

## Funds For Rural Fire Protection Sought By Group

**Need Is Urgent, Group Says: Three Trucks Requested**

A delegation of Moore County farmers, civic leaders and volunteer firemen will meet with the county Board of Commissioners Monday night in an attempt to have the commissioners set up funds in the current budget for rural fire fighting equipment.

The meeting, announced by Mayor W. R. Kennedy of Robbins, will take place at the courthouse in Carthage.

Kennedy said that it was the group's intention to cite the urgent need for rural fire protection and to get the commissioners to make an appropriation before the budget is closed.

The budget, tentatively adopted about 10 days ago, had no provisions for rural fire protection.

At present, Kennedy said, a group of interested citizens from various sections of the county were interested in getting appropriations to buy at least three fire trucks, estimated to cost some \$40,000 if properly equipped.

"In the next three to five years it is our hope that the commissioners will make funds available for ten trucks, which is the number required for adequate protection of the vast rural areas of the county, now without any protection," he said.

The committee which Kennedy heads was formed at a meeting held in Southern Pines Monday night attended by some 15 people.

Any equipment purchased under the county plan would be used by volunteer fire departments, a system Kennedy said had proved successful in Montgomery and Lee Counties.

## Parachute Jump To Be Attended By Kiwanis Club

An outstanding Air Show and Paratroop Drop is scheduled for next Wednesday, July 18, at Drop Zone Sicily on the Fort Bragg Reservation, near Pope Field, and members of the Sandhills Kiwanis Club and their families have been invited to witness the event by Brig. Gen. Daniel Jenkins, commanding officer of the U. S. Air Force Air Ground Operations School at Southern Pines, in charge of next week's club program.

Although the exhibition by the airmen and paratroopers is open to the public, it has been announced that no private automobiles will be allowed within a mile of the drop zone. For the Kiwanians and their guests, arrangements have been made for buses to transport them to the scene of the action.

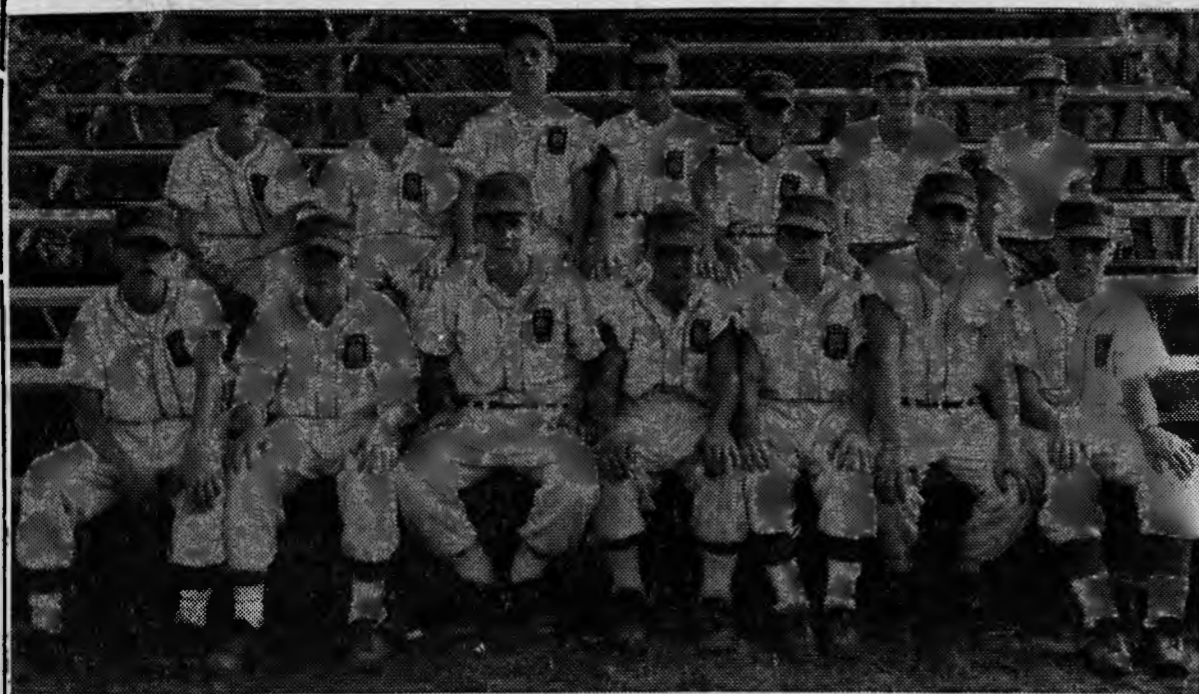
The schedule calls for members of the club to meet at the Air-Ground School by 12:15 Wednesday. Box lunches will be provided by the women of the Southern Pines Methodist Church. The Kiwanians will be transported to Zone Sicily where the maneuvers will start at 1:15, lasting for about an hour.

## Views On Special Session

Just ten days from now—beginning July 23—members of the North Carolina Legislature will convene in special session in Raleigh to discuss proposed legislation dealing with what many people think is the toughest problem North Carolina and the rest of the South has faced since Reconstruction: how to save the public school system in the face of a Supreme Court decision that made forced segregation in the public schools illegal.

The legislators, few of whom have, or will, express any opinion as to the eventual outcome of the special session, will doubtless be asked to approve constitutional amendments for the citizens of the state to vote on in September.

The proposed amendments, though they have not been made



**PONY LEAGUE**—Front row, left to right, Hank Boes, George Little, Bobby Watkins, Woody Woodruff, Melba Hall, Jimmy Caldwell and Chuck Ward. Back row, left to right, Butch Ryder, Joe Garzik, Jim Carter, W. C. Morgan, Don Thompson, Jerry Fraser, and Jerry Tolleson. (Humphrey photo)

## Lillian Bullock Wins Two State Tennis Tournaments

Lillian Bullock, Southern Pines' blonde dynamo of the tennis courts, won two state championships at the North Carolina Closed tournament held last week at Greensboro.

In her age bracket, the junior girls' division, Lillian captured the singles trophy by beating the defending champion, Kitty Dixon, of Asheville. In the doubles she teamed with Kitty to win a resounding victory.

The two handsome trophies "Little Lil" brought home are the 36th and 37th, respectively, she has added to her collection since she first wielded a racket on the town courts at the age of 13, four years ago. Though born in Lumberton, she is strictly a local product as a tennis star.

Seeded No. 2 in the state tournament, the pint-sized player worked her way up by defeating Betty Howard of Tarboro 6-1, 6-0 in the first round; Margaret Horner of Asheville in the semi-finals, 6-2, 6-2; then the champion, Kitty Dixon, in a hard-fought final match 0-6, 6-4, 6-4.

Lillian and Kitty then polished off Jane Bradley of Rocky Mount and Prissy Wyrick of Greensboro in doubles finals 6-1, 6-4.

The local girl was paired with state champion Marshall Happer of Kinston in mixed doubles, and but for an untoward series of events would very likely have that 38th trophy in hand. Seeded No. 1, they were given a first-round bye; then their first-scheduled match was rained out. Before it could be played Happy had to leave for the North Carolina Open at Asheville, so this event had to be surrendered by default.

This was Lillian's last year to win a state title in the junior division. In November she will be 18—rated "adult" by tennis reckoning.

Two other local junior players went to Greensboro, George Little and Dick Thomason, both of whom lost their first-round matches.

## Baseball Jamboree Friday Night Will Feature Four Boys' Teams

**Two Games, Queen Contest Planned For 7 p. m. Program**

Final arrangements for the Southern Pines "Youth Baseball Jamboree" Friday night have been completed.

The "jamboree," first of its kind in the Sandhills, will be held at Memorial Field, beginning with pre-game warm-ups at 7 p. m.

Two games have been scheduled—the first one, four innings, between the Bantam Bombers and the Short Sox, composed of boys 8-12 years of age. The second game will be played between the Mustangs and the Rough Reds, boys 12-14 years of age. The second game will be five innings.

A number of pre-game events have been scheduled, beginning at 7:30. The first of the events will be a home-run hitting contest between selected members of each team. Second event will be a flag ceremony involving boys of local scout organizations, and a rendition of the National Anthem by Miss Jacque Davenport.

Three beauty queens, selected by members of the teams, will arrive at homeplate and will be presented a bouquet of flowers as the last of the special events.

The three queens, Carole Coffin, Rosie Chandler and Frances Harper, will receive the flowers from three selected team representatives—Lamont Brown, Topper Parks and Jim Carter.

Harry Pethick, member of the Town Council, will throw out the first ball.

Coaches of the teams are W. A. Leonard, Mustangs; C. L. Dutton, Rough Reds and Short Sox; Major Erskine Crew, Bantam Bombers.

Umpires for the evening will be Johnny Watkins and Sgt. Carl Layel.

Refreshments will be available at the "jamboree," and admission (Continued on Page 5)

## Selective Blood Testing Program Planned In County

Plans for a selective blood testing program in various areas of Moore County were announced today by Dr. J. W. Willcox, county health officer.

The program, planned in cooperation with the State Board of Health, will last from July 20 through July 28, Dr. Willcox said, and will consist of mobile blood testing stations fully manned and equipped to obtain blood samples for testing at the state laboratory in Raleigh.

The serological tests, designed to detect venereal disease, is part of a survey being conducted in various counties of the state and nation in order to locate cases which have not found their way to routine control.

The test is free and voluntary. Exact locations of the mobile units will be marked by black and yellow posters in advance and will be announced by sound trucks on the days of the operation.

## Ruining Machine Gets Youth Fine, Suspended Terms

A 19-year-old highway construction worker from near Carthage, bent on having a work-free July 4 holiday, was handed a nine-month suspended road sentence in Moore Recorder's Court Monday for pouring a gallon of heavy molasses in an expensive piece of construction machinery.

Arresting officers said Floyd Fry, an employee of the Brown Paving Company, presently working on Highway 15-501, poured the molasses in the machinery July 3 in hopes it would be knocked out of action for the July 4 holiday.

The machinery was valued at \$26,000; the motor into which Fry poured the molasses was valued at about \$3,500, according to W. F. Brown, head of the paving company, and would require close to \$1,000 in repairs.

Judge J. Vance Rowe noted that Fry was already under a suspended sentence for larceny of gasoline in 1955.

He sentenced Fry Monday to serve nine months on the roads, but suspended it on condition he pay \$750 to the paving company; he also ruled that the nine-month sentence go into effect immediately after the year is served. He suspended the last year's sentence on condition Fry pay the damages to the machinery and refrain from breaking any laws during the next two years.

## Golf Carousel To Be Sponsored By Junior Chamber of Commerce Here

The unique event, which offers four days of play, over three golf courses, in a "package deal."

The Chamber of Commerce initiated the Carousel in the fall of 1954, carrying on in 1955. It has given promise of building up to become one of the most attractive and well-attended fall events of the eastern seaboard. It is set at a time when there is a lull between northern and southern tournament circuits, with numerous golfers heading south.

A motion that the Carousel this year be held under joint sponsorship of the two organizations was lost, with the feeling that if the younger group was given sponsorship, they should have the privilege of full responsibility.

Baird said, however, that the Jaycees would not "think of" undertaking the Carousel without the advice and help of its originators, and the final motion carried a provision that President King would appoint a four-man advisory committee.

The Chamber also offered use of its office and secretarial facilities in promotion of the Carousel. The Jaycees said they plan to set the dates and start the publicity going immediately, or as soon as the golf clubs can be contacted and their plans approved.

## Council Adopts Formal Resolution Allowing No Business On Thruway

### Conflict Causes Cancellation of Net Tournament

The Junior Sandhill Invitational tennis tournament, scheduled to be held here this weekend, was canceled because of a conflict with another large tournament drawing many of the expected players.

The defending champion, Marshall Happer of Kinston, and a number of other players expected here were already committed to the North Carolina State Open at Asheville, said Kenneth Tew, tournament chairman.

Dates of the local tournament were set last March under sanction of the Southern Lawn Tennis association, which was expected to prevent such a conflict. However, the conflict did occur through some unexplained oversight, and by the time invitations to the Junior Sandhill were mailed, commitments had already been made by most of the junior element to the larger event at Asheville.

A number of out-of-town entries did come in but "not enough to schedule a full series of matches or to insure interesting competition," Tew said. "We felt it better to cancel this year, and so notified the entrants, than to hold the tournament anyway with the likelihood it would not be successful. We plan to pick up again next year, after first doing our best to see no such conflict occurs again, and getting our invitations out at least a month in advance."

### Jaycee Charter Night Program Set July 20

"Charter Night" for more than 40 members of the newly formed Southern Pines Junior Chamber of Commerce will be held Friday night, July 20, at the Country Club, it was announced today by Jim Baird, president.

The program, originally scheduled for July 13, had to be postponed because of a conflict with another civic club meeting.

A number of state and district officials, as well as civic leaders from Southern Pines, have been invited to the program, which will begin at 7 p. m.

Baird reminded all Jaycees, and potential Jaycees, today that dues must be paid in order to participate in signing the charter.

He suggested that anyone planning to attend the program to contact him prior to tomorrow (Friday).

The town council voted Tuesday night to accept a Planning Board recommendation that there be no change in the present zoning along the No. 1 Highway thruway. Since all areas adjoining the thruway are now in residential zones, this means that land along the highway can't be used now for business or industrial purposes.

Councilman Harry H. Pethick, who introduced the resolution, made it clear—and council appeared to agree—that all or part of the land adjoining the thruway might be made available for business, through a change in zoning, at some time in the future. It is legally possible to change a residential zone to business, but not vice versa.

"I agree with the Planning Board that you burn your bridges behind you if you zone for business now," said Mr. Pethick in moving adoption of the resolution. "The way it stands now, the zoning can be changed if at any time it will be in the best interests of the town."

W. P. Davis, owner of a long frontage on the thruway, who had previously asked that his property be zoned for business purposes and had urged that the council take prompt action on zoning, one way or another, was present when the resolution was adopted. He made no comment, but asked to see a copy of the minutes of the Planning Board's last meeting—the meeting in which the recommendations accepted by the council were drawn up.

**Objections Made**  
One objection to the council's proposed action was heard from the floor, prior to council's adoption. Attorney John McConnell, representing Col. R. W. Duggan of Pee Dee Road, said that his client had purchased property on the thruway with the understanding that it would be available for business. The property has a frontage of 251.51 feet, the attorney said.

## Pulitzer Prize Winner Addresses Local Kiwanians

Willard G. Cole, former editor of the Whiteville News-Reporter and winner of the Pulitzer Prize for his work in helping to expose the Ku Klux Klan in southeastern North Carolina, told members of the Sandhill Kiwanis Club Wednesday that the Klan is now dead, but cautioned against getting lax and letting similar organizations spring up.

Cole, who with Horace Carter became the only non-daily newspaperman ever to win the coveted Pulitzer Prize, carried on a three year battle with the Klan before finally seeing more than 100 Klansmen haled into court.

He first became concerned with the Klan when a big meeting was called near Whiteville in 1951. There were some 5,000 people at the meeting, he said, and not all of them were there out of curiosity.

Previously, he said, the Klan had moved into neighboring Horry County in South Carolina. He had written a series of editorials warning the Klan to stay out of Columbus County and the rest of North Carolina.

For two years, the Klan was quiet. Then, Cole said, the big meeting was called and it became difficult in the following days to tell whether one's neighbor was a Klansman or not.

Three years of editorials, exposing numbers of cases of floggings and other acts of the Klan, finally led to a showdown; the FBI stepped in and, with the help of state and local forces, rounded up 113 Klansmen.

Cole said that subsequent trials was the only time the Klan was ever defeated in court.

He gave numerous examples of the methods Klansmen used in terrorizing people of the area and exhibited a strap that was used in the floggings.

He said the biggest satisfaction he obtained from his battle with the Klan was not the medal he received but the deep satisfaction of knowing that people will not contend with such "cancerous growths" that Klansmen activities present.

standing that it would be available for business. The property has a frontage on the thruway of 251.51 feet, the attorney said.

"Who told him it would be available for business?" interjected Councilman Sam Richardson. "We've never said it would be."

"I don't know about that," said the attorney, "but it appears that it would be in the interest of the town to have the by-pass zoned for business, for town purposes and for tax purposes. The value is certainly low as residential property. Not many people are going to want to live along the highway."

Despite this plea, the council quickly adopted the resolution.

Voting "aye" were Councilmen W. E. Blue, T. T. Morse, Pethick and Richardson. Mayor Voit Gilmore, who has business interests on the thruway outside the town limits, abstained from voting for this reason.

As adopted, the resolution reads:

"The town council hereby accepts the recommendation of the Town Planning Board that there be no change in zoning along the new thruway (route of U. S. No. 1 Highway through Southern Pines), believing that the present zoning is in the best interest and welfare of the Town of Southern Pines, as evidenced by an overwhelming expression of opinion on this matter by the citizens of the Town at a special meeting held by the council in the Town Library on Thursday evening, June 21, 1956."

**Other Recommendations**  
Five other recommendations had been made by the Planning Board whose chairman, Don Case, had pointed out that the board has no authority over state-owned right of way, but made the recommendations nevertheless in the hope that the council will work closely with State Highway authorities along the lines outlined. Mr. Case had also pointed out that the powers of the Planning Board go beyond recommending zoning for various areas.

The other five recommendations of the Planning Board, which were formally acknowledged by the council Tuesday night, were:

Rigid control by the town of signs and sign locations along the bypass.

Push a beautification program in cooperation with state officials.

A good lighting system along the bypass, particularly at the several interchanges.

Establishment of an information booth at some point along the bypass.

No picnicking to be allowed on the bypass except where adjacent property owners agree.

**Zoning Request Granted**

In another action dealing with by-pass zoning, the council adopted an amendment to the zoning ordinance that lowers from 1,500 to 1,200 square feet the "living area" requirements for new residences built in the area bounded by the thruway, Midland Road, Crestview Road, Saylor St. and West Rhode Island Ave. This area is the property of W. P. Davis. The thruway frontage of this same property was the area that Mr. Davis had requested be zoned for business purposes. The area is included in the "Residence I" zone (Knollwood and Weymouth Heights areas) which has the (Continued on Page 5)

### AUGUST MEETING

During their regular session at the library Tuesday night, members of the town council decided to move their August meeting up from the second Tuesday to the first Tuesday, August 7. Reason for the change is that Mayor Gilmore, an alternate delegate from North Carolina to the Democratic National Convention, will be in Chicago during the week of August 12; and Tom Cunningham, city manager, will be on vacation in the last two weeks of the month. The August meeting will be held at the library, the temporary meeting place pending construction of the new municipal center.