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PRICE TEN CENTS

Poultry Processing Plant Opens Saturday

Public Invited To Open House

The poultry business in Moore County gets its biggest boost in 10 years this Saturday when a modern \$300,000 processing plant opens on the banks of Bear Creek near Robbins.

Opening of the plant will culminate a two year dream for business people in Robbins and the hundreds of poultry producers in the Moore, Montgomery, Chatham and Randolph Counties "poultry basin." Credit for the new industry, which will employ about 200 people with a weekly payroll of some \$12,000, goes to the Robbins Development Corporation.

The new plant will be operated as the Colonial Poultry Company of North Carolina. It is of cinder block construction with 30,000 square feet of floor space. The equipment is designed to process 45,000 broilers daily on an eight-hour shift, or about 250,000 for a 40-hour work week. When and if the demand arises, one poultry producer has pointed out, more people can be added and the number of chickens that can be processed will be correspondingly increased.

Average weight of the chickens to be processed will be about

three pounds, the best size for general market conditions.

The owners have indicated they expect to spend about \$150,000 weekly within a 30-mile radius of Robbins for poultry to be processed, a figure that would add about \$8,000,000 to the gross income of the county each year. Payrolls would increase the gross income about three quarters of another million dollars annually.

Three of the four owners of the plant, which will be open for public inspection tomorrow (Friday) and Saturday, are residents of Athens, Ga. They are Doyle W. Terry, president; Herbert Terry, secretary; and T. J. Melton, a director. The fourth, Dillard Watkins, lives at Nicholson, Ga. The group also has poultry processing plants at Athens and Jasper, Ga., and Albertville, Ala. The plants they operate have given them claim to the title of being the largest independent poultry processors in the nation.

H. H. Simpler of Athens has been named plant manager and Jack Spivey of Robbins will be in charge of production.

The plant did not come easy. It grew out of the economic need to diversify industry in Robbins, which is predominantly devoted to manufacture of textiles. About two years ago members of the Robbins Merchants Association, an extremely closely knit group, discussed with feed dealers the fact that Moore County chicken growers were producing more chickens than any other county in the state yet had no processing plant. Farmers, they discovered, were losing thousands of dollars annually (and merchants were, in turn, feeling the loss) because the poultry that was shipped to distant markets lost weight in the journey and the loss was reflected in dollar returns on poultry sales.

Four men—there were many others who contributed along the line—were chiefly responsible for the thinking and planning that went into the eventual construction of the building. Tom Hopper, a feed man, Wade Paschal, poultry grower, Wayland Kennedy, who was mayor at the

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Two Accidents On City Streets This Week; No Injuries

Damages Put At \$2,000 By Police

Two accidents, with total damages amounting to about \$2,000, marred an otherwise quiet week-end here, it was reported earlier this week by Chief C. E. Newton. Most serious of the two accidents occurred about 5:45 Sunday afternoon when two automobiles collided at the intersection of New Hampshire Ave. and Page St. No charges have been made in the accident to date, Chief Newton said.

He reported that Joe Hatch, who operates Joe's Grill and drives a taxi, and Sarah D. Goins of West Southern Pines both failed to stop at the unmarked intersection. Both were carried to the hospital for examination but neither was injured.

Damage to Hatch's car was estimated at \$600; damage to Mrs. Goins' car was placed at some \$800.

On Saturday morning Henry Alex Williamson, Route 3, Carthage, was charged with failure to yield the right of way after his car collided with one driven by M. L. Howard of Southern Pines at the intersection of Swoope Drive and Crest Road in Knollwood.

Damage to the Howard car was placed at \$500. Williamson was tried in the Justice of the Peace court Saturday afternoon and ordered to pay the costs.

Observance Of VJ Day Planned Here By Sandhills Post

An observance of VJ Day will be held by the Sandhills Post of the American Legion August 14, the anniversary date of the ending of World War 2, it was announced this week by Capt. A. R. McDaniel, post commander. The observance will be held at the Legion Hall and Park as a local post function in which all veterans and their families are invited to participate.

For several years after the end of World War 2 the Sandhills Post, with the cooperation of all other veterans' organizations in the county, held celebrations on VJ Day which were largely attended. The observance this year is planned around a community reunion of veterans and their families.

A dutch treat picnic supper is tentatively planned with a program to follow later consisting of personal remembrances of VJ Day happenings and the later homecomings. Games for children are also planned. Capt. McDaniel has requested all Legionnaires and others interested in the observance to meet at the Legion Hall on Maine Avenue tomorrow (Friday) night to discuss and plan the activities.

Seating, Inc. Production Set

Formal opening ceremonies of Seating, Inc., Robbins firm that will produce a new type chair for industrial purposes, will be held August 10, it was announced this morning by Garland McPherson of Southern Pines, president of the firm. Actual production will begin Monday, he said, and the rest of this week will be devoted to final testing of newly installed equipment. When in full production, McPherson said, the firm will turn out approximately 400 chairs per day.

For the open house August 10, McPherson has invited a number of state dignitaries, including William P. Saunders, director of the Department of Conservation and Development, and members of several firms that will supply materials for the new plant. Buyers have also been invited.

J. A. Culbertson of Robbins is vice president and office manager of the new firm, and T. H. Green, also of Robbins, is vice president in charge of production.

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JOINT MEETING between members of the Moore County Board of Education and the county commissioners Tuesday failed to produce any concrete results in the education board's efforts to have the commissioners reconsider the cuts imposed in the capital outlay budget for the schools this year. Making the case for the school board, which sought to have \$153,000 of its request—lopped off by the commissioners—put back into the budget, was James Culbertson of Robbins, school board chairman. Here he is shown going over figures with Gordon Cameron of Pinehurst, chairman of the Board of County Commissioners. Other members of the school board, shown at left, are George Purvis of Route 1, Robbins, W. H. Matthews, Clay Road Farms, and T. Roy Phillips of Carthage. The other school board member, Jere McKeithen of Aberdeen, is out of the picture. Chairman Cameron sits at right. (Pilot photo)

AT-SPECIAL HEARING TUESDAY

County Board of Education Renews Request That Capital Outlay Fund Cut Be Restored In Budget

Faced with \$153,000 cut from requested funds in its capital outlay budget requests for 1957-58, and growing resentment in some parts of the county over the cuts, members of the County Board of Education met with the Board of County Commissioners Tuesday in efforts to have the requested funds put into the budget.

The meeting, which lasted almost two hours, was held in the commissioners' room in the courthouse. Following it, the commissioners—all were present—went into closed session to discuss the cut and said there probably would be no announcement as to the final decision until the budget is finally adopted next week.

Just where the budget could be adjusted and still allow for the funds to be put back is not known. Originally, the Board had requested \$428,000 but the commissioners only allotted \$275,000 in the budget. No suggestions for trimming some other department's budget were made either by the Board of Education or by the commissioners. The Board of Education, headed by James Culbertson of Robbins, centered its requests Tuesday on the simple statement, made by Culbertson, that "we feel as though the money allotted for capital improvements to our present school system is too little."

He said the Board would not be able to finish the jobs already started with the money allotted. All funds now on hand, he pointed out, were obligated for the several projects now underway.

New buildings or alterations are presently underway at Pinckney School in Carthage, Elise School in Robbins, Berkeley in Aberdeen, and schools in Cameron, West End, Vineland and Aberdeen.

Jere McKeithen of Aberdeen, a school board member, said that actual needs of the school system "right now" amount to some \$900,000. "That is," he said, "we could use that much if we had all we wanted."

He said the board had held several sessions prior to presenting its appropriation requests and the \$428,000 request was a "realistic one and one that can certainly be justified."

He reminded the commissioners that the board worked from a long range plan and, though it was changed from year to year because of existing conditions, kept the schools in the county on a fairly equal basis. He said, however, that "year after year the allotments to county and city schools have not been equi-

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The Problem At Vass School

Just how bad is the school situation at Vass-Lakeview? Right now, according to Landon Tyson, chairman of the school board there, the school has no music room, no librarian, a grossly inadequate cafeteria, and is at least four classrooms short.

Some of the ninth grade students, he said, are attending classes in hallways. They're forced to lay their books on the floors, the lighting situation in the hallways is extremely bad, and the great majority of new books bought last year were lost because there was no adequate storage place for them.

The cafeteria was built to accommodate about 125 students; it is taking care of about 500 every day. The school authorities have been using the stage of the auditorium for a music classroom.

All told, the school has about 600 students, with about 100 of them from Little River Township, which has not yet been officially annexed to Moore County.

In 1947 the county constructed the existing facilities there at a cost of \$190,000 to replace the old school that was destroyed by fire. Since then, according to Mr. Tyson, the county has appropriated not a dime for capital improvements in Vass-Lakeview. The \$190,000, he said, was the only funds received in Vass-Lakeview over the past 30 years.

Until the county commissioners failed to appropriate enough money for the County Board of Education to go ahead with the projects it had planned, Vass-Lakeview was scheduled to receive about \$80,000 for construction of four classrooms—"an extremely great need," Mr. Tyson said—a new cafeteria, and conversion of the old cafeteria into storage rooms for janitors supplies, school supplies and other equipment.

The County Board has not, of course, ignored Vass-Lakeview in their thinking since the county failed to appropriate enough funds for needed capital improvements. But residents of the area think that their projects will be the first to be chopped off.

"We've been patient about our needs for the past five years," Mr. Tyson said. "We've been begging funds from the rich man's table for a long time. We'd like to have those new facilities this year. They're long overdue."

Scout Executive Transferred

Frank Yandell, who has been Scout Executive of Moore County since 1955, has been re-assigned to a similar position in Orange County and will assume his new duties next week, according to officials of Oconeechee Council.

He will be replaced here by William Woodall of Dalton, Ga., according to Dr. John C. Grier, Jr., of Pinehurst, Moore District Chairman. Woodall, who is entering Scout work the first time this year, is presently in training school at Mendham, N. J. He expects to report here September 5.

Yandell's re-assignment was announced by Spurgeon Gaskins of Raleigh, Oconeechee Scout Executive. His new headquarters will be in Chapel Hill.

Since coming to Southern Pines Yandell has played a prominent role in civic activities and is presently serving as a member of the Board of Directors of the Junior Chamber of Commerce and on the Board of Deacons of Brownson Memorial Presbyterian Church. He is also a member of the Rotary Club.

A native of Charlotte, he graduated from Wake Forest College in 1950 and went into the Marine

Pine Needles Club Adding Facilities For More Golfers

Work Started On Four Modern Guest Cottages

Construction of four Swiss chalet type cottages with a total of 20 rooms is currently underway at Pine Needles Lodge and Country Club and should be completed for the opening of the winter season October 15, Warren Bell, manager of the club, said this morning.

The club house which is now in use will continue to house the dining room, golf shop and locker rooms, Bell said, at least for the current season. Plans for construction of a new club house near the lodge site are being formulated, he added.

The Pine Needles Golfery, used for stag groups only, will continue to be used for that purpose.

Bell said the four cottages, each with five guest rooms, would be located on a hillside back of the present No. 1 green, and could be reached by two entrances from Midland Road. He has recently completed a private home near the same site.

It has been some years now since Pine Needles could accommodate women guests, Bell said, and the increasing number of such requests in recent years had been one of the prime factors in the decision to build the lodge. Under present plans the lodge will accommodate 40 guests. The Golfery has room for 17 more guests.

Each of the new rooms will be 16 by 16 feet with the exception of a master bedroom in each cottage which will measure 14 by 28 feet. Room conditioning in each will be thermostatically controlled with "heat pumps" furnishing either air conditioning or heat. Each room will also have a beamed ceiling.

The new club house under consideration will be built near the site of the lodge, Bell said. St. Joseph's Hospital, which owns the building, is requesting that it be vacated in 1958. It has been reported from time to time that officials of the hospital planned to convert it to a clinic.

In announcing the new lodge and club facilities, Bell said at the same time that several other improvement projects were underway at the course. Among them, he stated, were construction of four new tees, at Nos. 12, 16, 17 and 18, and the installation of a new pump at No. 4 water-hole for additional watering of the fairways.

Pine Needles, he said, had the only completely watered fairway system in the Sandhills.

COOL FRONT

A cool front moving from the north brought more than an inch of rain to this area Tuesday night and broke up a heat wave that had lasted more than two weeks.

Wednesday, with the temperature reaching a high of 80, was sweeter weather for some people.

Tuesday the top temperature was 97. The prediction for the rest of the week is for clearer, drier air and, sadly enough, more hot weather.

Maybe not quite as hot as last week, though.

Verhoeff To Play In All-Star Game At G'boro Tuesday

Roger Verhoeff, one of the most outstanding players ever to have performed at Southern Pines High School, will play his last high school game next Tuesday night when he joins the Eastern All-Stars for the annual East-West game at Greensboro.

Verhoeff, who is entering Vanderbilt University this fall, was selected in the spring to play on the team, which is a selection of the best players in the state, regardless of the class of high school they attended.

The game will be played in the

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JAYCEES WIN

The Jaycee softball team, resting at the bottom of the league standings all summer, finally won a game last night, dropping the Lions Club, 13-7.

Lynn and John van Benschoten and Joel Stutts led the heavy barrage of hitting for the Jaycees, and "Doberman" Mullins was the winning pitcher. Walter Ivey was the pitcher for the losing Lions.