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Plans Made for Town Election Tuesday, May 2

A schedule for this year's town election—when voters will name five councilmen and a judge and solicitor of the recorder's court—was set up Tuesday night when the council approved a series of resolutions. The election will be held Tuesday, May 2.

The schedule:
Filing time for candidates for the seven offices will open Saturday, April 1 at 9 a. m., and close at noon, Saturday, April 15. Candidates must pay a \$5 filing fee and will file at the town hall. Council candidates must reside within the city limits, but court candidates can live within the territorial jurisdiction of the court, that is, in or within five miles of Southern Pines.

Registration of voters who are not on the town election books will begin at the polling place (fire station) at 9 a. m., Saturday, April 15, with books open to 9 p. m. that Saturday, registration to run through Friday, April 21 with Saturday, April 22 as challenge day. Mrs. Grace Kaylor, at the fire station, will be the registrar, appointed by action of the council, along with Mrs. Ger-

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Mayor Appoints Group to Manage Memorial Fund

The town council at its Tuesday meeting, directed Town Manager Louis Scheipers, Jr., and Town Attorney W. Lamont Brown to prepare a resolution of sympathy and respect, in memory of the late Police Chief C. E. Newton, who was fatally shot March 3, the resolution to be sent to each of his five children, to be put on the minutes and to be published locally.

In another action arising from Chief Newton's death, Mayor R. S. Ewing appointed a committee authorized to accept contributions to a memorial fund for Chief Newton and to decide what form a memorial will take.

Named to the committee were: John Buchholz, Dante Montesanti, Miss Jean Edson, Miss Katherine Wiley, Mrs. Edna Blalock of West Southern Pines Sgt. Earl Seawell of the police department and Mr. Scheipers. The committee will select its own chairman.

Mayor Ewing said that he was appointing the committee "in order to lend some official capacity to the memorial fund endeavor." The fund began when several merchants expressed a desire to contribute for such a purpose.

Contributions may be made to any member of the committee.

HOW INSURANCE SYSTEM WORKS

What About Unemployment?

When there's any crisis in the economy, such as now, people begin to worry and ask questions and start rumors.

Here in Southern Pines, the line of people "ting to get into the Unemployment Insurance office at the Information Center Thursday mornings keeps reaching farther and farther along the block. Passersby look at them and wonder.

In general it is known that unemployment is rising in the nation, but how much? And is it bad here, or not? Is this a real crisis, as some affirm, or is it just the annual mid-season lull, or is it, as the Republicans claimed during the campaign, simply a figment of the Democratic imagination?

Last week this reporter decided to try to find out. We would pay a visit straight to the horse's mouth, i. e., to L. Garland Scott, manager of the Employment Insurance Office in Sanford. The idea was to ask some of those questions, we were hearing bandied about up and down Broad Street, from somebody who



IT'S SPRING!—Peach blossoms, now providing vistas of pink beauty in Sandhills orchards, frame the pretty daughters of Mr. and Mrs. T. Clyde Auman of West End. Laura, 10, is on the left, Nancy, at right, is 17. No damage to peach trees was reported in this area from last week's light freeze. A warm sun after soaking rains has brought Sandhills forsythia, daffodils, Judas trees and other flowering trees and shrubs into bloom early, contrasting with the

weather of a year ago when this area was digging out from its second heavy snow in the month of March. Dogwood and even some azaleas show signs of opening their flowers. Pressed by the early season, the Southern Pines Garden Club has moved its annual Homes and Gardens Tour here up to April 5 from the scheduled April 12. Complaints? Not one. Spring is a season of bounty in beauty, especially in the Sandhills. So let her bust! (V. Nicholson photo)

Elks Let Contract For Large Pool At Country Club

A contract has been let and work has begun on a large swimming pool at the Southern Pines Country Club, with completion expected by June 1.

The Elks Home of Southern Pines, Inc., and BPJDE Lodge No. 1692, owners of the Country Club property, have contracted for the pool with Paddock of the Carolinas, Inc., of Greensboro, a unit of a nationally operating construction firm.

Robert E. Strouse, president of the Elks Home of Southern Pines, Inc., said this week that membership requirements and fees, in connection with the pool, have not yet been worked out.

The L-shaped pool will have a length of 82 feet, six inches, on the long part of the L and 70 feet on the short part which will be the diving area, with both one-meter and three-meter diving boards.

The 82-foot, six-inch length equals 25 meters, making the pool long enough for swimming meets under national and international rules.

A large paved deck area around the pool will be fenced in. The area will be floodlighted and there will also be underwater lights.

There will be approximately 4,000 square feet of swimming area.

DEALERS COMING FROM 9 STATES

Antiques Fair to Open Wednesday

The fourth annual Antiques Fair of the Moore County Historical Association will open Wednesday at the National Guard Armory for three full days and nights—10 a. m. to 11 p. m.

All spaces have been taken by some 26 exhibitors from North Carolina and eight other states, who will display their choicest wares.

The Fair has become established as one of the top events of its kind in the East. Many more dealers wrote for space this year than could possibly be accommodated, said Mrs. W. B. Bodine executive secretary.

Thousands of dollars' worth of antique furniture, glassware, crystal, silverware, copper, pewter, jewelry, paintings and other

objects will be shown. Coming at the height of the Sandhill season, the Fair attracts visitors from many States.

Mrs. Ernest L. Ives is general chairman for the event. Mrs. Edward Schneider is in charge of the canteen department which will serve sandwiches, coffee and other light refreshments for dealers and visitors.

JIM PLEASANTS IMPROVING

James M. Pleasants of Southern Pines, insurance agent and member of the board of county commissioners, who has been a patient at Moore Memorial Hospital since Tuesday of last week, was reported in better condition this week.

COLORFUL STONEYBROOK FESTIVITIES SET

Governor to Compete in Mule Race

First race in the 14th annual Stoneybrook Hunt Race Meeting will begin at 2 p. m., Saturday March 25—but anybody wanting to see the Honorable Terry Sanford, Governor of North Carolina, taking part in a mule race astride an animal allegedly named "Miss Tarheelia," had better get to Mickey Walsh's Stoneybrook track near Southern Pines ahead of the scheduled starting hour.

And most people will—if not to picnic, as many do, at parking places on the pleasant slope overlooking the track, then at least to stroll and watch and take in a colorful program of pre-race events.

Donald D. Kennedy, chairman of the Stoneybrook Hunt Racing Association—a busy man who is selling parking spaces for the races like hot cakes these days—is probably the only race promoter who has succeeded in signing up the Governor of a sovereign state as a jockey, and he's signed these other well known state figures to compete with the occupant of the executive mansion: Hargrove "Skipper" Bowles, director of the Department of Conservation and Development who is said to be giving his mule, "Miss Developing Fast," a daily workout in Guilford County.

Major Gen. Dwight E. Beach of the 82nd Airborne Division at Fort Bragg, who will ride "Miss Airborne."

Ray Reeve, sports director of WRAL-TV, Raleigh, riding "Miss 23," because he has never been on a mule and "wants to try it."

Official starter of the race, if Chairman Kennedy actually succeeds in getting his distinguished jockeys aboard their mounts, will be Grady Cole of



INTERVIEW—W. O. Moss, M. F. H. of the Moore County Hounds, introduced some of the hounds to visiting newsmen at Sunday's party for racing, radio and TV people, given by the Stoneybrook Hunt Racing Association to publicize the Stoneybrook races here March 25. Mr. Moss stands at left. Seated at right, with microphone ready for the comments, if any, of a hound, is Ray Reeve, sports director of WRAL-TV, Raleigh, who is featuring Southern Pines horse news and scenes on his 6:30 to 6:45 broadcast each day this week. Kneeling behind Mr. Reeve is Phil Ellis, director of public affairs of Radio WPTF, Raleigh. Standing are Donald D. Kennedy, chairman of the Stoneybrook Hunt Racing Association, left, and Guy Munger, Raleigh representative of the Greensboro Daily News. A story elsewhere in today's Pilot tells more about Sunday's gathering of news media representatives here. (Humphrey photo)

35-Cent Increase in County Tax Rate Slated for Building Schools

(Editorial, page 2)

The county commissioners—meeting for the second successive Monday with representatives of the Moore County, Southern Pines and Pinehurst boards of education—agreed this week to raise the county tax rate by 35 cents to finance an ambitious

program of school construction, including two consolidated county high schools, over the next several years. Presumably, the increased rate would apply indefinitely into the future.

The increase would go into effect with this year's taxes, as determined by the new budget for fiscal 1961-'62, starting July 1. If

the present tax rate of \$1.35 per \$100 of property valuation is not cut in some other phase of county operations, the increase will pay the rate to \$1.70. Residents of Southern Pines school district pay an additional 50 cents special school tax and there is a similar tax of 30 cents in the Aberdeen and Pinehurst districts.

There was no formal action on the tax increase, the commissioners simply pledging that they would increase the capital outlay budget for schools in that amount. A tax rate of 47½ cents for capital outlay is in force for the current year. With the additional 35 cents, it was pointed out by spokesmen for the county board of education, the new rate of 82½ cents is three and a half cents lower than this rate was in 1952, since when, they pointed out, it has steadily declined.

The 35-cents increase, based on the current \$50 million county property valuation, would theoretically bring in \$175,000. Actually, said John C. Muse of the county's auditing firm, who attended Monday's meeting, the increase can be expected to net about \$180,000, allowing for costs of collection, uncollectible taxes and other items. In subsequent years, it would produce somewhat more, he said.

School money is derived from ABC profits and court fines and forfeitures, as well as from tax sources.

Though the commissioners apparently would have liked to hold the tax increase to a smaller figure, they did not have this choice. The school boards had told them that if they did not promise the 35-cents increase, putting future school construction on a pay-as-you-go basis, the boards would call for bond issues totaling \$1,125,000.

The bond issues, if approved, would cost the county \$900,000 in interest over a 20-year period, requiring a 37-cents increase in tax rate to pay interest and principal, Mr. Muse said.

The boards, which in the past have competed for the capital outlay funds which never would stretch to cover their needs, pledged to work out their dif-

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SCHOOL COMMITTEES MEET

Consolidation Plans Backed

The Moore County board of education's plans for consolidation of seven of the nine small high schools in the county system into two consolidated units was given a vote of confidence last Friday night by the Moore County School Board Association, meeting in the courtroom of the courthouse at Carthage.

The School Board Association is composed of school committees from each of the nine districts. The Moore County school system includes all schools of the county except those in the separate Southern Pines and Pinehurst administrative units.

CLEAN-UP WEEK

The town council Tuesday night designated the week beginning March 27—the week before Easter—as a clean-up week in Southern Pines.

Action was taken in line with the council's customary cooperation with the Homes and Garden Tour, sponsored by the Southern Pines Garden Club. This tour, the council was informed, has been moved up from April 12 to April 5, because of the early Spring.

All property owners are urged to clean up their yards and vacant lots before or during the clean-up week.

Town crews will work to clean up town property and cooperation is also expected from State Highway personnel along those town streets which are maintained by the state.

Jere McKeithen, member of the county board of education, outlined the high school consolidation plans as:

1. A school on a 50-acre tract of land near Robbins, on which the board has an option, near the Pleasant Hill Methodist Church, that would serve the area whose students now attend the Elise school at Robbins and the High-falls and Westmoore schools.

2. A school on a 35-acre tract near Union Church, between Carthage and Vass, on which the board also has an option, to serve the Carthage, Farm Life, Cameron and Vass-Lakeview districts.

The Aberdeen and West End high schools are the only county system high schools not included in the plan at this time.

Yet spokesmen from these districts pledged support Friday night to first meeting of the needs of the seven other districts.

T. Clyde Auman of West End, a member of that district's school committee, said: "Since the emergency exists in the two areas that are proposed for the first consolidation, I am for building the two schools as soon as possible. I hope an acceptable plan can then be worked out for the Aberdeen and West End areas."

J. D. Arey, Jr., chairman of the Aberdeen school committee, said that the people of Aberdeen are for better schools all over the county. Sections where emergency exist must receive priority.

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Lily Sale to Aid Fund for Crippled Children Saturday

The annual "Easter lily sale" for benefit of the Moore County Society for Crippled Children and Adults will be conducted in towns of the county Saturday. The Society's county-wide fund-raising drive is now on, to run until Easter.

Mrs. Harold Peck will be in charge of the sale of the small imitation lilies in the Southern Pines business section, assisted by Mrs. R. M. McMillan, Mrs. J. B. Boyle, Mrs. William F. Hollister, Mrs. Edward Schneider and Mrs. Charles Phillips.

Members of Girl Scout Troop #82 and 66, also five Rainbow Girls, will assist with the sale.

The Society conducts an extensive year-around program of aid to the handicapped in Moore County.

Local Business Buildings Sold

The Waverly Building on N. E. Broad St., formerly owned by Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Blue, was sold at auction yesterday to M. L. Lide of Hickory. The price was \$24,000.

The two-story brick structure, fronting 59 feet on Broad St., contains the former Mason's Restaurant location, Koonce's Barber Shop and the Southern Pines News Stand, with five furnished apartments on the second floor.

In another downtown real estate transaction, closed this morning, Mr. and Mrs. David A. Sutherland purchased the Matheson Building, 115 E. Pennsylvania Ave., former location of the Courts & Co. brokerage office, and plan to move their Studio Bookshop there within two weeks. The shop is now located at their home, "Buttonwood," on E. Indiana Ave. extension.

Seller of the building is Mrs. George W. Matheson of E. Connecticut Ave. who has owned it since 1953.

'Little Miss S. P.' Contest Entries

To Close Saturday

Saturday, March 18, will be the final day to register entries in the Little Miss Southern Pines 1961 contest, parents were reminded today by the Jaycettes who are sponsoring the event.

The contest for girls under five years of age will be held in Weaver Auditorium Friday March 24, at 7:30 p. m. The winner will receive a silver loving cup and will hold the Little Miss Southern Pines crown for a year.

Entries should be made in writing to Mrs. Robert C. Bishop 545 Highland Road, giving name of child and name, address and telephone number of parents.

Tickets for the contest are on sale by the Jaycettes. The proceeds, in part, will go to the playground equipment fund of the Jaycettes.

Further information can be obtained—

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Seawell with Police Force Since 1955

In a front-page story in last week's Pilot, it was incorrectly stated—due to a typographical error—that Sgt. Earl S. Seawell joined the Southern Pines police department May 1, 1959, whereas the year should have been 1955.

Sgt. Seawell, as senior officer in the department, was made officer in charge of the police department, by action of Town Manager Louis Scheipers, Jr., after Chief C. E. Newton was fatally shot March 3.

Pending the appointment of a chief of police by the town manager, Sgt. Seawell remains officer in charge.