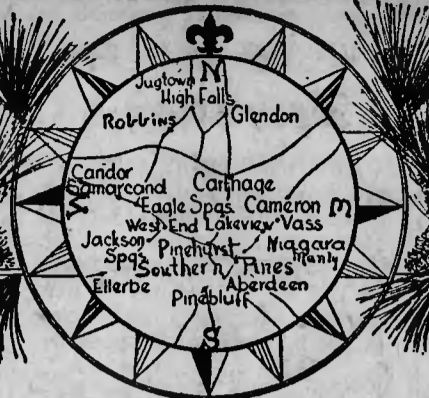


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GROUND OBSERVERS — Shown here are some of the volunteers who scanned the skies day and night last week in an intensive Ground Observer Corps exercise. David Drexel, county chief of the air defense service, stands at left beside the stairs to the Forest Service fire tower off Morganton Road. Left to right on the steps are: Mrs. Harry Chatfield, Mr. Chatfield, who is Southern Pines Ground Observer head; Louis Scheipers, Jr., one of more than a dozen volunteers for the service from John Boyd Post, Veterans of Foreign Wars; James Hartshorne and Mrs. Hartshorne. Night watches were kept from the ground and day watches from the little



room atop the tower from Wednesday morning to Friday afternoon. The small photo shows Mr. Scheipers at work in the tower. (Pilot Staff Photo)

4 Candidates In Council Election Lead Filing Parade

Blue First To Pay Fee; West Southern Pines Represented

Through noon, Thursday, four candidates had filed for town council seats in the election to be held May 3.

Filing time will run through April 15.

A member of the present council—the only one to file so far—was the first to pay his \$5 fee to Town Clerk Louis Scheipers, Jr. W. E. Blue, food store owner and a veteran in local government who survived the change-over to the city manager form two years ago, filed Thursday of last week.

Next to file was Harry H. Pethick, retired oil company executive, who paid his fee on Monday.

Harry Chatfield, local insurance agent, filed on Tuesday.

On Wednesday, the list was increased to four when T. T. Morse, an insurance agent in West Southern Pines, filed.

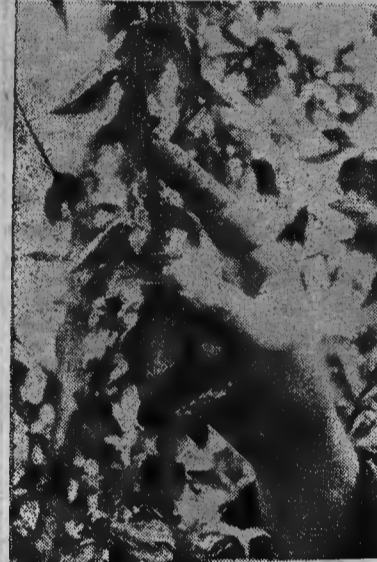
The coming week is expected to bring out more candidates, although some members of the present council may wait until the final week of filing time before making their intentions known.

If more than 10 candidates file, a primary election will be held on April 25.

Registration will open Saturday, April 16, for persons who are not now on the municipal registration books. Persons now registered properly need not register again in order to vote May 3.



IN FROZEN ORCHARD—Clyde Auman of West End, one of Moore County's largest peach growers, unhappily points to frozen peach buds in one of the orchards where the fruit kill was 100 per cent last weekend. He also showed how some branches had been frozen, looking brown when bark is stripped from them, meaning that the branch itself will die. Young trees were especially vulnerable and the loss in them is expected to be heavy. The close-up shows the little buds, to which the dried flower was still attached. When broken open, the heart of each tiny developing peach was black as ink, indicating complete destruction by freezing. The photos show also leaves shriveled and withered by cold that went



more than 10 degrees below freezing. (Pilot Staff Photos)

Deadline For Proposal On Air-Ground School Is Set For Wednesday

A proposal that the Southern Pines community keep the USAF Air-Ground School at the Highland Pines Inn by helping the Federal government buy the Inn property seemed within sight of success this week.

First made when a local delegation went to Washington in February to confer with Franklin

G. Floete, assistant secretary of defense, the proposal coasted along for a few weeks without any decisive action—although a Chamber of Commerce poll showed that 71 of 76 members replying favor tried to keep the school in Southern Pines.

The school has been earmarked for removal to Keesler Field, Biloxi, Miss., but the local group who went to Washington in February were assured by the assistant secretary of defense that no final action would be taken by the department until after the Southern Pines proposition had been heard in another conference.

Deadline for that conference has been extended to Wednesday of next week and members of a citizens' group who are collecting pledges of local financial assistance voiced optimism this week that they could go to Washington with a concrete proposal by next Wednesday.

They said that about one-quarter of the minimum amount needed had been received in pledges from business people and others who comprise about 10 per cent of the number of persons they hope to see.

Now working on a spontaneous basis without a formal committee, the group expects that Harry K. Smyth, Chamber of Commerce president, will appoint a formal committee to make the trip to Washington.

According to the proposal, the Highland Pines Inn property would be bought by a combination of local and government funds — the government being able to put in what it would cost the school to move to Mississippi.

The transfer to the government would be made with the proviso that the property be returned to the control of the local corporation, should it cease to be used for Air-Ground school or similar purposes.

All persons contributing would be given shares of stock in the local corporation according to present plans.

Majority Moore Parents Approve Use Of Vaccine

Of 2,022 Moore County parents sent letters asking whether they will let their first and second grade children take the Salk polio vaccine, if the forthcoming announcement shows it to be successful in prevention of the disease, 1,505 have replied in the affirmative, Dr. J. W. Wilcox, county health officer, said this week.

Returns on the inquiry, which was made through each school in the county, were tabulated this week. The Moore County program is part of a national effort by public health departments and the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis, sponsor of the Salk vaccine tests.

The survey was made in advance, so that use of the vaccine could begin immediately, once the OK is given by the National Foundation. This is expected within two weeks.

Change In Ball Schedule Noted

Farm Life school comes to Memorial Field this (Friday) afternoon for a baseball contest with the Southern Pines Blue Knights, starting at 3:30 p.m. Next week's games for the local boys are both away—at Pinehurst Tuesday and at Vass Thursday.

Coch Irie Leonard this week announced a revised schedule of games for the remainder of the season, with several changes from the schedule printed recently in The Pilot and also printed on season tickets. The complete revised schedule appears on page 13.

Southern Pines garnered only three hits and failed to score in a 10-0 loss to Rockingham at the Richmond County school's field last week.

Dr. Rosser Will Be Honored With Dinner At Vass

To honor Dr. R. G. Rosser, physician who practiced his profession in Vass and vicinity from May, 1919, until ill health forced him to retire several months ago, the Vass Lions Club has planned a public dedication dinner to be held at the Vass Community House on Tuesday evening, April 19, at which a plaque to honor Dr. Rosser will be dedicated. The Club is planning for an attendance of 125. A. L. Keith and C. G. Crockett are in charge of ticket sales.

Many of the details were worked out during a meeting of the Lions Club directors at the Carolina Bank in Vass Monday night. The Vass Woman's Club is to serve the dinner, and the following committees were named: program—J. A. Smith; W. E. Gladstone and C. R. Pope; publicity—Barney Blue and N. A. McGill; entertainment—Jack Morgan and Murdoch Cameron.

Members of the board, in addition to those named on committees, are N. N. McLean and Hurley Jones. C. G. Crockett is club president, and N. A. McGill, secretary-treasurer.

Further details of the dedication dinner will be announced later, the directors report.

Dr. Rosser has been a patient at the Pinehurst Convalescent Home for several months and will not be able to attend the dinner.

Tax Office Will Be Open Daily

Earl E. Hubbard, Internal Revenue representative, reminds the public that he will be at his office in the post office basement daily, with the exception of Sunday, from today (Friday) through April 15 when Federal Income Tax returns are due.

Assistance with completing returns and answers to questions about the tax are given free of charge. He urges that taxpayers come early to avoid a last-minute rush.

State income and intangibles taxes are also due April 15. Information about these taxes can be obtained from the office of Ralph Monger, Jr., deputy collector, in Sanford.

Mrs. Cleary Named President Moore Tuberculosis Assn.

Mrs. Timothy Cleary of Pinebluff was elected president of the Moore County Tuberculosis Association for the coming year at a meeting of the board of directors of the Association. She succeeds Norris Hodgkins, Jr., of Southern Pines.

Other new officers are: the Rev. J. R. Funderburk of Southern Pines, first vice-president; Mrs. W. G. Brown of Carthage, second vice-president; Dr. T. A. Cheatham of Pinehurst, treasurer; and Norris Hodgkins, Jr., of Southern Pines, assistant treasurer. A secretary will be elected at the next meeting of the board of directors in May.

The new directors are: Mrs. W. Johnson, Aberdeen; James Hobbs, Southern Pines; Dr. T. A. Cheatham, Pinehurst; Mrs. Mulford Horr, Pinehurst; S. C. Cureton, Pinehurst; Mrs. Lola Carter, Jackson Springs; Mrs. Hazel Phillips, Carthage; Norris Hodgkins, Jr., Southern Pines and Mrs. Cleary.

Chosen as delegates to the meeting of the N. C. Tuberculosis Association in Durham, April 13-14, were Lawrence Johnson and (Continued on page 8)

Garden Tour Is Cancelled As Cold Hits Blooms

Two of the Sandhills' most popular spring events, the Southern Pines Garden Tour and the one-day showing of Homeowner Gardens in Knollwood, have been called off because of damage done to the flowers by the weekend freeze.

The dogwood was extensively damaged, the azaleas almost or entirely killed and other spring-blooming things ruined, with little hope of more blossoms coming out this spring.

The garden tour, which was to have been held next Wednesday was cancelled after members of the sponsoring Southern Pines Garden Club, meeting Monday afternoon at Southern Pines, canvassed owners of the gardens which were to have been shown. All said their gardens were in such bad condition that they would much prefer not to show them this year.

"We're not complaining, in view of the grave economic damage suffered by our peach growers and others," said Mrs. W. D. Campbell, tour chairman. "Instead, we started in immediately planning a bigger and better tour for next spring." Several new gardens, never previously shown on the tours, have already been tentatively listed for the 1956 (Continued on Page 8)

Peach Crop Wiped Out By 19-Degree Freeze: Some Tobacco Plants Hurt

The 1955 crop of Moore County peach growers was wiped out last Saturday night when the mercury hit 19 degrees above zero in the West End area.

Not one of some 75 Sandhills orchardists who attended an emergency meeting at Candor Monday could report a single liv-

ing peach bud on his trees. Asked how long he looked for a surviving peach, one Moore County grower said: "I looked until I was so sick I couldn't look any more. I didn't find a one."

The Sandhills disaster, costing growers many millions, was repeated through the Southeast—which was scant comfort for the local men. They agreed at Candor Monday that they would cooperate with South Carolina growers in seeking whatever assistance may be provided at the Federal level.

Monday's meeting, said W. C. Capel of Candor, president of the N. C. Mutual Peach Growers' Society, was held "to shape our thinking" on meeting the disaster. Proposals to grow supplementary crops such as watermelons and cantaloupes were heard at the gathering. More than a dozen (Continued on Page 8)

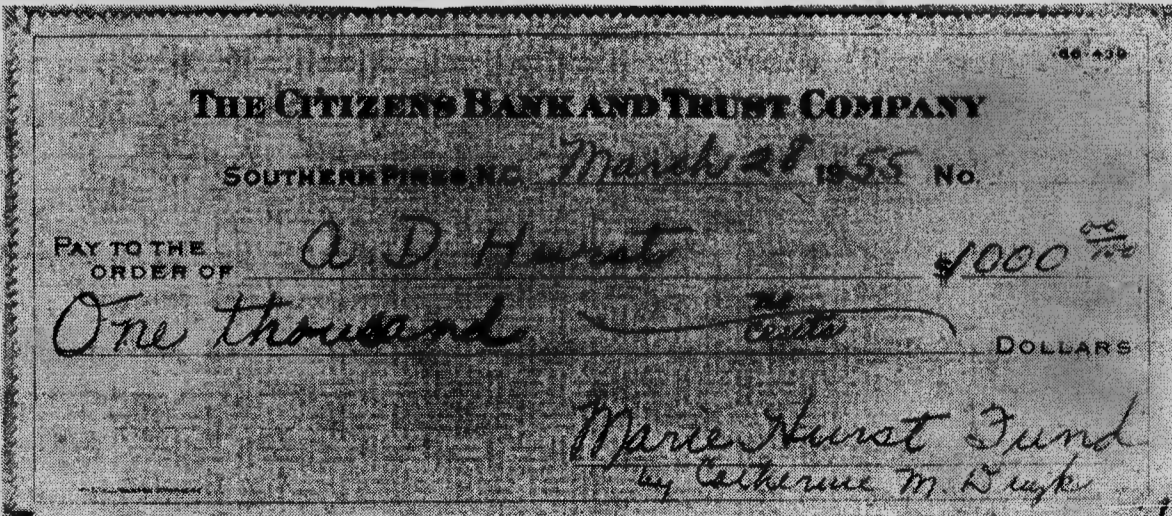
Band Boosters To Meet On April 19

The Band Booster Club meeting scheduled for March 31 has been postponed until April 19, it was announced this week, because of the meeting of the Southern Pines Parent Teacher Association Thursday night.

At a directors' meeting held Monday night at the home of the president, Dr. Fred Langner, there was a lively discussion of the program outlined by Mrs. Broadus Smith, chairman of the Ways and Means committee.

Date for the annual concert by the school band is announced as May 6. Club officials said they "hoped, by announcing the date well in advance, that no other entertainment will be scheduled so as to conflict with the concert."

The Band Boosters Club was formed recently by parents of students in the band and other interested persons, to promote interest in the band and to help raise funds for the band's needs.



FIRST FUND CHECK—First check from the Marie Hurst fund to aid the seven-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Hurst of Southern Pines, who is a patient at Memorial Hospital, Chapel Hill, with a rare blood disease, is shown here—the result of a benefit chicken fry attended by over 500 persons, and other donations.

John Buchholz, fund chairman, this week thanked all who had contributed in any way and said that the fund is still open for contributions. When all bills for the community-wide supper are paid, there will be an additional amount to be turned over to the Hurst family, he said. (Photo by Humphrey)

CAP Plans Dance, Starts Course In Radio Operation

Making further plans for their fund-raising dance April 30, members of the Civil Air Patrol this week began a new course in radio operation, given by Harold L. Tate, amateur station operator, after concluding a first aid course given through the Red Cross.

The Sandhills CAP squadron now has a panel truck for rescue work and plans to purchase two new 1,600-watt generators for emergency power uses. Proceeds of the dance will be used to help pay for the truck and also for radio equipment.

During the dance, which is for couples only, two door prizes will be given at each intermission. Buster Doyle and the Aristocrats will provide music for the event at the Southern Pines Country Club from 9 to 1.

Tickets can be obtained from all CAP members, at Holiday's Restaurant and from Jimmy Lawson, Mrs. Betty Dutton, Harold Tate, Carl Bradshaw and Harry Chatfield who is head of the Ground Observer Corps post in Southern Pines.

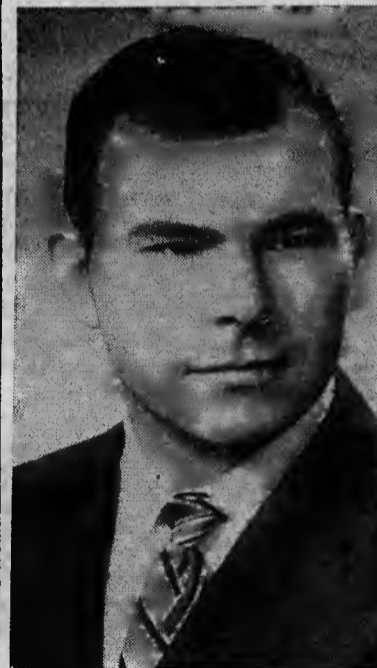
In Pinehurst, those having tickets include Fred Wilson, Mrs. Carl Bradshaw, Bert and Harold Clayton and Joe Lopez.

Dr. Delamar Mann Opening Office

Dr. Delamar W. Mann on Monday will open an office for the practice of chiropody in the Manor Building at 159 E. New Hampshire Ave.

Son of Mrs. Nellie Wells Mann of 335 E. Indiana Ave., and the late J. Homer Mann, Dr. Mann is married to the former Kendra Irwin of Ansonville, Pa. They come here from Elizabeth City where he has been practicing since his graduation from Ohio College of Chiropody in 1952. Dr. and Mrs. Mann will live at 300 N. Bennett St.

Born in Southern Pines, Dr. Mann is a 1943 graduate of the local high school. He attended Wake Forest College and the University of North Carolina and was in military service. He is a member of the N. C. State Chiropody Association, the National Association of Chiropodists and the American Foot Foundation.



DR. MANN