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Jury Report On Clinic Building Shocks Community

Cooperation Lack By Town, County Largely To Blame

Last week the report of the Moore County Grand Jury severely condemned the old building in West Southern Pines used by the combined monthly clinics of the Moore County departments of health and welfare.

There is no doubt that the jury's criticism was justified, but it is only fair to the people of both county and town to give them, as far as possible, an explanation of the facts, and just how the deplorable condition they described came about.

The whole story is a lamentable example of what happens when there is no cooperation between interested and responsible officials.

The Southern Pines clinic was established back in the mid-thirties.

The move was sparked by the Rev. F. Craighill Brown, then rector here. The West Southern Pines building was chosen because, at that time, it was the only available place Mr. Brown could find. How it was then made habitable is lost in the shades of the past: presumably Mr. Brown enlisted the aid of his church people and others to pay for the repairs and painting that must have been necessary.

The clinic was for venereal disease work, at first, but when the Moore County Maternal Welfare committee was organized, it became interested and the prenatal clinics and well-baby clinics of the Department of Public Health were also held in the building.

There appears to have been no written agreement as to how the place would be kept up, but, according to County Commissioner Gordon Cameron, there was an understanding that the county would pay for the maintenance in lieu of paying rent. As far as

Rummage Sale To Help School Band

The annual rummage sale that is the major fund-raising project of the Band Boosters Club will be held Friday and Saturday at the Page Motor Co. building on N. E. Broad St.

The club is an organization of adults who are interested in the Southern Pines school band.

Mrs. George Thompson, chairman of the sale, said that clothing and practically any household item would be welcome.

Persons who cannot bring articles to the place of sale can phone Mrs. Broadus Smith or Mrs. C. D. Way and the items will be called for and picked up. All proceeds will go to the band fund.

ART EXHIBIT

The Good Neighbor Policy is believed in—and practiced—by the City of Charlotte.

Now on view in the Southern Pines Library Gallery is a loan collection from the neighbor city's famed art gallery—the Mint Museum. The collection forms part of the gallery's permanent collection.

Faced with a sudden disappointment by the withdrawal of the exhibit planned for this time, the gallery committee, Mrs. Alwin Folley and Mrs. C. A. Smith, co-chairmen, sent out an SOS to Charlotte and the big city responded nobly.

The collection now on view comprises watercolors, the work of six artists. Three of these are local Charlotte painters, one a graduate of Charlotte's John C. Smith College. All are Southerners except for one New York artist.

The show, considered by the committee one of the best to be hung this season, will be on view until March 1.



AT ROTARY CONFERENCE — Among officers and speakers at the conference of the 281st District of Rotary International, held this week at the Carolina Hotel, Pinehurst, were, left to right: Bunyan Stephens of Rome, Ga., past district governor; Joseph I. Scott, president-elect of the host Rotary Club of Southern Pines; W. M. Wild of Port Elizabeth, South Africa, who presented a message from the president of Rotary International; Dr. Amos C. Dawson of Southern

Pines, president of the local Rotary Club; Dr. Mark Lindsey of Hamlet, governor of the 281st District; Holt McPherson of High Point, past district governor, and brother of Garland McPherson of Southern Pines; and Harry B. Finch of Thomasville, district treasurer. Other speakers and entertainment were on the program. A "Rotary Ann" fashion show and luncheon are reported on the women's pages of today's Pilot. —Hemmer Photo

Precinct Division Proposal To Be Discussed By Council On Tuesday

Hearing On Charter Will Be Continued At Library Meeting

Important items on the docket for the regular meeting of the Southern Pines town council Tuesday of next week include further discussion of a proposed new town charter and a report from the Precinct Study Committee.

The meeting, which is open to the public, will be held in the Library at 8 p.m.

A. C. Dawson, superintendent of schools, has asked to be heard in

Scouts Of County Join Observance Of Anniversary

Hundreds of Boy Scouts in Moore County will participate in the nation-wide observance of Boy Scout Week through next Tuesday, as the nation's 4,500,000 Scouts and leaders join in celebrating the 47th anniversary of their organization.

The week of February 6-12 has as its theme, "Onward for God and My Country," with a special emphasis on "Duty to Country."

Almost 20,000 members are joining in this recognition in the 12-county Oconeechee Council which includes Moore County.

Window displays of Scout crafts will be one of the features of the occasion. Frank Yandell, Scout executive for Moore district, said that various units will have public displays and that the following were already prepared early in the week: at Style Mart store, on Pennsylvania Ave., by Southern Pines Pack 73; at West End by Pack and Troop 801; at Pinebluff by Troop 206; and at Pinehurst by Troop 7. Others also are expected to be prepared. Judging for prizes for displays will be done Saturday.

On Scout Sunday, February 10, all Boy Scouts are encouraged to wear uniforms and attend church with their parents. Almost half of all Scout units are made possible by sponsorship of churches.

Coaches To Plan County Tourney

Moore County High School basketball coaches will meet in Carthage at 10 a.m. Saturday to make plans for the annual county tournament.

To be played at the Carthage gym, the tourney is expected to get started Thursday or Friday of next week.

For reports on games of the past week in the Moore County Conference, see stories elsewhere in today's Pilot.

regard to a nuisance created by dogs running loose on the school grounds.

The precinct committee, of which Mrs. Graham Culbreth is chairman, has been studying a proposal that the large and populous Southern Pines precinct be divided to ease voting congestion. Provisions of the new charter that have aroused discussion include the right of the council to sell property at a private sale and the enlargement of the town school board from five to seven members.

A public hearing was held on the charter at the January meeting but was continued until this month's meeting to allow more time for study, comment and discussion.

Warning: Use Air Rifles Properly

Police Chief C. E. Newton today asked parents of children who have air rifles to warn the youngsters against using the guns to destroy property.

Numerous complaints have come in to the police department about windows and street lights which have been broken by shots fired from air rifles, the chief said.

An unoccupied house in Pine-dene, from which nearly all the windows have been shot out, was cited by Chief Newton as an example of the extensive damage that is being done.

There is no town ordinance prohibiting possession or use of air rifles, the chief noted, but laws against property damage can be invoked when such damage is done. Officers are watching for children who misuse their guns.

It's up to parents to help control this situation, Chief Newton thinks.

ON FEBRUARY 12

Dr. Winston To Speak To Civic Clubs

Dr. Ellen Winston, North Carolina's energetic and capable commissioner of public welfare, will address a joint luncheon meeting of the Southern Pines Junior Woman's Club and the Sandhills Kiwanis Club next week.

Members of the two organizations, with their guests, will meet at the Mid Pines Club at 12:15 p.m.

Kiwanians, who come from throughout the county, have been invited to bring their wives.

Mrs. Walter B. Cole of Carthage, Moore County superintendent of welfare, issued an invitation Monday to the board of county commissioners. County welfare board members have been invited.

Because two organizations are involved and because there is widespread interest in operation of the county and state welfare departments, the meeting is expected to be one of the most widely attended civic club gatherings held here in some time.

Mrs. W. A. Leonard, welfare and youth chairman of the Junior Woman's Club, is program chairman for the meeting.

LISTING EXTENDED

According to the custom followed each year in Moore County the period for listing real and personal property for county and town taxes has been extended through February 15.

The commissioners authorized the extension, at their meeting Monday in Carthage. See stories elsewhere in today's Pilot about other business coming before the county board.

PILOT TAKES A FIELD TRIP TO FIND OUT

What Kind Of Job Does 'The Welfare' Do?

By KATHARINE BOYD

What is the Moore County Department of Public Welfare? A staff of workers; an office in the basement of the Carthage courthouse; a place where people in need can get help?

Yes, but how does it work? What do these workers do? When you say that some take care of the office end, and others of the field end—all right. But what do they DO?

Well, you can imagine pretty much what the office people do, or at least, the general type of thing: records, interviews, and so on, (the wild variety of items that come before them would defy any imagination.) But what about the "field workers"? What do they do?

To find out, you ask: can you go along on a day's trip out in this "field"? And that's how, one day, you happen to be riding along with your case worker friend in her car, heading out into rural Moore County.

It's a nice day; that's going to help. You are glad, because you have a feeling you will probably run into a good many things that won't be so nice during the coming hours.

You ask the driver about her plan for the day. You note that we are heading west, (which, let it be firmly established, is NOT the direction in which the car was traveling that day—all details of geography and names, in the following piece, are plucked out of the air and bear no re-

George Ross Says Intangible Tax Burden On State

Tells Moore Board It Should Lead In Effort To Abolish It

George Ross of Jackson Springs, who recently retired after many years of service with the Agriculture, Conservation and Development and other State departments, visited the meeting of the county commissioners at Carthage Monday to suggest that Moore County work through the State Association of County Commissioners in taking the lead to abolish or modify the state's Intangible Property Tax. He said this tax—which levies a 25 cents per \$100 of market value of stocks and bonds—is a nuisance levy that keeps many persons from making their residence in North Carolina where, if they settled here, the state would collect income and inheritance taxes, as well as ad valorem taxes from those who owned homes here.

A large proportion of this tax is now returned by the state to the counties and municipalities in which it is collected and a proposal is coming up that would send it all back to local units.

Mr. Ross warned the commissioners against welcoming this money.

At least, he said, the counties should ask for a clause in the tax bill that would give a county option.

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Industry Committee To Discuss Plans, Work

Visitors To Take Part In WEEB Forum



HAPPY—Mable Davis of Robbins, who won the 1956 nurse's training scholarship given annually by the Sandhills Veterans Association, is evidently enjoying her training at Charlotte Memorial Hospital. The SVA is launching its 1957 fund drive that will provide another such scholarship for a Moore County high school graduate this year. Three scholarship winners are now in nursing schools and eight have graduated as nurses since the program was begun. Don Traylor of Southern Pines is head of the drive committee. A mail solicitation is being made. Contributions may be sent to the chairman.

A duPont Company executive and representatives of the N. C. Department of Conservation and Development will meet with members of the Moore County Industrial Committee Monday to discuss activities and plans of the county-wide group.

To be held in the offices of Radio Station WEEB here at 4 p.m. the meeting will be broadcast to reach as wide an audience as possible throughout the county.

Expected from the C & D Department are A. H. Grant, former resident of Southern Pines, and Les Branson. Homer H. Ewing, a member of the Development Department of the duPont company at Wilmington, Del., will be present to answer questions on what industry looks for in a plant site.

Mr. Ewing, father of Robert S. Ewing of Southern Pines, is a past president of the National Security Industrial Association. He will spend the weekend at the home of his son here, stopping on his return north from a meeting of the Association in Florida.

The duPont Development Department studies development of new products and location of new plant sites for the giant chemical corporation. Committee members have expressed pleasure that the local group will be given the benefit of Mr. Ewing's experience in this field.

The Moore County Industrial Committee was formed recently to promote the industrial interests of the entire county, in view of the need for more industry in the area and the closing of the Amerotron plant at Aberdeen, the Bishop plant here and the anticipated loss of the USAF Air Ground Operations School—a loss since made definite by the burning of the Highland Pines Inn where the school was located.

Chairman of the committee is John C. Ostrom of Southern Pines who is away on a trip and will be unable to attend the Monday session.

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COMMISSIONER'S 'BOMBHELL'

Currie Asks Discuss Proposal To Consolidate Moore High Schools

Admitting his suggestion would be like exploding a bombshell, County Commissioner John Currie of Carthage said during the board's meeting Monday that he would like to see the county board of education and the Southern Pines and Pinehurst city school boards get together with the county commissioners to discuss a proposal that has arisen periodically in the past 10 years:

construction of two or three consolidated high schools to serve the entire county.

The many advantages that could be provided students at larger schools have overcome personal opposition he once had to this idea, the commissioner said.

Jere McKeithen, member of the county board of education who was present when the suggestion was made, said he felt sure the county school board would be delighted to discuss the matter.

"That would solve our building problems in one fell swoop," he said.

At the rate school needs are expanding, Mr. Currie pointed out, it would not take long for existing high school buildings to be taken over for elementary school use in the various districts.

There are now 11 high schools in the county, attended by white students. Negro high schools have been consolidated into four—at Aberdeen, Carthage, Southern Pines and Pinehurst.

No action was taken by the commissioners on Mr. Currie's suggestion, but no opposition was voiced to the proposed discussion meeting.

Committees Of Chamber Named; Ads Get Results

Meeting Wednesday afternoon, the board of directors of the Chamber of Commerce heard announcement of new committees by President E. Earl Hubbard, discussed plans for industrial and town promotion and learned that the town advertising in New York newspapers is bringing a "tremendous response."

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Following are the new committee members—the first person named on each committee being the chairman:

Industrial—L. D. McDonald, Al Folley, Newland Phillips.

Commercial Relations—Miss Kitty Wiley, Mrs. Graham Culbreth.

Publicity—Mrs. Valerie Nicholson, Joe Scott, Mrs. S. D. Fobes. (Continued on Page 8)

Blue Starts 6th House Term; On Rules Committee

Rep. H. Clifton Blue of Aberdeen, Moore County's representative in the General Assembly, was on hand for the opening session of the body in Raleigh, Wednesday. He was named to the powerful House Rules Committee, a 24-man group composed mostly of veteran legislators. He is serving his sixth consecutive term.

A delegation of Moore County political and civic notables was in Raleigh today to witness inaugural festivities and the swearing in of Gov. Luther H. Hodges at noon in Memorial Auditorium.

Mayor Voit Gilmore of Southern Pines went to Raleigh Wednesday and remained to witness today's events.

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Games Tonight To Help Dimes Drive

Entertainment by the "Elvis Benson Trio," at half-time has been announced as an added attraction during the doubleheader basketball game to be played in the High School gymnasium tonight (Thursday) for benefit of the March of Dimes.

The twin bill opens at 7:30 when junior high school teams of Southern Pines and Pinehurst tangle. The feature attraction, to follow, is a fray between the local Jaycees and Lions.

The mystery vocal unit is said to be composed of three Lions—Bill Benson, Joe Carter and Dr. Dave Whitehead.

There will be no admission charge, but a collection will be taken for the March of Dimes.

FEB. 15 DEADLINE FOR LICENSE TAGS

Friday of next week, February 15, is the deadline for owning and displaying 1957 state motor vehicle licenses, the public was reminded today.

The same deadline applies to Southern Pines town tags which must be displayed by all car owners who live within the city limits.

For the convenience of motorists, the auto license bureau in the Chamber of Commerce office will remain open Saturday afternoon of this week and Wednesday afternoon of next week.

Office hours are 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Mrs. S. D. Fobes, Chamber of Commerce secretary who is in charge of the license bureau, today urged car owners to get their plates ahead of deadline to avoid delays and standing in line.