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Further Data Clarifies Problem In Council Study of School Board Issue

Schoolman Favors Election But Writes: 'Both Ways Are Good'

There are 74 school boards now operating in North Carolina. Of these 40 are appointed and 33 elected. One, in Asheboro, is a composite board.

Nationally, the figures differ markedly. In a recent study of 2,000 communities, ranging from 2,500 population, to the largest, it was found that 85 percent of the boards are elected.

The current trend, nationally and in the state, is towards the elective system.

These facts were gleaned from Guy B. Phillips, executive secretary of the State School Boards Association, through a telephone call made to Mr. Phillips at a meeting of the Town Council held last Tuesday night. Mr. Phillips followed the call with a letter going into the matter in greater detail, parts of which are reproduced below.

Wednesday night's session of the town body was held informally and with one councilman, Harry Pethick, absent. Discussion was concentrated on the school problem, centering around those points already laid before the public in two previous regular meetings of the Council.

Besides the call to Mr. Phillips, Mayor Voit Gilmore and the Council also contacted the mayor of Ashboro, R. M. Donnell, the one to go with the composite board, a plan suggested by this newspaper and favorably considered by others.

Mayor Donnell was enthusiastic. He said the plan seems to work well and has attracted good people to the board. However, the appointments to the board are made, not by the Town Council, as has been the method here and is the case in other appointive set-ups. Asheboro elects nine members to the board and then those nine appoint two more to serve with them.

In his letter to the town, Mr. Phillips enumerated the pros and cons of the two systems: appointive and elective, which have occupied the Council and the public, as they consider the establishment of the new town charter. We print below Mr. Phillips' two lists, with the addition of his own personal opinion.

FAVORING ELECTION OF THE BOARD

(1) People take more interest in their school and in local educational issues when they have the opportunity to vote on board membership.

(2) Election of school board members appears to be more democratic.

(3) Elected boards seem to be freer than those that are appointed.

(4) Also more responsive to the will of the people.

(5) Election is said to protect schools from the local politics more successfully than does the appointive method. (Mr. Phillips)

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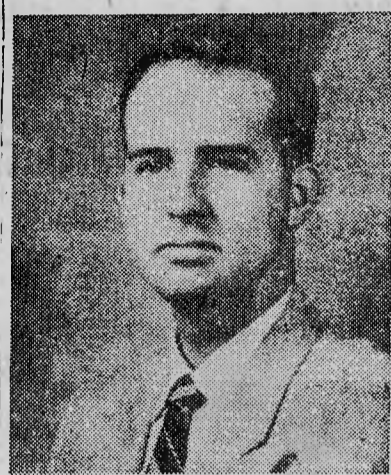
IT FITS

Se we stay a town. For a while longer.

That's the decision of the town council following a ripple of protest—or was it a wave?—when it was discovered that the proposed new charter was upping this burg to the rank of "city."

Or would some say: lowering it? At any rate, a good many DID say that. General feeling seems to be that we ARE a town and we AREN'T a city, and that the skyscrapers and gas fumes and crowds that denote the latter are still a good way off.

The decision to retain the word "town" retains a bit of the New England flavor. And, after all, if it hadn't been for John T. Patrick and his New Englanders, many of whose children are now our foremost citizens, Southern Pines would probably not have been here at all.



WILLIAM G. HEAD

Oklahoman Named To Assistant Town Manager's Post

William Gary Head, of Norman, Okla., who recently received his Master's Degree in Public Administration from the University of Oklahoma, has been named assistant town manager of Southern Pines.

Head fills the vacancy created when Louis Scheipers resigned to become town manager. He is expected to assume his new duties the first week in March. Half a dozen candidates were considered for the job, "all of them excellently qualified otherwise," according to Mayor Gilmore, "but Head had the type experience we need in the job which, because of its many facets, requires a great deal of training in public administration."

Head is a graduate of the University of Oklahoma, where he received a Bachelor's degree in government and the Master's degree in public administration. He has also served as a manager intern with Norman, where he did administrative analyses of various departments and their problems, supervised reading and field trips, and did considerable research into the problems of local government.

He is 24 years old and is married.

Mayor Calls For Support Of Guard In Recruit Drive

Mayor Voit Gilmore has called on citizens of Southern Pines to "support wholeheartedly" the one-day recruiting drive of the National Guard Sunday.

The drive is part of a nationwide campaign to enlist 15,000 new Guardsmen during the month. The goal set for the campaign here is 40, according to Captain William Wilson, commanding officer.

Mayor Gilmore said that while the total strength of the National Guard is now the highest in history, more members are needed who have had previous military training or who will volunteer for basic training with the active Army or Air Force.

He stressed the fact that the National Guard deserves support "because it serves both as an efficient and economical part of our national defense and as a valuable relief force in time of natural disasters such as floods, fires and storms."

Aiding the National Guard in its recruiting drive, Gilmore and Wilson said, would enable those not engaged actively in the defense of the country to support those who are.

BIRD SANCTUARY

A bill which would designate Cameron as a legal bird sanctuary has been introduced in the House of Representatives by H. Clifton Blue, Moore's representative. The bill was requested by Mayor Hubert Nickens and others of the community.

Blue Knights Move Into Semi-Finals Of Cage Tourney

Meet Pinehurst Tonight: Girls Lose To Carthage

The Southern Pines Blue Knights moved into the semi-finals of the annual Moore County Basketball tournament last night with a 49-43 victory over Carthage.

Tonight (Thursday) the Blue Knights meet Pinehurst while Robbins meets Aberdeen in the boys' end of the tournament, and Carthage takes on Robbins in the girls' end.

All games are being held in the gymnasium in Carthage with capacity crowds attending each night's event.

Finals will be played Saturday night beginning at 7:30. Trophies will be awarded the winners and runners-up in each division. The all-county teams will also be announced.

In last night's game Roger Verhoeff scored 29 points to lead the Blue Knights. Trailing 23-21 at half-time, the Blue Knights came back strong in the third period to score 16 points, and added 13 in the final quarter.

High scorer for Carthage was Mose Boyette with 19 points.

Robbins defeated Highfalls in the other end of the doubleheader, 64-63.

The results through Wednesday night:

Friday: (girls) Farm Life 66, West End 58; (boys) Westmoore 53, Farm Life 51; (girls) Southern Pines 73, Vass-Lakeview 63.

Saturday: (boys) Aberdeen 61, Vass-Lakeview 34; (girls) Cameron 59, Pinehurst 57; (boys) West End 58, Cameron 40.

Sunday: (girls) Highfalls 60, Westmoore 47; (boys) Carthage 59, Highfalls 41; (girls) Farm Life 56, Cameron 39.

Tuesday: (boys) Aberdeen 47, West End 44; (girls) Carthage 55, Southern Pines 54; (boys) Pinehurst 78, Westmoore 56.

Wednesday: (girls) Robbins 64, Highfalls 63; (boys) Southern Pines 49, Carthage 43.

RUMMAGE SALE

Saint Martha's Guild of Emmanuel Episcopal Church is holding a rummage sale tomorrow (Friday) and Saturday at the Antique Shop on the corner of Pennsylvania Ave. and Bennett St., from 9 to 5 both days.

'Heart' Tag Day Is Saturday

Heart Tag Day will be held in Southern Pines Saturday, it was announced earlier this week by Mrs. R. M. McMillan, 1957 chairman of the Heart Fund chapter here.

Many residents have already volunteered to aid in the one-day event by making collections on downtown streets from 9 a. m. to 12, she said. Tag Day is part of the campaign to raise funds in Southern Pines which will be used to help support a nationwide program against diseases of the heart and blood vessels.

Mrs. McMillan said that each person who contributed to the Fund Saturday would be given a plastic heart-shaped lapel pin. The Heart Fund drive is conducted annually throughout the country by the American Heart Association and its state and local affiliates for the support of the association's research, educa-

tion and community service program. The Heart Association is the only voluntary public health agency devoted exclusively to a mass assault on the heart and blood vessel diseases which cause more deaths each year in the United States than all other causes combined.

"The Heart Fund slogan is 'Help Your Heart Fund—Help Your Heart', and we look no further than our own community to see how you help yourself when you help the fund," Mrs. McMillan pointed out. "The greater portion of the contributions in Southern Pines remain in this area to support your local heart program."

Mrs. McMillan also revealed this week that approximately \$350 in funds had been contributed to the Heart Fund as memorials to the late Samuel G. Allen and Dr. Thaddeus Cheatham.

TONIGHT AT 8:40

Bell, Book And Candle Opens For 3-Day Run At Pinehurst Theatre

"Curtain time for John van Druten's witty and delightful comedy, 'Bell, Book and Candle,' opening presentation of the Caravan Theatre's season in Pinehurst, is 8:40 tonight (Thursday)."

The theatre building in Pinehurst has been repainted and renovated and is, according to Mr. and Mrs. Fred Carmichael, co-producers of the company, all ready for the grand opening. Advance sales indicate a good turnout.

From the box office through the backstage area the building has been subtly transformed to make it the best in every theatrical sense. New drapes and lighting fixtures enhance the seating area.

"Bell, Book and Candle," which had a wonderfully successful run on Broadway and starred Rex Harrison and Lili Palmer, tells the story of Gillian Holroyd, an up-to-date witch, and what happens to her when she falls in love and loses her powers of witchcraft. The story also concerns her aunt, Miss Holroyd, a not too proficient witch, and her brother, Nicky, who uses his powers purely for devilment. An author of a book on witchcraft, who doesn't always recognize his subject matter, rounds out the cast.

Through these characters van

Druten weaves a story so amusing and entertaining that the show played to capacity audiences in both New York and London and has enjoyed a tremendously successful run on the road.

Pegeen Rose will be seen in the leading role of Gillian Holroyd. She has been with the Caravan Theatre during the past three summers as well as having toured with them during the winter months. She recently played a leading role opposite

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New Store Opening Today In West End

The John L. Frye Company, West End's newest business, is having its formal opening today (Thursday).

The new store, a completely remodeled building in the heart of West End, is owned by John L. Frye of Robbins, a well known cross-tie dealer and merchant.

The grand opening will continue through next week.

Tommy McNeill of Robbins has been named manager of the store and will be assisted by Mrs. McNeill. Clyde Klutz, manager of the Frye store in Robbins, will supervise its operations.

New Phone System Delayed Again; Now Promised In December

BIG GAME!

Start doing your push-ups, Girls and Boys! Or do those last two nouns need quotes? Perish the thought.

This announces the annual game between Teachers and Parents being sponsored by the Junior Class.

The game will be held Tuesday, Feb. 26, at 7:30, at the local gym, with all the trimmings of band and carrying majorettes. Proceeds go towards the Junior-Senior spring banquet.

Members of the women teachers team are Mrs. Margaret Dawson, Miss Katherine Childs, Mrs. Jean Bennett, Miss Barbara Elliott, Miss Kay Buice, Mrs. Jane McPhaul, Mrs. Joan Ripple, Miss Vie Rogers, Mrs. Roxy Leonard, Mrs. Lillian Leonard, Miss Billie Williams, Miss Carolyn Chester, and Miss Tirzah Ison. They will be coached by Allen McLaughlin.

Members of the men teachers' team are Don Moore, Ralph Foushee, Roger Gibbs, W. A. Leonard, Irie Leonard, Kenneth Miller, A. C. Dawson, George Short, Norris Hodgkins, Jr., and Jimmy Mann.

For the parents' team, women playing will be Mrs. Maybelle Britt, Mrs. Robert McMillan, Mrs. Georganne Austin, Mrs. Jimmy Hobbs, Mrs. Mildred McDonald, Mrs. Jan Woodell, Mrs. Tom Nicholson, Mrs. Joseph Hiatt, Mrs. M. G. McRae, Mrs. Raymond Cameron and, it is reported, several others whose names were not available. For the men parents, the team is composed of Don Taylor, Joel Stutts, Harry Chatfield, Davis Worsham, Bobby Dunn, M. G. McRae and Gary Henry. Others are expected to be enlisted for the game.

LWV SPEAKER

Weimar Jones, editor of the Franklin Press in Macon County and a former journalism instructor at the University of North Carolina, will speak to the League of Women Voters March 8 at the Civic Club. Mr. Jones will speak on legislative matters.

Local Construction Estimated At Near \$500,000

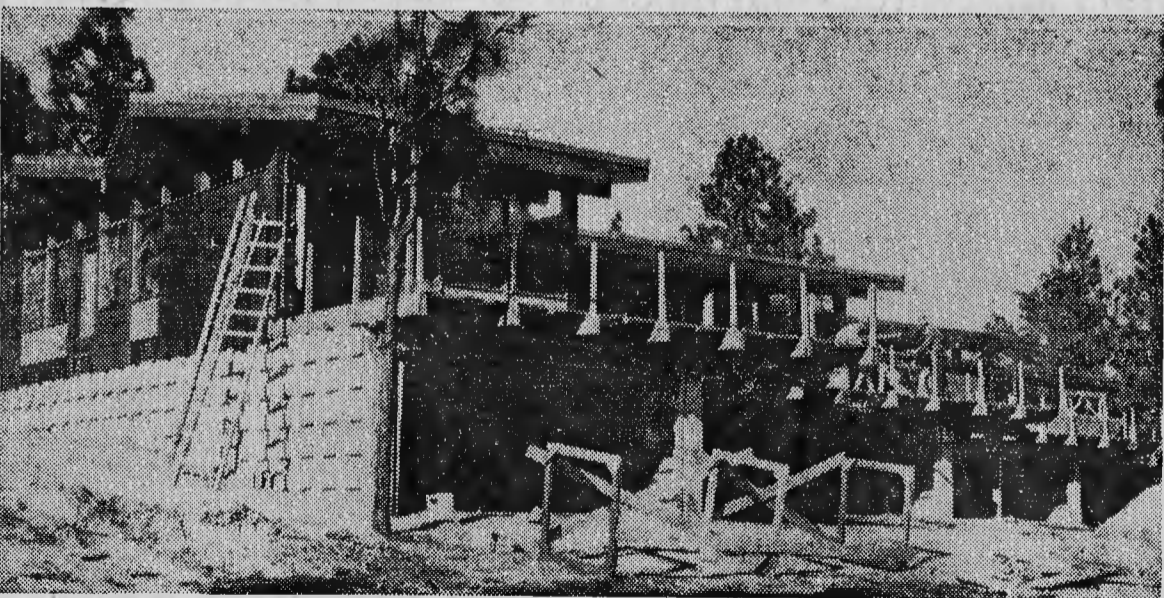
Though it's not a full scale boom—"boomlet!" would be a better word—as was experienced here several years ago, building in Southern Pines has been going at a fairly brisk pace in the past few months, and the outlook for the immediate future is even brighter.

A survey made over the weekend showed that approximately \$500,000 in buildings—private residences, public buildings, and business establishments—is presently under construction or will be within a matter of weeks, in and near Southern Pines.

Heading the list, at least so far as price is concerned, is the new National Guard Armory, which will cost approximately \$125,000, and the new town hall, which will cost in excess of \$100,000, though final figures will not be in until bids are received March 19. Construction on the town hall, incidentally, will probably begin in April.

Town building inspector William Wilson said his records indicated that five private residences are under construction at present and repairs or enlargements to several other homes have been started.

Busiest spot in town for the past few months has been Hill Road. On property formerly owned by the Elks Club, Inc., which has been subdivided into large building lots, four homes have been finished in recent weeks, one is under construction, and another is to be started in the near future. All told, one lo-



MID PINES GOLFOTEL, eight luxury units presently under construction, is expected to be completed before the first of the month, according to Mr. and Mrs. Frank Cosgrove, Mid Pines owners and managers, who are constructing the

new facility to relieve the overflow at the main hotel during the busy months. The building is one of several currently under construction in or near Southern Pines. (Pilot photo)

cal real estate man said, the new construction cost something in the neighborhood of \$140,000.

John Ormsby has built two of the houses, both of which have been sold, and is constructing the other. Graves Insurance Company also built one, and the other, which is the largest of the five, was constructed by Mr. and Mrs. Jack Carter. Their house, built under their personal supervision, will be ready for occupancy in a month.

Two homes in the Knollwood

area are presently receiving finishing touches. One, of the "pre-built" variety, caused much comment in the neighborhood when workmen put up the entire outer shell in three days. Owned by Mr. and Mrs. Warren Bell, owners-managers of Pine Needles Country Club, it should be ready for occupancy soon.

The other belongs to Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Reagan. Of contemporary design, the house is of brick and is located on Fairway Drive. Both houses are in the twenty-

five to thirty thousand dollar class. Building permits have also been issued for two new houses in West Southern Pines, one on East Delaware Avenue, and permits for enlarging or otherwise repairing houses have been issued for homes on East New Jersey and West Connecticut Avenue.

The largest "business" type construction is the new "golfotel" at Mid Pines Country Club. Mr. and Mrs. Frank Cosgrove, to-

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Shortages Of Supplies Given As Main Reason

"Handover" date for Southern Pines' new extended area telephone service and inter-toll dialing system has been delayed another two months because of equipment shortage, officials of the United Telephone Company have been advised.

George M. Thompson, general manager of the Carolinas Division of the company, which maintains offices in Southern Pines, said this week that the company deeply regretted this latest turn of events "but we have exhausted all efforts to obtain the equipment and place it in operation."

He laid the blame to the shortage of engineers throughout the nation and the tremendous load of equipment that manufacturers have been turning out for the ever-growing system in all areas of the country.

"We have been promised twice in the past that delivery and installation of the new services would be effected," he said, "and twice we were delayed. The manufacturer now assures us, however, that the delivery and installation dates will be complied with."

Latest announced date for the "handover," he said, was December for inter-toll dialing, and July for the extended area service.

Ed Small, commercial superintendent of the Carolinas Division, told the Pilot Wednesday that correspondence between the company and the manufacturer had "grown to a sizeable proportion, with all its efforts to push the manufacturers into getting this new service into the area."

But, he added, unusually heavy demands for similar equipment had forced the manufacturer to revise the delivery dates.

"The situation is regrettable and the company is in complete accord with those who feel that such service is needed in this area," he said. "But needs for defense, and that is apparently what is slowing up the manufacturer, has caused the delay, something we are unable to cope with."

Mayor Voit Gilmore, apprised of the situation earlier this week, said he had consulted with the manufacturer's sales manager in Chicago expressing the "acute concern" of the Town Administration.

"Our telephone conversation lasted nearly an hour and the suppliers sincerely believe they can meet the new dates they have established," he said. "There is nothing more we can do, bearing in mind the burden the manufacturers are faced with."

He said that the telephone company, which has been described as "slow" in the past, had apparently exerted much effort to meet its promise of the more up-to-date service on schedule but had been hampered by the acute shortage of engineers and manufacturing facilities of the suppliers.

The subject of inter-toll dialing and extended area service first came up in September, 1955, when representatives of the company met with members of the Sandhills Kiwanis Club, who had requested the new-type service. A hearing before the Public Utilities Commission was held and the commission recommended the establishment of extended area service. (Continued on page 5)

POST OFFICE CLOSED

The post office will be closed all day tomorrow (Friday) in observance of George Washington's birthday. Postmaster Garland Pierce said today.

There will be no house delivery at all, though mail will be distributed to post office box holders. Outgoing mail will also be handled as usual, Pierce said.

The Citizens Bank and Trust Company will also be closed all day, according to C. H. Bowman, cashier.