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Sandhills Seeks Location of New Institute Here

Meeting Scheduled At Auditorium On Friday This Week

Every one interested in the possibility that the Two Year Technical Institute, to be established somewhere in Eastern North Carolina, would be located at Southern Pines is invited to come to an open meeting at 3 p.m. Friday in Weaver Auditorium here.

Purpose of the meeting is to give information about the project—which is already well organized under the direction of civic leaders throughout the county—and to discuss the various problems involved.

Wherever the Institute will be located, the State will furnish, as allocated by the 1957 General Assembly, \$100,000 to be used mainly for salaries of a director and 10 instructors on the staff of the new junior college.

The community or area to which the college is assigned will be required to raise \$150,000 to be used for machinery and equipment and also the necessary buildings to house the Institute.

It was stated here this week by local leaders in the project that Ozelle Moss and Dwight W. Winkler, owners of the former Notre Dame Academy property on Youngs Road are holding it to be made available for the Institute in case this area were chosen for its location.

Attending the meeting Friday afternoon will be Dr. Robert G. Carson, Jr., head of the department of Industrial Engineering at State College, and James I. Mason, director of the Gaston Technical Institute at Gastonia, an institution similar to the one that is being sought here.

The following citizens have
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GOP Women Are Urged Work For Worthy Projects

"No matter how much we believe in a cause, it will not bring about the results we want unless we do something," asserted Mrs. Peter Gibson, national president of Republican Women, in an address at Tuesday night's opening session of the fifth annual convention of the North Carolina Federation of Republican Women, held at the Hollywood Hotel. She was introduced by Mrs. Louis G. Rogers of Charlotte, a national committeewoman.

The speaker told her hearers that women are actually just beginning to realize the power they hold in remedying this nation's problems.

"Women can't do it (improve government) by letting somebody else carry the ball; either they back up the people carrying the ball or be willing to carry it themselves," she insisted.
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H. R. Stamper Joins Police Force

Harold R. Stamper has begun work as a member of the Southern Pines police department, Chief C. E. Newton announced this week.

He succeeds John K. Sharpe who resigned to become assistant chief at Vass, after serving more than a year in Southern Pines.

The new officer became acquainted with this section of the country while serving as a paratrooper at Fort Bragg. His wife is the former Doris Marie Spivey of Johnsonville in Harnett County. They have a son, James Roy, two months old and are living at 440 N. May St.

Born in Wyoming, Mr. Stamper, who is 25 years old, graduated from high school at Bentonville, Ark., and attended Abilene Christian College at Abilene, Tex., for two years. His father, Roy Stamper, lives at Bartlesville, Okla. His mother is deceased.

After leaving military service in September, 1956, Mr. Stamper was employed by the natural gas



THEY'RE WINNERS—Mrs. W. O. Moss presents the winner's trophy to Richard Webb of New York City at the close of Saturday's point-to-point race, which attracted many lovers of equestrian sports to the Sandhills. Tommy Walsh (right), came in only slightly behind, and Miss Sandy Glenn of Green Farms, Conn., was a close third.
(Photo by Humphrey)

Point-To-Point Race, New Event, Won By R. Webb

Described as a "terrific success," Saturday's point-to-point race, first such equestrian event ever held in the Sandhills, drew a colorful field of 20 starters that headed out from Mile Away Farm at 2 p. m., and a mile-long parade of cars taking enthusiastic viewers to vantage points along the nine-mile course to watch their progress.

It was a close finish. Richard Webb of New York City on his big bay hunter, the winner, and Tommy Walsh on his steeplechaser came in almost neck and neck, in slightly over 32 minutes. Behind them and close, came the third rider, Miss Sandy Glenn of Green Farms, Conn., with a bunch right on her heels, Happy Hoy, joint master of the Moore County Hounds, at their head.

All horses were adjudged in good condition, few of them even sweating from the long ride, though this latter may well have been due somewhat to the icy wind that was blowing.

Entries had been halted at the two stopping points: the High House, home of General and Mrs. Archibald Arnold, and Weymouth Farm, home of the John Goldsmiths, out on the Morganton Road. Here judges had been posted to look the horses over, test them for wind and general fitness to go on.

Judges for the event, stationed at eight different points along the course, were: S. E. Clyburn of Camden, S. C. Mr. and Mrs. Harley Walsh of Youngs Road, Miss Jean Cochrane of Fairfield, Conn., Mrs. Sarah Stillwell and Mrs. Jane McNeal, of Savannah.
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Vern Larson, New Phone Executive, Honored In N. J.

Vern E. Larson, recently appointed vice-president and general manager of the United Telephone Company of the Carolinas, returned to Southern Pines early this week from New Jersey where he was honored with a testimonial farewell dinner. He succeeds John E. Cline, who has resigned.

Mr. Larson formerly lived at Newton, N. J., and held similar positions with the United Telephone Co. of New Jersey as he does here. The organization honoring him last Thursday night was the Branchville Business Men's Club, of which he was a member and which includes members from the Newton and Branchville area. After having begun his work here early in the month he returned for a few days especially for the testimonial event.

At the dinner, Mr. Larson was presented with two handsome pieces of luggage and, in humorous token of his business connection, an old magneto telephone.
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Nominations For Jaycees' Service Award Are Sought

Nominations by the public for the young man (21-35) who will be honored for community service February 4 by the Junior Chamber of Commerce were urged today by Bill Hamilton, chairman of the committee in charge.

Nomination blanks were to be distributed to merchants this week. They may be obtained at Barnum Realty & Insurance Co. and at the Town office.

A plaque will accompany the Jaycees "distinguished service award" to be made at a banquet February 4. Nominations may be made by any one and judging will be done by five prominent Southern Pines men who will remain anonymous.

Health Clinic Moves To Former Book Shop Site

The Southern Pines Health Clinic of the Moore County Department of Public Health opened up its new quarters for customers yesterday.

The clinic, which was held for many years in an old house in West Southern Pines, is now lodged in the lower floor of the Bowman Building at 210 West Pennsylvania Avenue.

Condemned last year as unsafe and unfit to house the county clinic, the old building, the property of the town, was finally abandoned in the nick of time before another Grand Jury Report was due. The present quarters are rented by the county from Mr. William F. Bowman.

Clinics of the Department of Public Welfare, which have been held in the old building, where a lending closet of clothes was also maintained, were discontinued last December. At that time, the department stated that welfare patients from this area would be obliged to go either to the department headquarters in the Carthage courthouse, where, under the state rules, all original applications must be filled out; or else to Aberdeen. The same quarters in Aberdeen where the health clinics have been held, are also available for welfare patients once a month.

Yesterday's opening found Miss Mary Swett, public health nurse, and Mrs. Lynn McLean, secretary, on duty, with the county health officer, Dr. J. A. Wilcox in charge.

Patients were rather scarce this first day, Miss Swett reported, "but they'll come," she said, "when they find out just where it is. And it should be handy to
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Weaver Named Head of Schools At Greensboro

Philip J. Weaver, former superintendent of Southern Pines schools, has been named Superintendent of Schools of the city of Greensboro.

Mr. Weaver, for whom Weaver Auditorium was named, left this town in 1951 to take the position of assistant superintendent in Greensboro. He will take over the top position when the present incumbent, Ben L. Smith, retires, June 3.

A native of Emory, Va., Mr. Weaver holds degrees from Duke and the University of North Carolina. He was teacher and acted as coach in schools in Kannapolis and Rome, Ga., before coming here in 1939. During his years as superintendent the local school grew greatly in size and standing as well as gaining high honors in athletics, with six-man football a specialty.

Buchan Family Gives Land For School Grounds

Education Board Tells Gratitude With Resolution

A gift of 6.79 acres of land—the equivalent of almost two city blocks—to the Southern Pines City Board of Education by the family of the late P. Frank Buchan as a memorial to him, was announced Tuesday by Dr. A. C. Dawson, secretary of the Board. The deed was delivered last Monday to the Board, which, however, had previously been informed of the gift.

The land adjoins and extends westward from the present grounds of the West Southern Pines School, which already had a campus of approximately two and a half city blocks. No street separates the new holdings from the old. A portion of the addition will be cleared and graded to enlarge the athletic field, Dr. Dawson said.

The Board expressed deep gratitude for this gift which assures room for expansion at the school for years to come. The plant consists of an old high school building, home economics cottage, industrial arts shop, band building, gymnasium, cafeteria, and elementary school, the final phase of which—five additional rooms—saw construction begin on Monday of this week.

The Board, meeting last week, adopted the following resolution: "Whereas Helen C. Buchan, widow, Katherine Buchan Whitlock and husband, W. P. Whitlock, and Frank W. Buchan and wife, Carolyn H. Buchan, did on the 23rd day of December, 1957, convey to the Southern Pines City Board of Education a certain tract of land, adjacent to the public school properties on Glover Street, as a gift in memory of the late P. Frank Buchan; and

"Whereas P. Frank Buchan, for many years prior to his death, gave freely and unselfishly of his time and energy to the upbuilding of the community of Southern Pines and of Moore County, North Carolina, and was much loved by his fellow citizens; and

"Whereas the Southern Pines City Board of Education has accepted this gift from his widow, daughter and son, in recognition
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Man Held In Jail For Break-In At Local Drug Store

Garland McGirger, 39, is in Moore County jail at Carthage, charged with entering the Sandhill Drug Store on Broad St. Wednesday night of last week and stealing over \$100, Police Chief C. E. Newton says.

McGirger, who lists his home address as High Point, was picked up at Lillington this week by Harnett County officers who suspected that he was a man who had escaped from the prison camp at Laurinburg December 5.

This proved to be correct. McGirger had served about eight years of a 25-year sentence for safe robberies when he escaped in December.

Chief Newton said he heard about the arrest and was interested in the report that over \$100 in money, including a large quantity of change and silver coins had been found in McGirger's suitcase when he was arrested.

Money found in the suitcase later was positively identified as coming from the local drug store, Chief Newton said.

A State Bureau of Investigation agent, accompanied by Chief Newton, went to Lillington and arrested McGirger. The convict waived a preliminary hearing before Magistrate Charles McLeod at Carthage and was remanded to jail for grand jury action, probably at next week's term of Superior Court in Carthage.

After his trial in Moore County, McGirger will be tried in Scotland County for escaping from the prison camp.

Though McGirger is charged only with the Sandhill Drug Store robbery, he is believed also to be the man who entered Mack's 5 & 10 on the same night last week. Little was missing at the Mack's store.

\$2,500 Awarded Local Woman In Damage Suit

Directed Judgment Ends Trial

The nearly two-year-long fight of a Southern Pines newswoman and free lance writer to clear her name and obtain financial redress for what she alleged was a conspiracy by three persons to drive her out of her profession and blacken her reputation reached a conclusion in Moore County Superior Court at Carthage this (Thursday) morning with a directed judgment that awarded \$2,500 to the plaintiff, Mrs. S. O. (Valerie) Nicholson.

The three defendants were Vincent J. Daly, Miss Edwina Hallman and Mrs. Martha Dixon Underwood, all of Washington, D. C., and all former residents of Southern Pines.

Said Mrs. Nicholson as she walked from the courtroom: "That's all I wanted. I just wanted to get this thing out into the open, so people would know about it; so it would stop and the public would be warned."

Daly had maintained an office here as a psychologist, with the two women co-defendants as his assistants, for about two years up to April, 1956, when he was convicted in Moore Recorder's Court of criminal libel against Mrs. Nicholson. His sentence to 12 months in prison in that case was suspended on payment of a \$500 fine. He and the women left Southern Pines shortly after his conviction.

Both of the young women were subsequently indicted for perjury, and Daly for subornation of perjury, by a Moore County grand jury on the basis of their testimony in the Recorder's Court trial and other alleged actions.

The three defendants, the plaintiff and their attorneys also wrote into the judgment this morning an agreement that all pending legal actions and counter-claims by any of the parties

Gary Head Plans Leave Post Here

William Gary Head, who assumed his duties as assistant to Town Manager Louis Scheipers the first of last March, has resigned his position effective February 19 to become Town Manager of Carolina Beach. He plans to begin his work there on February 24.

Mr. Head, who is from Norman, Okla., received his master's degree in public administration from the University of Oklahoma shortly before coming to Southern Pines. He and Mrs. Head resided at the A. C. Grovers' on May Street for the first several months they were in Southern Pines and are now in the Knollwood Apartments. They attend the First Baptist Church.

The resignation was accepted with regret by Town Manager Louis Scheipers, Jr.

West Southern Pines Man Held For Savage Knife Killing of His Wife

Police officers responding to a call to 750 S. Stephens St., in West Southern Pines at 6:40 p.m. Saturday arrived as Will Stewart, 62, was walking away from his home and slashed body of his wife, Sarah, wiping blood off his hands with a newspaper, Chief C. E. Newton told The Pilot.

The woman was lying on the ground outdoors, already dead, stabbed and slashed in 14 places on head, throat, neck and back, the chief said.

Stewart was arrested and is in Moore County jail at Carthage, charged with murder. He was given a preliminary hearing before Justice of the Peace William Barber at 10 p.m. Saturday and was bound over for grand jury action at next week's term of Superior Court in Carthage.

Coroner Ralph Steed of Robbins investigated, prior to the magistrate's hearing.

Chief Newton quoted Stewart as telling officers at the police



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will cease and that none will proceed with any further legal actions in the future.

Judge W. A. Leland McKeithen of Pinehurst presided at this week's trial which opened with choosing a jury on Monday and in which testimony was given by the plaintiff and her witnesses on Tuesday and Wednesday. Although denying Mrs. Nicholson's allegations, the defense offered no testimony and none of the defendants went on the witness stand.

On Wednesday afternoon, court was recessed by Judge McKeithen after he had denied motions of non-suit by the defendants' attorneys as to each of the defendants separately. On the completion of the plaintiff's evidence, the defense also rested its case.

When the motions of non-suit by the defense were denied, it appeared yesterday afternoon that this morning would see speeches by the attorneys—P. H. Wilson and Clement Barrett for the plaintiff and Garland Garris of Biscoe and Richard L. Brown of Albemarle for the defense, after which the case would have gone to the all-male jury which was chosen Monday largely from residents of the upper part of the county. All of the jurors had stated when being chosen that they were unfamiliar with the background of the case.

In court this morning, however, Judge McKeithen told the jury that the matter that had been under trial for two days had been settled by consent of the parties involved.

The judge then told the jury that they had two issues before them:

1. Did the defendants utter or publish defamatory statements concerning the plaintiff? The Court instructs you to answer "yes."

2. What amount is the plaintiff entitled to recover from the defendants? The Court instructs you to answer "\$2,500."

The judgment requires that the defendants pay the court costs.

Mrs. Nicholson had sued for a total of \$50,000 — \$25,000 actual damages for alleged injuries to her character, reputation, health
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