

Agreement With State On By-Pass Signed By Town

Property Dedications To Town Expected To Cut Municipal Cost

The municipal agreement between the Town of Southern Pines and the State Highway Department was signed last week by Mayor L. T. Clark and Town Clerk Louis Scheipers, clinching the U. S. Highway 1 bypass for Southern Pines.

Of the five-and-a-half mile stretch of modern highway, as illustrated in the scale map published in last week's Pilot, from near Niagara on the north to Fairway Motor Court on the south, a little more than two miles will be within the city limits.

Of these two miles, indications are that about half of this right-of-way will be cost-free, as it is either town-owned already, or will be dedicated by the owners, Mayor Clark said this week. Work has been under way for several weeks toward this end as the mayor and town manager, with dedication papers drawn up by the town attorney, have been interviewing various owners with a view toward reducing the eventual costs.

The Town is in the position of being itself the owner of some 2,000 feet along the right of way. The Southern Pines school also owns 400 feet.

According to the municipal agreement, the Town is liable for one-third of the right-of-way costs; with the State paying two-thirds. Dedication of land saves the Town considerably more than the share it would have otherwise had to pay. The State also credits its own two-thirds share, at full appraised value, to the Town's final bill.

This applies also to public lands. The Town's 2,000-foot frontage will be appraised, and Southern Pines will receive a credit of two-thirds of the full value from the State.

In addition, Commissioner Forrest G. Lockett has informed the council that any right-of-way footage outside the town limits for which the council can secure dedication will be credited to the municipal bill at the same rate.

Through this means, said Mayor Clark, the council has anticipated that all, or by far the greater part, of the total cost can be met. If it (Continued on Page 8)

Library Launches Membership Drive

Letters have gone out to members of the Southern Pines Library Association appealing for memberships for the coming year.

George H. Leonard, Jr., president of the Association, urges all members and new friends of the library to contribute to the support of the institution through memberships.

Circulation figures for 1954 show that 12,115 adults and 4,971 young people and children visited the library.

In the fiction field 13,558 adult books were taken out and 8,028 juvenile volumes.

In non-fiction, circulation figures were: periodicals, 441; travel 282; history, 420; biography, 740; miscellaneous, 2,093; and S. S. D. 10-cent books, 2,786.

Blue Knight Club Schedules Supper

Members and prospective members of the Blue Knights Athletic Club—an organization of adults formed recently to promote the high school athletic program—will gather for a covered dish supper Monday at 6:30 p.m. in the school cafeteria.

L. J. (Hap) Perry, executive secretary of the N. C. High School Athletic Association, will be the visiting speaker.

The public is invited, but persons attending are asked to bring a covered dish. Those planning to attend are asked to call Mrs. Ike Woodell at 2-4623 so that an estimate of attendance can be obtained.



YOUNGSTERS 'SHOT' TO PREVENT POLIO

First and second grade students in Moore schools paraded through the county health center at Carthage last week and this week receiving free Salk polio vaccine shots—part of a nationwide program that gave first priority to the six and seven year old children. Nearly 1,700 children had been given the free shots, after approval by their parents, when the Moore County program ended Thursday afternoon. Final report on the county's vaccinations was to be sent in today (Friday), said Dr. J. W. Willcox, health officer.

As Mrs. Sally McLean of the health department registers youngsters from Mrs. J. F. Sinclair's second grade at West End school Monday (top photo), the boys appear confident of their ability to cope with the vaccination procedure, but the little girl may have a few misgivings. Mrs. Sinclair is visible in the background.

First and second grade pupils from Westmoore School give Photographer Valerie



Nicholson a "V for Victory" over polio sign as they line up outside the health center, waiting for their shots. Seconds after the picture was

made, the boys in the background began a rolling and tumbling act on the lawn, releasing their energies after a (Continued on Page 8)

Bobby Cline Will Head Council At School Next Year

In elaborate and authentic elections, rivalling the current town election in interest and enthusiasm, the student body of Southern Pines High School went to the polls last Friday to elect Student Council officers.

Council officers chosen were: president, Bobby Cline, son of Mr. and Mrs. John E. Cline, 565 S. Valley Rd.; corresponding secretary, John Ray, son of Mr. and Mrs. Dan S. Ray of Murray Hill Rd., off No. 1 highway, south; vice-president, Anike Verhooff, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Dirk Verhooff of McCain; recording secretary, John McConnell, son of Mr. and Mrs. John D. McConnell of Country Club Dr.; and treasurer, Jesse Williford, son of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Williford of Niagara.

The president and corresponding secretary are traditionally chosen from a single slate of candidates—the student receiving the highest vote becoming president and the second highest corresponding secretary. Other candidates for these offices were Julian Pleasants, Bill Marley, John Seymour and Jimmie McDonald.

Other candidates for vice-president were John Chappell, Thomas Vann, Ray Daeke and Betty Weatherspoon. For secretary, the other candidates were Louise McDonald, Beth Turner, George Reams and Nancy Traylor; and for treasurer, they were Suzanne Steed, Pete Butler, Buddy Gou-

MORE NIGHT BASEBALL

The current series of night home games played by the Southern Pines High School Blue Knights will continue with contests at Memorial Field against Aberdeen Saturday, Pinehurst Wednesday and Robbins Thursday, ending the regular season. All night games start at 8 o'clock. In home games of the past week, the Blue Knights lost to Carthage, 16-2, last Friday and West End, 11-6, Wednesday.

5 Councilmen To Be Chosen In Municipal Election On Tuesday

White And Negro Ministers Join In Association

Formal consolidation of the white and Negro ministers' organizations of Moore County was completed last week when the Moore County Ministerial Association (white) and the Moore County Interdenominational Ministerial Alliance (Negro) held a joint meeting at the Church of Wide Fellowship.

A joint slate of officers was elected: the Rev. Hogan Yancey of West End, president; the Rev. J. R. Funderburk of West Southern Pines, vice-president; the Rev. Eugene Deese of Aberdeen, secretary and the Rev. T. L. Parsons of West Southern Pines, treasurer.

Name of the consolidated group is yet to be determined. The action followed several joint meetings and a vote of approval by each of the groups. The next meeting of the consolidated association will be held at the First Baptist Church in West Southern Pines.

Areson Speaks
At the meeting last week, Clinton W. Areson of Southern Pines, who formerly headed a large State institution for delinquent boys in New York State and has a long career of social service, was introduced by the Rev. C. V. Covell of Southern Pines.

Mr. Areson voiced the opinion that for various reasons—political or monetary—the extent of juvenile delinquency has been exaggerated, particularly in regard to narcotics addiction.

He quoted public statements on juvenile delinquency which he called unwarranted and read in refutation excerpts from letters from people he said are in a position to know exactly what's going on.

The Rev. Mr. Yancey presided. Devotions were conducted by Dr. W. C. Timmons, pastor of the host church.

Barick To Speak To Clubs At West End

Frank B. Barick, chief of the Game Division of the North Carolina Wildlife Federation, will be the speaker tonight (Friday) when members of the Sandhills Wildlife Club hold their monthly meeting in the cafeteria at West End school. The event is set for 7:30 p. m. The club will meet jointly with the West End Lions Club for a supper to be served by the Presbyterian Women of the Church.

BOOK EXHIBIT SUCCESS

An exhibit of old and rare books and documents at the Southern Pines Library Saturday and Sunday drew good public response and much enthusiasm, reported Mrs. Wallace Irwin, chairman of the committee in charge. A wide variety of items with an American background were shown, ranging from a Bible printed in 1643 and used in an early New York church to a collection of the writings of the late Walter Hines Page of Moore County. Mrs. Irwin thanked all who loaned items for the exhibition and expressed her appreciation for the public's response.

POLIO VACCINE

When will there be enough polio vaccine to meet the demand?

This is a question that is forming the topic of many a telephone conversation as parents call their physicians to ask when Johnny, Susie, and Winnie May can join their brothers and sisters, of the 1st and 2nd grades, as "safe from polio."

Nobody has a definite answer yet. No vaccine has as yet been made available to private physicians. However drug companies are working hard to turn out the vaccine, while scrupulously meeting the requirements for potency and safety.

So, word to the parents is: commercial distribution MAY start towards the end of May, but don't let hopes soar too high; this is a new business and it should not be rushed too fast.

As for which children will get the scarce supply first: that will follow priorities carefully worked out according to age groups.

The above information was gleaned from local physicians and pharmaceutical bulletins.

Maternal Welfare Tag Day To Be Conducted May 7

Tag Day will be Saturday, May 7.

This is the date set for the fund drive of the Moore County Maternal Welfare Committee, county-wide organization working in cooperation with the county departments of health and public welfare, for the betterment of maternity care in the county.

In all county towns on that day, the Saturday before Mother's Day, committees will be at work selling the little tags, for as much as the buyer or the donor—will give, with ten cents the minimum.

Funds raised on that day go for several purposes, the major amount supporting the free bed in the Elizabeth Woltz Currie maternity ward at Moore County Hospital.

Fifteen mothers and babies, worthy cases recommended by the Health Department, were cared for through Maternal Welfare funds last year, at a cost of \$50 each. Average length of stay has been five days, with those needing a longer convalescence remaining as long as considered (Continued on page 8)

Mental Health Week To Be Observed First Time Here

First organized observance of nationally observed Mental Health Week will be conducted here next week by the Sandhills Mental Health Association.

Displays will be placed by the Association throughout the Sandhills and educational material about mental health will be distributed.

The public is invited to attend a piano concert in the Fellowship Hall of the Church of Wide Fellowship Thursday, May 5, at 8:30 p. m. Miss F. Edwina Hallman, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Hallman of Aberdeen, will play.

There will be no admission charge but an offering will be taken to help defray expenses of the Mental Health Association.

The Sandhill Mental Health As-

sociation is one of the few in the nation that does not require dues. Committees of Association members were appointed at the last meeting on April 19, to have charge of the various Mental Health Week activities.

Facts Revealed

In connection with the local observance, the Association is making public a number of facts to show the vast extent of the mental health problem in the nation. Among these facts are:

More people are hospitalized for mental illness than for polio, cancer, heart ailment, TB and all other diseases combined.

Public mental institutions now cost the nation one billion dollars per year and yet only two states

meet the federal mental health requirements. (N.C. is not one of them).

Industry loses nine billion dollars a year as the result of mental illness.

"Mental illness can strike you. It is not the result of sin or an evil life. It is a sickness."

Neglect to seek help, or fear of stigma is the real problem of mental illness. People think they can avoid it by pretending it does not exist.

The only answer is honest fact. One out of every ten persons you pass on the street today will spend some time in a mental hospital. The majority can avoid this if they seek help when early symptoms appear.

TOWN ON TV

Southern Pines will be featured on a television program, "Vacationland," to be presented at 10:15 p. m., Tuesday, May 3, from WBTV, Charlotte, it was announced this week by the Southern Pines Chamber of Commerce. Details of the program are not known, but a number of local scenes will be depicted, said Miss Alice Baxter, C. of C. secretary.

League Of Women Voters Granted Full Local Status

At the annual meeting of the League of Women Voters Monday night, it was announced that the local League has been removed from provisional status and is now recognized as a full-fledged League by the national organization.

Announcement was made by Mrs. C. A. Smith, president, at the meeting held at the Civic Club. As the first order of business, Mrs. Smith read the letter from Mrs. John G. Lee, president of the national L.W.V. board, stating that full local league status had been granted the Southern Pines group on the recommendation of the state board.

Accomplishments that won full recognition for the local League were listed as: the town government survey published in pamphlet form, "work on local, state, and national programs of the League accomplished through unit meetings," and publication of the monthly bulletin. The latter has been in request, it was stated, as an outstanding example for the guidance of other provisional Leagues, in this field.

Officers Elected
Election of officers for the coming term followed. Mrs. Smith was re-elected president, with Mrs. Curtis Townshend and Miss Merta Underhill, first and second vice-presidents.

Mrs. Ivor Davies is secretary and Miss Blanche Sturdivant treasurer. Elected as directors were: Mrs. George Bellamy, Mrs. E. O. Brogden, Mrs. W. O. Spence, Mrs. W. C. Timmons, and Miss Lockie Parker.

Reports made by committee chairmen revealed that the League now boasts 53 members with two associate members. Budget for the coming year listing expenditures for membership and publicity committees, publications Voters Service, delegate to state convention and other items, totalling \$343.00, was presented by the chairman of the budget committee, Mrs. Voit Gilmore.

Councilman Blue Owns No By-Pass Property

Town Councilman Walter E. Blue told The Pilot this week that he is not the Walter Blue who was listed in last week's Pilot as an owner of property along the proposed route of the No. 1 highway by-pass through Southern Pines. Mr. Blue, a candidate for re-election to the town council in Monday's election, said this week: "I don't know who the Walter Blue is who owns property on the by-pass right of way, but I know that I do not own any such property."

A Word For Election Time

Because in the administration it hath respect not to the few but to the multitude, our form of government is called a democracy wherein there is not only an equality amongst all men in point of law for their private controversies, but in election to public offices we consider neither class nor rank, but each man is preferred according to his virtue or to the esteem in which he is held for some special excellence; nor is there anyone put back even through poverty, because of the obscurity of his person, so long as he can do good service to the commonwealth.—Pericles' Funeral Oration over the Athenians.

Blue Leads In Primary Vote, Pethick Second

With a field of 15 candidates reduced to 10 by Monday's primary, Southern Pines voters will go to the polls Tuesday to pick five of the 10 to represent them on the town council for the next two years.

The five men elected Tuesday will then choose a mayor from among their number, as provided by the type of council-manager government adopted in Southern Pines.

Polls will open at 6:30 a. m. and close at 6:30 p. m. The polling place is the fire station on Hampshire Ave.

The candidates Tuesday, listed according to the number of votes they received in Monday's primary, are:

W. E. Blue	491
Harry H. Pethick	415
T. T. Morse	364
Voit Gilmore	351
Lloyd T. Clark	349
James D. Hobbs	277
Bryan Poe	259
Pearson Menoher	241
D. G. Stutz	170
Harry F. Chatfield, Jr.	151

The five candidates who were eliminated in the primary, with the votes they received are: J. Graves Vann, Jr., 139; Berenice M. Harrington, 127; Nancy H. Marley, 123; Thomas T. Hayes, Jr., 113; Stanley T. Dunn, 71.

Blue, Clark and Gilmore, the three present members of the council who are seeking re-election, all ran well out of danger in the primary returns. Councilmen Joe O'Callaghan and C. S. Patch, Jr., did not seek another term of office.

Running third in the primary, Morse, the only Negro candidate, made a surprisingly strong showing. Pethick, who later said that he had not campaigned and "had not asked any one for a single vote" ran second to Councilman

Blue, a veteran in local government and a consistent vote-getter. The very strong showing of Pethick, who is seeking his first political office and has not been active in local politics, was a surprise to some observers.

Both of the women candidates, Mrs. Harrington and Mrs. Marley, failed to be nominated in what is believed to be the first try by women for membership on the town's governing body. There was a difference of only four votes in the backing each received.

Machines, used for the first time (Continued on Page 8)

Naval Reserve Unit Activated

News that the Naval Reserve Composite Company here has been officially activated was received this week by Robert V. Lamb, commanding officer of the unit, from the Sixth Naval District headquarters, Charleston, S. C.

First meeting of the company under activated status will be held Thursday of next week at 8 p. m. in the National Guard armory which will be the regular meeting place of the organization at the same hour each Thursday.

The company now consists of nine officers and three enlisted men. Persons with former Navy service are invited to check their status and join the company if they are eligible.

A formal dedication of the new company will take place at a later date.