

LEGAL ACTION WAS THREATENED

Apparent Compromise Reached By Dr. Milliken, Council On Zoning Corner

Township Lines For Local Area Still Undetermined

Members of the Town Council, threatened with a law suit Tuesday night when they refused on a split vote to accede to demands from Dr. J. S. Milliken to immediately start proceedings to re-zone his property adjacent to the new Municipal Center, were reported breathing a little easier today.

Dr. Milliken had told the Council at its regular meeting in the library Tuesday that he wanted his property re-zoned for business purposes. He indicated he had a tentative purchaser for the property which includes his offices and frontage on both Broad Street and Pennsylvania Avenue. "There is nothing definite about this," he said, "and I wouldn't want you to think there is. But I want the property re-zoned just in case."

After heated discussion, he had demanded that the Council start the re-zoning machinery in motion Tuesday night "or I'll start suit tomorrow."

Council, however, voted 3-2 to adopt a motion made by Councilman Robert Ewing to table any further discussion of the matter for 30 days. Mayor Walter Blue and Councilman D. E. Bailey voted "no" to the motion, but Councilmen James Hobbs and J. B. Tollison went along with the motion.

Dr. Milliken promptly strode from the room and said as he left: "Gentlemen, my lawyers will start suit tomorrow."

Yesterday, however, four of the Councilmen visited the property (Ewing, publisher of the Moore County News in Carthage, was busy getting his paper out and was unable to attend) and reached an informal agreement with Dr. Milliken to put off any decision for 30 days.

It is believed they agreed with him to either make concrete proposals to purchase the property then or to begin re-zoning actions.

Several weeks ago the Council had agreed to purchase a 40-foot strip from Dr. Milliken for \$8,000. That deal has been completed. The \$8,000 price was agreed upon when Dr. Milliken told them he had a concrete offer from the Savings and Loan Association to purchase the strip for \$8,000. The Savings and Loan, according to Harry Fullenwider, its vice-president, proposed to erect its headquarters building on the property.

But Council decided then to keep as much of the block, known familiarly as the "Town Park block" in town hands for future use as a park.

During the discussions at that meeting Dr. Milliken had broached the subject of the town purchase (Continued on page 5)

Greenhouses Of Carolina Orchids Being Disposed Of

Greenhouses occupied by Carolina Orchids, Inc., and a large portion of the plants and equipment will be sold at public auction, probably next month, it was learned here this morning.

Mrs. Karl Bridges, who with her husband has owned and operated the firm since 1952, said she would continue in the orchid business under the same firm name, however, with headquarters in Southern Pines.

The greenhouses were established in the early 1920's by the late Judge W. A. Way. Mr. and Mrs. Bridges took over operation of the firm under a mortgage six years ago. It will now be returned to Dr. Katherine Way of Washington, John Way of Pennsylvania, children of Judge Way, and Louise Way Spence of New York, a granddaughter.

Mrs. Bridges told the Pilot that she was keeping possession of part of the stock and would engage in importing, retailing and wholesaling but on a smaller scale than before.

No definite plans were told the Pilot as to the disposition of the greenhouses and property but it is believed such action will be at a public auction, probably in September.

PARENTS ARE THRILLED

Local Boy Is Crew Member Of Atomic Submarine Skate On Trip Under Pole

When the atomic submarine Skate went under the North Pole Monday night, a young man from Southern Pines, Robert E. Law, was aboard. He was one of two North Carolinians on the sub, second in history to cross the top of the world under a solid sheet of ice.

The other sailor, W. D. Spoon, is from Dobson.

Young Law is the 23-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry W. Law of 560 S. May Street. His mother said this week that the trip—"the only thing we know about it is what we read in the papers"—was the most exciting event in many years for her and her husband.

"We're thrilled for Bobby," she said, "and know that he is the happiest young man in the world today. He's had an interest in nuclear submarines for several years now, since he graduated from Admiral Billard Academy in New London, Conn., and went into the Navy specifically to serve on them."

Law is a seaman now. Mrs. Law said he first got his interest in submarines at New London

when he could watch them from his dormitory window. New London is the home base for atomic submarines.

The Skate, which followed by eight days the Nautilus, first sub to go under the pole, is the same sub that got into the news last May when it was disclosed that the vessel had stayed submerged for 31 days and five and one-half hours. The Navy termed the feat at the time "a major breakthrough of the first magnitude."

Reports are that there are some 72 enlisted men on the Skate and nine officers. The Navy said it started its historic trip from New London, headed immediately for polar waters, and would probably return to an Atlantic port.

Before Law enlisted in September, 1956, he attended the University of Virginia two years and worked for a while at Ameratron Corporation, where Mr. Law is internal auditor.

Originally from Boston, the Laws have been in Southern Pines five years.

Mr. and Mrs. Law visited their son in New London for a week-end before he sailed July 30.



CHAMPIONSHIP TROPHY for the Little Nine softball team was presented to Willis Calcutt, field manager, by League Commissioner Morris Johnson at the conclusion of the final game Thursday night. Joel Stuts, Little Nine player, looks on. The Little Nine defeated the Moose Lodge 6-2 in the opening game Tuesday night, dropped a close one by a margin of 4-3 the second night, and came back on Thursday to take the winning game 4-3. The Moose Club had defeated the National Guard, league leaders almost all season, in two straight, 7-6, 6-2, to enter the finals. The Little Nine beat the Church of Wide Fellowship for its place. (Other pictures on page 8) (Pilot photo)

Daniel To Defend Title In Sandhill Tennis Tourney

Sam Daniel, defending singles champion in the Sandhills Invitational Tennis Tournament, is expected to defend his title when the annual event begins next Thursday on the local courts.

Deadline for entries in the tournament, marking its eleventh anniversary this year, is Monday at midnight. Director Malcolm Clark said this week that a good field was expected but could give no idea as to how many players would participate. "This will be one of our best tournaments, however," he said, "and we expect fans will see some of the finest games in the Carolinas before the championship matches are concluded on Sunday."

Daniel, who hails from Leaksville, won the singles championship last year after being runner-up to Bill Umstaedter of Abbeville, S. C., for three successive years. He appeared here earlier this summer in an exhibition match with Allen Morris of Charlotte when the State Junior Chamber of Commerce Championships were being held.

He and Jack Womack of (Continued on page 8)

10-Year-Old Girl Is Found Not To Be Polio Victim

The condition of a 10-year-old Southern Pines girl, at first thought to have contracted a mild case of polio, was reported somewhat improved today.

The girl, Linda Guffey, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Guffey of Oak Road in Kenwood. Mr. Guffey told the Pilot that he took his daughter to Memorial Hospital in Chapel Hill last Thursday afternoon. She at first was thought to have contracted polio but doctors there reported after extensive examinations that she was suffering probably from a mild case of virus meningitis.

Linda was brought back to Southern Pines Sunday afternoon and is still confined to her bed with high fevers. Mr. Guffey said examinations were continuing at Chapel Hill.

A fifth grade student at the elementary school here, she had all her Salk vaccine shots, Mr. Guffey said.

Dr. J. W. Wilcox told the Pilot yesterday that no cases of polio have been reported in Moore County this year.

Grand Jury Asks That Courtroom Be Air Conditioned

Finds Most County Facilities In Good Condition

A Moore County Grand Jury has recommended that air conditioning be installed in courthouse offices and the courtroom.

The recommendation followed an earlier one by Superior Court Judge W. H. S. Burgwyn that such a system be installed in the courtroom. (He even went so far as to order subpoenas for the county commissioners to sit on jury duty to experience the discomfort shared by others in the unusually warm room but later recanted his order).

The Grand Jury, of which Maxwell Forrest of Southern Pines served as chairman, cited noise, hot weather and distractions caused by traffic on nearby streets as the principal reasons for its recommendation.

The Grand Jury report also recommended the following:

Courthouse: basement in need of paint and plaster repairs, storage facilities inadequate, screen doors need repairing, witness box should be provided, and additional room for orderly storage and normal expansion of various offices and departments. It also recommended that commissioners look into the possibility of a 24-hour watch on the radio in the sheriff's office.

Health center: minor repairs to cabinet doors and walls.

Jail: commodes for cells and replacement of several window (Continued on page 8)

Von Canon Is Convicted On Manslaughter Charge

\$33,000 To Be Paid In Lieu Of Prison Sentence

Richard VonCanon, 19, of West End, was found guilty on two counts of what amounted to manslaughter in Moore Superior Court yesterday and ordered to serve not less than three years nor more than five in the State Prison.

The judgment was suspended by Judge W. H. S. Burgwyn, however, on the following conditions: that young Von Canon pay or cause to be paid \$33,609.39 within 40 days to the administrator of the estate of William Wayne Brackett, one of the persons killed in a collision in which VonCanon was involved last year; that he not operate a motor vehicle in this state during the next three years; and that he pay the costs of the action.

Costs, according to Clerk of Court Carlton Kennedy had not been figured as of noon today but they were expected to be rather high.

The \$33,000 settlement was in addition to more than \$60,000 already paid by VonCanon's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. VonCanon, Jr. W. D. Sabiston, attorney for the youth, said in court yesterday that that amount had been paid to others in the accident, \$45,000 to the estate of Bobby Jerome Morris, 24, who was killed almost immediately, and another person who lost an eye.

The wreck occurred near West End on the Labor Day weekend. Judge Burgwyn ordered that both cases of manslaughter be consolidated for judgment.

The estate of Brackett had entered suit in Guilford Superior Court only this week seeking \$300,000 for his death. There had also been an earlier suit for \$300,000. The case was called in Superior Court Tuesday and reached the jury soon after court convened Wednesday morning.

VonCanon maintained that the steering mechanism on his car was faulty and caused him to lose control. He said he was only going about 50 miles per hour at the time of the crash.

Two passengers in the other car, estimated his speed at a far higher rate, however, and said the car was already out of control when they first saw it.

Patrolman Robert Samuels, who investigated the accident, showed a chart to the jury and Judge Burgwyn outlining how the wreck occurred. He testified also that young VonCanon had a reputation for driving carelessly and at high rates of speed. Only (Continued on page 5)

Savings And Loan Making Plans For New Headquarters

The Southern Pines Savings and Loan Association will move from its present location on W. New Hampshire Avenue to quarters on N. E. Broad Street formerly occupied by the Chamber of Commerce within the next few weeks, it was learned this week from Harry Fullenwider, vice president of the association.

The move will be temporary, he said, adding that the association has plans for construction of a building on the corner of E. New York Avenue and S. Broad street in the near future.

The association recently purchased a lot with a 100-foot frontage on Broad Street from Mrs. Mollie Burgess. It is across the street from the new Municipal Center.

Fullenwider said a committee from the association will start visiting other Savings and Loans offices in the state in the next few weeks to "observe the various types of buildings now in use and determine the best type for Southern Pines. Past experience has proven that the type facilities provided in a building can make a tremendous difference in the effectiveness of the association's work."

Fullenwider added that the only thing he could predict now would be that the building "will be built to fit the future both of the association and the area it serves."

Lloyd Woolley is president of the association which currently lists assets in the neighborhood of \$900,000. (Continued on page 5)

Varied Program For Farmers Day In Aberdeen Is Announced By Sponsors

Saturday, August 23, will be Farmers Day in Aberdeen, an annual event sponsored by the Aberdeen Junior Chamber of Commerce. With over a week yet to go, this group has plans whipped into shape for what promises to be the biggest and most varied event of its kind in a series of successful special days.

Saturday's program will get underway at 10:30 a.m. with a street parade. Advance information is that a number of early-vintage automobiles will be among the colorful entries.

The New Aberdeen Warehouse will be the center of the day's activities. At 12:15, a Southern fried chicken lunch will be served free of charge there, to be followed at 1:30 by an Army Band concert.

The afternoon will be taken up with viewing the numerous exhibits which will be set up in the warehouse. These will include a wide range of articles from infants' wear to automobiles, with displays to interest every member of the family.

At 8 p.m., a beauty contest will be held and the winner will be crowned "Miss Farmers Day of 1958." Girls who wish to enter should notify Lee Buchan.

This is not a "bathing beauty" contest, it is pointed out, and entrants should wear party dresses for the judging, which will be based on poise, charm and beauty. Girls 16 and over from anywhere in the Sandhills may enter the contest without a sponsor and compete for the beauty queen's trophy.

At 8:30 a dance will be held, with The Night Hawks of Troy furnishing music for round, square and various popular types of dancing.

Climax of the events will be the drawing at 11 p.m. for a Scotch-craft boat.

As The Pilot goes to press today (Thursday), the list of exhibitors has grown to a total of more than 20, names of whom are listed in an advertisement in this issue. Aberdeen merchants are plan- (Continued on page 5)



North Carolina Elks Lodges were hosts for this group of youngsters from this area at a two week camp near Hendersonville recently. The boys, 12 of whom were sponsored by the local Elks lodge and two by Bill Ruffin, returned Sunday. They are identified in the accompanying story. On the back row of the photo is Curtis Everett of Southern Pines, a member of the Board of Directors of the camp and chairman of the camp committee of the local lodge.

14 Boys Returned From Elks Camp Last Sunday

Fourteen youngsters from Southern Pines, Aberdeen and Carthage returned from a two week vacation at the North Carolina Elks Camp for Boys near Hendersonville Sunday and all reported, according to local members of the lodge, that they had a real bang-up time.

The 14 are Gayle Lynn Frye, Thaddeus Black and Douglas Brown, Carthage; James Pigg, Charles Swearingen, L. D. Shelton, Lonnie and Paul McNeill, Wayne Luck and Robert A. Yates, Jr., Aberdeen; and Michael Morrison, Harold Morrison, Dennis Tyson and William McRae of Southern Pines.

The camp, located deep in the mountains near Hendersonville, has four periods each summer for worthy and deserving boys. The local boys—12 of them—were sponsored by the local Elks lodge. The other two were sponsored by William Ruffin.

While at the camp they learned crafts, archery, riflery, boxing, wrestling, gym work and tumbling, swimming, canoeing, and various athletic events. Picture shows and various other entertainment was also on tap and, it is reported, was quite extensive.

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