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Citizens Divided On Choice of Site For Town's New Municipal Buildings

Locations At Park, Pennsylvania Ave. Debated At Meeting

The town council and some two dozen residents of Southern Pines conducted a lively but inconclusive discussion Tuesday afternoon on where a civic center—for which \$100,000 in bonds has just been voted by the people—might be located. Tentative plans call for a building or group of buildings to house town offices, police and fire departments and jail.

Public Invited To Guard's Open House Saturday

With plans for the local Muster Day program well under way, the local National Guard's commanding officer emphasized this week that the main purpose of the nationwide program was to "kick off" an extensive recruiting drive to last through the first six months of 1956.

Captain William J. Wilson, the commander of the Moore County tank company, will broadcast a discussion of the National Guard and the benefits of membership in the Guard Friday, February 24. The broadcast is scheduled for 1:15 p. m. over station WEEB.

In a preview of the radio talk, Captain Wilson said that he intended to outline the theme of the Muster Day exercises—George Washington's strong belief in an organized citizen army—and then cover the activities of the National Guard and go into some detail about the benefits available to young men approaching military age by enlistment in the National Guard.

All Moore County citizens are invited to attend and observe the program to be put on by the local Guardsmen Saturday, but special emphasis is being given to young men who will soon assume their military obligations under the Reserve Forces Act of 1955.

"We feel," said Wilson, "that these boys and their parents"

BARBERS RAISE HAIRCUT PRICES

Men's haircuts, which used to go with a shave for two bits, are going to cost eight bits, which is one dollar, in Southern Pines beginning March 1.

The area's barbers, who have been charging eighty five cents for the past four or five years, have announced to the public that they were getting their prices in line with those of other North and South Carolina towns.

A shave, which used to cost sixty cents, will be increased to seventy five cents under the new price list.

Towns announcing the new price increases are, in addition to Southern Pines, Raeford, West End, St. Pauls, Pinehurst, Red Springs, Maxton, and Aberdeen.

Knollwood Airport Shows Steady Growth

Though no official statistics are available, it is generally understood that the Southern Pines-Pinehurst area has the unique distinction of being the smallest place in the country at which a passenger airline has a regular service.

Recently The Pilot ran a story on the early history of Knollwood Airport, which was started in 1925 by Lloyd Yost, a World War I pilot visiting the Sandhills. Since that beginning some 30 years ago, the airport has shown considerable progress.

This is the second article dealing with the progress of the airport.

Buck McKenzie, who formerly operated an air field in Sanford, joined with his brother, Ed McKenzie in 1952 and secured the lease to operate the field when Resort Airlines, which had assumed operation after the war, decided to abandon the project. Resort Airlines, which was operated mostly by flyers who had been in the armed forces

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The council will continue its consideration of the town center site at a special meeting which has been called by Mayor Gilmore for 5 p. m. Friday.

Discussion Tuesday was confined for the most part to two proposed locations: on the park block where the town hall, a former residence built a half century or more ago, now stands; and a site recommended by town planners from the University of North Carolina—north of Pennsylvania avenue between Page and Leak Sts. and extending north two blocks to Connecticut Ave. All of this two-block (eight-acre) tract probably could not be acquired at one time, but a portion of it is available now at a reasonable cost, the gathering was informed.

Persuasive and eloquent arguments were offered by citizens for both sites—so persuasive that several of the spectators, when questioned by Mayor Voit Gilmore about their preferences, said they had had their minds pretty well made up before coming to the meeting, but after hearing all the arguments pro and con, didn't know what to think. "I'd like to think about this some more before stating an opinion," seemed to be the reaction of a good many of those present. Others were certain as to which of the two sites they would prefer. These two sites appear to be the only two now under serious consideration by the council.

Entire membership of the council was present: Mayor Gilmore, W. E. Blue, T. T. Morse, Harry Pethick and Sam Richardson, along with City Manager Tom E. Cunningham; Louis Scheipers, Jr., town clerk; William J. Wilson, town building and safety engineer; Fire Chief Harold B. Fowler; Frank Kaylor, resident fireman and fire department secretary and treasurer, and Mrs. Kaylor. Interested spectators, were three local architects: E. J. Aus-

Railroad Bridge, Road Near Here To Cost \$64,000

The State Highway Commission has received a low bid of slightly more than \$64,000 for a road project in Moore County.

The Commission will meet tomorrow (Friday) to review the low bids.

The Moore project calls for 1.22 miles of grading, paving and structures on a road that runs from US Highway 1 at Pinedene across the Seaboard Railroad, through the Southern Pines Country Club property to the Bethesda Road at Powell's Pond.

A low bid of \$28,719.20 for that part of the project was submitted by J. K. Cecil and Son of Lexington.

The low bid on the other part of the project, which will include a bridge across the Seaboard tracks, was \$37,653.40, submitted by Blythe Brothers Company of Charlotte.



THE STONEYBROOK TROPHY, awarded annually to the champion of the hunter trials of the Moore County Hounds, was won this year by Little Trip, owned by Mr. and Mrs. D. W. Winkelman of Southern Pines. The trophy is being presented to Ed Daniels by Mrs. Michael Walsh of Stoneybrook Stables. (Emerson Humphrey photo)

Little Trip Awarded Stoneybrook Trophy At Annual Hunter Trials

Lake Lawn Horse Also Wins Cardy Cup Third Time

Little Trip, eight-year-old chestnut gelding owned by D. W. Winkelman of Lake Lawn Farms, won the Stoneybrook Trophy Saturday afternoon for the second consecutive year and was judged champion of the 24th annual hunter trials of the Moore County Hounds.

In addition to the Stoneybrook Trophy Little Trip also won the thoroughbred hunters class for the third time and retired the Cardy Cup. Little Trip was ridden by Ed Daniels.

A large crowd, apparently enjoying the season's first spring-like day, turned out for the colorful trials which were held at Scotts Corners.

Reno, a chestnut mare owned by Miss Eleonora Sears of Hamilton, Mass., was named reserve champion for placing first in the non-thoroughbred hunters class and third in the open hunters class. Reno, formerly owned by Stoneybrook Farms, was ridden by Miss Joan Walsh.

An unprogrammed event, received with delight by the spectators, was a "follow-the-leader" running of the course by the half-dozen top horses, led by W. O. Moss MPH Moore County Hounds, while the judges were making their calculations.

A new entry in hunt teams, the Yackin Road, Team, also drew a great deal of applause as the three horses of identical silver-grey color cleared the final fence breast-to-breast in the same split

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C. of C. To Move Offices To Graves Building March 1

The Southern Pines Chamber of Commerce will move to new quarters in the Graves Building on Pennsylvania Avenue March 1, it was announced today by Mark J. King, Jr., president.

In making the announcement Mr. King said the move had been contemplated for some time because of the Chamber's greatly increased activities during the past few years. "The new space, which will consist of two rooms, fully air conditioned, will provide the additional room we have been in need of for the bi-monthly meetings we have, and a larger office for meeting the public."

In preparation for the move, the new offices have been painted and completely redecorated. The new space will also provide the necessary security for license plate storage.

The Chamber, which is now located in quarters at the Southland Hotel, will be closed all day Wednesday, February 29, and will be open for business Thursday morning, March 1.

The new address will be 115 E. Pennsylvania Avenue. Mrs. S. D. Fobes is office secretary. She succeeded Miss Alice Baxter, who has recently assumed a new position as an artist in the Training Aids Department of the Air Ground School.

The move to the new office was under the direction of James Harshorne, chairman of the Office Operations Committee.

Textron Officials Convene Here For First Anniversary

Growth, Progress In Year Since Merger Noted At Gathering

Officers and directors of Textron-American, Inc., and its subsidiary firms gathered at the Mid Pines Club here today to mark the first anniversary of the corporation since it was formed by merger of Textron, Inc., the American Woolen Company and Robbins Mills.

It was called "a year of progress and growth and broadening of facilities" as dozens of executives from the diversified Textron operations arrived here.

There was a board of directors' meeting. It was the first time that heads of an educational institution had met with each other and the board. Royal Little, board chairman, and R. L. Huffines, of Pinehurst, president of Textron and Amerotron Corporation—Textron's textile division that has four plants in central North Carolina—headed the list of executives attending.

The group visited Amerotron mills at Aberdeen, Robbins, Rae-

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Chamber Reveals School's Interest In Locating Here

Southern Pines Chamber of Commerce has been approached by officials of an educational institution concerning the possibilities of moving to this area, it was disclosed at a meeting of the Chamber's Board of Directors Tuesday night.

Mark J. King, Jr., president of the Chamber of Commerce, said no formal negotiations were carried on, adding that the approach was made by officials of the school just a few days ago. "I believe," Mr. King said, "that members of the Chamber should have more definite facts concerning this contemplated move before we will be prepared to reveal the name of the school."

"At this time all I can say is that a school has contacted us."

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HEART FUND

Saturday will be tag day in Southern Pines for the Moore County drive of the American Heart Association. It is announced by Mrs. Nolley Jackson, county chairman.

Appeal letters in the annual Heart Fund drive for money to conduct research in heart diseases have gone out over the county.

Mrs. Jackson urges that all contributions be sent in promptly to Mrs. Garland McPherson, treasurer, Southern Pines. This year's campaign is the most extensive ever conducted in Moore County for the Heart Fund.

JOHN P. MARQUAND IN SANDHILLS

Writing, Golf Keeping Novelist Busy

Writing three or four hours a day, playing golf almost daily (when he writes is determined by how the weather looks for golf, and not vice versa), and informally receiving and visiting friends and acquaintances—all this adds up to a pretty good life "for someone getting on in years," says best-selling novelist John P. Marquand.

The man who took thousands of readers to Pinehurst—when Willis Wayde, the central figure of his most recent major novel, "Sincerely, Willis Wayde," visited the Carolina Hotel for a business convention—likes living in the Sandhills.

"I don't like northern winters," this native New Englander states flatly and, with almost as much emphasis, asserts that he prefers October weather to the palm trees of Florida. And there's more October weather during the winter season at Pinehurst than any place else he has found to live.

Speaking in a manner to delight local boosters, as well as the N. C. Department of Conservation and Development, Mr. Mar-

Fate Of USAF School Discussed In Capital

Deane Confers Today With Top Officials



HEADS ROTARY — A. C. Dawson, superintendent of Southern Pines schools, was elected president of the Southern Pines Rotary Club when members met for luncheon at the Country Club Friday. Other new officers elected are: J. B. Perkinson, retiring president who becomes vice-president according to club custom; James Harshorne, secretary; E. W. Small, treasurer; and four new directors; Lt. Col. Paul Kinnison, E. Earl Hubbard, Joseph I. Scott and Carl Holt.

Alan T. Preyer Starts Guidance Work At School

Alan T. Preyer of Bethesda Rd., retired business executive who for many years has been interested in vocational guidance and aptitude testing, this week began a series of conferences with Southern Pines High School seniors in special new guidance rooms at the school.

Cooperating with the program are the school and the Sandhills Kiwanis Club which stages an annual vocational guidance day for juniors and seniors of all Moore County high schools.

Mr. Preyer will interview two seniors twice a week, discussing vocational interests with them and referring them to local professional persons in fields in which they are interested.

Used for the conferences are two small rooms in the Phase A high school unit, formerly used for the principal's offices but designed for guidance work. The school is building up a library of vocational information there—available to all students. The conferences with Mr. Preyer are conducted privately in one of the rooms.

Plans for the program were announced last year but its start was delayed by lack of space at the school—unavailable until the Phase B portion of the high school was put into service recently.

Congressman C. B. Deane is conferring in Washington today with top Defense Department officials about Monday's Air Force announcement, that the USAF Air-Ground Operations School, now at Highland Pines Inn under a one-year lease that runs to June 30, would move this summer to Keesler AFB, Miss.

W. Lamont Brown, who last year headed a committee that worked with Congressman Deane in a successful effort to keep the school in Southern Pines, said he had talked with Congressman Deane Tuesday and that Mr. Deane was planning to explain to Defense Department officials the real advantages to the Air Force, as well as to the community, of keeping the school here.

Mr. Brown reported his conversation with the Congressman to the town council at its special meeting Tuesday afternoon.

The announcement that the move was definite came to local news media Monday through the Air-Ground School which quoted Air Force headquarters in Washington.

BULLETIN
This afternoon Mr. Brown learned by telephone from Congressman Deane that he had a one and one-half hour conference today with the three men who can and will make the decision about the Air-Ground School's location. The Congressman was quoted as saying that these men have agreed to revise and reassess the entire situation in the light of the discussions held today.

STEVENSON GROUP TO BE ORGANIZED

A meeting to organize a Sandhills Stevenson for President group will be held at the American Legion building on Main St. in Aberdeen at 7:30 p. m. Friday, it was announced today.

All Stevenson supporters and interested persons are invited to attend. "It's a public meeting," the announcement said, "and everyone is welcome."

Terry Sanford, Fayetteville attorney and former state president of Young Democrats, is expected at the meeting.

TOURNEY FINALS SLATED SATURDAY

The Moore County basketball tournament, with few upsets registered to date, will continue tonight (Thursday) with semifinals at the Carthage High gym.

Games tonight include Aberdeen and Robbins boys, Southern Pines and Pinehurst boys, and Aberdeen and Carthage girls.

Finals are scheduled for Saturday night, beginning at 7:30 p. m.

FRIDAY
Girls—Highfalls 65, Pinehurst 56. West End 43, Farm Life 35.
Boys—West End 49, Cameron 44.

SATURDAY
Girls—Southern Pines 54, Westmoore 27.
Boys—Robbins 69, Farm Life 50. Carthage 45, Highfalls 38.

MONDAY
Girls—West End 53, Highfalls 46. Cameron 54, Vass-Lakeview 53.
Boys—Vass-Lakeview def. Westmoore.

TUESDAY
Girls—Aberdeen 79, Southern Pines 53.
Boys—Southern Pines 69, West End 31. Robbins 64, Carthage 50.

WEDNESDAY
Girls—Robbins 73, West End 65. Carthage 79, Cameron 42.
Boys—Pinehurst 58, Vass-Lakeview 36.

MR. MARQUAND

quand said that when he first saw North Carolina in 1918, as an Army trainee sent to Camp Greene at Charlotte, the Tar Heel state seemed to him "a dying civilization." Beyond a few cotton mills, "there was just nothing,"

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