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Pearsall Plan Is Approved By 4-1 Margin Saturday

Unexpected Big Vote Says OK To School Plan

Moore County, along with the rest of North Carolina, gave approval to the Pearsall Plan Saturday by a margin of about four to one.

The amendment carried every precinct in the county, ranging from 40 to 1 in Highfalls precinct to less than two to one in Southern Pines.

The unofficial Southern Pines vote was 475 for, and 287 against. For the county the vote was 4,664 for, and 875 against.

Statewide, almost 600,000 voters turned out for the election, and gave the amendment a vote of some 440,000 for and less than 100,000 against.

Governor Hodges, commenting on the vote after the major returns were in Saturday night said: "In this vote our people showed their deep convictions on the issues involved."

He hailed the unexpected big turnout as a strong indication that North Carolinians would object down to the last wire to their children attending a school in which the races may be mixed.

Three other questions were submitted to the voters Saturday. A constitutional amendment increasing the pay of State senators and representatives won by a margin of about three to one; a month later convening time for the General Assembly, from January to February, also rode to victory; and an amendment which would provide measures to confer powers of attorney on married women also won approval.

The school amendment, which featured what Governor Hodges termed two "safety valve" pieces of legislation, were written into the State Constitution as this state's answer to what it will do in the face of a Supreme Court decision against practicing segregation in the public school system.

The measures, tuition grants and local option voting to close the schools in "intolerable" situations, are plainly standby legislation. It is generally believed by most people, and even admitted by many of the Pearsall Plan's backers, that the plan was a method of buying time so the state could work out its own methods of dealing with the problems that were brought on by the Supreme Court decision.

Whether they will be tested, and whether the courts will uphold them, was a major question both before the election and immediately afterwards. So far, with but two exceptions, there have been no attempts made anywhere in the state for Negro children to gain admission to white schools.

By giving its approval to the Pearsall legislation Saturday, North Carolina activated implementing legislation already approved at a special session of the General Assembly in July.

The implementing legislation provides:

(1) That local option elections may be called in local school units in that locality in the face of "intolerable" situations. By ma-

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Terry Sanford To Speak At Demo Rally Sept. 24

A Moore County Democratic fund raising rally will be held in the Carthage Hotel in Carthage Monday, September 24, at 7 p. m., according to an announcement made today by T. Roy Phillips of Carthage, dinner chairman.

Phillips announced that former State Senator Terry Sanford of Fayetteville would be the principal speaker for the occasion.

Tickets will be \$5 each with all the proceeds above the actual cost of the meal going into the Moore County Democratic Campaign fund.



INVITATIONS to the third annual Southern Pines Golf Carousal, being sponsored this year by the Junior Chamber of Commerce, started going out yesterday. Pictured here stuffing the envelopes, which will be sent to some 4,000 golfers up and down the Eastern seaboard, are Charlie Clapp and Bob Dunn, co-chairmen of the invitations and reservations committee, being assisted by Mrs. Donna Frederick, center, and Marie Kennedy, right. The Carousal will be held November 8, 9, 10 and 11 over the courses at Mid Pines, Pine Needles and Southern Pines Country Club. (Pilot photo)

DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE APPOINTED

Need For New Industry In Area Cited As Group Of Local Businessmen Meet Here With State Officials

The immediate shutdown of one Southern Pines industry and the possible closing of the other next spring has given rise to a need for some "hard thinking" by the community to regain the lost income, a group of local businessmen were told here Wednesday.

Meeting in the offices of the Carolina Power and Light Company here at the request of Mayor Voit Gilmore, the businessmen, representing most segments of community life, were given a briefing by a team from the Department of Conservation and Development on the best ways to secure an industry, providing, of course, the community wants one.

Al Grant, formerly of Southern Pines and now head of the Industrial Section of the Department, said that Southern Pines and the surrounding area have tremendous possibilities for locating industry, citing its cosmopolitan atmosphere and nearness to educational facilities as two of the main advantages.

"Industry as we know it today

Mercury Drops To 44 Monday As Cold Wave Chills Area

A cold blast of air came out of the north Sunday night to give the Sandhills its coldest early September weather in many years.

The official temperature Monday as recorded at radio station WEEB, which maintains a weather observation station, was a low of 44, which many old time residents said was the coldest they had experienced in their lifetime for early September.

Though no official records are available for Southern Pines prior to the turn of the century, weather officials in Charlotte said the previous low recorded there on a September 10 was in 1880 when the thermometer dropped to 51. It is likely that the same record would exist in this area.

During the cold snap, which started Saturday, the lows recorded here were 62 for Saturday, 50 Sunday, and 44 Monday.

High for the three days was 76 Saturday, with 73 recorded Sunday, and 74 on Monday.

does not have to be all smokestacks and smells," he said. "The state has been working for some time on developing a campaign to sell North Carolina primarily as a state that welcomes the 'science' type industry."

Grant, who was accompanied to the meeting by Les Branson, who covers the Piedmont area for C&D, said that science type industry has proven the most desirable in long term development, and said the state has been conducting a vigorous advertising campaign to lure such industry.

Most industries looking for new sites, he pointed out, are stressing the importance of good living conditions for employees and their children, recreational and educational facilities, and nearness to potential markets.

The closing down of J. Bishop and Company, a move that had been expected here for several months, was announced as definite as of this Friday. The company, which maintains home offices in Pennsylvania, manufactures needles and other items primarily for the medical trade. It was noted that E. E. Comfort, president of the firm, had announced last spring that the plant would probably be closed at the end of August because of its remote location from the home office.

There never has been any breakdown on the total yearly payroll of the company, but estimates indicated that upwards of a million dollars each year in purchasing power would be lost to Southern Pines and other area merchants.

And one other source of income in Southern Pines, the Air-Ground Operations School, is here definitely only until May 1. At that time, the Air Force announced this past spring, the school would probably be moved to an Air Force installation in Mississippi.

There were a number of suggestions made by the businessmen at the meeting as to the best method of assembling data about Southern Pines and the immediate area that would best serve the needs of obtaining new industry.

It was pointed out several times during the meeting that industry would come to the area only if the area wants it. There was no hard and fast feeling expressed by the group against locating industry in

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lie Clapp and Bob Dunn, co-chairmen of the invitations and reservations committee, being assisted by Mrs. Donna Frederick, center, and Marie Kennedy, right. The Carousal will be held November 8, 9, 10 and 11 over the courses at Mid Pines, Pine Needles and Southern Pines Country Club. (Pilot photo)

Plans Completed For Filming TV Show In County

Background shots for the trial scene in a forthcoming "Big Story" NBC television show will be made Saturday in the courtroom at Carthage, with local people making up the courtroom crowd.

About 50 or 60 people are needed, and as many more as can come can be accommodated and will be welcomed, according to advance information from the "Big Story" producers.

The "crowd scenes" will be filmed from 12 until 2 p.m. Date of the filming had been announced earlier as Friday. However, the camera crew was delayed by technical difficulties in Dothan, Alabama, where they were working on another "Big Story" the first part of the week, so the local date had to be changed.

Later Saturday afternoon, action scenes will be shot downtown in Southern Pines. Several local persons will play bit parts in the scenes, which will be held near the intersection of Broad street and Pennsylvania avenue. One scene, scheduled for 3 p.m., will be in front of the municipal building, another at 4:30 p.m., near the entrance to the Graves Building.

The filmed scenes will be inserted in the live dramatic action in the "Big Story" studio in Radio City, New York, for the program to be presented Friday, September 28, at 8:30 p.m. It will be seen here on Channel 11 (Durham) and Channel 12 (Winston-Salem).

The courtroom scene will be one of the most authentic ever shown on the "Big Story" program. Not only will it be in the same courtroom where the original trial was held, but with most of the same courtroom personnel.

Judge J. Vance Rowe of Moore recorders court said he felt it in keeping with the dignity of the court to have the real court officials in their accustomed places, rather than persons unused to court procedures. Consequently Judge Rowe, Solicitor W. Lamont Brown, Sheriff C. J. McDonald, Clerk C. C. Kennedy, various law-

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Design Of New Municipal Building Earns Disapproval Of Large Group

Widening Plans For Penn. Ave. Are Protested

The proposed widening of Pennsylvania Avenue, between Bennett St. and the new thruway, was protested to the town council Tuesday night in a petition signed by 15 residents, most of whom are owners of property on this section of the street.

The widening was protested "to the extent that it will mean the loss of many large and beautiful trees."

Also noted was a letter from the Southern Pines Chamber of Commerce asking that as many trees as possible be preserved.

Mayor Voit Gilmore, presiding at the regular monthly meeting of the council, said he had received calls from two or three interested persons who said they were worried about the plans for the street.

Plans call for widening the street, with parkways and sidewalks, to the same width as the street now has between Broad St. and Bennett St.

Despite the fact that, as Mayor Gilmore pointed out, a paving contractor already has the contract to do the job, the mayor suggested that a public meeting be held soon for "information and interpretation" of what is going to be done on Pennsylvania Ave. and why.

There seems to be little assurance that the plans can be changed, but the mayor said he would communicate with State highway officials and see if he can find out what the schedule of the contractor is for this street.

As part of the series of agreements between the town and the State Highway Commission, reached when planning for the by-pass was going on more than a year ago, the State agreed to grade this section of Pennsylvania Ave., install curb and gutter and pave the street.

At the time this agreement was reached, it was considered a considerable concession to the town by the State and one that would save the town a good deal of money. Pennsylvania Avenue will be the main entrance to the business section from the thruway.

No spokesman for the Pennsylvania Ave. petitioners were present at the meeting. The petition was read by Mayor Gilmore.

All of the councilmen were present for the Tuesday night session which was held in the Library; in addition to the mayor, Mayor Pro-Tem H. H. Pethick, W. E. Blue, T. T. Morse and Sam Richardson.

A hearing on the architectural style of the proposed new municipal center to be built on the park block opened the meeting. (See another story in today's Pilot for details of the hearing.)

Negro Requests

A delegation of seven persons representing the West Southern Pines Civic Club, with the Rev. G. E. McNeill as spokesman, presented a written petition asking additional police protection in West Southern Pines, for law enforcement, protection of children going to and from school, to help control juvenile delinquency and to discourage dangerous driving in the area. The petition also asked that the council consider the appointment of a Negro member to the Southern Pines school board.

"Nobody can represent a minority viewpoint better than a member of the minority group," the spokesman pointed out.

Mayor Gilmore recalled that the council had heard from West Southern Pines Councilman Morse a request that Negro policemen be appointed to serve in that area. Because the policy of the town, as in most towns, is to have policemen work in pairs, the request, if granted, would mean the naming of two policemen for that area.

This, it was explained, would be impossible until the 1957-58 budget comes up for consideration early next year.

Meantime, however, the council directed the city manager to confer with Police Chief C. E. Newton and ask the chief to take up with the principals of all schools in town the advisability and possibility of forming schoolboy or

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NO NEGROES APPLY AT WHITE SCHOOLS

H. Lee Thomas, superintendent of the Moore County school system, said this morning that no Negro children had applied for admission to any white schools in the county during the recently completed enrollment period.

A similar report was made by A. C. Dawson, superintendent of the Southern Pines system.

Thomas, reached at his office, said official enrollment figures for the county had not been compiled as yet, but spot checks of the various principals showed that enrollment was about the same as last year, though there was a possibility that a very small gain might be noted when the final figures are in.

All schools in Southern Pines, with the exception of the West Southern Pines elementary school, had an increase in enrollment.

Blue Knights To Meet Robbins Here Tomorrow Night

Still worked up after a rousing 54-6 victory over Carthage last Friday night in the season football opener, the Blue Knights will go after their second victory Friday night when they meet Robbins on the local field.

Game time is 8 p. m. Robbins, coached by Rex Gordon, was defeated by Aberdeen last Friday, 28-6, but gave notice of making a strong bid for the county championship, long dominated by the Blue Knights.

Aberdeen scored three of the four touchdowns on Robbins' fumbles.

Bobby Freeman, one of the leading tailbacks in the Southeast, was the mainstay of Coach Gordon's team and is expected to get a full share of the workload Friday night.

The two teams did not meet last year, but according to Coach Irie Leonard, the Blue Knights will not have an easy time like they did last Friday.

Starting lineups for the Blue Knights will be substantially the same as in the Carthage game—Tony Parker at center; James Bowers at guard; Roger Verhoff at right end; Bobby Parker at quarterback; Charles Watkins at wingback; and Lynn van Benschoten, star of last week's game, at tailback.

Billy Hamel will be assigned the punting chores.

Leonard said he expects the game to be close, particularly in view of the fact that Robbins outweighs the Blue Knights and also because their running game is a great deal like Southern Pines'.

The band, rained out of last Friday night's performance, will be on hand again for the game, Director Lynn Ledden said.

Tickets may be secured at the box office or from members of the Boosters Club.

Directors Of US 1 Assn. To Meet Here

Lester Rose, secretary and general manager of the US Highway 1 Association, will meet with a number of directors from this area tomorrow (Friday) to plan for the fall promotion program.

Mayor Voit Gilmore, who is the North Carolina vice-president of the organization, invited the group to meet here and will serve as host at a luncheon at Jack's Grill.

Directors from Southern Pines, Pinebluff, Aberdeen and Pinehurst are expected to attend.

Faction Says Modern Style Not In Harmony

Expressions of disapproval far overbalanced expressions of approval at Tuesday night's public hearing on the architectural style of the proposed town hall.

The town council, before whom the hearing was held in the Library, took no action pro or con in connection with the "contemporary" design submitted for the building by the Thomas T. Hayes architectural firm of Southern Pines.

In a brief discussion of the problem, after the architect and most of those who attended the hearing had left, council members agreed to seek an informal meeting with Architect Hayes and some of the most emphatic opponents, to explore the possibility of revising the design to be more in harmony with the many local public and business buildings in the colonial or Williamsburg style.

Summing up the points of agreement and disagreement expressed at the hearing, Mayor Voit Gilmore pointed out that there were more of the former than the latter. The feature about the building that caused most opposition, the mayor noted, was the flat roof of the contemporary design.

The floor plan, featuring an open inner court and an efficient arrangement of offices and other rooms, was praised by a number of those who did not like the exterior elevation. Perhaps, the mayor said, some modification of the facade could be arrived at that would be more acceptable to those who felt the contemporary design is out of harmony with other buildings here.

Says Minds Open

Mayor Gilmore opened the hearing with the assurance that the minds of the council were open and that discussion was welcome. He closed the session with a remark with which the council apparently agreed: that no final decision on the design should be made "in the heat of a hearing." Also, he said, the integrity of the architect is not in question.

Mr. Hayes explained the design and the architectural reasons for its various features, replying to the statements of disapproval offered by almost all of those persons who spoke at the hearing. In the course of these explanations, he went extensively into the theory of contemporary architecture.

There were two or three expressions of unreserved approval of the design, against more than a dozen who disapproved.

Another viewpoint was introduced by C. T. Patch, Jr., a former member of the council, who said near the end of the hearing that many persons who liked the design probably had not come to the hearing.

"The ones who are most opposed are the ones who are here," he said. "They announce themselves in the majority or as speaking for a majority of the people of Southern Pines, but maybe they are in a

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Bethesda Church Plans Homecoming

The annual Homecoming at Old Bethesda Church, located one mile from Aberdeen, will be held Sunday, September 30, according to an announcement made today by E. T. McKeithen, homecoming committee chairman.

Mr. McKeithen announced this week that the Rev. Dr. J. McDowell Richards, president of Columbia Theological Seminary, Decatur, Georgia, will preach the morning sermon, which will start at 11:15. The service will be followed by a picnic dinner on the grounds at the noon hour.

In the afternoon at 2 o'clock, Dr. Frontis Johnson, of the Department of History, Davidson College, will deliver an address on some phase of the history of the Presbyterian Church.

Both Dr. Richards and Dr. Johnson are eminent scholars and are expected to bring worthwhile messages.

The public is cordially invited to attend the services on this occasion.