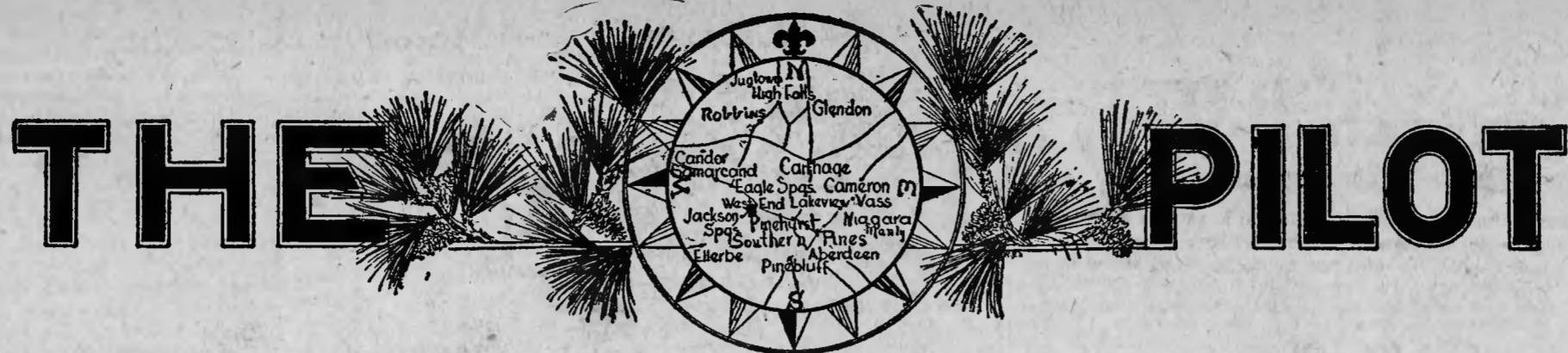


Star Gazing

Is old hat, but star listening? It's new and fascinating. There's a piece about it on page 2.



Retirement Plans

Take various courses. For Mrs. Sadie McCain, it's a trip to Europe. See page 13.



SUMMER SOFTBALL got off to its official start here Tuesday night when Mayor W. E. Blue tossed out the first ball prior to the opening game which was won by Carolina Power & Light, 25-1, from VFW. Pictured, left to right are, Charles Horton, manager of CP&L, Town Manager Louis Scheipers, Jr., Mac Lucas, base

umpire, Mayor Blue, Irie Leonard, director of the summer recreation program, Morris Johnson, league commissioner, Don Murray, chief umpire, Gen. Pearson Menoher, league commissioner, and Frank Smith, manager of the VFW team. (Photo by Emerson Humphrey)

BIG SCORES PILED UP

Church of Wide Fellowship, CP&L Easy Winners In Softball League

High scores and opening night jitters marked the official beginning of the local softball league program Tuesday night as a large crowd turned out for the double-header at Memorial Field.

Church of Wide Fellowship were David Page, Davis Worsham and Irie Leonard. Leonard collected a home run and went all the way around in the fourth inning on an outfield error.

Two games were played, with Carolina Power & Light swamping VFW 25-1 in the opener, and the Church of Wide Fellowship downing the Jaycees 17-3.

Fred Tector and Lynn van Benschoten made up the battery for the Jaycees. Benschoten had a double to lead the Jaycee hitting.

Jake Deberry pitched near perfect ball for CP&L, allowing a lone single to Willis Calcutt. The VFW defensive play was a bit ragged, too, obviously the result of not enough practice.

The schedule continues tonight (Thursday) with the Lions Club taking on the Church of Wide Fellowship and the VFW playing the Jaycees.

For the winners Walter Harper led the 14-hit attack with a triple. Carl Kivett and Tink Bowen were the batteries for VFW while Coy Bowers was behind the plate for CP&L.

Town Playground Schedule To Begin Monday Morning

In the Jaycee-Church of Wide Fellowship game Harry Chatfield, on occasion showing some of the speed that has made him one of the outstanding pitchers in the league history, allowed the Jaycees just five hits, four of them singles.

The playground schedule of the summer recreation program here will begin Monday, it was announced today by Irie Leonard, director.

Activities will be held daily, Monday through Friday, in both East and West Southern Pines. In addition to Leonard, a staff of six people will be in charge of the program.

The adult softball league started its activities Tuesday night, and both the Pony League and the Little League have been playing regularly for about two weeks.

Leonard said that activities had been planned to provide a maximum of participation by residents of the town, particularly younger people.

In East Southern Pines, most activities, outside of the organized softball and baseball, will center around the Town Park on S.E. Broad Street. Miss Kay Davis will be in charge of the program, which includes handicrafts, story hour sessions, and organized play.

Parents have been requested by Miss Davis to bring their children to the playground and pick them up at 8:15.

RECITAL

Five young musicians of this county will present a special program of varied music Saturday night at Weymouth, home of Mrs. James Boyd. Members of the Sandhills Music Association, sponsors of the program, and the public have been invited to the program which begins at 8:15.

Appearing will be Mary Jo Davis, West End pianist who received her Master's Degree recently from Yale University; Harold Collins, Jr., pianist who attends Duke University; Margaret Grimm of Carthage, piano student at Meredith College; Mary Louise McDonald of Carthage, voice student at Penn Hall; and Joan Bertrand of Pinehurst, pianist.

Mayflower Finally Lands

MAYFLOWER II deserves a hearty hail, even if, at the last, she did have to lower sail and come into Plymouth Harbor at the end of a tow-line.

One minute she was careening along with a bone of white water in her teeth, and the next, with a shift of weather, headwinds had her stopped cold. A beat to windward in a square-rigger is a long long process, and unlike her predecessor, she had a date to keep. On that first voyage they may well have been anxious to make port—whatever that port was to be—before winter set in, but this Mayflower faced a shore lined with TV experts, photographers, movie-men, reporters and everybody-else and his-wife-and-chillun who

could get there, to greet her exciting arrival. Different kinds of Indians from the, greeting-party that scattered in fright at the sight of Mayflower I, and a far different kind of voyage distinguished the present from the past. No fresh food on Mayflower I, no space to move around with such a crowd aboard, no "facilities," no anti-seasick pills; no charts, and none but the crudest aids to navigation—they didn't even know where they were going—brave souls! Hail to the old and the new! And to the enterprising citizens of both Britain and the U.S. who conceived of this appropriate, educational and deeply moving idea to commemorate and strengthen the historic friendship between two great nations.

Fayetteville Man Called To Church Wide Fellowship

The Rev. Carl Edison Wallace, president of the Eastern North Carolina Conference of Congregational Churches and minister of the Eutaw Community Church in Fayetteville, has been elected to succeed Dr. Wofford C. Timmons as minister of the Church of Wide Fellowship here effective September 1.

The announcement was made this week, after Mr. Wallace notified the selection committee of the church that he would accept.

A native of Greensboro, Mr. Wallace is a graduate of Elon College and Duke Divinity School. He was ordained in 1950 and has served pastorates at Louisburg, Wake Forest and Fayetteville. While at Fayetteville, he has led a vigorous building campaign that resulted in the construction of a new church and parsonage.

During World War 2, Mr. Wallace served in the Air Force as a pilot.

His present pastorate, which he has held for four years, includes a large number of families from Fort Bragg.

Mr. Wallace is married and is the father of two children, Carl, 13, and Rosemary, three.

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Peaches Coming In As Farmers Ready For Good Season

Production of 1,300,000 bushels of peaches in North Carolina is indicated by reports from growers as of June 1, the N. C. Crop Reporting Service said this week.

The current forecast released through the service is 100,000 bushels below the production indicated on May 1, but this year's crop would still be the largest since 1952 when 1,600,000 bushels were harvested.

Already in Moore County some peaches, the "Mayflower" variety, have been picked from around the Eagle Springs and Candor sections. The later varieties will be coming in starting this week, growers say, and will be picked until the end of July.

J. Hawley Poole and T. Clyde Auman, two veteran growers in this county, said last week that the crop reporting service may have stretched their estimates a bit, since it is almost impossible today to produce enormous crops in this county. "We're concentrating on quality, not quantity, and this year the peaches look better than ever," they said.

Early Jubilee and Early Easts will start coming in about June 25, they said, followed by the Golden Jubilees, Cardinals, Dixie Reds and Elbertas.

Extremely good weather condi-

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Wisconsin Crossing Said Dangerous; Town To Request State Study

Only Crossing At Grade Level On New Thruway

A resolution calling on the State Highway Commission to investigate the grade crossing at Wisconsin Avenue and the new U. S. Highway 1 thruway for "safety's sake" and with a possible view toward closing it was adopted by the Southern Pines Town Council Tuesday night.

Gen. Pearson Menoher introduced the resolution, prefacing it with remarks that he had been approached by a large number of

people who were concerned with the potential danger at the crossing. "I have looked at the road from all angles," he said, "and there is definitely an element of danger there."

(Last week the Sandhills Kiwanis Club adopted a resolution calling on the Council to use its influence with the SHC to close the crossing because it presented a "serious traffic hazard.")

Gen. Menoher said he had been informed that a cost of approximately 100 to 125 thousand dollars would be involved in constructing a bridge at the crossing. The State, he said he had learned, does not have sufficient funds at the present to initiate such a project and it is not likely in the near future that such funds would be available.

D. E. Bailey said he had talked to many people about the crossing and believed there was sentiment in East Southern Pines to close it, while the feeling in West Southern Pines was extremely strong to keep it open.

Actually, the state at first did not plan to have a grade crossing at that point. It was put in the plans later and is the only point on the new thruway that would have traffic moving across it at grade level.

There are five overhead bridges so far located—at Niagara over the Seaboard Railroad tracks, at Midland Road, at Pennsylvania Avenue, at Morganton Road, and at the extreme southern portion of the thruway just before it empties into U. S. Highway 1.

Closing the Wisconsin crossing would leave only one primary artery between East and West Southern Pines, the Pennsylvania Avenue bridge.

Gen. Menoher suggested that the public could utilize the service roads connecting with Pennsylvania Avenue for easier flow of vehicular traffic and, though it might take a few seconds longer, "it would be far safer than trying to dart across at Wisconsin Avenue."

W. Lamont Brown, town attorney, told the Council that the State had acquired enough land for a grade separation crossing at Wisconsin Avenue but did not have enough funds on hand at present for the project. He added that it was his belief that such a crossing would eventually be constructed if the need was great enough.

Biggest complaint against closing the crossing is that many West Southern Pines residents use that street as access to East Southern Pines. Also, Donald Case, chairman of the town planning board, told the Council earlier this week that closing the road would handicap both police and fire protection for West Southern Pines since Pennsylvania Avenue would be the only immediate access area.



SANDHILLS FIREMEN named Betty Joe Lowdermilk of Southern Pines as their queen at the 31st annual convention held in Roxboro yesterday. Miss Lowdermilk, daughter of Mrs. John Seward of 169 E. New Hampshire Avenue, is a rising senior at Southern Pines High School.

Appointments To Several Boards Put Off By Council

Appointment of eight people to three different town boards was postponed at the Council meeting Tuesday night in order for Councilmen to have more time to study and hear recommendations for the vacant posts.

Council decided, after devoting a bare five minutes to discussing the matter, to put the appointments off until the next meeting, which will be held July 9.

Vacancies now exist on the Board of Zoning Adjustment, the Recreation Advisory Committee, and the Advertising Advisory Committee.

Actually, there were four vacancies on the Recreation Committee but the committee had recommended that the membership of ten be reduced to seven. The committee had also recommended that T. R. Goins, who had been a member, be reappointed, a recommendation that, if accepted by the Council, would bring the committee to its full complement.

Here is the list of the other town committees or boards and their present membership.

Board of Zoning Adjustment—Joe Thomas, chairman; Mrs. A. L. Folley, Joshua Ferguson, E. L. Pleasants, alternate, and Mrs. George Leonard, alternate. Vacancies were created by the resignation of Gen. Pearson Menoher and D. E. Bailey.

Recreation Advisory Committee—Mrs. Nancy Marley, chairman; Jerry Healy, Joe Garzik, Walter Harper, Warren Bell and Mrs. Mary Grover. One vacancy created when term of T. R. Goins expired.

Advertising Advisory Committee—Jerry Healy, Robert Strouse, J. T. Overton, George Pottle and Harry Pethick. Terms of all members expires June 30 and new members will be appointed for one year terms.

The other town boards are complete. They are: Planning Board—Donald Case, chairman; Ralph Chandler, Jr., Gen. Julian F. Barnes, Mrs. Katherine McColl and Walter

Farmer Bitten By Snake Making Fast Recovery

Floyd Barber of near Carthage, admitted to Moore County Hospital yesterday after being bitten by a copperhead snake, was reported at noon today to be recovering rapidly.

A spokesman at the hospital said he had received snake bite serum every two hours after being admitted but had not received any today.

Barber was cleaning brush from an area near his home when he was bitten. He said he had reached into some brush to pick up an object and a copperhead, considered one of the deadliest snakes in this hemisphere, bit him on the left hand between the thumb and index finger.

Serum was rushed from Raleigh by the Highway Patrol in a dramatic trip yesterday, with the trip being made in less than an hour. In the meantime, however, hospital authorities had located a quantity at St. Joseph's Hospital and had already started treatment when the serum arrived from Raleigh.

STILL SHORT

Still \$15 short was the word on the 1957 cancer drive in Southern Pines as Mrs. J. S. Milliken, chairman, said this morning that the drive would end this week.

The local quota is \$700 and Mrs. Milliken said it would be exceptionally nice if enough people gave between now and the end of the week to make the drive go over the top.



SOUTHERN PINES SCHOOL BOARD members were sworn in for new terms of office last Thursday night in the initial meeting of the year. Pictured, left to right, are Norris Hodg-

kins, Sr., Dr. Vida McLeod, John Howarth, chairman, A. C. Dawson, school superintendent and secretary to the board, P. I. York, and Harry Menzel. (Pilot photo)

John Howarth Renamed School Board Head

John Howarth, who has been chairman of the Southern Pines School Board for the past nine years, was re-elected to a two year term at the board's monthly meeting Thursday night.

The meeting, held in the school library, was the first for the board since it was appointed by the Town Council May 14. Mr. Howarth was nominated by Norris Hodgkins, Sr., for the chairmanship and was unopposed.

The new board, four members of which are carry-overs from the board that was in existence prior to the adoption of the new

town charter, was sworn in by J. D. Sitterson. Prentiss I. York, the first Negro ever to be appointed to the board, was in attendance.

After welcoming York to the board, Howarth briefed the group on its duties and said that additional explanations of the duties would be given at future meetings. He likened the school board to a board of directors of a large company and the superintendent to the general manager or executive officer of such a company.

"Primarily," he said, "our duties, as set forth by law, are to formulate the over-all policy of the school's operation. The administrative officer, School Supt. A. C. Dawson, is responsible for carrying out that policy."

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