



ONE HOUR PARKING on downtown streets drew a large crowd to the Town Council meeting Tuesday night. This photo shows part of the crowd listening to Councilman James Tollison give his view on the controversial question. (Pilot photo)

Pre-School Clinic Planned For Those Enrolling In Fall

Pre-school registration will be held at East Southern Pines elementary school next Thursday, May 22, from 9 to 12. The clinic is for children who will be six years of age before October 15 and who plan to enter the school next fall.

Parents are urged to bring the birth certificates and date of shots for immunization and vaccinations of their children, according to A. C. Dawson, superintendent.

There will be no shots given that day but nurses will be present to obtain routine information. "It is extremely important for all parents whose children will enter elementary school next year to come to the clinic," Dawson said, "so they will know what to expect for the opening of the school term."

Gen. R. B. Hill Is Elected Chairman Of Red Cross Here

Retired Army general Robert B. Hill of Southern Pines was elected chairman of the Moore County Chapter of the American Red Cross at the annual meeting here last Friday night. He has been serving in the capacity since the resignation of Garland McPherson several months ago.

Gen. Lehman W. Miller of Southern Pines succeeds Gen. Hill as first vice chairman.

Other vice chairmen named at the meeting were E. H. Garrison, Jr., of Carthage, Dr. E. M. Medlin of Aberdeen, and Dr. Charles Phillips of Southern Pines. Miss Grace Tillman of Carthage was elected secretary and Earl Hubbard of Southern Pines was named treasurer.

The board of directors, which is on a three-year rotating basis, got new members as follows: The Rev. W. S. Golden of Carthage, Arthur Williams of Eagle Springs, Dr. Emily Tufts of Pinehurst, Reid Alexander of Robbins, and W. J. Morgan of Vass.

All officers and board members were installed by Father Francis Smith of St. Anthony's Catholic Church. The chapter presented a silver tray to Lynn Warren, field representative, who is moving to Montgomery, Ala., in the near future, and complimented him on his work here during the past three years.

Other events on the program were a series of songs by the Southern Pines Glee Club under the direction of Roger Gibbs, a sketch of Moore County history presented by students of the 8th grade at Cameron school.

The sixth grades of Carthage and Robbins made identification tags for the meeting, and four junior Red Cross members—Sarah Black, Lou Ellen Hall, Pat Shaver and Mary Frances Freeman, all of West End—were registrars.

Stanley Austin of Southern Pines showed a color film, "The Heart of the Town," which depicted the work of the blood bank, and John Buchholz, also of Southern Pines, spoke briefly about the importance of a blood bank program to a community.

TO STUDY ENTIRE MID-TOWN SET-UP

Town Council Backtracks On One Hour Parking Limit; Merchants Promise Cooperation In Off Street Parking

Plagued with complaints from merchants who have been grumbling about the new one-hour parking ordinance, the Town Council left little doubt Tuesday night that something will be done in the near future to alleviate the situation.

Just what action will be taken was not disclosed but those who attended the meeting felt a return to the two-hour system, accompanied by rigid enforcement, would be the final answer.

That was the proposal made by a special committee of the Chamber of Commerce which was appointed following an open meeting last week. The committee was instructed at that time to come up with definite proposals by the merchants for presentation to the Council and the reasons for those proposals.

The committee was composed of Mrs. Graham Culbreth, Mrs. John Ruggles, Dr. L. M. Daniels, Dr. Robert McMillan, and H. L. Tate.

Mrs. Culbreth, who acted as spokesman, said the committee's work had been "hurried" but represented what was felt to be the majority opinion of merchants. In the recommendations she outlined, the Council would rescind the one-hour limit, re-instate the two-hour limit, and enforce it rigidly. Also, she added, the Chamber would encourage a self-governing policy among merchants to keep their cars and those of their employees off the principal business streets.

"We're in desperate circumstances," Mrs. Culbreth said. "Already we have seen these new restrictions make many of our cus-

BANK CLOSED

The Citizens Bank and Trust Company will be closed next Tuesday, May 20, for Mecklenburg Declaration Day, a statewide observance.

County Commissioners Give Views On Questions Of Current Interest

(Editor's Note: This year there are 11 men running on the Democratic ticket for nomination to the Board of County Commissioners in the May 31 primary. Each represents a district—there are five—and chances are five of them will be elected in November. In order to get their views on several issues that have been discussed recently, The Pilot prepared a series of questions and set out to get answers. Before the election all will be asked the same questions and their answers will be published. Today, Tom Monroe of Robbins, and James Pleasants of Southern Pines, are the ones who have been interviewed. Both are incumbents and one, Pleasants, has no opposition in the primary.)

Monroe, who has opposition from Billy Poley of near Eagle Springs, says any answers he should be looked on as given by a man who does not want to see an increase in taxes. "Some people are having a tough enough time paying them now and I just

don't see how we can even think about raising them" and who thinks that the enormous amount required for operation and building of new schools will come to an end in the next few years.

What About A County Manager? In answer to the question: What do you think should be done about hiring a full-time county manager, a question that has been raised in the past, Monroe answered this way: "Hiring a good full time manager is, of course, an expensive thing. We have five commissioners; they meet regularly, and spend money as wisely as they know how. The State and Federal governments, of course, govern to a great extent the way we appropriate funds and the small amount that is left would not, in my opinion, be enough to justify hiring a man to oversee how it is spent. We also have, I might remind you, an excellent county auditor, Mrs. Estelle Wick-er, and she keeps pretty close watch on where the money is going. I would also remind you that we operate from a strict budget. The number of employees who are hired by the county and

others, including the out-of-town ones, angry and dissatisfied. If the rules we suggest were observed, I believe the town could take down all parking signs and hang out welcome signs."

She said that one-hour parking was definitely not the answer. The town planning board had recommended one-hour parking on some streets as the only way to eliminate what it felt was a serious problem and continuing to grow.

A fairly large delegation attended the meeting and most cited personal experiences with their customers to illustrate the dissatisfaction being shown with the new ordinance.

Most members of the delegation felt that some parts of the ordinance (i.e. doing away with diagonal parking in some areas) were excellently conceived and should not be changed.

The matter of courtesy cards for visitors was brought up by several of those attending who said they had never seen them. Town Manager Louis Scheipers displayed all three types of tickets; officers are authorized to give and one of them was a courtesy card.

SOFTBALL MEETING

Morris Johnson, commissioner of the Southern Pines summer softball league, has called another meeting in the town offices tonight for managers and players who wish to join the league.

He said that final details for the program, which is sponsored by the town recreation department, will be worked out and a schedule arranged.

All managers or other representatives of teams are urged to attend tonight's meeting, which begins at 7:30.

Speech Clinic

Dr. Dawson also announced (Continued on Page 8)

Scheipers said they had been used where it was known the car owner was from out of town. The other two, he said, were for first offenders and for those who had violated the law.

One suggestion, made by Dr. Daniels, seemed to catch the fancy of the Council. That concerned issuing special cards for guests of the hotels in the business area to allow them more parking time.

As to a suggestion made that the one-hour law be overlooked in the next 30 days while the Council is deliberating the new proposals, the Council turned it down, saying that the law was on the books and had to be upheld.

Near the conclusion of the discussion Town Manager Scheipers asked the Council for authorization to advertise for a public hearing on the entire traffic code of the town which he said would serve to clear up several points that have been confusing for some time.

The authorization was granted. In the meantime, drivers will have just one hour for parking in the business section.

C. S. Patch, Jr.

Will Head PTA In Coming Year

C. S. Patch, Jr., was elected president of the Southern Pines Parent-Teacher Association at the organization's final meeting of the school year, held in Weaver Auditorium Monday night.

Other officers who will serve in 1958-'59 are: Mrs. R. L. Chandler, Jr., first vice-president; Miss Pete Dana, second vice-president; Mrs. Robert W. Leland, secretary; and W. S. Thomasson, treasurer.

All the new officers were elected unanimously by acceptance of the slate submitted by a nominating committee.

Mrs. I. A. Woodell, retiring president, presided. She was accorded a round of applause for her outstanding service during the past year.

Following the business session, the Blue Knights Choir, 45-voice high school vocal group, presented a concert of sacred, secular and novelty songs, under the direction of Roger Gibbs. The program was opened with two selections by the Junior High School Chorus.

Retiring treasurer R. M. Leland reported that over \$900 was taken in during the past year and that the PTA is ending the year with a balance of between \$100 and \$120.

Mrs. Woodell expressed her appreciation to PTA officers and committee members, as well as to a number of faculty members, for their cooperation during the past year.

Dr. A. C. Dawson, Jr., superintendent, announced the pre-school registration for children entering the first grade next fall, to be held at the elementary school Thursday, May 22. (For details, see another story in today's Pilot.)

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Town Asked To Take Over Future Library Operation

Council Postpones Decision Until Next Meeting

Trustees of the Southern Pines Library Association made a strong bid for the town to take over future operation of the library at the regular meeting of the Town Council Tuesday night.

No formal action was taken on the request but several members of the Council said following the meeting that they privately were "disposed to look favorably on the request."

A. C. Dawson, president of the association, acted as its spokesman and said the trustees had reached the point where they felt the library should be publicly supported. He said the library was in serious financial straits at present and "only because of a few small legacies had it been able to operate this long."

Operation of the facility would require an appropriation of about \$6,000 per year, at least in the next few years, he said, basing his estimate on budgets of the past few years and the added amount required to make it the type library which would benefit the most people.

During the next budget year, however, the cost to the town would be only \$3,725, he said, citing income of \$1775 and tentative expenditures of \$5500.

One of the biggest problems the library now has, he said, was the lack of funds for purchasing new books and periodicals. Last year, for instance, the association spent \$1338 for books, periodicals and newspapers, an amount which Dawson described as wholly inadequate. Miss Lockie Parker, chairman of the association's book committee, said that in the first four months of this year only half as many books had been purchased as in the same period last year. She said higher costs and the lack of funds were the principal reasons.

Book purchases at the library are governed by the amount of money available rather than the actual need, Dawson said, and the amount available "never seems to be enough to buy what we know is needed."

He cited figures which show that circulation is up over last year, however, and is continuing to mount. In 1957, circulation was 24 thousand plus and attendance was placed at more than 12,000, or between 35 and 40 people every day the year 'round.

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Lace Plant Seems Assured; Bids To Be Opened Tonight

Chances for this community to become the location of a lace manufacturing plant seemed much brighter this morning.

Norris Hodgkins, Jr., member of the Southern Pines Industrial Development Corporation, said that he and other members of the committee had been led to believe that bids to be received late this afternoon in the Durham offices of John Latimer, architect for the project, "would be low enough to be acceptable" to Charles Mozur, president of Southern Laces, Inc. the firm that will operate the plant.

Actually, the bids were due to be opened yesterday but Latimer had to be out of his office and the opening was postponed until today.

Hodgkins said that Mozur and Latimer would be in Southern Pines tomorrow morning to discuss the proposition, but it could not be learned whether the actual signing of contracts would be accomplished at that time.

Two weeks ago Mozur turned down a bid submitted by C. M. Guest and Sons of Greensboro because it was too high for the amount of funds available. At that time he instructed Latimer to make some alterations in the plans and accept new bids.

It is understood here that Guest did not bid on the second go around. The identity of the bidders this week could not be learned.

Mid Pines Club Brings Suit Against State For Right-Of-Way Damages

State Refuses Commission's Recommendations

The first lawsuit involving right-of-way damages on the new US 1 bypass is headed for court next week, it was learned here yesterday.

The State Highway Commission has apparently refused a recommended award of \$9,040 for claimed damages to property owned by Mid Pines Club and, unless the case is settled out of court, will be defendant in a suit scheduled for trial Wednesday. Mid Pines had accepted the adjusted claim.

First public announcement of the developments in the case came at a Town Council meeting Tuesday night when Manager Louis Scheipers said he had learned that a rumor was circulating that the town was blocking the settlement. He disclaimed any activity in the matter though he told the Council he had been kept up to date on proceedings for several weeks.

The rumor, he added, made it appear that the town was siding with Mid Pines Club to the extent that it was bringing pressure to bear on the State to settle the claim.

"We of course have an interest in Mid Pines," he said, "not only from the point of being interested in the amount of the claim, of which the town will have to pay one-third, but also because it is a community asset. But this is a state matter and I have left it to them, as I should, to settle."

The Council went on record as not desiring to become involved but, at the same time, publicly stated that Mid Pines was one of the town's major assets and hoped a settlement could be reached suitable to each party.

The background of the suit is complicated but boils down to this: Mid Pines originally asked \$17,500 damages of the State but was offered only \$3,500. A commission was appointed by Clerk of Court Carleton Kennedy, a standard procedure in such cases, and it was instructed to visit the property alleged to have been damaged, appraise it, and recommend a fair and equitable settlement.

The commission was composed of Paul Dana of Pinehurst, and Harry Fullenwider and John Goldsmith of Southern Pines. They recommended the figure of \$9,040 which was subsequently turned down by the State.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Cosgrove, owners of Mid Pines, said this morning that the State had taken about 11 acres for right-of-way, but the land was secondary to the damages done to the lake on the property.

Mrs. Cosgrove said it was rapidly filling with drainage from the thruway and would be useless in a few years. That is the principal reason for the damages asked, she added.

The former owners of the property, Homeland Development Corporation, made arrangements several years ago, when the highway was first planned, for the State to

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Darst Named To Orphanage Board In Charlotte

Thomas C. Darst, Jr., of Southern Pines was elected a member of the Board of Managers of Thompson Orphanage in Charlotte at the annual convention of the Episcopal Diocese of North Carolina held this week in Raleigh.

Darst is one of the few people outside of Charlotte ever to be elected to the board. This year, delegates to the convention were told, the work of the board will assume major proportions since the orphanage will be moved outside the limits of Charlotte and work will be started on a multi-million dollar shopping center on the orphanage property close to the downtown section.

A representative of the company which is building the center was at the convention in Raleigh and told the delegates that the property was probably the single most valuable piece of real estate in the Southeast. The orphanage, supported by the Episcopal Church, has agreed to lease the property for 99 years and move into new quarters in the country.

Darst is also a member of the Board of Directors of Children's Home in Greensboro.

Others from Southern Pines attending the Raleigh meeting were the Rev. Martin Caldwell, Gen. L. H. Miller, president of the laymen's group here, Leonard Muddimer and Sherwood Brockwell, Jr.

Members of the North Carolina Association of Broadcasters Inc., opened their two-day spring meeting here today.

Technical talks were on the morning program, with a golf tournament scheduled for the afternoon.

The banquet speaker tonight will be Thad Brown of Washington, vice president for television, National Association of Broadcasters.

Brig. Gen. William N. Gross of Langley Air Force Base, Va., will address the closing luncheon session Friday. Gross is chief of staff with the Tactical Air Command and was formerly commanding officer of the Air-Ground school here.

Some Employees Go On Shorter Week At Carpet Plant

A slowdown in operations in three departments in the A.&M. Karageusian carpet plant in Aberdeen has caused hours of some employees in those departments to be cut.

J. Cecil Beith, plant manager, said that only about half the employees in the departments have been affected by the change, which amounts to a four-day week.

"We hope and believe this is only temporary," he said, "but of course we cannot tell from week to week what the situation will be. This is the first reflection we have had here of conditions all over the country, affecting not only our industry, but others, and we think we have been pretty lucky to have felt it no more than we have."

The departments affected are weaving, beaming and finishing.

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