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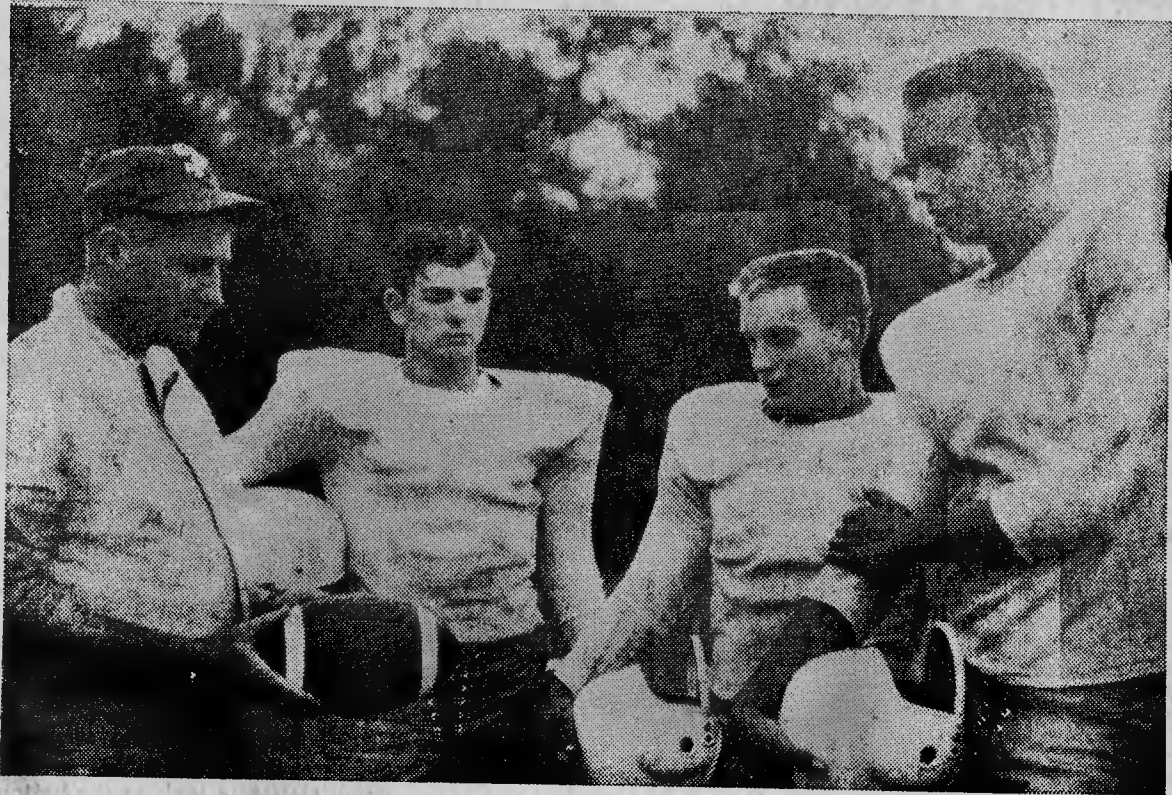
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FOOTBALL STRATEGY was the subject of this conversation as Coach Irie Leonard took time out during a recent workout to pose with three Blue Knights who are expected to carry a major portion of the team's success on their col-

lective shoulders this year. Getting instructions from Coach Leonard for the season opener here tomorrow night against Carthage are, from left, Tony Parker, Lynn van Benschoten, and Roger Verhoeff. (Pilot photo)

Blue Knights Set To Open Season Here Tomorrow Against Carthage

The Southern Pines Blue Knights, trained to a fine edge in three weeks of strenuous workouts, open their 1956 campaign against Carthage tomorrow (Friday) night at Memorial Field.

With a record of three state championships for six-man football and a reputation as one of the outstanding teams in the country to protect, the Blue Knights are looking for a quick victory to get the season off to a good start. Carthage opened last week with a 19-13 victory over Pittsboro.

Coach Irie Leonard said this morning that injuries to two members of the team had failed to dampen the spirits of the team. Lynn van Benschoten has come down with an infected toe but is expected to be ready for at least part of the game. And John van Benschoten has a sore shoulder and is a doubtful player.

Leonard said the tentative starting lineup would be, for the offensive team, Tony Parker, center; James Bowers, guard; Roger Verhoeff, right end; Bobby Parker or Kenneth Creech, quarterback; Charles Watkins or Sammy Self, wingback; and Lynn van Benschoten, tailback.

Defensively, the tentative starting lineup has Parker at end, Lynn van Benschoten at guard, Creech at end, Bobby Parker and Charles Watkins at halfback, and Billy Hamel at defensive safety.

Hamel will probably do the punting and Watkins will kick the points after touchdown.

Leonard said the band and cheerleaders would be on hand, and that programs would be sold by the Blue Knights Boosters.

He requested fans to use the parking lot below the field house and to get to the field early for a choice seat.

One change from last year: admission is up, at least for adults. Prices this year are 75 cents for adults and 25 cents for students.

Photo Exhibit To Be Art Gallery's 1st Show Of Year

A photography show entitled "North Carolina from Mountains to Coast" will be the first offering of the Southern Pines Library Art Gallery committee this fall, it has been announced by Mrs. Alvin Folley, exhibit chairman.

The show, which begins September 10 and runs through September 29, will consist of some 60 pictures selected from a group of 75 by the state's top photographers. The exhibit has been loaned by the N. C. Department of Conservation and Development. Mrs. Miriam Rabbly travel editor of the state's Advertising Division, selected the photographs that should have the most appeal to Sandhills.

Some of the titles may interest Pilot readers and will give some indication as to what to expect: "Wreck on the Outer Banks," by John Hemmer; "Blowing Rock," by Gus Martin; "Orton Plantation," by Sebastian Sommer; "Mist

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Council Sets Open Meeting Tuesday On New Town Hall

A public hearing on comments concerning the design of the new Southern Pines Municipal Building has been scheduled as part of the regular Town Council meeting Tuesday night in the library.

Council, meeting in extra session Monday of last week, voted to put the design and a model on public display so that the public could see them and offer comments prior to any move towards formal adoption of the final plans.

To date there has been very little interest shown by the public in the design of the building. The scale model of the building as it is located in the entire present block, together with an elevation drawing will be on display at the meeting Tuesday night, which begins at 8 p. m.

The model is at present in the offices of Tom Hayes, architect, who was commissioned by Council to do the job. The public has been invited to his office to see the model, the plans, and to ask questions about them.

Also scheduled for the Tuesday night meeting is a discussion of the fund which Council approved several months ago approving the allocation of \$2,000 to be used for advertising and promotion providing a similar amount is raised by public subscription.

James Hartshorne, resident manager of the Highland Pines Inn and a member of the Board of Directors of the Chamber of Commerce, has been working as a committee of one to raise the funds and reports good results so far.

Other business of the Council will be a public hearing on a resolution to install curbing and guttering on East Rhode Island Avenue between Ridge and May Streets. A petition has been received indicating the majority of property owners in the prescribed area wanted the work done.

Methodists To Meet In New Church Sunday

The Methodist Church of Southern Pines will observe its second birthday Sunday by meeting in the new church building for Sunday School and morning worship, followed by a church family picnic dinner for which the various families will carry baskets.

This is the only service to be held there before the completion of the building. The Rev. R. L. Bame is pastor.

The church observed Charter Sunday September 12, 1954, the ground-breaking service September 11, 1955, and next Sunday will be the date nearest the birthday, this special celebration is being held in the unfinished building.

School Enrollment Bigger Than 1955

Enrollment in the Southern Pines school system was on the upswing this year as only one school in the system reported a smaller enrollment figure than last year.

A. C. Dawson, superintendent, released the following figures this morning, following opening yesterday:

East Southern Pines elementary: 1955, 549 enrolled; 1956, 560 enrolled.

East Southern Pines High School: 1955, 165 enrolled; 1956, 203 enrolled.

West Southern Pines elementary: 1955, 299 enrolled; 1956, 349 enrolled.

West Southern Pines High School: 1955, 117 enrolled; 1956, 103 enrolled.

Dawson said the increase in the East Southern Pines High School came primarily as a result of 75 freshmen enrolling, the biggest in the school's history.

And last year, he pointed out, there was a graduating class of only 37.

Figures for West Southern Pines elementary school are somewhat misleading as compared to last year, he said. Actually, the increase of 50 pupils is not necessarily a permanent one; usually the first day enrollment in the school is not as high as the permanent enrollment since a large number of the children do not come to school the first day because they are working, or for other reasons.

Invitations Will Be Sent To 4,000 For Golf Carousel

Jaycees Expect More Than 300 In Competition

Mailing of some 4,000 invitations to the third annual Southern Pines Golf Carousel, being sponsored this year by the newly-formed Junior Chamber of Commerce, begins early next week, it was announced today by Charlie Clapp and Bob Dunn, co-chairmen of the Jaycees' Invitation Committee.

The invitations will be going to golfers throughout the country, many of whom have played in the two previous Carousels. In addition, several private lists are being used, comprising altogether some 4,000 names.

The Jaycees are looking for an entry of more than 300 golfers for the event, scheduled for November 8, 9, 10 and 11 over three local courses—Mill Pines, Pine Needles and the Southern Pines Country Club.

Dunn and Clapp said today that local golfers who intended entering the tournament should obtain entry blanks either from them or from some other member of the Jaycees.

Entry fee this year is the same as the two preceding years—\$12.50 for single entries, \$25 for a team.

Joe Carter, co-chairman of the tournament with Johnnie Hall, has confirmed that a "pro-am" would be held in conjunction with the Carousel. The "pro-am" is scheduled for Thursday, November 8, and will be held at Southern Pines Country Club.

Carter said that a number of pros in the state and several in South Carolina had indicated they would compete.

The "pro-am" is a separate part of the tournament and all amateur entries will be required to pay an extra entry fee, established at \$6. Carter said that the scores of the amateurs in the event would also serve as their qualifying scores for the Carousel.

Also scheduled for the four-day event are a dance, two parties, and gala ceremonies when prizes are presented.

The presentation of the prizes, which will be awarded to approximately half the entries, will be held at Mid Pines Club at the conclusion of the 36-hole final match in the championship flight.

DIRECTORS TO MEET

The Board of Directors of the Southern Pines Chamber of Commerce will hold a regular meeting at 8 p. m. Tuesday night at the Chamber offices on East Pennsylvania Ave.

Vote On School Amendment Set For Saturday; Light Turnout Seen

12th Highway Death Reported

Paul Buie Coore, 17-year-old Vass-Lakeview High School senior, died at 1 a. m. Saturday in Moore County Hospital from injuries received two hours earlier when the motor scooter which he was riding was struck by an automobile on US Highway 1 just south of Lakeview.

He became the county's 12th traffic fatality of 1956. There were 13 recorded last year.

Winford Merlon Gibbons, 26, of Route 3, Carthage, was arrested by officers and charged with manslaughter in the fatal accident. He was released on \$5,000 bond pending a preliminary hearing before a magistrate in Carthage September 14 at 10 a. m.

According to State Highway Patrolman H. A. Hight, who investigated, Coore and a companion, Joe Fulton Furr, Jr., were riding the motor scooter on the highway when Gibbons' car struck them

from behind. Hight said that Gibbons' car traveled some 425 feet before it stopped.

The impact of the crash was so terrific, he said, that the scooter was driven up into the grill of the car and it was impossible for him and Patrolman R. R. Samuels to remove it.

Furr suffered lacerations and multiple contusions and has been reported doing well. Coore was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank B. Coore of Lakeview. Funeral services were held at Lakeview Presbyterian Church Sunday afternoon with the Rev. Grover C. Currie, pastor, officiating. Members of the senior class at Vass-Lakeview served as pallbearers and flower girls. Burial was in the family plot in Lakeview Cemetery.

In addition to his parents, young Coore is survived by four sisters, Sylvia, Sue, Janet and Frances Coore, all of the home.

Democrats Laying Plans For Heavy Vote In November

With optimism running at an extremely high pitch, members of the Moore County Democratic Executive Committee met at the Court House in Carthage Friday night and held what one official described as an "excellent" opening meeting in preparation for the November Presidential election.

"This is the year for the Democrats," W. Lamont Brown, Southern Pines attorney and chairman of the Executive Committee, told the group. "We have a platform that has been well conceived and we have two very strong candidates."

He urged the members of the committee to begin early preparations for turning out a big vote in their precincts.

At the meeting it was tentatively decided to stage a series of rallies in various localities in the county between now and election time. Final decision and a schedule of the rallies will be made at another meeting tomorrow (Friday) night beginning at 8 o'clock.

The committee has recommended that rallies be held in Robbins, Aberdeen, Cameron, Eureka, Pinebluff, Pinehurst, Southern Pines, and Carthage. Some of the smaller precincts will be asked to combine forces for the rallies. Scheduled for the combined affairs are Ritters, Highfalls, and Deep River precincts; Spencerville and Spies precincts; and Bensalem and West

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Dawson To Speak On Pearsall Plan At Public Meeting

A. C. Dawson, superintendent of the Southern Pines school system, will explain the mechanics of the 1955 Pupil Assignment Act and the Pearsall Plan at an open meeting of the Parent-Teacher's Association tonight (Thursday) at 8 p. m. in Weaver Auditorium.

Mr. Dawson, who served as chairman of the State Legislative Committee of the North Carolina Educational Association, took part in a number of conferences with state legislative and educational officials while the re-writing of the state's school laws was being accomplished.

He and members of his committee were invited to attend hearings on both the Pupil Assignment Act and the proposed Pearsall Plan legislation and offer suggestions.

Dr. Charles Phillips, PTA president, said this morning the meeting would be turned into a question and answer session after Mr. Dawson spoke and that Mr. Dawson would attempt to answer all questions that might arise.

"The meeting is in the public interest and we are hoping for a large turnout to hear these most important details on proposed legislation that will certainly have effects on the operation of public schools in North Carolina," Dr. Phillips said.

Gov. Hodges, Others Give Plan Backing

North Carolina voters will go to the polls Saturday to vote on what has been described as the most profound changes in the educational system in the state in the past 50 years.

Those changes are contained in an amendment to the State Constitution relating to public schools and have come to be known as the "Pearsall Plan," after the chairman of an educational advisory committee, Thomas Pearsall of Rocky Mount.

Governor Hodges appointed the committee to come up with some workable solution to a Supreme Court decision which, in effect, made it illegal to practice segregation in the public schools.

The constitutional amendment on which voting will take place Saturday would, if approved, put into effect two major pieces of legislation affecting the schools. These two bills, along with six others which were approved by the recent special session of the General Assembly and are already in effect, constitute, as a

light vote in Moore County is expected Saturday when qualified voters go to the polls to pass on four amendments to the State Constitution.

Sam C. Riddle, chairman of the county Board of Elections, said early this morning that registration had been light in all but a few precincts in the upper end of the county. He pointed to Spies and Spencerville as two of the precincts that had heavier than usual registration, but said there seemed to be little interest in the election in the lower end of the county.

The polls will be open from 6:30 a. m. to 6:30 p. m. Saturday.

Voters in Southern Pines use the fire station on East New Hampshire Ave. as their polling place.

what, what is known as the Pearsall Plan.

The legislation would not change existing language in the constitution which requires the state to maintain a free and uniform system of public schools. Instead, changes would be tacked onto the Constitution as additional sections, if they receive voter approval Saturday.

One major law would permit a child to receive a state-paid expense grant for attendance at a private, non-sectarian school if:

- (1) The child were assigned, against the wishes of his parents, to a public school attended by a child of another race, and
- (2) The child could not be assigned to another public school in which the races were not mixed.

The other major change would permit residents of a community, or a "local option unit," by a majority of those voting, to suspend one or all of the public schools in that community.

An election on whether to close (or open) schools could, under this law, be called either by the district school board or by petition by 15 per cent of the local option unit's voters.

A number of readers of The Pilot, which has editorially opposed the proposed legislation, have requested that an explanation be made of the propositions which will be put to a vote Saturday.

First, it should be pointed out that schools in the state this year are being operated under what is known as the Pupil Assignment Act, legislation passed by the 1955 General Assembly.

Under that law, various school boards assign pupils to a given school, prior to the beginning of the school year. The school board reserves the right to change the assignment of any pupil at any time whenever, in the opinion of the board, the best interests of the pupil, of the school attended by him or of other pupils, or the

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NEW TEACHERS in the East Southern Pines school met with their classes for the first time Wednesday morning. And, after class, they looked as though the meetings had been a most pleasant experience. Pictured, left to right, are Kenneth Miller, who teaches high school English and social studies; Miss Sally Cowles,

librarian; Mrs. Jean Jenkins, fourth grade; Mrs. Joan Ripple, high school English and Spanish; and Mrs. Jane McPhaul, sixth grade. In back is Mrs. Louise Milliken Howard, third grade.

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