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NEW MEMBERS of the Southern Pines Town Council were sworn in yesterday in the Council chambers by Mrs. Mildred McDonald, Town Clerk, shown at left. Members, from left, are John Ruggles, Felton Capel, James Hobbs, Robert Ewing and

Harry Pethick. Ewing was elected Mayor soon after the swearing in ceremonies to succeed Walter Blue. Hobbs was picked as Mayor Pro Tem.

Ewing Picked As New Mayor; Hobbs Is Mayor Pro-Tem

Robert S. Ewing was elected Mayor of Southern Pines at swearing-in ceremonies for the Town Council and new officers of the Recorder's Court yesterday morning.

Ewing's election was on a split vote. The other nominee was James Hobbs, top vote getter for Councilman in the Tuesday elections, and also tops in the balloting in the primary. Ewing stood second in the balloting Tuesday, third in the primary.

Hobbs was elected Mayor Pro-Tem, a position formerly held by Ewing, and then the Council, in a rare action, named a non-member of the Board as Town Treasurer. That position went to D. E. Bailey, outgoing member of the Council and a defeated candidate for Judge of the Recorder's Court.

W. Harry Fullenwider was elected overwhelmingly to the position of Judge of the Recorder's Court and John D. McConnell went in as Solicitor with an impressive vote over Arthur Rowe.

In addition to Ewing and Hobbs, other Councilmen for the next two years will be Felton Capel, Harry Pethick and John Ruggles. Capel will be the second Negro ever to serve on the town's governing board.

A total of 1,090 people voted Tuesday, not a record but considered a good turnout in the absence of any real issues. At one point in the day, shortly after lunch, it seemed as though the voting would exceed the record set four years ago, but it started slacking off in the afternoon and as the time for the polls to close approached, voters were straggling in in small numbers.

Outgoing Mayor Walter Blue told the some 50 people that attended the swearing in ceremonies, held in the Council Chamber, that he was retiring from public (Continued on page 8)



NEW COURT OFFICERS elected by voters of Southern Pines were sworn in yesterday morning following certification of the vote by the outgoing Town Council. At left is John D. Mc-

Connell, Solicitor, and at right is W. Harry Fullenwider, new Judge. In the middle is R. F. Hoke Pollock, outgoing Judge who swore the new officers into their jobs.

Official Vote

FOR COUNCILMAN:	
Felton Capel	577
Robert Ewing	619
Janet Folley	110
James Hobbs	654
George Leonard	346
Donald Madigan	242
Dante Montesanti	283
Harry Pethick	477
John Ruggles	369
Julia Steed	256
FOR RECORDER:	
D. E. Bailey	233
Harry Fullenwider	719
FOR SOLICITOR:	
John D. McConnell	653
Arthur Rowe	328

Saturday Is Maternal Welfare Tag Day In County; Funds Badly Needed

"Buy a tag for Mother's Day and help Moore County's needy mothers," will be the plea heard in town Saturday.

This is the day, when, all over the county, the annual fund drive of the Moore County Maternal Welfare Committee takes place: the day before Mother's Day.

In Southern Pines folks going for the mail, or weekend shopping will find a table by the bank and one by the postoffice manned by volunteers where the little green tags may be "purchased."

The postoffice table, this year, will be in charge of the Junior Woman's Club, Mrs. Austin president, with the projects chairman, Mrs. Ted Klingenschmidt, heading the group. At the bank, under the chairmanship of Mrs. Claude Reams, will be the usual group of women who loyally man this post each year. Mrs. L. T. Avery and Mrs. James Boyd are county committee members from here.

Said Mrs. Boyd, who is co-chairman with Mrs. J. Talbot Johnson, of Aberdeen, of the county committee: "Due to the public's generous response last year, we have been able to extend the service of the free bed the committee maintains at Moore Memorial Hospital. Twenty-one mothers have had their babies there, five more than last year." Mrs. Boyd said the Nurses' Fund, established to enable the public health nurses to meet emergency needs without delay, had proved most useful in speeding up needed relief through the purchase of medicine, milk, baby clothes and so on—mostly for the babies.

Those heading the work in the county-wide drive Saturday are: Carthage: the American Legion Auxiliary, Mrs. Fred Beck, president, helped by Mrs. W. D. Sabiston, treasurer of the county

FOUR CASES

(A) "Husband out of work since mill closed. Patient 24-years-old; this is ninth child; no welfare help; serious medical and mental condition; sterilization performed."

(B) "Husband out of work. Mother hypertension, severe varicose veins. This was tenth baby, 7th month, baby died. Sterilization, badly needed."

(C) "Mother, age 33; 8 living children; father ill, unable to work; gets ADC grant; one child polio."

(D) "Husband dropped dead 3 months before baby's birth; 10 living children; gets rent free because she and children work on farm; gets some Soc. Sec. money."

committee, and Mrs. Worth McLeod of the Health Department staff; Aberdeen: the Senior Women's Club, with the help of Mrs. Johnson; Pinehurst: Mrs. Alfred N. Dercuin, Mrs. A. P. Thompson and Mrs. Hugh Carter are county committee members; Pinebluff: Mrs. Walter C. MacNeille, who is secretary of the county committee. West End and Robbins include this charity in their Community Chests. The Vass collection is in the hands of the Woman's Club, Mrs. C. R. Pope, president.

It should be noted that the West Southern Pines churches make a special contribution to this cause, as does also the Pinehurst school.

Miss Mary Swett is the public Health nurse covering this general area, Mrs. McLeod the Carthage region and Mrs. Kinney (Continued on page 8)

Howard Johnson Tournament Set Here For Weekend

Betsy Rawls Is Favored To Beat Field Of Forty

Betsy Rawls of Spartanburg will be seeking her fourth tournament victory of the season and her second in a row tomorrow (Friday) when more than 40 lady golfers tee off in the first annual Howard Johnson Invitational Open Golf Tournament.

The tournament will be played at Mid Pines Club, 18 holes a day, Friday through Sunday, with a purse of \$6,000 to be divided among the winners.

A clinic was scheduled for this afternoon with Miss Rawls and other top women pros taking part.

In addition to Miss Rawls, 25 of the country's leading professionals and 13 noted amateurs are entered. Other professionals entered include Peggy Kirk Bell of Pine Needles, Wiffie Smith, who also is attached to Pine Needles; Louise Suggs, Joyce Ziske, Betty Jameson, Mickey Wright, Marilyn Smith, Barbara Romack and Alice Bauer.

Amateurs include Laura Lee Menoher and Mary Agnes Wall of Southern Pines; Gwen Derouin and Lois Rettew of Pinehurst; Mrs. Frank Stranahan of Toledo; Hope Yorker of Columbia; Janice Seiber of Philadelphia; Cornelia Trotter of Raleigh; and Willie Hawley of Fort Bragg.

Of particular interest to local people is the entry of Helen Gray Smith of Wilmington, who grew up here. Rated as one of the best amateurs in the state, she has won several tournaments in the Wilmington area.

Miss Rawls won the Land of (Continued on page 8)

Pine Needles Club Scene Of \$3,000 CGA Tournament

A \$3,000 (maybe plus) golf tournament will be played at Pine Needles Club May 16 and 17, according to an announcement received here this week from D. F. Harris of Sanford, the sponsor. Mr. Harris is president of Harris Cushman Buggy Company and has the North Carolina franchise for sales of the well-known electric golf cart.

All pros in North and South Carolina and several members and association members of this section have been invited to play in the tournament, a 38-hole medal play affair with 18 holes to be played each day.

There will be no admittance to the tournament, which will be an added event for the 1959 Carolinas PGA schedule.

In addition to the tournament, a social hour is planned the opening evening.

EDITORIAL

School Troubles: A Pity From Every Angle

Since the editorial on page 2 was written and printed, last night's meeting has taken place—the meeting which this newspaper hoped would not take place.

This town's newspaper, however, holds to its original sentiments as expressed in the editorial: that it would have been better had the meeting not taken place. We believe that matters such as those under consideration should be taken up in private; that only through such private discussion could all the facts be ascertained, and that only in this way was there a chance of achieving understanding and even, perhaps, the compromise which, it is assumed, the protesting parties desired.

Both the School Board, Dr. Dawson, and Mr. Irie Leonard have professed utmost devotion to the good of the school—a phrase that echoed many times last night. That all are equally sincere we firmly believe, but, though some good came from the meeting as held last night, it seems likely that the bad far outweighed the good. Clearly, all

School Officials Give Reasons For Failure To Re-Elect Principal

Large Crowd At Meeting Held In Auditorium

WINDOW BOXES

The Southern Pines Garden Club, pleased as punch with the reception given the window boxes on various business establishments here, is also a little unhappy; somebody has stolen a plant from one of the boxes and members are afraid the "fun" will spread.

This is the first reported theft from the boxes (though some people still insist on throwing cigarette butts, candy wrappers and other assorted trash into them) and the Garden Club hopes, according to one member, that it will be the last.

It is, a member said, a case of "please look, admire and be pleased, but please don't touch."

Pre-School Clinic Dates Announced

Pre-school registration for children who will be entering East Southern Pines school for the first time next year will be held next Thursday, May 14, according to A. C. Dawson, school superintendent.

From 9 a. m. until 10:30 a. m. parents are requested to bring their children for registration, and they have also been requested to bring birth certificates and vaccination records.

At 9 o'clock, Mr. Dawson said, children will be registered whose last names begin with the letters A to J. At 10:30, those children whose last names begin with letters K to Z will be registered.

Only children who are six years old on or before October 15 of this year are eligible to enter school.

Alumni Of State College To Meet

State College alumni of Moore County will meet Monday of next week, May 11, at the Carthage Hotel, according to T. C. Johnston, Jr., of Aberdeen, program chairman.

The meeting, which begins at 7 o'clock, will feature Professor G. W. Giles as the principal speaker. Professor Giles is head of the Agricultural Engineering Department at State.

All alumni are asked to make their reservations through Calvin Howell of Southern Pines.

BANK CLOSED

The Citizens Bank & Trust Co. will be closed Monday, May 11, for Confederate Memorial Day, and on Saturday, May 30, for National Memorial Day.

Some two hundred people attended what was unofficially termed a "public hearing" in Weaver Auditorium last night to listen to school officials and interested citizens discuss the events that led up to the decision by school officials not to reappoint Irie Leonard to his position as principal of the high school. Included in the audience, largest ever to attend a meeting of the School Board, were a large number of students who occupied seats in the first two or three rows.

Robert Ewing, who was elected Mayor of Southern Pines only a few hours before the meeting, acted as spokesman for the 10 or 15 people he said had requested time at the meeting. He posed a series of questions for the School Board and A. C. Dawson, superintendent, to answer.

Also speaking was C. S. "Buster" Patch, president of the Parent-Teachers Association, and several other citizens. Most of the questions were answered by Dr. Dawson, though John Howarth, chairman of the School Board answered several.

The time had been requested, Mr. Ewing said, because word got out last week that Mr. Leonard had been notified that he would not be recommended for re-election for the next school year. He said that many stories had been circulated, many at variance, and that he and the people he was spokesman for "merely want to determine what the real story is and get this thing in its proper perspective."

He said that he was acting as a private citizen and not as a town official, and also that he could not speak for others present. "What we really want," he said "is to get to the basic facts on what seems to be an interesting situation."

With that start, and before what appeared to be largely a hostile audience, the School Board and Dr. Dawson occupied a hot seat for a little less than two hours. Some of the questions were barbed, some obviously asked to lead to others, and some not having anything to do directly with the action last week but were inquiries into the various functions of school officials.

Ewing's questions, and the answers supplied by Dr. Dawson or the School Board chairman were as follows:

Ewing:
Has Mr. Leonard been asked to resign?
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WOULD HELP NORTH-SOUTH TRAFFIC

Piedmont Airlines Proposing Route Linking Area With Raleigh-Durham

Piedmont Airlines has proposed a new routing for traffic out of Southern Pines which would, if approved, give this area a long sought North-South air service. Tom Davis of Winston-Salem, president of the firm, revealed the information to a group of some 15 people representing various segments of public and business life at an informal meeting yesterday.

Mr. Davis, invited here by Voit Gilmore to tell of his company's plans, said that the present East-West route for Southern Pines "doesn't begin to tap the traffic potential we believe exists in the Sandhills."

He said also that the predominant traffic for the area, as indi-

cated in several surveys, was in a North-South direction.

Under his proposed route changes, which is now being considered by a Civil Aeronautics Board examiner, Southern Pines-Pinehurst would have a direct flight to Raleigh-Durham Airport for a tie-in with North and South traffic. He said it would take probably eight to twelve months before the examiner makes any formal recommendations as to his findings, and then the CAB would have to act on them. Such action, he anticipated, would not be forthcoming until 14 to 18 months had passed.

"Though this is not a matter of immediate importance for this (Continued on page 8)