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Lace Plant Project Given Big Boost By Loan Approval, \$7,500 From County

Commissioners Okay Appropriation To Build Utility Lines

Two big steps forward were taken this week in the Mozur lace plant proposal.

These important developments were:

1. Meeting at Raleigh Monday, the board of the North Carolina Business Development Corporation approved a \$150,000 loan to the Mozur interests for plant construction—subject, however, to acceptance of a commitment let-

ter by Mozur Laces, Inc. 2. Also on Monday, at Carthage, the board of county commissioners authorized appropriation of \$7,500 by the county, to be used for construction of water and sewer lines from the Southern Pines town limits to the plant site on No. 1 Highway parkway, north of Midland Road. There was a reservation tagged to this action, too: approval by M. G. Boyette, county attorney, who was out of the county this week.

Lawyers to Meet

Coming up on Tuesday of next week is a meeting that might see the final problems of the lace plant project disposed of: a conference of attorneys for the Mozur firm, for the Business Development Corporation and for the construction company.

Robert S. Ewing, president of the Southern Pines Development Corporation, said yesterday that he sees no major obstacle in the path of the lace plant project. There have been various matters of procedure to be settled, he said, between the Mozur firm and the Business Development Corporation. He said that a copy of the letter of commitment in regard to the loan had not yet reached him but that he was confident agreement could be reached on details of the loan agreement.

Financing Plan

If matters proceed as expected, the lace plant building would be constructed by the Mozur interests at a cost of around \$350,000.

Of this amount, \$150,000 would be derived from the loan by the Business Development Corporation which is a State-sponsored private lending agency set up specifically to encourage new industry in North Carolina.

The rest of the project's cost would be financed by issuance of 20-year bonds, which are to pay six per cent interest. For this purpose, \$188,000 has been pledged by residents of Southern Pines.



HONORED—Norris L. Hodgkins, Jr., left, receives from James S. Baird the Jaycees' Distinguished Service Award—first to be given here to a young man for outstanding service to the community. The plaque was presented Tuesday night. (Pilot photo)

Hodgkins Chosen For Jaycee Award

First presentation of the Junior Chamber of Commerce's Distinguished Service Award was made Tuesday night to Norris L. Hodgkins, Jr., executive vice-president of the Citizens Bank and Trust Company.

In presenting the plaque to Mr. Hodgkins during a dinner at the Hollywood Hotel, James S. Baird cited the winner's "many accomplishments" in civic, charitable and cultural organizations, in his church, in business and in the Jaycees, of which he is treasurer.

Nominees for the award were submitted by the public at large and the winner was chosen by a board of five persons above the Jaycee age of 21 through 35. The winner was a carefully kept secret until the moment of recognition. Nominees did not have to come from among the Jaycees themselves.

Mr. Hodgkins expressed his appreciation and said that receiving the award was "a tremendous thrill."

Bill Henderson of Raleigh, former State Jaycee president, was the visiting speaker. In his talk he stressed the importance of unselfish community service and

CLIFF BLUE IN HOSPITAL

H. Clifton Blue of Aberdeen entered Moore Memorial Hospital Tuesday for observation. Mr. Blue is editor and publisher of The Sandhill Citizen and Moore County representative in the State's General Assembly. He is reported to be resting comfortably and feeling better.

Open House Program Dedicates Cafeteria

An open house program for the new cafeteria serving West Southern Pines schools brought together in the building a large number of school patrons, with school and town officials and other interested visitors, Monday night.

School officials appearing on the program were John M. Howarth, chairman of the board of education; Dr. A. C. Dawson, superintendent; and H. A. Wilson, recently appointed principal of West Southern Pines schools. School board and town council members, with other guests, were introduced.

Joshua Ferguson, president of the West Southern Pines Parent-Teacher Association, spoke the invocation. Greetings and appreciation were expressed by Mrs. D. S. Burrows. The Rev. E. L. McAdam, pastor of Emmanuel Presbyterian Church in West Southern Pines and Faith Presbyterian Church, Aberdeen, used the theme "Future Highway Builders," for an inspirational address that called for lifting standards in home, church and school. He listed inefficiency, selfishness and race prejudice as stones that must be removed from the highway of progress and urged his listeners to "go forward in love and understanding, not in bitterness and

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Sheriff McDonald Says He Won't Be Candidate In 1958 Primary

VETERAN OFFICER STEPS DOWN

Text Of Sheriff's Statement

The complete statement of Sheriff Charles J. McDonald, saying he will not be a candidate for sheriff in this year's Democratic primary, follows:

"In answer to a number of inquiries received, this is to advise the good citizens of Moore County that I will not be a candidate for the Democratic nomination for sheriff in the primary this year.

"I have reached this decision after much thought on the matter, and after receiving many requests from friends and supporters that I file again this spring. I am indeed grateful to these many friends for their good wishes, and realize that without them it would have been impossible to hold this office for so many years.

"I wish to take this means of thanking the citizens of Moore County for their support during my tenure of office. At the close of this term on December 1st,

1958, I will have been sheriff of this county for thirty years. There is no doubt in my mind but that I have served the best citizenry of any county in the state. As a whole, the people of Moore County are for a good clean county, and will work to keep it that way. Without their help, and the excellent co-operation of law enforcement agencies in the towns, and on county, state and federal levels, I would never have been able to achieve whatever success has been mine.

"My successor will find people eager to help, and should experience no difficulty in performing a good job. He will be chosen by his fellow citizens, and I will not try to name him, other than to support all the Democratic nominees in the November election. The office is an important one, and the person should be chosen with care.

"Again my thanks for your past support."

C. J. McDONALD

Caviness Announces For Office

Sheriff C. J. McDonald, with nearly 30 years of continuous service to the county behind him, announced this week that he will not be a candidate for reelection in this year's Democratic primary.

The sheriff revealed his intention in a signed statement turned over to the newspapers of the county Wednesday.

While the impact of this news has not yet had time to create its full effect, no announcement that could be made would stir up livelier political activity, in the opinion of most observers. There is expected to be no lack of candidates for the post. One seasoned observer of the county's political scene said it would not surprise him to see as many as 10 or a dozen candidates for sheriff before filing time closes.

Mrs. Griffin Won't Run

Another announcement this week threw a major office of the county wide open to new contenders. Mrs. Bessie Griffin, registrar of deeds, who has served four two-year terms in office, said that she would not be a candidate in the primary.

These two announcements alone gave promise of an exceptionally lively primary campaign.

Caviness Announces

First to announce in the sheriff's race was Wesley Caviness, 41-year-old Carthage resident, who is a member of the county seat's board of commissioners and is mayor pro-tem. He is a grocery manager for Earl McDonald and is also a licensed photographer.

The candidate's wife is the former Jane Deal of Catawba County. They have a daughter, Jane, who is a freshman in high school, and a son, Lee, 10 years old.

Mr. Caviness is immediate past district commander of the American Legion 11th District and has served as post commander and adjutant of the Carthage Legion post. He is a lay speaker in the Methodist Church and is president of the Methodist Men's Club.

A native of Carthage, he is active in Scouting and is a past president of the Carthage Junior Chamber of Commerce.

Announcement By Boyette Assures Solicitor Race

First assured race in the Democratic primary became apparent this week with the announcement by Moseley G. Boyette of Carthage, solicitor of the 13th Judicial District, that he would be a candidate for re-nomination.

Mr. Boyette's action was expected. He faces already announced opposition in Walter E. Brock of Wadesboro, whose candidacy was announced early in January.

Mr. Boyette made the following statement this week in connection with his candidacy: "I have held this important office since January, 1947. During

GILL TO SPEAK HERE FEBRUARY 18

Edwin R. Gill, North Carolina State treasurer and vice-president of the State Art Society, will appear here at a meeting of the Moore County Historical Association on Tuesday night, February 18.

The meeting, which was announced by Sheriff C. J. McDonald, president of the association, will be held at the Southern Pines Library at 8 p. m. The public is invited.

Mr. Gill, who is noted as a speaker, has taken a special interest in the North Carolina Art Gallery and will show slides in connection with the work of the Art Commission.

Rotarians Will Convene 2 Days At Pinehurst

With the Southern Pines Rotary Club as host, some 600 Rotarians from 34 clubs of the 769th District will convene at the Carolina Hotel in Pinehurst Friday and Saturday.

Johnnie A. Hall of the Southern Pines club is conference chairman and other members of the local club have key parts in preparing for the event.

District Governor Harry Brown Finch of Thomasville will preside. Purpose of the conference, which is an annual affair, is to review the service work of Rotary Clubs throughout the district and to plan ways of increasing the effectiveness of future activities.

The principal speaker, who will appear at a Saturday night banquet, will be Arthur Gibson of Atlanta, Ga. Ed Harding of Washington, D. C., and other distinguished Rotarians are on the program.

A new District Governor, to take office July 1, will be nominated to be formally elected at Rotary International's convention in Dallas, Texas, in June.

A high Rotary official attending is Gus Catoni of the country of Lebanon, vice-president of Rotary International. He will be

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PTA Plans Full Program For Monday Meeting

A full and varied program is planned for the regular meeting of the East Southern Pines Parent-Teacher Association in Weaver Auditorium Monday night, Mrs. I. A. Woodell, president, said today.

E. G. Stellings of Charlotte, president of Stewart and Everett Theatres, the company that owns, and controls the attractions at, the Sunrise Theatre here, will be one of the three speakers, Mrs. Woodell said.

Several weeks ago, PTA members endorsed the executive committee's proposal to send a letter to Mr. Stellings protesting the showing of moving pictures deemed unsuitable for children.

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Local Girls Will Play Robbins For Season's Title

A girls' team that clicked off two wins in the past week has put new life in the Southern Pines High School basketball situation and has assured the local girls of a chance for the county championship.

Having beaten Aberdeen last Friday, 51-30, and Vass-Lakeview, 61-60, in an overtime period Tuesday night, the girls became the Moore County "southern group" winner and will now face the northern winner, Robbins, in a special contest in the Carthage gym at 7:30 p. m. Saturday night. Winner of that game will be the county's regular season champions.

Following this game, Aberdeen and Robbins boys will play for the boys' season championship. Local boys, meanwhile, entered the worst slump of the season, losing to Aberdeen 79-47 and to Vass-Lakeview 75-31.

Moore County coaches will meet Saturday morning at Carthage to decide pairings and seedings for the 31st annual Moore County Basketball Tournament which

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License Examiner's Schedule Announced

D. A. Clark, driver's license examiner for this area, has announced his weekly schedule as follows, starting Monday:

Monday and Tuesday—Aberdeen (fire department). Wednesday and Thursday—Southern Pines (police department). Friday—Pinehurst (fire department). Hours at all locations will be 8:30 a. m. to 5:30 p. m.

Parade By Scouts Will Be Staged Here Saturday

Boy Scouts, Explorers and Cub Scouts from troops in all towns of Moore County are expected to assemble here Saturday afternoon to highlight the opening of National Boy Scout Week with a gala parade.

Units are asked to report to the Southern Pines school cafeteria at 2:15 p. m. At 2:30, the parade will assemble by the town park, and is expected to begin at 3.

Assembly will be on the New York Avenue (south) side of the park. Bands from both East and West Southern Pines schools will furnish the music.

The route of march has been indicated as follows: The parade will turn north on Broad Street by the new city hall and march to the end of the railroad station (Connecticut Avenue). It will then turn left across the tracks and proceed back up Broad Street to Pennsylvania Avenue, where the Division Troops will turn to the right and march or ride to the West South-

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Jeanene Dowis To Play February 14

Jeanene Dowis, a tall young woman from Texas who is noted for both her skill at the piano and for her beauty, will be heard in Southern Pines Friday evening, February 14.

Under auspices of the Sandhills Music Association, Miss Dowis will appear at Weaver Auditorium at 8:30 p. m., as the third attraction in the Association's current concert series.

A special buffet dinner for concert-goers will be served at the Hollywood Hotel before the performance.

For her program in Southern Pines, Miss Dowis has chosen compositions by Mozart, Beethoven, Ravel, Bartok and Chopin.

The pianist studied with Adele Marcus, and with Mme. Rosina Lhevme at the Julliard School. Upon graduation there, she was presented with the Carl Roeder award to the pianist "most outstanding in talent and achievement." She has received several other awards and scholarships, including the Chopin Award of the Kosciuszko Foundation — a \$1,000 prize.

She has appeared in concerts over a wide area of the nation and has played with several symphony orchestras. Last year, she toured Europe and was one of the winners of the Busoni Contest in Balzano, Italy.

Season and individual performance tickets are available at the Barnum Realty and Insurance Co. in Southern Pines, or at the box office.

HUNTER TRIALS

Invitations have gone out for the 26th Annual Hunter Trials to be held on the course at Scotts Corner, out Youngs Road, Saturday, February 15, at 2 p. m.

Parking spaces and tickets may be obtained from Mrs. W. O. Moss or Mrs. D. W. Winkelman.

The hunt ball and dinner will follow that evening at Mid Pines Club.

With many fine hunters in training here this year and a number of visitors expected, the event should prove one of the most outstanding on the winter sports calendar in the Sandhills.



MISS DOWIS

Drive For Heart Fund To Extend Thru February

The 1958 Heart Fund Drive in Moore County got under way this week with the appointment of various committee members and area chairmen by Mrs. O. Leon Seymour, chairman. The campaign extends through February.

Assisting Mrs. Seymour on the general committee will be Mrs. R. M. McMillan, vice chairman; Mrs. Garland McPherson, treasurer; and Mrs. Malcolm Grover, publicity chairman, all of Southern Pines.

Acting as drive chairmen in their respective communities are: Mrs. Frank Mizell, Aberdeen; Mrs. Gaither Edwards, Carthage; Mrs. John Frye, Robbins; and Mrs. Robert Youngblood, West End.

"Contributions to the Heart Fund," Mrs. Seymour said, "are used to support three major activities of the American Heart

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TAX LISTING EXTENDED

The period for listing real and personal property for county and town taxes—due to end January 31—has been extended to February 15 on authority of the county commissioners. Mrs. Estelle Wickler, county auditor, said this week.