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Joint Group Will Study Pros, Cons Of Consolidation

At an informal session, heard before the regular business meeting of the Southern Pines Board of Education, the board agreed to cooperate with a committee of citizens to be formed for the purpose of making a study—pro and con—of the question of school consolidation.

Voicing the plea for such a joint study were Charles Cole and J. Cecil Beith, both of whom had been present at the meeting held in Aberdeen last week at which the county consolidation program was presented. Mr. Beith was filling in for Mrs. R. M. McMillan, who with Mr. Cole had been chosen to represent the group before the local board.

At the meeting, held last night in the Elementary School, the entire school board was present: John Howarth, chairman, N. L. Hodgkins, Harry Menzel, Dr. Vida McLeod, and P. I. York, with Schools Superintendent Luther Adams acting as secretary of the board.

Saying that, while his group felt that the Southern Pines school was the first object of concern, Mr. Cole said they realized this was a matter in which it was not possible to take only a local view: "We are interested in all the children of the county," he said.

He made the point that there seemed to have been some lack of liaison between the board and the people and that a committee coordinating all efforts, made up of representatives of both groups, could be very helpful.

Chairman Howarth, speaking for the board, voiced guarded agreement with this position.

"Fundamentally your idea is good," he told Mr. Cole. He said the board had not yet discussed matters brought out in the Aberdeen meeting, but pointed out that it has already inaugurated a study of the question of consolidation, sending out questionnaires to a number of schools of varying localities and size, inquiring of their experiences with consolidation, or without. He said he felt it would be best to wait for the answers before taking further action.

Republicans to Honor Candidates

Moore County Republicans will hold a Candidates' Kick-Off Dinner Saturday night at 6:00 o'clock at the Joseph G. Henson American Legion Hut in Hillcrest near Carthage. Tickets are now on sale by the precinct chairmen. Barbecue will be served. Speakers for the occasion will be candidates for State offices. Local candidates will be presented as guests of honor.

AT BOOK FAIR

Glen Rounds, local artist and writer, is taking part in the Onslow County Book Fair at Jacksonville today and Friday, Mr. Rounds, who has written and illustrated more than 20 books, many of them for children and young people, is one of the speakers on the Fair's special National Library Week program.

Man Gets Year's Term for Loaning Car That Killed Martin Ferguson

Southern Pines Recorder's Court, with Judge Harry Fullenwider on the bench, heard testimony yesterday that may affect a case to be tried in the May term of Superior Court.

Adding to the details building up around the death of Martin Ferguson, on March 6, when he was struck by a car driven by Roosevelt Vamper, was the appearance in court of both Vamper and John Robinson, of Youngs Dd., owner of the car. Vamper was brought from the jail at Carthage under guard and returned immediately after giving his testimony. He is awaiting trial in Superior Court on a manslaughter charge.

On trial yesterday was the car's owner, Robinson, charged with aiding and abetting, in loaning his car to Vamper. The latter tes-



SCENE OF RECEPTION — The Alston house in Deep River Township—a State historic site where a skirmish occurred during the American Revolution—will be the scene Saturday afternoon at 3:30 p.m. of a reception honoring Mrs. Charles A. Cannon of Concord and Philip Alston Stone of Oxford, Miss., 20-year-old Harvard student who is the direct descendant of Col. Philip Alston, Patriot leader who owned the

house at the time of the skirmish. The "House in the Horseshoe," as the historic dwelling is known, was bought and restored by the Moore County Historical Association and then turned over to the state. Mrs. Cannon is noted for her work in the preservation of historic sites. The Historical Association is honoring its two guests with the reception Saturday.

Robertson Resigns, Smail Elected to Presidency of United Telephone Co.

United Utilities, Inc. of Kansas City, Mo., this week announced the resignation of Walter G. Robertson as operating head of the United Telephone Company of the Carolinas, Inc., and the election of Edwin S. Smail of Southern Pines as president and general manager of the company, to succeed Mr. Robertson.

The announcement said that Mr. Robertson, who joined the company in August, 1958, resigned for personal reasons. He was out of town this week and could

not be queried as to his plans for the future.

Mr. Smail, formerly assistant general manager, has been associated with various operating companies of the United System and has been with the United Telephone Company of the Carolinas for 10 years. For several years he was commercial and traffic superintendent and he has served as secretary, assistant general manager and a director. He is also treasurer of the company.

In addition to electing Mr. Smail president and general manager, the board of the United Telephone Company of the Carolinas elected Robert E. Strouse of Southern Pines secretary and to the board of directors. Mr. Strouse retains his position as auditor. He was formerly assistant secretary.

John M. Bigbee of Southern Pines was named assistant treasurer.

Mr. Robertson joined the company in August, 1958, after spending many years in the telephone business. His last position before coming here was vice-president of the Tidewater Telephone Company at Warsaw, Va.

United Telephone Company of the Carolinas, which operates in both North and South Carolina, with company headquarters at Southern Pines, is a subsidiary of United Utilities, Inc., of Kansas City, Mo.

St. Joseph's Has Advisory Council; Staff Announced

Staff positions and a newly organized Advisory Council, at St. Joseph of the Pines Hospital, were announced this week by Sister M. Virginia, administrator.

Dr. Francis L. Owens is chief of staff; Dr. R. M. McMillan is chief of medicine; and Dr. R. J. Dougherty is chief of the Obstetrical Department.

The Advisory Council, the administrator said, has been formed to provide liaison between the hospital and the people of the community, and to counsel with her in any matters pertaining to the hospital.

Officers of the council, elected at a recent meeting, and other members are: Mrs. Audrey K. Kennedy, chairman; Lee Smithson, vice-chairman; David Drexel, secretary; and Mrs. Frank Cosgrove, Joseph Montesanti, Jr., Harry H. Pethick and Col. Wallace Simpson.

Stops on Garden Tour Announced; Many Expected

Ten locations are on the 12th annual House and Garden tour sponsored by the Southern Pines Garden Club, to be held Wednesday, April 20.

At seven of the locations, the expected thousand or more persons making the tour will be admitted to both gardens and homes. At two, admittance will be to the gardens only.

Another stop is Clarendon Gardens at Pinehurst which is on the tour for the first time this year. Gardens only will be seen at "Homewood," the estate of Mr. and Mrs. D. K. Bullens on Midland Road and at the Harry Vale, Jr., estate off Youngs Road.

Other places on the tour: The Shaw House here, where the tour begins and where lunch will be served. (Lunch will also be served at the Woman's Exchange in Pinehurst.)

Residence and gardens of Mr. and Mrs. Henry J. Flory on Morganton Road (former Darst home). Residence and gardens of Mr.

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Officers to Be Elected by PTA At Monday Meet

Election of officers for the 1960-'61 school year will be held at the April meeting of the East Southern Pines Parent-Teacher Association in Weaver Auditorium at 8 p. m., Monday.

Joe Kimball is chairman of a nominating committee that is expected to bring in a slate of officers. Other nominations can be made from the floor.

Feature of the program will be a film, "Preface to Life," which depicts the influence of parents on a child growing up.

C. S. Patch, Jr., PTA president, today reminded parents to fill out and send back to the school at once a questionnaire form brought home by students, on which parents are queried about committee work they would be willing to do with the PTA next school year. The form also gives parents a chance to indicate the types of PTA programs they would prefer.

Mr. Patch also asked that payment for tickets to the May 4 PTA-sponsored ham supper—a money-raising affair—be returned to the school, so that the supper committee can estimate the attendance.

\$200,000 Shuttle Plant to Be Built at Site Near Pinebluff

Local Effort Helps Financing

Southern Pines is playing an important part in the financing of the manufacturing plant to be built near Pinebluff by the Sandhills Betterment Corporation for the Watson-Williams Manufacturing Co.

Of the \$50,000 being put into the project by the Betterment Corporation, \$25,000 is coming from sources in Southern Pines. The other half was raised in Aberdeen. Subscribing individuals will receive stock or second mortgage bonds.

Working on the project here are Ward Hill, N. L. Hodgkins, Jr., D. A. Blue, Jr. (all of whom are members of the Moore County Industrial Development Com-

mittee), J. D. Hobbs and W. Harry Fullenwider.

Mr. Hill, who is also chairman of the Southern Pines Industrial Committee, said today that pledges have been received for a large part of the \$25,000 committed from Southern Pines, but that the committee would welcome additional pledges in any amount, from \$100 up, from interested local people.

"We are certain of our part," he said, "but we would like to have wide participation in this investment. We are most pleased that Watson-Williams is coming to the area. What helps one part of the Sandhills and Moore County is bound to help the rest."

Licensing of Fortune Tellers Ended by County

The county commissioners voted Monday not to issue any more licenses to "fortune tellers or persons practicing the art of palmistry."

The action was taken on motion of Commissioner W. S. Taylor of Aberdeen and the vote was unanimous. All board members appeared pleased with the change in policy.

The matter came up after an application for renewal of annual license on May 1 was presented by Frank Harrison for an establishment, "Madam Louise, Advisor" that is located on old highway 1, just south of Southern Pines. Under the new policy this license will not be renewed and Tax Collector Doug David, who handles licensing matters, was instructed to inform the applicant to that effect.

The previous policy on fortune tellers was set in 1957 when a local bill in the General Assembly tightened the regulations to exclude from the business persons who had been convicted of crime or who had not resided two years in Moore County. A number of fortune tellers subsequently left the county and the establishment near Southern Pines is now the only remaining licensed place. The license there will expire May 1.

The board had full attendance at the all-day April session on Monday—L. R. Reynolds, chairman, and Commissioners John M. Currie, T. R. Monroe, J. M. Pleasants and W. S. Taylor.

Commissioners All to Run in May's Primary

All five Moore County commissioners filed Monday for renomination in the Democratic primary in May.

Paying their \$10 filing fees during the noon recess from their all-day April meeting at the courthouse were: L. R. Reynolds, chairman of the board, representing District 3; John M. Currie of Carthage, District 1; T. R. Monroe of Robbins, District 2; J. M. Pleasants of Southern Pines, District 4; and W. S. Taylor of Aberdeen, District 5.

As of Wednesday this week, only one commissioner has opposition in the primary. Bill Poley is opposing T. R. Monroe in District 2.

Filing time ends April 15. Other Democratic incumbents filing so far have been Judge J. Vance Rowe of Moore Recorder's Court; and J. E. Culbertson, chairman, and T. Roy Phillips, member, of the county board of education.

It is expected that incumbents W. Lamont Brown, solicitor, the three remaining members of the county board of education, and H. Clifton Blue, representative in the General Assembly, will file before the deadline.

This is the first year members of the county board of education will be elected by popular vote rather than be appointed by the General Assembly. The change was made by a special act of the 1959 General Assembly, introduced by Rep. Blue. Under the former system, board of education candidates filed and were voted on in the primary, but the General Assembly had the power to appoint them or others.

Republicans will have a primary this year and so far one candidate has filed, Drewry Troutman of Addor for the county board of education. Republican candidates have usually been named hitherto by the county convention method, in this county.

Harness Racing Set for Sunday

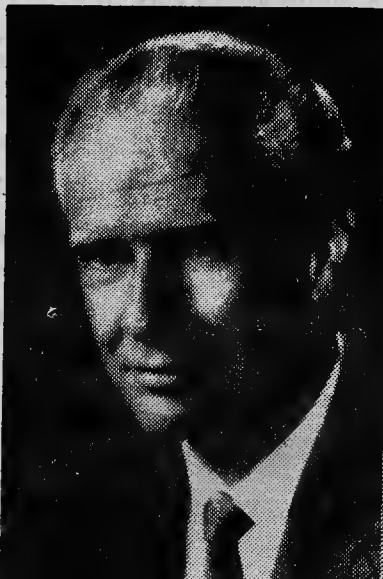
The program of matinee harness racing at the Pinehurst Race Track scheduled for last Sunday, which had to be postponed on account of unfavorable weather, will be staged this coming Sunday, April 10.

The feature event for last Sunday's races, a field in which all contestants have pacing records of two minutes, has been re-carded as the headline attraction.

Post time for the first race is 2:30 p.m. There is a general admission charge, ample free parking is available, also reserved parking spaces. Children under twelve are admitted free.

ATTENDS BOARD MEET

John Ruggles spent Tuesday and Wednesday in Raleigh attending meetings of the North Carolina Hospitals Board of Control. Mr. Ruggles has completed 10 years of service as a member of the Hospitals Board and as chairman of the Alcoholic Rehabilitation Program.



C. A. PITTS

Pitts to Speak At Union Service

Plans for an Easter sunrise service at Memorial Field here, with Southern Pines Protestant churches participating, were announced this week.

C. A. Pitts of Pinehurst, a layman interested in evangelistic work, will be the speaker. All ministers of the participating churches will take part.

The service is scheduled for 6:30 a. m. on Easter, Sunday, April 17. Further details will be announced next week.

A \$200,000 textile shuttle manufacturing plant will be built about a mile south of Pinebluff on No. 1 highway for the Watson-Williams Manufacturing Co., it was announced this week.

The firm, which will move its operations from Millbury, Mass., is expected to employ about 50 persons, both men and women. It will manufacture shuttles made from dogwood blocks and used in the weaving of broad loom fabrics.

The Sandhills Betterment Corporation has been organized to construct the building which Watson-Williams will lease. The building will be owned by the Betterment Corporation, and will be partly financed by the State-sponsored Business Development Corporation of Raleigh, with the balance of the financing coming from local and other sources.

Funds raised by the Betterment Corporation itself for the project include \$25,000 from Aberdeen and \$25,000 from Southern Pines. Local investors in the project will receive stock or second mortgage bonds.

Announced plans for the building say it will have 36,540 square feet of floor space with a 200-foot frontage and a 180-foot depth. Completion is expected by August 1.

Moving to the Sandhills with the company will be Hubert J. Watson, of Leicester, Mass., treasurer and general manager, and his son, J. Kimball Watson, of Shrewsbury, Mass., vice-president.

Other officers of the family-owned business that was founded in 1830 by Hubert J. Watson's great-grandfather, are Wilbur L. Watson of Leicester, Mass., president; and the following directors, in addition to the officers: Clifton E. Watson of Charlotte, Mrs. Mabel A. Watson of Marlow, N. H., and James H. Elliott of Welesley, Mass.

In 1909, the original Watson company purchased the J. H. Williams Co. and began then to manufacture shuttles. The two firms were merged into the Watson-Williams Manufacturing Co. in 1930.

Contractors for the new manufacturing plant will be the Harlee - Quattlebaum Construction Co. of Florence, S. C., the firm that is now building the new Amerotron warehouse near Aberdeen.

The building will have reinforced concrete foundations, four-inch reinforced concrete floors, 12-inch block and brick walls and an air-conditioned of-

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Watson Family Has Ties with North Carolina

The Watson family, which owns the Watson-Williams Manufacturing Co. which is to move its operations from Massachusetts to a new plant near Pinebluff, has a number of Sandhills and North Carolina associations.

Vice-President J. Kimball Watson is married to the former Carolyn Chester, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. P. J. Chester of Southern Pines. He is a graduate of Duke University, Durham.

His father, Hubert J. Watson, who is treasurer and general manager, attended N. C. State College, Raleigh.

Both of these executives expected to move to the Sandhills, with their families. They have both visited here during the course of negotiations for the plant.

Clifton E. Watson, a director of the company, has lived in Charlotte for 20 years, operating the Watson-Desmond Co., Southern sales agent for Watson-Williams and other firms.

Approximately 80 per cent of the company's sales are in North and South Carolina. The firm is moving south, it was stated, so that it can be nearer its customers and source of raw materials which include wooden blocks, for the manufacture of shuttles, from Alabama.