

Sheriff McDonald Named President Historical Group

Reports Indicate Alston House Work Nearly Completed

Sheriff C. J. McDonald was elected president of the Moore County Historical Association succeeding Mrs. Ernest L. Ives at a meeting of the association's board of directors in the library here Tuesday night.

Mrs. Ives was elected first vice-president.

Other officers include Superior Court Judge W. A. Leland McKeithen of Pinehurst, second vice-president; Mrs. Katherine N. McColl of Southern Pines, third vice-president; Norris Hodgkins, Jr., Southern Pines, re-elected treasurer; and Mrs. L. T. Avery, also of Southern Pines, re-elected secretary. The board has asked Miss Flora McDonald of Carthage to serve as recording secretary.

At the meeting, held in the James Boyd Room of the library, a detailed accounting of the progress of work on the Alston House was made by George Maurice. Reconstruction of the historical house, one of the association's main projects, is about finished, Mr. Maurice reported, including painting of both the inside and outside.

The association was also informed that the collection of authentic furniture for the house has been started and that some pieces probably would be placed in the house within the next month.

A fence, which has been purchased by the association to enclose the house and grounds, is ready to be put up and should be in place within the next 10 days. K. Glen Hancock, who owns the farm around has agreed to erect the fence without charge.

A report on the shrubbery which was planted by members of the Southern Pines Garden (Continued on Page 8)

Final Exercises At West Southern Pines School Held

Nineteen seniors at West Southern Pines High School received diplomas in annual graduation exercises Wednesday night in the school auditorium. John Howarth, chairman of the Southern Pines Board of Education, made the presentations.

The awarding of diplomas was preceded by the annual commencement address, delivered by Mrs. Mary Hopkins, professor of English at Livingstone College in Salisbury. Mrs. Hopkins, who also heads the drama department at the school, was introduced by J. W. Moore, principal.

Commencement exercises at the school started Sunday with the annual baccalaureate sermon delivered by the Rev. H. S. Diggs, pastor of the Providence Baptist Church in Rockingham. He spoke on "Life's Unexpected Crosses," and urged the graduates to be prepared for the future.

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Wanted: A Town To Adopt

A group of Southern Pines citizens would like to stretch a long arm of friendship to a foreign town but they've run into a delaying problem—what town?

Meeting at the library Tuesday night the group, working towards a program of town affiliation, also known as "town adoption," decided to ask for suggestions on the final decision as to which town to become affiliated with. Several foreign towns were suggested to the group as a starter.

Lt. Col. Paul Kinnison, chairman of the group, said it should be made clear at the outset that the program is not designed to require any form of financial contributions to support it. Town affiliation, he said, is primarily of a cultural relationship. It should be, he added, as much as possible a "two-way street" with Southern Pines contributing what it could to the end that each of the towns would know each other



HONOR GRADUATES of the Class of 1956 at Southern Pines High School are Robert Edward Cline, right, valedictorian, and William Howard Marley, salutatorian. Both have attained a general average of 90 or above each year in high school. Cline is first honor graduate. (Emerson Humphrey photo)

37 Seniors To Receive Diplomas In Graduation Exercises Next Tuesday

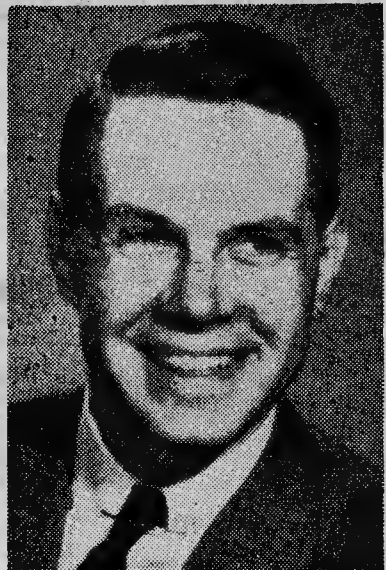
Thirty-seven seniors at Southern Pines High School will receive diplomas in exercises at Weaver Auditorium Tuesday night.

The class, termed one of the best in the history of the school, begins a full three-day program of events Sunday night at 8:15 with the annual commencement sermon at the Church of Wide Fellowship. Dr. E. Daryl Kent, dean of Guilford College, will deliver the sermon.

Graduation exercises will be held in Weaver Auditorium at 8:15 Tuesday night. Dr. Harold H. Hutson, president of Greensboro College, will be the speaker. The Honors and Awards Day exercises, at which time the various awards and other prizes won by students during the year will be presented, is scheduled for Tuesday morning at 10:30, also in Weaver Auditorium.

On the program for the commencement sermon Sunday will be Dr. Wofford C. Timmons, pastor of the Church of Wide Fellowship, who will deliver the invocation and introduce the speaker; the Rev. David Hoke Coon, First Baptist Church minister in Southern Pines, scripture reading; and the Rev. Martin Caldwell, rector of Emmanuel Episcopal Church in Southern Pines, benediction.

Several selections of music by



DR. HUTSON

the Junior High School chorus and the high school choir will be rendered.

Dr. Kent, who will deliver the sermon, attended Guilford College where he is presently the Dean of Men, a position he has held since 1946.

He received his divinity degree at Hartford Seminary in Connecticut and his Ph.D. at Columbia University. During World War 2 he served as a Naval chaplain.

Graduation Exercises

At graduation exercises Tuesday night the Rev. Robert L. Bame, pastor of the First Methodist Church in Southern Pines, will give the invocation.

John M. Howarth, chairman of the Southern Pines school board, will introduce Dr. Hutson, the principal speaker.

Dr. Hutson, a native of South Carolina, has been president of Greensboro College since 1952. Prior to that he had taught at Wofford College, the University of Chicago, Birmingham-Southern College, and was chairman of the Department of Religion at Ohio Wesleyan University. He has also held pastorates in several churches. (Continued on page 8)

GOC BUILDING DAY

Saturday will be "building day" for the Southern Pines Ground Observer Corps. The new post will be located on the Boyd estate on Connecticut Avenue extension, said David Drexel, Moore County supervisor for the GOC, who added that "visitors, helpers and kibitzers will be welcome." The office will reopen June 14.

Ford Foundation Makes Grants To County Hospitals

Total of \$34,700 Made Available For This Year

A check in the amount of \$25,950 was received from the Ford Foundation this week by Moore County Hospital, one-half of the foundation's grant to help the hospital improve and extend its services.

St. Joseph-of-the-Pines Hospital, Southern Pines, received a check for \$8,750, half the \$17,500 allotted that institution. These gifts are from the foundation's \$200,000,000 grant to assist the nation's 3,500 voluntary, non-profit hospitals. The balance of the gifts is expected to be paid on March 15 next.

Under terms of the grant, final decision as to the use of the money is left to the hospitals' governing boards. The only condition made by the foundation in its original announcement of the grant last December, was that the funds could not be used for repaying past obligations or "operating expenses for services currently being performed by hospitals."

Thomas A. Howerton, Administrator of Moore County Hospital, said that in making formal application for the grant, it had informed the foundation of possible uses of the money. A priority list is now being made up for consideration at a meeting of the Executive Committee on the hospital's Board of Directors, to be held soon. A list of projects approved by the committee then will be forwarded to the Ford Foundation for its approval.

On the list to be considered by the Executive Committee are: New elevator to replace one which has been in operation for 26½ years; emergency power generator; new equipment for X-ray department; new kitchen equipment; replacement of some bedroom furniture; new roof over older portions of hospital; miscellaneous equipment, and needed (Continued on Page 8)

Sandhill Peach Growers Approve Crop Assessment

North Carolina peach growers have apparently passed a referendum assessing themselves approximately \$1 per acre to help promote the sale of peaches.

Results of the special referendum, conducted among members of the North Carolina Peach Grower's Society Tuesday, were not immediately known, but several prominent peach growers said the vote had undoubtedly been favorable.

The referendum was originally scheduled for last year but a crippling freeze wiped out the peach crop and members of the society decided to hold it this year.

The growers were asked to vote whether or not they would assess themselves one cent per tree over four years old "to promote and stimulate research, consumption and utilization of North Carolina peaches."

In one voting place a total of 32 growers voted and all were favorable.

Taking part were farmers from Union, Montgomery, Moore, Hoke, Richmond and Anson Counties.

W. C. Capel, president of the society, could not be reached for (Continued on page 8)

Chamber Office Closing For Week

The Southern Pines Chamber of Commerce office and the automobile license bureau there will be closed from Thursday, June 7, through Wednesday, June 13, it was announced this week by officials of the organization.

The board of directors voted several weeks ago to close the office during that period so that the secretary, Mrs. Frances B. Fobes, could take time off to attend her daughter's wedding. Mrs. Fobes suggested today that anyone who had stencils to be run for June to bring them in as soon as possible. The office will reopen June 14.

Town Tax Rate Stays At \$1.75; Hayes Firm Will Design Center

Job Of Tearing Town Hall Down To Be Awarded

Two important preliminary moves toward construction of a new municipal center were made by the town council in a special meeting Wednesday night.

The council chose the Thomas T. Hayes architectural firm, a local business, as architects for the project and it authorized City Manager Tom E. Cunningham to demolish and salvage the existing town hall by awarding a contract, after public advertisement, to the highest bidder.

Previously discussed in an informal meeting, the choice of architect was the last remaining major step to be taken to get the municipal center project underway. The center is planned to consist of administrative offices, police station, jail and fire station, and will be built with \$100,000 authorized for the purpose in a bond election earlier this year.

Site of the center, recently chosen by the council, will be the town park block where the present town hall, an old residence, stands.

In employing the Hayes firm as architects, the council directed that as many trees as possible on the block be left standing and that the architect furnish the council with a model of the building, as well as architectural plans.

Mr. Cunningham said that he and T. T. Hayes, Jr., head of the local firm, also plan to visit three or four recently built municipal centers in North and South Carolina, to aid the architect in his planning.

Specifications for the jail will be obtained from the North Carolina (Continued on page 8)

Insect Spraying Program Planned

In a special meeting Wednesday night, the town council authorized City Manager Tom E. Cunningham to make arrangements for a town-wide fog-type spraying program for control of insects, to begin as soon as possible.

Mr. Cunningham said that he would undertake the spraying after consultation with a State board of health entomologist and that it would be done on a contract basis. The town does not own spraying equipment.

One coverage of the town is expected to last several weeks in controlling insects. Mr. Cunningham said that complaints about mosquitoes have been made frequently this year. The spraying was first discussed by the council last fall after gnats had been particularly troublesome last summer.

Mr. Cunningham said that public announcement would be made when the spraying is actually to be done. The light fog-type spray is said to be harmless to human beings and animals.

Nurse Scholarship Awarded

Mable Davis, one of the seniors who graduated from Elise High School in Robbins this week, has been awarded the Sandhill Veterans Association nursing scholarship for 1956, officials of the SVA have announced.

Miss Davis, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence W. Davis of Robbins, has agreed, in return for the scholarship which will cover all expenses of a full nurse's training course, to nurse in Moore County for at least one year after graduation.

Alternate winner of the scholarship, given annually by the association, is Maggie Elizabeth McKenzie, of Route 1, West End, a senior at Pinehurst High School.

During the past year Miss Davis has been a member of the Monogram Club, the future Homemakers of America, the 4-H Club and the school's annual staff. In making her application for the scholarship she listed her lifelong ambition as nursing.

Two girls who are presently in training on the SVA scholarships



A. PAUL KITCHIN

Paul Kitchin Beats Deane In Eighth District Primary

(See tabulation, page 19)

A. Paul Kitchin, Wadesboro attorney and former member of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, unseated veteran Congressman C. B. Deane of Rockingham by slightly more than 4,000 votes in Saturday's Democratic primary.

Kitchin, speaking from his home shortly after the outcome of the hotly-contested race was determined, credited the race question for his victory, though he insisted he personally had not made racial segregation an issue in the campaign.

"I think," he said, "that Mr. Deane's refusal to sign the Southern Manifesto played a large part in my victory."

Deane, who first went to Congress in 1947 after winning the seat left vacant when W. O. Burgin of Lexington died, said he had "no regrets" for not signing the controversial Manifesto.

"The stand I took during the campaign and before was right," he said. "In all sincerity I could not have done otherwise."

Kitchin, as had been predicted, was strongest in the southern end of the 12-county district. He racked up victories in Anson, Montgomery, Union, Scotland, and Richmond, Deane's home county, in the south, and in Lee.

His biggest margin was in Richmond, where he polled 2,999 more votes than Deane. In his home county of Anson, his margin (Continued on Page 8)

PICNIC PLANNED

A picnic for members of Sunday School classes at Emmanuel Episcopal Church will be held Wednesday, June 6, at Pinebluff Lake. All children and parents at the church are invited to attend and are asked to bring picnic lunches. Cold drinks and desserts will be furnished.



are scheduled to graduate this year. They are Mary C. Stewart, who graduates from Mercy Hospital in Charlotte, and Velma Richardson, who graduates from the High Point Memorial Hospital.

Promotion Fund Of \$2,000 New Item In Budget

(More about the budget, page 10)

A town budget that anticipates revenues and expenditures of over \$300,000 in the 1956-57 fiscal year, and which continues the tax rate at the present \$1.75 per \$100 of property valuation, was adopted by the town council in a special meeting Wednesday night.

Two important items were added to the next fiscal year's expenditures, before the budget was approved. The council upped the appropriation for town promotion and advertising from \$500 to \$2,500, and directed the manager to rebudget an \$8,000 item for replacement of the tractor at the sanitary land fill. Under this change, the \$8,000 would be used for the first of three years' lease-purchase payments on both the tractor and a \$10,000 street sweeper.

The council's action gives City Manager Tom E. Cunningham the authority to make lease-purchase arrangements for both of the pieces of equipment, but does not obligate him to get them both. The motion to get both the items on a lease-purchase plan specified that it be done within the budget as submitted and with provision for a pre-payment plan without penalty.

Actual cost of the land fill tractor would be \$12,000 and of the street sweeper \$10,000, a total of \$22,000 which the manager said could be budgeted, with interest, over a period of three years at about \$8,000 per year.

Wednesday night's meeting was the last the council will hold in the old town hall. Town offices (Continued on Page 8)

City Offices Now In New Quarters On N. E. Broad St.

All departments at town hall packed up Tuesday, and moved Wednesday to temporary quarters in the former WEEB studios on N. E. Broad St.

A holiday on Wednesday facilitated the move. The police station operated continuously, with a telephone operating in both old and new offices during part of the day.

Telephone numbers for all departments remain the same in the new quarters as in the old.

The town is paying \$75 per month for the temporary offices. The offices will be in the new air-conditioned quarters until completion of the municipal center buildings which will be located in the park block. The present town hall will be demolished. Bids on the job will be asked through a legal advertisement to appear in next week's Pilot.

Installed in the temporary quarters are the police station and chairs for the magistrate's court; City Manager Tom E. Cunningham, administrative secretaries and machines, Town Clerk Louis Scheipers, Jr., and Safety Engineer William J. Wilson. Mr. Cunningham and Mr. Scheipers share an office at the rear of the building.

The only town function that will not be carried on in the temporary quarters is council meetings, because of the lack of space. Where the council will meet had not been settled today, but possible places for the sessions, said the city manager, are the Civic Club, the library or a school building.

Where state and federal agency representatives, who have been going to the old town hall, will now meet the public was not settled today, except that the driver's license examiner will be at the old building tomorrow (Friday).

Plans had not been worked out today for the meeting place of the Social Security representative from Fayetteville or the state's Unemployment Compensation Commission representative.

When these meeting places are known, announcement will be made in The Pilot.