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National Guard To Stage Muster Day Event February 25

Public Invited To Inspect Equipment Of Local Tank Unit

Plans for the all-day National Guard "Muster Day," February 25, were completed and work begun on the project at the regular Monday night drill this week.

Captain William J. Wilson of Southern Pines outlined the plans and purpose of the exercise. "It is our job," said Wilson, "to present the public with a true picture of the activities of our company, and to create an interest in the unit to promote recruiting. It is not an accident that the drill is scheduled during the week of Washington's birthday. Washington was one of the first and foremost exponents of the militia system. Our object for this drill is to remind the citizens of the community that the National Guard is carrying on the traditions of the early Minutemen."

The program for the Saturday drill begins at 8 a. m., with assembly and roll call, followed by two hours of training and preparation for the scheduled open house and demonstrations. The public is invited to visit the armory at any time between 8 a. m. and 5 p. m. to observe the training, and to inspect the armory and equipment used by the local tankers. Visitors are also invited to ride in the big tank.

The demonstrations, scheduled for 2 and 3:30 p. m. in the afternoon, will show how a tank operates in action, and will include radio communications, tank tactics, and firing exercises, using blank ammunition for the big 90 mm gun and the .30 caliber machine guns.

Other plans include static displays of equipment, training films showing armored warfare techniques, and an information center where visitors can learn about the local unit and the National Guard.

Captain Wilson said, "There is one special group of people that we particularly want to see in action. The program is for anyone that wants to visit us, but we would like to see and talk to the young men of the county who are approaching military age, and their parents, to show them how we can help them find the answer to their military service requirements."

Mrs. Banigan Is Up For Parole

Notice of impending parole of Mrs. Julie Banigan, who was sentenced in October, 1954, to three to five years for embezzlement in connection with Southern Pines real estate transactions, is posted at the courthouse in Carthage. Any one opposed to her parole has an opportunity to object not later than Saturday.

It is understood that detainees have been filed against Mrs. Banigan from West Virginia, Dallas, Texas, and Denver, Colo., covering various alleged offenses at those places, and that she may be paroled to the custody of officers in the first location to have filed a detainee against her.

PTA Group Slates Panel Discussion

Much interest has been shown in a panel discussion on school extra-curricular activities which will be conducted at the regular meeting of the Southern Pines Parent-Teachers Association tonight (Thursday) in Weaver Auditorium at 8 o'clock.

The Rev. C. K. Ligon, pastor of Brownson Memorial Presbyterian Church, will serve as moderator. The panel will include two high school students, Jacque Davenport and Bobby Cline, and Mrs. Leon Seymour, Mrs. John D. McConnell, W. A. Leonard of the school faculty, and Dr. Charles Phillips of Southern Pines.



TWISTED WRECKAGE of a Tri-pacer plane that claimed one life in a crash near here Saturday night is inspected by officials and onlookers. Officials said the accident, which was the first one in the local airport's operation in which a fatality resulted, was said to have been caused by the pilot's inability to see through a fog bank. (Photo by Valerie Nicholson)

PILOT KILLED

Fatal Crash Of Airplane Laid To Fog

J. T. Allen, 35, of the White Hill section near Cameron, was killed instantly about 8 p. m. Saturday night when the Tri-pacer airplane he was flying crashed into pine woods about one-half mile short of the runway at the Southern Pines-Pinehurst airport.

Another occupant of the plane, Karl Hash, 30, of Southern Pines, was seriously injured.

He is at present a patient at St. Joseph's Hospital where his attending physician, Dr. R. J. Dougherty, described his condition as good.

It was the first fatal accident involving a civilian at the local airport since the field was started more than 30 years ago. (During the war, when the government took over operation of the field, two Army men were killed when their plane crashed just after take-off on a training flight.)

According to the CAA investigation of the accident, fog was the contributing factor. W. R. Elder of Raleigh, CAA inspector, was told by Hash that the plane was coming in on schedule after an uneventful trip from Charleston. "We could see the airport and the runway lights," Hash said, "and we started circling the field to land. As we put on our landing lights we ran into some fog and couldn't see a thing."

Hash said that Allen continued his landing patterns to come in as planned, evidently expecting the fog to lift momentarily, "but we

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Construction Here Exceeds \$250,000 So Far In '56, Over \$500,000 In 1955

Richards Building 10 New Homes; May Construct 10 More

Construction in Southern Pines—which last year topped half a million dollars in building permit valuations—is off to a strong start in 1956 with structures valued at nearly a quarter of a mil-

lion dollars being built.

Work on the two biggest projects of the new year is just getting started: 10 houses to be built by E. N. Richards of Raleigh, developer of the Knollwood Apartments and other dwellings in the area; and the Southern Pines Methodist Church, with a \$75,000 permit, north of Midland Road not far beyond where the double road leaves N. W. Broad St. Permits for the Richards houses run around \$120,000.

William J. Wilson, town building and safety engineer, said today that total of 1956 building permits runs to \$244,100. Of this only \$800, for a small building on the Little Motor Co. property, is for business construction.

Among the larger items this year, in addition to the Richards houses and the church, are a \$25,000 permit issued to Warren Bell for a residence in Knollwood; \$12,300 to Frank Cosgrove for alterations of garage building into dwelling units at the Mid Pines Club; and \$11,000 for a residence being built for Elmer E. Davis in Knollwood.

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CLOSED FEBRUARY 22

Windows at the Southern Pines post office will be closed all day Wednesday, February 22, in observance of the Washington's Birthday holiday. Postmaster Garland Pierce said today. There will be no city delivery, but mail will be placed in post office boxes and outgoing mail will be dispatched as usual.

Pledge Cards In College Campaign Are Returned

Pledge cards from the 1,586 persons who made pledges to the endowment fund in the recent effort to have the proposed Presbyterian College located in Southern Pines are being returned by mail to those who signed them.

Each returned pledge card is accompanied by a communication from the Executive Committee, of which A. L. Burney was chairman, and the Endowment Committee, of which Dr. R. M. McMillan was chairman, as follows:

"We are sure that you share our regret that Southern Pines is no longer being considered as a possible site for the college. Your cards, signifying your most generous pledge, is being returned to you with the heartfelt thanks of all of us."

"We feel that the efforts to bring the college to Southern

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Prison Hospital At McCain Rated Tops For Nation

Notables Speak At Dedication Ceremony; Physicians Praised

In the new prison hospital at McCain, opened to the public at a dedicatory ceremony yesterday, North Carolina becomes the possessor of the first modern prison-hospital for the treatment of tuberculosis in the nation.

Dedication of the new building, which took place in the auditorium atop the main hospital, drew a galaxy of the state's Big Brass, present to take part in the ceremonies.

Also present were many from Moore and Hoke counties, as well as points farther afield, filling the large assembly-hall and remaining to tour the newly opened building after the exercises.

From Governor Luther Hodges, who in a gracious address, accepted the new building for North Carolina, down to the young blue-eyed nurse who showed the guests around, the affair epitomized the best in cooperation and good will.

Opening with an invocation by the Sanatorium chaplain, the Rev. Eugene J. Bauer, the exercises included brief addresses by A. H. Graham, chairman of the State Highway and Public Works Commission, William F. Bailey, director of prisons, and Dr. Henry Stuart Willis, former superintendent at McCain and now director of all tuberculosis sanatoria in the state.

Dr. William H. Peck, medical director and superintendent of the present sanatorium, introduced members of the highway commission and board of the sanatorium and other distinguished guests on

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Younts Named By Mayor As Safety Coordinator Here

Jack S. Younts, president of radio station WEEB, has been named to head a Community Traffic Safety Campaign for 1956 in Southern Pines.

In making the appointment, Mayor Voit Gilmore said it was a part of a plan for active participation this year of every county in the state to assist with the growing problem of accidents and fatalities on the state's highways.

The campaign is being sponsored by the Department of Motor Vehicles.

In asking Southern Pines to participate in the program, Motor Vehicles Commissioner Edward Scheidt said the formation of a Community Traffic Safety Program will be "of immeasurable value in the State Highway Patrol's efforts to promote highway safety."

Mr. Younts has been a member of the Governor's Traffic Safety Council for some time.

Public Meeting Will Be Held Tuesday To Discuss Center Site

Council Takes First Steps In Bond Program

STEEPLECHASE

Entry blanks for the ninth annual Stoneybrook Hunt Race Meet will soon be sent out to owners and trainers throughout the country.

The Stoneybrook Races will be held over Stoneybrook Course near Southern Pines Saturday, March 17, beginning at 2 p. m.

Entries close Saturday, March 3.

Eight races are scheduled this year. A total of \$2,250 in purses will be awarded, in addition to the handsome trophies.

Moore Basketball Tourney To Open Friday, Carthage

The annual Moore County Basketball Tournament gets underway Friday at 6:30 p. m. at the Carthage High School gym with Robbins' girls and Aberdeen's boys defending their 1955 Moore County titles.

They are seeded first in their respective divisions as the Robbins sextet finished the season with 16 wins and one loss and the Aberdeen five went undefeated in Moore County competition.

Stiff competition for the Robbins six promised to come from Aberdeen's Devilettes who handed them their only loss during the season.

Southern Pines is seeded second in the boys pairings; they dropped only two games during the season. Both of these losses were to Aberdeen and were fairly close.

Schedule for the tournament is as follows:
Friday, February 17—6:30 p. m.—Highfalls vs. Pinehurst girls; 7:30—Cameron vs. West End boys; 8:30—Farm Life vs. West End girls.

Saturday, February 18—6:30 p. m.—Farm Life vs. Robbins boys; 7:30—Southern Pines vs. Westmoore girls; 8:30—Carthage vs. Highfalls boys.

Monday, February 20—6:30 p. m.—Cameron vs. Vass girls; 7:30 (Continued on Page 8)

Drs. Johnson, Warlick Head Local Campaign

Dr. W. H. Johnson and Dr. Bruce Warlick have been named co-chairmen for next month's Red Cross membership campaign in Southern Pines, it was announced today.

Working with them will be Joe Scott, organizing suburban areas and Bob Strouse, business solicitation. Residential district chairmen will be announced.

Meeting Tuesday night in regular monthly session, the town council certified results of the recent election that authorized issuance of bonds in the amount of \$400,000 and took preliminary steps in issuing a portion of the bonds and planning expenditures for water system (\$150,000), sewer system (\$150,000) and for a new municipal building to contain town offices, fire station and police station (\$100,000).

One of the first actions of the council in connection with the bond money program was to call a public meeting for Tuesday of next week at 3 p. m. to consider possible sites for the municipal center.

Purpose of the gathering will be to "let everybody have his say" about the site of the center and anything else about it that may be of public interest.

"Contrary to the impression that some people seem to have," said Mayor Voit Gilmore, "this council does not tonight know where the municipal building will be placed. We are interested in hearing from the citizens about this matter."

City Manager Tom E. Cunningham suggested that the council meet soon to decide exactly how much of the proposed bond money should be issued. It will take about 30 days to get the money, the manager said.

First work to be done in the sewer department would be a \$50,000 project at the disposal plant, according to the manager's recommendation. There is some water system work of an emergency nature that will be scheduled first, he said. Probably not more than half the water and sewer bonds would be issued in this calendar year, he said. Bonds will be issued as needed for work to be done, but a first issue of perhaps \$250,000 was mentioned as more likely to get a good interest rate than a smaller issue.

Parking Discussion
A request to the council that seemed simple enough developed complications as discussion of it progressed—with result that no action was taken and a report will be sought from the police department and other discussions carried on with school authorities.

The request, sent in by A. C. Dawson, superintendent of schools, was to remove parking from the north side of Massachusetts Ave., between May street and the first driveway east of the elementary school. Children leaving school dart from behind cars parked there and create a dangerous situation, Mr. Dawson had commented.

But, said one councilman, if parking is removed from the north—or school—side of the street, all children will have to cross the street to reach cars that have come to pick them up. This

Final Rush To Buy 1956 License Tags

Car owners lined up at the Chamber of Commerce office all day Wednesday in a last minute rush to buy 1956 automobile license plates.

Deadline was midnight Wednesday to display the tags. At 3 p. m. it was reported that some 7,000 state tags had been sold and about 900 car owners had purchased Southern Pines town tags.

No final accounting has been made yet, according to Miss Alice Baxter, former secretary who has been helping at the Chamber during the license sale.

Miss Baxter has been helping Mrs. S. D. Fobes, new secretary was appointed the first of the year following Miss Baxter's resignation.

Miss Baxter will join Thomas T. Hayes, Jr., and Associates, Southern Pines architects.

Top-Flight Horses To Compete In Colorful Hunter Trials Saturday



PROMISING HORSES in the annual Moore County Hounds Hunter Trials to be held here Saturday will be these two, pictured as they got a workout at the training show held Sunday at the Brewster Ring. At left, Miss Joan Walsh, of Southern



Pines, is shown on For Sure II, winner of the Green Hunter class in Sunday's show. For Sure II, an imported Irish gelding owned by Don Halsey of Red Bank, N. J., is being trained at Stoneybrook Stables. Farm is shown on Another Battle, also in the Green Hunter class. Another Battle is by Battlewick, son of Battleship, who is a past winner of the Grand National Steeplechase in England. (Photos by Emerson Humphrey)