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is a subject much in the news these days. Weimar Jones, distinguished editor, gave his views here last week. Read this on page 2.

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keep coming. Burke Davis, author and well-known newspaperman, tells why on page 16.

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PRICE TEN CENTS

Steeplechase Set March 23; Entries Close On Saturday

Last Year's Top Horse, Dancing Beacon, To Enter

Seven events are listed for the tenth annual Stoneybrook Steeplechase March 23, it was announced this week by Charles W. Stitzer, secretary.

The steeplechase, held annually at Mickey Walsh's stables on Young's Road, is the inaugural meet of the hunt race season in the country. It will begin at 2 p. m.

On the card are the Pink Coat race for members of the Moore County Hounds, about two and one-quarter miles over timber; a trial event for two year olds; the Stoneybrook Open Hurdle Race, about a mile and one-half over hurdles (purse of \$600); ladies race, six furlongs on the flat; the Sandhills Cup, feature event, two and one-quarter miles over timber (\$500 purse); the Silver Run, six furlongs on the flat (\$400 purse); and the Yarkin, for maidens, about a mile and one-half over hurdles (\$400 purse).

Stitzer said that entries are expected from Camden, Aiken, stables in Virginia and the North, in addition to the many hunt race horses in training this winter in this area.

Visitors to the Sandhills may see many of the horses that will be entered working out on the several courses, particularly (Continued on page 8)

Tourist Inquiries Pouring In As Ad Campaign Pays Off

A joint effort on the part of the Town Council and various business interests to encourage more people to visit Southern Pines is apparently paying off. To date, more than 400 inquiries have been received in response to a series of advertisements appearing in leading northern daily newspapers and selected magazines.

The campaign, which has just passed the half-way point, is costing in the neighborhood of \$4,000, which includes publication of an attractive colored brochure that is promptly sent with each answer to an inquiry.

George Pottle, chairman of the committee that worked out the program, said this week the response has been most gratifying. "We feel that some of the letters we get are just routine, a natural thing when you advertise. But the great majority of them seem to have a real desire to visit this area and are requesting information which we quickly supply."

Most of the inquiries come from the North, although letters have been received from several South American countries, Canada, the western states, and, most gratifying to the resort interests, Florida.

Generally, the requests are for hotel accommodations, average temperature readings, possibilities of retirement, and, in one instance, from a woman who wanted to know if she could establish a clock repair business which would prove even mildly successful.

Mrs. S. D. Fobes, secretary of the Chamber of Commerce, the agency which has been handling most of the requests, said many requests were for a booklet that was advertised. The booklet, incidentally, is a new one and contains up-to-date information (Continued on page 8)

Alston House Opens April 6

The official opening of the restored House in the Horseshoe, also known as the Alston House, will be held April 6, members of the Moore County Historical Association were told this week. People from throughout the county and state will gather for the festivities, which begin at 2 p. m., and will later tour the completely renovated house.

Prominent guests who are expected to attend and take part in the opening include Dr. Christopher Crittendon, state archivist, and James A. Stenhouse of Charlotte, president of the North Carolina Society for the Preservation of Antiquities and former chairman of the Governor's Commission on Historic Sites. It was Mr. Stenhouse who suggested the

House in the Horseshoe be restored as a state historic site. Also scheduled for the program are brief informal remarks by H. Clifton Blue, Moore County's representative to the General Assembly, and Superior Court Judge W. A. Leland McKeithen of Pinehurst.

The Deep River Home Demonstration Club, which has many members who are descendants of residents of the countryside in the Deep River "horseshoe" area, will present a playlet that depicts life during the time of the house's greatest prominence. Written by Mrs. J. J. Hume of Carthage, the playlet has been given once before. The cast will appear in period costumes. (Continued on page 8)

Notre Dame School Property Bought By W. Ozelle Moss

Plans Development As Hunt Preserve

Sale of the Notre Dame Academy property on Young's Road to Ozelle Moss, owner of Mile-Away Farm, was announced this week.

The property had been on the market since the Sisters of the Third Order of St. Francis had abandoned operation of a school there in 1955. Earlier this year the Elks Lodge of North Carolina had considered buying it as the site of a boys' summer camp but the negotiations fell through following a meeting of the State Board of Trustees here in January.

Moss said he planned to use it, at least for the present, for hunting. The property consists of about 145 acres and has one of the finest stands of pine timber in the area.

Originally developed by Walter S. Halliwell of New York City in the mid-twenties, the property was the scene of many parties while he owned it. Halliwell was the son of a vice-president of American Tobacco Company and had plans for a widespread farm development. He was also a horse fancier and constructed stables and other facilities to house his fine string.

The place was purchased at public auction in the late thirties by the Catholic order and converted to a girls' school. It operated for 17 years, with a day school for boys and girls through the first eight years, and a girls school for the other grades.

The Order abandoned the operation in the spring of 1955. Originally containing about 300 acres, the property has been cut up into three tracts in the past year. Moss purchased a sizeable tract across Young's Road which he is presently developing for pasturing and training horses, and Mrs. Audrey Kennedy purchased a tract adjoining her Tremont Farm home.

Jerry Healy of Barnum Realty and Insurance Company handled the sale. Purchase price was not announced.

Moose Chapter To Be Formed In Area

Formation of a Moose Lodge in Southern Pines which would encompass all of Moore County will be discussed at a meeting Monday night at the Civic Club.

Ray Rigdon of Brevard, national representative of the Moose International Supreme Lodge, will be on hand to answer questions and, if there is sufficient numbers, to accept a petition for membership in the national body. Rigdon has been in Southern Pines several times recently attending preliminary meetings which have been held at the Belvedere Hotel.

COMEDY SITUATIONS

"Late Love" Being Staged This Week-end At Caravan-Pinehurst

"Late Love," two love stories interwoven into delightfully amusing comedy situations, will be the fourth presentation of the Caravan-Pinehurst Theatre, with shows scheduled for tonight, Friday and Saturday at 8:40.

The play, by Rosemary Casey, starred Arlene Francis on Broadway, a part that will be taken by Patricia Wyn Rose, co-producer of the company, for this performance.

Others in the cast are Pegeen Rose, changing from a leading lady type role to one of a dominating grandmother; Steve Dunn and Robert Petito, who form a triangle with the character portrayed by Miss Rose; Frank Schmitt, Barbara Willgois and Carol Arata.

The production is under the direction of Fred Carmichael; the stage setting is by Judith Page Murray.

The play revolves around situations created when a middle-aged female artist arrives at the home of an attractive author to paint his portrait. She finds his

daughter secretly in love with his secretary, the house ruled by a dominating mother, and an interesting house guest awaiting her. (Continued on page 8)

Roger Verhoeff Is Named To Kiwanis Club Cage Classic

ROGER VERHOEFF, 6'6" center of the Southern Pines Blue Knights, has been selected to play in the Carolinas Kiwanis Basketball classic in Charlotte's Coliseum Saturday night. Verhoeff joined the other 12 players on the squad earlier this week for workouts. He is the first player ever to be named from this area to the all-star classic, which features outstanding players from North and South Carolina high schools.

The game, played for charity, is considered prime hunting grounds for college talent scouts. A group of local people will attend the game, which gets underway at 7:30. Verhoeff, incidentally, was the top scorer in Moore County this year and is being considered by several colleges for a basketball scholarship.

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Council Approves Appointive School Board In New Charter

The school board setup for Southern Pines—five members appointed for staggered terms by Town Council—will remain the same, except for one or two minor changes, under provisions of a new charter adopted unanimously by the Council Tuesday night at the conclusion of a five hour meeting. The decision to retain the setup was made after both Mayor Voit Gilmore and Councilman T. T. Morse had voiced objections to the appointive type method and said they favored the elective method. They voted favorably to that section of the charter, they said, only in order that it might be passed along to the General Assembly as a document that had received the unanimous approval of the Council.

There has been a great deal of speculation in the town in recent weeks as to which method Council would approve. A number of meetings, both private and public, have been held by the Council since the committee which drew up the charter presented it last November, and most of them have dwelled primarily on the school board question. A public hearing in February brought one of the largest crowds in recent Council history which was attributed to the interest in the school board section. High ranking educators have also been consulted on the matter and, until the Tuesday night meeting, there had been little indication which way the Council might decide.

Only four people, other than the Council and town employees, were present at the library when the final vote was taken shortly before one o'clock Wednesday morning. The meeting had opened with a large crowd, including all members of the present school board, and Dr. Guy Phillips, chairman of the North Carolina State School Board Association.

Councilmen W. E. Blue, Harry Pethick and Sam Richardson favored the appointive method. Gilmore said:

"I voted to ratify the charter because I believe it is such an important document it deserves unanimous backing. However, I favored popular election of the school board and for two reasons: because, as Dr. Guy Phillips testified, the majority of American professional educators today recommend election, and because the extensive poll I made indicated a strong preference for the elective system among a majority of local voters."

Morse, who has said all along he favored the elective type method, reiterated his stand at the meeting. "I personally oppose the appointive method and feel that most Negroes in Southern Pines feel the same way," he commented.

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Chamber of Commerce Plans Open Meeting To Reveal Plans For '57

An open meeting of the Chamber of Commerce to hear detailed plans of the organization for the year will be held at the high school library next Thursday night at 8 p. m., Earl Hubbard, president, said today.

The entire town, particularly members of the Chamber of Commerce, are invited and urged to attend the meeting. Hubbard said that suggestions would be gladly received on either the proposals of the Chamber's directors, or on any that might be advanced by others attending the meeting.

"We have four or five things that we are particularly stressing this year," Hubbard said, "and will announce the details of them at the meeting. Our primary concern is to emphasize that the Chamber is a body interested in promoting Southern Pines and it needs the help of everyone."

The "four or five" things the Chamber will stress, Hubbard said, include a drive to entice more salesmen and others who travel to make their permanent homes here. "We are centrally located for a vast region that includes both North and South Carolina, Virginia and Georgia," he pointed out, "and this is a pleasant place to live. Salesmen ask little more. The real thing that the Chamber, and other citizens, too, must do is to promote the idea to every salesman who calls on them."

He said that a goal of attracting 100 new families is not "un-

Town Elections Set; Field Wide Open For Council

Dates for the primary and municipal election for members of the Southern Pines Town Council have been established as April 22 and May 7 by resolutions adopted by the Council Tuesday night.

Candidates may file any time before the deadline April 5. To date, there are no candidates, although some people think there will be a large number before the deadline passes.

Members of the present Council, questioned separately yesterday, said they had not made up their minds whether to seek reelection.

If there are more than 10 candidates for the five posts, there will be a primary held April 22; if the number is 10 or less, no primary will be held and the candidates will be voted on at the general municipal elections May 7.

Registration books will be open for seven days, beginning April 10.

Mrs. Grace Kaylor has been named registrar and will keep the books at the Fire House on New Hampshire Avenue. Books will be open from 9 to 5 each day except on Saturdays, when they will remain open until 9 p. m.

Saturday, April 13, has been designated Challenge Day. Judges for the election will be Gertrude Stephenson and Joe Garzike.

Bids For New Town Hall To Be Opened Tuesday Afternoon

Bids for construction of the new Town Hall will be opened Tuesday, according to Louis Scheipers, Jr., Town Manager, at the Civic Club at 2 o'clock.

The plans and specifications have been out for a month to a number of contractors around the state. The building, which will be constructed in Town Park on S. E. Broad Street, is expected to exceed the \$100,000 which the town voted in bonds last year for the building.

Thomas T. Hayes, local architect, drew the plans for the temporary structure. If the contract is let in the next few weeks it is expected the building will be finished in the early fall.

Library Assn. To Hold Annual Meet; Elect New Officers

The annual meeting of members of the Southern Pines Library Association will be held tomorrow (Friday) afternoon at 4.

A. C. Dawson, president, said that new officers would be elected and reports would be received from the librarian, Mrs. Stanley Lambourne, and the treasurer, C. H. Rowman.

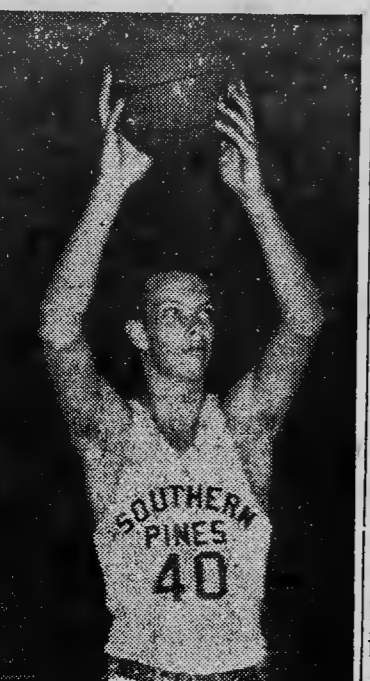
All members, as well as the trustees, are urged to attend. In addition to Dawson, other officers are George Leonard, vice-president, John Ostrom, secretary, and Mr. Bowman, treasurer.

SPRING VACATION

Spring vacation for Southern Pines school children will begin at noon next Wednesday, Superintendent A. C. Dawson said this morning. The schools will reopen Wednesday morning, March 27.



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