

Wasting Time . . .

Good or bad? There has been much written on the subject lately, including a piece on today's editorial page.

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LIFE SAVING EFFORTS FAIL

16-Months-Old Child Wanders From Home, Drowns In Neighbor's Pool

A 16-months old boy, John A. Reier III, son of an Army corporal, was drowned in a small pool here Tuesday.

Coroner Ralph G. Steed attributed the death to accidental drowning. A small boat found in the pool led some officers to believe the little boy had been playing around the edges of the pool, pushing the boat, and accidentally fell in. An examination disclosed a small bruise on his forehead.

Mrs. Reier, busily packing preparing to join her husband, who is stationed at Fort Gordon, missed the little boy and went to the home of her neighbor, William R. Chatfield, Jr., to inquire if anyone had seen the child. A frantic search of the property was made and Billy Chatfield, 7, found the body in the pool, which had been filled to about 18 inches by the recent rains.

Members of the police department and Danny Sheffield of Powell Funeral Home administered artificial respiration and used a resuscitator for some 45 minutes in efforts to revive him. Previously Mrs. Chatfield had also given artificial respiration before the police arrived.

Dr. J. S. Hiatt was also present. Funeral services will be held tomorrow (Friday) at 11 o'clock at the Methodist Church with the Rev. R. L. Bame officiating. Burial will be held in Mt. Hope Cemetery.

He was born Jan. 9, 1956 in Germany where his father was stationed with the U. S. Army. His mother is a native of Germany.

Cpl. Reier has been stationed at Fort Bragg and his family has been living here about a year. He had been recently transferred to a school at Fort Gordon.

A three months old sister also survives.

Little League Begins Here Monday; Only Few From Last Year Returning

Opening date of the Tar Heel Little League, composed of four teams in Moore County, is Monday, according to Monk Womack, league president.

With game time at 5 p.m., Southern Pines will play Carthage at Memorial Field here, and Robbins will play at Pinehurst.

Prior to the Southern Pines-Carthage game Dr. J. C. Grier, who was president of the league last year, will present the county championship trophy to Southern Pines. Coach C. L. Dutton will accept.

Games this year will be played twice weekly. Womack said a complete schedule would be released next week. In the meantime, fans were advised that Thursday's games will see Southern Pines playing host to Robbins, and Pinehurst playing host to Carthage. Dutton said that all games on the local field would begin at 5 p.m.

With the loss of seven players from last year's squad Coach Dutton said Southern Pines' chances this year are not as good as last year. Returning are Harold J. Williford, Steve Caldwell, William J. Wilson, John M. Bristow, John Warren, Linwood Dunn and Ronald Brown. Of the seven, only Williford, Caldwell, Wilson and Bristow had much experience last year.

The starting lineup Monday will be as follows: Brown at shortstop; Edgar E. Greve II, third base; Williford, catcher; Wilson, pitcher; Bristow, second base; Caldwell, first base; Joseph S. Hiatt III, center field; Robert McCrimmon, left field, and Warren, right field.

Other players are Daniel Junkin, Richard Combs, John E. Ligon, James E. Pitts, and Peter Scheipers.

Reserves are Norman McKenzie, Allan Langston, Joe Junkin, Richard Jager and Mac Fowler.

This is the sixth year for Mr. Dutton, who has compiled an excellent record so far. Last year he coached the county all-star team that won the area title only to lose later for the state title.

Womack said some 19 games would be played by each team. Other officers of the league are James Steed of Robbins, vice-president; Dr. Delamar Mann, Southern Pines, secretary; and Harris Blake, Pinehurst, treasurer.

The Southern Pines team is sponsored by the local Lions club. Mann asked this week also that if any interested adults wished to help the league by volunteering their services as umpire, the officials would be most grateful.

Memorial Services To Be Held At Mt. Hope On Thursday

Memorial Day services at Mt. Hope Cemetery will be held next Thursday, May 30, by the Sandhills Post, American Legion, and the Legion Auxiliary, it was announced today by A. R. McDaniel, post commander.

The service will be held at 5 p. m. and the public is invited to attend. Rev. Cheves Ligon, chaplain of the post, and McDaniel will preside. Members of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, local ministers, the National Guard and Boy Scouts will also take part in the service.

MRS. EVELYN PLEASANTS, who was Town Clerk in Aberdeen for almost 24 years, was honored by citizens of the town Monday night for her unstinting service. She retired April 1 to devote more time to private business. Pictured here in the new Aberdeen Town Hall, Mayor E. M. Medlin presents Mrs. Pleasants with a silver cup appropriately inscribed. In the background is Talbot Johnson, Aberdeen attorney. (Photo by Emerson Humphrey)

Entries For Farm Contest Reach 35; Deadline June 1

County Agent Says 50 - 60 Will Enter

Thirty five farmers have entered the Farm Income Contest being sponsored jointly in the county by the Raleigh News and Observer and The Pilot and the required 50 will probably have entered before the end of the week, Fleet Allen, county farm agent, said this morning.

"We'll probably have more than 50 but right now we're concentrating on that number," he said. He and several other agricultural workers in the county have been encouraging farmers to enter the contest, which has been designed to develop more income for farmers who are facing tobacco acreage allotment cuts.

The contest deadline is June 1. All farmers who have not been contacted by an agricultural worker should get entry blanks from the County Agent's office in Carthage and complete them before June 1.

Top prize in the 54-county area in which the contest is being held is \$500. Many smaller prizes will also be given.

Budget For Town To Be Discussed By Council Tuesday

Discussion of next year's budget for Southern Pines will be one of the principal items on the agenda at the regular Town Council meeting Tuesday night.

Manager Louis Scheipers, Jr., told the Council Tuesday that he had completed work on a tentative budget and would present it for study and consideration at the meeting. He did not disclose any of its details but it is believed no increase in taxes will be called for.

The meeting will be held in the Library at 8 p.m.



SOUTHERN PINES HIGH SCHOOL BLUE KNIGHTS won the annual Moore County baseball tournament last week. Members of the team are, front row, left to right, Mike Greave, bat-boy; Robert Woodruff, Charles Weatherspoon, Wayne Davenport, Billy Gay, Dennis Morgan, Melva Hall and Skip Hunsucker, bat-boy. Second row, same order, Billy Hamel, Jesse Williford, Charles Watkins, Hill Boswell, Kenneth Creech, Lynn Van Benschoten, and Jim Thomasson. Third row, George Reams, Tony Parker, John Van Benschoten, Dickie McInnis, Bill Seymour, Steve Smith, Ted Ward, Peter Winkelman and Coach Irie Leonard. (Humphrey photo)

Blue Knights Defeat Highfalls For County Baseball Title; 13-2 Record

The Southern Pines Blue Knights captured the Moore County baseball championship Thursday night with a 7-0 victory over Highfalls.

The victory gave the locals a 13-2 record in county competition this year. Last season they lost in the county playoffs to Aberdeen and wound up with a 14-2 record.

John van Benschoten, obviously enjoying one of his better days on the mound, had a no-hitter going into the 7th inning but weakened somewhat at that point and gave up two hits, Pitching, which Coach Irie Leonard had thought would be one of the weakest points of the Blue Knights this season, gave

FARMER'S DAY

The 8th annual Farmer's Day Festival in Aberdeen will be held tomorrow (Friday) and Saturday.

Sponsored by the Aberdeen Junior Chamber of Commerce, the festival is expected to draw thousands of visitors from the area. Free prizes and merchandise exhibits will be featured, with most of the entertainment scheduled for Saturday.

On that day a parade is scheduled to wind through Aberdeen beginning at 11 o'clock in the morning, a band concert will be held at 1:15, and a square dance will top off the activities. The square dance begins at 8 p. m.

Rides are also available.

Vehicle 10-Point Safety Check Will Begin Here Monday

An automobile "10 point safety check" program will be held here Monday and Tuesday, sponsored jointly by the Junior Chamber of Commerce and the BPOE Does. The program is in cooperation with the Moore County Safety Council, the State Highway Patrol and the National Vehicle Safety Check Committee.

A safety check lane will be set up on S. W. Broad Street between Massachusetts Ave. and Indiana Ave. Chief of Police C. E. Newton said his department would cooperate in the program, which lasts both days from 9 to 5. A separated lane will be set up and local mechanics will volunteer their services.

Harvey Scheer, Jaycee chairman of the project, said the 10 points to be checked included the brakes, front lights, rear lights, steering, tires, exhaust system, windshield wipers, horn, glass, and rear view mirror.

There is no charge for the check. Those visiting the lane will receive a "Safety Check" sticker.

Qualifying Rounds For County's Golf Tournament Slated To Be Held On No. 2 Course At Pinehurst

The famed and difficult Pinehurst No. 2 course will be the site of the third tournament within six weeks beginning June 1 when qualifying starts for the annual Moore County championship.

First came the North-South Invitational. Next came the Carolinas, sponsored by the Carolinas Golf Association. Now the Moore County event, open to all residents of Moore County, those who have lived here before January 1.

Also, tournament director Harry Davis of Carthage emphasizes this point: "All natives of another county, no matter where, are eligible to compete if they are members of a Moore County club."

Davis thinks this is an important point and should attract a large field of outsiders.

Qualifying will run through Saturday, June 8. The low 16 qualifiers will be placed in the championship flight. There will be other flights consisting of eight players each, depending on number of entries. In case of ties for low 16 in championship there will be a drawing for the championship bracket.

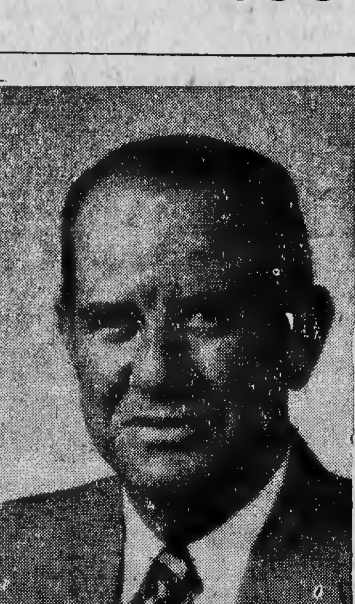
Entry fee is \$3 and must be paid to Ken Schroeder of the Pinehurst club before teeing off on the qualifying round. No money will be taken with qualifying score. All players must register and pay before qualifying.

Dates for matches follow: First round must be played June 9-15; second round must be played June 16-22; third round must be played June 23-29. Final matches in the championship flight and first flight (beaten eight in championship) must be

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COURT OF HONOR There will be a Boy Scout Court of Honor held in the Methodist Church in Pinebluff at 8 p.m. Monday, May 27, to which the public is cordially invited.

Council Says Vote On School Board Was 'Too Hasty'



WILBUR CURRIE

Wilbur H. Currie Named To Board of Trustees Of UNC

Former State Senator Wilbur H. Currie of Carthage has been elected a trustee of the consolidated University of North Carolina, a position he previously held for eight years prior to 1955.

Mr. Currie's term is for eight years. His election came Tuesday night at a meeting of the Joint Trustees Committee of the General Assembly.

Other trustees from Moore County who are presently serving on the Board are W. P. Saunders, of Southern Pines, director of the N. C. Department of Conservation and Development, and Mrs. P. P. McCain of Southern Pines, dean of women at Flora Macdonald College.

Parts of the resolution read as follows: "After careful consideration the Town Council is of the opinion that in electing the Board of Education without first holding a public hearing on the matter, it was acting with too much haste and without the proper amount of deliberation on a matter as important as the membership on the Board of Education . . ."

"The Council considers it to be in the public interest that an open and public acknowledgment of its mistake in this hasty action be made by proper resolution, without any intention to minimize the fact that the Council feels that all the members which it elected are wholly capable to serve on the Board of Education . . ."

The resolution also urges the public to attend future Council (Continued on Page 8)

Action Follows Public Dissent; Morse Abstains

The Southern Pines Town Council, in a special called meeting Tuesday afternoon, termed its action in appointing the school board last week "hasty" and adopted a resolution of "open and public acknowledgement of its mistake . . ."

The meeting lasted less than 15 minutes and was attended by all members. Councilman T. T. Morse abstained from voting on the matter. He later said that a motion he had made at the first meeting, which, in effect, was a blanket appointment of four existing members of the school board plus one more, was "perfectly in order."

Mayor Blue called the meeting, held in the Town offices, and said that after much consideration he felt, along with other members of the Council, that such a resolution should be adopted by the Council. "It is not in the best interests of Southern Pines at any time for things to be done without first considering them long and hard," he said.

In its resolution, the Council said it felt that all of the school board members which it elected at the first meeting were wholly capable individuals to serve as members of the Board of Education.

Mayor Blue said he wished it to be completely understood that the selections had been made by the Council and that the Council would stand behind the appointments.

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Construction Of New Town Hall To Start On June 1

Construction of the new Town Hall will begin probably June 3, T. E. Saunders of Troy, the general contractor, told town officials this week.

Contracts for the building have been signed with the general contractor, electrical contractor, and the plumbing and heating contractor.

Construction costs are estimated at some \$133,000. Of that sum, the town presently has available \$101,000 in bond money (the \$1,000 is interest that has accumulated) and will borrow the rest at the beginning of the 1958-59 fiscal year.

Thomas T. Hayes, who designed the building, said he and the contractors, together with town officials, had worked out some changes in the over-all building that would "provide the most for the money." Not included in the present construction will be the fire wing, estimated to cost some \$42,000, jail cells, and air conditioning.

The space that was originally set up for the detention cells is being provided, however, but without the bars and plumbing.

The contractor has until June 1, 1958, to complete the building.

Duke Educator To Deliver Address At Commencement

Dr. William H. Cartwright, chairman of the Department of Education at Duke University, will be the principal speaker at graduation exercises at Southern Pines High School June 4.

The baccalaureate sermon will be preached Sunday, June 2, at the Church of Wide Fellowship by Dr. George J. Griffin, professor of religion at Wake Forest College.

A. C. Dawson, school superintendent, said this week that the awards day program, a highlight of the commencement program, would be held Tuesday, June 4, at Weaver Auditorium in the (Continued on page 8)