

Father Peter Denges Transferred To Outer Banks After 6 Years Here

He has also the assignment of establishing a Catholic camp for young people, Camp Cardinal Gibbons, in the vicinity of Kill Devil Hills or Nags Head. He has had experience in this work, as one and a twin brother, also a

He came to Southern Pines as successor to Father Herbert A. Harkins, now Monsignor Harkins, rector of Sacred Heart Cathedral, the seat of the Diocese of Raleigh.

Garland McPherson of Southern Pines was re-elected chairman of the Moore County Chapter of the American Red Cross at the annual meeting held Friday at the Civic Club.

Five new directors were named for three year terms: Mrs. Walter MacNeille of Pinebluff; Mrs. Ben Gullledge of Lakeview; J. W.

the hearts of many people," he said. "Those we have nominated are, we think, devotedly interested in continuing that work."

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**Game Will Be
Played On Local
Field At 8 p.m.**

In the finals tonight John van Benschoten is expected to start, with Smith ready in reserve. The rest of the probable starting lineup, as announced by Coach Ric Leonard, has Hill Boswell, behind the plate, Tony Parker at first, Billy Hamel at second, Woodruff at short, George Reams on third, Lynn van Benschoten in left field, Creech in center, and Ted Ward in right.

The Moore County Maternal Welfare Committee's Tag Day sale took a rain-check, last week.

Complete reports from all sections are expected to be compiled over the weekend when results of the local drive will also be available.

Would House All Present Farm Agencies

The new building is to be designed so that all agricultural personnel will be housed under one roof. Space for a central meeting place for farmers will also be included.

Clearing and grading for the new site has been completed.

Heavy Rains Here With 6.7 Inches Break Record

Elsewhere in the area, damage was held to a minimum but not before property owners had a real scare thrown into them. At Lakeview, the dam apparently came close to crashing into Lakeview.

P. I. York, of West Southern Pines, was the new member appointed to the town board of education by the Town Council at the meeting held at the Library Tuesday night.

In the voting, the council divided three to two on the motion. Seconded by Councilman Bailey, it passed with the third vote of Mayor Walter Blue, conducting his first council meeting. General Pearson Menoher and James Tollison, newly elected to the council, voted "Nay."

Raises in pay for welfare workers of all categories on the staff of the Moore County Department of Public Welfare have been approved by the State, it was stated this week by the Board of Public Welfare.

Because all members of the department qualify for a higher bracket under the merit system, than that which they now occupy, this would amount to an all 'round step up of the minimum pay requirement.

Now it's up to the board of county commissioners to carry on from there.

Out-of-State Editors Air Cruise Will Be Entertained Here Sunday

editors—there are 16 of them—will be entertained by Mrs. James Boyd, editor of The Pilot and a member of the Press Association's Air Cruise Committee, and Voit Gilmore, president of the State Travel Council.

From rifles to rockets, from helicopter ambulances to mobile bakeries, the "Power for Peace" of the United States Army and Air Force will be demonstrated at Armed Forces Day celebrations at Fort Bragg and Pope Air Force Base Saturday.

An anticipated 25,000 guests will see the "maximum performance" take-offs and landings of the Army liaison planes, the L-19 and L-20. Statis displays by the Army's support units, the technical services, will be set up on a midway near the Main Post polo field.

Manchester Road, northern access to Fort Bragg from the Southern Pines area, will be closed Saturday, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Reason for the closing is the Armed Forces Day demonstrations taking place on the Fort Bragg reservation that day. The road will be closed off from Southern Pines to Pope Air Force Base. Traffic will be re-routed onto North Carolina Highway 87.

The Citizens Bank & Trust Company will be closed Monday, May 20 for Mecklenburg Declaration of Independence.

Council Acted Hastily

If, as seems likely, it is the lot of all who enter politics to be the recipients of both noseegays and less savory missiles, then the newly-elected town council has started off right in the groove. It does not need an ear to the ground to detect the swell of both satisfaction and discontent that greeted the news of the council's action, Tuesday night, regarding the appointment of the board of education.

There was, we believe, very general congratulation over the appointment of the West Southern Pines member—though some felt that, in conformity with long-established precedent, he should have been listed as a member from town and not from the outlying district. There was, however, sharp criticism of the blanket endorsement given the four former members of the board and the three-man vote which appointed them.

Not that these four have not rendered much sterling service during their years on the board: their loyalty to the schools is widely and gratefully recognized. The groundswell of disapproval is concentrated, rather, on the manner in which the appointment was made.

Blanket endorsement by a unanimous town board is no new thing: there is ample precedent for it here. But this vote was sharply divided. It was carried through in haste, over the earnest and, surely, legitimate protest of two new members asking for more time for consultation.

and study. Furthermore, the southern Pines school has been through difficult times, this past year, and the board has been the center of a great deal of criticism. The intense debate that took place in the winter over the question of the elective versus the appointive system in the selection of school boards was un-

doubtedly sharpened by the feeling that centered around the present board. At the least, it showed unmistakably that the people of this town are aware of the importance of the schools in their lives and are vitally interested in them.

As they should be. The appointment of the board of education is not an unimportant thing, to be carried through in a matter of minutes. To treat it thus, and to bypass discussion of the individuals under consideration, at best removes all dignity, at worst raises eyebrows and poses questions: Why the hurry?

Admittedly the alternative was difficult, involving new factors and probing into highly sensitive areas: anything to do with personalities is difficult, especially when it is public business. But, why else was this council elected except to conduct the public business? In such business, neither old loyalties nor old prejudices may have a part.

This newspaper is ready to agree that there are certainly other townspeople qualified for membership on the board, to suggest that occasional change in the membership of a public body is beneficial and that young blood can be a revitalizing force. Likewise, we freely agree, that after full debate the same action might have been taken and the same members reappointed. The point is: the full debate. It was called for, it was asked for. That is a matter so important to the community should have been pushed through without it is regrettable.

This is a poor start in the building of a team which must work together, with mutual confidence, if the newly-elected council is to maintain the high level of efficiency and conscientious service, responsive to the public, which has been demonstrated until now under the council-manager system.



NEW OFFICERS for the Moore County Chapter of the American Red Cross were elected at the annual meeting held here Friday night. Pictured, front row, left to right, Miss Grace Tillman, re-elected secretary; Garland McPherson, re-elected chairman; and Mrs. Audrey Kennedy, executive secretary. Back row, Earl Hubbard, re-elected treasurer; Gen. R. B. Hill, re-elected vice-chairman; and Frank Shamburger, a new vice-chairman. (Pilot photo)

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