

Parking Changes To Be Considered Again by Council

The controversial question of whether changes will be made in the parking system on Pennsylvania Ave. will come before the town council at its regular July meeting Tuesday night of next week in town hall.

Following a public hearing on the matter at the June meeting, the three councilmen present voted to defer action until July, so that all five members of the council could make a decision.

The issue is whether to change parking on both sides of Pennsylvania Ave., between Broad and Bennett Sts., from the present diagonal system to parallel. More than 25 parking spaces would be lost if the change were made.

At issue, too, but not arousing much interest, one way or another, is the proposal to prohibit parking on the south side of Pennsylvania Ave., between Ashe St. and May St.

Both the changes were asked by the State Highway Commission as essential if the State were to designate an Alternate No. 1 highway route through Southern Pines. The council had requested that such a route be established, after approving a recommendation for the route from the Town Advertising Committee.

When the committee made the recommendation for the Alternate No. 1 route, it was not known that the Highway Commission would stipulate parking changes as a condition for establishing the route.

The route would use Pennsylvania Ave., between the No. 1 parkway and May St., and May St., north of Pennsylvania Ave., taking both northbound and southbound traffic past the Information Center at the corner of Pennsylvania Ave. and Broad St.

If the Alternate No. 1 were established officially by the Highway Commission, it would appear on oil company highway maps. This, the Advertising Committee believes, would encourage motorists to visit the town because they would have a marked route, in and out.

At the June meeting, businessmen presented a petition indicating unanimous opposition to the parking change on Pennsylvania between Broad and Bennett by business people in that block and on the half block of Broad north of Pennsylvania.

Joe Montesanti, Jr., who presented the petition to the council last month and spoke for the merchants against a change that would decrease parking space on Pennsylvania, said he had also queried his customers and found only one in 185 who approved the proposed change to parallel parking.

Councilmen John Ruggles and Harry Pethick were absent from the June meeting. Mayor R. S. Ewing, and Councilman Jimmy Hobbs and Felton Capel decided at that time to defer final action on the parking matter until the absent members could be present.

Also on the docket for Tuesday's meeting is a public hearing

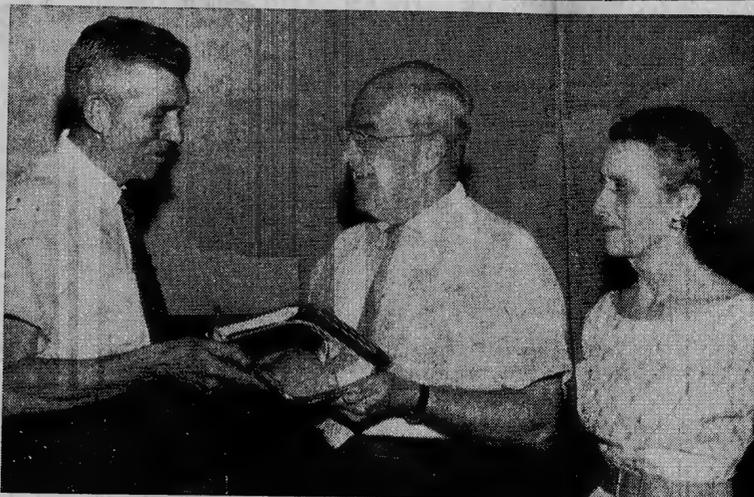
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Pupils Assigned For Coming Year

Acting under the North Carolina pupil assignment law, the Southern Pines city board of education has assigned pupils in the schools of East and West Southern Pines for the coming school year to the same schools that they attended during the past school year. All other children will be assigned to a school upon request for admission, when received by the board.

Parents of any child who desire that the child attend a school other than the one to which he has been assigned must file a written application to the board of education before July 25. The application should be filed through the superintendent of schools, Luther A. Adams, the law provides.

Failure to file such an application, the law states, shall indicate that the assignment by the board of education is satisfactory.



HONORED—John M. Howarth, left, retiring member and for many years chairman of the Southern Pines city board of education, receives from N. L. Hodgkins, chairman of the board, an inscribed silver tray as a gift from the board in recognition of his long service. At right is Dr. Vida McLeod, who also retired from the board on June 30, to whom the board of education had previously presented a silver ice bucket in recognition of her service. Both Mr. Howarth and Dr. McLeod also were presented gifts by the faculty at a dinner meeting held shortly after school closed—a desk pen set for Mr. Howarth and a silver plate for Dr. McLeod. The presentation pictured here took place last Thursday night just before a board of education meeting at the office of Supt. Luther A. Adams. (Humphrey photo)

Anniversary of Conservation District Marked

S. Vernon Stevens of Broadway Friday night received the 1960 Layman's Achievement Award from the N. C. Chapter of the Soil Conservation Society of America.

Presentation of the citation came as a surprise feature of the dinner marking the 20th anniversary of the Upper Cape Fear Soil Conservation District which was held at the Buffalo Presbyterian church fellowship hall. Robert J. Bowers, chairman of the Lee County board of supervisors, presided.

Attending the event from Moore County were the three Moore County SCS supervisors, James Fulk (who is also president of the Upper Cape Fear Conservation District), J. Hawley Poole, and Mrs. Poole, and Harold Purvis; also W. K. Keller, Moore County work unit conservationist; F. D. Allen, county agricultural agent; and T. Clyde Auman.

An address by Dr. David S. Weaver, Director of the N. C. State Extension Service, sketches of the 20-year progress made by the soil conservation district and recognition of guests highlighted the dinner which attracted approximately 100 friends of conservation from Lee, Moore, and Harnett counties.

In other action the group on recommendation of Paul Barringer, Sr. instructed the Lee board of supervisors to prepare a special resolution praising the long services of Dr. Hugh Bennett, former director U. S. Soil Conservation Service, who lies critically ill in Burlington at Alamance Hospital.

W. O. Lambeth, Lumberton, area work unit conservationist, presented the conservation award to Stevens which read as follows: (Continued on page 8)

Drive for Burned Child Continues

A drive started recently to aid Angela McLean, a little six-year-old girl of Addor who was severely burned on Christmas Eve, 1959, will continue through July, according to Mrs. Felton Capel, chairman.

Donations totaling \$200 have been received from many individuals, churches and organizations. Merchants throughout the Sandhills have given gifts of clothing or toys and all is greatly appreciated, Mrs. Capel said.

Angela is still hospitalized but is progressing satisfactorily. She is hoping to be able to enter school in the fall, but if she can't a group of volunteer workers plan to help her with her studies.

Contributions may be sent to "Angela McLean Drive," care of Mrs. Capel, 1009 W. Pennsylvania Ave., Southern Pines.

QUIET FOURTH

Violence took no lives in Moore County, over the long July 4 weekend, although 18 persons died in traffic accidents over the state, twice as many as last year. The 1960 weekend was one day longer than in 1959.

Sheriff W. B. Kelly and Police Chief C. E. Newton reported a quiet weekend in their departments, with no more than routine offenses. A few minor accidents took place on the highways and in towns of the county, but there were no major smash-ups, fatalities or serious injuries.

Highway Safety Demonstration Called Success

About 2,100 soft drinks in small cups, along with traffic safety pamphlets, were given to motorists during the safety project conducted by the Southern Pines Junior Chamber of Commerce Monday (July 4) afternoon, during the heavy traffic hours of 2 to 5 p. m.

Paul B. Boroughs, Jr., chairman of the Jaycees committee in charge of the project, said that the reaction of motorists who stopped was good. All expressed their appreciation for the refreshments and their interest in the project, he said.

The committee—composed of eight Jaycees and four Jayettes, members of a recently organized group of wives of Jaycees—set up the safety demonstration, with the help of the State Highway Patrol, on the northbound lane of the No. 1 highway parkway, north of Southern Pines.

A wrecked automobile was placed at the site, to attract attention, in line with the traffic safety theme.

Out-of-state motorists were given descriptive material about North Carolina, as well as highway safety literature. The project was rated a success by the Jaycees, Mr. Boroughs said.

Campbell Dinner Set for Tonight

Moore County civic and religious leaders will gather at 7:30 p. m. today at the Jefferson Inn for a dinner meeting in connection with the development program of Campbell College, Buies Creek.

Guest speakers will be C. B. Deane of Rockingham, former 8th District Congressman, and C. A. Pitts of Pinehurst, lay evangelist. The Rev. C. A. Kirby, Baptist minister of Carthage, and Willis Kivett of Southern Pines are co-chairmen for the meeting.

Commissioners Told Precinct Lines Outdated

Moore county's precinct lines are a network of confusion, a hand-me-down from horse and buggy days, and badly need to be re-drawn, the commissioners heard in regular session Tuesday from Board of Elections Chairman Sam C. Riddle.

Riddle said the whole county needs re-districting, with some precincts merged or divided and at least one eliminated, and that his board has the authority to do it except for one thing: in at least three places a needed change would involve changing a township line also, which can be done only through legislative action backed by the commissioners.

He specified the three places as the line between McNeill and Sandhill township, dividing the Southern Pines community and precinct; and places on the Bensalem and Ritters boundaries with Robbins where unnecessary jogs are made.

The McNeill-Sandhill line was re-drawn recently by R. E. Wickler on order of the commissioners, as requested by Southern Pines, to accord with the old Morganton Road. This old road has now largely disappeared and, instead of following the new road, the township line, which is also the precinct line, touches it only here and there, wandering otherwise through woods, fields and lots, Mr. Riddle said.

He said a recent questionnaire had shown that most of the people of the southern part of the Southern Pines community, thus divided for voting purposes from their neighbors, wanted to vote in McNeill township and Southern Pines precinct rather than Sandhill and Aberdeen, and he thought they ought to do it.

To Commissioner Chairman L. R. Reynolds' question, "But suppose there is somebody who doesn't want to be changed?" Riddle answered, "Well, you can't hope to please everybody except a few politicians."

Riddle made no formal request of the commissioners, but said he wanted them "to be thinking about it," that some day the issue might give them "a lot of trouble."

Whereas a township can contain one or several precincts, he said, they should not cross the township line because of possible contests for the offices of constable or justice of the peace.

Whereas the township lines are official, and appear on many maps, (Continued on Page 8)

BOWERS IN HOSPITAL

Alden (Pee Wee) Bowers of S. Bennett St., window clerk at the Southern Pines post office, is at Moore Memorial Hospital where he has been a patient since July 4 when he was taken ill at his home.

School Building Requests Cut In Moore Budget Setting \$1.35 Rate

The county commissioners, retaining the county tax rate at \$1.35 per \$100 valuation, placed their estimated budget for 1960-61 on file for public inspection Friday, but have no plans to publish a summary in county papers as they have done heretofore.

John C. Muse, county auditor, said at the commissioners' meeting Monday that his office couldn't get copies ready in time for last week's papers, and that if the budget is published, it should be at the beginning of the 20-day inspection period.

He said that, contrary to the popular impression, such publication is not required by law, and if anybody wants to see it he can go to the register of deeds office.

The budget estimate shows that during 1960-61 the commissioners will be operating a \$1,320,769 business for the citizens of Moore, based on a property valuation of \$50,000,000. Last year the total was \$1,206,023, based on \$47,000,000 property valuation.

Amounts allotted to the various departments for 1960-61 are as follows: General Fund, \$444,218; revaluation reserve, \$17,500; health department, \$48,310; welfare department, \$113,011; poor, \$20,000; debt service, \$5,362, making a total for all departments other than schools, of \$648,701.

For the schools—Moore county, Southern Pines and Pinehurst systems—sums are allocated as follows: current expense, \$294,196; capital outlay, \$345,705; debt service, \$32,467. Total, \$672,368.

Comparing with last year, it is seen that the General Fund estimate has gone up \$26,518, from \$417,000; health department, up by only \$104, from \$48,206; welfare, by \$953, from \$112,156; poor, down \$7,000, from \$27,000; and debt service, down \$238, from \$5,600.

For schools, current expense is estimated up by \$8,355 from last year's \$285,341; capital outlay, up \$70,705 from \$275,000; and debt service, down \$2,633 from \$35,120.

Thus, estimated expenses for departments other than schools run higher this year by \$38,639; for schools, by \$76,397.

Sources and estimates of revenue show total tax levy expected to be around \$675,000, but the sum of \$590,626 was employed for budget-balancing purposes, to allow for uncollectible taxes, collectors' commissions and taxpayers' discounts which will cost the county an estimated \$84,374. Revenue to be obtained from sources other than the tax levy is listed as \$730,143.

With the new fiscal year starting July 1, and well under way by this week's meeting, the commissioners adopted the usual resolution enabling them to do business at the same rate as before pending adoption of the budget July 20.

Walls Up on Two New Structures On S. W. Broad St.

Walls are up and roof work starting on two adjoining business buildings in the 600 block of S. W. Broad St.

David McCallum, owner of the property, of Southern Pines, is building the two adjoining structures.

The larger, 110 by 48 feet, will be leased to Thomasson Furniture Co., Mr. McCallum said this week. The smaller 26 by 50 feet, will be occupied for professional offices by Col. C. B. Foster, now of Fort Bragg, an ophthalmologist, who is expected to move to Southern Pines and open a practice on completion of his military service.

Of brick and block construction, the buildings are located between the former Diethenhofer and Heartfield brokerage office and the former Southern Pines Motor Co. building.

The Thomasson Furniture Co. is temporarily located in the former motor company building. The space vacated by the furniture company on N. E. Broad St. is now occupied by the N. C. Natural Gas Co. offices.

Mr. McCallum said that he expects the new buildings will be completed in about 90 days.

NEW ITEM

Only new item in the 1960-61 county budget summary is that of \$17,500 for revaluation reserve.

Holding their regular session Tuesday the commissioners explained the property revaluation is planned for 1963, and they are preparing for it by setting aside a reserve fund.

The intention is to increase the reserve year by year, so when revaluation time rolls around the money will be there. The 1950 revaluation, which took about a year and a half, cost about \$65,000.

Plan for Changing Jaypee Operations Offered to Board

A plan to "take the justice of the peace out of the position of finding a person guilty, or receiving no pay," by making him a county employee, paid by and accountable to the county, was discussed with considerable interest by the county commissioners Tuesday.

The detailed plan was presented by Charles MacLeod, Carthage justice of the peace, who asked that, if it found favor, it be translated into legislative action.

The commissioners said they would study the plan further and that on its face it appeared to have "much merit."

According to the plan, magistrates would be selected in the same manner as they are now, but limited to two per township, with at least one in each incorporated town. These would constitute in effect an arm of the county judicial system, on county salary, reporting to and audited by the county authorities, who could also remove a justice for improper conduct of his office.

Costs would all be turned in to the county, and the magistrate would receive from these funds \$5 per trial held, regardless of whether the defendant were found guilty or not guilty. There would, however, be one magistrate, or more if necessary, who would be furnished his office and materials by the county and receive no additional return for individual cases.

Cushman Named To Moore County Industry Group

Robert M. Cushman, of Southern Pines, executive vice-president of the Amerotron Company, with offices at Aberdeen, has been named by the county commissioners as a new member of the Moore County Industrial Development Committee.

At their meeting in Carthage Tuesday, the commissioners heard the annual report of the committee's work, presented by James Steed of Robbins, committee chairman.

Mr. Steed and other members of the committee were reappointed by the commissioners. They are D. A. Blue, Jr., of Robbins; Norris L. Hodgkins, Jr., of Southern Pines; Ben Whicks, Aberdeen; L. B. Creath, Pinebluff; E. H. Mills, Pinebluff; Wilton Brown, Carthage; H. L. Williams, Robbins; A. G. Edwards, Jr., Vass; Hayes Harbour, Cameron; Billy Johnson, West End; and Norman Purvis, Parkwood.

Moore Officials Attend Meeting

C. C. Kennedy, clerk of Moore County Superior Court, and Mrs. Rachel Comer, deputy clerk of court, are attending the annual four-day gathering of North Carolina clerks of court at New Bern, Wednesday through Saturday. The meeting is sponsored by the Institute of Government at Chapel Hill and is designed to help clerks of court improve their services to the people of the state.

First steps toward consolidation of high schools, planned by the county board of education, will apparently not be taken in the next year. The \$200,000 the board had requested to buy land and get the work going was chopped out, along with numerous lesser items, as the board was forced to revise its original budget requests sharply downward.

Requesting a total of \$851,982 for the county schools during 1960-61, the board had to trim its requests by nearly half, to \$459,144 on direction of the county commissioners.

Wasting no energy on fighting, T. Roy Phillips and Howard Matthews, board members, with Supt. Robert E. Lee, sought approval of the county commissioners Tuesday for their revised budget. They did not get it immediately. The commissioners said they would study it further and—despite efforts of Commissioner W. S. Taylor to hold the study on the spot, while the school men were there to answer questions—decided to hold a special meeting later.

The Southern Pines and Pinehurst city school systems also took cuts in capital outlay requests in the proposed budget.

Southern Pines, asking for \$105,000 to complete and equip a new wing to the high school (to be added to \$90,000 appropriated in the past fiscal year) was allotted \$72,750.

Norris L. Hodgkins, local board of education chairman, said today that a request has been made for enough additional funds to at least get started on the construction so that three classes of students who will have to start the school year in church facilities next fall could be moved into the new building by about the middle of the coming school year.

No allotment was made to Southern Pines on its request for all or part of \$175,000 for a West Southern Pines high school.

Pinehurst received a capital outlay allotment of \$47,250. Supt. Lewis Cannon said that \$45,000 of this amount was to be put with \$45,000 being held from the past year, to construct a new gymnasium at Academy Heights school. The additional \$2,250 is to be applied on a request for a \$7,500 water tank needed at the Academy Heights plant to meet fire protection laws.

The Pinehurst schools did not receive a \$10,000 request for renovation and equipment of the science department at the Pinehurst High School.

The county's request had been for \$610,300 (including the \$200,000 for consolidation) for capital outlay, and \$241,682 for current expenses. The revised budget lists \$225,705 in capital outlay and \$233,439 current expense.

The commissioners asked a few questions, indicating special concern with three items—\$70,000 toward an administrative building, shop and garage; \$6,000 for a county school librarian, and \$2,000 salary supplement for Supt. Lee.

The delegation defended these items. The administration building was a necessity for efficient operation, said Supt. Lee citing the fact that his office, those of the supervisors and guidance director and the county garage are scattered about in four or five separate locations; that they lack adequate room and need far more storage space. The shop and garage, he said, was also important (Continued on page 8)

Local Methodist Pastor Remains

The Rev. R. C. Mooney, Jr., pastor of the Southern Pines Methodist Church, was reappointed to the local church at the annual meeting of the North Carolina Methodist Conference last week in Rocky Mount.

All other Methodist pastors in Moore County were likewise returned to their charges with the exception that the Rev. Max Richardson was sent to the Robbins charge from the St. Pauls-Grace churches in Richmond County.