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STATE READY TO BUILD ACCESS TO LACE PLANT

Local Highway Problems Aired At Aberdeen Meeting; Study of Southern Entrance To Parkway Being Made

Southern Pines' expectations for a new industry are being watched with interest by State Highway Commission personnel, and when the time comes the department will "cooperate to its fullest ability," said W. F. Babcock, state director of highways, at a meeting held Tuesday at Aberdeen.

Babcock's answer came in response to a question by Southern Pines Councilman and Mayor Pro Tem Robert S. Ewing, who asked what the highway department might be expected to do in regard to an access from the Parkway, in the event the new lace plant is built here as anticipated.

This was one of the many questions posed at the meeting at Eighth Division headquarters to which town and county officials in Moore, Lee, Chatham and Randolph were invited. The meeting was one of a series covering all counties, being held about the State for discussion and better mutual understanding of local highway problems. Heading the Tuesday morning question-and-answer session were Babcock, Harold Makepeace, director of secondary roads; Earl Crump, chief assistant state engineer, and Sam Beard, public relations

director for the Highway Commission.

Southern Pines was represented by Mayor Blue, Ewing and Town Manager Louis Scheipers. Ewing asked also concerning the possibility of a bridge being constructed at Blewetts Falls, on the Pee Dee River, where a \$12 million nuclear reactor plant is to be built. Such a bridge would bring the huge plant many miles nearer to the Sandhills section. Babcock said such a bridge was to come up immediately for discussion in the department, as it "must inevitably come into our thinking."

Mayor Blue presented two local problems, one that of paving an extension from West Pennsylvania avenue into an area where, he said, "possibly 100 families live," between the Midland and Morganton Roads; the other, improvement in the southern approach to Southern Pines—the Broad Street-Morganton Road intersection. This approach he termed "extremely hazardous."

T. G. Poindexter, division engineer, sitting in the audience, spoke up to say, "We have been trying to work something out with the used car lot owner there." He gave no details, how-

ever, and Babcock added "We will try to work something out there but can't guarantee a thing, unless and until we have a lot more money in sight. We have a billion dollars' worth of requests on hand right now." He advised further consultations with the engineer on both projects.

The entire board of Moore county commissioners was present, also mayors or other town representatives of Pinebluff, Carthage, Pinehurst, Cameron and Aberdeen. All presented local problems except Bob Yates, Aberdeen town clerk, who, asked why he sat silent, replied, "We're happy. All we want is for the highway folks to come to our shad-bake Friday night."

At the close of the meeting J. M. Cheshire, Lee County commissioner, rose to pay a glowing tribute to Engineer Poindexter, resident of Aberdeen. He said, "I've often cursed him out because he wouldn't do what I wanted, but I know him to be the most sincere and honest of public officials, as well as efficient. If you folks aren't paying him the highest salary he can get, he's underpaid." The gathering accorded Poindexter a real ovation.

One-Week Term Of Criminal Court To Have Small Docket

Von Canon Is Slated For Trial In Highway Deaths

Fifteen cases are on the warrant docket for bills and 30 are on the trial docket for a one-week term of Superior Court for Moore County opening Monday. Judge J. A. Rousseau, who had arranged earlier this month for a substitute for the term (Judge Reid Thompson of Pittsboro) notified the Clerk of Court's office in Carthage this week that he would be present for the session.

Expected to attract widest interest are the two cases against Richard VonCanon of West End, who is charged in both with careless and reckless driving resulting in a fatality and exceeding the safe speed. The charges grew out of an automobile collision last August 31 in which Bobby J. Morris of Denton was killed instantly, injuring five others. One of them, William Wayne Brackett of High Point, died November 16. He had never been removed from the critical list.

The accident occurred one mile west of West End on Highway 211 late at night. VonCanon, who was also injured, was placed in the hospital at the time, later being transferred to Fort Bragg and still later to Fort Jackson, S. C., where he was stationed in the Army.

Both cases are scheduled for trial Wednesday.

The warrant docket lists the following: Dannie McDougald, robbery; James Monroe, assault with a deadly weapon with intent (Continued on Page 8)

LIBRARY MEETING

The annual meeting of the Southern Pines Library Association will be held at 4 o'clock tomorrow (Friday) in the library, and will include the election of new officers and trustees and reports on all projects currently underway.

A. C. Dawson, association president, reminded members that the meeting would be for the full membership, which includes 245 patrons.

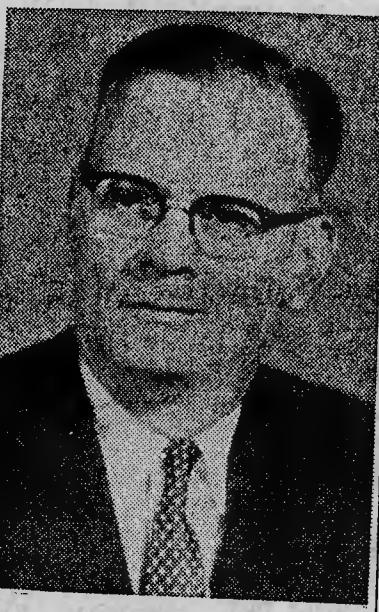
Officers in addition to Dawson are George Leonard, Jr., first vice president; Mrs. James Boyd, second vice president; C. H. Bowman, treasurer; and Thomas Darst, Jr., secretary.

54 Candidates File For Primary Election

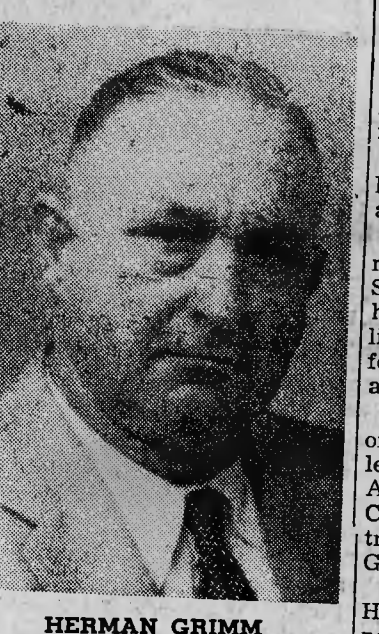
A total of 54 candidates, 37 of them Democrats, have filed for nomination to the 21 seats in county government that will be up for grabs in the November elections.

The field was the largest in a number of years in this county and, according to some observers of the political scene, the largest ever for the Republican Party, which has 17 candidates for various offices.

In 1956, as a contrast to this year, there were no contests at all for any of the county seats.



T. CLYDE AUMAN



HERMAN GRIMM

The biggest interest is centering on the sheriff's position, held for the past 30 years by Charles McDonald, who said in January that he would not seek the office again. A total of eight Democrats, two of whom filed a few hours before the Saturday noon deadline, and one Republican want the job. The Republican is Herbert McCaskill of Robbins, who will face the Democratic nominee.

Who that nominee will be is anyone's guess. Filing Saturday were Herman H. Grimm of Carthage, beer inspector for the State ABC board in 34 eastern counties, and S. J. Bradshaw, also of Carthage, who is the county's electrical inspector. They joined J. Hubert McCaskill of Pinehurst, A. B. Parker of Vass, J. W. "Bunch" Sheffield of Eastwood, C. G. Wimberley of Aberdeen, Charlie Stewart of near Carthage, and Wendell B. Kelly of Carthage.

Wimberley and Kelly are both former members of the State Highway Patrol, Wimberley having resigned just 10 days ago to make an active campaign.

Grim also resigned his position last week in order to campaign actively.

Three of the candidates have run for the job before—Grimm, Sheffield and Kelly. McCaskill has also been a candidate for public office, running unsuccessfully for Clerk of Court several years ago.

Also of much interest last week on the Democratic side of the ledger was the filing of T. Clyde Auman of West End for County Commissioner to represent District 5, a post held many years by Gordon Cameron of Pinehurst.

Auman will run against E. P. Hinson of West End and W. Sidney Taylor, Jr., of Aberdeen.

Other Democratic candidates for nomination are: District 1, John M. Currie, the incumbent, and David Sneath, both of Carthage; District 2, Tom Monroe, Robbins, the incumbent, and Billy Poley of Eagle Springs; District 3, L. R. Reynolds of Ritters township, the incumbent, and Gurney Wilson, Highfalls; and District 4, James Pleasants of Southern Pines, the incumbent, unopposed.

Three contests are in the offing in the Republican primary which will be held at the same time. Races have developed in the nomination for Clerk of Court, with Mrs. S. D. Fobes of Southern Pines slated to oppose Arnold Garner of Robbins; District 5 County Commissioner, A. B. Salley and D. L. Ritter, both of Pinehurst; and in the nomination for (Continued on page 8)

School Break-In Believed To Be

Work Of Vandals

A break-in at both the Southern Pines high and elementary schools Tuesday night is believed to be the work of vandals though police officers said this morning that they were investigating every lead.

Damage to school property was estimated this morning by A. C. Dawson, superintendent, at about \$100. Whoever broke in mangled several doors and windows but did no other damage. They were obviously looking for money because a heavy safe in the elementary school was scratched but unopened.

Entrance was made into the high school by breaking a window in the science room. Three closet doors in the building were also broken into, probably with a crowbar. Dawson said that the doors and locks were ruined and would have to be replaced.

In the elementary school admittance was gained by breaking into the rear door. A lock on the door of Dawson's outer office was also broken.

Last year thieves broke into the elementary school and tore open a safe in Principal Lorie Leonard's office. The safe has never been replaced.

Dawson said this morning that no money is kept in the school overnight. All receipts, he added, were placed in the night depository at the bank.

POPPY DAY

Saturday is Poppy Day in Southern Pines and most people on the streets will be asked to wear a memorial poppy in memory of those who gave their lives in past wars.

Members of the American Legion Auxiliary and other volunteers will distribute the poppies along several streets, beginning with a ceremony early in the morning when Mayor Walter Blue is expected to purchase the first one.

\$200,000 Addition To Get Started At Pinehurst Monday

Construction of a new wing at the Pinehurst Country Club to house additional locker space for both men and women and a caddy building will get underway with groundbreaking Monday.

The project will cost approximately \$200,000, according to officials of Pinehurst, Inc. Dickerson, Inc., of Monroe, was awarded the general contract earlier this month, on a bid of \$104,480. That portion of the contract will provide locker rooms for both men and women, various alterations in the present structure, including an extension of the terrace across the front of the building, and a building for caddies. The addition of the locker rooms, showers and toilet facilities will be 60 feet wide and 175 feet long, with an entrance facing the first tee of the No. 2 course.

Pinehurst officials said that the wing would require the moving of the present 18th hole on No. 2 course to the area now utilized as the first tee of the course. It is estimated that this change in the layout will cost about \$5,000 and necessitates the felling of numerous trees to permit approach to the new green.

The electrical contract was let to the Pinehurst firm of Gouger and Veno on a bid of \$11,732, and the plumbing and heating contract to Pinehurst, Inc., on a bid of \$31,480.

Ray Reeve, Noted Sports Announcer, Speaking Tonight

Ray Reeve, sports director for WRAL-TV in Raleigh and one of the top basketball announcers in the South, will be principal speaker at the 10th annual Rotary Club sponsored basketball banquet for members of boys' and girls' squads of Southern Pines High School tonight at the Elks Club.

Sharing the spotlight with Reeve will be the presentation of the most valuable player awards to a member of both squads by the John Boyd Post of the Veterans of Foreign Wars. Post Commander Clyde Smith will present the awards.

Also on the program is the awarding of letters and stars to squad members, a task that will be taken over by head coach W. A. Leonard and his assistant, Don Moore.

Toastmaster for the occasion will be A. C. Dawson, superintendent of the Southern Pines school system.

Reeve has one of the largest followings in the South for his daily sportscasts on the Raleigh television station. He established his reputation as a basketball announcer many years ago by broadcasting big four games for Raleigh radio stations and moved to the television station when it was founded a few years back. He has been honored on numerous occasions by other sportscasters and sportswriters in the state.

He will be introduced by E. J. Austin, who heads the arrangement committee for the Rotary Club. Other members of his committee are Harry Chatfield and James Baird.

The banquet begins at 7:15. Following the program dancing will be enjoyed in the Elks ballroom.

Children's Final Horse Show This Year Set Sunday

Between 35 and 40 young horsemen are expected to participate in the annual Mid-South Horse Show this Sunday afternoon at Mrs. Mary Doyle's Economy Farm on Young's Road.

The show gets under way at 1:30.

Four divisions will be judged in regular classes and contestants can participate in a bonus class for extra points. The divisions are for beginners, intermediates (A and B), and advanced students.

Children must have ridden in previous shows during the regular season to be eligible to ride in special classes for champions and must have won a first or second (Continued on Page 8)

Music Association Re-Elects Officers For Another Term

Bad weather and conflicts with other events were cited Tuesday night as the principal reasons for a decline in attendance at concerts sponsored during the season by the Sandhills Music Association.

Members of the association, holding their annual meeting Tuesday night in the library, were undivided in their opinion, however, that the series had been one of the most outstanding since the inaugural season several years ago. And, to make them feel better, as it were, a report was made that the North Carolina Little Symphony had found itself in a similar situation: bad weather and conflicting engagements had cut down its attendance figures.

Norris Hodgkins, Jr., was re-elected president of the association, as were the other officers, Mrs. Bill Benson, secretary, and Clinton Areson, treasurer.

Two new vice presidents were added: Thomas Howerton and Mrs. Henry A. Page, Jr.

It was reported at the meeting that a recent request from members for funds to cover the deficit for the year had met with approval. Many contributions have already been received and others expected will make up the amount lost, it was understood.

TO INSURE PAYMENT OF BILLS

Moore Hospital Board Adopts New Policy For Out-of-County Patients

Out-of-county patients admitted to Moore Memorial Hospital in the future will have to post a \$50 advance payment for obstetrical or medical treatment and a \$100 advance payment for major surgery, according to a new policy adopted by the Executive Committee of the Board of Directors at its meeting Tuesday afternoon.

As an alternative, the hospital will accept an insurance policy or an authorization for payment of hospital expenses from a charitable organization.

The new policy was adopted as a means of cutting down on the growing number of out-of-county patients who do not pay for hospital treatment. Meeting in the medical library, with Norris Hodgkins, of Southern Pines, chairman, the committee also de-

Mozur Here For More Negotiations On Plant Contract

Charles Mozur, president of Southern Laces, Inc., the firm that expects to establish a lace manufacturing concern on the outskirts of Southern Pines, arrived here today from Tennessee to attend to the signing of contracts for construction of the plant.

Local officials said this morning that negotiations between Mr. Mozur and C. M. Guest of Greensboro, the firm that bid on construction of the plant, were still underway but contracts should be signed within the next few days.

Hopefully, they said, construction would begin soon on the building that will cost in the neighborhood of \$360,000.

Mr. Mozur, reached at Mid Pines club, said anything that he might announce today would be "premature" and nothing definite could be said until he meets with Mr. Guest and local officials of the Southern Pines Development Corp., the group that has conducted a successful campaign locally to raise \$180,000 to help pay for construction of the building.

36-Hole Tourney Planned By Elks; To Last One Week

A 36-hole medal play tournament for members of the Southern Pines Elks Lodge and the Southern Pines Country Club gets underway Sunday and lasts throughout the week.

Ladies are also invited to enter the tournament, according to the Activities Committee of the Elks Lodge, sponsors.

Prizes will be awarded to two low gross winners and two low net winners of each flight. They will be presented at a dinner Saturday night, May 3.

Entry fee for the tourney is \$3, all of which will be used to purchase prizes. Those entering will play in flights of eight on a full handicap basis.

The tournament committee consists of Roy Grinnell, Andy Page, Carlos Fry and Tom Shockley.

50th Anniversary M'Cain Sanatorium Marked Yesterday

Fifty long years in the fight against tuberculosis, the "great white killer," in North Carolina were observed at M'Cain Sanatorium yesterday afternoon.

Workers in the state tuberculosis control program, pausing for a golden anniversary look at the past, were warned that the crusade is unfinished despite numerous victories along the way.

The disease, which ranked as the state's number one killer fifty years ago, has been halted to a great extent but still rates as the top communicable disease, Dr. J. W. R. Norton, the state's health director, told the estimated crowd of 150 that attended the anniversary program.

State officials and health leaders gathered in the auditorium at the sanatorium to pay tribute also to 21 employees who have served with the sanatorium 25 years or longer. At the center of the ceremonies was Mrs. P. P. M'Cain, daughter and widow of two of the pioneers in the battles against TB.

Mrs. M'Cain, of Southern Pines, recalled the growth of the sanatorium from ill-equipped shacks in the wilderness to a modern plant with sister institutions at Wilson, Black Mountain and Chapel Hill.

Mrs. M'Cain went to the sanatorium in 1913 as Sadie MacBryden, daughter of Dr. L. B. Mac-

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COURT OF AWARDS

A Girl Scout Court of Awards will be held in the auditorium at Southern Pines High School Monday night at 8 o'clock.

A large number of awards will be presented, according to Girl Scout officials. Parents and the general public are invited.

Telephone Hearing Put Off Until May 6 By Commission

A scheduled hearing by the State Utilities Commission to consider a rate increase request by the United Telephone Company of the Carolinas, Inc., was postponed Tuesday and the new date set May 6.

Officials here could not say definitely what the Commission's reason for postponing the hearing was but it is believed that opposing attorneys requested the additional time to gather more information.

Twelve towns, including Southern Pines and some others in the county, would be involved in any rate increases if they are approved.

The company, which maintains offices here, petitioned the Commission in February for a \$277,000 increase in its rates to help get out of a "squeeze" caused by increased expenses and increased investments during the period 1951 to 1957.