

Thaggard's Lake Sold; Residential Development Seen

Lexington Man Buys Landmark From John Watson

The sale of Thaggard's Lake, long in the rumor stage, has reached the point of reality, according to an announcement made this week by Biddle and Company, Pinehurst real estate agency. Purchase price was not disclosed.

The lake and some adjoining property has been sold by John Warren Watson of Philadelphia to A. B. Hardee, president of Resort Properties, Inc., of Lexington.

Mr. Hardee, it is reported, plans to develop the property as a residential area with the 150-acre lake as the center. The property is about seven miles north of Southern Pines.

Thaggard's Lake is one of the old land marks in this area. The Thaggard family operated a mill there and lived in a large colonial house nearby. In time the lake became one of the principal parts of a power company operated by the late I. F. Chandler to supply electricity to Southern Pines, Pinehurst and Carthage. After Mr. Chandler sold his holdings to Carolina Power & Light Company the lake was purchased by Mr. Watson, who also owns Watson's Lake, and it was operated primarily as a place for sports fishing.

There is a large burial plot near the lake where many members of the Thaggard, Seward and Ray families were buried. One of the Ray graves is that of a revolutionary soldier.

Bulldozing of roads around the lake was started about two months ago, giving rise to much speculation as to what was planned by way of developing the property. Mr. Hardee's plans now include developing the lake for fishing, water sports, and residential uses.

He was not available for comment as to his exact plans this week.

Rowe Leaving For Job With Loan Society In North

J. Vance Rowe, associated with his father in the general practice of law since 1950, will join the legal staff of the Saving Fund Society of Germantown, Pa., June 1.

Rowe, a graduate of the University of North Carolina Law School, is currently practicing with his father, Judge J. Vance Rowe, and younger brother, Arthur Rowe, in Southern Pines.

He has been secretary-treasurer of the Sandhills Kiwanis Club for the past three years and has also been active in Boy Scout work in the county. He holds a Lieutenant Commander's rank in the Naval Air Reserve.

His wife, the former Mary O'Neill of Brookline, Mass., and four children will join him in Germantown later in the summer.

Enemy Forces To "Invade" Southern Pines As Part Of Military Maneuver

Soldiers and airmen of the United States Army and Air Force are preparing to enter into one of the most unusual exercises ever to be conducted in the United States and Southern Pines will be sitting right in the middle of it and playing one of the most important parts.

This town will be invaded by "enemy" troops some time toward the latter part of May and will be liberated following a phase of the exercises which town officials have been told will be "extremely colorful and realistic."

The operation is known as Dark Cloud Pine Cone II and is a joint maneuver of the Army and Air Force. It will be held in this area during the period May 23 to June 6.

A special meeting will be held



MISS "SEE NORTH CAROLINA MONTH" stopped in Southern Pines last Saturday on a whirlwind tour of the state, got in a few quick words about the importance of travel to North Carolina's tourist business, had her picture taken several dozen times, and then headed for Asheville. Greeting "Miss See North Carolina Month," who is Mary Jo Wooten of Raleigh,

were Town Manager Louis Scheipers, at left, Mayor Robert Ewing, and Miss Suzanne Steed, who is "Miss Mid South Resort." In the center of the picture is Glenn Tucker of Carolina Beach, president of the State Travel Council, and at right is Robert Page of Charlotte, chairman of the "See North Carolina" month, which, incidentally, is May.

Judge Vacates Restraining Order In Jugtown Case; Pottery Still Idle

Superior Court Judge F. Donald Phillips Saturday dissolved a temporary restraining order which had prevented the operation of Jugtown Pottery by the Jacques and Juliana Busbee's Jugtown, Inc. for the past three weeks.

The action was taken in Rockingham.

In his ruling, however, Judge

Local Man Killed In Car Accident Late Last Night

William Henry (Jack) McRae, 48, of Southern Pines, was killed in an automobile accident on the Fort Bragg Military Reservation shortly before midnight last night.

Details of the accident were sketchy but it was reported Mr. McRae, who was a barber at Fort Bragg, was driving the car. It was registered in the name of his daughter, Mrs. Margaret Black.

The police station here received a call at 11:15 from the Civilian Information Division at Fort Bragg saying that Mr. McRae had been involved in the accident. A short while later the CID called back and informed the clerk on duty that he had died of the injuries.

He lived with his family at 537 S. E. Broad Street.

Mr. McRae was a native of Vass and grew up there. He had been living in Southern Pines for many years.

Funeral arrangements were not known at press time today.

ART IN CAROLINA

"Locals" are playing a big part in the art exhibit to be hung in the Carolina Hotel next week as part of the state convention of Women's Clubs being held there from Tuesday through Thursday.

In charge of the show of paintings is Mrs. Stanley Austin, president of the Southern Pines Junior Woman's Club, who is convention art chairman. The three judges include Mrs. Maxwell Forrest and Glenn Rounds. Both familiar figures in art circles—as well as hereabouts.

The other judge, though not a "local" is also well-known here. He is Joseph Cox of the staff of State College School of Design, whose exhibit of his own paintings took place in the Library Gallery this past winter.

Says Art Chairman Austin: "My cellar is full of almost 80 paintings waiting to be hung! I can say, with enthusiasm: this is going to be a show worth seeing."

Maternal Welfare Tag Day Results Not Yet Complete

With donations to last Saturday's Tag Day not yet fully totaled—and not yet all received—the Moore County Maternal Welfare Committee, for whose work Saturday's drive for funds was held, registers satisfaction over the results to date.

Southern Pines's quota of last year has not been quite reached, but almost, with more to come. Collections on Broad Street amounted to \$205.11, only a few dollars below last year.

Those selling tags were: at the bank, Mrs. Claude Reams, who headed the overall effort here, Mrs. E. C. Stevens, Mrs. Lamont Brown, Mrs. Nolley Jackson, Mrs. R. M. McMillan, Mrs. R. E. Rhodes; at the postoffice: under the leadership of Mrs. Ted Klingenschmidt, community service chairman of the Junior Woman's Club, were Mrs. Austin Sauts, Mrs. Douglas Kelly, Mrs. Herman Shaw, Mrs. Austin Lettmer, Aberdeen, under the leadership

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FOR SUPERINTENDENT County Education Board Screening Job Applicants

The Moore County Board of Education has reduced "considerably" the number of applicants for the position of superintendent of Moore County Schools and will meet again tomorrow (Friday) night to further pare the list, according to one member of the Board.

Superintendent H. Lee Thomas' resignation becomes effective June 30. To date the Board has received more than 20 applications, including several from other county superintendents.

It is expected that a new superintendent will be named in a few days.

"Guess Who" Cartoons Exhibited In Gallery

Cartoons now on view at the Library Gallery include the famous series: "GUESS WHO" from the pen of the Saturday Evening Post artist, Bill Harrison.

And anybody who goes in to take a look at them will come out with a grin on his face.

Well worth the price of admission—only there ain't no price! The exhibit of this talented American cartoonist, varying the type of art shows held during the season, will be on view until May 20, when the modern painter, James Harrel, will hang his canvases, now being shown at Queen's College, Charlotte.

Scholarship Loan Fund For Needy Students Set Up

Provided For In Will Of Late Mrs. Warren Sheldon

The bulk of the estate of the late Mrs. Warren S. Sheldon of Southern Pines has been left to establish an educational fund for Moore County's needy students.

Mrs. Sheldon died May 1 of this year. She had lived in the Pinehurst Convalescent Home for a number of years prior to that. Her husband, a retired minister, died March 11.

Under the terms of her will the Citizens Bank and Trust Co. was named as trustee of the bulk of her estate and was directed to establish the "Dr. W. F. and Joan Scott Sheldon Scholarship Fund." The income from the fund is to be used "to assist the needy students of the county in attending college or institutions of higher learning or technical training, all according to such rules and regulations both as to the management and investment of the principal and the allocation of the income and the selection of students as the properly constituted authorities of the trustee . . . may determine."

The trustee will appoint a committee to select students, the committee to consist of three or more members. They may be principals or superintendents of any public school administrative unit in the county.

According to W. Harry Fullenwider, who drew Mrs. Sheldon's will, this is the first instance, so far as he can determine, of the establishment of such a fund in the county. He said it was unknown at present just how much would go into the fund, nor how much it would yield each year.

Mrs. Sheldon also willed \$5,000 to Wesleyan University in Middletown, Conn., to be held as a perpetual student aid fund, and \$5,000 to the Southern Pines Methodist Church to be used in reducing the building debt.

The Sheldons lived at the corner of Ridge Street and Connecticut Avenue. He was a native of Connecticut, and Mrs. Sheldon of New York State.

She was for many years in the employ of the United States Senate in a Civil Service position.

Joyce Ziske Cops Inaugural Howard Johnson Tourney

Joyce Ziske of Milwaukee put together a six under women's par 70 Sunday to claim her first tournament victory since 1956, winning the inaugural Howard Johnson's Invitational Golf Tournament held at Mid Pines Club.

Miss Ziske, 14th ranking money winner last year, turned in rounds of 69-71-70-210 that gave her a three stroke lead over her nearest opponent. Her victory was worth \$97.50 More than 20 professionals divided the rest of the \$8,000 purse.

Her last round was considered nothing short of phenomenal because of the condition of the course, soaked by heavy rains throughout the final day of play.

Mary Lena Faulk of Thomasville, Ga., first round leader who slipped behind on the second 18 holes, finished in a tie for second place with Beverly Hanson of Indio, California. They both had 213's, good for \$683.50 each.

Checks and silver trophies for the professional and amateur winners were presented by Howard Johnson, president of the sponsoring restaurant and motor lodge chain.

Low amateur was Nancy Phillips of Newton, who had a score of 77 on the final round for a 54-hole total of 238.

There were a total of 40 players in the tournament, considered one of the best on the ladies circuit this year.

Other professional scores: Jo Ann Prentice, 218; Betsy Rawls, the pre-tourney favorite, 220; Barbara Romack, 222; Wiffl Smith, 22; Marilyn Smith 222; (Continued on page 8)

Council To Poll Public On Methods Of Naming School Board Members

To Conduct Post Card Survey Of Water Customers



EARL HUBBARD

Hubbard Elected Leader Of County Red Cross Chapter

Earl Hubbard, assistant vice president of the Citizens Bank and Trust Company, has been elected chairman of the Moore County Chapter of the American Red Cross. He succeeds General R. B. Hill.

Hubbard's election was made at the annual meeting of the chapter, held last Friday at Dante's Restaurant.

Other officers, all of whom will take over their new jobs in October, are General L. W. Miller, first vice chairman; Dr. Charles Phillips, Robert E. Lee and Donald D. Kennedy, vice chairmen; Mrs. Grace Tillman, secretary; and Thomas T. Hayes, treasurer.

New directors named were Mrs. Pete Phillips, Cameron; Miss Blanche Monroe, West End; Russell C. Coble, Jr., Aberdeen; and J. C. Phillips, Westmore.

All were installed by the Rev. Martin Caldwell.

Hubbard has called a meeting of the new officers for next Wednesday at 3 o'clock at the chapter house on S. W. Broad Street (Continued on page 8)

Midget Baseball League Plans Opening Games

Two games are scheduled for the opening of the Midget Baseball League schedule Monday afternoon at Tom O'Neill's field on Midland Road.

Mayor Robert Ewing will throw out the first ball about 5:15 to signify opening of the League, designed for youngsters eight to 12 years of age. Following the opening ceremonies the first game, between the Yanks and Cards will begin; the other game, between the Braves and Dodgers, will begin at 6:15.

Frank Buchan, coach of one of the teams and a prime mover in the organization of the league, said this week that he and the other coaches had been receiving excellent cooperation from parents and officials.

Buchan said that every youngster of each team would participate in every game, "whether a team is winning or not." He said that all four coaches had agreed on that rule and that it would be strictly adhered to.

Caps and tee shirts for all players have been ordered and will be ready for the opening day games.

Jack Younts, manager of radio station WEEB, will serve as commissioner of the league.

Here is the complete schedule for May (first game begins at 5:15, second at 6:15):

Monday, May 18—Yanks vs Cards, Braves vs Dodgers.

Thursday, May 21—Cards vs Braves, Dodgers vs Yanks.

Monday, May 25—Braves vs Yanks, Cards vs Dodgers.

Friday, May 29—Braves vs Dodgers, Yanks vs Cards.

Citizens of Southern Pines will be asked to participate in a post-card poll in an effort to determine if a change in the present method of selecting members of the Board of Education is desired.

As affording the widest coverage, the list of town water consumers will be followed.

No date has been set for the poll. Because of the fact that any change would have to go through various legal steps, including presentation before the General Assembly—due to adjourn within a few weeks—the time element is not presently a factor.

Decision to conduct the poll was made by the Town Council at its regular meeting Tuesday night. Held in the Council Chamber in the Town Hall, the meeting was attended by about 50 people, most of whom seemed in favor of change.

The meeting was the first for the new Council. Mayor Robert Ewing, after the minutes were read, told those attending that the School Board had been much on the minds of many citizens in the past few weeks and he had been approached by several people who wanted to see some changes made.

"For that reason," he said, "we have decided to discuss it tonight, hoping to learn everything we can about the way the school board is selected and, if it seems best, to come up with a better way, if there is one."

He then asked W. Lamont Brown, town attorney, to review the present method of selection. The town's charter, Brown said, was adopted two years ago and calls for an appointive method of picking school board members. They are serving staggered terms of two, three, and four years and the charter specifies that no person may serve for more than three successive four-year terms.

Following the initial appointments, two years ago, each new member would be appointed for four year terms.

Mayor Ewing said that in order to change the charter, action must be initiated by the Council and a public hearing held. He said further that two elections would be required: the first would be on the question of whether the charter should be changed or not. That election would be confined to residents of Southern Pines.

If the first election carried and it was voted to change the appointive system to another, possibly elective or of dual elective-appointive type, then the School Board would call an election for people who live within the school district.

The town council, he said, would have nothing to do with the second election.

It was suggested by Councilman James Hobbs that a combination board consisting of both appointive and elective members (Continued on page 8)

Faculty Expresses Confidence In School Officials

In a unanimous gesture of loyalty, the faculty of the East Southern Pines School this week recorded its firm support of the school board and superintendent in the stand taken in the recent controversy over the non-reappointment of the principal of the high school.

The statement, released to the press by Mrs. Howard C. Broughton, third grade teacher and president of the local unit of the NCEA, is signed by thirty-three teachers, comprising the entire staffs of both elementary and high school. It reads as follows: "The undersigned faculty members of the East Southern Pines School wish publicly to affirm their confidence in the integrity and fairness of the Southern Pines School Board and in Superintendent A. C. Dawson, Jr."