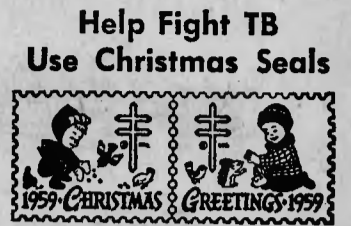


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Alternate Route 1 Through Business Section Discussed By Town Council

Purpose Would Be To Guide Traveler Wanting See Town

The thinking of the town's Advertising Committee on the long-discussed proposal that an alternate No. 1 highway route be officially established by the State, to run through the Southern Pines business section, was reported to the town council Tuesday night.

Committee Chairman George Pottle and Ward Hill, a member, appeared before the council, with Mr. Hill as spokesman. He told the council that the committee had discussed several routes and had conferred with State Highway officials but had arrived at no definite recommendation.

The point of an alternate route, Mr. Hill said, is not to route through traffic into town, but to provide an official route that would appear on oil company maps for those motorists who are travelling in a leisurely way, who want to stop and who can see plainly on a map that there is a marked way to get into the town and out again.

The council must make a rec-

ommendation for a route before the State can do anything about it, Mr. Hill pointed out. He said the committee would welcome the thinking of the council on the matter.

Mr. Hill said that proposals discussed by the committee include:

Entering Southern Pines via the old No. 1 highway entrances at north and south of town, the northbound traffic going through Broad St., then east on Connecticut Ave. to May St. and so out north; the south-bound traffic, taking the reverse of this course.

Entering Southern Pines with both north and south bound traffic at the Pennsylvania Ave. intersection with the parkway, going east on Pennsylvania to May and thence north or south as desired—or east on Pennsylvania to Broad St. and north or south on the proper side of Broad St., as desired.

Entering Southern Pines, southbound, at the Midland Road intersection and thence through the business section on West Broad St. and out the old No. 1 at the south end of town; with north-bound traffic taking the reverse of this course or else turning east from Broad St. on Connecticut Ave. to May St. and thence out north on the old No. 1.

One objective of the routes would be to get motorists to the town Information Center at the corner of S. E. Broad St. and Pennsylvania Ave.

State Will Share Drainage Project For S. W. Broad St.

An ordinance regulating installation of natural gas facilities was adopted at the December meeting of the town council Tuesday night.

H. J. Dye, utilization engineer with the N. C. Natural Gas Company, was present to suggest a few changes in the wording of the original ordinance, which were adopted after detailed discussion.

The changes, Mr. Dye said, are consistent with all national gas codes, such as those of the American Gas Association, Underwriters Laboratories and insurance companies, but they will make the ordinance more practical for gas equipment and facility installers to comply with.

The full ordinance, as adopted, appears elsewhere in today's Pilot.

The full council was present with Mayor R. S. Ewing presiding and Mayor Pro-Tem Jimmy Hobbs, and Councilmen Harry Pethick, John Ruggles and Felton Capel. The small citizen attendance, in the courtroom-council (Continued on page 8)

Mrs. Acker Takes Town Post; Mrs. Traylor Resigns

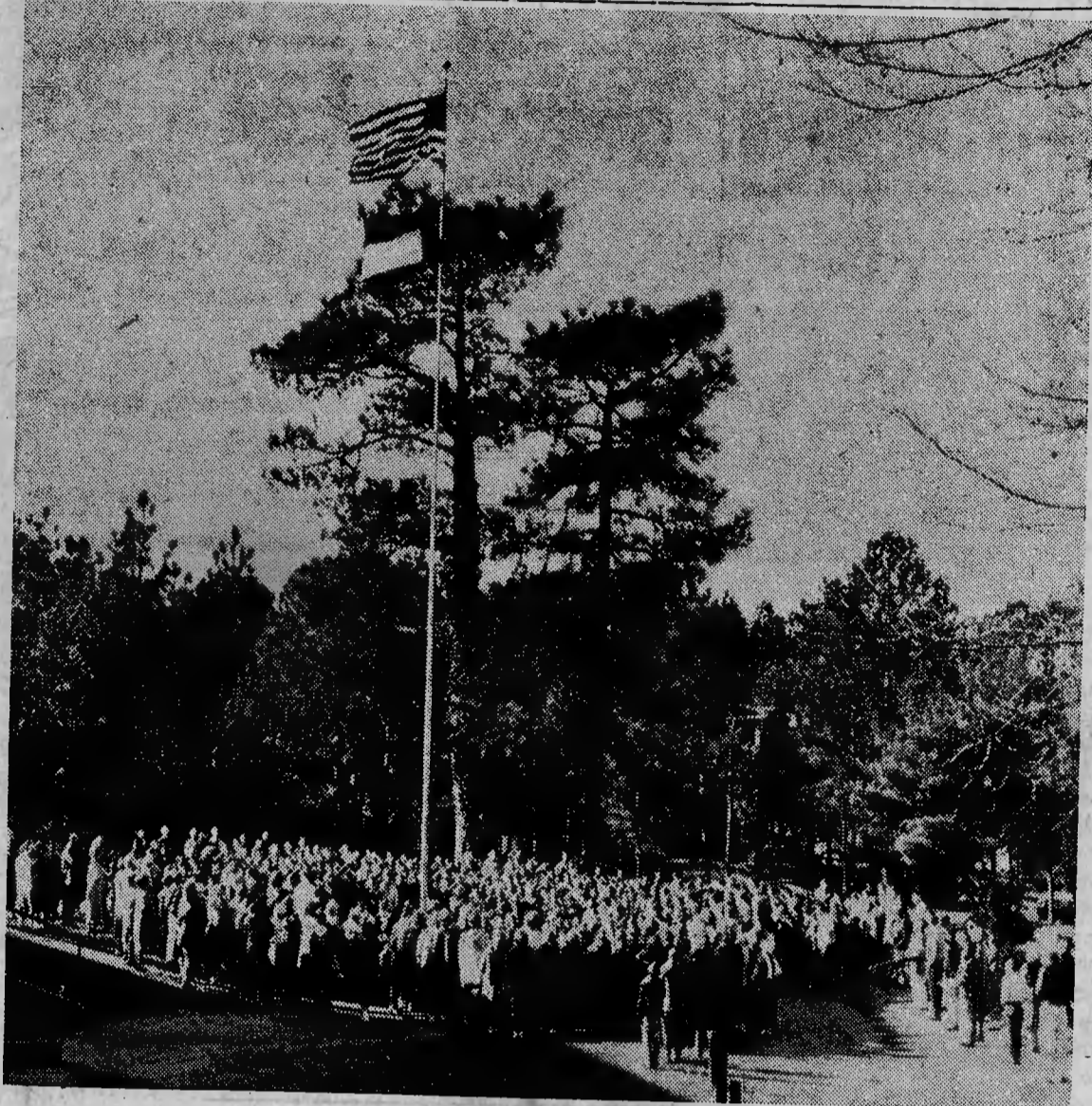
Mrs. Don Traylor has resigned as administrative secretary at the town Information Center, effective December 15, and Mrs. Carl Acker of 857 Leak St., has been appointed to the post.

Mrs. Traylor said this week that she is resigning to take part-time work with the Austin Business Machine Co. store, giving her more free time than she has had with the Information Center. She has been at the Center since it was opened in October, 1958, in the town-owned former Milliken building at the corner of S. E. Broad St. and Pennsylvania Ave.

Mrs. Acker and her husband, who is an agent of the Right of Way department of the State Highways, have lived in Southern Pines since May of this year. They have previously lived in Raleigh and Greenville where Mr. Acker was graduated from East Carolina College.

A graduate of Peace College at Raleigh, Mrs. Acker is the former Mary Rebecca Buie of Wagram. When in Raleigh, she was employed as a file clerk in the N. C. Department of Motor Vehicles.

The Ackers are active in civic and religious work. Mr. Acker is a Jaycee and Mrs. Acker is a member of the Junior Woman's Club. Mr. and Mrs. Acker are members of Brownson Memorial Presbyterian Church and are the advisors for the Pioneer Youth Fellowship at the church.



50-STAR FLAG—The new 50-star United States flag, with the North Carolina State flag beneath it, was raised during a short ceremony on the East Southern Pines school grounds Monday morning, December 7, 18th anniversary of the attack on Pearl Harbor. Photo shows the massed student body pledging allegiance to the flag. Superintendent Luther A. Adams made a

short talk on the importance of the flag as a symbol of patriotism and students spoke briefly on the significance of the dates on the North Carolina flag. The school band, directed by William McAdams, played several selections, ending the program with the national anthem. (Pilot Photo)

Literacy Program Explained Here

A training meeting for volunteer teachers in the Literacy Program was held at the First Baptist Church in Southern Pines for Moore, Anson, Lee, Montgomery and Richmond Counties on Tuesday.

The Literacy Movement today is an outgrowth of an experiment staged last winter over WBTV in Charlotte. The teaching is done by a combination of television and informal instruction. It is necessary to have a TV set and volunteer leaders. Through this movement illiterates are given an opportunity to learn to read and write up to the third grade. The (Continued on page 21)

Resignation Is Accepted

The town council accepted "with extreme regret" the resignation of Col. Donald Madigan as town Civil Defense director, to become head of the Moore County CD program, at the council's meeting Tuesday night.

Town Manager Louis Scheipers, Jr., was directed to write Colonel Madigan a letter thanking him for his services. No appointment was made to fill the vacancy.

Jugtown Restraining Order Lifted But More Legal Action Threatened

A ruling handed down by Resident Judge F. Don Phillips at Rockingham Tuesday freed Moore County's famed Jugtown from legal action which has made it inoperative for many months.

In a hearing in his chambers, Judge Phillips sustained a defense demurrer and dismissed a restrainer brought last June by a group opposing the present ownership.

The ruling leaves Jugtown in

Wilbur Currie Awarded Kiwanis Builders Cup

State Senator Wilbur H. Currie of Carthage received the Sandhills Kiwanis Builders Cup Friday night, and told the assembled Kiwanians, their wives and guests, "This is the proudest moment of my life."

The award of Moore county's foremost recognition of individual service was the highlight of the club's annual banquet and Ladies' Night at the Pinehurst Country Club.

Suspense built up during the presentation speech by W. Lamont Brown as master of ceremonies, when he referred to the subject as "born on a Moore County farm, as much at home in a tobacco patch as an industry's front office. . . . An all-out Tar Heel and Presbyterian, who took Carolina's 50-0 score against Duke as practical proof of predestination. . . . A former star on the Carolina baseball team, who

could have been a giant killer in professional baseball but instead used his strong right arm to fight for the cause of education, and in the battle for the State's aged and disabled." Currie is a longtime trustee of Flora Macdonald College and the University of North Carolina, and is on the board of the new Con- (Continued on page 24)



PRESENTATION—State Sen. Wilbur Currie of Carthage, center, receives the Kiwanis Builders Cup from W. Lamont Brown of Southern Pines, left, in a ceremony at the Pinehurst Country Club Friday night. At right is R. F. Hoke Pollock of Southern Pines, club president. (Humphrey Photo)

Light Voting In Poll Favors Elected School Board Over Appointed

Council Urges More Citizens To Cast Votes

Of a total of 762 persons casting votes in the town's informal poll on methods of selecting Southern Pines school board members, 491 favor election and 271 appointment, as of Tuesday night.

Town Manager Louis Scheipers, Jr., reporting on the poll to the town council at its Tuesday night meeting, said that this shows 64 per cent of the votes cast are for election and 36 per cent for appointment.

Of 1,600 cards sent out to households in the Southern Pines school district, only 391 were returned up to Tuesday night, he said—only about 23 per cent of the total. The votes on these 391 cards, however, represented the opinions of 762 persons as the votes averaged nearly two per card.

Each card asked indication of how many voters in the household favored election and how many favored appointment. The card was then signed by the head of the household.

Mr. Scheipers estimated that there are 2,700 eligible voters (persons over 21 years of age) in the school district which includes territory outside the Southern Pines town limits.

Seven cards, the manager reported, indicated that the voters represented on them favored a half - elected, half - appointed board. These opinions, of course, could not be counted in the poll.

Councilmen expressed disappointment at the light voting and asked that residents of the school district be urged through this newspaper to indicate their preferences and return their cards.

Persons who have mislaid their cards can get duplicates at the town office. Any resident of the school district who did not receive a card can also get one on application there.

The council requested that the poll be taken, after hearing several complaints about the present method of selecting the school board by appointment by the council.

No change in method could be made without an enabling act of the General Assembly.

School board members serve staggered terms, so that the appointment of all the board's members does not come up in any one year.

SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

Students in the Southern Pines, Pinehurst and Moore County school systems will start their Christmas holidays at the close of the school day on Friday, December 18, and return at the usual hour Monday, January 4, it was announced this week by superintendents of the three school units.

OPEN SATURDAYS

For the convenience of patrons' Christmas mailing the Southern Pines post office will be open all day Saturday, this week and next week. Postmaster Max Rush said this week. He urged early holiday mailing. "The rush is beginning," he said.

Glee Club, Band To Entertain PTA Meeting Monday

Entertainment by the school glee club and band will be featured on the program of the East Southern Pines Parent-Teacher Association at the regular meeting of the group Monday, December 14, at 8 p. m. in Weaver Auditorium.

C. S. (Buster) Patch, Jr., president, said this week that the entertainment will follow a short business session. Refreshments will be served in the cafeteria after the program.

Both the glee club and band are directed by William McAdams of the school faculty. They will perform separately and together.

Eight selections are on the glee club's program, all with a Christmas theme, including several less frequently heard carols from foreign nations.

The meeting is open to the public without charge. Mr. Patch urged that all interested persons take this opportunity to hear a program of Christmas music.

Dr. Nettleton To Be 90 On Friday; Service Lauded

Dr. DeWitt B. Nettleton of Knollwood, longtime resident of the Sandhills, will mark his 90th birthday tomorrow, Friday, December 11.

Prominent for many years in the civic and religious affairs of the community, Dr. Nettleton was honored this week by the following resolution adopted, for the occasion of his birthday, by the board of directors of the Pinehurst Religious Association:

"RESOLVED that—The Board of Directors of the Pinehurst Religious Association, at their meeting held on December 7, 1959 is indeed happy to be able to extend its best wishes and heartfelt congratulations to their fellow members, Dr. DeWitt B. Nettleton, on his ninetieth birthday.

"Dr. Nettleton has been a prominent figure in all Pinehurst activities for some thirty-five years, but in no other connection has he been more honored and beloved than in his devoted work for the Village Chapel. (Continued on page 8)

Singletary Aid Fund Still Open

The aid fund for Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Lee Singletary, young Negro couple whose three children were burned to death and whose house and furnishings at Midway were lost in the fire, amounts to several hundred dollars.

Sponsors of the fund—the United Telephone Co. and the Rev. J. R. Funderburk of Southern Pines—reminded the public today that the fund is still open for donations.

Joe Kimball of the telephone company said this morning that funds donated, together with some life insurance due the parents, amount to about \$750. Mr. Funderburk said he had in hand \$300.80, with contributions from Aberdeen and Pinehurst still to be reported.

Goal of the effort, Mr. Kimball said, is to collect enough money so that a substantial down payment can be made toward building a house for the young couple. Ernest has land, Mr. Kimball said, and expects to do much of the work himself, as he had done on the house that burned.

Pinebluff To Have Plastics Plant

A plastics extrusion plant that will provide materials used by the Trimble Products, Inc., factory here will be established at Pinebluff, it was learned this week.

Joseph A. Mirguet of Rochester, N. Y.—where he operated a similar plant to supply the Trimble operation there—has purchased the building at the corner of No. 1 highway and Philadelphia Ave. from Edward A. Tucker of Berkeley, Calif., it was announced by Resort Realty and Development Co. of Southern Pines, agents for the transaction.

Mr. Tucker, former resident of Southern Pines, operated an auto parts and equipment supply business from the building several years ago. It has been vacant since Mr. Tucker closed his business.

Machinery is being moved from Rochester and production will

start when the Trimble Products plant here goes into operation early in 1960. Four to six men will be employed, it was stated.

Mr. Mirguet expects to live at Pinebluff for the present and plans to move his family from Rochester to the Sandhills next year. The Mirguets have a son and daughter.

The reality company spokesman said that various improvements and alterations will be made on the building. Adjoining the Pinebluff Telephone Company building, the structure fronts 40 feet on No. 1 highway and runs back 75 feet on a lot 124 feet in depth.

The reality company spokesman said that Mr. Mirguet may later expand his business into the manufacture of other plastic products, as well as the materials produced for the Trimble plant which will manufacture baby furniture and play equipment.