



GIVE NOW TO HELP!

THE PILOT



GIVE NOW TO HELP!

VOL. 41—NO. 24

EIGHTEEN PAGES

SOUTHERN PINES, N. C., THURSDAY, MAY 4, 1961

EIGHTEEN PAGES

PRICE TEN CENTS



PRESIDING at the first meeting of the newly elected town council Wednesday morning was John S. Ruggles (standing) who led the ticket in Tuesday's election with 592 votes. Others in the photo, left to right, are: Town Manager Louis Scheipers, Jr., who has resigned, effective June 1, and whose successor will be chosen by the new council; Robert S. Ewing, former mayor; Felton J. Capel of West Southern Pines, beginning his second term on the council; James D. Hobbs, mayor pro tem in both the new and outgoing administrations; and W. Morris Johnson, the council's new member, who replaces Harry H.

Pethick who was not a candidate for reelection. All five of the councilmen elected were also the five high men in last week's primary, although their order in number of votes changed between primary and election. Capel led the ticket in the primary but ran fourth in the election. Ruggles was second in the primary, first in the election; Hobbs ran third in the primary, second in the election. Ewing was third in the election, fourth in the primary. Johnson ran fifth in both.

(Humphrey photo)

New Council Elects Ruggles Mayor; 4 Incumbents, Morris Johnson Win

Election Results

COUNCIL	
ELECTED	
John S. Ruggles	592
J. D. Hobbs	566
Robert S. Ewing	497
Felton J. Capel	493
W. Morris Johnson	424

OTHERS	
G. H. Leonard, Jr.	363
Dante Montesanti	295
Fred B. Pollard	278
Tom O'Neil	93
R. J. Palazzetti	40

JUDGE	
UNOPPOSED	
W. H. Fullenwider	603
J. Vance Rowe	1
(Write-in vote)	

SOLICITOR	
H. C. Broughton	369
John D. McConnell	329
Persons voting	
	933



SOLICITOR — Howard C. Broughton was elected prosecuting attorney (solicitor) of the Southern Pines Recorder's Court Tuesday, polling 369 votes to unseated incumbent John D. McConnell who had 329. The outcome was the biggest upset of the local election. Broughton ran third in a field of three when he first tried for the office two years ago. W. Harry Fullenwider, judge of the court, ran without opposition, polling 603 votes.

John S. Ruggles, high man in Tuesday's voting, was elected mayor by the new council as it held its organization meeting at the town hall Wednesday morning.

The meeting followed the final meeting of the outgoing council, at which the certified vote was presented by Mrs. Mildred McDonald, clerk, and the swearing-in of the new council and court officials.

James D. Hobbs was elected mayor pro tem, an office he also held last term, and W. Morris Johnson, the only newcomer to the council, was named treasurer.

Robert S. Ewing, outgoing mayor, first nominated Hobbs for mayor. After welcoming Johnson to the council, he noted that as mayor himself, he had been kept busy "meeting and greeting visitors and conventions, as the result of many activities inspired by our busy town advertising committee." Hobbs, he recalled, had done "a fine job" as a member of that committee, as well as on the council.

Johnson, first expressing thanks for the vote "which got me on the council", then placed Ruggles' name in nomination as one "who has lived in Southern Pines all his life, and knows the people and the town."

No seconds were necessary, and the voting was done by secret ballot. Mrs. McDonald, presiding till the ballots were counted, announced Ruggles as the new mayor and turned the meeting over to him.

Mayor Ruggles, expressing his wish for "an experienced helper," nominated Hobbs for mayor pro tem, while Ewing nominated Johnson on the basis that the new councilman could gain experience thereby. Another secret

(Continued on page 8)

New College Buys Stock of Nursery On Midland Road

St. Andrews Presbyterian College at Laurinburg has contracted to purchase the stock of Holly Tree Nurseries on Midland Road, from Mrs. Ernest Morell, the widow of the noted landscape architect who founded the nursery and operated it for many years.

The stock will be moved to the campus of the new college, now under construction, over the next two years. The transaction does not include the Morell house and surrounding garden and grounds.

Silas Vaughn, administrator of the college, told The Pilot this week that the institution has bought only the nursery stock and not the land. The stock includes a wide variety of trees and shrubs, many of considerable size. Even large items will be moved, so far as possible, Mr. Vaughn said.

The college has a two-year lease on the nursery's land. While some items have been moved already.

Freeman Named Aberdeen Mayor; Other Towns Vote

Following are results of municipal elections Tuesday in other towns of Moore County:

Aberdeen
Earl O. Freeman polled 215 votes to 194 for John J. Greer, to become mayor of Aberdeen. He succeeds Dr. E. M. Medlin who was not a candidate for reelection.

Commissioners elected, with votes received, were: John McCrummen, 284; C. L. Guion, 239; Robert Farrell, 224; George D. Anderson, only incumbent board member to win, 205; and John G. Sloan, 193.

Defeated were two incumbents who ran, H. W. Doub, 169; and Leo Arey, 145. Other candidates and votes were: Ranell J. Thompson, 132; Hugh Styers, 130; W. L. Batchelor, 94; and Theron Thomas, first Negro to run in Aberdeen, 59.

Judge J. G. Farrell of the Aberdeen Recorder's Court was reelected without opposition, as was Robert N. Page III, solicitor of the court.

Pinebluff
Mayor E. H. Mills and a slate of three commissioner candidates (the town has a three-man board) backing him were elected in Pinebluff after a hotly contested election campaign. Mills received 145 votes to 106 for his challenger, David A. Spence. Winning with Mills were Lt. Col. Timothy Cleary, 140; Robert T. Brock, 132; and Walter Davenport, 129. Brock and Davenport are incumbents.

Defeated were the three candidates backing Spence: Leon I. Wylie, Jr., 123; Vernon Davis, Jr., (incumbent), 117; and Joseph Schnorr, 109.

Mills has served continuously as mayor since 1948.

Carthage

Mayor Hoover Carter was reelected with 335 votes to 116 for his opponent, L. R. McDonald, an outgoing town commissioner.

L. L. Marion, Jr., led the ticket with 384 votes for commissioner. Others elected were J. L. McGraw, Jr., 329; Fred E. Flinchum (incumbent), 322; G. K. Suggs

(Continued on Page 8)

Max Rush Now With St. Joseph's Hospital

Maxwell G. Rush, former acting Southern Pines postmaster, is now employed in the office at St. Joseph of the Pines Hospital.

Mr. Rush, a Republican, was acting postmaster here from October, 1957, until March 31, when he was replaced in that position by James W. Causey, a Democrat.

Further details about Mr. Rush's new position will be announced next week.

FOR 'SENIOR CITIZENS' Hollywood Hotel To Be Converted To All-Year Use

The Hollywood, which has been operated as a resort hotel here for 48 years by the Pottle family, will be converted this summer into a "retirement hotel" for "senior citizens" and will reopen in October on a year-round basis, George W. Pottle, manager, announced today.

Built in 1913 by the late J. L. Pottle, the Hollywood faces New York Ave. on extensive grounds that run from Ashe St. to May St. A putting green is located in the large yard on the May St. side of the building. On the Ashe St. side there is a large parking lot. "There has been a growing demand for a hotel for 'senior citizens' in Southern Pines," Mr. Pottle said, "and we hope that by our conversion we will be rendering a service to the community as well as putting the Hollywood on a year-round basis."

Mr. Pottle emphasized that this conversion should not be confused with an old people's home. Rather, he said, "it will offer older persons a logical way to enjoy hotel life at reasonable rates." He said the charge for a single room and bath, completely furnished, including linen and towels, and three meals a day, will average

Kitchin Defends Voting Record in Current Congress

"I have been criticized by some for 'not going along with the President's program' but the record shows that I have voted for every administration bill which has come before Congress except two, and whatever the President decides to do in the present crisis facing our country, I will be behind him 100 per cent," said Rep. A. Paul Kitchin, guest speaker at the "legislative dinner" held at Aberdeen Monday night, sponsored by Moore County Young Democrats.

The Eighth District Congressman, from Wadesboro, made it plain he didn't appreciate the castigation of some constituents who see his conservatism as "Republicanism."

He noted, "I don't expect everyone to agree with me and I will defend to the death their right to express themselves. That is democracy. But when I am accused of being 'Republican' or hobnobbing with Republicans, I

Sitterson With Parks Real Estate Agency

J. D. Sitterson is now associated with the Parks Real Estate Agency, 113 N. E. Broad St. (former Savings and Loan office location) James E. Parks, head of the agency, announced this week.

Mr. Sitterson has been engaged in the real estate business, working independently, from his home here, for the past 10 years.

Ruling on Coroner Not Valid

County Attorney M. G. Boyette told the county commissioners Monday that he does not think they had the legal right to make a ruling, at their April meeting, requiring that Ralph Steed of Robbins, the county coroner, get their permission before ordering an autopsy in any case under his investigation.

The coroner's office is elective, the attorney pointed out, and the coroner is permitted by law to exercise his judgment in matters pertaining to the office.

If the commissioners think an account submitted by any county official is out of order, they can refuse to pay it, and investigate the account, but they cannot prohibit in advance any specific expense that an elected official has a right to incur. Any investigation the coroner chooses to make is within his discretion by law, Mr. Boyette said.

Since the April 4 ruling was made subject to the attorney's opinion, there was no need to

PTA to Meet on May 15; Chicken Fry Set May 17

The May meeting of the Eastern Southern Pines Parent-Teacher Association will be held in Weaver Auditorium at 8 p. m. Monday, May 15, members were reminded this week by Mrs. Albert Grove, president-elect, who will be installed, along with other officers at the meeting. The Association normally meets on the second Monday of each month, but will meet on the third this month—the final meeting of the school year.

Following the officer installation and business session, a fashion show will be presented by members of Miss Loree Keen's home economics classes.

Chicken Fry Plans

Wednesday, May 17, is the date of the PTA chicken fry, one of the major fund-raising projects of the year. Plans call for an outdoor supper at the Southern Pines Country Club. Mrs. H. L. Tate is general chairman for the event and Mrs. Donald Denoff is ticket chairman, with Mrs. Grove assisting both the chairmen.

The supper is open to the public. Tickets should be bought as soon as possible, so that plans for food can be completed. For tickets, call Mrs. Denoff at OX 2-8622.

Girl Scout Court of Awards Slated Sunday

A court of awards for Southern Pines Girl Scouts will be held Sunday, May 7, at 5 p. m. in Weaver Auditorium.

Work completed by Brownies and Intermediate and Senior Girl Scouts during the past year will be reviewed and individual awards for accomplishments will be given.

The public is invited, with a special invitation issued to all former Girl Scouts and leaders.

Optimist Clubs of State to Convene Here Next Week

Southern Pines will be host next week to members of North Carolina Optimist Clubs and their wives, holding their annual state convention here. Between 300 and 400 persons are expected.

With events scheduled for Friday and Saturday, May 12 and 13, many members are expected to arrive Thursday, spending nearly three days here. The Hollywood Hotel will be headquarters, but club members will be staying also in most of the hotels and motels in and around Southern Pines.

It will be the group's 20th annual convention. Optimist International, with over 70,000 members.

HYNDMAN WINS

William Hyndman III of Huntingdon Valley, Pa., defeated Richard D. Chapman of Palm Beach, Fla., formerly of Pinehurst, 4 and 3, for the 61st annual North and South Amateur golf championship at Pinehurst, Saturday.

A photo of the finalists and details appear on another page of today's Pilot.



Legion Resolution Honors General Marshall

At a dinner meeting of A. B. Sally Post 350, American Legion, of Pinehurst, last Friday, 75 post and Auxiliary members gathered to see Mrs. George C. Marshall receive a resolution passed by the national executive committee of the American Legion a year ago, honoring the late General Marshall, former U. S. chief of staff, secretary of defense and secretary of state. Gen. and Mrs. Marshall were winter residents of Pinehurst for many years and Mrs. Marshall has spent most of the past winter at Pinehurst.

During the program, continuous membership cards and other awards were presented to members of the post, including six with more than 30 years of membership and 20 with more than 15 years.

The photo, made by John G. Hemmer, shows Mrs. Marshall with a group of Pinehurst and visiting Legion officials, left to right: George W. Hunt, post commander; Mrs. Ralph L. Horner, Auxiliary resident; Paul Monroe, post adjutant; Mrs. Marshall; S. Marvin Burton of Charlotte, state commander; E. A. Morin of Somerset, Pa., commander of the 24th District of the Legion who made the presentation (General Marshall was born in Uniontown, Pa.); and Karl I. Hare, adjutant of the same Pennsylvania District Legion organization.

General Marshall had received the American Legion's distinguished service award in 1943. The national resolution, passed last year following the general's

death late in 1959, was a follow-up to the service award.

Mr. Morin reviewed General Marshall's accomplishments and praised him as military mind, statesman and humanitarian.

Mrs. Marshall expressed her appreciation and asked that he convey her thanks to the National Department of the Legion.

Mr. Burton, state commander, portrayed General Marshall as the type of American who is the greatest deterrent to communism. He called the Legion a great bulwark against communism, but said that Americans must overcome complacency and "let the world know the joy of living in a free society."

The state commander presented the cards and awards to post members.

Man Who Killed Brother is Given Life Prison Term

A West End man who killed his brother Saturday, April 22, then waited calmly beside the body for officers to arrive, appeared just as calm and unconcerned Tuesday in Moore County Superior Court at Carthage as Judge L. Richardson Preyer of Greensboro sentenced him to life in prison.

Ray Napoleon Johnson was arraigned immediately after the grand jury came in to return a true bill against him for murder in the first degree for the shotgun slaying of Pines Johnson, 44.

At the arraignment he had to plead not guilty, under the law, but as the trial opened he tendered a guilty plea through his court-appointed counsel, and accepted District Attorney M. G. Boyette's waiver of jury trial to sign. No evidence was presented. The whole thing took about five minutes.

Johnson had previously waived preliminary hearing, saying "What's the use? I did it." He has never offered any public explanation for his act other than that he and his brother had argued over "a kid game." He told officers, "Pines hit me and knocked

(Continued on page 8)

Governor Expected at Aberdeen Event Friday

Governor Terry Sanford is expected to be a guest at the annual Aberdeen Town Shad bake, to be held Friday starting at 6 p. m. on the shore of Aberdeen Lake.

Many other State officials are expected to be on hand particularly those of the Highway Department, who with personnel of the Eighth Highway division are traditionally honored at the affair.

County officials, mayors of Moore County towns and "top brass" of Fort Bragg will also attend.

CLOSING MAY 10

The Citizens Bank and Trust Company and the Southern Pines Library have announced that they will be closed May 10 for the Confederate Memorial Day state holiday. The post office will remain open as usual.