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Open Forum About Town Bond Voting Scheduled Monday

Officials, Experts To Answer Questions; Public Urged Attend

"It's Your Money! It's Your Town!" proclaims the Southern Pines League of Women Voters in advertising their open forum on the coming bond election. Free of charge and open to the public, the forum will be held at the Civic Club at 8 p.m. Monday.

All citizens of Southern Pines are urged to come and express their opinions or ask questions about the four propositions to be put before the voters January 31.

Mrs. Graham Culbreth will be moderator and Councilman H. H. Pethick will greet citizens on behalf of the town council and will explain the bond proposals for water and sewer improvements, municipal buildings and a West Southern Pines swimming pool. If all proposals are approved the town would be authorized to issue bonds in the amount of \$450,000. City Manager Tom E. Cunningham will be on hand to answer questions as well as several professional persons whose abilities and interests qualify them to comment on the proposals. These include Paul Van Camp, consulting engineer; T. T. Hayes, Jr., architect; Clinton W. Areson, retired social service administrator; A. C. Dawson, superintendent of

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Association To Hear W. C. Capel, Sam Richardson

A program on "historical but not so old subjects" — including the Sandhills peach industry and the early days of Southern Pines — will be presented by the Moore County Historical Association at its meeting in the Southern Pines Library Thursday night, January 26, at 8 p.m.

W. C. Capel of Candor, an official of the N. C. Mutual Peach Growers Society, will talk about the origin and development of peach growing in the state; and Sam B. Richardson, member of the Southern Pines town council and a resident of the community for 50 years, will relate memories of his long residence here.

Mr. Capel and his family have been among the earliest and most prominent Sandhills peach growers. Mr. Richardson, active in business and civic service here throughout his life, was mayor during one of the town's greatest periods of growth and progress in the 1920's and 1930's.

There will be no business meeting. Officials of the Association said they regretted conflict of the meeting with the Pinehurst Forum program, but that Mr. Capel would not be able to be present on another night.

LOOKING TOWARD THE BOND ELECTION (3)

Does Town Need New Municipal Building?

(Third in a series of explanatory articles about the town bond election January 31.)

When citizens of Southern Pines go to the polls in the forthcoming town bond election, they will be asked to approve or disapprove the town's authority to issue bonds in the amount of \$100,000 for one or more new buildings, the acquisition of land for these buildings and equipment for them.

This is one of the four items in the proposed election on which citizens may vote pro or con, separately. The others are \$150,000 for water system improvements, \$150,000 for sewerage system improvements—both of which have been discussed previously in this series of articles—and \$50,000 for a West Southern Pines swimming pool, a proposal that will be taken up here next week, along with a summary of all four propositions and other information that may help citizens make up their minds about how they will vote. Nobody can say at this time with photographic accuracy what



STUDYING HIGHWAY 1 MAP at Mid Pines Wednesday—from left, Southern Pines Town Councilman H. H. Pethick and Mayor Voit Gilmore; W. P. Saunders, State C&D director; State Highway Commission Chairman A. H. Graham; Fifth Division Commissioner Donnie A. Sorrell; Eighth Division Commissioner Forrest Locke, and Pinebluff Mayor E. H. Mills. (Photo by V. Nicholson)

College Pledges Reach \$342,165; Pinehurst Active

As the Moore County Presbyterian College committee began preparations this week for its final presentation of the Southern Pines as a site for the new four-year institution—before the college trustees on February 1—Donald D. Kennedy, co-vice-chairman of the Endowment Fund Committee announced Wednesday that \$76,717 in pledges made during the past week had brought the fund's total to \$342,165.

Mr. Kennedy continues his cooperation with local chairmen in communities throughout the county and has also been visiting interested out-of-county communities. At Pinehurst Richard D. Chapman and members of a finance committee he appointed are making personal solicitation for pledges prior to the January 28 deadline for giving. Residents of all communities of the county are urged to complete their pledges before that date.

Here is Mr. Kennedy's Wednesday tabulation of amounts given and number of contributors in various communities:

Tates Take Horses To Race At Hialeah

Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd P. Tate and family left Sunday for a six weeks' stay in Florida, with Mrs. Tate and the children, Jock, Kathy and Mella, going to Pass-a-Grille Beach while "Junebug" Tate took several horses from their Starland Stables to Hialeah for the racing season.

Mark J. King, Jr., Elected President of Chamber of Commerce; Committees Set

Mark J. King, Jr., was elected and installed as president of the Southern Pines Chamber of Commerce at the organizational meeting of the new board held Tuesday night at the Southland Hotel.

King, a management consultant, had offered his resignation from the board a short while earlier. He said his contract for the management of Patch's Department Store, which he represented on the board last year, had expired and "through mutual consent" was not renewed. However, he said he will continue to live in Southern Pines while serving other clients. His resignation was not accepted and he was unanimously elected to lead the organization during 1956.

Other new officers are J. T. Overton, first vice-president; Mrs. Mattie Belle Holtzclaw, second vice-president; John Ostrom, corporation secretary, and Earl Hubbard, treasurer. All elections were unanimous.

Other members of the new board are Warren Bell, Roy Grinnell, James Hartshorne, W. B. Holliday, Miss Kitty Wiley, Joe Montesanti, Jr., and Mrs. Valerie Nicholson, with two years to serve, and Harry K. Smyth, Harold A. Collins and Jerry V. Healy, to serve one more year.

The new president's first act was the appointment of Mrs. S. D. Fobes as office manager and secretary. Mrs. Fobes was present, as was also Miss Alice Baxter, whom she succeeds.

Harry K. Smyth, retiring president, conducted the meeting, and was the subject of a gracious

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Future Of Highway 1 Promising But Funds Are Short, Graham Informs Mayors

Long-range plans for development of US Highway 1 will make of it a modern four-lane highway throughout its length in North Carolina "within the foreseeable future," Chairman A. H. Graham of the State Highway Commission told mayors of the Highway 1 towns in conference here Wednesday.

Graham said this was definitely included in plans for the state's primary system, but it would take time, and so far there wasn't nearly enough money in sight.

However, he said, "Highway No. 1 has been sick a long time, and has lost a lot of its traffic to 301 and other routes. We are giving it plenty of attention and hope in time to effect a complete recovery."

Mayor Voit Gilmore presided over the meeting, to which the Town of Southern Pines had invited mayors of all the Highway 1 towns. Ten of the 19 came, most of them bringing delegations. Cause of the meeting was that the recent realignment of highway divisions has brought US 1 in the State entirely into two of them, making coordinated planning possible on a scale hitherto impossible. "Now at last our conversations can make sense," Gilmore said.

Also present, and taking part in the discussion, were Forrest Locke of Aberdeen, Eighth Division Commissioner, and Donnie A. Sorrell of Durham, Fifth Division Commissioner. A special guest and interested participant was W. P. Saunders of Southern Pines, new director of the State Department of Conservation and Development.

Mayors present were Henry T. Powell, Henderson; H. L. Miller, Wake Forest; Fred B. Wheeler, Raleigh; E. B. Tindal, Jr., Apex; Harold T. Makepeace, Sanford; Voit Gilmore, Southern Pines; E. M. Medlin, Aberdeen; E. H. Mills, Pinebluff; D. M. Bryant, Hoffman; and W. H. Entwistle, Rockingham.

The gathering of about 40 persons included also the Southern Pines town councilman, town manager and clerk; Mrs. Oscar Holtzclaw, local representative on the board of the US Highway 1 Association; Rep. H. Clifton Blue, and others with vital highway interests.

The conference at the Mid Pines followed a joint luncheon session of the Sandhills Kiwanis Club and Southern Pines Rotary Club, with Mayor Gilmore as program chairman and Graham as speaker. He said the "road builders of old built wisely and well, and there are years of use left in the old highways yet, but with the increase of motor traffic the situation was one undreamed-of by the early builders. New engineering principles had been developed to meet the needs of the day and with their help, and the support of the people, North Carolina's highway system can

FRIDAY IS LAST DAY TO REGISTER

Friday will be the last day for new voters to register for the town bond election January 31.

Mrs. Grace Kaylor, registrar, will have the books open at the fire station from 9 a. m. to 5 p. m. Friday.

To be eligible to vote, persons must have lived in North Carolina one year and in Southern Pines 30 days, prior to the election.

Persons on the registration books, who were eligible to vote in the town election last May, need not register again to vote in the bond election.

Only those persons residing within the city limits of Southern Pines can vote January 31.



NOT AS BAD AS IT LOOKS—This simulated airplane crash signalled opening of a joint Civil Air Patrol-Boy Scout exercise between Aberdeen and Pinehurst Saturday when smoke bombs were set off around the fuselage of this old PT-19 whose nose was set into the ground at an angle, with wings and tail sections removed and scattered around the "wreck." The rising smoke set six troops of Scouts and their leaders, camping a quarter-mile away, searching a large wooded area for the plane itself and for "survivors"—dummies that had been hidden at widely scattered points in the maneuver area. Overhead, a CAP plane spotted the wreck and radioed its location. Site of the plane "crash" was not known to the Scouts, but was south of the old Chapin peach orchard, now owned by Earl Auman. Undaunted by a woods fire elsewhere in the area, that broke up the exercise just after this photo was taken, Scouts and their leaders plan to return Saturday afternoon to find the "survivors" and carry out the maneuver as planned. (Photo by V. Nicholson)

VALUABLE CAMP EQUIPMENT BURNED

Woods Fire Breaks Up Scout Search For Survivors of Simulated Crash

A joint exercise of the Civil Air Patrol and Moore District Boy Scouts and Explorer Scouts, planned as part of a Scout camporee deep in the woods between Aberdeen and Pinehurst Saturday as a real woods fire broke out; and the Scouts and their adult leaders pitched in to help fight it.

Dry woods and a stiff breeze made the fire a stubborn one to fight. The Southern Pines tower sent the power wagon within minutes after it started. Fire lines were ployed quickly. Subdued within three hours, the fire was kept to an area of approximately 22 acres.

Since it spread through second-growth timber of little commercial value, actual damage to the area was estimated by Forest Warden Travis G. Wicker at less than \$100. However, about \$1,000 worth of Scout equipment, including an electric generator, was destroyed.

Burned equipment belonged to Troop 7 of Pinehurst and Troop 223 of Southern Pines. Equipment of Troop 68 Aberdeen, also in the path of wind-driven flames was saved by vigorous efforts of the boys who managed to get it across a nearby road. Other troops camped in the area were 73 and 224, both of Southern Pines, and 206 of Pinebluff. Wind blew the

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SLIDES WANTED

Color slides of Southern Pines and vicinity are being sought by the Presbyterian College Drive Committee.

It is hoped to follow the briefing of facts and figures, to be given to the college trustees committee on February 1, by a few minutes of visual inducement in the form of color slides thrown on a screen, of some of the local beauty spots and points of interest.

Subjects especially desired are: woodland scenes (around Weymouth if possible), street and garden scenes, the town library, the bank, churches, the schools. Those with slides to lend should contact Norris Hodgkins, Jr., at the bank. Deadline date: Tuesday.

"Lend your slides and help slide to victory!" is the password for Operation Get-The-College.

'EXAGGERATED'

Brig. Gen. Pearson Menoher of Southern Pines, Moore District Boy Scout chairman, issued the following statement this week about the woods fire that originated in a Scout camping area between Aberdeen and Pinehurst Saturday afternoon:

"Highly exaggerated reports, which were released during the fire over the radio and by the Associated Press, caused considerable apprehension. It is fortunate that the fire was kept within bounds; nor were any structures damaged or individuals injured during the blaze."

The area burned was estimated at 22 acres by Forrest Warden Travis Wicker. The Associated Press story set the area at more than 2,000 acres.

GOC Posts To Go On 24-Hour Duty

All eight Moore County posts of the Ground Observer Corps will go on 24-hour duty February 1, along with other GOC posts in the state.

David Drexel of Southern Pines, GOC director for Moore County, said that it is expected the procedure will be carried out without difficulty and without working undue hardship on any one.

Harry Chatfield is head of the local Ground Observer post. Observers in Moore County report aircraft movements to the Charlotte Filter Center as part of the nation-wide air defense plan.

Youth Killed In Sawmill Accident

Walter Ingram, Negro of Vass, met instant death Friday when his body was sawed in half while he was working at a sawmill operated by Coyne Cameron several miles out from Vass.

So quickly did the accident happen that others working within a few feet were unaware of it until they saw the severed body, it is said.

Ingram, in his late teens, lived with his grandmother, Mrs. Evelyn Ingram.