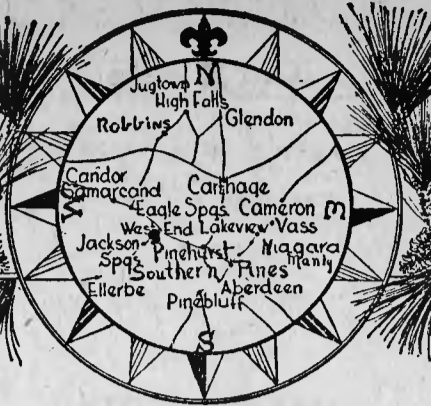


THE PILOT



From left, seated, above, officers of the Moore County polio chapter—Mrs. Jack Phillips, women's division chairman; C. H. Bowman, treasurer; H. Clifton Blue and J. Frank McCaskill, campaign co-directors; Paul C. Butler, chairman, and Mrs. Eldon S. Adams, secretary. Standing, community chairmen and helpers (several not present when picture was made): Miss Vera McLean, Cameron; Mrs. Monroe Chappell, Mr. Chappell, Vass; Mrs. Gurney Bowles, Mr. Bowles, Niagara; Mrs. Walker Porter, Highfalls; J. F. Sinclair, Mrs. Sinclair, West End; and Mrs. Worth McLeod, public health nurse. (Photo by V. Nicholson)

BUTLER IS CHAIRMAN

Polio Officials Meet, Make Plans For Annual Drive To Raise Funds

"We've got the enemy on the run, but polio isn't licked yet." With these marching words, officials of the Moore County polio chapter and community chairmen of the 1957 March of Dimes undertook the same quota they have had for several years—\$7,500—and set forth with high hearts on their annual January fund-raising task.

The occasion was the March of Dimes dinner held last Thursday night at the Carthage Hotel, attended by 18 chapter and campaign leaders. Presiding was J. Frank McCaskill of Pinehurst, again co-director (with H. Clifton Blue of Aberdeen) of the county's March of Dimes.

They reelected Paul C. Butler of Southern Pines chapter chairman for the 18th consecutive year—a record which each year grows more outstanding in the State, Mr. Butler, who heads the sales department of the Carolina Power and Light Co. in the Southern Pines district, became chairman soon after organization of the county chapter in 1939. Serving through good years and bad, including two of severe epidemic, and attending meetings all over North Carolina and in the South, he has become an outstanding polio leader in the nation.

Butler told the group that, though the Salk vaccine is now a proven success, it will take several years to get all potential victims.

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License Tag Sales Up To 1600; More Opening Hours Set

Business continues to boom at the automobile license bureau maintained here: to date more than 1,600 state tags have been sold, together with some 200 town tags.

The figures were released by Mrs. S. D. Fobes, manager of the bureau, which is located in the Chamber of Commerce office on East Penn. Ave.

Mrs. Fobes said that new hours would be observed next week for the convenience of patrons who are unable to visit the offices during working hours. Starting Monday morning, the bureau will open at 9 o'clock and stay open straight through until four o'clock. Those hours will be observed each day except Wednesday and Saturdays, when the office closes at noon.

She reminded automobile owners of the notification on each envelope containing renewal cards for tags, which directs owners to examine the cards inside immediately. She said that most people bring the cards to the office unopened and are causing a delay in the bureau's operation.

Local Bank Loans Show Big Increase Over Previous Year

An increase in total assets of almost one-half million dollars over 1955 was noted in the year-end report of condition of the Citizens Bank and Trust Company Tuesday.

At the close of business December 31, the total assets of the bank were listed at \$4,539,775.74, an increase of \$491,412.30 over 1955.

The figures were released by N. L. Hodgkins, president, to the stockholders at the annual meeting. New highs in deposits, loans and other activity were noted, most noteworthy of which was an increase in loans of \$628,162 over the previous year.

Mr. Hodgkins said the total in loans during the year was \$2,085,472, the highest ever. Since deposits did not increase as substantially as loans during the year, he said, this increase was mostly as a result of similar decreases in the holdings of United States government securities.

At the stockholders meeting Mr. Hodgkins expressed appreciation to the Board of Directors for their guidance and counsel during the year and to the officers and staff of the bank for their loyal service.

All of the present directors were re-elected. They are John C. Barron, N. L. Hodgkins, N. L. Hodgkins, Jr., John M. Howarth, and George W. Pottle.

The directors, at their organizational meeting, re-elected the present officers of the bank: N. L. Hodgkins, president; Norris L. Hodgkins, Jr., executive vice-president; C. H. Bowman, vice-president and cashier; and E. Earl Hubbard, assistant cashier.

Harold Fowler Is Re-Elected Head Of Local VFD

Harold B. Fowler, who has been chief of the Southern Pines Volunteer Firemen's Association for the past five years, was re-elected to the post at the annual meeting last Thursday.

Others elected were Albert Tew, assistant chief; Hubert Cameron, captain; and Frank H. Kaylor, captain and secretary-treasurer of the association.

Fowler reported on the year's activities to the Town Council Tuesday night and received a warm round of thanks for the tremendous task the department had accomplished during the year.

State C&D Board Confirms Plans For Meeting Here

The State Board of Conservation and Development voted Tuesday morning to hold its two-day fall meeting in Southern Pines. The decision was prompted by an invitation made the Board several months ago by Mayor Voit Gilmore, acting on behalf of the Town Council.

William P. Saunders, of Southern Pines, C&D director and former president of Robbins Mills, telephoned Mr. Gilmore from Raleigh Tuesday morning soon after the decision was made.

The meeting here will be a signal honor for Southern Pines. Keen competition is usually encountered from other towns in efforts to persuade the Board to meet in certain localities. This is the first such meeting in Southern Pines.

The meeting will be concerned primarily with business affairs of the Board but will also include tours of the Sandhills and conferences with leaders from this area. Many people from other parts of the state attend the meetings.

Council, at its meeting Tuesday night, expressed happiness at the decision to meet here and said initial preparations would be started immediately.

New Directors Are Named To Chamber For Coming Year

Seven new directors have been elected to the Chamber of Commerce and will meet next Tuesday, along with the eight carry-over members, to elect a new president.

The new directors were elected my mail ballots of the entire Chamber of Commerce membership and represent a cross section of various business interests in Southern Pines.

The new seven are Joe Scott, George Pottle, Mrs. Graham Culbreth, Newland Phillips, Robert Strouse, Alwin Polley, and L. D. McDonald.

They replace Mark King, Harry Smyth, John Ostrom, J. T. Overton, Mrs. O. W. Holtzclaw, Jerry Healy, and Harold Collins, whose regular terms of office had expired.

The eight carry-over members, all elected on staggered terms, are Warren Bell James Hartshorne, Miss Katherine Wiley, Earl Hubbard, Roy Grinnell, Mrs. Valerie Nicholson, W. B. Holliday, and Joe Montesanti, Jr.

Officer's Son Dies In Wreck

Failure of the lighting system in his car was blamed yesterday by John K. Sharpe, Southern Pines policeman, as the reason for an automobile wreck Tuesday night that took the life of his five-weeks-old son.

Sharpe, who joined the police force here January 1, was returning from a trip to Biscoe when the accident occurred at the intersection of Linden Road and Highway 211 in Pinehurst about 9:30 Tuesday night. At the time, he had his wife, his six children, and his wife's sister, Mrs. Elizabeth Poole of Biscoe in the car with him.

He told Pinehurst Police Chief J. T. Shepherd from his bed in Moore County Hospital Wednesday morning that the accident was unavoidable. He said that as he emerged from Linden Road into Highway 211, he stepped on the dimmer button on the floorboard and the entire lighting system of the car went off. Sharpe said he couldn't see anything, and ran his car into a huge cedar tree at the intersection.

His son, Gregory, was thrown to the floorboard where he was found by Chief Shepherd. Carried to Memorial Hospital in Chapel Hill, he later died.

First Fatality
It was the first traffic fatality in Moore County in 1957.

Sharpe, a former officer with the Moore County ABC Board, suffered a broken left arm, fractures of the right jaw, and head injuries. Mrs. Sharpe, 28, suffered a broken right ankle, and Mrs. Poole received lacerations about the face.

Two of the young children, Kenneth, 6, and Marlene, 4, received cuts and bruises but were expected to be released from the hospital this morning.

The other children, ranging in age up to 14 years, were not severely injured and did not require hospitalization.

The car, a two-door 1950 Nash, was badly damaged. The impact of the crash apparently caused Sharpe to hit the steering wheel. Mrs. Sharpe told investigating officers she remembered the lights going off but didn't otherwise know what happened.

When Chief Shepherd arrived at the accident scene, he found Sharpe slumped over the steering wheel.

NO TROUBLE SEEN "Lost Township" Of Little River Petitions To Join Moore County

The "lost province" of Hoke County—Little River Township—may be attached to Moore County if a petition drawn up by Hoke citizens meets with the approval of the General Assembly.

The petition, which contained 327 names of citizens living in the township, was presented to the Board of County Commissioners in Carthage Monday and met with their immediate approval. Although the commissioners could not give any immediate nod of acceptance—changing of county boundary lines is within the province of the General Assembly—they were favorable to the petition.

Little River has been, at various times, called a "step-child" of Hoke County, a "lost province," and an orphan area. Most of the citizens living there felt they were not receiving normal services, but did not hold Hoke County officials to blame. One citizen there put it this way several weeks ago: "We're way up here, away from the county seat, completely cut off by the Fort Bragg military reservation, and the costs of providing services usually thought of normal, would be prohibitive to the county. That, perhaps more than anything else, is the reason the township would like to become a part of Moore County."

John William Smith, spokesman for the group appearing before the county commissioners Monday, reported that his group had had an earlier meeting with the Hoke commissioners that day and had obtained their blessings in the proposed "secession." They had also visited Hoke Representative Charles Hostetler and State Senator J. Benton Thomas, who serves both Hoke and Moore Counties.

Accompanying them was H. Clifton Blue, publisher of the Sandhill Citizen in Aberdeen and Moore County's representative in the General Assembly.

A native of Lobbelia, which is a part of the Little River Township, Blue said he was sympathetic to the move. He has been working closely with the Little River group for some time and recognizes their problems.

Prospects for a special act being presented at the upcoming session of the General Assembly are bright, although the Moore commissioners said they didn't want

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Fire Loss Placed At \$70,000 To Pinehurst Warehouse

Estimates of fire damage to the Pinehurst Warehouses, Inc., were placed at \$70,000 yesterday by I. C. Sledge, an official of Pinehurst, Inc., owners of the building, and Haynes Britt, owner of the general hardware and feed supply business there.

The fire, which was discovered about midnight last Thursday by a cook who was going home from work, apparently got its start in the heating plant. Adjusters, who have been there all week, said they had discovered a hole had been burned underneath the furnace in the building.

Sledge, treasurer of Pinehurst, Inc., said the building would be rebuilt in the near future. It was completely gutted on the South wing, where he placed damage at \$30,000.

Britt said the damage to his stock was estimated at \$40,000. He said he has no future plans pending settlement with the insurance company.

Firemen fought the blaze about six hours before bringing it under control. Paint that had become overheated during the blaze was still exploding next morning and caused hazardous conditions to exist.

Heavy fire walls in the middle of the building kept the fire from spreading to the offices of Golf World, a weekly golf magazine, the Pinehurst Outlook, and the Pinehurst Printing Company.

Pinehurst Warehouses, Inc., of which Britt is president, had done extensive remodeling to their part of the building not long ago.

PTA MEET

A. C. Davis, auditor of the State Board of Education, will speak at the next meeting of the Southern Pines Parent Teachers Association, Tuesday night at 8 p. m. at Weaver Auditorium.

Mr. Davis will explain the budget requirements for the next two school years and will explain how the money will be spent.

All members and other interested parents are urged to attend.

BAKE SALE

The Young People's Service League of Emmanuel Episcopal Church will hold a bake sale Saturday morning beginning at 8:30 in front of the post office. Proceeds will be used to purchase light fixtures for the Sunday School rooms at the church.

Local Leaders Flying To Capitol For Talks On Air-Ground School

Senator Ervin, Rep. Kitchen Offering Aid

The fate of the Air-Ground Operations School may be learned tomorrow, but probably not, it was learned here this morning as local leaders prepared for a conference with high Air Force officials in Washington tomorrow afternoon.

The Pilot has learned that the conference has been scheduled between W. Lamont Brown, who has been acting chairman of a citizens committee to keep the school here, Mayor Voit Gilmore, Sen. Sam J. Ervin, Rep. A. Paul Kitchen, and Secretary of the Air Force Donald Quarles. Charles Stitzer, owner of the Highland Pines Inn, location of the school, will also attend.

The meeting with Secretary Quarles will follow one in the morning between Brown and Gilmore, and Sen. Ervin, Rep. Kitchen, and John Lang, former administrative assistant to Rep. Charles B. Deane.

It was also learned that Stitzer is prepared to tell the Air Force

Farm Building Is Nearer Reality As Land Is Purchased

Moore County farmers were practically assured of an agricultural building Monday when the County Board of Commissioners authorized the purchase of a lot on which to build it.

The board had previously made an appropriation of \$25,000 for the building, though admittedly that is not enough for the construction.

A new agricultural building has been the object of many farmers and farm groups for several years. Several years ago the County Commissioners authorized a committee to search for a site.

T. Clyde Auman, West End peach farmer and president of the Moore County Farm Bureau, served as chairman of the committee. He told the commissioners Monday that a site, a corner lot one block from the courthouse in Carthage, had been selected and a tentative price had been agreed upon.

One member of the committee said the price was near \$4,500.

The commissioners put off making a decision on also acquiring an adjoining parcel of land that would be used for parking and possible expansion of the

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Meeting Set For Easter Seal Drive

Committee members of the annual Easter Seal drive for crippled children will meet tomorrow (Friday) night at 8 p. m. at the Church of Wide Fellowship to discuss the drive, chairman Roger Gibbs said this morning.

The local drive will be a part of a state and national drive to raise funds to assist crippled children and adults in treatment and rehabilitation. The Moore Chapter is a part of the North Carolina Society for Crippled Children and Adults.

and Allan Preyer, a former vice-president of Vick Chemical Company and nationally known advertising executive.

If there are more listings in Southern Pines, The Pilot would be delighted to know. Ordinarily, the editors of the book say, three out of 10,000 people are listed; to date, it has been learned that Southern Pines has 10 out of 5,000, considerably more than its share, and a further indication that the town not only attracts good citizens, it keeps them.

Who's Who In Southern Pines

In reporting last week the selection of Harry Pethick as a new sketch in "Who's Who in America," The Pilot also listed several others who were included in the book.

Since that time it has been learned that several other prominent residents of Southern Pines are also included in the book.

They are R. M. Cushman, textile executive; Wallace Irwin and Katherine Newlin Burt, authors; General R. B. Hill and Pearson Menoher;

that he will acquire or enlarge present facilities at the school, and thus eliminate what has been represented as the biggest obstacle in maintaining the school here. The Air Force has, in the past, objected to the practice of having to send students to Pope Air Force base for classes.

But the Stitzer management has the ability to enlarge the facilities to the Air Force's needs, it was reported, and is prepared to offer concrete proposals.

Local leaders will lean heavily on the argument that to move the school would be disastrous for the town's economy, already described as "depressed" due to the closing recently of two nearby industries.

And they are prepared to list numerous instances of participation by personnel at the school in cultural activities of the town.

An Associated Press dispatch from Washington yesterday indicated that Rep. Kitchen, who has already indicated his interest in keeping the school in Southern Pines, had been assigned to the House Armed Services Committee, a spot that might give him enough influence to bring pressure to keep the school here.

Sen. Ervin, on a recent visit here, said he thought the school was "very well located" and indicated his interest also in keeping it in Southern Pines.

Charter Hearing Evokes Mixed View On School Board

Adoption of a new charter for Southern Pines was put off by the Town Council Tuesday night to allow more time for a public hearing.

The charter, recently drawn up and presented for the Council's consideration, has several changes from the old one, notably one dealing with the appointment of a seven-member school board rather than the present five-member board.

That provision, which the charter committee said was inserted after a great deal of deliberation, drew the most comment from citizens Tuesday night.

R. F. Hoke Pollock, local attorney, told the Council that he represented no group and was speaking as a private individual when he suggested several changes in the charter.

He suggested that one provision of the charter, which gives the Town Council the right to sell property at a private sale, should be eliminated. "The Council could possibly be the object of much criticism if that feature is retained," he pointed out. As an alternative, he suggested that provision be made for a public sale of town property and then, after 10 days had elapsed, the Council could sell the property privately only if a higher price were offered.

W. Lamont Brown, town attorney and a member of the charter committee, said that such a provision as Pollock suggested had been decided on at first, but that several things had caused a change in decision. "For one thing," he said, "many industries do not want to get into public bidding when they are looking to acquire property. Quite often, I am sure, they would go elsewhere if they had to divulge their plans, which is what they would do if they entered into public bidding for a possible site."

Another change suggested by Mr. Pollock was to eliminate the present provision that calls for the election of the mayor from among the five town councilmen elected by the public. He suggested that the mayor should be elected directly by the voters.

He further suggested that, since there was a possibility the charter would not be revised "in maybe another 25 years," that the mayor's and councilmen's salary range should be enlarged.

Several people at the meeting thought there should be a change

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