

'Polio Not Licked Yet' Chairmen Told As March of Dimes Starts '56 Drive

Quota Set At \$7,560 For Moore; 21 Cases Recorded Last Year

"Polio is not licked yet. We still have a big job to do," said J. Frank McCaskill of Pinehurst, co-director of the Moore County March of Dimes, presiding Wednesday night over a supper meeting which initiated the 1956 campaign.

To the 20 chapter officials, directors and community chairmen attending the event at the Carthage Hotel, he gave statistics

AUTO TAGS READY

License Plate Sale Is Brisk On First Day

Sale of state license plates for 1956 started off briskly Tuesday at the local license bureau, maintained by the Southern Pines Chamber of Commerce at the Southland Hotel.

The total of 329 plates of all varieties sold on that day was about twice as many as on any previous opening day, said Miss Alice S. Baxter, bureau manager. During most of the day, a line formed as far as the sidewalk.

A slight let-up was noted, though sales continued brisk, on the second day, when the office closed at noon. In three hours Wednesday, 92 plates were sold.

Thursday, help arrived for Miss Baxter when Mrs. S. D. Fobes reported for duty. She will assist the manager during the sale period, then succeed her as Chamber secretary and bureau manager when Miss Baxter goes to a new position February 15.

The license bureau will be open to serve the public from 9 a. m. to 4 p. m. daily, except Wednesdays and Saturdays, when the closing hour is 12 noon. An additional hour is required daily for Miss Baxter to compile her report for the day. The bureau serves Moore and neighboring counties. For Southern Pines auto owners, town tags are also on sale there.

M. R. Cornell

With Amerotron

Frank T. Roberts of Southern Pines, vice-president, administration, of Amerotron Corporation, has announced the appointment of Marvin R. Cornell as head of industrial engineering of Amerotron.

Prior to coming with Amerotron, Mr. Cornell was in a similar capacity with American Thread Company. Previously he had spent 18 years with Textron in New England.

Mr. Cornell plans to make his home in this area with his wife and son. He will be with the Aberdeen Amerotron offices.

Young Pianist Will Play Friday

Hailed as one of the most brilliant young pianists, David Bar-Illan will be heard in recital at Weaver Auditorium in Southern Pines at 8:30 p. m. Friday, presented by the Sandhills Music Association.

Born in Haifa, Israel, Mr. Bar-Illan began his studies at five, and has a background that includes the highest awards given by the Juilliard Conservatory. In 1953, in England, he received the Coronation Year medal, the first given to a pianist who was not a citizen of the Commonwealth. He came to this country at 22, 12 years after beginning public recitals. The Israeli War of Independence interrupted his studies, during which he took part in the Battle of Nazareth and others. He belonged to the Israeli Underground from the age of 14. At age 17, he passed final exams of the University of London in higher mathematics.

On resuming his studies at Juilliard, he graduated in 1950, with a scholarship to the Mannes College of Music. His stature as an artist of rare ability and appeal is established in four countries.

Mr. Bar-Illan's program at

showing that, if the Salk vaccine should prevent the development of any new cases at all, there are still 70,000 polio victims in the U. S. who need rehabilitation and care.

In Moore County, there were 21 new cases of polio last year, making 1955 the biggest polio year for Moore County since the epidemic year of 1948. Fortunately, the type of polio last year was mild and there were few if any crippling effects. However, the county chapter of the National Infantile Paralysis Foundation handled each one as expeditiously, with a minimum of red tape, as it always had in the past. This prompt action, with new knowledge of doctors and new hospital equipment, much of which has been made possible through Foundation-sponsored research financed by the March of Dimes, was a major factor in prevention of tragic effects.

The community chairmen present willingly accepted their former quotas totaling \$7,560 for the county, and were given instructions and materials preparatory to starting their local drives at once. **Butler Re-elected**

The meeting was also the annual one for the chapter and election of officers was held. Paul C. Butler of Southern Pines was re-elected by acclamation to serve as chapter chairman for the 17th consecutive year. (Continued on Page 8)

Final Touches Put On New Unit of Local High School

Final touches are being put on the new Southern Pines High School building "Phase B" with the expectation that the new wing may go into use by the end of next week, it was learned today from Supt. A. C. Dawson.

The first wing, or "Phase A" of the \$264,000 building has been in use since September, 1954. When the second wing is ready, classes will be moved in without formality. An "open house" for inspection by the public will be held later.

The new wing, which faces May street, adjoining the first wing at the corner of Massachusetts avenue, will provide seven new classrooms and a library. The room now being used as a library will become an eighth new classroom. Also in the new portion will be the principal's office and a health room.

The main entrance to the building is in the center of the new wing, opening onto the driveway at almost the exact point of entry of the old high school building, which was torn down to make room for the new.

Part of the \$20,000 worth of equipment has already been moved in to the new portion. Light fixtures have yet to be installed and other minor additions made to get it ready for use.



DAVID BAR-ILLAN

Weaver Auditorium tomorrow will include Beethoven's Moonlight Sonata, a nocturne, etude and scherzo by Chopin, Brahms' Intermezzo, a Liszt rhapsody, and other selections. In addition to season tickets (at Barnum Realty), single admissions will be available at the door.



STETSON OR TOPHAT—it's all one so long as you stay with hounds! Above right, is L. P. Tate, owner of Starland Stables, and regular member of the field of the Moore County Hounds. The racehorse owner is riding his favorite hunter, Red Money. Beside him is "Cowboy" Jimmy Nichols, on the white horse, Jean Baptiste, with which he won last season's Albany Stakes, at Jamaica, for the Tates. Photograph by Southern Pines' Emerson Humphrey taken at the meet of the Moore County Hounds last Saturday.

Hunting Off To Fine New Year Start As Rain Improves Scent Conditions

Notables Take Part In Run Beginning At Mileaway Farm

Hunting with the Moore County Hounds got off to a fine new year's start with the drag hunt in Pinehurst last Thursday.

Called "the best ever held there" by Mrs. Moss, first whip and secretary of the hunt, the run started in the country back of the Carolina Hotel, where the

meet was held. Running through the Louis Meyer property, the run finished down the hill through the woodland on Dr. J. I. Neal's place, with the kill near Starland Stables.

Pouring down the last hill, through the woods, with a fine cry, the pack closed in fast to the kill. In fact, so fast was the last half of the run, due to the sudden improvement in scent after rain, that hounds nearly caught up with the "Drag-boy," Babe McCrimmon, who lays the line for the pack this year, had barely time to hang the dragmeat in a small tree before hounds were on it.

McCrimmon, has, this year, added the laying of the occasional drag, to the long list of tasks he has carried for the local pack. First employed by James and Jackson Boyd, original owners and joint masters of the Moore County, McCrimmon has worked for the hunt for more than 25 years. Last week's run was "one of his best yet!" said Mrs. Moss. (Continued on Page 8)

COUNCIL TO MEET

Regular meeting of the town council will be held at 8 p. m. Tuesday, January 10, in town hall. A public hearing on various amendments to the zoning ordinance, affecting Bennett Street and the new No. 1 highway bypass, will continue at the meeting. The hearing was adjourned from the December meeting of the council.

LOOKING TOWARD THE BOND ELECTION

Town's Growth Creates Water System Needs

Voters of Southern Pines will go to the polls January 31 to express approval or disapproval of four separate town bond issues: 1. \$150,000 for water system improvements. 2. \$150,000 for sewer system improvements. 3. \$100,000 for municipal buildings. 4. \$50,000 for a West Southern Pines swimming pool.

Why has the town council called this bond election? What are the needs that are reflected in the bond proposals? Why are these particular projects chosen for bond financing? What are the facts a citizen needs to make up his mind on how he will vote on

each of the propositions? In a series of four stories, starting today and appearing in each of the four weekly editions of this newspaper prior to the election, The Pilot will attempt to answer these questions.

It is the purpose of these stories not to editorialize for or against any of the four propositions—such opinion will appear on the editorial page prior to the election—but to bring facts before the public. Many of these facts, of course, are potent arguments for (or some might say against) the various proposals.

It is our hope that readers of these stories will vote—whether they vote pro or con—with an

Highway Toll Up But No Homicides Listed For 1955

Investigation of 48 Deaths Reported By County Coroner

A total of 48 deaths in Moore County required investigation by Coroner Ralph G. Steed in 1955, according to the official's year-end report. The total—10 more than the deaths investigated in 1954—included 14 highway fatalities, four more than were listed by the coroner for 1954.

Notable is the fact there were no homicides, as compared to four in 1954 and five in 1953. The Robbins man's investigations disclosed that 17 of the deaths he checked were from natural causes. There were 20 such deaths checked by the coroner in 1954.

Actually, the auto accident death count for the county in 1955 was 16. Two of the deaths occurred on private property, not on a public highway, so that 14 are listed official as highway fatalities. The two others were checked and reported separately by the coroner.

Other deaths investigated by the coroner in 1955:

One from exposure; four suicides; one scalding, two burned in home fires, two drownings, one from acute alcoholism, and one woman hit and killed by a railroad train in Southern Pines.

Three "accidental" deaths were noted by Mr. Steed as: a man who fell down and cut his arm on a piece of glass; a highway worker who fell off a tractor pulling a "sheepfoot" roller and was killed when the roller passed over him; and a man who was found beside the railroad tracks north of Southern Pines, apparently killed when he fell off a passing railroad train or by exposure following such a fall.

Six New C. Of C.

Directors Accept; Two To Be Named

Six newly elected directors of the Southern Pines Chamber of Commerce have accepted the job, with two more yet to be named, it was learned today from Hoke Pollock, chairman of the election.

Acceptances were received from Warren Bell, Roy Grinnell, James Hartshorne, W. B. Holliday, Earl Hubbard and Miss Kitty Wiley. They will serve a two-year term. Two, Miss Wiley and Holliday, have served as directors before.

The chairman said these were all he had been able to contact by The Pilot's deadline today, and it might be several days before he could announce the other two, as one man on the list is out of town. He said he would prefer not to name the next two until he could be sure of their acceptance.

The eight will be installed, with seven holdover members, as the new board at the next regular meeting, Tuesday, January 17. At the Tuesday night meeting this week, the old board tallied votes received in the mail balloting, in which eligible members of the Chamber were listed as nominees.

County Towns Joining College Fund Campaign

Large Number Pledges Will Be Important

Organizations are being built up in 17 communities in Moore County in support of the "Get the Presbyterian College" campaign, and results are already coming in from some of them, the Moore County College Committee heard Wednesday morning from Donald D. Kennedy, endowment fund co-vice-chairman.

At a meeting held in the campaign headquarters, Mr. Kennedy said he is getting around as fast as time permits to see all the community chairmen and to assist them in getting their solicitation drives under way.

With less than a month now to go before the final presentation before the college board of trustees—the time for Southern Pines and Moore County is set for Wednesday, February 1, at 10:30 a.m.—the final effort will be made for greatly widened scope as well as a worthy financial total.

377 Contributions Mr. Kennedy reported that, as of Wednesday morning, pledges had reached a total of \$236,433, from 377 contributors in nine communities. The latest to report was Vass, where six contributors started off the campaign with total pledges of \$2,300.

While the total, now nearing a quarter of a million dollars, was commended as highly creditable—also considerably beyond the \$200,000 goal originally set—the committee members expressed the view that the competition for the Presbyterian college has now become so keen, it will have to go much higher for Southern Pines and Moore county to reach the "finals."

Seventeen Eastern North Carolina cities and towns are bidding to secure the institution, most offering a minimum half-million as initial gift. Several have announced pledges of a million or more.

Total Number Important Even more important than the final sum, the committee members felt, is the total number of pledges, which should run into the thousands instead of the hundreds, showing the unified desire for, and welcome to, the college. From the recent visit of the trustees, one big impression was gained: that the site to be selected would be one where the college is wanted and appreciated.

On the community leaders and their workers now falls the responsibility of contacting every citizen, spreading wide the opportunity to pledge in behalf of the consolidated college.

On their doing so, the committee made plain, they are now pinning their hopes for favorable consideration, with a chance for this locality to survive the eliminations slated to be held within a month.

The competing communities will all be given their chance to make their final presentation, and offer of present and continuing support, in the three-day period January 31-February 2. A few will be selected then for a visit by the full board, with the final selection to be announced March 6. (Continued on page 8)

BULLETIN BOARD

As a community service, The Pilot has installed a bulletin board for the registration of coming events.

In recognition of the fact that it is sometimes difficult to avoid duplication of events because there has been, to date, no central clearing-house for such affairs and therefore no way of knowing far in advance when entertainments are planned, and what dates are already taken, this newspaper has installed in the inner office, a large calendar for this purpose.

Spaces under each date give ample space, it is believed, for writing in notices of events and there is a pencil firmly attached. All is ready for action.

Says The Pilot: "Before you decide on your date for party, concert, lecture, sale, or whatnot: Come and look at the calendar. And then: pick your date and write it in!"

Commission Gives Final Approval To Phone Project

The State Utilities Commission has authorized United Telephone Company to provide extended scope service between Southern Pines and Pinehurst and between Southern Pines and Aberdeen and to raise rates to make up for the removal of toll charges.

Officials of the company were notified last Friday that a "recommended order" previously issued on the extended service matter had become final, as no exceptions to the order had been filed.

E. W. Smail of the United office here said that start of extended service is tentatively set for the latter part of the last quarter of 1956 or the first quarter of 1957.

The extended scope service arrangement approved for United Telephone Company means its subscribers will be able to call between Southern Pines and Pinehurst and between Southern Pines and Aberdeen without paying long distance tolls.

Business rates will be increased \$2.25 a month for one-party service, \$1.75 for two-party service, \$1.50 for four-party service and \$1.50 for rural, multi-party service. Residential rates will be increased \$1 a month for one-party service, 75 cents for two-party service, 50 cents for four-party service and 50 cents for rural, multi-party service.

The Commission said the higher exchange rates were necessary. (Continued on page 8)

TAX LISTING

Listing of real and personal property for taxes continues throughout the county, to run through the month of January. Schedules of community visits by the list takers for McNeill and Sandhill townships can be found elsewhere in today's Pilot.

Kiwanians To Hear J. Frank Nolen

J. Frank Nolen, of Florence, S. C., governor of the Carolinas District of Kiwanis International, will be the speaker at the Sandhills Kiwanis Club's Anniversary Day meeting Wednesday, January 11. He will be introduced by the district's secretary-treasurer, Herbert W. Hennig of Darlington, S. C., at the Southern Pines Country Club.

Governor Nolen is a native of Alabama, and attended the University of Alabama. He is a member of the Park Advisory Board of his state, is vice president of the Executive Club of Florence, a trustee of the city's schools and former vice president of the Chamber of Commerce. A member of Kiwanis since 1938, he is a past president of the Florence club, and served as lieutenant governor of the 8th division of the Carolinas district in 1950. He



MR. NOLEN

is a Baptist, an ardent fisherman and a football enthusiast.