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NO TROUBLES EXPECTED

Installation Of Natural Gas Lines To Get Underway Here First Of Week

Installation of natural gas lines in Southern Pines will probably begin the first part of next week. Crews of the North Carolina Natural Gas Corporation, recently completing their work in Aberdeen, have moved up US Highway 1 and are now just South of the town limits.

Company officials have submitted a map of their planned installations here to Town Manager Louis Scheipers, Jr., and Scheipers said this morning, they have received the go-ahead.

Scheipers said he had requested the company to provide three copies of the map so that he could give one to representatives of the United Telephone Company and another to Carolina Power and Light Company. He noted that only one change from the gas company's plan had been requested (that by Ward Hill, local CP&L manager) and that the gas company had readily acceded to the request for the change.

The company will install their lines, for the most part, along the shoulder of the roads in places where there is no curb and gutter. In other places, the lines will be placed in back of the curbing. Officials said they will bore under the streets at intersections so as to cause the least possible inconvenience.

The route being taken for the first installation begins at S. W. Broad Street near the Shaw House, then goes North to New York Avenue, turns west on New York to Page Street, then North on Page to Vermont Avenue, then west on Vermont to Leak. From there the line will be run North on Leak to Crestview Road, then down that road to Midland Road, over to Yaddin Road, then East along Yaddin to a point where the line to the Trimble Furniture plant is proposed.

Scheipers said he had been told by gas company officials that little or no shrubbery would be disturbed and that "people will hardly even know we're here." The company had no word on a definite date for gas for Southern Pines but it is expected either in June or July.

HELD JOB 30 YEARS

H. Lee Thomas Resigns Position As Superintendent Of County Schools

H. Lee Thomas, superintendent of Moore County schools for the past 30 years, has resigned effective July 1. He notified the Board of Education of his decision in a letter this week.

Mr. Thomas told the Pilot this morning that his plans for the future are indefinite, but that he plans to enter some type of business and continue to live in Carthage.

"I have been thinking for some time of retiring," he said, "and decided now was a good time to notify the Board of Education."

His letter read: "Having reached the age of retirement on September 3rd, 1957, I hereby submit my resignation."

School Curriculum Study Group To Meet Monday Night

The curriculum study group at Southern Pines schools will hold the second in a series of meetings Monday night at 7:30 in the school auditorium, according to Dr. A. C. Dawson, school superintendent.

The meeting, he said, would be devoted to a discussion of the role of the school, particularly the educational objectives. Previously the study group, which numbers some 200 parents, teachers, and others, have studied other phases of the school curriculum and how it is being used to best advantage.

Reason for the change in meeting time, Dr. Dawson explained, was to allow some of those who plan to attend sufficient time to also attend a fashion show in Pinehurst which is scheduled for 9 o'clock.

There were some 150 people at the first meeting.

Malcolm Clark Is Given No. 5 Rank Among N.C. Netmen

Malcolm Clark, Southern Pines' top tennis player, has been ranked fifth in North Carolina and twenty second in men's singles in the South, according to rankings just released by Southern Tennis Magazine.

Clark, who is a student at the University of North Carolina, thus becomes the only male player from Southern Pines ever to receive a Southern ranking in singles competition. Audrey West Brown Johnson was at one time rated No. 3 in women's singles in the South.

The four North Carolinians ranked ahead of Clark are Allan Morris, No. 3; Sam Daniel, No. 9; Jim Winstead, No. 18; and Allan Strand, No. 19.

Clark, incidentally, will not be back in Southern Pines this summer to direct the tennis phase of the summer recreation program. He reportedly will enter UNC summer school.

ARMY WARNING

All persons are warned to stay off Ft. Bragg firing ranges by officials of the post. Ranges are in daily use at Ft. Bragg and a hazard exists due to firing and unexploded shells.

There are two primary danger areas: The Northeast portion of the post east of highway 210, and the range area bounded on the east by Gruber Road, on the North by Manchester Road, on the South by Plank Road, and on the West by Kings Road.

Entry into both areas is prohibited.



PHILIPPINES BOUND is Woodrow Eldridge, Jr., of Carthage, the winner of a \$1,500 fund of the Sandhills Kiwanis Club. The fund, which Eldridge won in competition with 15 other Scouts, will enable him to take in the International Boy Scout Jamboree in July when it convenes near Manila. Shown presenting the award is the Rev. Martin Caldwell, a member of the club. (Emerson Humphrey photo)

Carthage Explorer Scout Is Winner Of \$1,500 Fund To Attend Jamboree

Woodrow Eldridge, Jr., a 16-year-old Explorer Scout of Carthage, was awarded \$1,500 by the Sandhills Kiwanis Club yesterday to enable him to attend the annual Boy Scout Jamboree in the Philippine Islands this summer.

Eldridge, who is a sophomore at Carthage High School, was one of 15 Scouts who participated in a rigid exercise two weeks ago to determine the winner of the fund. He was presented the fund by the Rev. Martin Caldwell at the Kiwanis Club's regular meeting yesterday at the Country Club.

A Boy Scout since he was 11, Eldridge is now an Eagle, senior patrol leader of Troop 852, and sergeant at arms of Explorer Post 936. To be eligible for the award, candidates must have been between 14 and 18 years of age, at least First Class in rank, and proficient at cooking and camping. They must also have evidenced leadership by serving as patrol leader, den chief or something equivalent.

The Scouts who participated in the exercise came from most communities in the county. On the exercise, which was conducted north of Carthage by David Drexel and Reid Plinchum, they were required to negotiate a difficult course over wooded land and remain in the field for a period of about 36 hours.

It was reported that the contest was extremely close among the top five Scouts. The panel of judges required more than six

Final Report Of Polio Fund Drive Reveals County Went Over The Top

Final results in Moore County's March of Dimes placed the county again considerably over its quota, with \$7,930.41 reported by Frank McCaskill of Pinehurst, campaign chairman, this week.

The county quota was \$7,500, the same as for several years in the past. Moore has never failed to surpass the quota.

"While total collections have been larger at times in the past, when we had the fear and drama of epidemics to spur us on, we are thankful now that, through March of Dimes funds aiding development of the Salk vaccine, this terrible period is a thing of the past," McCaskill said.

He called attention to the fact that North Carolina, through a bill passed by the General Assembly this week, became the first state in the Union to require vaccination of pre-school

Felton Capel Is Sixth To Announce For Council Seat

Seeks To Be Second Negro To Hold Post

The number of candidates filing for election to the Town Council increased to six last Friday when Felton J. Capel, a resident of 1009 West New Hampshire Avenue paid his fee.

Capel, who has been active in the affairs of West Southern Pines for the past several years, is district manager of the North Carolina division of the Century Metalcraft Corporation.

A native of Ellerbe, where he attended public schools, he moved to Southern Pines in 1953. He has served two terms as president of the West Southern Pines Civic Club and is currently chairman of that organization's committee on municipal government. He is also a Sunday School teacher in the First Missionary Baptist Church, and a Mason. He is also the advisor to the Explorer Scout unit in West Southern Pines.

Several years ago he served as commander of the Alexander Graham VFW Post.

During World War 2 he was a sergeant in the Field Artillery of the Third Army on occupational duty in Germany.

After the war he attended Hampton Institute in Hampton, Va., as a pre-medical student. Recently, he served as a member of the program committee for the dedication of the new town hall. His wife, an X-ray technician at St. Joseph's Hospital, is a member of the town's Parks and Parkways Advisory Commission.

The Capels have two children. If elected to the Council he would be the second Negro to hold that position. T. T. Morse, who resigned about 18 months ago, was elected for two terms.

Trotting Horses To Race Sunday In Second Matinee

A program of harness horse racing will be held over the Pinehurst Race Track this Sunday, April 5, under the auspices of the Pinehurst Driving and Training Club.

The Pinehurst winter training colony numbering some 300 head of harness horses is the second largest in the United States and attracts some of the country's leading Grand Circuit stables, including Octave Blake's Newport Stock Farm Stable from South Plainfield, N. J.; David R. Johnson's White Hall Stable from Charlotte, and Norman Woolworth's Clearview Stable, from Winthrop, Me., as well as the stables of such prominent drivers as Franklin Safford, Bill Fleming, Wendell Wathen, Charley Fitzpatrick and Albert Jones, who campaign over the plush night racing plants through Maryland and New York.

Entries for the six race program Sunday will include five three year old trotters that are prospective starters in the 1959 renewal of the \$150,000 Hambletonian Stake, the Kentucky Derby of the trotting turf. David R. Johnston, the nation's champion amateur driver, will have the mount behind his own Hambletonian eligible, Fuss Along, and Norman Woolworth, also a prominent amateur, will be driving his Clearview Stable's Gunga Din, another eligible to the \$150,000 classic. Miss Jean Safford, an accomplished driver with amateur standing, will have an entry in two of the races.

A pleasing feature of the program will be a parade of a dozen or more richly bred and highly valuable two year old trotters and pacers that are being prepared for the rich stake purses offered for juveniles.

General admission will be one-dollar with general parking free, reserved parking spaces are \$3 and \$5 and general admission to the grandstand will be fifty cents, and reserved seats one-dollar. Post time for the first race is 2:30 p.m.

Mayor Blue Not To Run For Re-Election In May

Plans To Devote More Time To Business Affairs

Mayor Walter Blue said this morning that he would not be a candidate this year for election to the Town Council.

He said he needed to devote more time to his business. Mayor Blue, who has served on the Council for almost 10 years, was the third mayor in the county to decline to run for re-election; earlier this week Dr. E. M. Medlin of Aberdeen and G. B. Williams of Robbins said they, too, needed to devote more of their time to business.

Appointed originally in 1948 to fill the unexpired term of John Ruggles, Mr. Blue has been elected in successive elections since then. Generally, he has led the ticket.

In a telephone interview this morning Mr. Blue told The Pilot: "The people of Southern Pines have chosen me to serve them for almost 10 years, an honor which I consider the greatest that could have come my way. I am aware of the debts I owe them for their confidence and for the honors that have been given me. However, there is a great deal of responsibility connected with the job and it requires an increasing amount of time. For that reason, I feel that I can not run again."

"I am proud of Southern Pines and I am particularly glad that I have had a part in its growth and progress. There have been many changes during the past 10 years for the town's good, I think, and we are on sound footing and heading in the right direction."

"I am particularly grateful for the cooperation that I have received in the two years that I have been mayor. Our manager, Louis Scheipers, Jr., has done an outstanding job and it is to him that I would direct most of my thanks. He is, to me, one of the most outstanding young men I have ever known."

With Mr. Blue out of the race the field is wide open and, some think, likely to become crowded, although there has been only six candidates file for seats on the Council to date. Two of them, Robert Ewing and James Hobbs, will be trying to retain seats to which they were appointed. Ewing is filling the unexpired term of T. T. Morse and Hobbs was appointed to fill the term of the late Gen. Pearson Menoher.

Others who have filed are Dante Montesanti, Jr., George Tyner, John Ruggles and Felton Capel. Robbins Mayor G. B. Williams said he would not seek re-election because of an inability to devote enough time to his duties. Owner of a hosiery mill, he has been mayor for two years. He previously served 14 as a member of the Town Board of Robbins.

Mayor E. M. Medlin said he would retire from municipal office when his term ends, having rounded out a full 20 years as commissioner and mayor.

He said: "I have served for 14 years as a commissioner and six as mayor. That's a good round number and I think it's time to quit."

Two of the commissioners of Aberdeen, Ralph Leach and John J. Greer, also said they definitely would not be candidates for reelection. Two others on the present board, George D. Anderson and J. B. Edwards, had no comment about their plans, and another, E. O. Freeman, indicated he would serve if the people wanted him.

Members of the Band Boosters Club of Southern Pines will canvass the town next Tuesday selling soap in attempts to raise money for needed equipment for the band.

The club also plans to hold a rummage sale Friday and Saturday, April 10 and 11, at a still undisclosed place. Mrs. Walter Morgan, Mrs. Walter Coffin and Mrs. J. B. Tollison are in charge of the rummage sale and ask all parents who have articles to donate to either take them to one of the Band Boosters members, or call one of the co-chairmen.

All equipment for the band is furnished by the club since there are no funds available in the school budget, other than paying for a teacher.

Band Boosters To Sell Soap, Hold 2 Rummage Sales

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