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Bond Election Seen To Complete Town Hall

Officials Say
About \$80,000
Still Required

A special \$100,000 bond election for completing the new Town Hall was made possible Tuesday night when the Town Council voted to set machinery in motion for such an election early next year.

The Council, in regular monthly session at the National Guard Armory, also heard a scathing denunciation of its predecessors by Gen. Pearson Menoher, who said that "the conception of this building from the start has been in a most unbusinesslike manner."

It was his action, however, that set the possible bond election in motion.

It is generally felt that at least \$80,000 would be required at present, aside from funds on hand and approximately \$32,000 that the town can borrow next year, all needed to complete the building as it was originally planned. Under the present contract, there will be no fire wing or jail cells and several other items have been omitted.

Ways of financing the construction of those facilities have been under consideration for some time by the Council and several plans have been suggested.

Gen. Menoher, who prefaced his remarks Tuesday with the words: "this will be unpleasant," said he had issued a warning when the first plans were submitted that the proposed building would cost "around \$200,000."

The only thing the town can do now, he said, is to complete the building.

"We don't have a choice in the

matter," he said. "It will be a serious mistake to try and complete it piece-meal over the next few years. For that reason, I recommend to the Council that we go back to the voters and get their feeling on the matter. If they turn down the bonds, they will be the ones to speak their minds, not us. I think this is a matter for the people."

The previous Council had recommended to its successors that some means of financing be determined that would complete the building, particularly the fire wing. At one of its last meetings before going out of office, the Council called in Fire Chief Harold Fowler and informed him that they were going ahead with the partial construction but would recommend to the next Council that completion of the structure be a matter of first importance.

Council hasn't much time to act on the matter. In order to set up a bond election, certain formalities must be met and they require much time. Also, such an election couldn't interfere with another election and next spring county elections and Congressional elections are scheduled.

The contractor has indicated he would complete the present structure by next summer. Gen. Menoher and other Council members felt that funds should be available prior to the time he leaves the job so that the final stage of construction, if authorized, could tie in with the work now underway, thus effecting a savings to the town.

The motion was unanimously adopted and will now be referred to bond attorneys, who usually take about 30 days to draw up the necessary papers.

When the attorneys finish the preliminary stages, Council could still veto its action by refusing to approve an ordinance calling for a bond election.

FURTHER CONSIDERATION

Town Council Sends Zoning Appeal For Knollwood Back To Committee

A request that zoning ordinances be altered to allow operation of a tea room in Knollwood, one that has already been turned down by the Zoning Board, was given small chance of approval Tuesday night when the Town Council turned the matter back to the Board.

The request, which came in the form of an appeal, was made by Carolina Orchids, Inc., through its attorney, R. F. Hoke Pollock. The firm had sought to alter restrictions in Residence District III and thus gain approval to lease space to a Pinehurst woman who wants to establish a tea room. The Planning Board, at a meeting early in November, turned down the proposal and recommended to Council that no action be taken.

Mrs. Hazel Bridges, who operates Carolina Orchids, Inc., with her husband, told the Council that the matter had been under consideration for three years and had received "a tremendous amount of thought."

She said she and many others felt that the establishment of such facilities in the area would be of great benefit to Southern Pines, particularly in view of the fact that such facilities are not now available in that area.

She was backed up in her statements by several people, including owners of both Mid Pines and Pine Needles, business establishments that already operate in the area.

Gen. Julian Barnes, a member of the Planning Board and a resident of Knollwood, led the group that opposed the proposal. "When Knollwood was annexed to Southern Pines," he said, zoning regulations were revamped to fit the needs of the area and everything there was placed in Residence District I except the two golf courses and the hospital. Residence III was created to take care of their needs.

"In effect, the town gave authority to keep things as they were and the residents of Knoll-

wood approved that. But we feel that Residence III was created solely to keep the resort activities in Southern Pines, not to allow for future business development in that particular area."

Councilman Robert Ewing reminded his colleagues and a large number of people who attended that the town now has the problem of balancing business and industry against the resort.

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VonCanonOrdered To Grand Jury In Manslaughter Case

Probable cause was found in two charges of manslaughter against Richard Von Canon of West End in a hearing conducted before Magistrate Charles McLeod in Carthage yesterday.

The charges grew out of a fatal accident which resulted in the death of two men, William Wayne Brackett of High Point and Bobby J. Morris of Denton. The accident occurred early in September near West End.

In the hearing, which was conducted in the courtroom at Carthage, testimony was taken from State Highway Patrolman R. R. Samuels, one of the investigating officers, and Marvin Moore, who was a passenger in the car in which Morris was instantly killed.

Samuels said his investigation indicated that Von Canon was travelling along Highway 211 toward Eagle Springs. The other car was heading toward West End. He said he had measured skid marks from the Chevrolet and they were approximately 221 feet. The Ford, he said, had skidded about 50 feet. Moore said that when he first saw the Chevrolet it was off the road on the shoulder, on the right hand side. He added that the car then veered into the path of the Ford

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Area Buttons Up As Temperature Plummets To 10

Light Snow That Fell Yesterday About .17 Inch

Winter, not officially due until December 22, blew its frigid Arctic breath down this community's neck last night. The recorded low at the U. S. Weather Observatory was a miserable 10 degrees.

The cold air moved in on the heels of a snow that fell off and on most of the day Wednesday, measured at about a half-inch in some parts. The official measure, however, was only .17 inches.

Warming up somewhat this morning, the thermometer registered 25 degrees at noon, still cold enough to keep people indoors and prevent some motorists from starting their cars.

The rest of the state experienced similar weather. In Wadesboro, it is reported, snow flurries came down so heavy that traffic was snarled in several areas of town. Motorists also had trouble maneuvering along Highway 1 between Aberdeen and Rockingham.

HAH!

Ralph Mills, superintendent of the water works and a man who ordinarily casts a practiced eye out on things unusual, particularly where water is concerned, woke up this morning with his water pipes (at home) frozen. Town pipes are in their customary good shape.

Tax Listers Named This Week; Will Begin In January

Tax listers for 1958 in this county who were named by the Board of County Commissioners last week, will begin their duties January 2.

County officials could not anticipate any closing date but some said they felt the total valuation would be up this year to a new high.

Listers and their townships are:

McNeill (in) Mrs. Irene Mullinix; McNeill (out) Mrs. Don J. Blue; Carthage, Mrs. R. W. Pleasants; Bensalem, Mrs. Nina C. Monroe; Sheffield, Mrs. L. B. Bowman; Ritters, Mrs. Evelyn Upchurch; Deep River, James Campbell; Greenwood, J. Alton Shaw; Sandhills, Mrs. Adelaide Schnell; Mineral Springs, Mrs. Dan Patterson; and Little River, Leon Keith.

14-Year Old Boy Accidentally Kills Self With Shotgun

William Collyer, 14-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Collyer of Carthage, was instantly killed Saturday afternoon in the first fatal hunting accident reported in the area this season.

Young Collyer's death was termed accidental by Coroner Ralph Steed. He was killed by a shotgun blast in his chest. Steed said that no inquest would be necessary.

The boy was found by relatives in a wooded area of the Union Church section near midnight Saturday after several hours of search. Steed said he had learned that young Collyer, two of his brothers, his father and an uncle had gone squirrel hunting on the McNeill farm during the afternoon. It was a foggy day and the hunting party became separated.

"The others thought, when they discovered Collyer was missing, that he had gone home," Steed said.

When the rest of the party found he had not returned home and the fog turned into a cold rain, relatives and friends began a search of the farm.

Steed reconstructed the accident this way:

Apparently the boy stopped to shake a thick vine in attempts to

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Lace Plant Seems Certain; Pledge Cards Total More Than \$150,000

Everyone Got Pledge Cards....



AT THE GAS PUMP....



.... AND BEHIND THE DRUG COUNTER

PINEHURST RESIDENT

John Taylor, Hospital Worker, Is Awarded Sandhills Builder's Cup

John F. Taylor of Pinehurst, described as a man who has "given devotedly of his time to the Moore Memorial Hospital and the Pinehurst school system," was awarded the Builder's Cup in annual presentation ceremonies Friday night at the Pinehurst Country Club.

He is the 24th recipient of the cup, awarded annually by the Sandhills Kiwanis Club to the person who, "by unselfish personal service, has outstandingly contributed to the upbuilding of the Sandhills section." His name was added to a long list of distinguished people who have been awarded the coveted cup since its inauguration in 1926.

More than 150 people turned out at the Country Club to pay their respects to the winner of the cup, unknown to all but the selection committee until the dramatic moment it was presented. R. F. Hoke Pollock of Southern Pines, a member of the committee, made the presentation, terming it "as much of a

thrill to present this award as it is to receive it."

Mr. Taylor, in accepting it, said it was "one of the highlights of my life."

Associated for many years with both the hospital and with Pinehurst schools, Mr. Taylor's selection was described by Pollock as "one that has been a long time coming." He traced Mr. Taylor's work with both institutions, beginning in 1928 when he became a member of the school board in Pinehurst. The service has been uninterrupted until the present, with the exception of four years he served on the Moore County Board.

He served continuously as chairman from 1928 until this past July when he asked to be relieved of the position. He is still a member of the board, however, and is recognized in North Carolina as an outstanding patron of the schools and a tireless worker in their behalf. During the past 10 years, Pollock

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Officials of the Southern Pines Industrial development Committee announced at noon today that the required \$150,000 in pledges to help finance construction of a lace manufacturing plant here had been reached.

In a whirlwind four-day campaign requiring the combined efforts of hundreds of citizens, the required pledges, which actually amount to more than \$150,000, demonstrated what one member of the committee said was "an indication that people in this community can rise to unlimited heights when they have to."

Final count, as of noon, placed the pledges at between \$165,000 and \$170,000. More were expected to come in during the next few days but, for the time being, officials said enough was on hand to notify officers of Mozur Laces, Inc., the company that wants to locate here, that all requirements on this end had been fully met.

The drive has produced what some people think is more community interest than has been shown since a similar campaign was conducted to bring the proposed consolidated Presbyterian College to this area.

James D. Hobbs, who was in charge of the soliciting committee, said today that "the community has clearly shown again what it can do when the need arises. I will be eternally grateful to those who made this campaign successful and feel the plant, and the efforts to bring it here will be of increasing value in the years ahead."

Hobbs and his committee started distributing pledge cards even before a public meeting, called Monday to discuss the proposition, was concluded. First indication that the campaign would be successful was at that point, when approximately \$30,000 was raised in less than 10 minutes.

From then until this morning the increase in pledged subscriptions had continued to rise, at times slowly and at other times in surges. More than 150 people representing all segments of the population made pledges, Hobbs said.

Sunday, two officials of the Industrial Committee, Robert Ewing and Norris Hodgkins, Jr., will go to Tennessee where the company operates plants and make a tour of the facilities. They will check, at the company's re-

quest, such things as employee relations, community relations, and financial background.

"This invitation we had is an extremely important thing," Hodgkins said, "and demonstrates, I think, that the company is proud of its past performances and its good intentions in this community. We will leave no stone unturned in our investigation, though I am inclined to think that we will return with even better reports than the company provided us."

In announcing that the necessary pledges were on hand today, officials said that a number of details were still to be worked out. Tomorrow (Friday) an official of the company will telephone here and ask if the drive were successful. It is believed at that time that he will announce the company's firm intentions of locating here, on a plot of ground on the new US 1 bypass just north of the Midland Road intersection. The land, under option to the Southern Pines Development Corporation, the organization that will actually construct the building, is part of the Sandhill Lumber Corporation property. About 15 acres will be acquired for the new plant, construction of which is expected to get underway in January.

The building, according to specifications received here, will have about 51,000 square feet of floor space and will be constructed of jumbo brick. Officials have assured the community that it will be well landscaped and will be so constructed as to allow for multi-purpose use.

At the open meeting Monday, when the name of the company was revealed to the public for the first time, John Ponzer assured the 400 people who turned out that Governor Hodges, the Department of Conservation and Development, and local officials had thoroughly checked the company's background before recommending it as an asset to this community.

Mr. Mozur, he said, presently operates factories in Tennessee and has been a frequent visitor to the Sandhills.

The plant, he added, would employ between 200 and 250 people in the initial operation, with a payroll of about a million dollars.

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Elks Club Football Banquet Postponed Until January Date

The annual Elks Club football banquet, originally scheduled for next Wednesday night, has been postponed until a date still to be selected in January.

The banquet, this year will mark the 12th such occasion, had to be cancelled at the last minute because of prior commitments on facilities at the Elks Club. There is also a basketball game scheduled for Thursday night and a dramatics club play Friday night.

Letters and stars for squad members will be presented when the banquet is held, and a permanent team captain will be elected. Also, the James S. Milliken Award, made available by the Veterans of Foreign Wars post here to the outstanding member of the team, will be awarded.

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