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Big Subdivision's Plans Approved By Town Council

Meeting in regular session at town hall Tuesday night, the town council formally approved the Planning Board's previous acceptance of the big Knollwood Fairways and Knollwood Village subdivision now under construction off Pee Dee and Midland Roads.

The Planning Board had met with the owner and developer of the project, C. A. Pitts of Manly, Thursday of last week. Members of the council looked over a map of the subdivision before going into session Tuesday, hearing the report of the Planning Board and discussing the project with Town Manager F. F. Rainey. Formal approval in the meeting was taken without further discussion.

The full council was present: Mayor W. Morris Johnson, Mayor Pro Tem Norris L. Hodgkins, Jr., and Councilmen Felton Capel, C. A. McLaughlin and Fred Pollard. The law requires that all subdivision plans, in town or within one mile of town, be approved by the council, to make sure that proposals for streets, utilities, lot

Japanese Golfers Playing Seniors; N & S Events Set

The Carolina Hotel at Pinehurst, where conventions have been conducted in recent weeks, formally opened to the public today (Thursday) and several golfing events are enlivening the start of the fall resort season.

Taking place today and tomorrow are the annual U. S. Japan Seniors Goodwill golf matches, played over the championship No. 2 course. The eight members of the visiting Japanese team are at the Carolina. They are playing against 16 members from the American Seniors team, eight playing today and eight on Friday.

Last year the matches were played at Hakone, Japan. Following on the golf calendar will be the North & South Invitation Seniors tournament, starting Monday of next week, to run through Saturday, and the North and South Women's Invitation Golf championship, October 22-24.

THE WEATHER

Maximum and minimum temperatures for each day of the past week were recorded as follows at the U. S. Weather Bureau observation station at the W E B studios on Midland Road.

	Max	Min
October 3	83	47
October 4	81	41
October 5	73	43
October 6	72	49
October 7	79	39
October 8	82	67
October 9	85	46

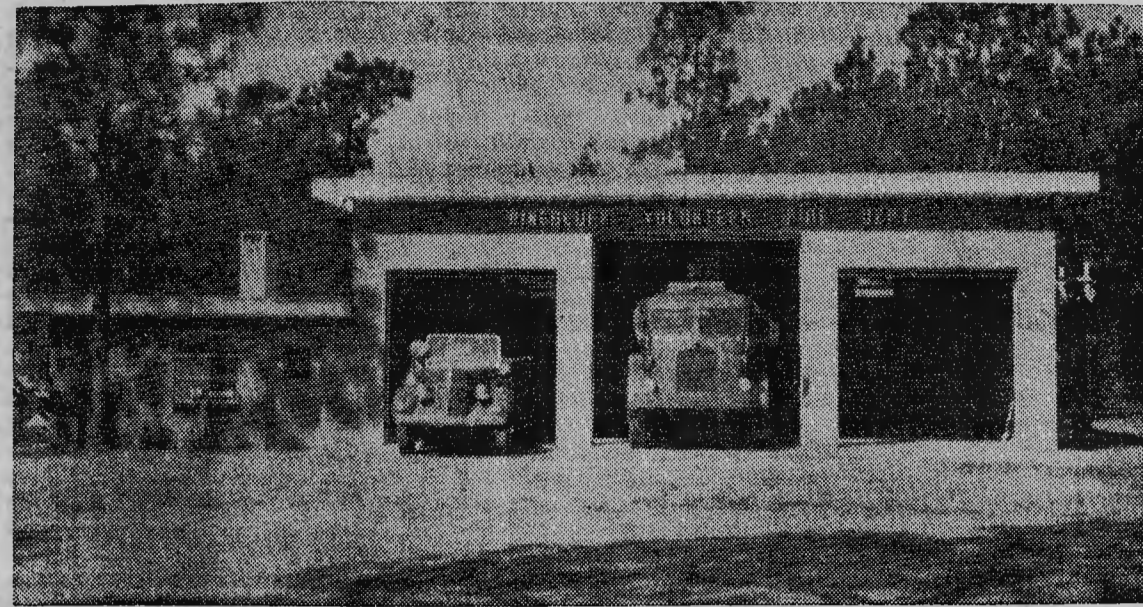
Funeral Held For Ralph W. Page, 82, Noted Columnist, Former Area Leader

Ralph W. Page, a leader in the development of the Sandhills area many years ago, died in Temple Hospital, Philadelphia, on Sunday morning, October 6.

Funeral services were held yesterday (Wednesday) afternoon at the Village Chapel, Pinehurst, with Bishop Louis C. Melcher, minister at the Chapel, officiating. Burial was in the Walter Hines Page family plot in Old Bethesda Cemetery, near Aberdeen.

Surviving are his wife, the former Leila Tuckerman; a son, Anderson, of Chestnut Hill, Pa.; four grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. A daughter, Cary, died in February, 1933.

Mr. Page had been in increasingly poor health for the past three or four years during which he and Mrs. Page spent the major part of each year in the guest house of their cousin, Mrs. Henry Page, Jr., situated on the site of the old family home in Aberdeen. Early in June they returned to their home in Chestnut Hill, near Philadelphia. It was from here that Mr. Page was rushed to the hospital when he suffered a severe relapse and return of the emphysema from



New Home of Pinebluff Volunteer Fire Department

Club Will Honor Yeomans Memory In Library Work

The Southern Pines Garden Club will assume the design and planting of the garden-patio which is a feature of the new library addition plans, it was announced today by John Ostrom, chairman of the fund-raising committee.

This project is to be carried out by the club as a gesture of gratitude and recognition to the late Alfred B. Yeomans, "for all he did for this town," in the words of the club president, Mrs. R. M. McMillan.

The committee, with its time limit extended this week to October 21, is engaged in raising \$7,500 by private subscription to supplement \$25,000 in Town of Southern Pines bonds voted last fall for an addition and remodeling work at the town-owned library.

The garden plot is located at the back of the library, between the proposed new stackroom wing, and the present building. While exact plans have not yet been decided on, the garden-patio will feature the fine magnolia tree that now stands in this space and there will be benches for those who enjoy reading out.

Dr. Johnson In District Office

At a luncheon Monday at the Mid Pines Club, Dr. W. Harrell Johnson of Southern Pines was installed vice president of the Third District Dental Society, one of the officers elected that morning.

Another local dentist, Dr. George D. Anderson, was earlier elected to membership in the Society, which held its annual meeting over the past weekend at Mid Pines.



MR. PAGE

which he had been suffering for several years. A tracheotomy was performed, bringing only temporary relief; death followed within a few days. Ralph W. Page, whose eighty-second birthday was on October 2, was the son of Walter Hines

AT WHISPERING PINES

Governor Will Attend C. & D. Board Meeting

Members of the North Carolina Board of Conservation and Development, the state's most widely influential policy-making body, have scheduled a meeting at Whispering Pines Motor Lodge and Restaurant for Friday and Saturday of next week.

Gov. Terry Sanford is expected Friday afternoon (October 18) to attend a banquet of the group that night. Business sessions, all held in the Whispering Pines Restaurant's conference room area will run through Saturday and the group will break up on Sunday.

Whispering Pines officials said all 60 double rooms of the motor lodge have been booked for the gathering, but an exact count of the number attending has not been received.

Whispering Pines Post Office Will Open November 1

Effective November 1, that rapidly growing residential-recreation development north of Southern Pines will have its own post office—"Whispering Pines, N. C."

The Whispering Pines business office reported this week it has been informed by C. B. Gladden, regional director of the Post Office Department at Atlanta, Ga., that Whispering Pines has been designated as a sub-station under the postmaster at Carthage. It will, however, have its own address, "Whispering Pines, N. C." and a post office location with regular hours, offering all postal facilities.

Designated officially as clerk in charge at the new office is A. B. Hardee, president of Sandhill Properties, Whispering Pines developing firm. It is expected that a sub-clerk will be appointed for service in the post office.

Location of the office will be announced when approved by the Post Office Department, before the opening date. The hours will be 9 a. m. to 5 p. m., Monday through Friday and 9 a. m. to 1 p. m. on Saturday.

Mrs. Thomas Named To Moore Welfare Board

Mrs. Warren Thomas of Cameron was nominated by the county commissioners Monday as their choice for one of two new members to be added to the three member county board of public welfare.

Another member will be chosen by appointment of the State Welfare Department. The commissioners suggested for the state agency's consideration the names of J. B. Edwards of Aberdeen, a former member of the board, and Leslie Gordon and Billy Johnson both of West End.

The county welfare board had previously voted to expand to five members, as permitted under new legislation.

Dedication For Pinebluff Fire Station Slated

The new Pinebluff fire house, built almost entirely by contributions and the work of the volunteer firemen, will be dedicated Saturday with a program at 2 p. m., followed by an "open house" till 5 p. m. and a dance at 8. The public is invited to all events, free of charge.

Guest speaker at the dedication program will be Curtis Flanagan of Farmville, secretary of the N. C. State Firemen's association. "This is our way of thanking all who have helped us in this project," said W. K. Carpenter, Jr., fire chief. "The new station will be dedicated to the Town of Pinebluff and the service of its citizens. It will be their property." Special invitations have been sent by Mayor E. H. Mills and Chief Carpenter to the commissioners and town officials, all member departments of the Sandhills Firemen's Association and to all donors in the fund campaign sponsored since last winter by the Pinebluff Volunteer Fire Department.

Contributions ranging from \$1 to one gift of \$2,500, and proceeds of benefit events, have totalled approximately \$6,500, with some building materials also given. The fire house is still uncompleted and it will take about \$3,000 to finish

Spanish Group On October 19 Opens 4-Concert Series

One of Spain's most popular and exciting song and dance companies, Jose Molina's "Bailes Espanoles" will appear at Weaver Auditorium Saturday night, October 19.

The program is the first in a series of four concerts which the sponsoring Sandhills Music Association promises as among the best they have presented in recent years. Howard Broughton, Association president, announced this week that ticket sales and subscriptions to memberships have been satisfactory. He urged those who had received letters—and also those who had not—outlining the season's program to mail their checks to Mrs. John S. Ruggles, treasurer at the Barnum Insurance Agency on N. W. Broad St.

The opening program is a first for this area. As a departure from the usual type of Association

Blue, Saunders Raleigh-Bound

Moore County's two members of the General Assembly—Speaker of the House H. Clifton Blue of Aberdeen and Sen. W. P. Saunders of Southern Pines—will be in Raleigh Monday for opening of the special session called by Governor Terry Sanford.

The session was called to consider two measures—a bill to redistrict the Senate according to the present constitutional provision; and a constitutional amendment, to be submitted later to a vote of the people, providing for what the governor called "a more workable plan of redistricting to operate automatically in the future."

Registration For Voting In County Bond Election Will Start Saturday

Registration of new voters—or those who have moved from one precinct to another within the county since they last voted—will open Saturday at Moore County's 19 precinct polling places, prior to the community college and school bond election to be held November 5.

Registration will continue through October 26, with regis-

trars at the polling places on the three Saturdays—the 12th, 19th and 26th. Books will be open at registrars' homes or places of business on other days. Challenge Day, when the right of any person to be registered can be challenged, will be November 2. S. C. Riddle of Carthage, chairman of the Moore County board of elections, pointed out that all per-

sons now properly registered on the county's general election books in the precincts where they reside need not register again to be eligible to vote in the bond election November 5. He urged, however, that anyone in doubt as to his status check with his registrar.

Mr. Riddle also reminded the public that a completely new registration of voters was conducted in Moore County last year and that formerly registered persons who did not re-register prior to the May, 1962, primary, or the November, 1962, election would not be qualified to vote November 5 unless they register again.

Officials State No Increase In Tax Needed To Pay Bonds

The county commissioners on Monday issued a statement that the county can afford the two proposed bond issues totaling \$4 million and that taxes would not have to be raised for school purposes during the repayment of the bonds.

The statement pointed out steadily increasing property valuation in the county, recalled the history of the present "pay as you go" plan of school financing and said that the proposed college and three consolidated high schools would aid the county in competing for new industry and in its general progress.

Signing the statement were all five commissioners: L. R. Reynolds, chairman; John M. Currie, Tom Monroe, J. M. Pleasants and W. S. Taylor.

The complete statement follows:

"With the up-coming \$4,000,000 community college and school bond election on November 5, we feel that as county commissioners of Moore County we should make the following observation and statement:

"In 1943 the taxable property in Moore County amounted to \$26,000,000. In 1962 this had grown to \$52,000,000, and during the last five years, we have averaged a \$2,000,000 growth in taxable property each year—which shows that Moore County is growing at a fairly rapid rate. We are now taxing on our new revaluation for 1963, which is \$85 million. This figure represents 60% of the total valuation of our property and our tax rate for 1963 is \$1.05.

"Three years ago the county commissioners were informed at a joint meeting of the three school boards, the County school board, the Southern Pines school board and the Pinehurst school board, that they had unanimously decided that it was necessary to either have a bond election or ask the county commissioners to increase the tax rate 35 cents on the \$100 valuation for capital outlay to build consolidated schools in the county and to improve the two city units, which would roughly bring \$450,000. The commissioners, after much deliberation, decided to go on the pay-as-you-go plan. The County board has erected Union Pines School for the Vass, Cameron, Carthage and Farm Life districts but still lacks some \$200,000 having enough money to complete this building for the fall, 1964, opening.

"The county is well balanced in most fields, but we do think that a community college and three completed consolidated high schools will put us in a much better position to compete for new industry and the up-building of the county in general.

"Speaking from a tax position, we think that Moore County can afford this bond issue of \$4,000,000 and still leave us in a position to borrow additional money if an emergency should arise. The tax rate of \$1.05, which we think is reasonable, would not have to be raised for school purposes during the repayment of these bonds."

\$1 MILLION PROPOSED COST OF COLLEGE EXPLAINED

Commissioners Told That Outlook Is Good For Getting \$500,000 From State Next Year To Help Build College

State Sen. W. P. Saunders told the county commissioners Monday that the prospect of Moore County's receiving a state appropriation of \$500,000 to help build its community college is excellent—but that even if the county didn't get this assistance, the college would be "the best thing that Moore County could buy."

Sen. Saunders, chairman of a steering committee for the proposed \$1 million bond issue for a community college and \$3 million issue for public school construction, appeared with R. S. Ewing, vice chairman, at the commissioners' regular monthly meeting, to ask that they go on record with a statement that the county could handle both bond issues without increasing taxes.

There was no hesitation on the commissioners' part. They produced a formal statement signed by all five board members (appearing on this page), giving the background of the county's school financing problems and concluding that the present tax rate "would not have to be raised for school purposes during the repayment of these bonds."

Smiling, Sen. Saunders said, "That's what people are asking and that's all we want to know."

As to the half million dollars that the county may get from the state—which could mean that half of the proposed \$1 million bond issue for the college would not have to be sold—Sen. Saunders pointed out that the 1963 General Assembly had authorized such a payment for each of the first five community colleges to be set up by counties, provided that the state has a surplus of at least the required \$2½ million at the end of the fiscal year on June 30, 1964.

He said that recent reports from the State Revenue Department indicate that the State already has a surplus of \$2½ million and that, barring some economic catastrophe, the required surplus next June seems certain. He pointed out that Moore County's application for allotment of one of the five colleges to be set up in the first two years of the program was the first to be accepted.

"This is a golden opportunity," he said. Why \$1 Million? Sen. Saunders also read to the

CONTRACT AWARDED

The town council Tuesday night awarded a contract to pave about 15 blocks of streets—largely using "surface treatment" on roadbeds already prepared by town labor—to the Riley Paving Co. of Carthage which bid 40 cents per square yard for surface treatment and 45 cents for sand-asphalt.

Registrars in the two precincts that include the town of Southern Pines—North Southern Pines and South Southern Pines—ask all voters living in the town limits to remember that registration on the municipal election books, which cover in-town elections only, does not qualify a voter to take part in any county, state or national election, including the bond voting November 5.

It is anticipated that the bond election—on \$1 million in bonds for a community college and on \$3 million in bonds for school construction and expansion throughout the county—will draw out numerous voters not hitherto registered. There are three precincts in

COUNCIL ENDORSES BOTH BOND ISSUES

The five members of the Southern Pines town council, at their regular meeting Tuesday night, unanimously endorsed the proposed community college and school bond issues on which citizens of the county will vote November 5.

The formal action was taken on motion of Councilman C. A. McLaughlin who distributed to the other councilmen brochures and information prepared by the bond issue steering committee and explained various aspects of the proposals.

He also read to the council a statement by the county commissioners (appearing in full elsewhere on this page) that it would not be necessary to increase county taxes because of the bond issues.

Local Plans For School Bond Funds To Be Told At PTA Meeting Monday Night

The Southern Pines board of education will make its first public announcement of what it proposes to do with the more than half million dollars the local school unit will receive if the county's voters approve a \$3 million school bond issue November 5, at the regular meeting of the East Southern Pines Parent-Teachers Association, at 8 p. m. Monday, in Weaver Auditorium.

Mrs. J. S. Hiatt, Jr., PTA president, said that N. L. Hodgkins, Sr., board chairman, and J. W. Jenkins, superintendent, are expected to be present to tell the board's tentative plans for use of the bond funds for school construction and expansion, site acquisition and other capital out-

lay purposes. All interested persons are welcome to attend, she said, pointing out that the meeting will be held in Weaver Auditorium—not in the high school multi-purpose room as previously announced—because of anticipated wide interest in the bond money plans.

After the business session, the meeting will be devoted to explanation of the school's program for the first through sixth grades, with Don Moore, elementary school principal, and Miss Violet Lester school supervisor, in charge. Later, all rooms of these grades will be open for visits by parents or others who are interested, with the teachers there to further explain the work done in these grades.