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### NO ELECTION IN CAMERON

## Stiff Races Seen In Aberdeen And Robbins For Seats On Town Boards

Elections in all incorporated municipalities in Moore County, with the exception of Cameron, will be held Tuesday, in accordance with state law.

Cameron elects its mayor and town board in the off years. Hubert Nickens is present mayor.

Liveliest place for politics is Southern Pines, though the races in Robbins and Aberdeen will probably be close.

Here is a complete lineup of candidates around the county:

**Aberdeen**  
Voting in the Aberdeen municipal election will take place Tuesday in the new town hall from 6:30 a. m. to 6:30 p. m.

The ballots being printed list one nominee for mayor, Dr. E. M. Medlin, unopposed.

Eight men are in the race for the five-man board of commissioners—four of the incumbents,

George D. Anderson, John J. Greer, Ralph Leach and N. A. Pleasants; and four new nominees, J. B. Edwards, E. R. Graham, John G. Sloan and J. S. Taylor.

The fifth incumbent, M. B. Pleasants, withdrew from the race late Tuesday. The deadline for withdrawing was midnight of that day.

Also withdrawing Tuesday was Harry Vessey who was nominated at Friday night's called caucus.

Nominees for judge of Aberdeen recorders court are the incumbent, P. H. Wilson, and J. G. Farrell.

Robert N. Page III, incumbent, is the sole nominee for solicitor of Aberdeen recorders court.

Registration closed Saturday after a week in which the books were opened for new voters, by the registrar, Miss Ila Blue, at the town hall.

Election judges will be Mrs. Alice Sloan and C. E. Pleasants. Carthage

The only race in Carthage for this election is for the office of mayor. Archie L. Barnes, who has served for the past four terms, is being opposed by Jack Williams, veteran of two terms (Continued on Page 5)

### Scout Camporee Set This Weekend; 2500 To Attend

Over 2,000 Scouts and Explorers are expected to be on hand on May 3-4-5 at the McArthur Lake area of Fort Bragg for the 1957 Occaneechee Council Camporee.

The young men are members of the almost 200 different Scout troops and Explorer posts who will be camping under the leadership of their scoutmasters and assistants for the three day affair.

With the close co-operation of the command of Fort Bragg, and particularly the 82nd Airborne Division, the camporee will begin as troops register and check-in Friday afternoon. The Friday evening program will feature campfire programs as each of the 11 Districts of the council are set up with a district headquarters and camporee staff.

Saturday morning the program will center around a series of demonstrations covering every phase of airborne division activities put on by special units. Tanks, radio and other signaling equipment, a pontoon bridge, helicopters, and heavy weapons will be only a small part of the varied and interesting demonstrations.

During the afternoon, scouts will compete in special scoutcraft events to include fire building, signaling, knot-tying, first aid, and novelty races. Throughout the three-day camporee, troops will be judged on their ability in camping, cooking, equipment, and patrol and troop leadership. Special awards will be made to the troop which scores highest on the rating plan.

### Contracts For New Town Hall Will Be Let By Next Week

Contracts for the new Town Hall will probably be let officially the middle of next week, according to Town Manager Louis Scheipers, Jr.

Several revisions to the original plans have been made in accordance with a directive from the Council, Scheipers said, which will keep the construction within the approximately \$130,000 that will be available for the building. Council made the decision last week to go ahead with construction of the building although all the funds needed are not on hand from the \$100,000 bond issue voted in 1956.

Major portion to be eliminated for the present is the fire wing. Council is on record as being in favor of recommending to the next Council, which will take office Wednesday following the elections Tuesday, to call for a bond issue as soon as possible to secure funds with which to complete the building in its entirety. The bond issue, Council said, would not be in excess of \$70,000. Construction of the building should begin in from 30 to 60 days, town officials said.

T. A. Saunders Construction Company of Troy was the low bidder for the general contract and will get the award next week.

### Open House Planned At Hospital

This Sunday will be Open House Day at Moore County Hospital, when the public will be given the first opportunity to inspect the newly completed wings and wards, rooms and laboratories and other features of the \$481,000 reconstruction project launched two years ago. The reception hours will be from 2 to 4 p. m., during which guided tours will be conducted through the institution.

On view will be the modern and complete emergency department and pediatric unit, new laundry and heating plant, new private rooms for patients, new entrance corridor and offices, new canteen, and many other features. Included among these are the emergency power generator, providing a constant source of electrical supply in the event of regular power failure; piping to supply oxygen to all new rooms; air-conditioning of the pediatric unit and emergency department, and the very latest in equipment in these quarters and in the laboratories.

Over the entrance to the new corridor of rooms for children, hangs a bronze plaque reading: In the Memorial waiting room hang portraits of Harley and Sheldon Jackson, sons of Mr. and Mrs. H. Arnold Jackson of Pinehurst. (Continued on page 19)



VIEW into new Clinical Laboratory, one of many additions in the Moore County Hospital \$481,000 improvement project, just completed. —Photos by Hemmer Shop

## Voters To Name New Council On Tuesday

### Blue Is High In Primary; O'Neil Out

#### WITHDRAWS

Mrs. Hilda Ruggles told The Pilot this morning that she is withdrawing from the race for Town Council. She gave no reason for her decision but said she would continue her interest in the political and civic life of the community.

Her withdrawal left the field with only nine candidates.

Ballots for the election, a copy of which appears in today's Pilot, were printed too early for her to have her name removed.

Mrs. Ruggles received 214 votes in the primary last Tuesday and was in ninth place in the running.

Southern Pines voters will go to the polls again Tuesday to choose five men from a field of 10 for the new Town Council.

In the primary Monday Tom O'Neil was eliminated, receiving only 68 votes.

Top man in the vote-getting was Walter E. Blue, not too surprising in view of the fact that he had also led the ticket in 1955, both in the primary and in the general elections.

James B. Tollison, Carolinas Division manager of Amerotron Corporation, was a real surprise, however, polling 387 votes, second only to Blue. Many contribute his good showing to the legwork of his supporters. There has been very little active, or open, campaigning, principally because there have been no clear-cut issues.

The vote was low: only 873 people went to the polls. Some observers felt interest was lacking because only one person was to be eliminated in the primary. Most predicted the vote next Tuesday would exceed the record 1,214 turnout of 1955.

The official count for Monday:  
W. E. Blue ..... 428  
J. B. Tollison ..... 387  
T. T. Morse ..... 382  
H. H. Pethick ..... 376  
D. E. Bailey ..... 313  
Pearson Menoher ..... 300  
Sam Richardson ..... 296  
Robert S. Ewing ..... 255  
Mrs. Hilda Ruggles ..... 214  
Leland Daniels, Jr. .... 102  
Tom O'Neill ..... 68

Richardson, Pethick, Blue and Morse are all incumbent members of the Council. All have chance for re-election. Except Richardson, who had been appointed to fill the unexpected term of L. T. Clark from the present Council, all made good showings in the 1955 elections.

Morse, the only Negro ever to hold municipal office in Southern Pines, was on hand across from the fire station a good part of the early morning to greet voters. Six or seven automobiles were in constant service all day hauling his constituents to the polls.

Negroes, incidentally, had registered in fairly large numbers in anticipation of the primary. About 120 added their names to the registration books before they were closed two weeks ago. Attendants at the polls said there was no undue difficulty experienced with the voting machines. Local voters are, it would seem, getting used to the machines by now.

General Menoher, the only candidate, outside the incumbent council members, who had run in 1955, showed improvement over his vote-getting ability in that year. He was the top man of those eliminated in 1955 and, as the chart above shows, the sixth choice of voters this time. His supporters think he will get through Tuesday.

The vote next week is not, as had been previously thought, expected to exceed 1955's record turnout by any great margins. Some observers said a figure of 1,300 would be about tops.

### Final Appeal Made For Cancer Fund Drive Donations

Mrs. James S. Milliken, chairman of the annual cancer fund drive in Southern Pines, again urged citizens today to contribute to the drive if they have not already done so.

Mrs. Milliken said she would like to wind up the drive as soon as possible. No quota has been fixed for Southern Pines though the county has a quota of \$3,500, only partially raised at this time.

Donations should be mailed to Mrs. Milliken at P. O. Box 55, Southern Pines.



THRUWAY PAVING continued this week, a bit behind schedule, as workmen started moving to the south end of the project. Pictured here is the machine that lays the hot asphalt. The truck dumps its load into the hopper of the paver, then remains as the asphalt is distributed in smooth layers over the sand-clay base. The picture was made from the Pennsylvania Avenue bridge. (Pilot photo)

### Thruway Completion Seen June 15

Completion of the new US 1 thruway is now seen "some time around June 15," according to T. G. Poindexter, resident engineer for the State Highway Commission, Eighth Division.

Mr. Poindexter talked at length with T. D. Cline of Raleigh, the contractor, this morning and reported later that a June 1 deadline had been extended for two weeks. Mr. Cline said that wet weather in March had held work crews up to such an extent that the two weeks were needed. He said that his records indicated only three full days of work had been done in March. He had started the project March 15.

The new thruway, which is approximately four and one-half miles long, is presently receiving a "binder course" of paving. Within the next few days, Mr. Cline said, a smoother surface will be laid.

All the bridges on the project have been completed. Construction crews had to raise the Pennsylvania Avenue bridge about a foot so that a proper drainage system could be worked out in that area.

The portion of the road near US 1 South of Southern Pines will be the last part completed. Workmen just today finished laying a water main to serve portions of West Southern Pines. The water main had delayed the project at that point for some time.

Mr. Poindexter said that beau-

tification of the thruway would be started after the project is completed and the seasons permit. It is difficult, he said, to determine just what can be done in the hot summer months, but the Highway Commission plans to concentrate on beautification projects that have been agreed upon with the town. He pointed out that the Highway Commission traditionally beautifies all road projects but said that this project, because it was in town and because of the nature of the area, would be treated with more attention.

Any official dedication ceremonies will have to be arranged by Southern Pines officials. To date, there has been no announcement that such plans were in the making, though some sort of program will undoubtedly be worked out.

### Red Cross Will Elect Officers Next Week

The annual meeting of the Moore County Chapter, American Red Cross, for yearly reports and election of officers and board members will be held Friday evening, May 10, at 7:45 o'clock at the Civic Club building in Southern Pines.

Any person who has contributed \$1 or more to the funds for the work of Red Cross is eligible to vote. Refreshments will be served.

### Leonard Pleads Nolo Contendere In Assault Case

A plea of nolo contendere on a charge of simple assault, was entered by Irie Leonard, principal and head coach at Southern Pines High School, in Superior Court Wednesday. In effect, the plea meant that Leonard did not wish to effect an appeal he had made from an earlier conviction in Recorder's Court.

He paid a fine of \$1 and costs. No evidence was taken.

Leonard had been arrested on a warrant taken out by Ray McDonald charging him with assault and battery on his 16-year-old son, who is a student at the high school. In the Recorder's Court trial, which drew widespread attention, Leonard had maintained he did not strike young McDonald, but had merely grasped him, though forcefully, in the course of a reprimand. A number of students who had witnessed the action testified in the trial.

Leonard said he had decided against another trial because he did not wish to force more attention on something in which the school and the student witnesses would draw more publicity. His friends, he added, had also done much to convince him to withdraw the appeal and pay the token fine which had been assessed by Judge J. Vance Rowe.

### WHAT DOES THE WELFARE DO?

## Boarding Homes Scattered Throughout County

By KATHARINE BOYD  
It was a Sunday, the afternoon you drove out to call at Mrs. Gibson's boarding home in West End. The day had turned right warm and the deep shade cast by the big trees about the square white house looked inviting. The Gibson home has a surprisingly peaceful, quiet air, seeing that it is actually right in town and just a stone's throw from the highway.

Mrs. Gibson came to the door to greet you with a friendly smile. "Sunday visitor, you are this time!" she said, "and we've got other visitors inside." Indeed they had. In the room where the three old men were established, the nephew and wife of the one who was blind were sitting by him and all were chatting busily. In another corner, an elderly woman sat by the bed of her brother and regaled him with home news.

It's a sunny room: three big

windows facing south and west, with trees rustling outside. Even in summer, it must be cool.

**A Cheerful Place**  
Mrs. Gibson and her two nieces live upstairs, and, in conformity with state rules, the patients are on the ground floor. Mrs. Gibson has her full quota: eight, of whom one pays some of her keep. In the Gibson home, the women seem to be the ones who are mentally distressed, among the county patients. All of them come here from state institutions. Mrs. Gibson has a time with one or the other on occasion, but manages so well, on the whole, that one of the most ornery now helps her with the kitchen work. All patients who are up and about eat together in the dining-room, close to the well-equipped kitchen. Right now, with most of them able-bodied, that makes seven around the table.

This is a cheerful place, this West End Home. It is large enough so that there is no crowding; the ceilings are high, for it is the old-fashioned roomy type of country house. There is a feeling of air and space and sun that is refreshing. And the operator is a cheerful, friendly person. With practical nurse experience, she does mighty well by her charges. She used to run the home as a boarding-house and it is well suited to this sort of use.

**Wishes She Could Do More**  
Moore County's other large boarding home is the one run by Mrs. Thelma Howard in Robbins. It also is licensed for eight persons, and the operator is a practical nurse, with much experience, having served for some time as superintendent of St. Luke's Home, (for elderly women) in Raleigh. This, undoubtedly, has given her a desire for (Continued on page 11)