

## Chamber Suspends Operations For Indefinite Period

**Cites Continuing Lack Of Interest As Prime Reason**

Directors of the Chamber of Commerce voted Tuesday night to suspend activities of the organization until further notice.

The action, which directors said they were reluctant to take, came after several months of what one director described as "apathy on the part of many of our members and a complete lack of interest by many businessmen who should be members."

The Chamber is not actually out of business entirely, however. The directors left a small chance of reopening when they decided to open "when and if more interest and support is provided."

A special three man committee will go before the Town Council at its regular meeting Tuesday night and ask that the town take over some of the functions previously in the purview of the Chamber. The directors said that was the only chance at the present of having a promotional organization in the town.

The committee to talk with the Council is composed of Joe Scott, president, Ward Hill and Al Foley.

Closing of the Chamber offices has been a constant threat for several months. The goal for membership this year has been less than half successful and a drive to encourage those who were members to double their membership fees proved only partially successful.

Closing of the automobile license bureau was also a blow to local businesses but Chamber directors said the operation was a losing venture as it was presently constituted.

Mrs. Don Traylor, who began her duties as the new secretary only Tuesday morning, would have operated the license bureau in the fall after completing a training course required.

There has, as was expected, been a great deal of discussion among businessmen since word got around of the Tuesday night action. Many felt it was a distinct blow to area business to have the Chamber close its doors. Others felt that without sufficient interest from all business concerns, closing was the only answer.

Scott said it was his hope that the Chamber could be reopened in the fall if a better answer is not reached before then.

"We'll need much more support than we're getting now, however," he said, "and the support must come from everyone who benefits from the Chamber's activities."

## Hospital Will Seek Funds For Air Conditioning Of Part Of Building

At a meeting of the Executive Committee of Moore Memorial Hospital in Pinehurst last week, the board authorized Thomas R. Howerton, hospital administrator, to submit an application for aid from the North Carolina Medical Care Commission to furnish air-conditioning in patient areas of the hospital.

The hospital, it was noted, would be required to put up one-third of the amount requested. This is now available, from the hospital itself, and from the Women's Auxiliary, which has set aside funds derived from some of its benefit projects of last winter. Sufficient funds, however, are not available to air-condition the entire building, Howerton said.

The Medical Care Commission staff will be requested to visit the hospital and make a recommendation regarding the type of air-conditioning equipment to be used and the areas to be cooled.

Ralph L. Chandler, Jr. and Norris L. Hodgkins of Southern Pines, and Jack M. Taylor of Aberdeen, were appointed to work with Howerton to study requests from the hospital's nursing staff for changes in salary and personnel policies. Recent salary increases in Greensboro,



**DOUBLES CHAMPIONS** in the State Junior Chamber of Commerce Junior tennis tournament here last week were presented their trophies by Dr. R. M. McMillan following conclusion of the matches Sunday afternoon. Receiving their championship trophies are Jack Hepting, on Dr. McMillan's immediate right, and Stanley Coker, on his right, while looking on are runners-up Steve Watson at extreme right and Comer Hobbs, extreme left.

### UPSETS STATE HIGH SCHOOL CHAMP

## Chapel Hill Boy Wins Singles Title In Jaycee Sponsored Tennis Tourney

Sixteen-year-old Charles Shaffer, Jr., of Chapel Hill, won the annual Jaycee-sponsored statewide tennis tournament here this past weekend, defeating top-seeded Jack Hepting of Asheville in straight sets, 6-3, 6-2.

Hepting didn't go away from the tournament empty handed, however. He teamed with Stanley Coker, seeded No. 2, to win the doubles, defeating Comer Hobbs of Charlotte and Steve Watson, also of Charlotte, 8-6, 7-5.

Shaffer, who will represent the state in the national Jaycee tournament to be held at Chapel Hill in August, is the son of the University of North Carolina's vice-president in charge of development. A student at Woodberry Forest prep school in Virginia, he was seeded No. 7 in the tournament here.

Playing at top form in the finals singles match Sunday, which had been moved up from Saturday because of a heavy downpour Friday that caused the courts to be unplayable, young Shaffer demonstrated the easy stroke that was responsible, in large measure, to his Woodberry Forest team's 12-1 record this past season. Hepting, Carolina's Junior and Asheville city champion, was clearly off form.

Shaffer's quarterfinals and semifinals victims were Anderson Sherrill of Statesville and Jim Hart, seeded No. 5, of Winston Salem.

Malcolm Clark, who ran the tournament for the Jaycees, said the entrants displayed an amazingly good array of tennis skills, "some of the best we'll ever see

here by junior players." All the boys were under 19 years of age and many of them had previously won tournaments before, either in district or city championships.

One of the most heart-breaking of the performances was turned in by Blarrie Tanner of Rocky Mount who, with his high school companion, Ed Dunn, is current holder of the state high school doubles championship.

Tanner, unseeded in the singles division of the tournament here, was leading No. 6 seeded John Talley of Gastonia by a set and four games in his bid for the singles championship. He lost the match, however, after coming to match point three times.

Talley was defeated later by Hepting.

Prizes for the winners and runnerups were awarded following the singles finals Sunday afternoon by Dr. R. M. McMillan.

Players in the tournament were sponsored by 21 Jaycee clubs in the state and came from 23 towns. Each club had previously held elimination rounds to select the best qualified entries.

Friday night Allen Morris of Charlotte, who is seeded No. 1 in the state, and Sam Daniel of Leaksville, seeded No. 3, teamed in an exhibition doubles match to defeat Malcolm Clark of Southern Pines and Richard Makepeace of Sanford. Prior to the doubles match Morris defeated Daniel in a singles match that provided instruction as well as entertainment for the tournament players.

None of the four boys from Southern Pines who were entered lasted beyond quarter final rounds. John McMillan was the only one to win a match.

## Construction Of Mozur Plant Here Appears Doomed

**Negotiations With Charlotte Firm Failed To Produce**

The proposed construction of a lace manufacturing plant near here took a decided turn for the worse this week, though officials of the Southern Pines Development Corporation said no definite announcements could be made until some time next week.

Any chance for construction of the plant under the conditions originally laid down by the local development committee seemed remote today, however. It is understood that negotiations with J. A. Jones Construction Company of Charlotte failed to produce a satisfactory agreement between the company and Charles Mozur, president of the firm that proposed to operate the plant.

Jones' bid was in excess of what Mozur was willing to accept, it was learned here, though the firm was willing to go ahead with the building on other terms.

If the negotiations are indeed at an end, it is expected that officials of the local committee will make preparations for returning some \$180,000 which was subscribed by area residents for the construction. Another \$175,000 has been pledged by the North Carolina Business Development Corporation but those funds would not have been available until the building was completed. Actually, the \$180,000 would not have been available until construction was completed either.

About 200 subscribers, including business firms as well as private individuals, had put money into the project.

### HOLIDAY SET

The majority of business places in Southern Pines will be closed tomorrow, July 4.

The Citizens Bank & Trust Company will be closed both Friday and Saturday. Employees in the postoffice will be off tomorrow, July 4, but mail will be placed in boxes and outgoing mail will be dispatched as usual. There will be no home delivery. The office will return to the normal schedule Saturday.

The town offices will be closed tomorrow. Patrons who have their garbage picked up on Fridays will be serviced Saturday of this week.

Stores will be closed Friday but will reopen Saturday as usual. Only a few lucky workers will take a long weekend.

Highway patrolmen are going to be on duty around the clock, according to Cpl. Jim McColman, and will distribute safety messages at several check points while maintaining a close watch on traffic.

The weather outlook, incidentally, calls for generally good weather.

## Kelly Rolls Easily Into Sheriff's Job

Wendell B. Kelly of Carthage and W. Sidney Taylor of Aberdeen, both of whom were second-runners in the regular Democratic primary May 31, defeated the top men in the runoff last Saturday for the offices of Sheriff and County Commissioner, respectively.

Kelly defeated Charles Wimberly of Aberdeen by nearly 1200 votes; Taylor defeated Clyde Auman of West End by 77 votes.

The election had stirred up considerable interest, particularly in the final week. The usual number of rumors were attached to both candidates in the sheriff's race but voters apparently pooh-poohed them.

Wimberly had led the eight man field in the primary, rolling up 1,338 votes to Kelly's 1,287, a lead of only 51 votes. At that time Kelly carried most of the rural precincts while Wimberly was strongest in the southern end of the county; Aberdeen, Southern Pines, Pinebluff and West End.

There was one thing certain: Kelly picked up considerable support from voters who favored the other six candidates in the regular election. Wimberly, though he did pick up some strength, failed to get any in Carthage, Kelly's hometown, and thereby lay his principal place of defeat.

In the two Carthage precincts Kelly garnered a total of 1,034 votes, almost one-third of his total. Wimberly, on the other hand, had 717 votes in Aberdeen, a third of his total.

In the previous election, Kelly shared Carthage pretty much with Herman Grimm. Wimberly was unable to break into the voting there Saturday at all, getting less than 100 votes.

One oddity: In the last election, Wimberly had 10 votes in Eureka and two in Highfalls. Those same people stayed right with him Saturday and they were the only ones. He polled the same number again.

Kelly picked up more than 200 votes over the other election in Southern Pines and so did Wimberly. But Kelly tripled his first vote whereas Wimberly less than doubled his first time out.

Both the candidates were former members of the State Highway Patrol, Kelly having retired a number of years ago, and Wimberly just a few months ago in order to make the race for Sheriff.

Kelly will face Herbert McCaskill, the Republican candidate, in the November elections but, for all practical purposes, he's in.

Wimberly has not announced his future plans.

As for the commissioner's race, Taylor came from behind to defeat the man who missed a majority in the regular election by a bare 27 votes.

But Saturday, following intensive campaigning on the part of Taylor and Clyde Auman, West End farmer, Taylor won by less than 100 votes, picking up strength in every precinct. Auman lost strength in nine precincts.

Taylor, who operates an automobile agency in Aberdeen, picked up most of his votes there, of course, (742), but got more than 400 in Southern Pines and 209 in Pinehurst. Auman was strongest in Carthage, beating Taylor three to one in East Carthage and five to two in West Carthage.

Taylor will face D. L. Ritter of Pinehurst, the GOP candidate, in the November elections.

Prec.	Sheriff			Commis.		
	Kel.	Wim.	Au. Tay.	Kel.	Wim.	Au. Tay.
Aberdeen	146	714	116	742		
Bensalem	94	39	67	64		
Cameron	213	110	212	100		
E. Carthage	378	35	301	108		
W. Carthage	656	53	512	186		
Deep River	93	23	81	26		
Eureka	135	10	99	44		
Highfalls	109	2	39	72		
Little River	60	39	60	39		
Pinebluff	32	170	34	169		
Pinehurst	290	188	242	209		
Sou. Pines	332	409	283	443		
Spies	8	9	13	4		
Robbins	244	77	141	176		
Ritters	94	7	28	70		
Vass	237	87	133	176		
West End	150	143	236	60		
Westmore	60	18	46	32		
Totals (Offic.)	3321	2133	2643	2720		

### TOWN OFFICES CLOSED

The town offices, like many other establishments, will be closed tomorrow, July 4. Garbage ordinarily picked up on Fridays will be picked up Saturday.



**WENDELL B. KELLY**  
**New Sheriff Is Veteran Officer**

Wendell B. Kelly isn't officially the successor to Charles McDonald as sheriff of Moore County yet and it would be quite presumptuous to call him that.

But Democrats have a way of winning offices in this county and it would be hard, if not impossible, to find anyone willing to bet he's apt to lose out to Herbert McCaskill, his GOP opponent, in the November general elections.

For Kelly, a likable man who knows about as many people in the county as anyone, the runoff held Saturday was the third time he had made a bid for the sheriff's job. He ran in 1954 and was defeated by McDonald by some 700 votes. He ran second to Charles Wimberly in the first primary May 31 of this year and there were some people who didn't concede him much of a chance last Saturday.

"I hit the road and visited places I had been to several times before and some I hadn't gotten around to prior to the first primary. I just talked to people, told them who I was, that I wanted to be sheriff, and there it was."

There it was, it was right. He gained votes in every precinct and scored a smashing victory.

If he defeats McCaskill, and chances that he won't are so slim they aren't worth mentioning, he'll assume his new office December 1.

Kelly was born near Carthage January 5, 1901, to William J. Kelly and Laura Baker Kelly, descendants of pioneer settlers of this area. His father was a farmer in the Priest Hill section.

He attended Elise High School in Robbins, which was at that time a boarding school, and then went into farming and the saw mill business. He missed service in World War 1 by a few months, one of those people who occasionally run across who happened to be too young for the first World War and too old for the second one.

He farmed for three years and then went to Carthage as a mechanic with both the Ford and Chevrolet agencies there at the time.

In 1931, when the State Highway Patrol was just two years old, he became the twenty-second man to join the ranks. Before he retired in 1952 as a technical sergeant he had served a total of 21 years, 14 of them in Moore County, and had seen service in several other sections of the state.

Probably one of the few members of the patrol to serve in his home county, Kelly first returned to Moore in 1934 on special "tourist season" duty for three months. He was ordered here again in 1935 for the same type duty, and in 1936, following another three months tour, he was notified to report to Aberdeen for permanent duty.

He stayed there two years, moved to Southern Pines and stayed (Continued on page 8)

### POWER INTERRUPTION

Carolina Power and Light Company said today that power service in Southern Pines, Manly, Niagara, Lakeview, Vass and Cameron would be interrupted Sunday morning (July 6) from 4:30 to 5:30. The interruption is necessary to install new switching equipment at the West End 110 K.V. substation.



**SINGLES CHAMPION** of the tournament was Charlie Shaffer of Chapel Hill, who defeated Jack Hepting of Asheville, the state high school champion.

## Agriculture Fair In Carthage Is Advanced 30 Days

The Moore County Agricultural Fair will be held September 15 instead of the previously announced October 15 date, it was announced this week by Stowe Cole of Carthage, fair chairman.

The advance in dates was made to eliminate any possibility of cold weather, Cole said.

Over 100 attractions will be presented, including the O. C. Buck Shows on the midway. Side shows, motorcycle dare devil riders, and a wild life meagerie will headline the attractions.

Agricultural exhibits will also be on view in the main exhibit hall and adjoining buildings.



**NEW ROTARY CLUB OFFICERS** were installed at a special meeting of the club at Jack's Grill last Thursday night. Pictured here, the new officers are, from left on the front row, Dr. Philip Green, vice president; Harry Chatfield, president; Hal Little of Wadesboro, district governor and principal speaker for the meeting; Joe Scott, outgoing president and a new member

of the board of directors; and Earl Hubbard, treasurer. On the back row, from left, are E. J. Austin, director; Robert Leland, secretary; and Virgil Clark, director. Not present for the picture was Hollie Sisk, a director. The officers will serve a one-year term, except for the directors, who are elected to office on a staggered basis. (Photo by Emerson Humphrey)