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PRICE TEN CENTS



OFFICERS of new Moore County Stevenson-for-President Club: seated in front of Stevenson poster, H. Clifton Blue, president, and Mrs. Anne Marks, vice-president, both of Aberdeen; standing, from left, Jack Smith, Aberdeen, treasurer; Charles MacLeod, Carthage, vice-president; and J. Hubert McCaskill, Pinehurst, secretary. Light reflections from the uneven surface of the poster cause distortions of the face in this picture. (Photo by V. Nicholson)

Democrats Forming Stevenson Club Are Greeted By Telegram From Candidate

Possible Visit Here In April Revealed; Success Predicted

A telegram from Adlai E. Stevenson, contender for the Democratic nomination for President, brought greetings last Friday night to between 75 and 100 Democrats of the county who gathered in the American Legion hall at Aberdeen to form the state's second Stevenson-for-President Club. The group elected officers and executive committee members, heard Stevenson hailed as "the best qualified candidate for President in our lifetime," by Terry Sanford of Fayetteville and pledged

ed their efforts to put Moore County—which went for Eisenhower in 1952—in the Democratic column in this year's Presidential election.

Read by District Solicitor M. G. Boyette of Carthage, the Stevenson telegram said:

"Please extend my greetings to my good friends of the Sandhills country who are honoring me by forming a Stevenson-for-President club. I would like to be in North Carolina enjoying some hunting, golf and good fellowship, but since that is impossible the next best thing is to know that my friends are meeting and working in my behalf. I am grateful for your help. Cordially yours, Adlai E. Stevenson."

Dr. E. M. Medlin, mayor of Aberdeen, welcomed the group and introduced H. Clifton Blue, Moore representative in the N. C. General Assembly, later elected president of the new club, who said that even in defeat, Stevenson has grown in stature and called him one of the outstanding statesmen in the world today. Mr. Blue introduced Mr. Sanford, a Fayetteville attorney who has served as State senator, State President of Young Democrats and who managed Kerr Scott's successful campaign for U. S. Senator.

Pointing out that grass roots meetings can and do influence delegates to national conventions, Mr. Sanford predicted that Stevenson would get the nomination no later than the second ballot.

"We must get away from basing our campaign on an attack on Eisenhower and the Republican administration," he said. "We must take a positive approach and tell the people why the country needs Stevenson, who is probably the best qualified candidate for President in our lifetime."

"Many people during the last campaign failed to see the background and training Stevenson has, particularly in foreign affairs. Stevenson is the intellectual and moral heir to Woodrow Wilson." (Continued on Page 5)

Public Invited To AA Gathering

Alcoholics Anonymous, the nationally known organization whose local chapter has been active since 1946, will hold an open meeting at 8:30 p.m. Friday in the basement of the Belvedere Hotel, the group's regular meeting place.

While most AA meetings are for members only, it is the custom now and then to hold "open meetings" at which the public can hear special speakers on the problems and achievements of alcoholics.

Since 1946, the local group, a member said this week, "has been the means of sobriety and a new way of life for many alcoholics." The local group meets each Monday and Friday evening and "will go anywhere, any time upon an honest call for help."

Red Cross Drive Chairmen Named For Moore County

Local chairmen for 25 communities in Moore County have been appointed to head up the annual Red Cross fund raising campaign in their respective communities, it was announced today by J. D. Ives of Pinebluff, county chairman.

Chairmen for two other communities will be announced later.

Those named are Aberdeen, Lt. Col. Roy Bender; Addor, Mrs. Henry Addor; Bensalem-Big Oak, Mrs. J. A. Kelley; Cameron, to be announced later; Carthage, Mrs. Bethel Short; Clay Road Farms, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Matthews; Eagle Springs-Jackson Springs, J. A. Tuckerman; Eastwood, Rev. Thomas Young.

Eureka, A. T. Perry; Glendon-The Horseshoe, Miss Alma Edwards; Parkwood - Hallison-Putnam, O. T. Parks, Sr.; Highfalls, J. C. Phillips; Hillcrest, Miss Grace Tillman; Jackson Hamlet, Rev. Z. D. McRae; Lakeview, Mrs. Ben Gullede; Pleasant Hill, Mrs. Catherine Howard; Pinebluff, Mrs. Wade Tyner.

Pinehurst, James Harrington, (Continued on Page 5)



RUNNERS-UP in the annual Moore basketball tourney, four members of the Southern Pines Blue Knights are shown just after being presented the runner-up trophy by J. F. Sinclair, principal of West End School and girls' coach. The Blue Knights defeated West End and Pinehurst in earlier rounds to advance to the championship meeting Saturday night with Aberdeen, which they lost, 72-60. Left to right, Johnny Watkins, Bobby Cline, Julian Pleasant, James Humphrey, Coach W. A. Leonard, and Mr. Sinclair. Roger Verhoeff, regular center, was not present for the picture. See story on page 14. (Emerson Humphrey Photo)

Three Local Players On All-County

Two members of the Southern Pines boys basketball team, runners-up in the county tournament, and one from the girls' team were named to all-county team at the conclusion of the tournament played in Carthage last week.

Johnny Watkins, named for the second year, and Roger Verhoeff were named to the boys squad. Patti Hobbs landed a berth on the girls team.

The Westmoore girls, eliminated by Southern Pines in the first

School Move Here In 'Exploratory' Stage, King Says

Pineland-EMI Head Confers With Group. Inspects the Town

Talks that Mark J. King, Jr., president of the Chamber of Commerce called "only exploratory" took place here this week between a Chamber of Commerce committee and W. J. Blanchard, president of Pineland College-Edwards Military Institute at Salemburg in Sampson County, concerning the institution's query about a move to Southern Pines.

With Mr. King as ex-officio member, the Chamber of Commerce committee is headed by John Ostrom. Its other members are Thomas C. Darst, Jr., George H. Leonard, Jr., and E. Earl Hubbard. All but Mr. Darst were present for the luncheon session with Mr. Blanchard and his wife on Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Blanchard toured the town later in the day and were to report their findings, after the conference and inspection of the community, to the institution's board of trustees this week.

The combined Pineland College- (Continued on Page 5)

County Taxes To Be Talked Tuesday At Public Meeting

"County government with special reference to taxation" will be the subject of an open meeting sponsored by the Southern Pines League of Women Voters, to be held at the Civic Club Tuesday at 8 p. m.

Gordon M. Cameron, chairman of the board of county commissioners, and Mrs. Estelle Wicker, county accountant and tax supervisor, will be present to explain the county's fiscal operations, using charts specially prepared for the purpose. Other members of the board of commissioners may also attend.

Mrs. Harold Walters of Chapel Hill, state president of the League of Women Voters, will be a guest at the meeting. The public is invited. There will be no admission charge.

The meeting will be thrown open to questions about county government and county taxes, said Mrs. C. A. Smith, president of the local League, who will preside.

Cost Of N. Y. Ave.-Bennett Street Center Site Checked By Council

3rd Location For Town Hall Is Considered



FLYING VISIT—Bernard M. Baruch (center), famous financier, government advisor and friend of U. S. Presidents and other high officials, is greeted at the Pinehurst-Southern Pines Airport by Gen. and Mrs. George C. Marshall. Mr. Baruch flew in Sunday on his private airplane from his winter home in South Carolina for a short visit with the former chief of staff and Secretary of State at his Pinehurst residence, Liscombe Lodge. (John G. Hemmer Photo)

USAFAGOS Move Undecided

The question of whether or not the USAF Air Ground Operations School will move from Southern Pines to Keesler AFB, Miss., this summer had not been answered as The Pilot went to press today.

W. Lamont Brown, chairman of a citizen's committee attempting to keep the school in Southern Pines, said the latest development was a conference Congressman C. B. Deane had with officials in Washington who will be responsible for the final decision as to whether the school will remain here or not. Congressman Deane told Mr. Brown that the men had agreed to

revise and reassess the entire situation.

The Air Force has announced that a definite move would be made this summer to Keesler AFB.

The present lease the Air Force holds on the Highland Pines Inn runs to June 30.

Gov. Luther H. Hodges and W. P. Saunders of Southern Pines, director of the N. C. Department of Conservation and Development—who were in Washington Tuesday on other business—had a conference with Air Force officials, urging them to keep the school in Southern Pines.

New Project Will Link Highway 1, Fort Bragg Road

The State Highway Commission has accepted bids totaling \$64,372 for grading, paving and building structures on a road to run from U. S. Highway 1 to the Bethesda Road near Powell's Pond.

The Commission met in Raleigh last Friday and after reviewing bids for projects all over the state, awarded the contracts for the Moore project to two companies.

According to T. G. Poindexter, Eighth Division highway engineer, the new project will be a tremendous improvement over the old road.

The biggest improvement will be the elimination of the present road from the Southern Pines Country Club property. A new railroad bridge, which will be erected over the Seaboard tracks and will cost approximately \$37,000, will eliminate a dangerous grade crossing.

Mr. Poindexter said that in all probability the new project would keep convoys from Fort (Continued on Page 5)

Non-Suits Directed In 47 Cases At Special Civil Term

Some 47 civil cases, many of them 10 or more years older, were wiped off the docket at a special session of civil court held in Carthage Monday.

Carlton Kennedy, clerk of Moore County Superior Court, said the docket was "in the best shape I've ever seen it. We are now up to date to 1953."

In addition to non-suiting the 47 cases, special judge W. A. Leeland McKeithen also directed that 20 other civil cases be heard at another special session scheduled for May 28.

The civil docket has been building up since 1939. Many of the cases had been continued because one or more of the principals had died or moved away. In some instances the lawyer might have died, or maybe a witness had died or moved away.

The first case that was called at the special session was originally filed in 1939. Others had been filed in the early 40's.

The special term May 28 will have a jury.

Heart Drive Nets \$214 On Saturday

A total of \$214.80 was contributed to the Moore County drive of the American Heart Association during "Tag Day" last Saturday, according to Mrs. Garland McPherson of Southern Pines.

The figure was considerably more than was received at a similar event last year.

Mrs. McPherson reports that the drive has netted \$1,265 to date. The drive will be carried on through March.

STAMP SALES RISE

Stamp sales at the Southern Pines post office in January and February totaled \$12,280.75, a net gain of 13.7 per cent over the corresponding period of 1955. Postmaster Garland Pierce reported today. Stamp sales are considered a good index of business conditions.

Kennedy Civil Suit Settled Wednesday

An out-of-court settlement has been made in the civil action suit brought by Ella Marie Kennedy of Pinehurst and her father, Alex Kennedy, against George M. Ray and Floyd C. Filer, both residents of Oregon.

The suit, which was settled Wednesday afternoon following discussions by lawyers representing both parties, was originally brought as the result of injuries sustained by Miss Kennedy in an automobile accident last Easter Sunday in Southern Pines.

Neither of the defendants, represented by a Fayetteville attorney, was in court.

Mr. Kennedy said this morning that his daughter had spent almost six months in bed as a result of injuries sustained in the accident. The terms of the settlement were not disclosed.

Meeting last Friday afternoon for their second session of the week about the site of a new municipal center, members of the town council agreed not to pick the site that day and heard strong arguments for reconsidering as location for the center a tract bounded by New York Ave. and Bennett St.

All action on the site was suspended pending an investigation of what the New York Ave. and Bennett St. property could be bought for. The note on which the meeting closed was Councilman Sam Richardson's statement that it might be better to spend more to get the right site and less on buildings, even if all the facilities contemplated can't be constructed at this time.

Willing To Wait

Other members of the council appeared willing to hold up a final decision until all the facts about various sites had been presented.

The council has \$100,000 to spend on the project, as authorized by the people in a recent bond election. With this money they plan to buy a site and construct as much as possible of the following facilities: administrative offices, fire department, police department and jail.

At Tuesday's meeting last week, the council heard arguments by citizens and discussed the alleged merits and demerits of the two other sites—the park block on which the town hall is now located and a site bounded by Leak St. and Pennsylvania Ave.

Town Manager Tom E. Cunningham repeated Friday the estimate he had made Tuesday that about half the Pennsylvania Ave. block—fronting 200 feet on Pennsylvania and running the entire length of the block along Leak St. to New Hampshire Ave.—could be bought at an outside cost (Continued on Page 5)

Masonic Banquet Set For Saturday

Rev. H. D. McAllister of Cheraw will be the speaker at the 60th anniversary supper of Masonic Lodge No. 484, Southern Pines.

The banquet will be held at the Pinehurst Country Club, Saturday, March 3, beginning at 7:30 p. m.

Rev. Mr. McAllister is pastor of the First Baptist Church in Cheraw and is past Master of the Hannah Lodge of Cheraw. He holds many other positions in Mason, Shriner, and Lions International organizations. He has been in the ministry since 1937.

CAMELLIAS

Run quick!

Those who would like to see camellias at their best, and more varieties than they have probably ever seen together before, are advised to hot-foot it to the Library.

Here Harry Vale has set forth specimens of all the different kinds of these fragile and lovely flowers, fresh from his greenhouse at his farm at the end of Young's Road. The camellias are arranged, each in a tiny glass plate, on a big table spread with black, which sets off to perfection the "Perfections," pink and otherwise, and all the rest of the 32 varieties there displayed.

The collection was first shown at the Monday afternoon meeting of the Southern Pines Garden Club, finding its way, then, to the Library as the members insisted to the modest grower that they were "so beautiful the whole town must have a chance to see them."

But, as stated, the flowers won't last long under such show conditions, so... hurry up, folks, if you want to see them!

NEW QUARTERS

The Chamber of Commerce opened its new quarters this morning in the Graves Building on Pennsylvania Avenue.

The new quarters comprise a two-room suite located on the ground floor of the air-conditioned building.

The Chamber took all day Wednesday to move office equipment and records from the old quarters in the Southland Hotel.