

County Democrats Endorse Pearsall Report, Hodges, Stevenson And Blue



Garland McPherson Named Moore Red Cross Chapter Chairman

Garland McPherson of Southern Pines was re-elected chairman of the Moore County chapter of the American Red Cross last Friday night at the annual meeting held in Carthage.

McPherson, along with the other newly elected officers and directors, was installed in office by Taylor M. Simpson, prominent High Point realtor, who was also the principal speaker at the meeting.

Simpson, who was recently nominated to serve on the board of governors of the American National Red Cross, said the chief aim of the Red Cross was to encourage "people to help people."

Chairmen of the various activities of the county chapter made annual reports. The most active of the committees was the Home Service Department, which is responsible for liaison between the armed services and the general public. In the absence of Gordon Clark, committee chairman, the report was given by Gen. R. B. Hill, a chapter vice-chairman.

Other reports were made by Brig. Gen. Pearson Menoher, disaster committee; Dr. J. C. Grier, safety services; Mrs. David Drexel, junior Red Cross; and J. B. Culbertson, membership campaign.

In addition to McPherson, other officers elected were Gen. Hill, Southern Pines, vice-chairman; Gordon H. Clark, Southern Pines, vice-chairman; Mrs. John L. Frye, Robbins, vice-chairman; Miss Grace Tillman, Carthage, secretary; and E. Earl Hubbard, Southern Pines, treasurer.

Directors named to serve three-year terms were Mrs. John Beasley, Carthage, W. H. McNeill, Aberdeen, J. C. Phillips, Westmore, Earl Martin, Eagle Springs, and Miss Blanche Monroe, West End.

PTA MEETING
The Southern Pines PTA will meet at 8 o'clock tonight (Thursday) in Weaver Auditorium for annual reports and the election of officers for the coming year. Following the meeting a social hour will be held.

METHODIST MEN
The Methodist Men's Club of Southern Pines will meet at the Civic Club Sunday at 6 p. m. The program will consist of a film entitled "Dedicated Men."

EVENTS AT FORT BRAGG SATURDAY

- 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.—Midway on Polo Field.
- 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.—Midway at Pope Air Force Base.
- 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.—Air Transportability Demonstration at Pope AFB.
- 9:50 a.m. to 10:20 a.m.—Army Aviation Show at Drop Zone Sicily North.
- 10:20 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.—Artillery Shoot at Drop Zone Sicily North.
- 11:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.—Parachute Drop at Drop Zone Sicily North.
- 1:10 p.m. to 1:40 p.m.—Army Aviation Show at Drop Zone Sicily North.
- 1:40 p.m. to 2:20 p.m.—Artillery Shoot at Drop Zone Sicily North.
- 2:20 p.m. to 3:50 p.m.—Parachute Drop at Drop Zone Sicily North.
- 4:30 p.m. to 5:05 p.m.—Parade at Main Post Parade Field.

Small Turnout At Carthage; Brown Re-Elected Head

With not a single county race to whip up enthusiasm, Moore County Democrats stayed away from the county convention in droves last Saturday afternoon. As a result the some 50 people who showed up acted, with one exception, in complete harmony on the questions before the convention.

That single exception, the race issue, was finally resolved but not before several people had been heard. E. J. Burns, West Carthage precinct chairman, first mentioned the race question when he made a motion that the convention "go on record as favoring segregated schools for white children of North Carolina, as provided in laws of the State."

After some discussion, Burns accepted an amendment offered by H. Lee Thomas, Superintendent of the county school system, placing the convention on record simply as "endorsing the report and recommendations of the Governor's advisory committee on education," known more familiarly as the Pearsall Committee.

A motion to table the motion and amendment was offered, but several speakers suggested that "this isn't the time nor the place for such a motion."

Robert N. Page III, of Aberdeen, president of the Moore County Young Democrats Club, expressed the view that, since the convention had already endorsed Governor Hodges' candidacy (along with those of Adlai Stevenson and Senator Sam J. Ervin), failure to endorse his educational program would be the same as "patting him with the right hand while slapping him with the left."

The amended motion was unanimously adopted. A telegram of greeting from A. Paul Kitchin of Wadesboro, running for the 8th Congressional seat now held by C. B. Deane of Rockingham, was the only mention made at the convention of the primary battle.

Congressman Deane sent greetings by John A. Lang, Jr., of Carthage, his administrative assistant, along with the statement that Republicans in Washington are worried about President (Continued on page 8)

Blue Confirmed As Chicago Delegate

H. Clifton Blue of Aberdeen, endorsed by the county Democratic convention last Saturday, was named to the 8th Congressional District four-member delegation to the national convention in Chicago this summer.

Blue, who represents Moore County in the N. C. General Assembly, was named along with Mrs. Gaston McBryde of Gibson, E. M. Hunt of Davidson, and W. W. Staton of Lee.

Blue and Staton are both former state Young Democrat Club presidents and both are known supporters of Adlai Stevenson.

Naming of the delegation took place last night at a district caucus held at the State Theatre in Raleigh. The proceedings of the caucus were confirmed this morning at the regular convention.

Each delegate is entitled to one-half vote at the national convention, to be held in Chicago in August.



STUDENT ART, hung on long strands of wire across the library lawn, attracted much attention last weekend. Shown looking at a part of the exhibit that included more than 200 pictures, are Liza and Molly McConnell, daughters of Mr. and Mrs. John D. McConnell, Martha Ellen Parks, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. O. T. Parks, and Mrs. Johnnie Hall. Story, page 15. (Pilot photo)

Don F. Traylor Will Head Lions For Coming Year

Donald F. Traylor was elected president of the Southern Pines Lions Club Friday night, along with other officers for the year beginning July 1.

The club entertained the baseball squad of Southern Pines High School and enjoyed a talk by Major Erskine B. Crew, illustrated with slides of Korea and Japan. Major Crew is the Marine Corps officer assigned to the USAF Air Ground Operations School here.

The club is planning to make a dinner for the baseball squad an annual function.

Other officers elected at the meeting were: Charles S. Patch, first vice-president; Sam B. Richardson, second vice-president; Matthew R. Mills, third vice-president; Howard C. Smith, secretary; Willis B. Rush, assistant secretary; Ranel J. Thompson, treasurer.

Also: Joe H. Carter, tail twister; Delamar W. Mann, lion tamer; and the following directors: Robert L. Bame and Broadus S. Caudle, for one-year terms; and William O. Spence and Joseph P. Marley, for two-year terms. The Rev. R. L. Bame was named chaplain.

Public Invited To Bragg Event

Fort Bragg and Pope Air Force Base will show the world exactly what "Power for Peace" means when Armed Forces Day this Saturday brings open house to the gigantic military reservation.

A miniature tent city will be erected on the main post polo field at Fort Bragg with scores of individual displays on every aspect of soldiering, from baking bread to interrogating prisoners, and digging giant post holes to precision drilling.

An outstanding feature of the open house will be the system of Army transportation arranged for movement between the various features of the day. Parking facilities have been arranged for more than 10,000 cars. There will be no private vehicle travel allowed on the post except to enter and leave. Shuttle bus services have been scheduled to carry visitors to and from the drop zone, the midway, Pope Air Force Base, and main post theatre number one.

Pope Air Force Base will have an extensive display of numerous types of Air Force planes. Detailed mock-ups will show the workings of engines and other equipment that would be difficult to exhibit otherwise.

The home of the Airborne will (Continued on Page 8)

Greensboro College Head To Speak At Commencement

Dr. Harold Hutson, president of Greensboro College, will be the principal speaker at commencement exercises at Southern Pines High School June 5, it was announced today by A. C. Dawson, school superintendent.

The graduation program will begin Sunday, June 3, with the baccalaureate sermon delivered by Dr. Daryl Kent, dean of Guilford College. That part of the program will be held at the Church of Wide Fellowship.

Honors and Awards day is scheduled for 10:30 a. m. Tuesday, June 5, at Weaver Auditorium.

The senior play is set for next Friday, May 25, also in Weaver Auditorium.

James Prim Given Player Award For High School Band

James Prim, senior at Southern Pines High School, was named winner of the Lions Club's "most valuable player" award for the second year in succession at the annual banquet for band members Saturday night. The award was made by Bill Benson, Lions Club president.

Prim, who plays flute in the concert band and the drum in the marching band, was also awarded a silver medal for having been an outstanding musician during the past four years.

Thirty one other students were awarded either letters or stars at the banquet, which was held at the Country Club and sponsored by the Band Boosters Club.

The silver majorette's medal was awarded to Betty Jo Britt, who has been a majorette for (Continued on page 8)

Wage Increase For Town Employees Is Item In '57 Budget

Manager Cites Urgent Need For Bigger Pay Check

A general pay increase for all town employees has been recommended in the 1956-57 operating budget presented to the Town Council this week by Tom Cunningham, city manager.

At the same time Cunningham said the new budget would require no increase in the town's present tax rate of \$1.75 per \$100 valuation. Expenditures this coming year will be down some \$33,000 from last year, primarily because of a reduction in expenses required last year on the new US Highway 1 bypass.

In discussing the pay increases, Cunningham called attention to the fact that the police department in Southern Pines is the lowest paid in the state for municipalities from 4,000 to 30,000 population. Under the new budget the basic salary of officers would be increased \$20 per month, about nine and one-half per cent.

Other town employees would also get a raise in pay, though not quite as much as the police officers.

Cunningham said that approximately three-fourths of the town's annual payroll of \$119,729 is made up of salaries to the police department and for unskilled labor. Unless something is done to bring the pay of those employees in line with that of other employees in this vicinity, Cunningham said, the services to tax payers will be severely hampered through loss of trained personnel. (Continued on page 8)

More Advertising Needed, Chamber Of Commerce Says

Added promotion of Southern Pines, both as a resort area and a place for retirement, was the chief topic of discussion at the regular bi-weekly meeting of the board of directors of the Chamber of Commerce Tuesday night.

Though no official action was taken, directors present made it clear that they think additional funds are needed to supplement the very small amount of advertising and other promotion now being done almost exclusively by private businesses.

A municipal election held in Southern Pines in 1950 in which voters authorized the town council to spend a certain amount of its yearly budget on civic promotion, which included advertising, was discussed.

In that election the town council was authorized to budget not more than one-tenth of one per cent, nor less than one-fortieth of one per cent of the total property valuation for civic promotion. Under the present valuation, the maximum the town could budget for that purpose would be approximately \$7,000; the minimum would be approximately \$1,750.

It was noted that the election made the authorization permissive, not mandatory.

The board authorized James Hartshorne and Mrs. Valerie Nicholson to investigate and draw up a tentative cost schedule for advertising in eastern newspapers and possibly some nationally distributed magazines.

The schedule would be presented (Continued on Page 8)

Deane Cites Need For Larger Defense Budget

Talks Here At USAFAGOS Open House Program



Dr. Peck, Head of McCain Hospital, Gives Resignation

Dr. William M. Peck, head of the North Carolina Sanatorium at McCain since 1953, has resigned to accept a position with the State Department of Public Health in Raleigh.

He will assume his new duties July 1.

Dr. Peck, who was the leader in the modern development of McCain, first came to the Sanatorium in 1940 as a clinic physician in the extension service under the superintendency of the late Dr. Paul P. McCain. Prior to that he had served as a resident physician at the William H. Maybury Sanatorium at Northville, Michigan.

In 1942 Dr. Peck, a graduate of the University of Iowa School of Medicine, returned to Maybury for five years, coming back to McCain in 1947 as assistant to Dr. H. S. Willis.

While at McCain Dr. Peck guided the development of a new prison building which was opened early this year. The need for the new building had been apparent for some time; the old prison building, which had been condemned for years, was termed "medieval" by Dr. Peck.

He often remarked that visitors to the sanatorium, particularly those with political influence, were shown the prison building from top to bottom. "They would always get the feeling that something had to be done. And finally, after years of effort, we got a new prison building—one of the most modern for the treatment of tubercular prisoners in the country."

Dr. Peck is vice-president of the Southern Trudeau Conference and is president-elect for the coming year. He is also a member of the National Trudeau Society's program committee.

At the last meeting of the State Medical Society, he was awarded the Coopepr-Wake County Memorial prize for the best paper presented before the pediatrics section. The paper was entitled "Preventive Medicine and Public Health." (Continued on page 8)

BANK TO CLOSE

The Citizens Bank and Trust Company will be closed Monday, May 21, in observance of the Mecklenburg Declaration of Independence Day, bank officials said today.

The United States is more vulnerable to Soviet attack today than it was yesterday, and will be more so tomorrow unless it forges ahead in defense preparations, Eighth District Congressman C. B. Deane said Wednesday in a speech delivered at the Air Force's Air-Ground Operations School here.

Deane, paying tribute to the armed forces three days ahead of a nation-wide observance of "Armed Forces Day," said this country will appropriate some 69 billion dollars during the fiscal year beginning July 1 to maintain an adequate defense program.

"We are faced with three alternatives today in our determination to keep the world free," he said. "To match the Soviets in defense preparation, to reconcile ourselves to parity, or to fall behind. I chose the first alternative and have recommended that we not only match the Soviets, but stay ahead of them."

Deane, a member of the House Appropriations Committee for National Defense and a member of the sub-committee for appropriations for the Air Force, did not mention personal politics in his 45-minute address before a packed dining room of Air Force officers and civic leaders from Moore County.

"Behind the Scenes Look" He said his talk would be concerned primarily with a "behind-the-scenes" look at the work of the defense appropriations committee of the House of Representatives, of which he is one of the 15 members.

The committee, he said, has been working every day since the middle of January hearing requests from military leaders and other Defense Department officials in trying to arrive at a sound policy and program for the vast military establishment the country now maintains.

"To date," he said, "the committee has heard testimony totaling 63,000 pages, which represents the current budget requests for national defense. Much of the talk has been concerned with appropriations for the controversial inter-continental ballistic missile and the equally controversial B-52 bomber."

He quoted George Mahon of Texas, Democratic chairman of the committee, as saying "we live (Continued on Page 8)

Civil Court To Be Held Two Weeks

Two weeks of civil court, with a regular term for one week and a special term the second week, have been scheduled for Moore County beginning Monday, May 21.

Judge Frank M. Armstrong of Troy will preside at the regular term and Judge W. A. Leland McKeithen of Pinehurst will preside at the special term.

The first Monday will be given over to hearing pre-trial cases and motions, judgments and cases not requiring the intervention of a jury. Judge Armstrong will hear a number of uncontested divorces on Tuesday and then move into the cases requiring a jury. Judge McKeithen will also hear divorces, beginning Monday.



Members, Majorettes and Director of the Southern Pines School Band