

\$280,000 in School Construction Needs Here Told to County Commissioners

John Howarth, chairman of the Southern Pines school trustees, and Luther A. Adams, superintendent, appeared before the county commissioners Monday to list school construction needs amounting to \$280,000 for the local district.

The school officials explained that this was not their formal request for funds in the 1960-61 county budget, but that they wanted to acquaint the county board with needs well in advance of budget-making time.

The county appropriates funds for school construction, getting separate requests from the Southern Pines and Pinehurst administrative units and from the county school system, before the bud-

get is made up. The local officials listed as the district's primary need \$105,000 to complete another wing on the East Southern Pines High School building. The current year's appropriation of \$90,000 to Southern Pines is being held to combine with a new appropriation before construction can begin.

The other request was for \$175,000 for a new high school in West Southern Pines.

The new high school wing is a pressing need, Mr. Howarth said, pointing out that two classes are being held in church assembly rooms this year and another in the home economics building that is not designed for classroom use.

Enrollment in the high school is increasing each year, he said.

The commissioners, who had heard Mrs. Walter Cole, county welfare superintendent, tell them earlier in the day that the Welfare Department had been called in on school truancy cases at West Southern Pines school, questioned Mr. Adams about the situation there.

The superintendent said that attendance at the schools in West Southern Pines runs 95 to 98 per cent but that there have been a number of chronic cases of truancy which have been given attention.

Mrs. Cole had said it would be of assistance to the Welfare Department if Southern Pines had accepted an invitation to join the county school system in employing Mrs. Edna Taylor as attendance officer for the Negro schools. She said Mrs. Taylor was doing a fine job in the county schools and had taken a load off the Welfare Department.

Mr. Howarth said that the local school trustees had discussed the matter but thought that there was not much point in employing an attendance officer to take care of two or three per cent of the students.

The school officials said that there is not so much trouble as formerly with students staying out of school to caddy on golf courses. For some reason, Mr. Howarth said, "that picture has improved."

Mrs. Richard Webb Injured in Crash Of Auto and Truck

Mrs. Richard D. Webb of Young's Road, near Southern Pines, received a fractured pelvis and two broken ribs when the 1959 Pontiac station wagon she was driving was struck by a bottling company truck northbound on May St. as Mrs. Webb drove her car west into May St. from the Delaware Ave. (Young's Road) intersection.

Elease C. France of 1200 W. Indiana Ave., Negro domestic worker who was a passenger in Mrs. Webb's car, received a broken finger and head bruises.

At Moore Memorial Hospital today, the attending nurse said Mrs. Webb's condition is improving. Mrs. France remained a patient at that hospital until today, when she went home.

Police Chief C. E. Newton and Sgt. L. D. Beck, who investigated, reported that Mrs. Webb told them her brakes failed to work when she approached the "stop" intersection. The truck, property of the 7-Up Bottling Co. of Raleigh and driven by Garfield Carter, 22, of Fayetteville, hit the Webb station wagon broadside, the high bumper of the truck crushing in

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OH, NO—NOT AGAIN!

2nd Snow in Week Hits Area

A warm sun in clearing skies this afternoon was melting this area's second snow blanket in a week—a storm in which seven and a half inches fell between dawn and darkness Wednesday.

Unlike last week's storm, in which freezing rain and sleet predominated on top of several inches of snow, Wednesday's blast at the Sandhills was almost entirely a dry, powdery variety that created many scenes of beauty but soon packed down into an icy covering on streets and highways. About dark, there was some freezing rain but it was not heavy and did not last through the night.

There were no serious traffic accidents in this area attributable to the storm, but police investigated several minor collisions around town and trucks and cars had to be pulled out of ditches in town and on the highways.

The snow started about 7 a. m. Wednesday and came down so heavily that school was called off for the day. Today, the children of the Southern Pines, Pinehurst and Moore County schools were out and it was learned early this afternoon that all three systems will not have school on Friday. All schools hope to be back in operation Monday.

Supt. Luther A. Adams of Southern Pines said that this week's enforced vacation means that schools here have lost a total of five days. He said he would consult with the school board and announce as soon as possible how this time will be made up.

Resort interests in the Sandhills have suffered heavily by the storms of the past two weeks.

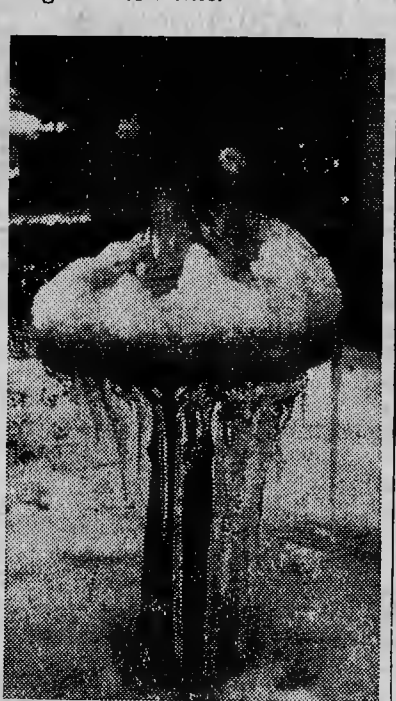
What was the best season in years—for this time of the year—has turned into the worst. Guests here to play golf have left by the hundreds and many reservations have been cancelled at hotels and motor courts.

Reservations for the remainder

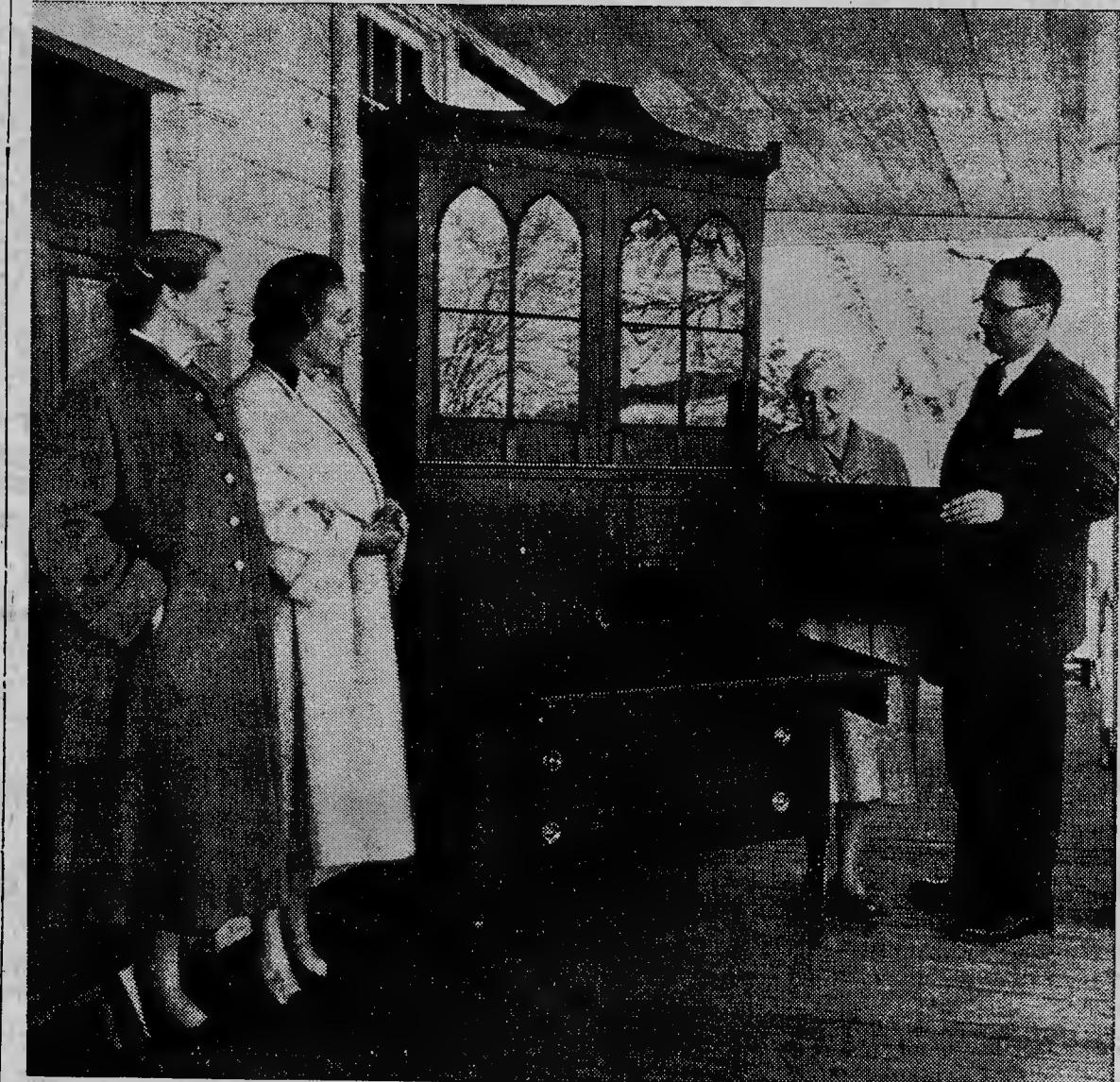
of March and for April remain high, however, and operators of hotels and motels are optimistic for the remainder of the season which runs well into May.

Utility interruption was at a minimum in this week's storm, though telephones frequently went dead because of overloading of central equipment by many calls.

Many down town stores here closed early. Few persons were out who did not have tire chains. Many cars were left in the business section and adjoining streets and their owners walked or caught rides home.



VASE OF ICE — A fantastic product of recent frigid weather is this vase of ice, with big icicles beneath, produced by a bird-bath fountain in the yard of Mr. and Mrs. John Ruggles, 180 N. Bennett St. The hollow structure of ice was suitably decorated with roses to make possible a "June in March" tag for this unusual photo.



GIFT ADMIRER — An 18th century secretary, pictured on the porch of the "House in the Horseshoe," is admired by Moore County Historical Association members as it is being moved. In left to right: Mrs. William J. Harrington of the Glendon Road, near Carthage, Mrs. Ernest

Ives of Southern Pines, Mrs. Charles T. Grier of Carthage and Frank Horton of Winston-Salem, antique furniture consultant at Old Salem, who delivered the secretary to the historic site in Deep River Township. (Pilot photo)

Valuable Antique Secretary Given For Alston House

A valuable piece of furniture believed to have been made in Fayetteville about 1770 has been presented to the Moore County Historical Society by Mr. and Mrs. William D. Campbell of New York and Southern Pines and has been placed in the historic Alston house in Deep River Township.

Mr. and Mrs. Campbell are now at their home on E. Connecticut Ave., while Mrs. Campbell is recuperating from an illness.

The antique secretary was recently delivered to the Alston House—site of a skirmish during the American Revolution—by Frank Horton of Winston-Salem, from whom it was acquired for the Historical Society by Mr. and Mrs. Campbell after their attention was drawn to it by Mr. Horton. Mr. and Mrs. Campbell have long been interested in the projects of the Historical Society.

Members of the Alston House committee of the Society were on

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Rest Home Will Open on April 1

An opening date of April 1 was set by the county commissioners Monday for the Reynolds Rest Home to be operated at the remodeled former county home property on the Southern Pines-Carthage road.

A tentative March 15 opening was impossible because work has not been completed and furnishings not all purchased.

The home will be leased from the county and operated by Mr. and Mrs. John Smith of Robbins, to accommodate 20 persons.

An open-house event is planned at the time of opening to let the public see the new facility.

'SCANDALS' POSTPONED

The "Scandals of the Sandhills" home talent musical show that was to be presented three nights this week at Pinehurst has been postponed to Wednesday, Thursday and Friday nights of next week, at the Pinehurst school auditorium, because of this week's snow storm. (Photo on page 5)

MRS. SMITH IMPROVING

Mrs. S. R. Smith, woman's page editor of The Pilot who broke her hip in a fall on Wednesday of last week, is improving at Moore Memorial Hospital, after undergoing surgery last Thursday.

Martin Ferguson Killed by Automobile, Driver Facing Manslaughter Charge

Martin Ferguson, 49, of N. May St. was almost instantly killed when he was struck by an automobile driven by Roosevelt Vamper, 22-year-old local Negro, about half a block north of the Rhode Island Ave. intersection with May St., at 7:50 p. m. last Friday night.

Struck and injured by the 1954 Ford two-door sedan were two men who were walking with Ferguson in the street, because of the snow on the sidewalks. They are Albert Cheatham, 52, in front of whose residence at 645 N. May the accident occurred, and Raymond Ritter, 34, of Manly. Both Cheatham's legs were broken and Ritter sustained cuts and bruises.

The attending nurse at St. Joseph's Hospital, where Cheatham and Ritter remain patients, said today that both are improving.

Police Sgt. Earl Seawell and Officer C. A. Wilson, who investigated, reported that Ferguson was dragged 132 feet while caught face-down beneath the car driven by Vamper and that his chest was crushed. They said he was in a dying condition when removed from under the right rear spring of the car, where his body was caught.

Cheatham, the officers said, was knocked 30 feet and Ritter eight feet, both into the snow that bordered the street.

Vamper was charged with involuntary manslaughter, drunken driving, speeding (he told the police he was driving 45 miles per hour) and having no operator's license.

In a hearing before Judge W. Harry Fullenwider in Southern Pines Recorder's Court Wednesday, Vamper was ordered held for the grand jury on the manslaughter charge and bond was set at \$3,000.

The car that Vamper was driving was owned by John Robinson of Youngs Road. Passengers at the time were Vamper's pregnant wife, Verdell, and James D. Harris of McCain.

Vamper stopped the car and called police from a house nearby. In his statement to police he

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CONCERT MARCH 24

The third presentation of the Sandhills Music Association's series will take place Thursday night, March 24, at Weaver Auditorium, when Edmond Karlsrud, bass-baritone, and Wolfgang Fetsch, pianist, will appear.

Students Chosen to Play with Navy Band; Guardsmen to Stage Ceremony

William McAdams, music director of Southern Pines city schools, has announced that Dick Hoskins and Frank Staples from the Southern Pines High School Band and David Funderburk and John Dawless from the Aberdeen High School Band have been chosen to play at the matinee performance with the U. S. Navy Band at 3 p. m., Sunday, March 20. Funderburk and Staples play the clarinet, while Dawless and Hoskins perform on the trumpet. These young men were chosen for this honor because of their musical ability, poise, and deportment.

Thomas Ruggles, ticket chairman for the Jaycee-sponsored Navy Band concerts, has announced that inclement weather last week prevented the manning of ticket booths as scheduled last Saturday, but stressed the fact that there will be booths in front of the post office and the Citizens Bank and Trust Co. in

Southern Pines this Saturday, March 12, for the convenience of those who have not yet purchased their tickets. The booths will be manned by members of the Southern Pines High School Band and local Jaycees—again, with weather permitting.

A color guard of National Guardsmen from the local unit will present the colors at the opening of both the evening and matinee performances of the Navy Band, according to word received from Dr. Joe Currie, chairman of the reception and decorations committee.

Numerous responses to the request by Jaycee President Paul Boroughs for the largest American flag in the Sandhills have been received. It has not yet been decided which flag is to be used. The flag chosen will be used as a backdrop during the concerts.

Tickets for both concerts can be obtained at Larry's Men's Shop on Pennsylvania Ave.

Portion of Parkway Is Zoned for Business Use

Hearing Set on Change in Street Paving Procedure

An amendment to the Town's street improvement ordinance, on which public hearing was directed by the council Tuesday night, would make possible surface treatment of unpaved streets with gravel and liquid asphalt, when curb and gutter has been petitioned by adjoining property owners but when funds are not available to do the work.

The amendment would permit the manager to "upgrade" unpaved streets in this manner, in preparation for permanent, heavier paving and the curb and gutter work.

As the law reads now, no unpaved street can be given any kind of paving unless curb and gutter is done at the same time.

Property owners must pay \$1.25 a front foot when curb and gutter work is done, but can prorate the payments over a 10-year period. The town does the paving work at its expense.

There is now a "priority" waiting list for curb and gutter and paving as the town funds are not enough to do at once all of its share of these projects.

Under the proposed amendment, property owners who can't pay curb and gutter assessments when they become due can waive priority and go down on the list—but can waive their priority only once.

Pressure for a change in the street improvement ordinance has come from West Southern Pines where complaints have been made frequently to the manager and to the Council about the bad condition of unpaved streets in the vicinity of the school.

Town Attorney Lamont Brown drew up the proposed amendment, designed to speed street improvements but not require a change in basic policy, after extensive consultation with the North Carolina Attorney General and with the League of Municipalities.

Board Discusses Funds for Airport

A federal appropriation of \$57,500 in funds for runway and lighting improvements at the Pinehurst-Southern Pines airport—which was announced in Washington last week—was discussed Monday by the county commissioners at their regular meeting in Carthage.

Commissioner W. S. Taylor of Aberdeen said that he expected the board would meet with the Airport Committee, the advisory group for the county-owned airport, and discuss the county's plans to match the federal funds.

The money will become available July 1 and the county has two years from that date to put up its dollar-for-dollar matching funds.

It appears likely that the county will divide its appropriations over two fiscal years and that some funds, to meet additional cost of the work beyond the public funds available, will be sought from private sources.

Huntley Buys Service Station, Leases to Talbert

Daniel B. Hancock, has sold his Shell Service Station and recapping property, and plant, located on U. S. Highway 1 between Aberdeen and Southern Pines, to W. T. Huntley, Jr., of Southern Pines.

Frank Talbert who has been operating the Recapping Shop for several months has leased both the service station and recapping shop from Mr. Huntley. As soon as the weather will permit, work will be done to make the buildings and grounds more attractive, Mr. Huntley said, in announcing the purchase.

The town council, at its March meeting Tuesday night, voted unanimously to place the area on both sides of the No. 1 highway parkway—from Vermont Ave. to Midland Road, to a depth of 550 feet—in a new "Business III" zone. It was formerly in Residential II zone.

All members of the council were present: Mayor R. S. Ewing, Mayor Pro Tem Jimmy Hobbs and Councilmen John Ruggles, Felton Capel and Harry Pethick. Motion to adopt the zoning recommendation of the Planning Board was made by Mr. Ruggles, seconded by Mr. Capel.

The action followed a public hearing in which resolutions opposing the re-zoning—from the Town-appointed Parks and Beautification Committee and from the Southern Pines Garden Club—were read by Mayor Ewing. Full texts of the resolutions appear at the end of this story. A number of persons at the hearing expressed opposition to the proposal and a few favored it.

One point raised from the audience resulted in the council's recommendation that the Planning Board make a study of the problem of signs in the new business zone and in other business zones, too, and come back to the council with a recommendation for another amendment to the zoning ordinance.

Town Manager Louis Scheipers, Jr., suggested that a recommendation might be made that would not only limit the size of signs but would allow signs only on the grounds of the establishments they would advertise.

There seemed to be general agreement by the council that limitation of signs, especially to prevent erection of billboards along the parkway, is desirable. The sign amendment can not be adopted, however, until the Planning Board makes its recommendation, the Council calls for a hearing and the proposal is advertised for two weeks.

The point was made, however, that the entire tract in the new zone is owned by one property owner, W. P. Davis, except for the Mid Pines Lake, and that there seems little likelihood that signs would be erected in the immediate future.

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Innoculation

Fee for Rabies Raised to \$1.50

The rabies inoculation fee for dogs was increased from \$1 to \$1.50 by the county commissioners at their regular meeting in Carthage, because of rising costs of the program.

Actually, board members pointed out, Moore County dog owners are getting the inoculations at only half the price they paid years ago when dogs were treated each year at a charge of \$1.

Now the shots last three years for a cost of \$1.50. Some counties charge up to \$3 for the three-year shots, it was pointed out.

Veterinarians visit all sections of the county each year, giving the shots, as a public convenience to dog owners.

Antiques Fair

Outlook 'Best'

The "best response in any of the three years it has been held" was noted this week about the Moore County Historical Society's Antiques Fair, to be held at the National Guard Armory here March 22, 23 and 24.

Mrs. Ernest Ives, general chairman, said that all but one of the booths for visiting dealers has been taken and that five dealers entered here who were exhibitors at the recent big antiques show in New York City.

PTA MEETING MONDAY

The March meeting of the East Southern Pines Parent-Teacher Association will be held at Weaver Auditorium Monday, March 14, at 8 p. m. C. S. Patch, Jr., president said that there will be a speaker on a subject of interest to parents and visitors.