

School Discipline
is very much in the news these days. Editorial discussion on page 2.

March of Dimes
Basketball benefit will be played by Jaycees and Lions February 7. See story page 6

Leonard Assault Case Continued To April Court Term

Seawell Called Away, Unable To Be There Friday

The State's case against Irie Leonard, Southern Pines High School principal and football coach who was convicted and appealed from a \$1 fine imposed in the lower court for assaulting a student, has been continued to the April 29 term of Moore Superior Court.

Judge Richardson Preyer granted the continuance late Wednesday afternoon after Solicitor M. G. Boyette explained that H. F. Seawell, Jr., who had been engaged as private prosecutor, would be unable to attend any court sessions Friday.

Boyette said it might have been possible to reach the case Friday (it was originally calendared for Tuesday), but several lengthy cases involving felonies have taken up more time than the Court had originally planned and the case was continued each day.

For a while Tuesday it looked as though the case would be called Thursday but Boyette said he did not want to get into it unless it could be completed.

Leonard was arrested on a warrant sworn out by Ray McDonald, who claimed that he (Leonard) had struck his son, Bill, a 16-year old student in the school. Leonard maintained during the course of the trial in Recorder's Court that he had been acting in the best manner he knew to maintain discipline.

Judge J. Vance Rowe found him guilty and imposed a fine of \$1 plus court costs. In pronouncing judgment, Judge Rowe noted that maintaining discipline is a difficult job and expressed sympathy with Leonard in his problems, but said he should not have struck McDonald "in anger."

Hunter Trials To Be Held Feb. 16 At Scott's Corner

The annual Hunter Trials, sponsored by the Moore County Hounds, has been scheduled for February 16 at 2 p. m. at the regular place, Scotts Corner, according to a letter mailed this week by MCH officials.

The picturesque trials, top event of the year for the sponsoring group, is expected to include most of Moore County's best horses and riders and a number from other parts of the country.

The course is located on Young's Road Extension and will be plainly marked. Parking space along the route of the trials may be obtained from Mrs. Dwight W. Winkelman or Mrs. Ozell Moss, secretary.

The traditional Hunt Ball and dinner will be held that evening at the Southern Pines Country Club beginning at 8 p. m.

Calendar of Events

- Feb. 2-3 Mid-Winter Skeet Championship, Pinehurst.
- Feb. 3 Informal Horse Show, Pinehurst.
- Feb. 10 Carolinas Golf Assn. Tourney, Pine Needles C. C., Southern Pines.
- Feb. 12 Silver Foils, Mixed Foursomes, Pinehurst C. C.
- Feb. 14 Pinehurst Forum, Quentin Keynes, noted photographer with pictures of Africa.
- Feb. 16 Tin Whistles Club 53rd Anniversary Flag Tournament, Pinehurst C. C.
- Feb. 16 Annual Hunter Trials, Moore County Hounds, Southern Pines Hunt Ball, Southern Pines C. C.
- Feb. 17 Informal Horse Show, Pinehurst.
- Feb. 19 Silver Foils Annual Team Match, Pinehurst C. C.
- Feb. 21 Caravan Theatre, Opening Performance, Pinehurst.
- Feb. 18 Sandhills Music Association program, Little Singers of Paris, Weaver Auditorium.
- Feb. 22 Washington's Birthday Ball, Pinehurst.
- Feb. 23 Pinehurst Forum, Vera Appleton and Michael Field, duo-pianists.
- March 1-5 Seniors' 4-Ball Tourney, Pinehurst.
- March 2 Youth Talent Show, Weaver Auditorium, Southern Pines.
- March 7 Sandhills Music Association, Alden String Quartet, Weaver Auditorium.
- March 8-12 Spring Field Trials, Hoffman.
- March 23 Stoneybrook Steeplechase, Southern Pines.



NEW OFFICERS of the Central Carolina Girl Scout Council were elected Tuesday night in Sanford at the annual dinner meeting. Pictured here are four of the new officers from this area. Mrs. Audrey Kennedy of Southern Pines, seated in front, who is rounding out a two-year term as president of the council, was re-elected for another term. Around the chair, from left to right, are Mrs. William Davis of Southern Pines, chairman of the nominating board; Mrs. Marvin Wicker of Manly, district chairman; Mrs. Robert S. Ewing of Southern Pines, secretary; and Mrs. George H. Leonard of Southern Pines, chairman for troop organization. (Pilot photo)

Pilot Wins News, Editorial Awards

For the second consecutive year The Pilot has won two first place awards in statewide competition among weekly newspapers. Engraved plaques, presented by Governor Luther Hodges last Thursday night at the annual N. C. Press Association meeting in Chapel Hill were awarded The Pilot for best editorials and best news coverage. Cad Benedict, associate editor, accepted the editorial award; the news award was accepted by Vance Derby, news editor.

Mrs. James Boyd, editor and publisher, was unable to attend the awards presentation but was in Chapel Hill Friday morning for a seminar in which J. Montgomery Curtis, director of the American Press Institute, outlined the many problems and challenges facing daily and weekly papers in the country today.

There are four categories in which the 140 weekly newspapers in the state are eligible: editorials, news, features, and photography. The feature writing award this year—it was won by The Pilot in 1955—was won by the Skyland Post. The Nashville Graphic won the photography award.

Along with features, The Pilot also won the editorials award in 1955.

FOR TWO-YEAR TERM

Mrs. Audrey Kennedy Re-elected President Of Girl Scout Council

Mrs. Audrey Kennedy of Southern Pines was re-elected president of the Central Carolina Girl Scout Council at the annual banquet held Tuesday night in Carthage. Highlighting the annual meeting was the presentation of a "Thanks Badge," highest award in Girl Scout leadership, to Miss Catheryn Cressman, who is the executive for the program in the four counties that make up the council: Lee, Moore, Harnett and Chatham.

More than 200 people attended the banquet and saw a pageant, "Girl Scouting in Central Carolina." During the meeting officers were elected and installed, service pins were presented and reports of the year's activities were made. In addition to Mrs. Kennedy, others from this area who were elected to office include Mrs. Robert S. Ewing, Southern Pines, secretary; Mrs. George Leonard, Jr., Southern Pines, troop organization chairman; Mrs. Marvin Wicker of Manly, district chairman; and Mrs. J. C. Grier of Pinehurst, membership-nominating committee.

Mrs. W. P. Davis of Southern Pines was chairman of the nominating board. Service pins were presented to Mrs. Mildred Merrill and Mrs. Garland Pierce of Southern Pines, 10 years; and to Mrs. C. C. McCaskill, Carthage, Mrs. Earl Langley and Mrs. Nell Pickler, Pinebluff, Mrs. C. R. Shannon and Mrs. B. V. Richardson, Pinehurst, Mrs. W. F. Alexander of Robbins, Mrs. W. F. Huntley, Miss Wilma Hasty, Mrs. T. T. Morse, Mrs. Joshua Ferguson and Mrs. Mary E. Gay of Southern Pines.

Troop 206 Awarded Storey Cup Monday At Court of Honor

The coveted Storey Cup Award, given annually to the Boy Scout troop in Moore County that has the "best overall program of activities during the year" was presented to Troop 206, Pinebluff, at a Court of Honor held here Monday night. At the same time Cub pack 73 of Southern Pines was awarded the Commissioner's Cup, and Explorer Post 936 of Carthage was awarded the District Chairman's Cup.

The Court of Honor, held at Brown Memorial Presbyterian Church, (Continued on Page 5)

Hospital Board Names Committee Members For Year

Committee appointments of Moore County Hospital, Inc., for the year 1957 were announced this week by Jack M. Taylor, president. The next meeting of the Board of Directors has been called for Tuesday night, Feb. 12, at 8 o'clock in the Nurses' Home.

Named chairman of the Executive Committee is Norris L. Hodgkins, Sr., of Southern Pines. Other members are Ralph L. Chandler, Mrs. James Boyd, Mrs. Alwin L. Folley and Voit Gilmore, Southern Pines; Gordon M. Cameron, Mrs. John E. Dixon, Nelson C. Hyde, John F. Taylor and Richard S. Tufts, Pinehurst, and Wilbur H. Currie, Carthage.

Voit Gilmore will head the committee on Finance, with these members: Mrs. Samuel G. Allen, Paul Dana and H. Arnold Jackson, Pinehurst; Arch L. Barnes, Carthage; Denison K. Bullens, Thomas R. Howerton and Harry Pethick, Southern Pines; John M. Currie, Highfalls; and Dr. E. M. Medlin, Aberdeen.

Wilbur Currie continues as chairman of the Committee on Professional Relations, assisted by J. B. Edwards, Aberdeen and Norris Hodgkins and Richard Tufts. Nelson Hyde remains as chairman of the Public Relations Committee, with these members: John Beasley, Carthage; Mrs. Boyd, Mr. Howerton, H. Clifton Blue of Aberdeen and J. R. Younts, Southern Pines.

Mrs. John E. Dixon is chairman of the Committee on Building and Grounds, with these members: Gordon Cameron, Alan A. McDonald of West End, E. H. Mills, Pinebluff, J. Reece Monroe, Eagle Springs, and J. Earl Parker, Southern Pines. Hospital Auxiliary members serving on this committee are Mrs. Edward Schneider, Southern Pines; Mrs. S. L. Windham, Aberdeen, and Mrs. Ira T. Wyche, Pinehurst.

Continuing as chairman of the New Project Committee is John F. Taylor, and serving with him will be A. L. Burney and Mr. Howerton, Southern Pines; Mrs. Robert H. Hall, Omaha, Neb.; H. Arnold Jackson and Dr. C. R. Monroe, Pinehurst; Mrs. H. A. Page, Jr., Aberdeen, and H. G. Poole, Carthage.

Public Hearing On Proposed Charter Scheduled Feb. 12

Set-Up Of School Board Is Major Point of Interest

A public hearing on the proposed new charter for Southern Pines has been scheduled for February 12 at the library, town officials said this morning.

This is the second public hearing on the charter, which was revised and rewritten over a period of several months by a volunteer committee headed by J. Vance Rowe, Jr., W. Lamont Brown, Dean Dorman, and Tom Cunningham.

At the last meeting of Town Council, Mayor Voit Gilmore suggested that, in view of the interest expressed in the revisions, more people should have an opportunity to express their views and air opinions. Previously, it had been hoped that the charter would be adopted by Council and be ready to submit to the General Assembly when it convenes next week.

"This is a matter of utmost importance to Southern Pines," Gilmore said, "and a few more days won't matter."

Actually, there was not too much criticism of the charter expressed at the last hearing, held in conjunction with the regular January meeting of the Council. But several objections were made to the method of selecting the school board, which, under the new charter, is composed of seven members appointed by the Council.

Some citizens said the board should be an elective one, and cited instances of more public interest under an elective set-up.

Other objections were raised concerning the pay of Council members and the mayor, and the fact that Southern Pines would, under the new charter, fall under the category of "city" rather than "town."

The public hearing will be held at 8 p. m. in the library.

Local Clinic Building Is Severely Criticized In Grand Jury Report

Polio Drive Falls Behind; Campaign Dates Extended

"Hearsay evidence" isn't as good as money in the bank but that's about all that has come in so far from most communities in the March of Dimes.

As J. Frank McCaskill of Pinehurst, campaign co-director, announced the drive would be extended into February, it was disclosed by Treasurer C. H. Bowman of Southern Pines that he has only about \$1,375 on hand.

This is less than 20 per cent of the goal of \$7,560 for Moore County, not much more than 10 per cent of the amount which is usually collected. Moore has a record of far surpassing the quota in the annual polio drive, and on occasion has even doubled it.

The "hearsay evidence" consists of information that work is going on in the various communities, and that several chairmen are approaching or have reached their goals. However, unless it is turned in to Treasurer Bowman at the Citizens Bank and Trust Co. in Southern Pines, it can't be counted.

Approximately \$1,000 from Southern Pines' Paul C. Butler toward that community's \$1,750 quota constitutes the bulk of the funds on hand. Other amounts have come in from West End, Lakeview and Niagara, all of whom reached their goals.

"Please make your report, and turn in your collection, whether partial or complete," urged Bowman today. "It will help a great deal if we can just know where we stand." And, added McCaskill, "The fight against polio isn't won yet, and it won't be soon, unless we do our part to the best of our ability. We believe in this cause too much to let them down now."

Theatre Group To Live Here

Members of the Caravan Theatre Company of New York and Dorset, Vermont, will make their temporary home in Southern Pines during the season of plays that is scheduled to run through April in the old Carolina Theatre building in Pinehurst, according to producers Pat and Fred Carmichael.

The dozen actors and technicians will move into the former residence of Mrs. Florence C. Thrower at 405 S. Bennett Street, and use it for living and some rehearsals.

A large rambling house with many rooms, it is an ideal arrangement for the company, the Carmichaels said.

The company has scheduled the opening performance for the season for February 21, though no announcement has been made as to the title of the play. In a few days residents of Southern Pines and other areas in the Sandhills

will receive a letter from the company with full information about the nine-week season, together with subscription rates and individual ticket prices.

The Carmichaels said that work is progressing steadily to refurbish the old Carolina, which has been re-named the "Caravan-Pinehurst Theatre." They said the public could stop by during the day to see the improvements and meet members of the company. The doors will be closed only when the actors go into rehearsals.

DOES DRIVE

The BPOE Does, of which Mrs. Don Jones is president, will collect contributions to the March of Dimes drive Saturday morning by soliciting people on the streets of Southern Pines. The drive will be concentrated in the business area.

Local Rotary Club To Host District Convention

Members of 33 clubs in the 281st Rotary District, with their wives, will arrive in Pinehurst Sunday to begin a three-day conference at the Carolina Hotel.

J. B. Perkinson of Southern Pines, publicity chairman for the event, said today that the program includes a number of outstanding speakers, several business and dinner meetings, entertainment sessions and visits to places of interest in the Sandhills.

Between 800 and 1,000 persons are expected. Conference sessions will be held at the hotel, with Dr. Mark Lindsey of Hamlet, district governor, presiding.

The conference theme is "Learn More About Each Other," Mr. Perkinson said. Service work of the clubs will be reviewed and increased effectiveness of future activities will be planned.

Moore County is the eastern county in the district which stretches from the Virginia line to South Carolina across the cen-



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tral portion of this state. Events begin with registration Sunday afternoon, and run through Tuesday night, when the governor's banquet will be held. Earl Hubbard of the Southern

Officials Agree Findings Correct; Action To Follow

A severe indictment of the condition of the Southern Pines Health clinic by the Moore County Grand Jury, following the annual investigation conducted by this body, should result in either major improvements to this ancient building or removal of the clinic to a more suitable site and better quarters.

This was the consensus of opinion as expressed both by Town Manager Louis F. Scheipers and Health Department staff members as well as by Gordon Cameron, chairman of the Board of County Commissioners, and officials of leading volunteer groups in close touch with the situation.

"Disgraceful . . . inadequate . . . miserable . . . dangerous" were adjectives freely employed in the Grand Jury report, handed in at Carthage Wednesday over the signature of E. O. Freeman of Robbins, chairman of the 17-member group.

The Jury inspected all county-owned facilities and extended their survey to include many not owned by the county, but serving welfare or health agencies. On the whole, the report showed most buildings in good condition, with repairs suggested the past year carried out.

The Clinic Situation In describing the old building in West Southern Pines where the combined health and welfare clinics have been held for many years, the report was brief and to the point, as follows:

"Southern Pines Health Clinic in West Southern Pines for white and colored. Disgraceful set-up; in poor condition. Several wood stoves, no back door, old floors (but clean and neat). Small frame building inadequate and miserable. Porch floor in dangerous condition; in fact, one of the committee fell through. New building sorely needed. Present one is a fire hazard."

Town and county officials contacted by this newspaper agreed this was a fair representation of the situation. Said Mr. Cameron: "I agree this is a sorry clinic building," but he stressed the fact that both the county and town were aware of it and had been working to improve things.

"We have always been grateful to Southern Pines for providing the clinic free of charge," the commissioner said, and emphasized that County Commissioner James Pleasants of this section, had put in a lot of time and effort on the matter.

Mr. Cameron and Town Manager Scheipers both stated there is no written agreement between the town and the county covering the (Continued on Page 5)