



REGISTERED AS DEMOCRATS

Two Republican Candidates Found Ineligible For Primary Election

Moore County Republicans, who had three primary races scheduled May 31, learned this week that two candidates have been declared ineligible and the primary races were cut to one.

Mrs. Annie Foster of Jackson Hamlet, who was opposing James Harrington of Pinehurst for a seat on the Board of Education, was found to be a registered Democrat as was Mrs. S. D. Fobes of Southern Pines, who was opposing Arthur Garner of Robbins for the Clerk of Court.

Robert S. Ewing of Southern Pines, county GOP chairman, after being informed that the two names would be removed from the ballots, said:

"There was, of course, no intention on our part to circumvent the law in any respect. We knew it (the law) but understood that Mrs. Fobes was not registered, a fact which we only found out to be so after she went down to register last Saturday.

"While our election laws are complicated, I must say that we are fortunate in Moore County in always having good, clean elections. And I know of no more honest and upstanding public officials than the members of the Elections Board. It is the Republican Party's desire to cooperate with them in every respect and we regret this occurrence."

Withdrawal of the two names left the Republicans with only the primary race between D. L. Ritter of West End and A. B. Sally of Pinehurst for County Commissioner from the Fifth District.

Mrs. Foster, the first Negro in more than half a century to run for county office in this county, denied to a newspaper reporter this week that she had ever been registered as a Democrat. She had earlier said she was a "lifelong Republican."

Her name is on the registration books in Aberdeen as a Democrat, however, according to Mrs. Charles Dunn, the registrar there. Mrs. Foster, it was also learned, has also voted in the past few primary elections.

Mrs. Fobes, in a letter to the Elections Board, said she was extremely sorry for the mistake and that it had been unintentional. She said she was intending to register as a Republican as soon as the registration books opened this year, and subsequently did, but discovered that she was in the wrong because it is a rule that a person must not be registered in one party and file for office in another.

"I am sorry for causing embarrassment to the many friends who have asked me to run," she said. "I hope they understand this was an honest mistake."

Sale of Maternal Welfare Tags On Saturday Planned For County Towns

This coming weekend, with its recognition of Mother's Day on Sunday, brings to Moore people the opportunity to give to this celebration a practical significance. On Saturday the little green and white tags of the Moore County Maternal Welfare Committee will be on sale in all towns of the county.

The point of the appeal cannot be missed for proceeds of the drive go to the support of a free bed for needy mothers at Moore Memorial Hospital.

Funds raised by means of this annual appeal are the only source of support for a work that ranks high in Moore County and State health annals. It started as a pioneer venture in 1935, the committee including women from all sections of the county, organized and started the first prenatal clinics then held by the County Department of Public Health. Added to this effort at that time was the training of some fifteen to twenty midwives then carrying on this old-time profession.

Now, long past the pioneer stage, the committee's work is largely confined to support of the free bed at Moore Memorial Hospital. This bed, located in the Elizabeth Woltz Currie Maternity ward, established by the committee in memory of the founder, has taken care of sixteen mothers during the past year and there are several more scheduled for the coming months. Cost of a de-

Democrats Reelect Thomas Precinct Chairman Here

Four out of five members were reelected, with one replacement, at the Southern Pines Democratic precinct committee meeting held Saturday afternoon at the library.

Returned to membership were Joe C. Thomas, Mrs. Hilda E. Ruggles, Curtis Everette and Mrs. Valerie Nicholson. The new member elected was Howard Fry, replacing Paul C. Butler.

Meeting later, the committee reelected the same officers to serve during the coming biennium: Joe C. Thomas, chairman; Mrs. Hilda E. Ruggles, vice-chairman, and Mrs. Valerie Nicholson, secretary.

Only a scant dozen attended the precinct committee meeting, which was characterized by peace and harmony. W. Lamont Brown, chairman of the Moore County Democratic executive committee and a member of the precinct, urged attendance at the county convention to be held at the courthouse at 3 p. m. next Saturday, and at the state convention to be held at Raleigh (Continued on Page 5)

Red Cross Plans Annual Election Chapter Officers

The Moore County Chapter, American Red Cross, will hold its annual meeting for election of officers tomorrow (Friday) at 7:45 p. m. in the fellowship hall of the Church of Wide Fellowship. Everyone is welcome to attend.

An interesting program has been planned, according to announcement by the executive secretary, Mrs. Audrey K. Kennedy. There will be singing by the Southern Pines High School Glee Club, a skit by Junior Red Cross members of the eighth grade of the Cameron school, in addition to reports of all activities during the year.

The new officers will be installed by Father Francis Smith. The Rev. Carl Wallace will give the invocation and the closing prayer will be by the Rev. W. S. Golden of Carthage.



BOOSTERS CLUB check for \$570 was turned over to A. C. Dawson, superintendent of Southern Pines schools, this week by Chan Page, president of the club. The check represented the largest amount the club has ever raised for supplementing the athletic program at the high school. (Emerson Humphrey photo)

TO SUPPLEMENT ATHLETIC PROGRAM

Boosters Club Turns Over Largest Check In History To High School

The Blue Knights Boosters Club, reporting their most successful year to date, turned over to Southern Pines High School a check for \$570 Monday night to be used as a supplement to the school athletic program.

Chan Page, outgoing president of the organization, made the presentation to A. C. Dawson, school superintendent. The check represented proceeds from advertising in the football programs and the sale of the programs themselves.

The club, holding its annual meeting at the Southern Pines Country Club, elected Harry Chatfield president to succeed Page. Other new officers are R. M. Cushman, vice president, and Margaret Hobbs, secretary-treasurer.

Members of the Board of Directors are William Caton, Dawn Leland, Charles Rowe, Tom Morgan and Irie Leonard, head football and baseball coach at the school. Robert Ewing was named chairman of the club's publicity committee.

About 40 members of the club enjoyed a hamburger supper prior to the formal meeting.

Telephone Co. Making Case For Rate Boost Today

Officials of the United Telephone Company of the Carolinas, Inc., continued their testimony before the State Utilities Commission today in efforts to secure a rate increase that would cost United's customers about \$214,000 per year.

The hearings began in Raleigh Tuesday. Vern E. Larson, vice president, treasurer and general manager of the company, testified that because of higher operating costs the company's net income has dropped since 1955 although its gross revenues have increased during the same period.

United, which has headquarters in Southern Pines, had earnings totaling \$159,200 in 1955, but they dropped to \$136,200 in 1957, and unless the rate increase is granted will drop to about \$134,800 this year, Larson said.

The company, he told the commission, has spent large sums improving its facilities so that the value of its plant in North Carolina has increased by \$1,283,403 since 1954. But, he added, the company's investment per telephone in service has increased from \$156 at the end of 1954 to \$214 at the end of 1957.

Testifying yesterday was Robert Strouse, the company's auditor. The company, in addition to serving Southern Pines, also serves Angier, Bonlee, Carthage, Fuquay-Varina, Gibsonville, Goldston, Kernersville, Marshville, Norwood, Siler City, Pinehurst and Vass.

Hospital Board Asks County For Increased Funds

Losing Thousands Yearly Taking Care Of Indigent

Citing rising costs as the principal reason, four officials of Moore Memorial Hospital went before the Board of County Commissioners this week and reported that the hospital was going in the hole "many thousands of dollars" each year by providing care for patients who live in the county and are unable to pay their medical bills.

Those same people, the officials said, are an obligation of the county, not the hospital, and the county should hasten to make adequate provision for financing their future medical care.

Appearing Monday before the commissioners, who are now hearing budget requests for the coming fiscal year, were John F. Taylor of Pinehurst, president of the hospital's board of directors; Denison K. Bullens of Southern Pines, chairman of its finance committee; Paul Dana, of Pinehurst, hospital treasurer; and Thomas Howerton of Southern Pines, administrator.

One of the group, Bullens, told the commissioners at the outset of the meeting that people in this county "are getting one of the biggest and best bargains in the country today—\$78,000 worth of medical attention for an outlay of only \$17,000."

He was referring to the amount the county pays the hospital for (Continued on page 5)

Four New Bids On Lace Plant Asked By Mozur

To Be Opened In Durham Next Wednesday



HAROLD COLLINS

Collins To Head Drive For Scouts

Harold A. Collins of Southern Pines has been named chairman of the 1958 Boy Scout fund raising campaign in the county, according to an announcement made this week by Joseph Sandlin, chairman of the district executive committee.

The drive will be held this fall, Collins said, but many arrangements are already being made.

Four invited bids will be opened in the Durham offices of John Latimer, architect for the proposed Southern Laces, Inc., plant near here next Wednesday.

Robert Ewing, president of the Southern Pines Development Corporation, said that some revisions had been made in original plans and it was hoped that the new bids will be lower than the one recently made by Guest and Sons of Greensboro, one that was subsequently turned down by Charles Mozur, president of Southern Laces.

Ewing said that the bid opening would allow ample time for completion of the plant, providing a decision is made to construct it, prior to the November 7 deadline set by the North Carolina Business Development Corporation, which would hold a first mortgage on the building.

Guest will be one of the bidders next week as will J. A. Jones Construction Company of Charlotte, a firm that was slightly higher than Guest in the original bidding. The other two bidders' company names were not revealed.

Ewing said the local group was, of course, "very hopeful that the new bids will come in nearer the approximate \$350,000 we had originally planned on. We look at the prospects for the building getting underway as 'extremely hopeful' at this time."

Mrs. Bell Is Golf Article Subject

To Appear In Future Issue Of Sports Illustrated

Mrs. Warren Bell, known professionally in golf circles as Peggy Kirk Bell, will be the subject of a "Tips From the Top" article in a future issue of Sports Illustrated magazine. The articles usually feature golf professionals on different aspects of the game.

Herbert Warren Wind, pictured at left with Mrs. Bell, was here last week at the Pine Needles Country Club gathering information for the story. He is one of the nation's foremost golf writers, considered by many as tops in the field at present. He regularly conducts the "Tips" column for Sports Illustrated.

Author of numerous books about golf (including one about Ben Hogan), Mr. Wind himself is a golfer and got in a few rounds on his Sandhills visit.

He didn't promise when the article would appear but did say that this area remains one of the best golfing spots in the world.



AT OPEN MEETING TUESDAY

Final Meeting Of PTA Slated Monday, May 12

Final meeting of the school year for the Southern Pines Parent-Teacher Association will feature election of officers for the 1958-59 term and an entertainment program by the Blue Knights Choir. The meeting is scheduled for 8 p. m., Monday, May 12, in Weaver Auditorium.

Mrs. I. A. Woodell, president, said that reports will be made by Treasurer Bob Leland and by other officers and committee heads.

There will be a social hour, with refreshments, in the school cafeteria after the meeting.

Mrs. Woodell urges attendance by all PTA members, as well as friends of the organization and others interested in hearing the concert by the Choir.

The Choir, composed of about 45 high school and junior high school boys and girls, will be directed by Roger Gibbs in a program of sacred, secular and novelty songs. It will be the choir's last public performance of the school year, except for participation in graduation ceremonies.

BANK CLOSED

The Citizens Bank and Trust Company will be closed Saturday, May 10, for Confederate Memorial Day.

Damage To Trees Here Said Caused By Winter Freeze

Freezing weather has been given tentatively as the reason that several magnolia and dogwood trees in this area have died in recent weeks.

H. J. Green, pest control forester with the North Carolina Department of Conservation and Development, visited Southern Pines this week at the request of Town Manager Louis Scheipers and examined a number of trees which appeared to be either dead or dying. He said that an off-hand opinion was that severe weather in this area during the winter had caused the condition.

It was first noticed about three or four weeks ago, Scheipers said, that several trees were dying. He asked Fred Claridge, state forester, to make an examination as to the possibility of a blight or some other reason for the condition.

Green took samples this week and carried them back to Raleigh. He said he would know in three or four weeks whether a blight had indeed hit the area, but said before departing that he doubted it.

New Parking Limits Evoke Variety Of Complaints By Town Merchants

About 60 people, most of them downtown merchants and professional people, turned out for an open meeting in Weaver Auditorium Tuesday night to discuss the town's new one hour parking ordinance.

Judging from the comments made, few, if any, were in accord with the Town Council on the new law which was put into effect just a few days ago restricting parking in the main business area to one hour. Previously, motorists could park a maximum of two hours.

Observations at the meeting, which was fairly well attended despite rainy weather, ranged all the way from one merchant's statement that the ordinance would serve to run local business to nearby towns to another to the effect that out-of-town customers would frown on shopping here "once they knew they would get a ticket if they parked overtime."

surance salesman, stated flatly that the town had no parking problem at all and that all restrictions should be discontinued.

The meeting was an outgrowth of a flurry of activity on the part of a number of merchants who, during the comparatively short length of time the ordinance has been in effect, have become dissatisfied with it. Criticism has been harsh and petitions have been passed up and down Broad Street. Reports circulated at the meeting indicated a large number of people had signed the petitions which, it has been learned, call for a return in many areas to the two-hour parking limit formerly in effect.

On hand to explain the background of the ordinance and to help interpret it was Town Manager Louis Scheipers, Mayor Pro Tem Robert Ewing, and Councilman James Hobbs. Another Councilman, J. B. Tollison was also in the audience but did not (Continued on page 8)