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TWO MORE GAMES TONIGHT

Allen Jay, Zeb Vance Take First Round Wins In Class A Tournament

Allen Jay High School of Guilford County, undefeated now in 27 straight contests, came from behind in the final period to defeat Ayden High 55-45 last night in the opening round of the State Class A High School basketball tournament, being played for the

first time in history on the Southern Pines court.
In the other first round event, Zeb Vance of Vance County had an easy go of it in defeating Rock Springs of Lincoln County 81-59.
Tonight, continuing first round play, undefeated Biscoe (winner of 32), meets Valley Springs of Buncombe County, which has a 25-2 record for the season.

Sophomore Richard Gross paced Allen Jay to its victory, scoring 12 of the team's 19 points in the final period. Ayden, from Pitt County, had been leading through the third quarter, but just as the whistle sounded ending the period, Allen Jay tied it up at 36-36.

With the 12 he scored in that final period Gross, a guard, had 23 points for the night to lead his team.
Ayden held a 25-22 lead at the half, mainly on the shooting of Tommy Edwards, a senior guard, who scored 19 points. He scored his points in the first three quarters.

Rock Spring took an early lead over Zeb Vance in the first game and held it until the half, when Zeb Vance tied it up 38-38.

In the second half, behind the shooting of Sammy White, Zeb Vance moved comfortably out front 48-41 and never lost the lead again.

White had 33 points to become the tournament's top scorer so far. Lawrence Clayton, a junior for Zeb Vance, contributed 18 points but was most effective controlling the backboards.

Zeb Vance and Allen Jay go into semifinals tomorrow (Friday) playing winners of tonight's games.

In those contests, Biscoe meets Valley Springs and Beulah plays Swansboro. The championship game will be played Saturday night as will a consolation game.

Irie Leonard, tournament manager, said the eight teams—four from the East, four from the West—were some of the best high school aggregations he had ever seen play. "All of them have a fabulous record," he commented prior to the opening game last night, "and it's going to be hard to pick a winner."

The eight teams have lost a total of 12 games while winning 209. The East has the edge in that respect, with only five defeats for the four entries, but the western teams represent larger schools.

The best record can be exhibited.

WOMEN VOTERS

The League of Women Voters will meet Tuesday morning at 10 o'clock at Paint Hill Farm, home of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Ives, for a special program on "The State's Judiciary Study" to be presented by Mrs. E. O. Brogden and Mrs. Katherine McColl.

WHAT CAN WE DO?

Mayor Walter Blue asked the question Tuesday night at the regular Town Council meeting after commenting at length on the importance of horses in Sandhills economy.

"What can we do," he asked, "to indicate to these people who bring horses here that we're more than delighted? How can we best acknowledge their importance to us over the years?"

He gave no particular reason for bringing up the subject in the first place, other than to say it was something he had been thinking about for some time.

Consensus of many of those at the meeting was that he was dead serious and was throwing the question to the general public for something to be worked on in the future.

Any answers?

Country Bookshop

Broken Into By Thieves; \$3 Taken

Thieves, described very definitely as not the literary type, broke into the Country Bookshop on the corner of Penn. Ave. and Bennett St., last night, the second such break in recent months.

Miss Lockie Parker, one of the shop's proprietors, said that the thieves stole about \$3 in petty cash and "tore the place up pretty bad apparently looking for more money." Whoever they were, she added, they didn't take any books.

Police are investigating and have taken palm prints.

Entrance was made through a window.

Red Cross Drive

Reports \$5,000 In On \$15,000 Quota

More than \$5,000 has been raised to date in the current Red Cross drive, according to Gen. L. W. Miller, county drive chairman. The quota for the year is \$15,300.

"Last year the people of this county contributed \$12,848 for this worthy organization," Gen. Miller said this week, "and we had an excellent Red Cross program because of it. This year," he added, "the quota was raised because of a need for \$2,500 to initiate a blood donor program in the county. Plans for that program are already being formulated and we even have a firm date for the first visit of the bloodmobile."

"I urge every citizen to back the Red Cross and its work, particularly now when the need is so great."

Progress Noted

By Steeplechase Planning Group

Favored with warm and sunny weather during the past week, plans are progressing for the 11th annual race meeting sponsored by the Stoneybrook Hunt Racing Association. To be held on Saturday, March 22, the program of seven diversified events opens the 1958 steeplechase racing season in the United States.

Held on the spacious thoroughbred training grounds owned by M. G. (Mickey) Walsh, the one-day race meeting operates for the benefit of the Ladies Auxiliaries of the St. Joseph-of-the-Pines and the Moore Memorial Hospitals.

Now serving as secretary of the Stoneybrook Hunt Racing Association, Carlyle Cameron, local steeplechase rider who has won five runnings of the Sandhills Cup, said the memberships in the association and reservations for parking spaces exceed any previous year. In an effort to further aid the mentioned auxiliaries, Cameron said that local chapters of the Junior Chamber of Commerce and Kiwanis Club are assisting with the management.

Cameron also said that members' parking spaces would be located

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Council Proposes Many Changes In Parking Ordinance

Would Abolish Two Hour Limit In All Areas

Changes designed to alleviate a growing parking problem in Southern Pines were proposed at the regular meeting of the Town Council Tuesday night.

Under the proposals two hour parking in any area would be eliminated, and diagonal parking would give way to parallel parking in certain areas. However, diagonal parking would be kept on some streets and would replace parallel parking in one street.

The proposals were an outgrowth of the Planning Board's report which was completed March 1. Headed by Ralph Chandler, Jr., the committee made extensive investigation of the business area where the problem is considered worst, and submitted a number of changes.

Chandler's group said that the problem of congested parking areas "is an educational one. The Board feels that store owners and clerks should be made aware of the parking problem they are creating by parking their cars on the streets, thereby reducing the number of spaces available to customers."

The report continued: "It is the unanimous decision of the Planning Board to make recommendations to . . . reduce parking time on certain streets, and change diagonal parking to parallel parking on certain streets . . ."

Though not adhering strictly to the Board's findings and recommendations, the Council did come up with a number of changes, the largest of which would be to pro-

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\$100,000 Bond Vote To Complete Municipal Building Set Saturday

Bensalem Church Totally Destroyed By Fire Friday

A raging fire of undetermined origin completely destroyed historic old Bensalem Presbyterian Church last Friday afternoon. Located midway between Robbins and Eagle Springs, the church had been in existence for more than 100 years.

Members of the congregation cleared the site of still burning debris and charred oak trees Saturday and by Sunday afternoon building and finance committees had been organized to make plans for construction of new facilities.

As early as 1790 services were being held in the vicinity, members of the present congregation recalled this week. The first known building, a small log cabin, was in use in 1802. In 1813 the church was named "Ottery's Church," and continued until 1830 when a frame building was constructed on the present site and the name changed to Bensalem.

In 1933 the first addition to the sanctuary was completed, two Sunday School rooms as wings at the front of the building. In 1949 the congregation had again outgrown the facilities, particularly in the Sunday School department, and a modern building was constructed. It consisted of six classrooms and restrooms and was equipped with an electric organ.

Among the irreplaceable losses sustained in the fire was a

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An election calling for the issuance of \$100,000 in bonds to complete the municipal center will be held here Saturday. Polls will be open from 6:30 to 6:30.

There has been very little interest expressed in the election, though feeling about the municipal center was high at the time the plans were accepted and contracts let almost a year ago. Opinion was divided then as to whether the cost of a completed building, estimated at \$200,000 was justified for a town this size.

Some people also complained about the location of the building in the town park, and the type architecture.

Contractor T. E. Saunders of Troy has been hampered by adverse weather much of the time since he started construction late last summer. The building—at least the amount now under construction, is about three-fourths complete, however, and present contracts are due to be completed in July.

If the election is approved Saturday Town Manager Louis Scheipers said that the bonds would be sold as soon after as possible so that work on the building would not be interrupted.

The major share of the funds, provided the election is carried, will go towards construction of a fire wing which would replace the present fire house on New Hampshire Avenue. An eight-cell jail will also be added, plus some other items.

Town Manager Louis Scheipers, Jr., recalled this week that the original proposal for the 1956 bond election was for \$550,000, with \$150,000 of that to be used for the construction of a municipal center. Even then, he said, Council members had recognized that if more funds were needed the sale of the present

fire house and obtaining additional financing on the basis of the amount of the town's debt retired in the previous budget year, would take up the slack.

Reviewing the background at The Pilot's request, Scheipers said that the original bond proposals were divided this way: \$150,000 for water system improvements, \$150,000 for sewer system improvements, two swimming pools at \$50,000 each, plus the \$150,000 for a municipal center.

When the proposals were submitted to the State's Local Government Commission, however, it was recommended by the commission that \$100,000 be cut from the proposals. It was explained at that time that the town's borrowing limit would not be exceeded in the total \$550,000 proposed, but it would be sounder practice to cut the total amount by \$100,000.

Prior to the election, \$100,000 was cut: Council eliminated the proposal—\$50,000—for one swimming pool (on the East side of town) and cut the municipal center proposal by \$50,000. When the election was held, voters turned down the \$50,000 in bonds for a swimming pool on the West side, but passed the rest of the \$450,000 proposed.

Council appointed Thomas T. Hayes, local architect, to draw up plans for the proposed center and outlined to him the needs of the town both for the present and for at least 25 years, based on what information was available.

Hayes' plans were studied by the Council and he met with them on several occasions to report on the progress.

When bids were taken last year it was found that the building would cost, if it was built in its entirety, almost \$200,000. Council held dozens of meetings and, just before it went out of office in favor of a new group, action was adopted to get the construction started.

Though not enough money was on hand (\$100,000 in bonds plus about \$1,000 in interest since they had been sold), a contractor, T. E. Saunders of Troy, was awarded a contract for items running to \$127,500. Council, Scheipers said, recommended to the incoming group that it call a bond election to complete the building.

Items Listed

Items that will be added, to be paid out of the current \$100,000 proposal if approved by voters, are the following:
Fire station wing, \$40,000; jail

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Vass Will Also Vote Saturday

Residents of Vass will also have a bond election Saturday, calling for \$10,000 to finance the purchase of fire-fighting equipment, and \$10,000 to finance the improvement and extension of the town's water system.

Both propositions call for authorization of town officials to levy enough tax to pay off the indebtedness.

The town commissioners voted January 13 to hold the election. The polls, located at the Vass fire station, are open from 6:30 to 6:30.

AN EDITORIAL

Bond Issue: Yes Or No?

There will be a vote taken this Saturday to decide whether or not the town hall, now under process of construction, is to be completed as designed or lacking some of the facilities which are in the original plan.

An accompanying article describes the plan in detail. We commend it for study to those planning to vote Saturday and we hope that includes every qualified voter in town.

While this newspaper regrets the high cost of this building, it should be emphasized that this cost stems not from any extravagantly planned accessories or decoration but from standards of high efficiency and the desire to include all that is necessary in a modern town hall and also all that might be necessary in the foreseeable future.

This newspaper has been strongly opposed to certain features of the over-all plan from the start. However, the choice was made and the decision taken and we are firmly of the opinion that the present plan includes many items that this town greatly needs. Unfortunately from our point of view, the two items we consider most necessary may be omitted from the project if the bond issue is not passed. These are: the large firehouse wing and the completed jail cells.

As to these two items: It was estimated several years ago that repairs needed to im-

prove the present firehouse could be made for about \$30,000. This figure covered not only the absolute essentials but also a major structural change that, while extremely desirable, was not actually essential to department operations. It would seem most likely that elimination of this expensive feature, (which could be undertaken later) would materially reduce the amount of money needed.

As for the incompleting jail cells in the new town hall: it is estimated that between eight and nine thousand dollars would do the job.

It is seldom if ever that this newspaper has failed to support a town bond issue vote, but we cannot do so as regards this one. We recognize and respect the feelings of many who believe that the building once started should be carried to completion, following the original plan; we recognize that the plan itself is the work of a conscientious and able architect, one who, moreover, is sincerely interested and proud of the welfare and progress of this town. The fact remains that we would like to see the building under construction completed as it is, growing no larger and taking up no more space than now in the town park. We would then be extremely hopeful and, indeed, confident that the facilities it will thereby lack can be supplied without recourse to further bonded indebtedness.

FORMER POSTMASTER WAS 88

Adolphus Ruggles, One of Town's Early Settlers, Died This Morning

Adolphus Stephen Ruggles, 88, pioneer resident of Southern Pines, died about 7 o'clock this morning at his home on North Bennett Street following an illness of several weeks.

Funeral services will be conducted tomorrow (Friday) at 4 o'clock at the Church of Wide Fellowship by the Rev. Carl Wallace, pastor, assisted by the Rev. Maynard Mangum of the First Baptist Church. Burial will be in Mount Hope Cemetery.

All downtown stores will be closed tomorrow (Friday) from 3:45 to 4:45 during the funeral services as a mark of respect for Mr. Ruggles.

Mr. Ruggles came to Southern Pines from New Hampshire at the age of 19, which gave him the distinction of having lived here longer than anyone else. He was also one of the town's oldest citizens.

During his active years he had a part in almost every movement for the growth and progress of the town. Quiet, unassuming and with a great talent for friendship, he never placed himself in



A. S. RUGGLES

a position of leadership, however, except in the field of education. He served on the town's school board for many years and was its chairman from 1921 to 1932.

A native of Dayton, New Hampshire, he was the son of Thomas Jefferson and Rosalie Thomas Ruggles. He grew up in

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ANTIQUES of all kinds will be exhibited and sold here next week at the National Guard Armory. The Moore County Historical Society is sponsoring the show and will receive proceeds. Shown here examining a piece of Tarianware, typical of the pieces to be exhibited, are Mrs. Ernest L. Ives of Southern Pines, left, Mrs. L. M. Johnson of Aberdeen in center, and Mrs. Livingston Biddle of Pinehurst.

Antique Show Set Here Next Week

Nearly all the 23 spaces for the Antique Show to be held at the Southern Pines Armory next week have been taken by dealers of North and South Carolina, and Washington, D. C., who will display their choicest wares to visitors at the Moore County Historical Association-sponsored event.

The show will be open on Tuesday from 4 p.m. to 9 p.m., and on Wednesday and Thursday from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m., giving plenty of opportunity for buyers or just browsers of antiques to see the show morning, afternoon or night.

On Tuesday, antique dealers from Dillon, McColl and Greenville, in South Carolina; Greensboro, Raleigh, Wake Forest, Lumberton, Thomasville, Wagram, Southern Pines and other places in North Carolina, also a well-known dealer of Washington, will bring their treasures and arrange them in the spaces for a most attractive show. Several of the dealers have taken two spaces for a more effective display.

Women of various Sandhills communities will act as hostesses throughout the show, said Mrs. L. M. Johnson of Aberdeen, general chairman. They will also staff a refreshment booth, for sale of sandwiches, coffee and soft drinks. A night watchman will be on guard over the treasures all three nights.

Furnishings, silver, glassware, crystal, china, copper, brass and other items to delight the antique lover's heart will compose the show, first of the kind to be held in the Sandhills.

Assisting Mrs. Johnson are Mrs. W. F. Hollister of Southern Pines as co-chairman, with committee members Mrs. Tom C. Darst, Mrs. Ernest L. Ives and Miss Allie McIntosh of Southern Pines.

Proceeds will be used for projects of the Historical Association.