

Details Of Presbyterian College Merger Proposal Related By Mayor Gilmore

(Mayor Voit Gilmore went on the air over Station WEEB last Friday afternoon to explain the proposed Presbyterian College merger plan and what's being done about it in Southern Pines, one of the communities under consideration as a site for the proposed institution. Since Mr. Gilmore spoke, the elders and deacons of Brownson Memorial Presbyterian Church, meeting Sunday, have endorsed the college project. The Pilot reprints Mayor Gilmore's address below—with the exception of a quotation from a report, which is summarized—as a permanent record of this town's interest in the college proposal at this time.)

Nothing in a long, long time has aroused in Southern Pines

such excitement, such enthusiasm and such high hope as recent news that our town might possibly be the site for a new consolidated Presbyterian College. I am proud to report that local Presbyterians as well as your Town Council and civic groups have lost not a moment's time in preparing for this possibility. All of us are immensely enthusiastic about this golden opportunity and we feel very decidedly that Southern Pines with all its charms and all its assets can be called a "college town just waiting for a college to come along." So many citizens want to know just how matters stand with regard to the new college, and just what we can do both individually and collectively, that WEEB is kindly permitting me to review the entire matter in these few minutes. Here therefore are the

facts up to now concerning the proposed new Presbyterian College:

Foundation Study

In 1953 the Ford Foundation granted to the Presbyterian Synod of North Carolina the sum of \$50,000 to permit a broad study of Presbyterian educational institutions in North Carolina. A group of 30 outstanding Presbyterians from throughout the State was convened as the Synod's Committee on Educational Institutions. Many of this group of 30 people like Dr. Warner L. Hall of Charlotte, Mrs. Julian B. Hutt of Fayetteville, and Mr. Halbert M. Jones of Laurinburg—are well known to us in Southern Pines and are our friends. In turn, this committee of 30 selected an outstanding panel of professional educators to study the educational problem. This panel included Dean Francis C. Rosecrance of New York University; Dr. John O. Gross, executive secretary of the general board of education for the Methodist Church; Dr. John D. Millett, now president of Miami University of Ohio; Dr. Sarah Blanding, president of Vassar College; President Thomas A. Spragens of Stephens College, Missouri; Dr. Oliver C. Carmichael, now President of the University of Alabama; Dr. Roger P. McCutcheon, dean of the graduate school of Tulane University; and Dr. Donald C. Agnew, former president of Coker College and now secretary of the Southern Assn. of Schools and Colleges. This imposing panel, and the committee as a whole, have now concluded their study and their full 100-page report was published four weeks ago.

The report recommends many changes among Presbyterian schools and colleges of N. C. Report Summarized

(Editor's Note: On the radio, Mr. Gilmore read at length from this report which recommends: The consolidation "in the southeast quadrant of the state" of Flora Macdonald College, Peace College and Presbyterian Junior College.

That the Synod establish a board of trustees which shall have control of the institutions and merge them at the earliest possible date; that the newly established board would select a site, plan for the proposed college and prosecute a program to secure the necessary funds.

That in the interim period the colleges would continue to operate at their present locations.

That the Synod must raise adequate funds for the establishment of the necessary institutions, noting that five million dollars is needed as a minimum and that the three institutions would bring into the merger assets amounting approximately to one-third of the initial requirement; and that the Synod authorize and support a general Synod-wide campaign for not less than two million dollars. Mr. Gilmore's address continues with the next paragraph.)

Acceptance Expected
This special report will be presented to the Presbyterian Synod meeting in Barium Springs on July 12.

Presumably the report will be accepted and the recommendations adopted, because there seems to be widespread acceptance of its proposals; but the action, of course, will not be def-

inite until the middle of July. If and when the Presbyterians of N. C. accept the report, they then must name a board of trustees for the proposed new college.

We already have assurance that the Presbyterians of Southern Pines and Moore County will take all reasonable steps to have a forceful member of our community named to this board of trustees. Such a person would have the vital role of being our spokesman as well as our eyes and our ears within the board of trustees.

The new board of trustees would then name a group to actually select the campus site for the new college. At the same time, Presbyterians of N. C. would be

challenged to raise \$5 million as the minimum backlog for starting construction of the school buildings, and as you noted in the official report it is thought that up to one-third of this total can be raised from sale of the present assets at the 3 campuses to be consolidated.

What's Been Done Here

To keep pace with these developments, the following things have been done: 1. The Town Council this week named a small action committee to plan a course of action designed to bring this new school to Southern Pines. On this committee are the following: A. L. Burney, chairman; Walter E. Blue; W. Lamont Brown, A. C. Dawson; Mrs. Valerie Nichol-

son; Harry K. Smyth and Voit Gilmore. This committee will meet without delay. It is called a "nucleus committee" because as our community effort to attract the college rolls into high gear, the Town Council visualizes enlarging the committee to include outstanding leaders of all Moore County and the Sandhills.

For the moment, the nucleus group will collect and sift all available information about the college merger; it will see that the state's Presbyterian leaders are informed of our town's enthusiastic interest and informed of our impressive attractions; it will see that the assets of Southern Pines are listed and emphasize—such things as our rich Scotch Presbyterian background, so important to all Presbyterians and so well preserved and documented by the Moore Co. Historical Society; such things as our fine public school system, made better than average county schools by reason of our local school tax supplement, at which practice teaching would be possible; such cultural advantages as our fine churches, our outstanding library, our Sandhills Music Assn. programs; such things as our recognized superiority in sports—golf, tennis, riding, hunting and jumping; such things as our fine transportation service, our strategic location on U. S. Highway One, the

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