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Vote Monday— to select 10 candidates for the municipal elections May 7.

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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.

In making the decision, the Council gave its approval to a plan that would eliminate construction of a fire wing at this time.

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.

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 within the next few days, according to Town Manager Louis Scheipers.

Mayor Voit Gilmore said the decision was made after much 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 discussions.

"It is, of course, a matter of deep regret to all of us that the entire building cannot be built with the funds presently available," he said.

Band Concert At School Will Be Given Tomorrow

With a varied program arranged, the Southern Pines High School band will present its second annual concert at Weaver Auditorium tomorrow (Friday) night at 8:15.

Numbers by Bach, Leroy Anderson, Hoagy Carmichael and others are on the program which Director Lynn Ledden says will have something appealing to everyone.

Proceeds of the concert will be used for future purchases of uniforms and equipment. At present there are some 50 members in the senior band, not including the majorettes, and about 25 each in the intermediate and beginner's bands.

WHAT DOES THE WELFARE DO?

Boarding Homes Improve State Of Needy Aged

There are five boarding homes for indigent people in Moore County. One is in Carthage, one in Robbins, one near Jackson Springs, one in West Southern Pines and one in West End.

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.

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.

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.

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.

Town's Financial Position Sound, Authorities Say

Just what is the financial position of Southern Pines?

In response to an inquiry from The Pilot, Town Manager Louis Scheipers said this morning that the town is in excellent financial standing at this point and that the outlook is "not dim at all" as some people would have it.

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

The statutory borrowing limit for towns in North Carolina, he pointed out, is eight per cent of the total property valuation of the town. That limit is the one recommended by the Local Government Commission, and made into law by the General Assembly, and which experts think is a safe limit.

The eight per cent limit, however, applies only to the indebtedness incurred by the issuance of general obligation bonds; it does not include water bonds, which are of a revenue producing nature.

Property valuations in Southern Pines for the 1957-58 fiscal year are estimated at \$7,870,000. Eight per cent of that is \$629,600, which would, after subtracting the \$324,000 representing general obligation bonds, leave the town at present with a borrowing capacity of \$281,600.

Improvements At Hospital Complete; To Hold Opening

The \$481,000 expansion and improvement project of Moore County Hospital, in process for two years, was completed this week.

The public is invited to an Open House Sunday, May 5, to view the new changed facilities which have increased the institution's bed capacity by 24, added a new emergency wing, new children's ward and rooms, new laundry and 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 canteen.

Representatives of the North Carolina Medical Care Commission and the U. S. Public Health Service approved everything at a final inspection on Tuesday, attended by the architects, contractors and hospital officials.

There will be conducted tours through the new facilities and installations on May 5. In addition to these, many changes will be noted by the visitors: expansion of the X-ray department, of laboratories, and of storage space.

Following the Open House Sunday, the hospital will start receiving patients for the new rooms and wards the next day, May 6, Thomas A. Howerton, Hospital Administrator, said yesterday.

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 the regular staff, is completed across the Pinehurst-Carthage

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, S. C.

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 School, 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 is also an FHA member and president of the young people's group in Emmanuel Church.



JOAN HOWARTH

William Chambers Coker scholarships represent the income from an endowment fund established by Mrs. William Chambers Coker of Chapel Hill as a memorial to her late husband, who was a well-known botanist on the University of North Carolina faculty. He was also a son of Coker College founder Major James Lide Coker.

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

Summing up his remarks at a meeting of the Moore County Industrial Development Committee recently, a prominent northern industrialist said:

"There are literally hundreds of reasons why an industry decides to locate in a particular spot. It is difficult to point to one single thing and say, 'That is it.'"

In the case of one small industry that located here just last week, it is easy to pinpoint the reason: Southern Pines, as everyone who lives here or has visited here, knows, is a beautiful place.

And Lee Smithson, proprietor of the town's newest industry, says that is the reason he is here now.

Smithson heads a Missouri firm that specializes in supplying fine quilted products for the furniture trade. He left Missouri about two weeks ago looking for a likely location near the furniture producing area of North Carolina, where the great bulk of his business comes from.

He first went to Albemarle and succeeded in lining up three potential locations. Like most people, however, he decided to take one final look before making a firm decision.

A pilot (he was a B-29 pilot during World War 2), he and his business associate, Ray Huffman, flew over the area around Albemarle and, inevitably, came to the Sandhills. Looking at Southern Pines from above, he was

impressed with its apparent beauty and well-kept look; he decided to come down for a closer look.

About three hours later he had a real estate man in tow and was looking for a building.

Five days later he was in business; the very next day he told several people he had met that he had high hopes to enlarge the small operation.

The new business, Story-Smithson, Inc., has established a reputation with most of the country's top furniture manufacturers for the quality of its products. Actually, Smithson says, he is in an extremely specialized part of the furniture business: (Continued on page 5)

Historical Assn. To Hold Annual Meeting

Sheriff C. J. McDonald, president of the Moore County Historical Association, has announced that the annual meeting of the association will be held at Paint Hill Farm Tuesday, May 7, at 5:30 p. m.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Ives, residents of Paint Hill, have invited members of the association to stay to supper following the meeting.

The full Board of Directors will meet immediately after supper to elect officers for the coming year.

Town Primary Set Monday; 11 Seeking Council Positions

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

Lacy H. Stutts, 23, of Carthage, died Sunday afternoon in St. Joseph's Hospital here from injuries sustained early Sunday morning in an automobile accident near Manly.

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 was riding with Willie Theodore 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 the car left the road to the spot it finally came to rest was just short of 600 feet. It uprooted two pine trees and broke a telephone pole in two, he said.

The accident occurred just north of Bristow's Motor Court on US Highway 1. Shomaker attributed it to high speed.

Both Stutts and Hinesly were thrown from the car and were discovered by ambulance attendants about 30 feet from the car.

Stutts died Sunday afternoon. Hinesly is still in St. Joseph's where his condition is reported as serious.

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

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 in the municipal elections May 7.

With 11 candidates in the primary, 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 their names to the eligible voting list. Observers think that close 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 biographical sketches of each of the candidates appear, together with their pictures. Information for the sketches was provided by the candidates themselves and 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 candidates have privately expressed opposition to the method of financing the project.

Six Teams Entered For Town Summer Softball League

Six teams have entered the summer softball league and will begin a regular season of play in the middle of June, it was announced following an organizational meeting at the library Monday night.

The six teams and their managers are:

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 re-appointed co-commissioner of the league, and will serve with Morris Johnson, who is replacing Carl Holt.

The commissioners said that several more teams would help fill out the schedule and requested any organized group that wishes to enter to make applications as soon as possible.

The schedule is now being worked out.

FIRST IN NINE YEARS

High School Students Honor Irie Leonard In Annual Just Published

The Lance, yearbook of the Southern Pines High School senior class, was distributed to students this week. It marked the first time in the past nine years that such a book has been 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 choice for the dedication.

The dedication page read: "Upon you, Irie Leonard, principal, coach and teacher, we, the students of Southern Pines School, bestow the Coat of Arms. "In selecting you for this honor, we feel that you embody the enduring courage and loyal spirit of a true Knight."

"You have not only coached our football team into four state championship games, but you have been a faithful friend throughout our high school career and a stepping stone into our future life.

"So here is to an inspiring teacher, an untiring coach, and a dedicated principal... the most outstanding Knight of all... Irie Leonard." The announcement evoked

considerable applause from the student body, gathered in the auditorium for the announcement. At the conclusion of the program students freely swapped books for the age-old custom of autographing.

The book includes sections on football, basketball, baseball, (Continued on page 5)



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.