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TURNING FIRST EARTH—Retired Bishop W. W. Peele of Laurinburg (with shovel) turned the first spadeful of earth at the ground-breaking for the Southern Pines Methodist Church Sunday. Left to right, those taking part in the ceremony are: Paul Van Camp, E. Earl Hubbard, Mrs. J. S. Hiatt, Jr., Mayor Voit Gilmore, Bishop

Peele, the Rev. T. A. Collins and Ralph Dodge, assistant superintendent of the Church School, acting in the absence of Capt. Henry Jones, superintendent. The Rev. Robert L. Bame, pastor of the church, was not in the picture. (Photo by Humphrey)

Ground Broken Sunday For Southern Pines Methodist Church, Midland Road

In an impressive open-air service at the site of the Southern Pines Methodist Church on Midland Road, ground for the structure was broken during a ceremony in which local and visiting church officials took part.

Joint Meeting To Hear Dr. Wellons

Dr. R. D. Wellons, president of Pembroke State College at Pembroke, will address a joint meeting of the Sandhills Kiwanis Club and the Southern Pines Rotary Club at the Country Club Wednesday at 12:15 p.m.

Accompanying Dr. Wellons to Southern Pines will be Dr. Ira Pate Lowry, head of the music department at the college, and several Indian students. The college is a state educational institution operated for Indians.

A. L. Burney of the Kiwanis Club, who will introduce Dr. Wellons, explained that the college president is a past district governor of Rotary, a fact that led to working out the joint meeting with the Rotary Club. For Rotarians, the Wednesday luncheon will take the place of their regular Friday meeting which will not be held next week.

The music students are members of the Pembroke band and will play special music that will perhaps include native Indian numbers.



MODEL OF CHURCH—This architect's model of the new Southern Pines Methodist Church, for which ground was broken Sunday, was prepared by T. T. Hayes and Associate, local firm that designed the structure. The sanctuary at left has unique masonry external window screens. There are Church School classrooms,

heater room and rest rooms in the basement. In the wing are three classrooms, kitchen, pastor's study and ladies' parlor. Note the serpentine masonry wall parallel to the covered walkway. There will be cross-shaped openings, fitted with colored glass, in the wall. (Photo by Turner)

Efforts Made To Solve Problem of Home In Kenwood

Option Will Expire At Midnight Tonight; Attorneys Confering

Last minute efforts to solve the problem presented by the purchase of a home in a formerly all-white district by Mr. and Mrs. Martin L. White, Negro couple, now stopping in West Southern Pines, are still under way as this newspaper goes to press.

With midnight the deadline set for expiration of the \$20,000 option held by Henry L. Graves, owner of the Kenwood subdivision, special efforts were being made to work out a compromise acceptable to all parties, with attorneys for both sides exploring all possible angles of approach. It is understood that these included talks with the executors of the Way estate of which Mrs. Louise Way Spence, who sold the house to the Whites, is one of the heirs.

Earlier in the week an offer was made by Mr. Graves to the Whites which was rejected by them. It included purchase of the house for \$12,000, the sum they paid for it, and building a house similar to the one in question on lots now owned by them in West Southern Pines, at a price \$1,000 under normal costs. In rejecting the offer, Mrs. White indicated (Continued on Page 8)

Policy Outlined By Town Council For Street Work

Meeting for its regular session Tuesday night, the town council adopted a resolution setting policy on permanent street improvements—curb, gutter and paving and all work involving municipal street expenditures.

The long and detailed resolution is being printed up for distribution to interested property owners. Some highlights of it are: Plats of all new streets must be submitted to the town manager for preliminary approval; streets must conform to the general street plan of the town; specifications are set for privately opened streets before they will be accepted by the town; the town will pay one-half the cost of all permanent improvements on existing streets; property owners, by petition of 51 per cent or more on a frontage can ask for curb and gutter and the town will pay one half the cost and will pave the street; the town will pay one half the cost of sidewalks, if the funds are available.

One provision that may affect more property owners than any other in the policy is the town's declaration that it will not henceforth perform any work or provide any material on private driveways, except where payment in full is made by the property owner.

Insurance Report
The council adopted a report and recommendations brought in by a committee that has been (Continued on Page 8)

MEETING TONIGHT
A supper meeting of the Moore County Wildlife Club will be held at the J. C. Grill, Carthage, at 8 o'clock tonight (Thursday).

Rehearsals Set For Variety Show

Rehearsals are expected to begin tonight for "Holiday Ahoy!" a variety stage show to be produced with local talent for presentation Monday and Tuesday nights, September 26 and 27, under sponsorship of the Fellowship Forum of the Church of Wide Fellowship.

Miss Nyla Ann Jester, professional director who produced community variety shows here in 1952 and 1953 for the Fellowship Forum, said that chorus girls chosen from high school students are expected to begin rehearsing tonight at the Fellowship Hall of the church.

Will Wiggs is general chairman for the event. Other committee chairmen are: Carolyn Hoskins, advertising; Gene Blackwelder, tickets; Mrs. Algene Hoskins, casting; and Robert Leland, props. Mrs. L. D. McDonald will provide piano music and Mrs. Martha Aden, local dance instructor, will do one of the specialty numbers.

All persons who have specialty talents of any sort are asked to call Miss Jester at the home of Mrs. Celeste Edson, where she is staying, telephone 2-5912. Further information about the show appears in a story elsewhere in today's Pilot.

Gill To Address County YDC

State Treasurer Edwin Gill of Raleigh will be the principal speaker as Moore County Young Democratic Club members gather in Carthage Friday night for their annual meeting. He will be introduced by Judge W. A. Leland McKeithen of Pinehurst. Election of officers and hearing of committee reports are included on the program.

The general gathering in the courthouse at 8 p. m. will be preceded by a dinner honoring Mr. Gill, given by the YDC executive committee in the Carthage Hotel at 6:30 p. m. Those wishing to attend have been asked to notify Voit Gilmore of Southern Pines, county YDC president.

Election of officers tops interest in the business meeting. President Gilmore, who is mayor of Southern Pines and YDC National Committeeman from North Carolina, had no comment this week on whether or not he would be a candidate for reelection.

Ralph Steed, Robbins businessman and Moore County coroner, who had wide support for the office, is reported not in the running. Robert N. Page III of Aberdeen, who ran against Gilmore (Continued on Page 8)

Toll-Free Telephone Service In Area Possible, Companies Report

If People Want It, We'll Do It, Say Officials

If the people of the Sandhills want it, the United Telephone Company of the Carolinas can in about a year provide toll-free telephone service between Southern Pines and Pinehurst, officials of the firm said Wednesday night.

Earl Freeman of Aberdeen, head of the Sandhill Telephone Co., meeting with the United officials and several members of the Sandhills Kiwanis Club, said that he is planning to install equipment capable of providing toll-free service to link Aberdeen in the three-way "extended area" or toll-free net. If his subscribers want it, he will provide it and feels that it is a service that the people of the Sandhills will eventually demand.

Provision of such service would entail a rate increase for all subscribers, the telephone officials pointed out. United Telephone, in a study made during the past year at the request of the Sandhills Kiwanis Club and Pinehurst, Inc., has figured that a changeover to the free toll service would mean an annual loss of about \$23,000, it was reported Wednesday night.

The company has figured tentative rate increases that would be necessary to provide the same legally-set 6.5 per cent return that it gets today—but stresses that actual rates would be set by the State Utilities Commission.

On service from Southern Pines to Pinehurst, the monthly rate increases for various types of phones, according to the company's estimates, would be: One-party business, from \$6.50 to \$8.75; two-party business, from \$5.50 to \$7.25; four-party business, from \$4.75 to \$6.25; rural business, from \$4.50 to \$6.00.

One-party residence, from \$3.75 to \$4.75; two-party residence, from \$3.25 to \$4; four-party residence, from \$2.50 to \$3; rural residence, from \$2.50 to \$3.

Pinehurst rates, it was explained, at present run 25 cents per month higher than Southern Pines rates because of the seasonal use of telephones. Many subscribers there pay only a "vacation rate" for several months of the year, cutting use of the company's equipment so much that a higher rate is necessary.

Estimated Pinehurst rates under toll-free service, therefore, would run 25 cents higher in each category than would those in Southern Pines.

Mr. Freeman said he had not yet worked out a detailed estimated rate structure for the Sandhills Telephone Co. He pointed out, however, that rates in both Aberdeen and in Southern Pines and Pinehurst are already much lower than in many North Carolina communities. He cited present rates in Raeford, which range from \$3.25 for a four-party residence phone to \$7.75 for a one-party business phone.

United officials at the Wednesday meeting (Continued on Page 8)



SENATOR ERVIN



DR. HEALEY

Senator Ervin, Dr. Healey Will Speak At Bethesda Homecoming September 25

Sunday, September 25, will be observed as the annual "Homecoming Day" at Old Bethesda church, near Aberdeen.

The event will be observed also as "Clan Donald Day," bringing together hundreds of members of this varied and widespread clan. U. S. Senator Sam J. Ervin, Jr., will make the principal address at the afternoon program, which will start at 2 o'clock, according to announcement by J. Talbot Johnson of Aberdeen, who is serving as

Homecoming Day chairman for about the 27th consecutive year. Loudspeakers will be provided for overflow crowds in the grove.

The 11 a. m. worship service will be featured by a sermon by Dr. W. C. Healey, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church of Fayetteville.

The noon hour will be devoted to the traditional picnic luncheon always spread on tables in the grove. Renewal of family and friendship ties have made this yearly event one of the most important to hundreds of Scottish-descended families.

Old Bethesda, founded in 1760, was a fountainhead of the Presbyterian church in Scotch pioneer days. The cemetery is still used. The building itself—dating back to pre-Civil War days—is closed (Continued on page 8)

By-Pass Grading Begins At North Portion of Route

Heavy equipment of Dickerson, Inc., of Monroe, grading contractor for the No. 1 highway by-pass here, went to work this week at the north end of the 5.19-mile-long route.

Divided into two units, the big machines began cutting, filling and hauling, under direction of George Moser, Dickerson, construction superintendent.

Both units began work where the by-pass will cross the Seaboard Air Line Railroad, near the north corner of Judge J. Vance Rowe's pecan orchard, between Manly and Niagara.

One unit is working north, toward the intersection with the present U. S. 1, south of Skyline. The other is working south toward Midland Road.

Forrest Lockey of Aberdeen, 8th Division highway commissioner, visited the route as work began this week and said he was amazed at the amount of grading involved. He said there will be one 35-foot deep cut on the route from the railroad to Midland Road.

He quoted Mr. Moser as saying (Continued on Page 8)

Civilians See How Air-Ground School Operates

Brig. Gen. Daniel W. Jenkins and staff officers of the USAF Air-Ground Operations School were hosts Monday at the Highland Pines Inn to a group of 30 business and professional men and town officials from Southern Pines and other communities of the county.

Greeted by an approximately equal number of staff officers, the visitors were introduced among the officers and then the entire group attended a "briefing" that showed the type of instruction given to some 100 officers weekly.

A steak dinner with the officers followed in the Inn's dining room. Monday began a two-week "break" period when there are no (Continued on page 8)

Pinehurst Boy Polio Patient

Wayne Maples, eight-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Henson E. Maples of Pinehurst, was taken to Memorial Hospital at Chapel Hill Wednesday, after his illness had been diagnosed as polio at Moore County Hospital.

Although too early to say for sure, the case was reported to be mild. The Pilot was informed today.

A story elsewhere in today's paper summarized the polio situation to date, but was printed before The Pilot learned of the Pinehurst case.

Change At Amerotron Bringing 12 To Area

Consolidation of "several manufacturing staff departments" at the Aberdeen central office was announced this morning by Amerotron, Inc.

The transfer of approximately 12 persons from other manufacturing areas to this area will be involved, the announcement said.

MEETING SET FOR TUESDAY

Town Sponsors Housing Discussion

With the approval of the Town Council, Mayor Voit Gilmore has called for Tuesday, September 20, at 4 p. m., in the town hall, a meeting of all persons interested in the problem of housing in Southern Pines.

This town-sponsored meeting is in response to numerous reports that newcomers are encountering a shortage of houses and apartments and even lots for purchase or rental. The town has invited Amero-

tron and the Air-Ground School to discuss their estimated housing requirements at this meeting. Others who know of specific housing needs are invited to appear.

Realtors, developers, builders and financiers have expressed their interest in this meeting and believe it can help by putting into focus the community's needs and point the way to a solution. Mayor Gilmore urges all such interested groups and individuals to attend.



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