Vote Monday-

to select 10 candidates for the municipal elections May 7.

VOL. 39-NO. 23

TWENTY PAGES

SOUTHERN PINES, NORTH CAROLINA, THURSDAY, APRIL 25, 1957

TWENTY PAGES

PRICE TEN CENTS

Town Council Gives Go Ahead For New Municipal Building

Fire Wing Not To Be Built At This Time

A decision to begin construction of the new Town Hall was made Wednesday morning by the Town Council. The decision came after many meetings and numerous hours of discussion in which the Council considered literally dozens of alternatives.

In making the decision, the Council gave its approval to a plan that would eliminate construction of a fire wing at this time. That part of the building, described as "phase two" of the completed plan, was eliminated in favor of a wing that includes a council room, located at the front of the building.

In a letter to Fire Chief Harold Fowler, which is reprinted on this page, the Council said it would recommend to the new council, which takes office in May, that an immediate bond election be called, not to exceed \$70,000, which would procure funds for the completion of the building, "hopefully at the same time."

Fowler had met with the Council Tuesday afternoon and concurred in the decision.

As it stands, the part of the building that will be constructed at this time, will cost approximately \$130,000. Contracts for that amount should be awarded Town's Financial within the next few days, according to Town Manager Louis

Mayor Voit Gilmore said the decision was made after much Authorities Say deliberation and "conscientious thought" on the part of every member of the Council and various citizens who had been invited to take part in the discus-

"It is, of course, a matter of deep regret to all of us that the entire building cannot be built Scheipers said this morning that with the funds presently avail- the town is in excellent financial able," he said. "We have explor-standing at this point and that ed every avenue open to us. In the outlook is "not dim at all" as the final analysis, however, we some people would have it. know that not enough money is As of July 1, 1957, the beginavailable and our combined ning of the coming fiscal year, he thought is that the building that said the town has the following will be constructed will best indebtedness: serve the needs of Southern (Continued on Page 5)

Band Concert At School Will Be Given Tomorrow

With a varied program arranged, the Southern Pines High bly, and which experts think is through the new facilities and in-School band will present its sec- a safe limit. ond annual concert at Weaver The eight per cent limit, how-

used for future purchases of uni- buy the bonds). forms and equipment. At present | Property valuations in Southern there are some 50 members in the Pines for the 1957-58 fiscal year senior band, not including the are estimated at \$7.570,000. Eight majorettes, and about 25 each in per cent of that is \$605,600, which the intermediate and beginner's would, after subtracting the \$324,bands. Both, with members from 000 representing general obligathe fifth through seventh grades, tion bonds, leave the town at the regular staff, is completed will perform numbers as extra present with a borrowing capacfeatures of the regular concert. present with a borrowing capacity of \$281,600. across the Pinehurst-Carthage
(Continued on Page 5)

TEXT OF TOWN COUNCIL'S LETTER TO FIRE CHIEF HAROLD FOWLER:

The Town Council acknowledges with thanks your meeting with us on April 23 and discussing plans for construction of the new Town Hall

As was explained by our architect, Mr. Hayes, it is impossible to construct the entire building with funds presently available. Consequently, our plan is to construct as much of the total building as possible, utilizing plans already drawn. The architect feels strongly that to build economically and efficiently, the first construction phase should comprise police quarters, jail, public meeting room and administrative offices. Phase two would cover fire station and firemen quarters.

As we of the Town Council assured you at our meeting, we strongly desire to see the entire Town Hall built and if possible built all at the same time. However, since financial necessity required that we build in two phases, we conclude that the fire station should be made phase two. We are glad that you concur in this decision, considering particularly that the fire department at least has reasonably adequate existing quarters whereas all other departments are using inadequate, temporary space.

To assure the soonest possible construction of the fire department section of the Town Hall, hopefully in time to allow simultaneous completion, the Town Council will recommend to the new Town Council which takes office in May that a bond election be held at the earliest possible date to provide sufficient additional funds. We have been assured that a bond issue not in excess of \$70,000 will be sufficient to build the fire station and complete all other details of the Town Hall.

Please emphasize two things to the firemen. First, this Town Hall will be one of the finest anywhere and has been designed to serve our Town's needs for the next twenty-five to fifty years with the best known modern municipal equipment and layout. Second, the Town's financial position is excellent, our credit rating is extremely sound, and the additional bond issue as proposed would be well within the Town's financial capacity. We appreciate your advice and cooperation.

Position Sound.

Just what is the financial position of Southern Pines? That question has arisen often in recent weeks, particularly by citizens discussing the proposed new Town Hall.

Water bonds, \$303,000; general obligation bonds, \$324,-000: total, \$627,000.

pointed out, is eight per cent of a final inspection on Tuesday, atthe town. That limit is the one tors an dhospital officials. Only recommended by the Local Government Commission, and made gested. into law by the General Assem-

Auditorium tomorrow (Friday) ever, applies only to the indebtedness incurred by the issuance of the X-ray department, of lab-Numbers by Bach, Leroy An- of general obligation bonds; it oratories, and of storage space, derson, Hoagy Carmichael and does not include water bonds, others are on the program which which are of a revenue producing Sunday, the hospital will start Director Lvnn Ledden says will nature. (Actually, Scheipers said, have something appealing to ev- a town could borrow an unlimited amount for water improve-

Improvements At

The \$481,000 expansion and improvement project of Moore County Hospital, in process for now. two years, was completed this Smithson heads a Missouri

ward and rooms, new laundry and of his business comes from. heating plant, greatly enlarged storage facilities, all in addition to the new front wing with quarters for administrative offices, patient receiving desk, telephone switchboard, file rooms and can-

Representatives of the North

There will be conducted tours stallations on May 5. In addition to these, many changes will be noted by the visitors: expansion Following the Open House receiving patients for the new rooms and wards the next day. May 6, Thomas A. Howerton. Proceeds of the concert will be ments so long as people would Hospital Administrator, said yes-

Additional space will be made available for future needs within the course of the next few weeks when the Out-Patient Department, with its offices for a number of physicians and surgeons of

choice for the dedication.

School, bestow the Coat of Arms. "In selecting you for this honor, we feel that you embody the

have been a faithful friend throughout our high school ca-

our future life.

Awarded Coker Scholarship

Joan Howarth, senior at Southern Pines High School, has been awarded a \$750 William Chambers Coker freshman scholarship at Coker College in Hartsville,

The awards, which represent the school's top scholarships, are apportioned annually among the three rising classes and the incoming first-year class. Selection of recipients is based on scholarship, character and leadership qualifications.

Miss Howarth is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John M. Howarth of 455 Country Club Drive. An honor student at Southern Pines High Scyhool, she is serving as business manager of The Lance. school yearbook, vice-president of the Beta Club and senior representative on the student council. She has served two terms as mar- from an endowment fund estabshal and manager of the girls' lished by Mrs. William Chambers basketball team, and secretary of Coker of Chapel Hill as a memothe dramatics club. Her father rial to her late husband, who was is chairman of the local school a well-known botanist on the

and president of the young peo- College founder Major James ples' group in Emmanuel Church. Lide Coker.



JOAN HOWARTH

William Chambers Coker scholarships represent the income University of North Carolina fac-She is also an FHA member ulty. He was also a son of Coker

New Industry Locates Here; Owner Got First Look At Town From Plane

Summing up his remarks at a | impressed with its apparent recently, a prominent northern industrialist said:

of reasons why an industry de- looking for a building. cides to locate in a particular spot. It is difficult to point to

Hospital Complete; reason: Southern Pines, as everyone who lives here or has visited here, knows, is a beautiful place.

Smithson, Inc., has established a reputation with most of the country's top furniture manufacturers for the quality of its product so lett from the call.

Smithson, Inc., has established a reputation with most of the country's top furniture manufacturers for the quality of its product so lett from the call. And Lee Smithson, proprietor says that is the reason he is here

firm that specializes in supply-The public is invited to an Open ing fine quilted products for the Historical Assn. To House Sunday, May 5, to view furniture trade. He left Missouri the new changed facilities which about two weeks ago looking for Hold Annual Meeting have increased the institution's a likely location near the furnibed capacity by 24, added a new ture producing area of North

> He first went to Albemarle and succeeded in lining up three the association will be held at potential locations. Like most people, however, he decided to 7, at 5:30 p. m. take one final look before making a firm decision.

A pilot (he was a B-29 pilot Carolina Medical Care Commiss during World War 2), he and his stay to supper following the The statutory borrowing limit sion and the U. S. Public Health business associate, Ray Huffman, meeting. for towns in North Carolina, he Service approved everything at flew over the area around Albeern Pines from above, he was ing year.

neeting of the Moore County In- beauty and well-kept look; he dustrial Development Committee decided to come down for a closer look. About three hours later he had

"There are literally hundreds a real estate man in tow and was Five days later he was in busi-

one single thing and say, "That several people he had met that tributed it to high speed. In the case of one small industry that located here just last small operation. The new business, Story-

of the town's newest industry, says that is the reason he is here is in an extremely specialized Stutts part of the furniture business: (Continued on page 5)

Sheriff C. J. McDonald, presiemergency wing, new children's Carolina, where the great bulk dent of the Moore County Historical Association, has announc- Softball League ed that the annual meeting of Paint Hill Farm Tuesday, May

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Ives. residents of Paint Hill, have invited nounced following an organizamembers of the association to tional meeting at the library

The full Board of Directors agers are: marle and, inevitably, came to will meet immediately after supthe total property valuation of tended by the architects, contraction the Sandhills. Looking at South-per to elect officers for the com-

FIRST IN NINE YEARS

High School Students Honor Irie Leonard In Annual Just Published

published at the school.

It was dedicated to Irie Leonard, principal and head coach of the football and baseball teams. In chapel ceremonies earlier this week, the yearbook staff, headed by John Chappell, revealed for the first time its

The dedication page read: "Upon you, Irie Leonard, principal, coach and teacher, we, the students of Southern Pines

enduring courage and loyal spirit of a true Knight. "You have not only coached our football team into four state championship games, but you

"So here is to an inspiring

reer and a stepping stone into

Southern Pines High School student body, gathered in the Carl Holt. senior class, was distributed to auditorium for the announcestudents this week. It marked ment. At the conclusion of the several more teams would help the first time in the past nine program students freely swap-fill out the schedule and requestyears that such a book has been ped books for the age-old custom ed any organized group that of autographing.

The book includes sections on tions as soon as possible. football, basketball, baseball, The schedule is now (Continued on Page 5)

Town Primary Set Monday; 11 Seeking Council Positions

Carthage Youth Is Killed In Wreck; First Here In '57

Lacy H. Stutts, 23, of Carthage, lied Sunday afternoon in St. Joseph's Hospital here from injuries in the municipal elections May sustained early Sunday morning 7. in an automobile accident near

He was the first traffic fatality on rural roads in Moore County this year. Two others have died from traffic injuries but both accidents happened within the limits of a town.

According to State Highway Patrolman E. G. Shomaker, Stutts list. Observers think that close Hinesly, also 23, of Route 3, Carthage, in Hinesly's car. Apparently the driver lost control on a curve and left the road.

Shomaker said that from where finally came to rest was just short trees and broke a telephone pole the sketches was provided by in two, he said.

north of Bristow's Motor Court ness; the very next day he told on US Highway 1. Shomaker at-Both Stutts and Hinesly were

thrown from the car and were week, it is easy to pinpoint the Smithson, Inc., has established a ants about 30 feet from the car. discovered by ambulance attend-

> Stutts is survived by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. L. Stutts of Carthage; three sisters, Mrs. W. (Continued on page 5)

Six Teams Entered For Town Summer Town Charter Is

Six teams have entered the summer softball league and will begin a regular season of play in the middle of June, it was an-Monday night.

The six teams and their man-Church of Wide Fellowship, Robert Leland; Carolina Power and Light Company, Charles Horton; Junior Chamber of Commerce, Joel Stutts; National Guard, William Wilson; Veterans of Foreign Wars, Frank Smith; and Lions Club, Don Traylor, Jr.

Gen. Pearson Menoher was reappointed co-commissioner of the league, and will serve with The Lance, yearbook of the considerable applause from the Morris Johnson, who is replacing

The commissioners said that wishes to enter to make applica-

worked out.

Polls Open At 6:30; Vote Of 1500 Forecast

Voters in Southern Pines will go the polls Monday to nominate 10 candidates for Town Council

With 11 candidates in the prinary, only one will be eliminated. Voters will indicate their preference for ten on the voting machines. The polls will be open from 6:30 a. m. to 6:30 p. m.

During the registration period two weeks ago, about 175 added to 1500 people will vote.

The polling place is located in the fire station on East New Hampshire Avenue.

On page 19 of today's Pilot bithe car left the road to the spot it ographical sketches of each of the candidates appear, together with of 600 feet. It uprooted two pine their pictures. Information for the candidates themselves and The accident occurred just the statements made are their own.

Only member of the present Town Council not seeking office this year is Mayor Voit Gilmore. There have been no clear cut issues drawn in the campaign which some people are saying is notably dull. The one thing that could be an issue, perhaps, is the decision made just yesterday by the Town Council to begin construction of a new Town Hall building. Several of the candi-

dates have privately expressed

opposition to the method of fi-

Ratified Tuesday

nancing the project.

The new charter for Southern Pines was ratified by the General Assembly Tuesday and is effective immediate-

Rep. H. Clifton Blue had steered the bill through the House of Representatives. If was adopted formally by the Town Council late last month.

Town officials said this morning that. generally speaking. there are few changes in it that would have an immediate effect on the public. One section, calling for the appointment of a five member school board, had held up the naming of a board until after the ratifica-

It is now expected that the new board will be named early in May, as soon as the new Town Council takes of-



IRIE LEONARD, principal and head coach of the football and baseball teams at Southern Pines High School, was surprised recently when the staff of The Lance, yearbook at the school,

announced he was their choice for the dedication page. Leonard is shown here being presented a copy of the book by John Chappell, editor, while members of the staff look on.

WHAT DOES THE WELFARE DO?

Boarding Homes Improve State Of Needy Aged

By KATHARINE BOYD

There are five boarding homes Pines and one in West End.

nursing homes. However, of yearly state inspection is obligation the operator simply calls in when course, many of the people taken tory. Between times, members of needed. care of in the boarding homes are the staff of the Department of senile, mentally incapable of do- Public Welfare are supposed to these homes listed as county ing everything for themselves; keep in touch with how things are boarding homes, county patients teacher, an untiring coach, and some are crippled, some develop going. The operators call this delare also cared for in several of a dedicated principal. . . the most illnesses while there; and most of partment and negotiate all diffi- the other nursing homes situated outstanding Knight of all. . . Irie them, as time passes, lapse into culties or problems through it. the last stages of their lives and At the old County Home, the

for indigent people in Moore der the supervision of the county patients; he would ask for outside County. One is in Carthage, one Department of Public Health in medical help from private physiin Robbins, one near Jackson the sense that the former county- cians, when this was in order. Springs, one in West Southern owned and operated County Home This duty, under the present sys-These homes are not primarily licensed by the state and twice- sician of the community whom

was. These boarding homes are tem, devolves directly on the phy-

The boarding homes are not un- in case of the illness of the

Health Officer was the one called

It should be added that, besides

in the county. This is the case Leonard." (Continued on page 8)