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Progress, Many Improvements At St. Joseph's Told

Board Hears Report Of Balanced Budget At Hospital Meeting

Consistent growth in all departments, a balanced budget and a remodeling program now under way which will greatly enhance the hospital's usefulness were highlights of reports presented at the annual directors' meeting of St. Joseph of the Pines Hospital, held at the hospital last week.

Presiding was His Excellency Vincent S. Waters, Bishop of the Diocese of Raleigh, president of the board. Also in attendance were Bishop James Navagh of Raleigh, vice-president; the Rev. George Lynch, Raleigh, secretary; the Rev. Peter M. Denges, Southern Pines, treasurer; Francis J. Heazel, Asheville, a member and counsel for the board, and John S. Ruggles and John D. McConnell, local directors.

Sister Anastasia, head of the hospital, gave reports on its operation, finances and progress during the year 1954.

In that year, 1,623 persons (1,067 white and 567 Negro) were admitted as bed patients, the total of patient days numbering 9,051. Of these patient days, 930, or more than one-tenth, were days of free care. Babies born numbered 254 (including six sets of twins), 130 of them white and 124 Negro.

Treated in the outpatient department were 519 persons. Other statistics: operations performed, 378; transfusions, 300; laboratory procedures, 8,789; X-ray films, 1,154; fluoroscopic examinations, 67; physical therapy treatments, 126; basal metabolism tests, 30; electro-cardiograms, 60.

Eighteen doctors sent patients to the hospital during 1954.

Remodeling Program

A \$16,500 remodeling program started last August is still under way, to convert a portion of the fifth floor into a major surgery room, a urological room and an obstetrical room, with supplementary rooms for minor surgery and obstetrics; laboratory and X-ray rooms (to be moved from the first floor), and a treatment room for basal metabolism tests, check-ups etc. The rooms will be finished and efficient manner. Of the \$16,534.47 total cost, all but \$2,780 for electrical work has been paid out of this year's operating funds.

In addition, a modern hospital elevator will be installed in a (Continued on Page 8)

Qualifying Round Of Golf Tourney To Start Friday

The annual Moore County Golf Championship, to be played this year over the Pine Needles Course, gets started this week with the qualifying round which begins Friday and may be played through June 13.

The first round will be run off June 18-25. The 16 low qualifiers will form the championship flight. The defeated eight will form the first flight. Other qualifiers will be broken into flights of eight, depending on their qualifying score.

To be eligible for the tournament, a golfer must have lived in Moore County for six months prior to June 10, points out Harry Davis, president of the Moore County Golf Association.

Mr. Davis said that green fees have been waived by the Pine Needles management, permitting use of the entire amount of green fees to purchase prizes for the various flights.

COUNCIL TO MEET

Regular meeting of the town council will be held at town hall Tuesday at 8 p. m. One of the major items on the docket is further consideration of the Recreation Advisory Committee's suggestion that the council call a \$250,000 bond election for construction of two swimming pools and recreation centers.



CLASS OF 1955—In their caps and gowns, the Class of 1955 at Southern Pines High School poses on the steps of Weaver Auditorium where they received their diplomas Tuesday night.

Front row, left to right: Norma Ruth Bowles, Patricia Janet Woodell Campbell and Elizabeth Anita Harris.

Second row, same order: Patricia Anne Blasko, Willene Catherine Davis, Jean Charlotte Safford, Dorothy Elizabeth Newton, Martina Frances Harris, Kathryn Ann Dwight, Shirley Ann Cal-

cutt Holder and Betty Lou Morris.

Third row, same order: Paul Laurence Propst, Emery Smith III, Anthony Gerald Spinello, Lelmon Kenneth Tew, Gilbert Carlisle Harcourt and John Robert Ramsey.

Top row, same order: Donald Taylor Cheatham, Rodney Buell Whiting, Jerry Dean Daek, James Harry Menzel, Garland Frank Pierce, Donald Ray Haney, William James Sessoms, Jr., and James McLeod Holliday Collins. (Photo by Humphrey)

Final Exercises At Notre Dame End School's Stay Here

Final exercises of Notre Dame Academy, held here Saturday afternoon ended one phase of the school's existence.

They were the last exercises of the Academy's 17 years here. Next fall, the elementary grades will move to the new St. Anthony's parochial school, now under construction on the ground of St. Anthony's Catholic church on North Ashe street. The high school grades will be moved to Greensboro, to open as the non-segregated, co-educational Notre Dame High school in the former St. Leo's Hospital building.

At Saturday's finals His Excellency Most Rev. Vincent S. (Continued on page 8)

Awards Given To Seniors At Rites Graduation Day

More than 15 awards were made to members of the graduating class of Southern Pines High School when the Honors Day program was held Tuesday morning in Weaver Auditorium.

The program featured the salutatory address by Patti Woodell Campbell, who also led in Scripture and prayer, and the valedictory of Norma Bowles.

The school band, under direction of Lynn H. Ledden, played at intervals throughout the program.

The transfer of cap and gown from Garland Pierce, senior class president, to John Ray, junior class president, took place near the end of the ceremonies.

Following is a list of the awards presented:

James S. Milliken, Jr. Memorial Award—Patti Woodell Campbell, Best all-around senior. \$50 cash award. Presentation by A. C. Dawson.

American Legion Citizenship Medal—Kay Davis, Best citizen of senior class. Given by American Legion. Presented by the Rev. Cheves Ligon.

Rotary Club Improvement Cup—Jimmy Menzel. Given to student in high school showing the most improvement during the school year. Given by Rotary Club. Presented by the Rev. Charles Cov-

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'Moral Obligation To Be Intelligent' Outlined For High School Graduates

Diplomas Awarded Class Of 25; Dr. Carson Is Speaker

Twenty-five members of the graduating class of Southern Pines High School, with a large audience of relatives and friends heard their commencement speaker, Dr. Herbert V. Carson of Charlotte, urge them "to recognize the moral obligation to be intelligent in all relationships of life."

Defining intelligence as "the mind in operation," Dr. Carson said that thinking is a very difficult procedure.

"The higher you go in the quest of knowledge, the more you realize 'this is not it,'" said the speaker. "For you, this is commencement, a beginning of the quest."

Intelligence is needed in the "fringe areas" to tell right from wrong, Dr. Carson pointed out. There is even, he noted, the obligation to be intelligent behind the wheel of an automobile "to stop mass murder by morons."

He admonished the graduates to be intelligent in religion, about financial and political affairs and in race and family relationships.

Dr. Carson, who is chairman of the division of religion and philosophy at Queens College, and lived for a time in Southern Pines during World War II, was intro-

duced by John M. Howarth, chairman of the board of school trustees.

Invocation at the beginning of (Continued on Page 8)

Southern Pines Recreation Program

SUMMER 1955—JUNE 13 - AUGUST 15

Sites: Memorial Field, Town Park, Fox Hole, Home Ec. Cottage, Elementary School Library and Playground, High School Gymnasium, Southern Pines Lake.

PROGRAM

Monday—

10:00-12:00—Baseball and football at Memorial Field (boys 12-17) softball for girls (12-17)

*10:30-12:00—Story hour and play hour at the Elementary school library and playground (small boys and girls only).

2:00- 5:00—Tennis, horseshoes, checkers, croquet, table tennis, shuffleboard, at the Town Park and Fox Hole.

5:00- 7:00—Little League baseball at Memorial Field (boys 8-12).

6:30- 8:00—Basketball and volleyball at the high school gymnasium (high school boys and girls only).

Tuesday—

*10:00-11:00—Playground hour for small boys and girls at the Elementary school playground.

10:00-12:00—Tennis, horseshoes, checkers, croquet, table tennis, shuffleboard at the Town Park and Fox Hole.

2:30- 4:00—Swimming party at Aberdeen and Southern Pines lake (activity bus leaves Town Park at 2:30).

5:00- 7:00—Pony League baseball at Memorial Field (boys 12-15).

7:30-10:00—Adult softball league at Memorial Field (adults only).

Wednesday—

*10:00-12:00—Cooking class for girls of all ages at Home Ec. Cottage.

10:00-12:00—Tennis, badminton, horseshoes, checkers, croquet, table tennis, shuffleboard, at the Town Park and Fox Hole.

2:30- 5:00—Baseball for adults and high school students at Memorial Field.

5:00- 7:00—Little League baseball at Memorial Field (boys 8-12).

6:30- 8:00—Basketball and volleyball at the high school gymnasium (high school boys and girls only).

Thursday—

*10:00-12:00—Sewing class for girls 12-17 years of age at Home Ec. cottage.

10:00-12:00—Tennis, badminton, croquet, horseshoes, checkers, table tennis, shuffleboard at the Town Park and Fox Hole.

2:30- 4:30—Swimming party at the Aberdeen and Southern Pines lake (activities bus to leave Town Park at 2:30).

5:00- 7:00—Pony League at Memorial Field (boys 12-15).

7:30- 9:30—Camera Club at High School dark room (high school boys and girls only).

7:30-10:00—Adult softball league at Memorial Field (adults only).

Friday—

*10:00-11:30—Playground hour for young boys and girls (Elementary playground).

10:00-12:00—Tennis, badminton, croquet, horseshoes, checkers, table tennis, shuffleboard at the Town Park and Fox Hole.

2:00- 5:00—Tennis, badminton, croquet, horseshoes, checkers, table tennis, shuffleboard at the Town Park and Fox Hole.

8:30-10:00—Teenage dances to be announced at later dates in summer.

*Not to start until June 27 to avoid conflict with Vacation Bible Schools.

Qualified life guard to be on duty each day at Southern Pines lake 1:00-6:00 p.m. Swimmers at other hours swim at own risk. Swimming lessons given by Red Cross (call 2-8571).

\$7,500 Requested By Guard Unit To Clinch Southern Pines Armory

Appeal Made To Moore Board By Local Officers

Appearing before the county commissioners in Carthage Monday, Capt. William J. Wilson, commander, and Lt. J. H. Harrington, of the local National Guard company told the county officials that unless \$7,500 in local funds can be obtained at once, Moore County may lose the chance to get a National Guard armory, "for many years to come."

The amount is needed, Capt. Wilson explained, because the recent General Assembly cut state appropriations for armory construction from \$500,000 which had been appropriated for the current biennium to \$125,000 for the next two years.

The General Assembly decision

specifies that the state cannot provide more than 17½ per cent of the cost of any armory project, whereas the state formerly supplied 25 per cent. The Federal government did and will continue to provide 75 per cent of the funds.

The armory planned for Southern Pines is slated to cost about \$100,000. With the federal government putting in \$75,000 and the state \$17,500, a local appropriation of \$7,500 would be required to complete the sum needed here.

Speed in obtaining the local money is important, the Guard officers said, because Southern Pines is second on the armory priority list, with only Clinton ahead of it. So close is the time of decision that the officers said they believed a contract could be let in July.

The Guard spokesmen also asked the commissioners for \$1,500 to help equip the building with the bare essentials and in addition asked for a regular county appropriation of \$600 per year to supplement the state's maintenance and training allowance.

They told the board that the company, drawing its membership from throughout the county, now consists of 78 enlisted men and five officers. At an average of 69 men and officers over the last year, the payroll of the unit amounted to about \$23,500, after federal taxes, an amount they said was largely spent locally. They estimated the payroll in the coming year at a \$31,000 average.

The board did not act on the request Monday, but is expected to make a decision at an early special meeting for budget discussions. No indication was given Monday as to whether the request will be granted, but board members expressed approval of the Guard's activities and it is expected that every effort will be made to fit the appropriation into the coming year's budget.

Legislators Tell Kiwanians About Assembly Session

Back from the longest session of the General Assembly in North Carolina history—142 days, State Senator J. Hawley Poole of West End and Rep. H. Clifton Blue of Aberdeen, Moore county's legislators, gave an accounting of their stewardship before the Sandhills Kiwanis Club on Wednesday.

Blue, reporting on the new law revising school laws under which the assignment of pupils is left to county and city administrators, said that he believed the present State laws which provide for separate schools for white and colored might take care of the segregation problem for some time.

Among other major legislation, (Continued on page 8)

Five Local Girls Win Highest Award In Girl Scouting

Five Southern Pines Girl Scouts were awarded the Curved Bar, highest award in Girl Scouting, at a court of awards conducted by Troop 53 at the Southern Pines Girl Scout Day Camp at Pinebluff Lake Wednesday afternoon.

This was the largest number to win the award at one time in the history of Girl Scouting in Moore County. Just one Southern Pines Girl Scout, Carol Staples, also of Troop 53, had won it previously.

The five honorees Wednesday were Mary Cameron, Margot Campbell, Jan McDonald, Connie Pierce and Linda Wellman. The awards were made by W. D. Campbell, an assistant leader of the troop and a national official in Boy Scouting.

Donna Poole was advanced to First Class rank, and Susan Ewing and Janet Van Pelt were awarded proficiency badges at the same ceremony, with Mrs. Mildred Merrill, troop leader, making the presentations.

Before the ceremony, the girls were complimented by Miss Kathryn Creasman of Sanford, Central Carolina Council executive who reminded them that their awards conferred not only distinction but responsibility.

The Day Camp for all Brownie, Intermediate and Senior Girl Scouts of Southern Pines units is being held all this week, Monday through Friday, at Pinebluff Lake, with Miss Creasman as director. Transported to the lake by leaders and parents each day, the Scouts spend the time from 10 a. m. to 3 p. m. in waterfront activities, handicraft work, and the practice of Scout skills, campcraft and cookery. Taking the ingredients, they cook a large portion of their midday meal over an open fire. Troop Leader Mrs. Merrill and Assistant Leaders Mrs. Campbell and Mrs. T. J. are assisting Miss Creasman in direction of the camp.



'GET HAPPY!'—That's the title of the sixth season dance revue to be presented Friday and Saturday evenings in Weaver Auditorium by more than 80 pupils of the Martha Aden Dance Studio. The title is expressed in this pose of one of the pupils, Gwen McKenzie, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. E. McKenzie of Southern Pines, pictured in costume during rehearsal. For more about the revue and the names of all the youngsters and young people taking part, see story, page 19. (Photo by Darryl Byerly)

Town's Biggest Recreation Program Lists Varied Events For Summer

The most extensive summer recreation program ever undertaken in Southern Pines is due to begin Monday, featuring a daily schedule of varied activities, as listed on this page.

Activity schedule for the West Southern Pines program will be printed in The Pilot next week.

Recreation is now established as a town department, under supervision of City Manager Tom E. Cunningham. Director of the summer program is Irie Leonard, high school principal and coach. He will be assisted by W. A. Leonard and Jimmy Menzel, who share a life guard schedule at the town lake off Midland Road and Mrs. Bill Huntley and members of the Junior Woman's Club.

Assistants in West Southern Pines are James Hasty, who is director for that area, and Miss Cora Steele and Mrs. Emma Stubbs.

A new activity this year, and one attracting much interest, is the adult softball league which will play doubleheader games at Memorial Field. A complete season schedule of the league appears elsewhere in today's Pilot. Admission to games will be free but a voluntary collection will be taken at games for the field bleacher fund.

There is also much interest in Little League and Pony League games, to which admission is free. Interested persons are invited by Director Leonard to watch the boys play at any time.

Swimming at the town lake is at the swimmer's own risk except at the hours listed in the schedule on this page, when a lifeguard will be on duty, Director Leonard said.