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Pupil Assignment Plan Adopted By County Schools

Pupils Directed To Attend Same School As '56

The Moore County School Board has adopted the so-called Pupil Assignment Plan for the school year 1957-58.

The action was taken at the last meeting of the Board and came in the form of resolutions proposed by T. Roy Phillips of Carthage and seconded by Jere McKeithen of Aberdeen.

Under the plan, which is being used by school administrative units throughout the state, each pupil will be assigned to the school he attended last year, except those who did not attend school in the county last year.

Children completing the course of instruction at several elementary schools were assigned to nearby high schools, as follows: from Eagle Springs elementary school to West End High; from Vineland elementary school to Pinckney High; and from Davis elementary to Pinckney High.

Parents who desire their children be assigned to a school other than the ones the school board already has assigned them to must file written notice with the school board and through the superintendent of schools at least two months in advance of the date for the opening of the school.

Under the rules of the Pupil Assignment plan, the School Board reserves the right to change the assignment of any pupil at any time whenever, in the board's opinion, the best interests of the pupil, the school attended by him, or of other pupils, or of the efficient administration of a school unit is impaired.

No principal in the school district may accept a student unless he has been assigned by the School Board.

The Southern Pines school unit, which operates separately from the county, was not affected by the resolution. It is felt, however, that the school board will adopt similar resolutions at its meeting tonight (Wednesday).

Trailer Truck Is Left Unattended; Crashes Over Bank

A 34-foot tractor trailer, minus its driver, bolted down heavily travelled US Highway 1 Friday afternoon about 1 o'clock and crashed over a steep embankment just opposite the 8th Division Highway Commission headquarters.

No one was injured in the accident but the State Highway Patrol placed damages to the truck at some \$5,000. The driver, identified as Louis Kenneth Schilling of Columbia, S.C., was charged with improper parking.

State Highway Patrolman R. R. Sanuels, who investigated, said that Schilling had parked the truck, loaded with 2,400 cases of baby fruit juice, on the highway in front of the Dairy Queen, just outside the town limits of Aberdeen.

He went around the back of the building to the bathroom and did not see the truck start rolling off. He had, he said, left the engine running.

Warned by a passer-by that the truck was on the loose he started chasing it but saw it cross the highway, scrape along the curb and turn over. There was no fire since the truck operated on diesel fuel and it was drowned out.

Schilling said he had pulled the emergency brake and also another brake that kept the trailer from moving. He told the Highway Patrol it apparently slipped.

A number of high power wires and a telephone strand were barely missed. The truck scraped a telephone pole as it slipped over the bank but did no further damage.

Schilling was transporting the cargo to Richmond, Va., from Columbia, S. C. Originally, the truck had been loaded in Florida (Continued on Page 8)

PLANS FOR USE NOT KNOWN

Bishop Company Plant, Vacant For More Than Year, Is Reported Sold

OFFICES TO CLOSE

The Town Hall office will be closed all day Thursday, July 4, it was announced today by Louis Scheipers, Jr., town manager.

Regular garbage collection will be suspended on that day but will be resumed Friday.

The post office and the Citizens Bank and Trust Company will also be closed, as will most other businesses in town.

The Pilot office will be closed Thursday but will reopen as usual Friday morning.

Heavy Winds, Rain Sweep Area Friday

Winds that reached an estimated 40-miles per hour force ripped through Southern Pines Friday afternoon, blowing over a number of trees and causing a power failure before it roared out again in less than 10 minutes.

The wind was accompanied by a heavy rain that measured one-fourth of one inch in less than an hour.

There were no injuries reported in this area, though several were reported in some sections south of Moore County.

Power service was out for approximately three hours and 15 minutes, beginning shortly after 5 p.m., officials of Carolina Power and Light Company said. They attributed the shortage to a failure of the feeder line from Aberdeen, heavily damaged by the driving wind.

Dozens of television antennae were toppled over in town and a number of people reported they saw cars being lifted slightly.

In Vass, the biggest damage occurred at Maple Lawn, the home of the late Dr. and Mrs. J. A. Leslie, now owned by their grandson F. L. Taylor of Pinehurst. Several large maple trees were blown down and damage was also reported in several other sections of the town. Current there was off about four hours.

WEBB reported that service was knocked out there and the station was unable to resume its regular broadcasting schedule for the day.

In other parts of the state the damage was reported much heavier. In Laurinburg a car toppled over when hit by a heavy gust (Continued on Page 8)

The former Bishop Platinum Company plant on the Carthage Road has been sold to John Garnier, of Charleston, S. C., it was learned here this week.

Mr. Garnier, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Garnier of Pinehurst, was not available for comment and it is not known what plans he has for utilizing the building. He is one of the nation's outstanding escutcheon (coat of arms) makers, however, and there is some possibility he will establish a branch of that business here.

The plant has been idle since it was closed by the Bishop company last summer. There have been many rumors of reported buyers but, of course, nothing ever developed. It has been shown to a number of prospective purchasers through the months it has been on the market and several indicated some interest.

Purchase price of the building is not known. It was reported at one time to be valued at some \$100,000.

Bishop operated the plant with some 70 employees from 1951 until it closed. It sits on approximately 20 acres and adjoins the Southern Pines water plant property.

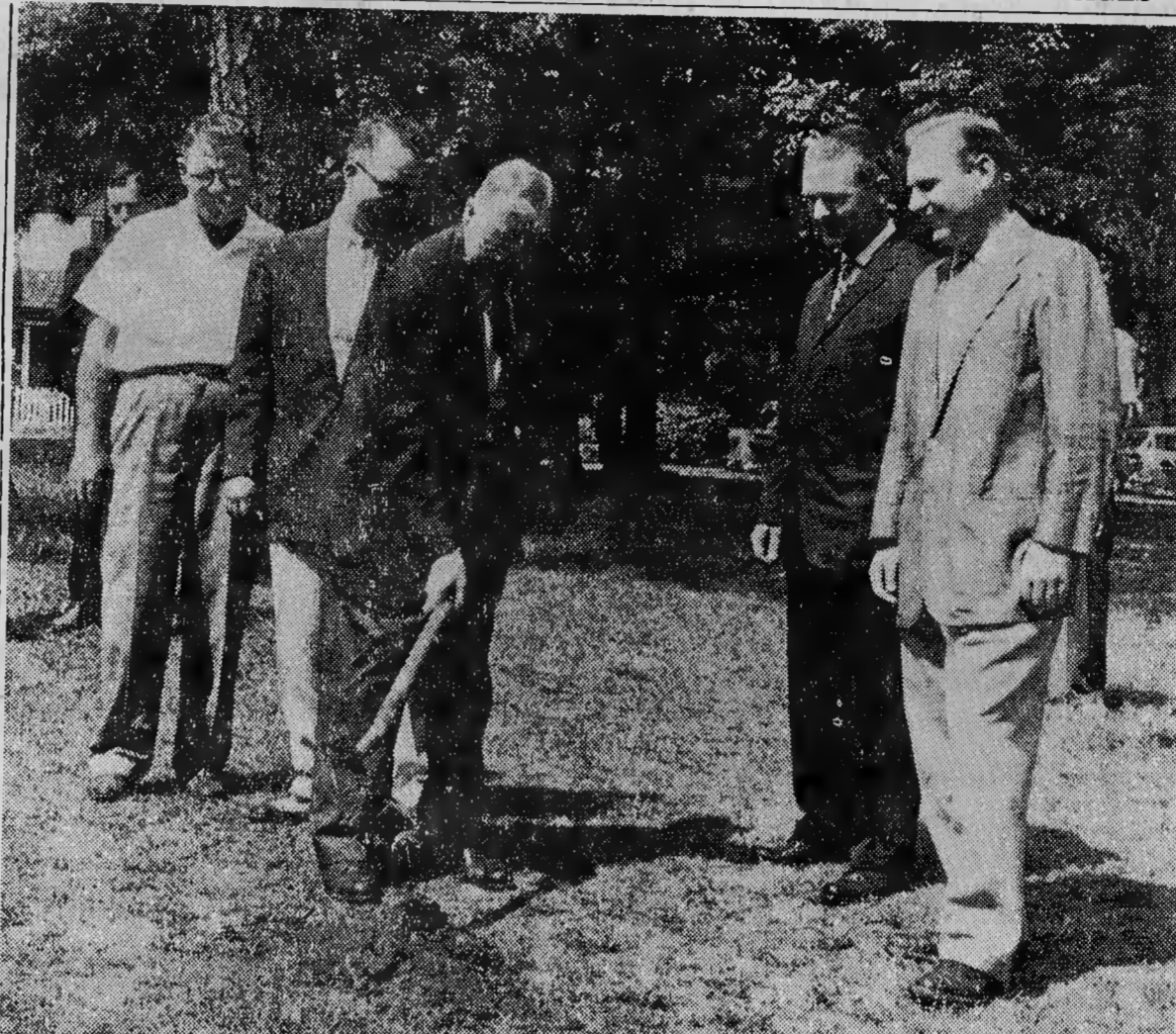
Two From County Will Attend Nat'l Boy Scout Meeting

Gen. Pearson Menoher of Southern Pines and Dr. J. D. Ives of Pinebluff are among the eight delegates from Oconeechee Council who will attend the 47th annual meeting of the National Council of Boy Scouts.

The meeting will be held in Philadelphia Thursday and Friday, July 11 and 12, with more than 1,500 adult leaders from all parts of the country attending.

Gen. Menoher is present district commissioner for Moore County.

Following the close of the meeting in Philadelphia, the delegates will go to Valley Forge Park in Pennsylvania, where 50,000 boys and leaders open their fourth National Jamboree. Some 251 boys and leaders from Oconeechee Council are attending the Jamboree.



GROUND BREAKING CEREMONIES for the new Town Hall, located in the park on S. E. Broad Street, were held Tuesday morning, with Mayor Walter Blue spading up the first dirt. The contractor, T. E. Saunders of Troy, said the building would probably be completed some time next spring. The roof should be on by the first of December, he added, making it possible to do most of the inside work even in bad weather. Looking on, from left are Mr. Saunders, Town Clerk Gary Head, Louis Scheipers, Jr., Town Manager, and the architect, Thomas T. Hayes, Jr. (Pilot photo)

MAYOR BLUE TURNS FIRST DIRT

Groundbreaking For New Town Hall Held Tuesday; Large Crowd Attends

Groundbreaking ceremonies for the new Southern Pines Town Hall were held Tuesday morning with about 25 prominent residents, in addition to present and past members of the Town Council, on hand to witness the turning of the first shovel of dirt by Mayor Walter Blue.

Actual construction of the building is scheduled to begin immediately, according to T. E. Saunders of Troy, the general contractor. Already, he said, the major portion of the basement has been dug and much of the material is on hand.

At the groundbreaking ceremonies Mayor Blue asked the assembled crowd to sing "America," which was followed by an invocation by the Rev. Cheves Ligon, pastor of Brownson Memorial Presbyterian Church.

Mayor Blue then recalled briefly the history of the proposed building and said it would, when completed, serve as a facility the town had long needed. "We all must realize," he said, "that the Town must continue to press forward. This building is just another indication of the feeling all the citizens of this town have that we are living in the best community in the world."

Father Joseph McCarthy, recently installed as pastor of St. Anthony's Catholic Church, delivered the benediction. He prayed that all present, both town officials and private citizens, would strive to make the building one "where in the future nothing but justice and charity and recognition of the sacredness of the human person will invade the rooms, halls and meeting chambers."

The ceremony lasted about 20 minutes and was followed by handshaking and congratulations by most of those present.

Local Red Cross Representative In La. Disaster Area

Lynn Warren, local field representative with the American Red Cross, has been called to Louisiana to assist in disaster relief for the stricken area, Garland McPherson, chairman of the Moore County Chapter, said this morning.

McPherson reminded the public that President Eisenhower has asked the people of the country to contribute through the Red Cross to those who are suffering in the disaster area, which was struck by a giant tidal wave and hurricane last week.

Contributions on a purely voluntary basis are being accepted at the local office.

Lloyd T. Clark, Former Mayor, Is Dead Following Heart Attack Friday

Lloyd T. Clark, 58, Southern Pines businessman and civic leader well known throughout the Sandhills, died Tuesday at St. Joseph of the Pines hospital. He had been critically ill following a heart attack suffered Friday at his home.

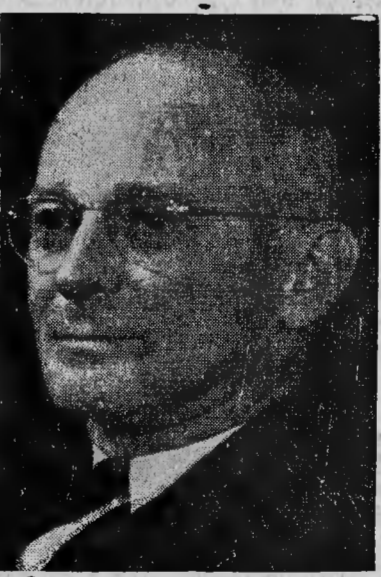
He served as Southern Pines mayor for the 1953-55 term. Following reelection to the council in 1955, he resigned within a few weeks to accept appointment as justice of the peace. Since that time he had worked closely with law enforcement officers of this area.

Funeral services will be held Thursday at 2 p. m. at Brownson Memorial Presbyterian church, of which he was a member, conducted by the pastor, Dr. C. K. Ligon, assisted by Rev. Sam Putnam, Baptist pastor of Star, S. C., Mr. Clark's brother-in-law. Pallbearers will be members of the Southern Pines police department and the State Highway Patrol.

Private burial will follow in Mt. Hope cemetery. A memorial fund is being established and the family asks that, in lieu of flowers, contributions be sent to W. Lamont Brown, Southern Pines attorney, as trustee.

Mr. Clark was the proprietor of the Clark Funeral Home, a real estate dealer and insurance agent, and also owned a taxi service. He operated a furniture store here for about 10 years.

He was born in Wayne county April 13, 1899, the son of Malcolm and Lillie Wiggs Clark, and attended schools there and at



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Sanford and Durham, where his family later moved. He took training under a funeral director at Durham, then graduated from the Echols College of Mortuary Science at Philadelphia. After being employed at Philadelphia for two years, he joined the staff of the Powell Funeral Home in Southern Pines in 1922, becoming manager in 1924 when Powell accepted appointment as Southern Pines postmaster. He opened his own funeral home in 1935.

He was deeply devoted to his community and the Sandhills and every cause for their advancement found him an all-out participant, sometimes in the forefront, but more often behind the

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Delegations Ask More Rural Fire Trucks Be Bought

At Least Five Requested In Present Budget

Three earnest delegations, one from Greenwood township, one from the Eagle Springs section and one from the rural area near Robbins, appeared Monday before the county commissioners to urge a speed-up of the rural fire protection program.

They urged that fire trucks be purchased at a faster rate than one a year, and each outlined the needs of its own section in securing the next truck.

Initiating a long-range rural fire protection program, the county this spring bought one truck, now housed at Robbins, to be moved to Highfalls as soon as the firehouse there is completed.

The delegation from Greenwood said they had already started work on a firehouse at Cameron, while the group from Eagle Springs reported that, through concerted community effort, they already have a "water truck" and have completed a firehouse with space for three mobile units.

Spokesmen for each group said they had sounded out sentiment all over their area, found the rural families universally in favor of the fire protection plan, and that the faster it was implemented, the greater would be the saving in terms of fire loss—sufficiently great, they thought, to pay for each truck within a few years.

The modern vehicles selected by the County Rural Fire Protection Committee, appointed last year by the commissioners, are especially designed for rural firefighting and cost approximately \$10,000 each.

To each delegation, the commissioners posed a choice: they didn't see how they could buy fire trucks and build school buildings, they said.

To the Greenwood group, they gave information that the county board of education plans to construct the Cameron school's long-awaited new gym this year.

In the Eagle Springs section, two school buildings are nearing completion.

On Moore county's "pay-as-you-go" plan—by which some \$5,000,000 has been spent in the past 20 years—93 cents of each taxpayer's \$1.35 per hundred county tax goes for schools.

"If all requests made to us—schools, fire trucks, everything—(Continued on page 8)

National Guard Tops VFW In Adult Softball League

The National Guard softball team kept its unbeaten record Tuesday night by defeating VFW 12-8, with Ed Hester the big gun for the Guard.

In the other scheduled game Carolina Power and Light defeated Church of Wide Fellowship 9-8.

Hester allowed seven hits in keeping the Guard's record clean. Actually, his team has played three games but one ended in a 6-6 deadlock with the Church of Wide Fellowship. That game is scheduled to be played off tonight (Wednesday) at 7:30.

Carl Kivett and Tom Currie were the battery for the VFW. Kivett allowed nine hits. Tink Bowen collected a triple for the VFW and Hester rapped out one for the Guard.

In the CP&L and Church of Wide Fellowship game, Avery Harrell started for the Church with Ronald Dillingham behind the plate. Harrell was relieved by Jimmy Mann. Together they allowed six hits.

Ted Klingenschmidt started for Carolina Power with Ralph Leach behind the plate. Chick Sturdivant relieved Klingenschmidt in the third. The Church collected three hits, one of them a home run by Irie Leonard.

ADULT Softball League Standings

	W.	L.
National Guard	2	0
Carolina Power & Light	5	1
Church of Wide Fel.	3	2
VFW	2	3
Lions	1	3
Jaycees	0	4



FOLLOWING THROUGH was the main point in this tennis lesson being given to Rosie Chandler by Malcolm Clark Tuesday morning. Clark, one of the area's top tennis players, is providing the instruction daily, Monday through Friday, under the sponsorship of the town's recreation program. To date, he has taught approximately 50 children the fundamentals of the game and a great deal of interest has been generated. Rosie is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Chandler, Jr. Looking on at right is Mary Lee Ingram, daughter of Mrs. Margaret Ingram, new residents of Southern Pines. (Pilot photo)