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Bid For College Well Received At Raleigh Session

Delegation Reports Interest of Trustees In Local Site Plea

The Southern Pines delegation presenting the community and county bid for the consolidated Presbyterian college received a cordial welcome Wednesday morning on making its presentation before the board of trustees, meeting at Raleigh.

Keeping the appointment in the Fellowship Hall of White Memorial Presbyterian Church were A. L. Burney, chairman of the Moore County College Committee; committee members Voit Gilmore, W. Lamont Brown and Amos C. Dawson, who with Burney made up the presentation panel; and W. P. Saunders, the Rev. C. K. Ligon and Mrs. Valerie Nicholson.

Presenting the local group was Hector McLean, trustee, from Lumberton, who had been a member of the inspection committee visiting Southern Pines last December 15.

Color Slides Shown

The presentation opened with a series of beautiful color slides of local scenes shown by Mr. Dawson, with narration by Mr. Burney. Displays of photographs had also been arranged, and were left for the trustees to inspect, along with a scrapbook containing letters of endorsement.

The slides and photographs won instant welcome, as the trustees noted that this was the first group which had shown pictures.

The scrapbook contained not only letters from the Moore County commissioners and various town officials, civic organizations and churches, but from two Montgomery County groups and one wholehearted support from the town of Elerbe, signed by the town officials.

The four panel members had divided out among themselves the various topics to be covered, their talks making up a complete summary of the case for Southern Pines and Moore County as the college site.

Over \$450,000 Pledged

The up-to-date figure presented as the total of pledges toward the college is \$462,000. Of this, \$1,571,000 in pledges include approximately \$25,000 added the result of the Monday "final up" campaign in Southern Pines. Added to this figure was that of



PISTOL PRESENTED—Sheriff C. J. McDonald was the recipient of a Colt .38, handsomely inscribed, as the gift of his fellow officers at the first annual banquet of the Moore County Law Enforcement Officers association, held Monday night at the Southern Pines Country Club. Making the presentation to Sheriff McDonald, first president of the association organized early last year, was Superior Court Judge W. A. Leland McKeithen of Pinehurst. Above, from left—Sheriff McDonald; County Solicitor W. Lamont Brown, who served as master of ceremonies; State's Attorney General William B. Rodman, banquet speaker; Judge McKeithen; District Solicitor M. G. Boyette, who presented the speaker, and Judge J. Vance Rowe of Moore recorders court, who also appeared on the program. See details in story, page 5. (Photo by V. Nicholson)

IN FINAL DRIVE

349 Persons Give \$25,000

Approximately \$25,000 from 349 persons was pledged here Monday in the "C-Day" final concerted effort on pledges for the Presbyterian College endowment fund.

The local block-by-block canvass in which more than 50 canvassers took part was directed by Brig. Gen. Pearson Menoher who set up a headquarters at Radio Station WEEB studios, where calls were taken and reports tallied by Mrs. Joe Marley, Mrs. Victor Shepard, Mrs. John Tullett, Mrs. A. L. Burney, Mrs. C. K. Ligon and Mrs. J. S. Hiatt. The radio station broadcast hourly bulletins on the progress of the day's activities, and talks and appeals by various members of the Moore County college committee.

Local pledges Monday and others received from over the county

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Local Girl Scout Honored, Will Be Round-up Delegate

A notable Girl Scout honor was accorded two Southern Pines girls Monday. Phyllis Garzik was chosen as one of four girls to go from the four-county Central Carolina Council to the National Senior Round-up at Pontiac, Mich., in June. Sandra Bailey was chosen as one of four alternates from the Council.

Phyllis is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Garzik, 815 N. May St. Sandra's parents are Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Bailey who live on Carthage road.

Choice of the Central Carolina Council delegates was announced during the annual meeting of council officers and leaders at Sanford Monday. Mrs. Audrey K. Kennedy of Southern Pines, council president, presided.

Mrs. W. P. Davis of Southern Pines was reelected chairman of the nominating committee. Mrs. Curt Dutton was named council camping chairman. Mrs. Kennedy's term as president does not

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Governor's Tomb Included In Gift To Association

An old cemetery near the House in the Horseshoe has been given to the Moore County Historical Association it has been announced by Mrs. Ernest L. Ives, president of the association.

The cemetery, which contains the tomb of Governor Benjamin Williams, one of the earlier governors of North Carolina, was presented to the association by Mrs. E. M. Harrington, on behalf of herself and other members of her family. The cemetery also contains the tombs of Governor Williams' wife, his son and his wife, and several other people.

The House in the Horseshoe, which was Governor Williams' retirement home, is owned by the state and preserved as an historic shrine. The cemetery will be pre-

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GROUNDHOG DAY

Folks who are breathlessly waiting to hear if this town is going to be in the college finals will be rooting for fine weather. . . just in case. And not so "just" either.

We're going to need another of those sunny days, like last time, when the trustees, all 30 of them, come for their visit.

Cloudy today. Groundhog peeped out; no shadow to scare him; so he stayed out basking in the not-so-basky air! Good omen for that sunny day to come . . . if - and - when.

AttaGroundhog!

COMMITTEE HEADS TELL GRATITUDE

As the Executive Committee for the proposed Presbyterian College makes the presentation to the Trustees on February 1st, we wish to thank all the people who have pledged so generously to bring the College to Moore County. Their response has been inspirational.

We wish to thank the Executive Committee for their assistance and, also, to thank the members of our Endowment Committee for their cooperation.

We offer our special gratitude to our vice-chairman, Mr. Donald D. Kennedy, for his outstanding accomplishments. Without his help it would have been utterly impossible to attain the figures we have now, both numerical and financial. He has worked ceaselessly and with great enthusiasm and we state again, that without his efforts, Moore County could not be in the running.

Very truly yours,
R. M. McMILLAN,
Chairman Endowment Committee
AUDREY K. KENNEDY
Vice-Chairman Endowment Committee

Boy Scout Week To Begin Monday

Hundreds of scouts in Moore County will participate in the nation-wide observance of Boy Scout Week, February 6-12, it was announced today by Frank Yandell, county Boy Scout executive.

This year, which will mark their forty-sixth anniversary the more than four million scouts throughout the country will launch a new four year program with the theme "Onward for God and My Country."

Moore County scouts, part of the 17,500 member Oconeechee Council, have scheduled a series of events for the week, which will culminate Sunday, February 12, with "Scout Sunday."

According to Yandell "Blue and Gold" banquets will be held next week-end for members of most scouting units. Already scheduled is one by Pack 73 of Southern Pines, of which Louis Scheipers, Jr., is cubmaster, to be held at the Presbyterian Church February 10. Other events have been schedul-

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SVA Opens 10th Nurse Scholarship Drive; Five Girls In Training

The Sandhills Veterans Association this week opened its 10th annual nurse scholarship campaign, sending out letters asking for gifts that will finance three years of training for one or more Moore County high school graduates.

Any girl who will graduate

from a high school in Moore County this year can make application for a scholarship. The winner—or more than one if there are sufficient funds—will be chosen by a board of doctors, nurses, educators and hospital authorities.

Bert L. Premo of Southern

Pines is the 1956 drive chairman and Jere N. McKeithen of Aberdeen is the current president of the SVA.

The scholarship winner may choose any accredited North Carolina nursing school, but promises to return to Moore County to practice her profession, after

graduation. Winners are chosen on the basis of aptitude, previous record, spirit of service and financial need.

Five In Training

Five Moore County girls who have won scholarships in previous years are now in training in North Carolina hospitals. They

are: Marie Wicker of Aberdeen, who will graduate in 1957 at Watt's Hospital, Durham; Mary Cameron Stewart of Robbins, who will graduate this year at Mercy Hospital, Charlotte; Velma Richardson of Eagle Springs, who will graduate this year at High

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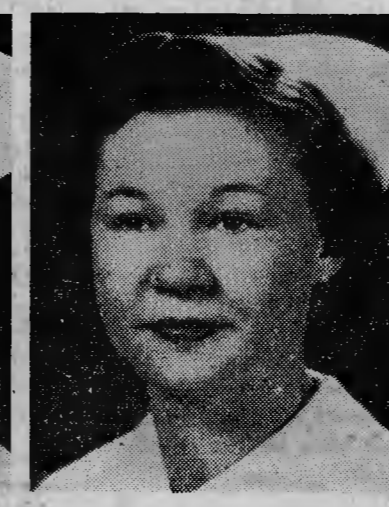
MARIE WICKER



MARY C. STEWART



VELMA RICHARDSON



GENEVA BLACK



MARTHA BROOKS

Processing Plant For Peach Growers Possibility In '57

Crop Insurance Also Discussed At Pinehurst Meet

Crop insurance and the establishment of a plant for processing peaches and vegetables are strong possibilities during 1957 for Sandhill peach growers, delegates to the North Carolina Mutual Peach Growers Society were told at their annual meeting in Pinehurst this week.

W. C. Capel of Candor, president of the society, told delegates meeting at the Carolina Hotel that state and federal officials have recognized the longtime need for such facilities and are offering encouragement and assistance in their establishment.

L. Y. "Stag" Ballentine, North Carolina Commissioner of Agriculture, spoke briefly to the delegates at a Monday luncheon. He said the state was vitally interested in the peach grower and was prepared to offer assistance in the establishment of any facilities that would help the farmer make a better living out of his operation.

Julian T. Mann, state director of the Federal Crop Insurance Corporation, said there was a strong possibility that crop insurance for peach growers will be available in 1957 "on an experimental basis." The insurance is a protection against hail and freeze

M. J. Dorsey of Urbana, Ill., secretary of the National Peach Council, spoke to the delegates on the overall picture of the peach industry. "The Sandhill area is a closely knit and rather unique peach section," he said. "In the national picture it has always represented a very important section because of the ex-

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Southern Pines To Meet Aberdeen In Cage Games Friday

The Southern Pines Blue Knights, riding high on a 12-2 won-lost record for the season, will face Aberdeen's Red Devils in their second meeting of the season Friday night on the home court.

The Knights lost the previous meeting 72-58, but appear to be greatly improved. Coach W. A. Leonard's charges are all, with the exception of center Roger Verhoeff, shorter than the Aberdeen five and that factor may prove to be more than the Knights can overcome.

Coach Hugh Bowman of Aberdeen will pit his high scoring center (he scored 22 points in the Southern Pines game) against Verhoeff.

The Southern Pines girls' team, with a season record of seven wins and 6 defeats, will meet the Aberdeen sextet at 7:30. It is expected that the boys' game will get underway about 9 p.m.

Here are complete scoring statistics for both the Southern Pines

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Voters Okay 3 Of 4 Bond Proposals For Total Of \$400,000



THE REV. MARTIN CALDWELL
Emmanuel Church Has New Rector; To Arrive April

The Rev. Martin Caldwell will become rector of Emmanuel Episcopal Church April 1, it was announced this week by the church's vestry. He will conduct his first service here on that day, Easter Sunday.

The Rev. Mr. Caldwell will come to Southern Pines from Rye, N. Y., where he is associate rector of Christ Episcopal Church. A native of Spartanburg, S. C., and a graduate of Davidson College in North Carolina, he has served at Kannapolis in this state before going to Rye.

He received his theological education, including graduate studies, at Duke University, Durham, and Columbia University and the General and Union Theological Seminaries, in New York City.

Emmanuel Church has been without a rector since the resignation, effective last September 15, of the Rev. Charles V. Covell who went from Southern Pines to Christ Church Parish, Middlesex County, Va.

After conducting Easter services at Emmanuel Church, Mr. Caldwell will return to Rye to be married on the following Saturday.

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Swimming Pool Project Nixed; 722 Cast Votes

With 722 of 1,650 registered voters going to the polls Tuesday, citizens of Southern Pines authorized the town council to issue bonds totalling \$400,000.

Approval was given to three of the four propositions on which separate voting was permitted—\$150,000 for water system improvements, \$150,000 for sewerage system improvements, and \$100,000 for new municipal building.

Disapproved was a \$50,000 bond proposal for a West Southern Pines swimming pool.

Here's how the voting ran:

	Voters	For	Against
Water	671	421	250
Sewer	665	415	250
Building	658	342	316
Pool	696	305	391

While less than half of the registered voters cast ballots, the turnout was considered good for a bond election in which voting is usually comparatively light.

Expenditure of the \$400,000 will be programmed by the council. Bonds will be issued as the funds are needed, with water and sewer bond issues running over the next two or three years.

The \$400,000 was the largest amount ever approved in a local bond election.

City Manager Tom E. Cunningham said that he would begin to lay out immediately a program of work on the water and sewer systems, for approval by the council during the next 60 days.

Work on the sewage treatment plant, running to about \$50,000, will probably be the first project undertaken under the sewerage bonds.

In work on the water system, those areas with greatest emergency needs in regard to fire protection will probably get first attention. Among these areas are certain portions of Weymouth Heights, Midland Road and West Southern Pines.

With the town office-fire station-jail building bonds approved, the council's first two

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Judge Armstrong Alters Judgment In Bliss Case, Allows Voluntary Non-Suit

A change of decision after dismissal of a case, last week in Carthage, resulted in an erroneous report of the verdict in the suit of Mrs. Janet Bliss vs. Moore County Hospital and Drs. C. A. Monroe and H. A. Peck, as carried on the front page of last week's issue of The Pilot.

This was the case in which Mrs. Janet Bliss of Southern Pines sought \$25,000 in damages for alleged injuries sustained from a painful X-ray burn which she

claimed to have suffered at the hospital previous to an operation on August 25, 1953.

The case came to trial last Wednesday, (January 25). On Thursday, Judge Frank M. Armstrong, presiding judge, closed the session with a judgment of non-suit, dismissing the jury and adjourning the court at about 2:30 p. m. Subsequently, following consultation with attorneys in the case, the judge changed his decision and allowed the plaintiff a voluntary non-suit.

Because of this change in judgment, made after the case had been dismissed, the error occurred in The Pilot report.

(Ed. Note: For the benefit of the layman unaccustomed to legal terminology, it should be explained that a judgment of non-suit indicates that the judge does not find evidence as presented by the plaintiff against the defendant sufficient to warrant continuation of the trial. An appeal from such finding would have to be sought from the Supreme Court. A judgment of voluntary non-suit, on the other hand, such as was handed down last week in the changed decision, is entirely different. In this case, the plaintiff is allowed by the judge to take a non-suit voluntarily. This enables the plaintiff to regroup his forces, if he desires, and start over again without recourse to the Supreme Court. At any second trial, evidence subsequently discovered may be introduced.)

Another error made in last week's report in a story, considerably condensed over the telephone to make a publication

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