

Sen. Kennedy's religion is a campaign issue but it should not be, says a Baptist pastor quoted in an editorial on page 2 of today's Pilot.

The Blue Knights of Southern Pines High School will open their 1960 football campaign against Laurinburg there Friday night. See story, page 9.

Commissioners, School Board Lock Horns Again on Clerk Pay Raise Issue

A request by the county board of education to transfer funds within the county school budget to make possible a \$25 per month pay increase for three clerical workers in the school system's administrative office was turned down by the county commissioners at the regular meeting of the commissioners at the courthouse in Carthage Monday.

All of the commissioners were present for Monday's meeting: Chairman L. R. Reynolds, John M. Currie, T. R. Monroe, J. M. Pleasants and W. S. Taylor. Representing the board of education were Howard Matthews, Jere McKeithen and T. Roy Phillips, with Supt. R. E. Lee also present. Mr. McKeithen was chief spokesman for the education board.

The school board member said that an item of \$1,125 in the general control section of the current expense budget for the schools will not be usable this school year as it was appropriated for the salary of Mrs. Edna Taylor of Taylortown near Pinehurst who was to have served the county as attendance officer for the Negro schools. Mrs. Taylor, however, went to Europe this summer as a member of a federal commission to study minority groups there and is planning to spend several months there with her daughter and son-in-law who is an Army officer stationed in Germany.

Since the money could not be

used for its intended purpose, Mr. McKeithen said, the board would like to use \$900 of it to give each of the three school office clerical workers an increase in salary of \$25 per month.

He pointed out that Supt. Lee, who was granted a \$2,000 salary increase by the commissioners after they had originally stricken this item from the school budget, had offered to make \$900 of his increase available to make possible the \$25 monthly increase for the clerical workers.

"But we don't feel that Mr. Lee should be penalized to pay the county office help," Mr. McKeithen said.

The board of education had originally asked for about a \$50 per month increase for the office workers but this had been previously denied by the commissioners. A compromise proposal for a \$25 increase had then also been rejected. Monday's request, therefore was the third that had

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Volunteer Fire Department at Cameron Praised

Official approval of the Cameron Fire District by the State Rating Bureau is expected to result in a reduction of about 20 per cent in fire insurance premiums paid by residents of the district, Kent Harbour of the Cameron Volunteer Fire Department told the county commissioners Monday in making a detailed report to the board.

The district includes an area within a three mile radius of the fire department.

Mr. Harbour's report, filed with the commissioners in written form as well as presented orally, points out that the Cameron Volunteer Fire Department was organized and incorporated in the fall of 1958. A fire house valued at \$3,000 was built with public donations and volunteer labor and in December of that year a fire truck, purchased with county funds, was delivered.

The department has been operating since that time, although not receiving the official fire district approval until recently.

Additional equipment bought through the efforts of the volunteer firemen and others in the community—where the sum of about \$3,000 was raised for this purpose—includes: a 1950 two-ton Dodge truck and pump, two auxiliary tanks of 1,500-gallon and 1,000-gallon capacities, 300 feet of hose, a \$700 siren, three pack-type pumps for brush fires and other pieces of needed equipment.

There are 15 active firemen in the department, the report notes. The group meets twice each month.

Since activated, the department has responded to 14 fire calls and has saved much property. In addition the firemen have helped fire victims become settled after their property was burned.

The commissioners went on record as commending the Cameron fire department's work.



IN WASHINGTON — Sen. John F. Kennedy, Democratic candidate for President, is flanked by Tar Heels—two of them from Moore County—in this photo made at the recent Kennedy press conference in Washington. Left to right: H. Clifton Blue of Aberdeen, Moore County representative in the General Assembly and editor and pub-

lisher of The Sandhill Citizen; Sen. B. Everett Jordan, North Carolina's junior senator in Washington; Senator Kennedy; and John D. McConnell of Southern Pines, secretary of the North Carolina Democratic Executive Committee. For some of the comments Senator Kennedy made at the conference, specifically on the religious issue in the campaign, see an editorial on page 2.

Reynolds Home To Have Formal Opening Sept. 18

The Reynolds Rest Home, county-owned home for the aging on NC 22 three miles south of Carthage, will have its official opening Sunday afternoon, September 18.

"Open house" will be held from 3 to 5 p.m., with a dedication ceremony scheduled for 3:30, said Mrs. Walter B. Cole, county superintendent of public welfare. The county commissioners, county welfare board and welfare staff will be on hand to assist in the occasion, to which all interested citizens are invited. Also taking part will be Mrs. Mae Pemberton, of the State Department of Public Welfare staff.

Mr. and Mrs. John Smith, who manage the home under a lease, and their guests will extend the hospitality of the house. It is the old "county home," but operated differently now, with guests who pay their way from public or private income. It is also different in aspect, as it was renovated and modernized during last fall and winter at a cost of some \$25,000, and is now one of the most attractive facilities of the sort in this section.

The first guests were received last April, it was licensed under state welfare laws a few weeks later and is now operated under regulations of the State Department of Public Welfare, with a capacity of 20 guests.

COUNCIL TO MEET

The September meeting of the Southern Pines town council will be held at town hall Tuesday, September 13, at 8 p. m.

YDC to Convene Sept. 24 Due to Kennedy Visit

The annual convention of Moore County Young Democrats, previously announced for Saturday, September 17, will be held one week later, Saturday, September 24, DeWitt Purvis, of Highfalls, YDC president, said this week.

The meeting will be held at 7:30 p.m. in the courthouse at Carthage.

Reason for the change, Mr. Purvis explained, is that Sen. John F. Kennedy, Democratic Presidential candidate, will be touring North Carolina on September 17, making it impossible for the Hon. Cloyd Philpott of Greensboro, Democratic nominee for lieutenant-governor, to be at the Moore convention as keynote speaker, as planned.

Mr. Philpott will be in Carthage for the September 24 gathering, Mr. Purvis said.

Theatre in Pines To Have Meeting

All persons in the Sandhills who are interested in a community theatre are urged to attend the next general meeting of the Theatre in the Pines which is set for 8 p.m., Monday, September 12, in the courtroom at the town hall.

The amateur theatre group, formed here during the past summer, plans to hold try-outs this month for parts in its first major production, to be given in mid-November.

At the Monday meeting, the steering committee will report on further developments about the production.

Results of the first workshop series will be seen Monday when members of the workshop present several scenes from William Inge's hit play, "Picnic."

Among those participating will be Carol Phillips, Jacqueline Baldwin, Paul and Doris Borroughs, Mary VonCanon Sisk, Martha Ruth Camp, Jane Wicker and Betty McCaskill.

Leaf Sells High At Moore Markets On Opening Day

Moore County's two Middle Belt tobacco markets—at Aberdeen and Carthage—began sales Tuesday with average prices of better than \$60 per 100 pounds reported for the opening day.

Sales are continuing this week and will continue Monday through Friday of each week until the end of the selling season in November.

Sales in Aberdeen were listed as 244,612 pounds for \$148,190.13, an average of \$60.58 per 100 pounds.

Carthage reported about 150,000 pounds sold for an average of around \$62.

Three warehouses are operating at Aberdeen and two at Carthage.

First PTA Meet Slated Monday

No formal program is planned for the opening meeting of the East Southern Pines Parent-Teacher Association, Monday night, September 12, said Max Rush, president, in announcing the event this week.

The meeting will be held in Weaver Auditorium at 8 p. m. Parents will have an opportunity to meet and talk with teachers, after the business session.

Parents who have not sent in PTA annual membership fees (50 cents per person) with school fees will be able to join at the Monday meeting.

Mr. Rush urged all parents to become members. The organization, he said, is looking forward to an active year.

Court of Honor Set at Robbins

The September Moore District Boy Scout Court of Honor will be held Monday night, September 12 at 7:45 in the Robbins Elementary School, according to an announcement by J. Douglas David, advancement chairman. This will be the "fall round-up" meeting as no court of honor was held in August, he said.

Top award to be made at the ceremony will be the Bronze Palm to Scout Frank Staples of Southern Pines.

Troop 74 of Robbins will have charge of the program.

School Enrollment Up By 132 Students Here

Contracts To Be Let on New Building Wing

An increase of 132 students in the Southern Pines city school system, as compared to the enrollment at the opening of the schools one year ago, was reported this week by Supt. Luther A. Adams.

The increase included 56 in East Southern Pines schools—six in the high school and 50 in the elementary school; and 76 in West Southern Pines—15 in the high school and 61 in the elementary school.

Merchants Urged Send Replies on Parking Problem

Joe Montesanti, Jr., chairman of a citizens committee studying parking requirements in the business district, said this week that replies to a questionnaire sent to Southern Pines merchants are continuing to come in.

He said that the committee does not plan a complete report to the town council at the council meeting Tuesday night, as it is hoped that further replies can be obtained before the committee's final report is drawn up.

All merchants who have received the questionnaires and have not yet answered the questions and sent them back to town hall are urged to do this at once.

Members of the committee, in addition to Mr. Montesanti, are H. M. Patterson, Sam Bozick, William Heller and L. H. McNeill.

The committee was named by Mayor Robert S. Ewing after many merchants in the business section expressed their opposition to an Alternate No. 1 Highway proposal that would have changed parking on W. Pennsylvania Ave. between Broad and Bennett Sts., from diagonal to parallel.

The mayor said at that time that the long-range parking needs of the town should be studied, with consideration to obtaining off-street parking places before space for such parking becomes unavailable in or near the business section.

The questionnaires ask:

1. Are present spaces available adequate?
2. Would off-street parking lots two blocks from your business be used by your customers and clerks?
3. Is present system of tagging cars for overtime parking satisfactory and if not what changes do you recommend?
4. Do you think seasonal tagging of cars would be feasible?
5. Would you favor the installation of parking meters?
6. If you feel that present spaces are adequate, will you pledge your support to keeping your employees' and your personal vehicles parked on unrestricted streets?

Space is provided for "additional comments." Some of these comments, Mr. Montesanti said this week, are interesting and should prove helpful to the committee.

Mr. Adams said. Local schools opened Friday for a half day and began their first full day's schedule on Tuesday, following the Labor Day holiday.

"This is a rather striking increase in enrollment," Mr. Adams said. "It bears out our anticipation of a constant increase in the local schools and seems to indicate that the school population is growing faster than the town's population. It certainly indicates our need for more classrooms."

The superintendent said that three sixth grade classes in East Southern Pines are being housed at the Presbyterian church educational building and one class is in the home economics building on the school grounds.

Norris L. Hodgkins, chairman of the city board of education, and Mr. Adams appeared before the county commissioners Monday afternoon to thank the board for an additional appropriation of \$17,250 in capital outlay funds which will make possible letting contracts the last of this month for "Phase C" of the East Southern Pines high school building.

Mr. Hodgkins told the commissioners Monday that the comparatively small additional amount "made a vast difference" by enabling the contracts to be let. It is hoped, the school officials said, that the classes now out of school buildings can be housed on the campus before the end of the current school year.

"We are particularly pleased," Mr. Hodgkins said, "that our budget could be increased without taking anything from the other schools of the county."

The amount was appropriated by the commissioners from funds which had originally been budgeted for a county agriculture building, but which would apparently not be used for that purpose in the current fiscal year.

An enrollment of about 7,000 students was reported by Supt. R. E. Lee in the schools of the county system which includes all schools of the county except those at Southern Pines and Pinehurst.

Bids Asked on New Post Office For Pinebluff

Postmaster General Arthur E. Summerfield announced today that advertisement has been posted to secure post office quarters at Pinebluff on a monthly rental basis for a fixed term of five years. Specifications call for a facility containing approximately 600 square feet of floor space, 80 square feet of platform space, and 3,000 square feet of parking and truck maneuvering area.

According to the Pinebluff postmaster, Mrs. Ethel R. Edwards, bids should be submitted to Carl Bolt, assistant regional real estate manager, Post Office Department, 428 Federal Annex Building, Atlanta 3, Georgia. Interested bidders may obtain more detailed information from Mr. Bolt.

The present Pinebluff post office is located in the rear of an old building at the corner of No. 1 highway and Philadelphia Ave., a site which it has occupied for more than 20 years.

Brockwell to Head Girl Scout Drive

Sherwood Brockwell, Jr., of Southern Pines has been named chairman of the Girl Scout fund drive scheduled to open September 15-30 throughout Central Carolina Girl Scout Council. The council includes Moore, Lee, Chatham and Harnett Counties, with headquarters in Sanford.

Volunteer workers, under the leadership of Mr. Brockwell, will seek to raise \$15,300. This is the basic amount necessary to maintain the day-to-day operation of the council and to meet its new needs during the coming year.

The council's priorities for next year are recruitment of qualified personnel, promotion of quality program, and expanded camping facilities.

"I have accepted the chairman-

ship of this campaign," Mr. Brockwell said, "because Girl Scouting is for all girls from seven to 17 years and the program benefits both the girls and the community."

"Through Girl Scouting," he asserted, "girls enjoy wholesome recreation, form rewarding friendships and develop practical skills and healthy attitudes that may well determine the direction their lives will take."

The campaign theme is "Honor the Past—Serve the Future" which the Girl Scouts have adopted for their birthday years of 1960-1963. This period will begin October 31, the centennial of the birth of Juliette Low, the founder of Girl Scouting, and will run through the organization's 50th anniversary year of 1962.

Escaped Prisoner Seen to Catch North-Bound Ride

A prisoner who walked away from a highway maintenance gang in Southern Pines Wednesday afternoon had not been found by noon today, according to the office of the prison camp at Carthage where he had been confined.

The prison camp spokesman said that Wade Hinson, an honor grade prisoner serving a three-year term for larceny, walked away from a work gang in front of Still Oldsmobile and Pontiac Co., at the south end of Broad St. about 3 p. m.

Hinson was observed by a witness to have been picked up by a north-bound automobile on May St. not long afterward, so it is assumed he was quickly out of this area.

Dr. Caldwell to Address Alumni

Dr. John Caldwell, new chancellor of N. C. State College, Raleigh, will be the speaker at a ladies night dinner meeting of State alumni to be held at the Southern Pines Country Club Friday, September 16, at 7:30 p. m.

The Moore County chapter of the State College Alumni Association is inviting State alumni from Hoke and Montgomery Counties.

Officers of the Moore County group are Calvin Howell, president; Harvey Horne, vice president; and W. B. Hill, secretary and treasurer.

Moore Memorial Hospital Changes Visiting Hours, Rules

In response to requests of the medical and nursing staffs, patients, and families of patients, Moore Memorial Hospital is this week changing its visiting hours.

Visiting hours in the afternoon are from 2:30 to 4:00 o'clock and from 7:00 until 8:30 in the evenings. Morning visiting hours have been eliminated, the announcement said, because most diagnostic tests, operations, laboratory work, and a great portion of the nursing care for patients are done during the morning hours. Doctors visit patients during this period and the general activity at the hospital centered with morning care is always at a high peak. The presence of visitors often handicaps physicians and hospital staff members from carrying out their duties with regard to patient care, it was stated.

The hospital has installed a visitor control center near the main entrance at the elevator and a

clerk will be on duty during visiting hours. Each patient will have two visitor permit cards. One additional permit card will be issued for patients in private rooms only. Patients other than those in private rooms shall have no more than two visitors at any one time. The additional card for private room patients will be given to the next of kin.

"Visiting sick friends is an established Southern social custom," the announcement of the policy change said. "It is a good custom and indicates interest and friendliness. But, well intentioned visitors can create problems which they do not intend sometimes. Visitors who observe the appropriate practice of visiting should never smoke in a patient's room, should never sit on a patient's bed, should make the visit short, should not be loud or boisterous. It is always a good idea to wait until the third day after a pa-

tient's admission to pay a visit. This wait allows time for the patient to become adjusted to new and unfamiliar surroundings and allows the hospital staff to perform most of the tests that are to be made, and in the case of surgery, permits the patient to recover sufficiently to receive visitors."

During the serious flu epidemic last winter, the hospital eliminated visitors except for the next of kin. The public cooperated in a splendid way and doctors and nurses all noticed how much easier it was to care for patients when there were fewer visitors, the hospital's announcement noted.

Children under 12 are not allowed to visit. The hospital requests that no children be left unattended in the hospital lobby. In the Children's Department only parents will be allowed to visit.