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COUNCIL STUDIES BUDGET — Pictured while going over the proposed 1955-56 budget, which they later adopted, at town hall last Thursday night, members of the newly elected council seem thoroughly absorbed as the document was explained item by item by City Manager Tom E. Cunningham. Around the table,

left to right, are: Town Clerk Louis Scheipers, Jr., Mr. Cunningham, Councilman L. T. Clark, Mayor Voit Gilmore, Councilman W. E. Blue, Councilman H. H. Pethick (in right background) and Councilman T. T. Morse. Town Attorney W. Lamont Brown sits leaning forward in the front row of audience seats in left foreground. (Pilot Staff Photo)

Council Approves Budget Calling For Continuation of \$1.75 Tax Rate Here

Meeting for their first regular session at town hall Thursday night of last week, the newly elected town council adopted a budget for the 1955-56 fiscal year, with one minor change, as presented by City Manager Tom E. Cunningham.

The budget requires a tax rate of \$1.75 per \$100 of property valuation—the same rate as that in effect during the past fiscal year. While the council met Thursday last week, the members formally approved the second Tuesday night of each month as the time of their regular meetings in the future.

It required adoption of two ordinances to make the budget official—an ordinance covering the budget itself and a tax-levying ordinance. Texts of these two ordinances appear elsewhere in today's Pilot.

Only change made in the budget, as presented by Cunningham, was the addition in the Buildings, Parks and Grounds Department of

\$250 for purchase or construction of additional benches to be placed at suitable places as resting places for pedestrians. The addition was suggested by Mayor Voit Gilmore and was approved by other members of the council.

Notable features of the budget include: Appropriation of around \$4,000 more in the Police Department to add one new officer to the present six-man force, making possible a reduction in police shifts from 62 to 54 hours per man per week.

Appropriation of \$1,500 in the Department of Building and Safety Inspection for an automobile, to be used by Bill Wilson who is building, plumbing and electrical inspector.

Appropriation of \$13,000 in the Sewerage Department, to continue the sewer extension program in West Southern Pines.

Appropriation of \$7,500 in the fire department for purchase of an additional truck.

License Granted
The council granted a beer sales license to J. A. Ferguson, to be used at a new establishment in the former O'Callaghan building on Connecticut Ave. Mr. Ferguson was present with his attorney, W. (Continued on page 5)

W. O. Moss Buys Old Fire Truck

W. Ozelle Moss, of Mileaway Farms, Manly, has bought the town pumper truck for \$1,000, the price set by the town for this piece of old equipment.

Mr. Moss plans to have the truck fixed up for use fighting forest fires and patrolling the area out Manly way, he said, while promising full cooperation with the town fire department whenever called on.

"Just let me know," Mr. Moss told Fireman Frank Kaylor, "whenever my truck is needed and I'll see that it gets to the fire."

Recorders Court Will Convene On Saturday

Because of a term of Superior Court to open at Carthage Monday, a session of Moore County Recorders Court will be held Saturday morning. Next following session of Recorders Court will be held Monday, June 6, after the two intervening one-week terms of Superior Court for trial of criminal and civil cases.

Winner of S. Pines - Robbins Game To Face Carthage In Tournament Finals

Rain and light trouble at Memorial Field have mixed up the announced schedule of the Moore County High School baseball tournament—but with the lights now fixed and prospect of good weather, it appears that the finals of the tournament, which are tentatively set for Saturday night, will see some good baseball here.

The local Blue Knights, playing in a semi-finals contest Thursday night against Robbins, had an outside chance to win and face Carthage in the finals.

Carthage gained its berth in the finals by edging out Aberdeen, 6-4, in a contest under lights here Wednesday night. Aberdeen reached the semi-finals by topping West End. Robbins beat High-falls, 9-3, to gain the semi-finals.

Southern Pines reached the semi-finals by defeating Vass-Lakeview, 6-3, Tuesday afternoon in a game that had been rained out last Friday night and which was called in the first inning Monday night when transformer trouble cut off 36 lights. The lights were repaired in time to play on the field Wednesday night.

Armed Forces Day Display By Guard Set For Saturday

Plans for local National Guard participation in the nationwide Armed Forces Day program were announced this week, by Captain William J. Wilson, local unit commander.

The Moore County Guard unit, Company D of the 130th Tank Battalion, will set up a display of equipment Saturday, May 21, in the parking lot next to the Colonial Furniture Co., on S. W. Broad Street.

The display, which will be opened about noon Saturday, will feature a 90 mm. gun medium tank, obtained through the courtesy of the 44th Tank Battalion of Fort Bragg. The local company has not yet received its own tanks, and tank training has been conducted with the help of units of the 82nd Airborne Division at Fort Bragg.

In addition to the big tank, the display will show small arms, communications equipment and information on the organization and training activities of the county unit.

Guardsmen will be on duty throughout the afternoon to explain the various items of equipment, and to answer questions about the National Guard.

Other Events
Armed Forces Day at Fort Bragg and Pope Air Force Base will be observed Sunday, to permit greater attendance during an all-day program. (See detailed story elsewhere in today's Pilot).

The USAF Air Ground Operations School here will have a special display in one of the hangars at Pope Air Force Base, but no local observance is planned by the school.

Any Other Teams Want In League?

Managers of four teams in a proposed town softball league for summer play met Monday night and made tentative plans for the coming season—but other teams are invited to join the league.

The managers at Monday's meeting represented the Carolina Power and Light Co., the Air-Ground Operations School, the Lions Club and the Catholic Laymen's Association.

Representatives of other teams interested in joining the league are asked to call Town Recreation Director Irie Leonard at 2-6551 (high school) or City Manager Tom E. Cunningham at town hall, 2-2462. Another meeting of managers will be held some time next week.

\$742 COLLECTED

A total of \$742 was contributed in the Southern Pines collection for the annual fund drive of the Moore County unit of the American Cancer Society. Mrs. J. S. Milliken, chairman, reported this week. Local quota was \$600. The chairman thanked all who had contributed, noting that it is impossible for her to make personal acknowledgement of each gift.

Miss Brooks Wins Scholarship

Miss Martha Jane Brooks, 18-year-old senior at Cameron High School, has been selected to receive the nurse's training scholarship given annually by the Sandhill Veterans Association. It was announced this week by Watson Scott of Southern Pines, SVA chairman.

The winner, who will get an expense-paid three-year training course at the North Carolina nursing school of her choice, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Z. V. Brooks of Cameron, Route 2. She has four brothers and one sister. Mr. Brooks is a farmer and part-time carpenter.

As an alternate choice of winner the selection board named Miss Faye Wallace, senior at Elise High School, Robbins. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Wallace of Carthage, Route 1.

The only condition, which SVA scholarships are given is that the winner return to Moore County to practice her profession for at least one year immediately after her graduation from nursing school.

There were five applicants for the scholarship this year—the ninth year in which one and sometimes two such scholarships have been awarded, all of them financed by contributions of the



MARTHA JANE BROOKS

public in an annual drive conducted by the Association. Members of the selection board were Dr. C. R. Monroe of Moore County Hospital; Miss Margaret Moser, superintendent of nurses at the hospital; T. Roy Phillips of Carthage, representing the county board of education; and Garland McPherson of Southern Pines, chairman of the Moore Red Cross chapter. Considered in picking a scholar. (Continued on Page 8)

2 Manslaughter Cases Listed On Superior Calendar

A one-week term of Superior Court for trial of criminal cases is scheduled to open at Carthage Monday, with Judge Allen H. Gwyn presiding. The term will be followed by trial of civil cases the following week, also with Judge Gwyn on the bench.

Heading the cases of interest on a calendar that runs Monday through Thursday are two involving the death of persons in automobile accidents which took place last October.

Calendared for Tuesday are the cases of Edward N. Williams, Pinehurst Negro who was 25 years old last October and was charged with, careless and reckless driving, resulting in death; and Howard Claude Sheffield, who was 29 at the time of the accident and is charged with manslaughter and driving an automobile without operator's license.

Both accidents which resulted in death of a passenger in each car, were one-car mishaps in which the automobiles ran off the road.

Killed in the car driven by Williams was Howard G. Small, also 25 at that time, a Negro who lived with his four-year-old child at the home of his mother, Mrs. Anna Small of West Southern Pines. The accident occurred about a mile and a half out of Southern Pines on the "old road" to Pinehurst, near Watson's Lake.

Fatality in the Sheffield accident was Eugene D. Melton, 59, unmarried sawmill worker. The location was near Red Branch. (Continued on page 18)

William A. Benson Elected President Local Lions Club

William A. Benson president, heads a new slate of officers elected last Friday evening by the Southern Pines Lions Club. The officers will be installed as the club begins its new year July 1.

Others elected are: Willis B. Rush, re-elected secretary; W. O. Spence, treasurer; Donald F. Traylor, first vice-president; Charles S. Patch, Jr., second vice-president; S. B. Richardson, third vice-president; Ronell Thompson, "lion tamer"; Joseph Marley, "tail twister"; Howard Smith, assistant "tail twister"; the Rev. Robert L. Bame, chaplain. New directors are Henry Clayton, Charles P. Cole, the Rev. R. L. Bame and Broadus Caudle.

The officers and directors were (Continued on Page 8)

Court Of Honor Set For Monday

A Boy Scout Court of Honor for Moore District troops will be held Monday evening at West End, according to Lawrence Johnson, of Aberdeen, advancement chairman.

The court, featuring awarding of merit badges and rank advancements, will be held at the West End Presbyterian Church, instead of the high school auditorium as originally planned, beginning at 7:30 p.m.

The program will consist of color slides of the National Scout Ranch at Philmont, N. Mex. All Scouts and their parents and friends, are invited.

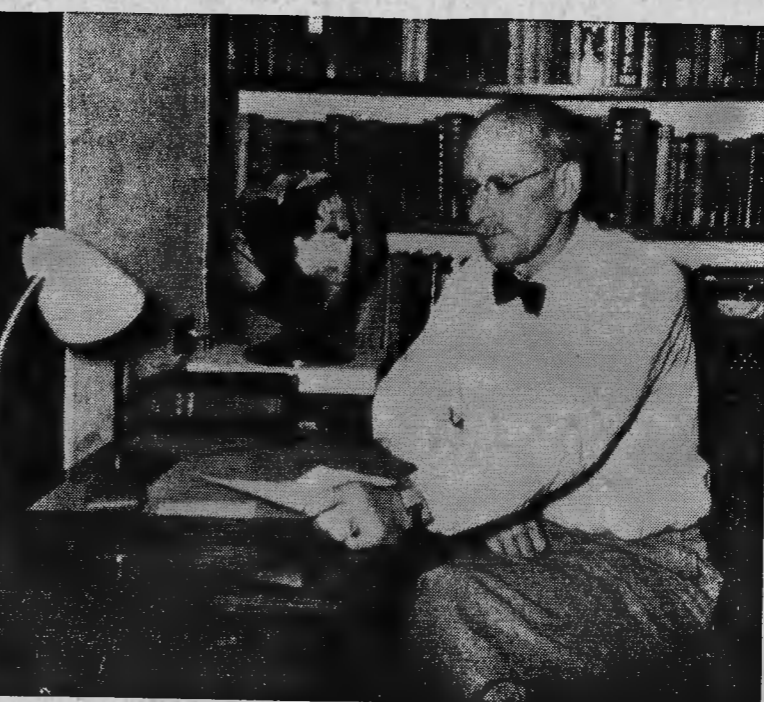
D. E. Bailey Retires From Two Long-Standing Posts

Dempsey Ernest Bailey—who is known to more law-abiding and non-law-abiding citizens of this area than almost any other man in Southern Pines—has retired.

Not many men have the distinction of retiring from two jobs at once, by either of which they are widely known, but that's what has happened with Mr. Bailey.

He had been ticket clerk and telegraph operator at the Seaboard Air Line railroad station longer than most residents here can remember (since 1918, to be exact) and as a justice of the peace he had held court and performed his other duties night and day for the past 23 years.

Both jobs are history now. Travellers in and out of Southern Pines will miss his alert and business-like countenance at the ticket window in the station. It may be that transgressors of the law will miss, in another way, the stern judge of the town hall police court who yet always had a fatherly lecture for a kid in trouble and showed mercy when he thought it would serve the cause of justice.



MR. BAILEY . . . at desk in his home

December, Mr. Bailey is the son who died when his son was an of the late Dempsey J. Bailey (Continued on page 20)

571 Eligible To Vote On School Tax Tuesday

A total of 517 persons can vote in a special school tax election, with polls open from 6:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. at the fire station, on Tuesday.

The issue is whether the Southern Pines school board of trustees be authorized to increase the special school supplement tax from 48 cents to 50 cents per \$100 of property valuation.

Only those persons living in the Southern Pines school district who registered in a recent new registration period are eligible to vote.

Error Corrected
The Pilot incorrectly stated last week that a bill concerning the special school tax rate, introduced

in the General Assembly, would give the Southern Pines board of trustees the authority to increase this tax rate to 60 cents.

The proposed bill will only enable the people of the school district to vote such an increase in the tax rate, if and when it may appear advisable and necessary.

This bill was introduced by Rep. H. Clifton Blue at the request of the board of trustees as a part of its planning for school needs during the next several years.

It does not concern or affect the present proposal to increase this tax to the present legal maximum of 50 cents, which will be voted on in the election Tuesday.

Presbyterians Will Dedicate Two Buildings

Twenty years of organization and effort by members of Brownson Memorial Presbyterian Church will be climaxed Sunday in morning and afternoon services of dedication for the church sanctuary and educational building, at the corner of May Street and Indiana Avenue.

The church was organized in 1936 with 90 charter members. It now has a membership of nearly 600 and its sanctuary and educational building are among the finest religious structures in this area. The church is named for the late Rev. Marcus Acheson Brownson, D.D., pastor emeritus of the Tenth Presbyterian Church, Philadelphia, Pa., who was a leading organizer of the new church here, two years before his death in 1938.

Dinner On Grounds
Dinner on the grounds will be served between the morning and afternoon services Sunday.

Dedication of the sanctuary had been delayed through the years, pending not only continuing work on the sanctuary itself but construction of an educational building. The latter was finished last year. The ceremonies Sunday, therefore, mark the joint dedication of the two buildings which together constitute a complete church plant, with extensive facilities provided for the many organizations and activities of the members.

Dedication of the sanctuary will take place at the 11 a.m. service. Returning to Southern Pines for the occasion will be the Rev. Ernest L. Barber who was pastor of the church from its organization until 1942. The origin of the church is traced to vespers services conducted by the Rev. Mr. Barber at the Civic Club, in 1931 when he was pastor of Bethesda Presbyterian Church, Aberdeen.

The former local pastor, who is expected here with his wife Sunday, is now executive secretary of Granville Presbytery, with headquarters at Raleigh. During (Continued on page 20)

'Spring Value Days' Offering Prizes Galore

Launching their second annual Spring Value Days, participating local merchants featured many reduced prices and special items as the sales event opened Thursday, to run through Saturday.

The trade promotion is sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce, with Mark King, Jr., and Mrs. Jean Edson on the committee in charge.

Participating members of the Chamber of Commerce have at their places of business coupons which adult shoppers can sign and deposit in a box from which a drawing will be made and a prize awarded at each store late Saturday afternoon. Shoppers may deposit coupons in as many of the boxes as they choose, throughout the business season.

The coupon of each store's winner will be sent to the C. of C. office in the Southland Hotel where another drawing will be conducted at 10:30 a.m. Monday.

Mr. King asks that all merchants send winning coupons to the C. of C. office not later than 10 a.m. that day.

Winner of the grand prize can choose \$25 worth of merchandise from any of the participating stores—and the choice need not be confined to one store.

So that there will be no undue delay in a winner's picking out the merchandise desired, the grand prize winner will be given a letter from the Chamber of Commerce, to be presented at each establishment at which merchandise is chosen. When the winner's selections have been made, each store will send this merchandise to the Chamber of Commerce office where the winner will pick it all up at one time when the \$25 limit has been reached.

The winner, of course, can take the \$25 worth of merchandise at a single store, if he or she so desires.

Appropriation For Alston House Gets By 'First Hurdle'

Word has been received from Representative H. Clifton Blue, in Raleigh, that the first hurdle has been passed in the move to obtain, from the state, funds for the restoration, repair and maintenance of the Philip Alston House in Deep River township.

On Monday night, according to Mr. Blue, the House passed a bill for such preservation of historic sites in which the special sum of \$5,000 was designated for Moore County's "House in the Horseshoe" project of the Moore County Historical Association.

Commenting on the fact, Mr. Blue said: "I do not know what fate this bill will meet in the Senate, but I am encouraged over its prospects of passage."

This bill, for the preservation of historic sites, was the measure under consideration when a delegation with Mrs. Ernest Ives, president of the local historical association at its head, appeared before the legislature earlier this spring to speak on behalf of the proposal. It has had the concerted support, since then, of Moore County Senator Hawley Poole, as well as of Representative Blue