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## Plans Announced To Form Jaycee Club Here Soon

Plans for establishing a Junior Chamber of Commerce in Southern Pines will be discussed at an informal organizational meeting at the high school library here next Thursday night, June 14, at 8 o'clock, it was announced today.

State Jaycee officials, including Bob Cox of Chapel Hill, the state president, met with a group from Southern Pines and members of the Aberdeen Jaycees Monday night to lay the groundwork for the meeting. The Aberdeen group has agreed to sponsor the Jaycees in Southern Pines, according to Russell Batchelor, president.

Jim Baird, who has been acting as spokesman for the Southern Pines group, said several state officers would also be on hand next Thursday.

Included, he said, are John Goode of Winston-Salem, national director for Districts 4 and 5; Tuck Gudger of Charlotte, district vice-president for the fourth district; and Charles Briley of Charlotte, national director for Districts 2 and 7.

Basic requirement for membership in the club is that a member must be between the ages of 21 and 36.

There was a Junior Chamber of Commerce organization in Southern Pines prior to the war but was disbanded in 1941 and has never been reorganized.

The Southern Pines group meeting at Aberdeen last Monday included Baird, Charles R. Myers, David Drexel, Frank Yandell, Davis Worsham and George Wilcox.

Anyone interested in membership or attending the meeting may call or write Baird at Barnum Realty and Insurance Company.

## Local Woman Has Two Sons, Son-In-Law Die In Week

Tragedy struck the home of Mrs. Elizabeth Hewitt, a longtime resident of Southern Pines, this week.

She learned that two of her sons and a son-in-law had died in one week.

Mrs. Hewitt's son-in-law, Joseph Gajdos of Ravenna, Ohio, who formerly lived in Southern Pines, died Tuesday of last week. Saturday her son, Earl, of Lake Wales, Fla., died, and Monday another son, Thomas, died. Both had often visited her at her home here.

Funeral services for the two sons were held today in Pittsburgh. Mrs. Hewitt could not be present but two daughters, Mrs. Lenore Mulholland and Mrs. Emma Warren, attended, along with Mr. and Mrs. George Poole.

## Lions Club Delegates Attend State Meeting

Several members of the Southern Pines Lions club, attended the state convention held at Carolina Beach this past Sunday through Tuesday.

Regular delegates were Dave Gamble, Charles Patch, Jr., Don Traylor, and Ranel Thompson. Alternates were William Baker, Joe Carter, Jr., Bill Rush and William Spence.

## Reappointed To Hospital Board

John S. Ruggles of Southern Pines has been reappointed a member of the North Carolina Hospitals Board of Control, Governor Hodges announced this morning.

The board is composed of one member from each Congressional District and three members-at-large.

Mr. Ruggles, who was originally appointed to the board in 1949 to fill the unexpired term created by the death of a Raeford member, and reappointed to a full four-year term in 1952, is chairman of the N. C. Alcoholic Rehabilitation program, which is under the Board of Control.

Ruggles was first chairman of the Alcoholic Rehabilitation program, which was started in 1949, and is a member of the Board's



THE CLASS OF 1956 at Southern Pines High School received diplomas at annual commencement exercises in Weaver Auditorium Tuesday night. Pictured, front row, left to right, are Frances Stoots, Barbara Brewer, June Bristow, Frances Nall Frazier, Barbara Goodwin, Betty Jean Blackmon, Pat Morrison, Margaret Thomas, and Betty Jo Britt. Second row, left to right, Barbara Williams, James McDonald, Deryl Holliday, Richard Parsley, James Humphrey, Robert Cline, David McCallum, James Prim,

and Ann Vann. Third row, left to right, John White, Francis Michael Short, Joseph McDonald, Julian Pleasants, William Marley, John Ray, Matthew Toia, Herman Smith, and Betty Jo Barron. Fourth row, left to right, John Watkins, Winfred Cox, Joseph Diggs, Robert Kennedy, George Patterson, Claude Reams, Paul Kinnison, Jr., John Seymour, and Fay Ratledge. Absent when the picture was made was Jacqueline Davenport. (Photo by Humphrey)

## Big Docket Will Be Discussed By Council Tuesday

Town Council will meet at the library at 8 p. m. Tuesday night with "about 15 or 16 things on the docket," according to manager Tom Cunningham.

Up for discussion will be the adoption of an ordinance to regulate charitable solicitations on the streets here, Cunningham said. A large number of people have complained of such practices in the past and the discussion will delve into the steps needed to regulate such solicitations.

Also scheduled are discussions on natural gas, ordinances to regulate the placing of awnings and signs over the public sidewalks and zoning ordinances in the business district.

Cunningham said that the zoning discussion will be confined mostly to the block surrounded by Massachusetts Ave., Bennett Street, S. W. Broad Street, and Indiana Ave.

This is the first meeting the council has had since town offices moved to its temporary location last week.

**CANCER DRIVE**  
The cancer drive recently concluded in Southern Pines went \$200 over the quota of \$700, according to Mrs. James S. Milliken, chairman. Mrs. Milliken expressed her gratitude today to all contributors.

## Large Group of Seniors Honored Tuesday At Awards Day Program

Annual honors day program at Southern Pines High School, when outstanding seniors are honored for their achievements during school days, was held in Weaver Auditorium Tuesday morning.

Speaking at the program were Bill Marley, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Marley, the salutatorian, and Bobby Cline, son of Mr. and Mrs. John E. Cline, the valedictorian.

The annual senior class gift this year was in the form of a check which will be used for the school's bus fund. Previously the seniors had presented the school a punch bowl and silver tray in honor of Miss Pauline Miller, senior advisor, and the sign which stands in

## McPherson Named Olympic Campaign Funds Chairman

The appointment of Garland McPherson of Southern Pines to head the Olympic Fund campaign in Moore County was announced today by George E. Perrin of Greensboro, state chairman.

In accepting the appointment McPherson said he was delighted with the honor and was sure that Moore County would respond to the campaign, which seeks to raise approximately three and one-half million dollars to send a contingent to the games to be held in Melbourne, Australia in November and December.

"The Olympic teams have, for many years now, been accepted throughout the world as the best ambassadors this country has," McPherson said. "In the trying times we are now facing, it is imperative that we send a large group of our best athletes to the games to demonstrate our willingness to participate in worldwide affairs without political overtones."

McPherson said he was shooting for 100 contributions of \$10 each in the county. The contributions must be in during June, he said, and are deductible for tax purposes.

Funds raised in the campaign will help send the largest contingent of athletes ever assembled in this country to the games, including the equestrian team that trained here in North Carolina.

front of the school.

The award winners: James S. Milliken, Jr., Memorial Award (\$50) given to best all-around senior—Bobby Cline.

American Legion Citizenship Medal, given to best citizen of senior class by the American Legion—John Ray.

Rotary Club Improvement Cup, given to the student in high school showing the most improvement—Barbara Brewer.

Southern Pines School Service Award, awarded to student who has shown the most unselfish service to the school—John Ray.

Charlotte Erson Music Plaque, awarded to the outstanding member of the Glee Club—Jacqueline Davenport.

Danforth Foundation Awards, given to the senior boy and girl who show qualities of physical, mental, social and spiritual conduct—Bobby Cline and Jacqueline Davenport.

Babe Ruth Sportsmanship Awards, awarded to senior boy and girl who show the most sportsmanship—John Ray and June Bristow.

Beta Scholarship Award (\$200) awarded to John Ray. Jimmy McDonald, first alternate, and George Patterson, second alternate.

Junior Women's Club Scholarship (\$100), awarded to Bill Marley.

Perkinson Scholarship Cup, awarded to valedictorian by Perkinson's Jewelry Store—Bobby Cline.

H. M. Smith Scholarship Cup, given to salutatorian by Johnnie Hall and Joe Carter—Bill Marley.

Balfour Scholarship Medals, given by the Balfour Company—Bobby Cline and Bill Marley.

Blue Knights Booster Club Award, given by the Boosters Club to the most valuable member of the baseball team—Johnny Watkins.

American Legion Auxiliary Awards (essay contest). First prize (\$10) Lucy McDaniel. Second prize, Lillian Bullock, Joan Howarth, Howard Morgan, Ginger Woodell. Poppy poster awards: First prize, Jacqueline Davenport; second prize, Ivy Hall; third prize, John Dawn.

VFW Auxiliary Awards (essay contest). First prize (\$5), Jacqueline Davenport; second prize (\$3), James Prim; third prize (\$2), George Patterson.

Rotary Club June Phillips Memorial Loan Fund, given by the Rotary Club—David McCallum.

## Free Lance Writer Here Getting Data For Daily Article

Harry Kursh, free lance writer of New York, spent four days here this week gathering material for an article in a national magazine.

Kursh has established a reputation in the magazine world as an exposé of phonies and imposters. His byline has appeared in Redbook, Bluebook, Coronet, Pageant, True, Argosy and numerous others, and he has written a number of books.

He was the author of an article called "The Con Men Will Get You" in Mechanix Illustrated, a Fawcett publication, three years ago, in which reference was made to Vincent J. Daly, late of Southern Pines.

The story revealed how Daly, with no formal training in psychology, secured an internship and then jobs as chief psychologist in several state mental hospitals, even teaching psychology courses in colleges. He was fired from a staff position at the Jackson, Miss., state hospital when an investigation showed he didn't have the education and degrees he claimed.

In January, 1954, as "Dr. Daly" he set up private practice of psychology in Southern Pines. He claimed degrees from Oxford and from an institution at Bern, Switzerland. He recently disappeared from town following conviction of criminal libel in Moore records court.

Kursh put in his time here talking with many persons who knew Daly, and ascertaining his methods of operation, also the ways in which he apparently won the confidence of many people.

He said he had gathered many facts substantiating previous data from Washington and elsewhere, and that the whole constitutes "an amazing picture."

The writer is a former foreign correspondent, a member of the Overseas Press Club and its Freedom of the Press committee which is aiding investigation of the recent blinding of columnist Victor Reisel by means of acid thrown in the dark.

**LITTLE LEAGUE**  
The Southern Pines Little League won its first three games of the season but dropped one Wednesday to Robbins, 16-5. In earlier games they defeated Carthage 18-4, Robbins 8-4, and Pinehurst 7-6.

## Pacific Mills Acquires Two Amerotron Plants

### Aberdeen Plant Has No Comment On Help Changes

A terse press release from Amerotron Corporation over the weekend, announcing the acquisition by Burlington Industries of two Amerotron plants, has been interpreted as the underlying reason for a widespread personnel shakeup at the Aberdeen plant.

Rumors had been circulating for the past two weeks that Amerotron, which has factories in North and South Carolina and Virginia, would lease the two plants to the giant Burlington Industries of Greensboro.

R. M. Cushman of Southern Pines, vice-president of Amerotron, reached at his office in Aberdeen last Thursday, had no comment to make either on the sales or on the personnel shakeup, which some sources have said included 18 or 20 in the Aberdeen plant alone.

The release over the weekend said: "Amerotron Corporation and Pacific Mills, a member company of Burlington Industries Company, Inc., has announced that Pacific Mills has acquired Raeford Mills at Raeford and the Clarksville Finishing Plant of Amerotron."

Officials of Burlington Industries have not announced any details on the acquisition yet.

The personnel changes at Amerotron have not been announced "and probably never will," one official, who did not want his name used, said. Among those from

Southern Pines who were released were Frank Roberts, a vice-president, and Bill Croxton, Morris Greer, Hal Adams and Wayne Harrison.

Roberts, who lives on Valley Road, came with the company when J. P. Stevens Company acquired the Robbins Mills about two years ago.

Whether or not the release of the officials was coupled with the acquisition of the other two plants by Burlington Industries was not explained by company officials.

## Summer Softball League To Begin Here On Tuesday

The adult softball league, part of the summer recreation program here, gets under way Tuesday night at 7:15 with two games, according to Irie Leonard, director of the program.

Seven teams are entered in the league, with games scheduled twice each week on Tuesday and Thursday nights.

Managers of the teams are: Airmen, Master Sergeant Razor; Officers, Capt. William J. Ryan; Carolina Power and Light, Charlie Horton; North Carolina Catholic Laymen's Association, Dick Kobleur; Church of Wide Fellowship, Gene Blackwelder; Southern Pines Lions Club, Bill Spence; and National Guard, Capt. Bill Wilson.

Commissioners of the league are Brig. Gen. Pearson Menoher and Carl Holt.

Admission to the games, to be played at Memorial Field, is free, Leonard said but a small donation will be collected to help pay for lights and new bleachers.

Rained-out games will be played the following night.

## Chamber Of Commerce Closes For One Week

The Southern Pines Chamber of Commerce closed Wednesday at noon and will be closed through next Wednesday.

Mrs. S. D. Fobes, secretary, who is also in charge of the license bureau maintained at the Chamber's offices, has been granted a week off to attend the wedding of her daughter.

The office will open as usual Thursday, June 14.

## 'Case Dismissed'

It was one of those things you read about in the short, short stories used to fill up small spaces left over in the magazines.

Leroy Jones, a Negro painter, had been doing some work for Miss Annie Batchelor of Cameron. She had taken \$67, all the money she had, and put it in her billfold . . . \$25 for Jones in the regular place for bills, and the other in the secret compartment.

When Jones finished his work late in the day, Miss Batchelor had extracted the \$25, thanked him and paid him off. He would be back next day, he said, to work some more. But he might be late.

Next morning Miss Batchelor went to the hardware store to buy some more paint. When she got ready to pay for it, she looked in her "secret" compartment but found nothing.

She swore out a warrant for Jones' arrest. No one else had been in the house, she said, so it was a foregone conclusion that Jones had stolen the money. He denied it.

That was May 18. Jones was put in jail.

In court Monday, Miss Batchelor took the stand and told of her careful hiding of the money. She was sorry, she said, that she had to accuse Jones. He was a good worker and she had believed him to be honest. She retraced her actions in hiding the money, produced the billfold for a better demonstration, and said she was still sorry to have to accuse Jones.

Herbert Seawell, no piker when it comes to use of dramatics in the course of defending his clients, was representing Jones.

He examined the wallet. Judge J. Vance Rowe remarked as to how it would be a very nice thing indeed if he discovered the money. Miss Batchelor said it certainly would. "I'll give you half if you do," she said.

Seawell, acting like a magician about to pull a rabbit out of a hat to the accompaniment of a continuous line of banter, asked what the bills were. "A twenty, two tens and two ones," Miss Batchelor said.

With a gesture that would have done justice to the great Blackstone, Seawell reached down, tugged at the bottom of a little pocket in the wallet . . . and started counting: "One twenty, two tens and two ones."

Miss Batchelor was contrite. She apologized to Jones. He could, she said, work for her anytime, although she wouldn't blame him one whit if he didn't.

Seawell walked over to his client.

"Your Honor," he said, pointing one finger skyward, "When I was in law school we used to end such cases as this by saying, 'I move the case be dismissed.'"

Case dismissed.