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Council Employs City Planning Firm To Advise On Choosing Center Site

Survey Beginning; Report To Be Made Within Two Weeks

Robert M. Gladstone of James M. Webb and Associates of Chapel Hill, professional city planning firm, this week began a study to help guide the town council in its choice for a civic

center site.

The council voted to spend not more than \$300 on professional planning advice, engaging the planning firm to do the job and make a report within two weeks.

Mr. Gladstone will collect facts that will guide the council, said City Manager Tom E. Cunningham. The planning expert will pick the best general location in his opinion, and will also designate as many alternate sites as he may see fit. A written report will be made.

Mr. Gladstone is a graduate of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, with a bachelor of architecture degree, and holds a master's degree from the University of North Carolina.

In employing the planner, Mr. Cunningham said, the council stressed that they want to make the civic center decision on the basis of facts in an unbiased and technical report, unprejudiced by personal feelings.

The civic center, for which citizens here have voted a \$100,000 bond issue, is to include town hall, police and fire stations and jail or as much thereof as can be built with available funds.

Work On National Guard Armory To Be Started Soon

Clearing and grading the land for the new National Guard Armory which will be built on Morganton Road will be started as soon as possible, representatives of the unit said today.

Engineers were here this week laying out the plot plan for the new building, which will cost in the neighborhood of \$100,000.

Advertising for bids was to be published in the News and Observer, Raleigh morning newspaper this week, it was announced by local officials.

Local contractors may look at the plans at the armory here any time next week, but must write for copies if they desire to bid.

Opening of the bids has been tentatively scheduled for May 2 at the present armory building in Southern Pines.

Cup of Coffee Day For Drive Friday

Restaurants, hotels, drug stores and all establishments serving coffee to the public are donating their coffee proceeds tomorrow (Friday) to the local campaign of the Society for Crippled Children, Mrs. W. P. Davis, Southern Pines campaign chairman has announced.

Easter lily pins will be sold on the street here Saturday as another feature of the local campaign.

Assisting Mrs. Davis in planning "Cup of Coffee Day" are Irie Leonard, working with restaurants; Mrs. Graham Culbreth, with drug stores, and Harold Collins, with hotels and clubs. Miss Katherine Mackie and Senior Girl Scouts are in charge of the lily pin sale.

Mrs. Davis thanked business establishments for their cooperation. One restaurant operator planned to serve coffee from a table in front of his place of business, she said. At a hotel, guests will be given a chance to contribute to the Easter Seal sale when after-dinner coffee is served and other establishments have special plans to carry out the day's project.

Kitchin Endorses Southern Manifesto

A. Paul Kitchin, prominent Wadesboro attorney who has filed for the Congressional seat now held by C. B. Deane of Rockingham, has made a flat endorsement of the so-called "Southern Manifesto," which was signed by 96 Southern Congressmen several weeks ago.

Mr. Kitchin, in a telegram received by The Pilot Wednesday, said:

"I am absolutely and without reservation in favor of the manifesto and now that several of the newspaper friends of my opponent have made segregation an issue in this campaign by an attempt to defend my opponent's refusal to endorse the document, I pledge myself and all of my energies toward the exercising of all legal and moral steps to see that the ruling of the Supreme Court in 'The Brown Case' is reversed." Congressman Deane joined with Congressmen Harold D. Cooley and Thurman Chatham in refusing to sign the manifesto when it was circulated among the Southern members of Congress. They were the only three of North Carolina's delegation to Congress who refused to do so.

Until yesterday Kitchin had never flatly endorsed the action of the 96 other Congressmen but many political observers had speculated on the possibility of his making his Democratic primary campaign on the segregation issue.

Kitchin, who is a former Federal Bureau of Investigation lawyer and special agent, is a native of Scotland Neck. His father served



A. PAUL KITCHIN

as a State Senator and a Representative in the General Assembly, and two of his uncles were Congressmen. One of the uncles was also Governor of North Carolina from 1909 to 1913.

The candidate is a graduate of Wake Forest College and Oak Ridge Institute.

In the telegram, which was sent by Kitchin's campaign manager, John Crawford, Kitchin continued:

"I would cherish the opportunity (Continued on Page 8)



OFF TO BELMONT—Thirteen race horses and two lead ponies from the Starland Stable of Mr. and Mrs. L. P. Tate left Monday night in a special Railway Express horse car for Belmont Park, N. Y., for the 1956 racing season that will open at Jamaica, Long Island, April 2. One of the group is shown here entering the car. Mr. Tate is at left. Heading the string, in the hopes of the owners, is Jean Baptiste, a three-year-old that has won \$26,000, his latest victory being a first place in his only start at Hialeah in Florida. The other 12 race horses making the trip were: Tweet-sie, Noor's Dream, Sweet Star, Flying Cross, Big Ideals, Cry, Amber Toast, Royal Spy, Hotspur, Behavior, Bo-Peep and Rebel Call. Travelling with the horses in the express car were Clifton Jones, Hilliard Jackson, Joe Jackson and Charlie Cole, all employees of Starland Stable. M. G. Walsh, who sent a group of his Stoneybrook horses to Belmont by horse van Wednesday, helped with loading the Tate horses. Frank P. Smith, local Railway Express agent, said there were six other cars of horses on the train that picked up the Tate horses Monday night. The loading took place on the freight station platform, N. W. Broad St. Note the protective wrapping on the horse's legs. (Pilot photo)

Chairman Makes Special Appeal For Red Cross

J. D. Ives of Pinebluff, chairman of the Moore County Red Cross 1956 committee for members and funds, today made public a special appeal letter to the people of the county.

Reports from over the county show \$6,585.48 collected in the current drive, toward a goal of \$14,920, Mr. Ives noted—less than 50 per cent.

The chairman's letter follows: "As fund chairman for the Moore County Red Cross membership drive, I am making this personal appeal to you to join the Red Cross again this year and to contribute as generously as possible to help us.

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Council On Record With Interest In Gas Service Here

A resolution to be introduced at an upcoming hearing before the Federal Power Commission in Washington puts the town council on record as expressing the interest of this community in receiving natural gas service, without committing the town to the endorsement of any of competing pipe lines or of any method of local distribution.

The resolution asks that any allocation of gas made to a pipeline that would serve this area be sufficient to include gas to serve Southern Pines.

Date of the Washington hearing had not been set this week. The resolution will not be submitted to the Power Commission until the date is definite.

Following is the full text of the resolution:

"That whereas the Town of Southern Pines recognizes that natural gas would be of great benefit to the residents of the town and the territory surrounding it for residential, commercial and industrial use and would enhance the prosperity of its citizens and would aid in the development of the area; and

"Whereas it has been brought to the attention of the Town Council of the Town of Southern Pines that one or more companies propose to construct a pipe-line system from the Trans-Continental Gas Pipe-Line Corporation lines into the section of North (Continued on page 11)

Judge Rowe and W. Lamont Brown File

Judge J. Vance Rowe, who has been Judge of Moore County Recorder's Court for the past 22 years, and Solicitor W. Lamont Brown, now in his second term, became the first candidates to file for county offices when they paid their filing fees Monday.

Judge Rowe, who is completing his eleventh term, and Solicitor Brown filed for re-nomination to the offices, subject to the Democratic primary in May.

S. D. Riddle of Carthage, chairman of the Moore County Board of Elections, said late Wednesday afternoon that no other candidates had filed at that time.



EAGLE GOLD PALM AWARD, one of the highest a Boy Scout can earn, is presented to Willis Howard Williams of Troop 74, Robbins, by E. O. Brogden, Jr., attorney of Southern Pines, at the Court of Honor held in Carthage Monday night. Judge J. Vance Rowe, who presided at the Court of Honor, watches as young Williams, highest ranking active scout in Moore County, receives the award. (Pilot photo)

Many Awards Made At Court of Honor

Some fifty Moore County scouts of varying rank were awarded more than 100 merit badges at the bi-monthly Court of Honor in the courthouse in Carthage Monday night.

About 300 people, including scouts from most of the troops in the county, attended the Court of Honor, which was presided over by Recorder's Court Judge J. Vance Rowe.

Willis Howard Williams, Post 74, Robbins, was awarded an

Easter Season Services Scheduled By Churches, Today Thru Sunday

Peach Crop Still In Good Condition Despite Freezes

Sandhills peach growers, plagued by on-again, off-again cold weather for the past three weeks, are hoping for a normal crop after spotty freezes last weekend.

Some peach growers have reported losses, but the majority of them are reported in "pretty good shape."

Some growers who own orchards in not too desirable locations have lost many peaches, but if the mild temperatures of the past few days continue their crops should be at least lightly normal.

It was just a year ago this week that a freeze wiped out the entire Carolinas peach crop, valued at some 26 million dollars.

Superintendent Clarence Black of the Sandhills Research Station at Candor, and Horticulturist Roy J. Ferree of the Clemson College Farm Extension Service in South Carolina both said earlier in the week that the crop was still in good shape despite several freezes in the Carolinas.

SHP Reminds Car Owners To Display '56 Tags Properly

Automobile owners were reminded today that the improper display of automobile license plates makes the owner subject to arrest and a stiff fine.

Members of the State Highway Patrol said that they had stopped several people lately who still had 1955 tags on the front of their car. Such a display, even if the 1956 tags are on the back, is illegal, the SHP said.

Car owners must have their 1956 tags mounted on the rear of their cars.

Southern Pines car owners were reminded that it is illegal for them to drive a car without a town tag properly displayed if they are residents of the town.



HEADS ELKS—Eugene McKenzie will be installed Thursday night of next week as Exalted Ruler of Southern Pines Lodge 1692, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, succeeding Larry Ryder. Other new officers to be installed are: R. L. Strouse, Leading Knight; Walter Harper, Loyal Knight; Harry Davis, Lecturing Knight; D. L. Madigan, Secretary; Fritz Gerish, Treasurer; N. B. Stewart, Tiler; and L. J. Ryder, Trustee. All are from Southern Pines except Mr. Davis who lives at Carthage. The program Thursday will open with a reception at 5:30 p. m., a buffet supper at 6:30 and will continue with the installation ceremonies at 8 p. m. Open house and dancing will follow at 9. Mr. McKenzie and his wife, Mrs. Beatrice McKenzie, live on Pee Dee Road. They have three children, Karen Jean, Norman and David.

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Springtime Events Scheduled; This Is Clean-Up Week

Springtime gardens and a town clean-up are in the news this week as the Sandhills goes into that period of the year when local gardens are at their loveliest.

Events open to the public in the next two weeks include:

Sunday, April 8, from 2 to 5 p. m.—the annual tour of Home-wood Gardens, owned by Mr. and Mrs. Denison K. Bullens of Knoll-wood, for benefit of the Moore County Hospital Auxiliary. Miss Shirley Dana of Pinehurst is in charge for the Auxiliary. Details will be announced next week.

Thursday, April 12—Annual Homes and Gardens tour, sponsored by the Southern Pines Garden Club. The tour will begin at the Shaw House at 10 a. m. and will progress through visits to seven notable gardens of the Southern Pines area, with the homes open also at most of the locations.

Mrs. James S. Milliken is tour director and Mrs. B. E. Rhodes is president of the club. Club members will serve as guides throughout the tour.

Places on the tour list are the homes and gardens, or both, of Mayor and Mrs. Voit Gilmore on (Continued on Page 8)

Planting Done At New High School

Planting of the May Street side of the new high school has been completed under direction of the Southern Pines Garden Club, supervised by Ernest Murrell of the Clarendon Gardens at Pinehurst.

Mrs. E. C. Stevens, chairman of the planting project, said hollies, dogwoods and various shrubs had been planted, continuing a program of the club that has resulted in landscaping around all the East Southern Pines school buildings and two of the West Southern Pines school structures, over the course of several years.

Funds to finance the planting programs come from proceeds of the annual Homes and Gardens tour sponsored by the club, Mrs. Stevens said.

The Massachusetts Avenue side of the new high school was landscaped by the club last year.

New Episcopal Minister To Be Installed

Observance of the Easter season in this area will begin tonight (Thursday) with special Maundy Thursday, services in several churches, and will continue through Sunday.

Good Friday services and sunrise services Sunday morning have also been scheduled, as well as special services in all churches Sunday morning at the regular church hours.

Maundy Thursday services will be held tonight at 7:30 in the Civic Club building for members of the Southern Pines Methodist Church. The rite of Holy Communion will be observed.

At 8 o'clock tonight the Maundy Thursday community service will be held in the Congregational Christian Church of Wide Fellowship for all who desire to attend. Music for the service will be provided by the combined Chapel and Chancel Choirs under the direction of Roger Gibbs, with Mrs. L. D. McDonald as organist.

Soloists will be Paul Wiggin and Mr. Gibbs. Other special music will include two anthems. Dr. Wofford C. Timmons, minister, will conduct the communion meditation on the subject, "How Fellowship Fortifies For Crisis."

Serving deacons for the Holy Communion are Amos C. Dawson, D. Wade Stevick, Jack Reid, Herbert N. Cameron, John Burner and R. W. Tate.

The Rev. Frank E. Pulley of Louisville will administer Holy Communion at Emmanuel Episcopal Church in Maundy Thursday services tonight at 8 p. m. Good Friday Services

Good Friday observances for all churches in Southern Pines will be held at Emmanuel Episcopal Church, beginning at noon and lasting about three hours.

Taking part on the program are Dr. Adam Weir Craig, Rev. Francis M. Osborne, Rev. Hoke Coon, Rev. Cheves Ligon, Dr. W. C. Timmons, Col. F. E. Thompson, and Dr. Thaddeus A. Cheatham. Each will take one of the seven last words of Christ and speak briefly on it.

Provisions have been made for departure of members of the congregation during each interval in the service.

Good Friday Services are also being held in Page Memorial Methodist Church in Aberdeen, beginning at 1 p. m.

The following ministers will speak on one of the seven last words of Christ: Rev. Robert L. Bame, Rev. Eugene Deese, Rev. Rene Bideaux, Rev. Jack Ewart, Rev. James Hamilton, Rev. P. H. Layfield, and Rev. W. A. Tew. In addition there will be special music.

Provisions have also been made for people to leave between the meditations.

Sunrise Services

The combined Youth Fellowship of Brownson Memorial Presbyterian Church will conduct Sunrise Services on the island at Watson's Lake at 6 o'clock Sunday morning. This is the second year the youth groups have conducted Sunrise Services at the lake.

The program, to which all (Continued on Page 8)

EASTER MONDAY

Most stores and offices will be closed in Southern Pines for a holiday on Monday (Easter Monday).

The Citizens Trust Co. will have the town garbage made up.

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