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An eye-witness tells about the great ovation accorded Stevenson. Story on page 14.

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How Hot Is It?...

The past four days have set a heat record for the summer. See official readings page 8.

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Record High County Budget Set At \$1,375,379; Tax Rate Stays \$1.35

Property Valuation Listed \$2 Million Higher Than '56-'57

A record-breaking budget estimate, with total requirements of \$1,375,379, has been approved by the county commissioners. The tax rate, however, will remain at \$1.35 per hundred dollars of property valuation, as valuations have gone up \$2 million, from \$43 million to \$45 million, since last year and because ABC store profits and other revenue from non-tax sources are estimated at about \$163,000 more than in the 1956-57 fiscal year. The 1957-58 budget will remain open for inspection in the office of the register of deeds at Carthage for 20 days. It is expected that it will be approved as it stands. Of the amount that the budget calls for to run the county from July 1, 1957 to July 1, 1958, \$546,791 would come from real estate and personal property taxes at the \$1.35 rate. This is

about \$25,000 more than was expected from this source in the previous year. The rest of the funds, derived from sources other than taxation—principally profits from the liquor stores at Southern Pines and Pinehurst, are estimated at \$828,588, as compared to an \$865,093 estimate for the previous year.

Schools Get Most

School requirements claim the biggest share of the budget. Of total requirements of \$1,375,379, the schools are estimated to require \$931,419. This figure is compared to \$785,948 assigned to the schools the previous year.

In the school budget, the biggest part goes to capital outlay, that is, funds for construction of and major additions to school buildings—\$628,700. School current expense, which includes normal maintenance and other items, is set at \$256,661. And school debt service—a small item in view of Moore County's post-war pay-as-you-go school building program—is \$46,058, which is less than last year's requirement in this category.

Can't Collect All

To raise the \$546,791 the county needs in taxes to balance the estimated budget, it has to levy taxes amounting to \$607,545. The \$60,754 difference is due to uncollectible taxes, commissions on collections and discounts for taxpayers who pay in advance of the due date.

Items Compared

Here is a comparison of county funds items in the new and previous budget estimates, listing first the 1957-58 amount and second the 1956-57 amount: General and courts: \$283,400—\$249,625. Health: \$41,390 and \$39,800. Welfare: \$100,093 and \$94,691. Poor: \$13,000 and \$10,500. Debt Service: \$6,077 and \$6,316. The last figure again shows that the county is staying out of debt in the general as well as the school funds. The debt service (payment of interest on bonds) item has been declining steadily for some years. Of the \$1.35 tax rate, 93 cents of the total is assigned to schools and 42 cents to the general and other county funds.



OFF TO VALLEY FORGE—Moore County's delegation to the National Boy Scout Jamboree at Valley Forge, Pa., is pictured here just before they boarded a chartered bus (in background) at Sanford on Monday, with other Scouts from this area. Left to right: David McGill, L. C. Burwell, Karl Schweinfurth, Jimmy Rittenour, William Lamont Brown, Marvin Cornell, Thomas Jones, Dan Butler and David Drexel, adult leader. See detailed story on page 8.

Officials Back Clean-Up Drive; Ask All To Assist

At the suggestion of Mayor W. E. Blue, the town council adopted a resolution Tuesday night endorsing the "anti-litterbug campaign" being conducted in North Carolina on a state-wide basis.

The resolution pledges the council to follow policies that will improve the appearance of the town and urges every citizen to improve the appearance and natural beauty of residential and business property.

In urging adoption of the resolution at the council meeting, Mayor Blue said "The beauty of our town is the greatest asset we have." For this reason—and because the chairman of the state-wide campaign, Former Mayor Voit Gilmore, lives at Southern Pines—the mayor said he thought it would be fitting for the council to make formal recognition of the campaign.

The council's action put Southern Pines on record as one of the first, perhaps the first, municipality to make such an endorsement of the effort in which Gov. Luther H. Hodges has asked the widest possible participation.

The full text of the resolution follows: WHEREAS, Governor Luther H. Hodges has created the "ANTI-LITTERBUG COMMITTEE," whose slogan is "DON'T BE A LITTERBUG," to conduct a clean-up program for the State of North Carolina, and WHEREAS, the Town Council

PUPILS ASSIGNED TO LOCAL SCHOOLS

By action of the Southern Pines board of education at its meeting Wednesday night of last week, all children who attended school in Southern Pines during the past year are assigned to the same schools for the coming school year.

The action was taken on authority of the North Carolina Pupil Assignment Law and regulations adopted by the local board in conformity with that law.

Children entering school here for the first time this year will be assigned when request for admission is received by the board of education. Such requests should be made to the office of Dr. A. C. Dawson, superintendent, in the elementary school building on East Massachusetts Ave.

Parents who desire a child to attend a school other than the one to which the child is assigned must make a written application to be filed with the board of education through the superintendent.

Such an application, to be valid, must be made on or before July 29.

Junior Sandhill Tennis Tourney Starting July 17

The Junior Sandhill Invitational tennis tournament will be resumed next week after a one-year lapse, with play starting next Wednesday and continuing through Sunday, July 21.

The tournament was dropped last year because many of the local players had moved away or "aged" past 18, into the senior field. Now the old crop of youthful net stars is almost entirely gone, and effort will be placed into building the tournament back up to its former preeminence in the State, said Malcolm Clark, tournament director.

As material, there is a whole new flock of junior players who have been taking instruction this year from Clark, tennis director with the local summer recreation program. Some show excellent promise, Clark said, and are ready for tournament play.

The field is wide open for the making of new young champs, as both the 1955 defenders, Marshall Happer of Kingston and Lillian Bullock of Southern Pines, have moved into the senior bracket.

Out-of-town interest has been encouraging, said Clark, with several entries already on hand and a number of inquiries having come in from around the State. Held annually from 1949 through 1955, the Junior Sandhill had become the outstanding event in its class in North and South Carolina.

Singles and doubles events will be held in both the junior boys' (Continued on page 8)

Ceremony To Open By-Pass

Preliminary plans for a ceremony to mark formal opening of the No. 1 Highway thruway were discussed at the town council meeting Tuesday night. The council authorized City Manager Louis Scheipers, Jr., to write letters of invitation to Gov. Luther H. Hodges, present and former members of the State Highway Commission and other officials. The manager said he had compiled a list of about 25 persons who should be invited.

Plans call for some sort of tape-cutting ceremony, probably to take place at the Pennsylvania Ave. intersection with the thruway.

Scheipers said that no date could be set yet. According to the latest information he had received from highway officials, it would be at least two weeks before the new road could be opened.

The ceremony would involve only "minor expenses," he said, which could be met out of the town's \$2,500 advertising and publicity fund.

Answer Filed, Counter-Suit Begun By Mrs. Nicholson In Federal Court

Local News Writer Denies Allegations In Daly's Complaint

Mrs. Valerie Nicholson, Southern Pines newspaperwoman, has answered the \$100,000 damage suit of three Washington residents against her with a counterclaim for \$150,000 damages, filed Monday in Middle District federal court.

She denies in toto the allegations of Vincent J. Daly, former Southern Pines psychologist, and his two assistants Edwina Hallman and Martha Dixon Underwood that starting in November 1955 she had "utilized vicious, monstrous and unlawful means" in conspiring against them to break up their livelihood and to "cast into oblivion any further chance they might have for fame or fortune in their chosen profession."

Instead, she claims that it was the plaintiffs who operated a conspiracy "to drive defendant out of her profession as a newspaper reporter and to destroy her reputation and standing," alleging her belief that it was from fear of exposure that they were motivated to initiate and continue the attacks upon her.

In the answer and countersuit Mrs. Nicholson alleges that "defendant did not become acquainted with plaintiff Vincent J. Daly until on or about December 6, 1955, when said Daly requested that she go to his office, at which time he attempted to use her ability as a newspaper reporter to boost his practice as a psychologist; that on this occasion, and subsequent thereto, Daly discussed with her matters which she believed to be untrue and acted in such a way that defendant's sus-

picious were aroused, and she refused to use newspaper reports for his benefit; that subsequently defendant learned that said Daly was under observation by local police, the State Bureau of Investigation and Federal Bureau of Investigation; that said Daly was one of the subjects named in an article by one Harry Kursh, a free lance reporter and writer of Peekskill, New York, in Mechanix Illustrated for March 1953 entitled "The Con Men Will Get You"; and defendant believes and alleges that it was from fear of exposure by the defendant who was a newspaper reporter, that

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99 QUESTIONS

Ninety-nine questions were posed Mrs. Valerie Nicholson, local newspaperwoman, in an "interrogatory" served on her Wednesday by registered mail, by the Washington attorney for Vincent J. Daly, Edwina Hallman and Martha D. Underwood.

The "interrogatory" is a device by which a party in a federal civil suit may force the adverse party to answer material questions under oath, in advance of trial. Objection may be made to questions considered immaterial and irrelevant, and a judge rules later on these objections, at a hearing.

Questions composing the "interrogatory" received by Mrs. Nicholson range far afield from news stories written by herself and other reporters, her activities and those of others for legislation against unqualified psychologists, to material she allegedly furnished a New York free lance writer, and personal matters and opinions.

Paul C. Butler Appointed To Welfare Board

Paul C. Butler of Southern Pines has accepted appointment to a three-year term on the Moore County Public Welfare Board. He fills a vacancy caused by the resignation of Carl Scoggin of Robbins who has moved to Greensboro.

Active in civic and political affairs, Mr. Butler was awarded the Sandhill Kiwanis Club's Builders Cup a few years ago. He is perhaps best known as chairman for many years of the Moore County Chapter of the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis, a position that has given him a background in social service work.

The Welfare Board supervises the activities of the county department that provides various types of assistance to needy persons. The board is composed of three members, all serving three-year terms.

One of the members, Mr. Butler, is appointed by the State

Moose Can Use Old Inn Site

Under action taken by the Board of Zoning Adjustment in a meeting at the town offices this (Thursday) morning, the Southern Pines Moose Lodge will be permitted to use as a meeting place the standing wing of the Highland Pines Inn property that burned earlier this year.

An appeal had been made to the board by some neighboring property owners, through Attorney

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C. N. Page Named Justice of Peace

C. N. Page, local businessman and former mayor of Southern Pines, was to be sworn in this (Thursday) afternoon by C. C. Kennedy, clerk of Moore County Superior Court, as a justice of the peace.

Mr. Page received his appointment from Judge F. Don Phillips of Rockingham, whose duty it is to determine the need and confer about qualifications of applicants for JP posts.

In his new office, Mr. Page is named as a justice of the peace in McNeill township, but under law has jurisdiction throughout the county.

It is expected that he will assume the numerous JP duties performed by Lloyd T. Clark who died last week. These include holding regular court sessions for trial of minor offenders, in the town offices.

Mr. Page confirmed today that his appointment had been made and said he expected to be sworn in this afternoon.

OLD NEWSPAPERS TO BE COLLECTED

Have any old newspapers and magazines you don't want? Saturday morning will be your chance to get rid of them.

If you put them out in front of your house, men of St. Anthony's Catholic Church will pick them up.

When a large quantity has been collected, the old newspapers and magazines will be sold for benefit of the St. Anthony's school fund.



MR. BUTLER Board of Welfare. One is named by the county commissioners—E. H. Garrison, Jr., of Carthage who has served on the board for the

Council Hears Request Take Definite Action On Wisconsin Avenue

Speaker Makes Plea To Close Intersection

Urged to take action at once on closing Wisconsin Ave. at the No. 1 thru-way intersection, the town council discussed the controversial question briefly Tuesday night and came to the conclusion that no such action should be taken without a public hearing. However, no date was set for a

hearing. The council simply took the matter under advisement. Walter Harper, who lives not far from the intersection, asked the council to take some definite action on closing Wisconsin Ave. so that the east-west traffic would not be able to enter the four-lane highway itself, but would have to enter the "access roads" or the lanes paralleling the highway.

He suggested as a companion measure that the town cooperate with the State Highway Department in getting Mechanic Street opened and paved from Wisconsin Ave. south to Morganton road, thus providing a means of egress from West Southern Pines at the south end of town.

Mr. Harper pointed out that approaching traffic can't see the Wisconsin Ave. intersection because of a hill.

"I'm sure this group would not want to see an accident happen there," he said. "We can expect high speed on the new highway. I hope you'll take the necessary action to eliminate this hazard."

Mr. Harper said that the by-pass bridges would indicate to the passing motorist that there were no grade intersections and that they would not be watching for cars entering the highway.

Resolution By Council Lauds Lloyd T. Clark

A resolution memorializing Lloyd T. Clark, former mayor of Southern Pines, who died last week, was adopted by the town council.

The resolution praises Mr. Clark's character and community service and expresses sympathy to his family. It is signed by Mayor W. E. Blue.

The full text follows: THAT WHEREAS, Lloyd T. Clark was a resident and valuable citizen of the Southern Pines community for a period of 38 years prior to his death on July 2, 1957; and

WHEREAS, during his life in Southern Pines he demonstrated an interest in and devotion for this community and its people that was translated into service which accomplished lasting good for the Town of Southern Pines; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Town Council desire to recognize this service of Lloyd T. Clark, which was rendered in many inconspicuous, but effective ways and included several years as a member of the Board of Commissioners of the Town and as a Councilman and the first Mayor under the City Manager form of Government; and

WHEREAS, because of his fine character, good citizenship and ready willingness to work at any task, no matter how large or how small, that was in the best interest of this community, the Mayor and Town Council realize that a large void has been left in the

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As for the inconvenience of losing the crossing, "Nobody should mind going out of his way to avoid an accident." He said he thought that it is "just a matter of education" for people to become used to using other ways to get back and forth between East and West Southern Pines.

The firetruck, he noted, rarely uses Wisconsin Ave. and, if it did use it, after the thru-way is opened, it would probably have to stop on Wisconsin before crossing, thus losing more time than if it had used the Pennsylvania Ave. bridge.

He cited the example of several cities in which a heavy load of traffic has an outlet over only one bridge from one major part of the city to another and said people in those cities got used to it and appeared to manage very well.

Mayor Blue pointed out that the town can't close a street without having a public hearing so that "we couldn't close it tonight if we wanted to." The mayor said he thought people ought to have an opportunity to express themselves.

There was some discussion of the closing, pro and con, during which Councilman T. T. Morse of West Southern Pines—where there is said to be much feeling for keeping Wisconsin Ave. open—compared the closing to what it would be like to close streets now intersecting with No. 1 highway on May St.

It was pointed out that there is now a much slower speed limit on May St. than is expected on the thru-way. The State sets these speed limits, not the town, said Town Attorney W. Lamont Brown.

Last month, the town asked

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ADULT SOFTBALL RESULTS TUES., JULY 9

Church of W. F. 19, Jaycees 17 National Guard 30, Lions 2.

COMING GAMES Tonight (Thursday) 7:15—VFW vs. Lions. 9:15—National Guard vs. Jaycees.

Tuesday, July 16 7:15—VFW vs. Church of W.F. 9:15—CP&L vs. National Guard

Thursday, July 18 7:15—National Guard vs. Jaycees. 9:15—Lions Club vs. CP&L

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