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FIELD OF SEVEN SEEN

Three More Announce For Sheriff's Job; Two Still Sitting On Fence



J. W. SHEFFIELD



A. B. PARKER

Medical Society Gives Support To Red Cross Drive

The Moore County Medical Society got behind the lagging Red Cross fund drive this week in hopes that sufficient funds would be raised to insure the establishment of a blood bank program here next fall.

Dr. Charles Phillips, president of the society, said today that the blood bank program is contingent on raising sufficient funds to pay for visits of the bloodmobile, an amount estimated by local chapter officials at approximately \$2,300 per year.

The Red Cross drive, which has been only half successful in raising its quota this year, has been carried over into April. Mrs. Audrey Kennedy, executive secretary of the chapter, today urged every person who has not contributed to do so if they possibly could in the next few days.

ABC Report Shows State, Uncle Sam Get Biggest Chunk

Legal liquor sales in Moore County's two ABC stores for the year ending March 31 amounted to \$1,529,853, according to a report made Monday by L. J. Hinson, manager of the ABC Board, to the County Board of Commissioners.

Hinson's report also included the amounts paid to Federal and State Departments of Revenue. The State, he said, had received \$151,952 in taxes during the year; and a whopping \$684,000 had gone to the Federal government. Combined, the figures represent more than 50 per cent of gross sales.

On the profit side of the ledger, he added, the county has received \$170,000, which makes a total of \$2,723,500 remitted to the county since the inauguration of the board in 1937. The county's take is slightly more than 11 per cent.

An additional \$15,000 was turned over April 1. Sales during the past year fell off from three to four thousand dollars monthly, he told the commissioners, and one month the figure reach 24 thousand. (Continued on page 8)

Three more candidates for election to the Sheriff's job in Moore County, subject, of course, to the May primary, paid filing fees this week bringing the field to five who are definitely running. The three were J. W. "Bunch" Sheffield of Eastwood, Charlie Stewart of Eureka community, and Wendell B. Kelly of Carthage. Previously filing were J. Hubert McCaskill of Pinehurst and A. B. Parker of Vass.

At least two more men are almost definitely in the race, though they have not filed. They are present deputy A. F. Deese of Aberdeen and Herman Grimm of Carthage.

If the field has seven candidates, as most observers conceded today it would, it would be the largest in the past four decades. Sheriff Charles McDonald, who will have held the position 30 years when he steps down December 1, has had opposition at each election, never had to face more than four candidates.

Sheffield, who operates a general merchandise business in Eastwood, has been a candidate before. A native of Carthage, he is a veteran of World War 2 where he served in the Navy. He is a member of the Pinehurst School Board, the Moore County chapter of the Red Cross, the American Legion, Masonic Order, and the Culdee Presbyterian Church.

Married to the former Louise Primm of Eureka, they have five children.

In making his announcement, Sheffield said: "If nominated and elected, I will try to continue the same fair and just law enforcement service we have been enjoying, and hope to become a memory in the hearts of our citizens comparable to our present high sheriff."

Stewart, also a native of the county, is a barber currently practicing in the Village Shop in Pinehurst. He is also the owner of extensive farming property in Eureka.

Kelly is a former State Highway Patrolman who now engages in farming and running a general merchandise store. He served on the patrol for 21 years, almost from its organization, retiring four years ago with the rank of technical sergeant.

He is a nephew of the late Sanny Kelly who served as Sheriff of the county in the mid 1800's. He was born and raised in the county.

Married to the former Laura Baker of Carthage, they have two children, one in nurse's training in Charlotte and a son with the Navy in Guam.

A Presbyterian, Kelly is a member of Priest Hill Church. In a statement issued this week he said:

"My 21 years on the State Highway Patrol has given me valuable experience which would be of use in carrying out the duties of Sheriff. I have also attended several sessions of Law Enforcement Officer's school, which gives me added experience. If elected, I will do everything I can to carry out the duties of the office."

Last week A. B. Parker, Vass meat dealer, announced for the job; three weeks ago McCaskill became the first candidate. Parker, who is 31 years of age, (Continued on Page 8)

Night Baseball To Begin Tuesday As Knights Meet Vass

Night baseball comes to Southern Pines next week when the Blue Knights, sporting a 2-2 record, meet Vass-Lakeview Tuesday night in the first of two contests.

Game time is 8 o'clock. Thursday, the Blue Knights play West End here, again at night. Both games are Moore County Conference affairs and Southern Pines is favored to win.

The locals play Aberdeen tomorrow at 3:30 there.

Sure Signs Spring Has Arrived



JUST FISHING was Mr. R. W. Blue's comment Tuesday afternoon when asked what he was doing. What he really was doing, too, was something that has been happening from time immemorial: developing a fever (fishing variety) that is common to most men and usually

comes on them at the first sign of spring. Mr. Blue, incidentally, lives on the road between Carthage and Southern Pines. His only catch for the day was a few bass, none more than five inches, which he threw back for fattening up.



CHOOSIN' UP SIDES, ready for a whole springtime full of sandlot baseball, are these youngsters who live in Carthage. Like the fisherman above, these young fellows get out their equipment at the first real sign of spring, which

they somehow manage to know is on us before the weather man does. Left to right they are Jimmy Moore, Garland Simpson, Penn Bener, Charles Lewis and Richard Pate. (Pilot photos)

Three Carteret County Men Held In \$2,000 Break-in

Officials of the Moore County Sheriff's department said this week that three young men, all residents of Route 1, Newport, had been arrested in connection with a \$2,000 burglary of Lowe's Shopping Center near Carthage three weeks ago.

The three were identified as Edwin N. Brown, Kenneth Brown and Willie Brown. Two of them—officers could not say which two—are brothers; the other is a cousin. They live near Newport, which is in Carteret County.

Admittance to the building, a combination jewelry and grocery store, was made by forcing a back door. Officers said that missing items included four boxes of shotgun shells, silverware, a guitar, watches, rings, automobile tires, socks, and a fishing tackle box. Part of it has been recovered.

Local officials were at first stymied in their efforts to identify (Continued on Page 8)

AVERAGED 119.4 PER DAY

Patient Care At Moore Memorial Reaches All-Time High In March

March was the busiest month in the history of Moore Memorial Hospital, according to figures released last week by Thomas Howerton, administrator. An average of 119.4 patients per day was attained.

Previous high had been February, with a daily average of 117.8, and before that, in January, 1956 with the average of 115.8. That figure was reached shortly before the new building program began.

Howerton announced the figures to members of the hospital's finance committee, which was meeting in Pinehurst to consider additional avenues of income to care for indigent patients.

The hospital, according to Denison K. Bullins, chairman of the committee, has been operating in the red for the past several years, primarily because of a high percentage of uncollectable accounts. A recent analysis of accounts declared uncollectable in-

Local School Needs Placed At \$484,000

That Much Is Requested Over Next 4 Years

The Southern Pines school board this week requested appropriation of slightly less than 1/2 million dollars for new construction of white and Negro school facilities over the next four years.

The request was made of the Moore County Board of Commissioners at the regular meeting Monday.

A little later in the day members of the Pinehurst Board requested a total of \$105,000 for the next year, \$85,000 of which would be used to construct a gymnasium at Academy Heights School.

Officials of both towns put little hope in getting all the funds but based their requests on the old axiom that "asking for a lot means you'll get more than if you asked for a little."

For Southern Pines school, the requests were made to cover capital outlay expenses over the next four years. In the school year 1958-59, a total of \$194,300 was requested. It would be used for construction of a fence around the athletic field at West Southern Pines school, improvements to the cafeteria in East Southern Pines, and a beginning of "Phase C" at East Southern Pines, which includes construction of classrooms along New York Avenue. Also included were requests for funds for purchasing additional land for the classrooms, and building a covered walkway between the two buildings.

For 1959-60, Amos Dawson and John Howarth, chairman of the board, asked for \$190,000, with \$175,000 of that to be used for construction of a new high school in West Southern Pines. Some \$15,000 would be used to equip the classrooms built, if money is provided, in East Southern Pines.

For 1960-61, the request was \$100,000 for construction of an auditorium in West Southern Pines. In 1961-62, school officials asked for \$40,000 to build more elementary classrooms in West Southern Pines.

It has been the policy of local officials to let the County Commissioners know at least four years in advance the estimate of needs. The figures given Tuesday were based on normal growth, Dawson said.

For Pinehurst, \$20,000 of the requested \$105,000 would be used to renovate the Pinehurst school gymnasium into classrooms. Officials of the board present reported that steel on a new gymnasium is now going up and the building would probably be ready for occupancy September 1.

The old gymnasium, officials said, would be converted into a library and commercial rooms. Such renovation would provide two additional classrooms and in addition, improve the library and commercial arrangement.

The County Commissioners are now hearing requests from various agencies for the budget for next year. They took no action on either school request.

Council Will Hold Public Hearing On Parking Proposals

The Town Council, meeting Tuesday night, gave its final stamp of approval to a number of changes in the town's parking ordinances, and called for a public hearing to be held at the next regular council meeting in May.

The changes, complete copies of which can be found in an official announcement elsewhere in today's Pilot, were the result of a study commission's report presented to the Council last month, and several revisions made by the Council itself.

Most notable change is one making it illegal to park anywhere in the business district more than one hour. Previously motorists could park two hours in some areas, one hour in others, and 15 minutes in still others. Now, the only 15 minute areas are in front of the post office and in front of the ABC store.

The business district is composed (Continued on page 8)

CONTRACT SIGNING

Charles Mozur, president of the Mozur Laces, Inc., of Trenton, N. J., is expected to meet with local officials of the Southern Pines Development Corporation here tomorrow (Friday) to sign final contracts for the construction of a \$360,000 lace manufacturing plant.

Robert Ewing, chairman of the local corporation, said today that all but \$1,800 of the total of \$180,000 pledged here had been raised "and that will be on hand by the time the final contracts are signed."

Construction of the plant, which will employ approximately 200 workers initially, is expected to be started within a few weeks. The State Highway Commission is expected to begin work on an access road to the site, just north of Southern Pines on US 1 bypass, in the next few days and actual construction of the plant will start soon thereafter.

Here tomorrow will also be state officials, probably from the Department of Conservation and Development, some representing the Moore County Industrial Development Committee, and some of Mozur's assistants.

Proposed Changes In State Judicial System Explained

Justice, according to Senator Spencer Bell of Charlotte, is a "stupendous" business.

Here Monday to brief the Moore County Bar Association on changes in the state's court system which a committee he heads will soon propose, Senator Bell said that the changes were long overdue and were necessitated by developments in our society.

A hundred years ago, he said, North Carolina had a unified system of courts—at least in the rural areas—which could not be bettered anywhere in the country. But, he added, North Carolina, though still primarily a rural state, has made giant steps in the intervening time and for the most part the court system has not matched the progress made in economic growth.

"What we need," he said, "is a system of dispensing justice that is dignified and beyond reproach."

He was referring to one of the two specific changes his committee has made to date: a revision in the Justice of the Peace system and other inferior courts which would do away with the autonomy presently held by those courts.

His committee, which consists of 15 lawyers and 15 laymen representing all sections of the state, has already asked the legal profession in the state its opinion on a proposal to create a series of district courts. Under that concept, he said, the judge would devote full time to his position and not engage at all in private practice.

The committee envisions, he let it be known, a type system which would employ three judges (Continued on Page 8)

Music Is Topic For PTA Meeting

Music appreciation in the schools will be the program topic for the April meeting of the East Southern Pines Parent-Teacher Association, to be held in Weaver Auditorium, Monday, April 14, at 8 p. m.

Miss Mary Logan, local schools supervisor, will explain how music is taught. Children of the elementary school will assist in illustrating various teaching methods.

Mrs. I. A. Woodell, PTA president, urges parents to attend and invites others in the community who are interested in the program subject.