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## Appropriation Of \$15,000 Made To Fix County Home Commissioners To Lease Building To Private Firm

An appropriation of \$15,000 has been included in Moore County's budget for the new fiscal year to be used for renovation of the old county home.

The building, located south of Carthage on the road to Southern Pines, has been in a state of bad repair for several years. It was closed because it was inefficient, uncomfortable and in need of extensive repairs.

Since then those people who would have been housed there have been sent to private boarding homes.

The county has been petitioned several times by interested people to repair the home and lease it, according to one person in the courthouse, but such a move had never been undertaken because there was sufficient space for needy people in the private boarding homes. Their subsistence, either in part or, in most instances, in whole, was paid by public funds.

But there has been an increasing need to open the facility because of new regulations made by the state which require the private boarding homes to adhere to strict safety rules.

The commissioners allotted \$15,000 for the job this year, \$14,000 of it for actual repair work. The other \$1,000 was the normal appropriation for maintenance.

The dog pound at the county home has been moved to new quarters under the direction of Hardy Barber, the dog warden.

Just when the renovation of the county home will take place is not known at this time.

## Youth Groups Of Local Churches To Meet Sunday

A town-wide youth federation meeting will be held at Brownson Memorial Presbyterian Church Sunday night, according to Dr. Cheves K. Ligon, pastor of the church.

The meeting is one of a series to be held here during July and August, rotating among the various churches. It is open to youth groups of all churches.

Last week the meeting was held at the First Baptist Church with approximately 100 attending.

Sunday night the Rev. Robert C. Mooney, new pastor of the Southern Pines Methodist Church will speak. Roger Gibbs will also be on the program as song leader and soloist.

Light refreshments will be served.

## Mrs. Wilson Opens Agency For Sale Of Real Estate

Mrs. William J. Wilson announces today the opening of a real estate office in her home at 540 E. Ohio Avenue.

She will handle both sales of real estate and rentals.

Mrs. Wilson, whose husband is Building and Safety Inspector for Southern Pines, recently was licensed by the North Carolina Real Estate Licensing Board. She also holds membership in the National Real Estate Licensing Board.

She said today that she would work out of her home until she finds a suitable location for the establishment of an office.

Mrs. Wilson is a native of New York City. She grew up in Keene, N. H., and Boston, and came here to live during the war after marrying Mr. Wilson, an Air Force officer.

## SCHOOL HAS 1200 STUDENTS

### Leonard Accepts Job As Principal At Shallotte; To Move In August

Irie Leonard, former principal and head football coach of the high school here, has been named principal of Shallotte High School in Brunswick County.

He said today that he would move his family there some time in August, as soon as he completes his work as director of the summer recreation program for Southern Pines.

Leonard resigned his position here several weeks ago after being notified by school officials that he would not be offered a contract for the next school year. The action subsequently caused wide resentment against the school board and superintendent A. C. Dawson and resulted in one public meeting of the school board and a great many charges.

Leonard's new job is actually much larger than the one he held here. The school at Shallotte, part of the Brunswick County system, is in the "union consolidated" classification, which means all grades from one through twelve are under the supervision of one man. Some 1,200 students attend the school and there are 40 teachers on the staff.

As principal, Leonard will not have any responsibilities of teaching and coaching. He did both, in addition to his principal's duties, while on the local faculty.

Mrs. Leonard, who was on the faculty at Aberdeen for several years as an English teacher, will join the faculty at Shallotte.

Leonard came to Southern Pines in 1951 from Walnut Cove. He had received his college training at Guilford and at the University of North Carolina where he was awarded a Master's Degree in 1951 in Educational Administration and Supervision.

While here he has made one of the State's most outstanding records as a high school coach. His football teams have been considered among the best in the South, both while playing the six-man variety and, in the past two years, in 11-man.

The teams under his coaching have won state championships twice and have been in the finals on three other occasions. Last year, the second that the local school fielded an 11-man team, the state finals was achieved on an unbeaten record that included several shutouts.

His baseball teams have also won several county championships and landed in the runner-up position on other occasions.

Leonard holds membership in the Lions Club, the American Legion, and is a member of the Board of Deacons at the Church of Wide Fellowship.

He is also a member of the Board of Directors of the North Carolina Coaches Association and a former member of the Board of Control of the North Carolina High School Athletic Association.

It will be recalled by many that he has directed the activities of the summer recreation program here for the past eight years and during that time he pushed formation of the Little League, Pony League, and the adult softball league.

Mrs. Leonard has been active in the affairs of the Junior Woman's Club.

The Leonards have two children, Gregg, 8, and Jason, 1.

This morning Leonard said that he had enjoyed his stay in Southern Pines and, of course, felt a certain sadness in leaving.

"This is one of the best places in the world," he said, "and it has been good to my family and me. We have made some strong friends and that is the hardest thing to part from.

"The job in Shallotte is a good one, however, and it means staying in education, which I think is the most important thing in the world.

"We will return often for visits. And we welcome anyone coming to the coast to visit us."

## GUEST MINISTER

The Rev. Gene Bauer, chaplain at McCain Sanatorium, will be guest minister for the 11 o'clock service Sunday at the Church of Wide Fellowship.



IRIE LEONARD

## Jury List For August Court Term Contains 70 Names

A slate of 70 people was selected Monday for the August term of criminal court in Moore County.

The list, twice the normal size, was selected at the regular monthly meeting of the Board of County Commissioners. Reason given for selecting so many was that a grand jury must be appointed in August.

The list:

Herman P. Smith, Route 1, Aberdeen; Frank W. Price, Route 1, Aberdeen; James F. Kennedy, Robbins; Edward S. Powell, Aberdeen; J. C. Stanley, Sr., Manly; Raymond J. Burnett, Route 1, Cameron; J. W. Kelly, Route 2, Carthage; James Alex Jackson, Route 1, West End; Jackie Francis Edwards, Route 1, Carthage; H. Wilford Lassiter, Vass.

James Lester Maness, Robbins; W. Glen Sniver, Route 1, Eagle Springs; Robert C. Monroe, Aberdeen; Thomas C. Cheek, Route 1, Robbins; W. H. Arrington, Jr., Aberdeen; Lenwood Bryant, Route 1, Cameron; Miss Dora Maness, Route 1, Robbins; Charlie Dowdy, Route 1, Carthage; W. C. Williams, Eagle Springs; Herbert Patterson, Route 3, Carthage.

W. B. Hill, Carthage; Eugene McDonald, Pinehurst; D. H. Garner, Route 1, Robbins; W. W. Batchelor, Route 1, Aberdeen; R. Salmon, Star Route, Carthage; H. L. Hendricks, Cameron; B. E. Thomas, Route 1, Aberdeen; Roland Monroe, Route 1, Eagle Springs; T. T. Bass, Robbins; J. A. Chappell, Lakeview.

Lloyd M. Seawell, Route 1, (Continued on page 8)

## Wilson To Become National Guard Training Officer

### Resigns Position With Town; No Successor Named

William Wilson, Public Safety and Building Inspector for Southern Pines, has resigned effective July 15, it was announced today by Town Manager Louis Scheipers, Jr.

Wilson will become the assistant operations and training officer of the 2nd Medium Tank Battalion of the North Carolina National Guard. His headquarters will be in Raeford.

Wilson, a former Air Force pilot, has been with the town for five years. His duties, in addition to that of public safety and building inspector, included engineering, drafting, and assistant to the Town Manager.

He has been commanding officer of the National Guard unit here since October of 1959. The unit, Company D of the 2nd Medium Tank Battalion, has 60 men and three officers and has headquarters in a handsome new Army complex only last year on Morganton Road.

His new job will be that of assistant training officer for the some 400 men and officers of the battalion. Companies of the battalion are located in Lenoir, Hamlet, Rockingham, St. Pauls and Southern Pines, with headquarters at Raeford.

Scheipers said this morning that he had found no replacement for Wilson yet. Other members of the town staff will take over the duties in the meantime, he added.

Wilson has been succeeded in his National Guard duties here by Captain James Harrington of Pinehurst.

Harrington, who is assistant treasurer of Pinehurst, Inc., has been a member of the Guard for the past six years. He served in the early 1950's with the 82nd Airborne Division for more than three years.

He had formerly held the same job in Raeford that Wilson will be going to. Guard officials recently decided to make the position a full-time one.

Harrington was promoted to captain in May of this year.

Wilson said he would continue to maintain his home in Southern Pines and commute to Raeford daily.

## COUNCIL MEETING

The Southern Pines Town Council has a routine meeting coming up Tuesday night. Among items to be discussed is the replacement of Dr. Amos Dawson as a member of the library for a term to expire June 30, 1960.

## Commissioners Rapped By County School Board On Appropriations

### Miss Gruebl Is New Director Of Tennis Program

Miss Mildred Gruebl has been appointed tennis instructor for the remainder of the summer recreation program here, according to Irie Leonard, director.

Miss Gruebl, one of the area's outstanding tennis players, replaces John McMillan, who resigned last week in order to attend a Boy Scout meeting in the Philippines.

She is maintaining the same schedule as before: 9 a. m. to noon, and 2 p. m. to 5 p. m. Monday through Friday.

Leonard also reminded parents that a full program of activities is available for youngsters at the park daily under the supervision of Nancy Jo Traylor. He said that croquet, badminton, horseshoes, and other activities are on the schedule, 9 a. m. until noon, and 2 p. m. until 5 p. m. daily, Monday through Friday.

## Four From Here In State Jaycee Golf Tournament

Four young golfers from Southern Pines will compete in the 8th annual N. C. Junior Golf Tournament in Kinston July 13-15.

The tournament, to be played over the Kinston Country Club course, is being sponsored by the State Junior Chamber of Commerce.

It is open to boys in the state who will not be over 18 years of age before August 15.

The four from Southern Pines—Charles Rose, Eddie McKenzie, Tommy Clark and Topper Parks—were selected and are being sponsored by the local chapter of the Junior Chamber of Commerce, of which Paul Boroughs is president.

All four of them played on the team at the high school this year and all are considered top golfers in their age brackets.

## Overton To Have Restored Ford In Horseless Carriage Tour Next Week

J. T. Overton, proprietor of the Sandhills Drug Company here, is among a group of 75 members of the North Carolina Horseless Carriage Club planning to take part in the annual tour July 14-17.

The tour opens the night of July 14—next Tuesday—with a

## RECORD SET

Audrey McCaskill, Moore County's Register of Deeds, said her office set a pleasant record in June.

With some 34 marriage licenses issued, she said, an all-time high was established. She was so busy issuing them for July, however, that she didn't have time to check the records to see just what the previous record had been.

## \$25,000 Suit Is Filed As Result Of Manly Wreck

A civil action asking \$25,000 for personal injuries has been filed in Moore County Superior Court by Roger Lee McDonald of Route 2, Cameron, against Carl Jesse Black of Aberdeen and John Howard Edmonds and Royce Edmonds of Cameron.

The suit grew out of an accident which occurred in early February on US Highway 1 at Manly in which one person, Mrs. Carl Jesse Black, was killed.

McDonald was a passenger in the vehicle which Royce Gray Edmonds was driving when it collided head-on with the car operated by Black. He alleges that the wreck was caused by the negligence of both drivers, and as a result of the injuries he sustained, he was hospitalized and out of work for five weeks. He said he lost \$69 per week in wages.

Another suit has also been filed in the Clerk of Court's office in which Lawrence Rowell of Moore County is seeking \$7,500 for personal injury and \$179 for auto repairs. Defendants in the action are listed as Walda Jean Prim and Winfred Prim of Wake County.

Rowell alleges that Walda Jean Prim was operating a vehicle belonging to Winfred Prim which struck the rear end of his car on June 28 last year in Sanford.

big horseless carriage exposition at the Legion Park in Laurinburg and will climax three days later at Charleston, S. C. The exposition portion of the tour will feature a display of the old cars making the tour, plus Johnny Mack Brown, oldtime cowboy movie star, as guest of honor. Show time is 8 p. m.

The old cars will chug out of Laurinburg early Wednesday morning en route to Columbia, where the group will spend the night.

The second lap of the tour will be to Charleston where the group will hold its annual meeting the night of July 16. Along the route the caravan will stop for brief periods at Bennettsville, Darlington, Florence, Timmonsville, Sumter, Orangeburg, Branchville and Summerville.

Mr. Overton will drive his restored 1923 Ford Roadster in the tour. He has spent the past few days taking tune-up trips to places as far away as Wadesboro. He reports that he gets better than 20 miles per hour in the car.

Last year he was in a tour that went to Concord, Gastonia, Spartanburg, Greenville and Hendersonville. He also was in the Fall Festival at Thomasville along with dozens of other antique car lovers.

The tour this year will feature entries ranging from a 1904 Reo to a 1929 Ford. Some of the other famous makes are a 1908 Buick, 1910 Overland, 1907 Brush, 1909 Maxwell, 1911 Case, and a 1909 Pullman.

## Funds For Local, County Units Said Out Of Proportion

The Moore County Board of Education, backed by an impressive array of statistics and accompanied by a delegation of almost 100 school board members from various parts of the county, Monday charged the County Commissioners with gross favoritism in the allocation of capital outlay funds to city administrative school units for the upcoming fiscal year.

The commissioners, arms folded and countenances stony, met the charges, for the most part, with silence. Only occasionally did any of them volunteer an answer to the questions that were popped at them from either the school board members or the delegation.

The meeting had been requested by the County School Board, of which J. A. Culbertson of Robbins is chairman, when the budget was published last week. He noted that only \$140,000 in capital outlay funds had been made available for county needs though a total of \$226,066, plus an additional \$150,000 reserve funds for super schools, had been requested.

At the meeting, held in the courtroom, a mimeographed sheet was distributed showing the allocations in capital outlay funds for the three units—county, Southern Pines, Pinehurst—since the 1946-47 budget was adopted. Culbertson said the summary had been prepared by school officials from records on file in the auditor's office.

Biggest discrepancy, Culbertson said, was the fact that the county schools, with an enrollment in excess of 7,000, had been allocated only \$140,000 for building needs. Southern Pines, with an enrollment of 1451, this year got \$90,000 and Pinehurst, with 824 enrolled, received \$45,000.

Superintendent Robert E. Lee noted that the funds allotted to the county units would not provide for any new building programs. On the contrary, he said, it might be unable to finish jobs already underway.

The commissioners, accompanied by John C. Muse of Sanford, a certified public accountant who prepares the county budget after the commissioners get all the figures together, said they were doing the best with the funds available.

L. R. Reynolds, the chairman, said: "Of course we would like to see the schools get more money. We would like to see them have everything the School Board thinks they need. But in order to stay within the \$1.35 tax rate, there just wasn't enough for everything that was asked for. We did the best with what we had."

But the delegation of school board members from most of the units in the county didn't think so.

Sample questions: Is someone else's child better than mine? Why does it cost more to educate a child in a city unit than it does the county, if indeed it does? Why does the county school system always manage to get the crumbs after the city units get what they want? Aren't county kids due the same treatment as those in Southern Pines and Pinehurst?

Thus, the questions went. And for the most part, they also went unanswered.

Jere McKeithen of Aberdeen pointed out that the overall spending in the county this year was more than last year, but at the same time, allocations for the schools were down.

He criticized the commissioners for keeping in the budget more than \$100,000 for the construction of an agriculture building in Carthage when a building was already available.

Several years ago, he reminded the commissioners, a delegation of farmers and agriculture officials had requested the building for their use. The School (Continued on page 8)



TEENAGE CLUB at the local Moose Lodge is getting to be one of the most popular places in the Sandhills on Friday nights. The club, open from 8 to 11 p. m. only on Fridays, is sponsored by the Moose and has been in progress about one month. Good crowds have been attending, according to E. M. Oldham of Vass, lodge governor, and they are growing each week. Teenagers from any place in the lodge's

jurisdiction, which includes all of Moore County, are invited to participate. There is no charge. The teenage club will run throughout the summer and continue in the fall and winter if the demand is great enough, Moose officials said. It is located in the building on U. S. Highway 1 north of town that formerly housed the Johnson Discount Store.