyle Cameron, winning rider in the event for the fifth year. Held at right of photo is the small replica of the cup to be kept permanently by Mrs. Walsh. (Photo by Humphrey)

## Erin's Cottage Takes Sandhills Cup As Cameron Rides Fifth Race Winner

Southern Pines saw a native son, Carlyle Cameron, add more fame to his name Saturday afternoon as he won his fifth straight Sandhills Cup aboard Erin's Cottage, before a crowd of some 3,000 die-hard hunt racing fans who endured cold and rain to watch

the opening of the nation's 1955 racing season.

Cameron had been booked to ride Charles Stitzer's Warrior Gay in the feature race on the Stoneybrook track. Warrior Gay was scratched because of a slight injury, and the local jockey, who assists in the training of all the horses at the Walsh stables, moved over easily to a stablemate and similarly fleet-footed Irish import.

## Howarth, Dawson To Address PTA

John Howarth, chairman of the Southern Pines board of school trustees, and A. C. Dawson, superintendent of schools, will discuss local school needs and financing at a meeting of the Parent-Teacher Association Thursday night of next week. The meeting will be held in Weaver Auditorium at 8 p. m.

Next week's gathering was postponed to that date from Thursday night of this week, because local school officials and teachers are attending the 71st annual state convention of the North Carolina Teachers Association at Asheville, Thursday through Saturday. Mr. Dawson is state legislative co-chairman for the NCEA.

## Leads All The Way

Erin's Cottage, owned by Mrs. M. G. Walsh, sloshed through mud throughout the grueling two-and-a-quarter mile test over timber, posting a time of 5:05 1-5 to take the event. He nabbed the lead at the beginning of the race and was never in serious trouble, though Magical, ridden by Eugene Weymouth, threatened briefly at one point. Cameron and Erin's Cottage were first over every jump, finished a length ahead of the nearest horse, Mrs. Walsh's Repose, with Magical coming in third.

One spill marred the event as Charles C. Jelke on Big Breeze failed to clear the fourth jump. (Continued on Page 5)

## Barber Named Dog Warden; Plans For New Work Studied

### Vaccination Of All Dogs In County To Be Started April 1

W. H. Barber has been appointed Moore county's first dog warden. He is undertaking his duties immediately in connection with the dog vaccination clinics to be held throughout the county by the health department from April 1 through April 20.

Complete schedule of the clinics appears on page 12 of today's Pilot.

No dogs will be impounded before May 1, said Gordon M. Cameron, chairman of county commissioners, in announcing the appointment. In the meantime a dog pound will be built on the County Farm, where Mr. and Mrs. Barber live, and County Attorney M. G. Boyette has been instructed by the commissioners to make a compendium of all the dog laws, so they may be publicized before the era of enforcement gets under way.

Chairman Cameron said the decision to appoint a warden was made by the commissioners at a called meeting last week, in deference to a long-standing request of the county health department, recently reinforced by support from numerous town and rural organizations throughout the county.

## Health Department Post

The actual appointment was left up to Dr. J. W. Willcox, county health officer. His selection of Mr. Barber was approved by the commissioners. His dog program is a part of the health department's work and Mr. Barber will work closely with the department (Continued on page 8)

## COURT OF HONOR

The March Court of Honor for the Moore District, Boy Scouts of America, will be held Monday at 7:30 p. m. at Brownson Memorial Presbyterian Church.

Parents of Boy Scouts are especially urged to attend, said Lawrence McN. Johnson of Aberdeen, advancement chairman.

A large number of awards will be made. Fred Woinneck of Winston-Salem will tell about the National Boy Scout Camp at Philmont, N. M., and illustrate the talk with colored slides.

## Mrs. C. Louis Meyer's \$55,000 Assures Goal In Hospital Work

### Memorial Gift Is To Provide Children's Wing

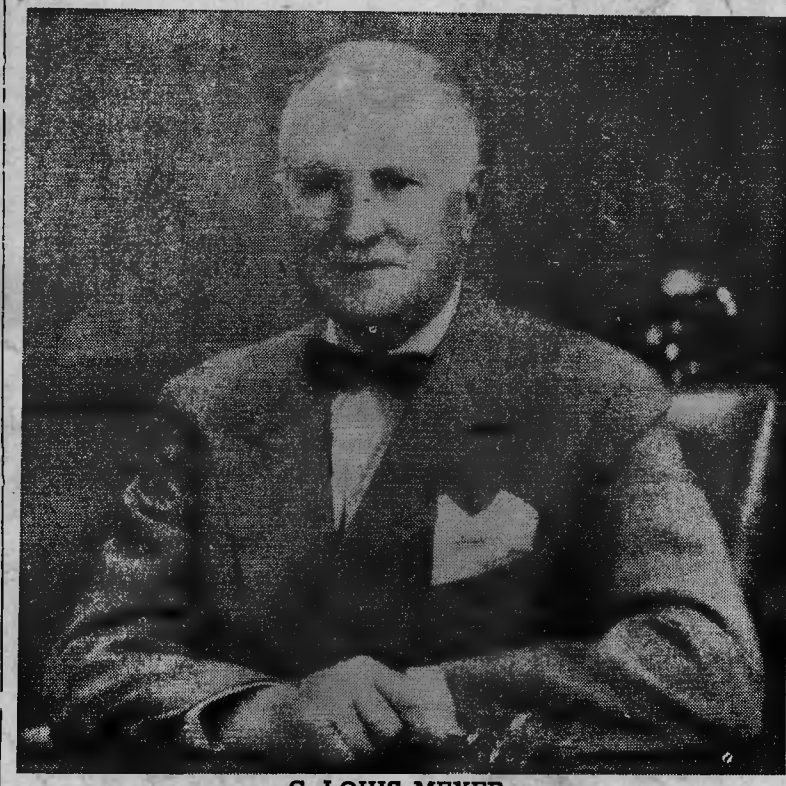
A gift of \$55,000, which will assure the building and equipping of the entire new children's wing in the planned addition to Moore County Hospital, was announced this week by Thomas E. Howerston, administrator.

The gift is being made by Mrs. C. Louis Meyer in memory of her husband. The Meyers, residents of Lake Forest, Ill., purchased winter home near Pinehurst in 1946. Mr. Meyer died October 5, 1953. The memorial gift constitutes the entire local contribution needed for the children's wing in the forthcoming hospital improvement program, of which 35.6 per cent must come from contributed funds, the rest to be supplied by State and federal sources.

The generous gift, of which the project and building committees were apprised early last week, allowed an upward revision of the minimum program, which had already been approved by the Medical Care Commission, for a \$300,000 total. Approval of the revised program was promptly granted by the Commission, with \$160,200 now assured from local sources, \$64,800 from the State and \$225,000 in federal funds.

### Second Large Gift

This is the second large gift to (Continued on page 8)



C. LOUIS MEYER

## Lions Plan Game To Raise Money For Field Seats

At their meeting tonight (Friday) at 7 p. m. in the Country Club, members of the Southern Pines Lions Club will make plans for a night baseball game to be sponsored by the club Monday April 18, to raise money for much needed additional portable bleacher seats at Memorial Field.

Charles Cole and C. S. Patch, Jr., who were appointed co-chairmen of the project by Club President David Gamble, said this week that a game has been tentatively scheduled between the Fayetteville Highlanders of the Carolina League and a regimental team from the 82nd Airborne Division, Fort Bragg.

Proceeds will be turned over to school officials for purchase of bleachers. It would take about \$400, the chairmen said, to buy bleachers that would increase the Memorial Field seating capacity to 800. That is the amount they hope can be raised.

The club's board of directors recently approved the project.

## Varied Interests Of Mr. Meyer Are Recalled By Gift

C. Louis Meyer, in whose memory a \$55,000 gift is being made by his wife to the Moore County Hospital for a new children's wing, was a man deeply interested in both children and hospitals, making the memorial a singularly fitting one.

His interests were, and are, shared by his wife and two daughters, whose services for many years have been given generously in both of these causes.

Despite his activities as a construction engineer, and founder and head of one of the United States' greatest building firms, he found time to serve on the board of the Boy Scouts of Omaha, his native city; the Cradle Society of (Continued on page 8)

## Lawrence Ryder Heads Elks Lodge

Lawrence Ryder has been elected Exalted Ruler of the Southern Pines Elks lodge, to succeed Bryan Poe.

The new Exalted Ruler and other new officers will be installed April 7 by a delegation from Raleigh, headed by Thad Eure, Secretary of State and past president of the North Carolina Elks Association.

Other new officers are: Eugene McKenzie, Leading Knight; Robert Strouse, Loyal Knight; Walter Harper, Lecturing Knight; D. L. Madigan, secretary; Joseph Warren, treasurer; John Buchholz, Tyler; Carlos Fry, trustee; Harry Davis, Esquire; Fritz Gerrish, Inner Guard; Broadus Smith, chaplain.

## Awards Made To Teams At Rotary Annual Banquet

Members of the boys' and girls' basketball squads at Southern Pines High School were honored last Friday night at the Country Club during the annual basketball banquet staged by the Southern Pines Rotary Club. Coaches of the teams, their assistants and school cheer leaders were recognized and post-season captains were announced.

Awards for the "most valuable" boy and girl players, given by the John Boyd Post, Veterans of Foreign Wars, went to Johnny Watkins and Dorothy Newton. Gold basketballs for the "most improved" players were presented to Betty Morris and Roger Verhooff. The captains named were Dorothy Newton and James Humphrey.

All-county selections, previously made and recognized at the banquet, were Johnny Watkins for the boys and Dorothy Newton and Anike Verhooff for the girls.

The cheerleaders recognized are Patti Woodell, chief; Dorothy Newton, Kay Davis, Sally Michelson and June Bristow.

W. A. Leonard was coach for both boys and girls, assisted with both teams by Don Moore and with the girls' team by Miss Katherine Ravanel.

Stars or letters were presented to squad members earning them and other squad members were recognized, as follows:

### Girls

Stars—Dorothy Newton, Patti (Continued on page 8)



VALLEE AT BANQUET—Rudy Vallee, famous entertainer, is pictured (standing) as he spoke at the Rotary banquet in the Country Club last Friday night. He and his wife, Mrs. Eleanor Vallee, who is hidden by her husband in this photo, were special guests. Others shown left to right at the speakers' table, are: Dr. Vida McLeod, representing the Southern Pines board of school trustees, Mrs. Leon Gibson and Mr. Gibson, of Fayetteville, guest speaker; Mrs. J. B. Perkinson and Mr. Perkinson, president-elect of the club, who presided; and Mrs. Harry Chatfield, wife of the club's secretary-treasurer. (Photo by Humphrey)

## Rotarians Honor Wives, Teams, 50th Anniversary At Country Club Banquet

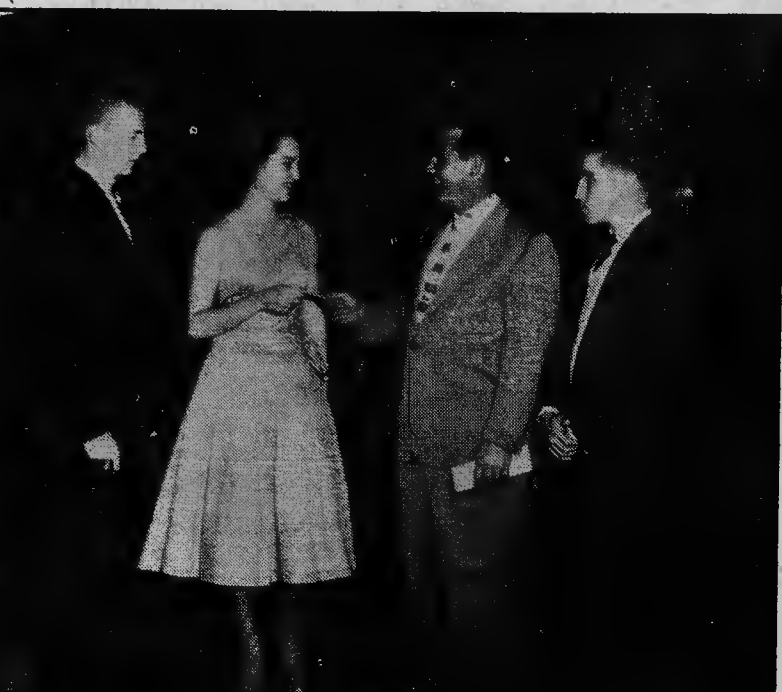
Members of the Rotary Club staged one of the top events of their 16-year history last Friday night at the Country Club when they observed the golden anniversary of Rotary International, honoring also their wives, the Rotary Anns, and the basketball teams of Southern Pines High School.

Rudy Vallee, famous entertainer who is in the Sandhills for a two-weeks engagement at the

Dunes Club on Midland Road, and his wife were special guests, seated at the speakers' table.

J. B. Perkinson, president-elect, presided and made the address of welcome, in the absence of President Johnnie A. Hall who was a patient at Moore County Hospital for an appendectomy.

Responding for the honored groups were Mrs. Harry Chatfield for the Rotary Anns, Dorothy (Continued on Page 8)



BASKETBALL AWARDS—The VFW awards to the most valuable players on the High School basketball teams were presented at the Rotary Club's basketball banquet to Johnny Watkins and Dorothy Newton, left, by Thom McKenzie (second from right), VFW commander. At right is James Humphrey, chosen captain of the boys' team. Dorothy Newton was the girls' choice for captain. (Photo by Humphrey)