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## Sandhills Junior Tennis Tourney Starts August 3

Entries are coming in "far ahead of last year" for the two tennis tournaments to be played at the municipal courts here next month, George H. Leonard, Jr., president of the Sandhills Tennis Association, said today.

The Association is sponsoring both the events—the Junior Invitational, August 3-6, and the Senior Invitational, August 10-13. The weekend dates, with finals usually played on Sunday, make the tournaments available for a larger audience of spectators. There is no admission charge.

"Please urge all members of the Tennis Association and citizens of the Sandhills to attend these tournaments, as there is a great field of top players this year," Mr. Leonard said. "It will pep up the players if they have a good group of spectators. You will be guaranteed some very fine tennis."

Several families have offered to house one or more of the junior players, Mr. Leonard said, but more rooms are needed. Locations close enough to the courts so that the boys and girls can walk there are preferred. Anyone interested in taking one or more of the juniors is asked to get in touch with Mrs. George H. Leonard, Jr., OXFord 5-8721, or Mrs. Charles Phillips, OXFord 2-3602.

Trophies for the Junior tournament will be on display this week and next week in the window of Barnum Realty and Insurance Co. The senior trophies will be displayed there during the following week.

The courts are expected to be in top condition for the tournaments. Mr. Leonard praised the work of Claude Blue in caring for the courts.

## McGoogan Taking Hospital Post; Will Live Here

Duncan L. McGoogan, recently appointed new administrator of Moore Memorial Hospital in Pinehurst, will assume his duties there next Tuesday, August 1. Mr. McGoogan comes from Charlotte where he has been assistant administrator of Charlotte Memorial Hospital for several years.

Thomas R. Howerton will wind up his duties at the institution on July 31 and will report to Wilson, where he has been appointed administrator of the new 250-bed Wilson Memorial Hospital, now in the planning stage.

Mr. Howerton and Mr. McGoogan will meet with the Medical Care Commission's staff, along with representatives from the architectural firms, to review proposed plans for Moore Memorial Hospital's long range development. This meeting will be held in the Commission's office in Raleigh next Wednesday morning.

John F. For, chairman of the Building Committee, said this week that the committee would announce within a short time the complete "master plan" for the development and expansion of the hospital during the next few years. The master plan accomplishments will be divided into different stages, and an immediate project will be developed out of the total plan as soon as possible.

The hospital's building program has been given a tremendous boost within the past year by gifts from Mrs. Samuel G. Allen of Pinehurst for a new operating room suite, and from the Irene Heinz LaPorte Given Foundation for a new X-Ray department.

The McGoogan family plans to live in Southern Pines at 480 East Massachusetts Avenue in the home now occupied by the Howertons, which has been sold to Mr. and Mrs. McGoogan. Mr. Howerton's family will remain in Southern Pines through the month of August and will move to Wilson on August 29. Mr. McGoogan's family will move from Charlotte on September 1.



A PEACHY PARTY—Peach Queen Jean Brower, at left, hands Governor Sanford a peach half, while on the right Mrs. Sanford tenders the other half to daughter Betsy. In rear, Agriculture Commissioner "Stag" B-

## FROM SANDHILLS PEACHES

### Orphans Eat Ice Cream

Sandhills peaches starred at an event at the Governor's Mansion at Raleigh Wednesday afternoon.

Some 140 children of the Methodist Home took over the wide tree-shaded lawn at a party at which Governor Terry Sanford and his wife (also their children, Betsy and Terry, Jr.) were gracious hosts.

Climax of the occasion was the serving of an estimated 15 gallons of peach ice cream which the youngsters made themselves, turning the cranks of old-time freezers borrowed for the occasion and licking the dashers with relish.

It was the first time most of them had seen real homemade ice cream.

The "mix" for the cream was made by the Mansion kitchen staff of 10 bushels of Sandhills peaches provided in advance by the N. C. Mutual Peach Growers Society.

A few dozen additional half-bushel baskets of the luscious fruit were carried to Raleigh as a gift by a Sandhills delegation attending the party—T. C. Auman of West End, president of the peach society; and county

## Brochure Tells Operations of Episcopal Center

Brochures describing operations of "The Terraces," the Episcopal conference center which will open here early in September, have been prepared and distributed throughout the Diocese of North Carolina.

The center is the former Dwight W. Winkelman home at the corner of E. Massachusetts Ave. and Weymouth Rd. The large two-story house was given to the Diocese by Mr. and Mrs. Winkelman last year.

First conference at The Terraces will be a four-day meeting of the examining chaplains of the Diocese with young men preparing to enter the ministry.

Rooms and meals will be provided persons taking part in conferences. Mrs. Harry J. Menzel of Southern Pines, will be hostess, but will continue to live in her own home.

Conferences and training sessions for small groups of church people, both clergy and laity, will make use of the center's facilities. The Diocese of North Carolina includes a wide area in the central and Piedmont part of the state, extending west as far as Charlotte.

Plans call for The Terraces to be open each year from Labor Day to June 1. It will be available for summer use also, but groups using it then must provide their own kitchen and maintenance help, the brochure states.

Local members of the center's board of directors are the Rev. Martin Caldwell, rector of Emmanuel Church here, who is chairman of the board, and Mrs. E. Nolley Jackson.

## TO PROMOTE INTERNATIONAL UNDERSTANDING

### Town to 'Affiliate' With City in Spain

The town of Palos de la Frontera in Spain has accepted the invitation of Southern Pines to become affiliated with this community through the program of Operation Town Affiliations, Inc., an organization with headquarters in New York, which was formed to promote "international people-to-people understanding."

Acceptance came in a letter to Mayor John S. Ruggles from the mayor of the Spanish town, Manuel Maresca. In the letter, which was translated locally by George Davis, the mayor wrote: "... We see with much pleasure and accept with much delight this proposal of friendship with our brother town, Southern Pines, which you lead and direct with dignity..."

The town of Palos de la Frontera, which is on the Southern Atlantic coast of Spain, near Cadiz, was chosen because it is, like Southern Pines, a resort community, also because it is the

port from which Columbus sailed on his voyage of discovery in 1492. The fact that Spanish is taught in the local schools also was influential in the choice, as exchanges of letters by students is an important part of the Town Affiliations program.

The program was initiated here almost a year ago, largely through the interest of Frank Warner of Southern Pines who is a member of the board of directors of Town Affiliations, Inc., and chairman of its New Neighbors Committee.

At a meeting held last August, John McPhaul, representing the Rotary Club, and Miss Annie Margaret Brewer, faculty PTA representative, were named co-chairmen of the local Town Affiliations group. Mrs. Charles Phillips, PTA parent representative, was elected secretary and treasurer.

Named to the board of directors, in addition to these officers, were Mr. Warner; W. Lamont Brown for the Kiwanis Club;

## Classes Planned For Handicapped; Register Monday

Pre-registration will be held Monday at three places in Moore County for special classes planned for mentally handicapped children, it was announced today by Mrs. Donald R. Scott of Southern Pines, president of the Moore and Hoke Counties Association for Retarded Children.

Places of registration are: Weaver Auditorium at the East Southern Pines school; Pinehurst school auditorium and Carthage High School auditorium.

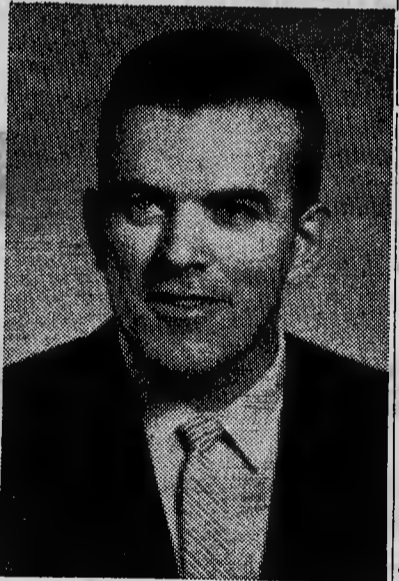
The pre-registration will serve as a survey of the need for and interest in the proposed classes. If enough students register, Mrs. Scott said, free classes will be held at local schools over the county.

The classes are authorized by a bill passed by the 1961 General Assembly, the law becoming effective July 1 and providing for instruction of educable mentally handicapped children throughout the state. The bill was sponsored by the North Carolina State Association for Retarded Children with which the Moore and Hoke Counties Association is affiliated.

Interested persons are asked to inform parents of handicapped children of the pre-registration on Monday, in case these parents may not have learned of the new program. Parents needing transportation to one of the pre-registration places are asked to call the office of their superintendent of schools. There are three superintendents' offices in the county—at Southern Pines, Pinehurst and Carthage.

Plans for the pre-registration and other business were discussed at a meeting of the board of directors of the Moore and Hoke

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HEADS DRIVE — Harry McStravick of Southern Pines has been named chairman for this fall's Moore County Boy Scout Fund drive and will set up an organization of community chairmen throughout the county. He is general sales manager for Trimble Products, Inc., a member of St. Anthony's Church and is active in the Elks Lodge. He is now finance chairman for the Moore District Scout organization. (Humphrey photo)

## Electrical Storm Sets House Fire, Hits Trees



H. CLIFTON BLUE

## Blue Elected to Head Press Group In Coming Year

H. Clifton Blue of Aberdeen, editor and publisher of The Sandhill Citizen, was elected president of the North Carolina Press Association during last weekend's annual summer meeting of the Association in Charlotte.

For the past year Mr. Blue, who is Moore County's representative in the General Assembly at Raleigh, has been president of the Associated Weeklies group that is affiliated with the Press association. He presided at a meeting of this group in Charlotte. He has been editor and publisher of the Citizen, a weekly newspaper, for more than 25 years.

Before attending the Press Association (Continued on page 5)

## Patch's Tog Shop Moving to Former Book Store Site

Patch's Tog Shop will move from its New Hampshire Ave. location to the former Hayes Book Shop site on N. W. Broad St., Charles S. Patch, proprietor of the business, said yesterday. The move is expected to be completed early next week.

The Broad Street location, where the book shop owned by John S. Zelle, Jr., of Pinehurst, went out of business this Spring, is owned by Col. Wallace V. Simpson of Pinehurst from whom Patch's Tog Shop is leasing the space.

Mr. Patch said he has operated the Tog Shop, a men's clothing and sporting goods business, since May 1, 1922, when it was opened in the location now occupied by Southern Pines Pharmacy at the northwest corner of New Hampshire Ave. and N. W. Broad St. In 1925, the shop was moved to the location it is now vacating, in the rear of the Patch building at the southwest corner of New Hampshire and Broad. The shop has an entrance to the street on New Hampshire Ave. and adjoins Patch's Department Store inside the building.

Painting and installation of new lighting fixtures are being done by Colonel Simpson at the new location.

Patch's Department Store is remaining in the Patch Building, Mr. Patch said. He said he had nothing to announce about the future of the department store at this time.

## THE WEATHER

Maximum and minimum temperatures for each day of the past week were recorded as follows by the U. S. Weather Bureau observation station at the WEEB radio studios on Midland Road:

	Max	Min.
July 20	91	69
July 21	90	72
July 22	93	71
July 23	92	68
July 24	94	72
July 25	94	72
July 26	94	71

A severe electrical storm that centered its fury in the Weymouth Heights area late yesterday afternoon set one destructive residential fire and struck a number of trees.

The studio-apartment of Col. and Mrs. O. A. Dickinson, at Valley and Old Field Roads, was set on fire during the height of the storm. It was unoccupied and the blaze was not discovered until the storm had passed. A neighbor saw smoke and called the fire department.

Fire Chief Frank Kaylor said that lightning running in on a television aerial was the apparent cause of the fire. A television set in the apartment was completely burned out and the blaze appeared to have spread from that area to other parts of the building.

The studio-apartment is in a building separate from the main Dickinson residence and was formerly a garage. It had been completely remodeled and contained several well-furnished rooms, a small modern kitchen, a piano used by Mrs. Dickinson and her music pupils and a number of personal items highly valued by Col. and Mrs. Dickinson.

The building was gutted, with fire breaking through the roof in several places. The piano and a few items of furniture were removed before much damage was done to them. However, practically everything else in the building was destroyed or badly damaged by fire, smoke and water.

Col. and Mrs. Dickinson and several guests were in the main house during the storm. The television aerial is atop the main house but one lead-in wire runs to the apartment building which is some 20 or 30 feet from the larger residence, at its nearest point. The fire was brought under control by local volunteers before any threat to the main house developed, however.

Colonel Dickinson is a retired Army officer.

The living room of the studio-apartment was paneled in pine and the rafters and studs were of old heart pine, causing heavy smoke to blanket the area. A breeze from the south-east sent smoke seven blocks and more into the business section, drawing the attention of many persons to the fire. A considerable crowd had gathered before the firemen had completed their work.

On the other side of Valley Road, less than a block away, two large pines near the street in the yard of Councilman and Mrs. R. S. Ewing were struck by lightning. One of them, the largest tree on the property, is nearly a yard in diameter at the base. Other residents of the neighborhood said that lightning struck repeatedly in the area. Several said electricity entered their homes on power or telephone wires.

## Board Abandons Bond Proposal

The county commissioners meeting in special session last Thursday, voted to set the county tax rate at \$1.70 per \$100 of property valuation as they had tentatively voted in June.

They also decided not to call the \$175,000 bond election to provide funds with which to complete a proposed new agriculture and library building. The feeling of the commissioners appeared to be that such a bond issue would not pass and that it would not be advisable to impose upon the citizens and taxpayers the expense of a special election at this time.

The County has in reserve about \$99,000 for use in the construction of an agricultural building. The cost of the proposed building was originally estimated at \$230,000. It is now figured that the proposed building would run considerably higher. It was proposed that the ground floor be used for the Moore County Library and that the building be so located that the library part and the agricultural part both have ground floor entrances.