

Area planning, once successful in the Sandhills, got a big boost at a meeting here last week. Story, page 21.

THE PILOT

A Pinehurst landmark, the hotel bus used there for over 35 years, has a new home. Photos, story, page 17.

Arthur McMullen, Pinehurst, Dies Of Beating; 3 Men Held For Questioning

Arthur Cabot McMullen, 52, of Pinehurst died early Sunday morning at his home on Linden Road "as the result of a beating at the hands of a person or persons unknown," according to the coroner's ruling.

Immediate cause of death, it was determined by an autopsy, was a fractured skull. Of many cuts and bruises found on his body, some were old but most were new, made probably within hours before his death, the coroner said. The time of death was

fixed at after midnight Saturday. He was found dead about 3:30 a.m.

Graveside services were held at Mt. Hope Cemetery here, Tuesday afternoon, conducted by Bishop Louis C. Melcher of the Pinehurst Village Chapel.

Surviving are his father, Ray W. McMullen, of Baltimore, Md.; one sister, Jane (Mrs. George) Browne, of Charlottesville, Va.; and two brothers, both U. S. Army officers, Col. Ray McMullen of Derita, La., and Major Malcolm McMullen of Norfolk, Va. A sister, Isabel (Mrs. Tom Johnston), died while a resident of Southern Pines, more than 15 years ago.

His mother, Mrs. Isabel Cabot McMullen, a member of a prominent Boston family, died in 1954. He was a veteran of Army service in World War 2. He had never married.

The home in Pinehurst had been in the family about 30 years. Mrs. McMullen and her children had previously lived at Pinebluff where their residence was destroyed by fire. For many years, the family spent summers on

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County - Wide Area Phone Service Is Under Discussion

A study of costs which would be involved in providing Extended Area Service for all Moore County communities which do not now have it has been made by the United Telephone Co. of the Carolinas and is now in the hands of the State Utilities Commission.

Until the Commission has had a chance to study the survey and has approved or disapproved it, discussion of the possibility of such toll-free service all over the county will have to be "very general indeed," said Robert C. Bishop, United's commercial superintendent.

He said it is possible the Commission might determine EAS would not be feasible in all the areas surveyed. However, the company is definitely interested in providing such service where there is to be sufficient interest on the part of the patrons, with a community of interests among various areas, and where costs would not be too high.

Interest in cooperating toward such widespread coverage—which could even extend beyond county lines—has been expressed by three other telephone companies serving Moore county communities. These are the Sandhill Telephone Co. at Aberdeen; the Pinebluff Telephone Co. at Pinebluff; and the Central Telephone Co. at Candor, which some

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Firemen Oppose Town Park Site For New Station

The Southern Pines Volunteer Fire Department last week expressed itself as opposed to locating the proposed new fire station on the town park block, adjoining the municipal center building.

A spokesman for the department told the town council in regular session Thursday night (postponed from Tuesday) that the firemen felt unanimously that it would be dangerous in view of the many activities on the park, particularly the children's playground.

Not only does the necessary fast movement of the fire truck out of the station have to be considered, the spokesman said, but also the firemen's cars rushing to the station from various directions in answer to an alarm. Such movement close to the park could conceivably cost a life, perhaps that of a child, he said.

A dozen of the volunteer firemen were present when the opposition of the department was made known by Harold Fowler, assistant fire chief, in the absence of Fire Chief Joe Garzik (who came in later). Fowler said he had not been present when

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4 APPOINTED TO STUDY COMMITTEE

At the Town Council meeting last week, Mayor Norris L. Hodgkins, Jr., was asked to appoint a committee to look into possible locations for a new fire station and also to study various questions about the Department. He has named Councilmen Fred Pollard and C. A. McLaughlin and Town Manager F. F. Rainey; and from the Fire Department, Chief Joe Garzik, Assistant Chief Harold Fowler and Fred Hall, Jr., one of the volunteer firemen.



PROGRAM ENDS—Conclusion of the Town's summer recreation program was marked on the park block Saturday by passing out refreshments to children who have been taking part in the activities here. Pictured are Bobby Watkins and Miss Sandra Fitzgibbons, assistant directors of the East Southern Pines program, as they "filled orders" for refreshments. David Page, not pictured, was the town's summer recreation director. (Pilot photo)

PUBLIC INVITED TO LEE CENTER SUNDAY

Trade, Technical Courses To Be Shown

The public is invited to view demonstrations of advanced education in the technical and trade fields, at the Lee County Industrial Center, Sanford, from 2 to 5 pm, Sunday, August 23.

Called the "Doorway to Your Future Exposition," the afternoon's program is designed especially for persons who want to know more about the courses

offered at the Center, and who might be interested in studying there. Students in drafting, machinist work, auto mechanics, agriculture, practical nursing and other courses, will demonstrate skills they have learned. Refreshments will be served. "Statistics prove," says an announcement from the Center, "that the skilled worker makes 35 per cent more than the unskilled worker. A visit to the Lee County Industrial Education Center on Sunday could prove to be the key to your future." There is no racial segregation in enrollment at the Center.

Mrs. Rainey Will Go To Convention

Mrs. Pat Rainey of Southern Pines will leave by air from Raleigh Sunday to attend the Democratic National Convention in Atlantic City, N. J., next week. She is an alternate delegate from North Carolina.

Mrs. Rainey, wife of F. F. Rainey, Southern Pines town manager, has been active in Democratic political work for several years. She is vice-chairman of the Moore County Democratic Executive Committee.

A group of about 80 Tar Heel delegates and alternates will fly to the convention from Raleigh on Sunday, Mrs. Rainey said.

LOCAL SCHOOLS TO DISMISS AT 3:15

All pupils in the East and West Southern Pines schools will be dismissed at 3:15 pm daily, starting with the coming school year, Supl. J. W. Jenkins announced this week. Formerly children in the first through third grades had been dismissed at 2:30.

Only exception, he said is that first graders will be dismissed at 12 noon during the first two weeks of school. Also, all students will attend only a half day when school opens September 4.

The uniform dismissal hour was set to conform with a requirement of the North Carolina and Southern Association of Colleges and Schools that there must be a minimum six-hour instructional day for all pupils.

The longer school day will permit "a more enriched school program," the superintendent said.

School Officials Present Proposals To Commissioners

Little that was new came out of a meeting held at Carthage Tuesday afternoon, looking toward proposals to consolidate schools in the lower part of the county. However, there was evidence of an increasing concern with tax angles of the present situation.

Attending were the commissioners and members of the County, Southern Pines and Pinehurst boards of education and the Aberdeen and West End school committees.

The Moore County board of education, through its chairman, Jere McKethen, presented its previously publicized plan for re-distribution of that board's representation, upping it from five to seven members through legislative act and giving a greater weight of control to the more populous areas.

The districts comprising these more populous areas, Southern Pines and Pinehurst, stood pat on their previous decision to merge in one "city" unit without consideration of a merger with the county.

As for the alternate plan of Aberdeen and West End's joining

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REPLIES TO CAPEL

Hodgkins States Council's Part In Merger Plan

Mayor Norris L. Hodgkins, Jr., issued the following statement this week:

"After talking with other members of the Southern Pines Town Council, I feel impelled to clarify the position of the Council relative to the merger plans of the Southern Pines and Pinehurst school boards in the light of statements made last week to The Pilot by Town Councilman Felton J. Capel.

"The members of the Town Council have been kept informed of the merger plans since before the first public announcement last Spring. We have discussed the matter informally several times, with Mr. Capel present, and at no time did he raise the objections which he stated in his newspaper interview.

"It is true that the Town Council of Southern Pines has not taken any official action on the proposed merger. Our members have left that, as the elected representatives of the people of Southern Pines they should

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Hearing Slated Tuesday On Amount To Be Spent For Community College

The county commissioners will conduct a public hearing Tuesday of next week, at 7:30 p.m., at the courthouse in Carthage, to determine if Moore County citizens will approve the expenditure of \$1.5 million in available funds to build a larger Sandhills Community College, serving more students, than was initially planned.

The original estimate of \$1

Boy Scout Council Reported Close To Decision On Camp

The Oconeechee Boy Scout Council is reportedly close to a decision on a site for its new council camp after a search of more than a year, in which the choice has narrowed to two sites in Moore County and one in Wake.

W. Lynn Martin of Eagle Springs, chairman of the site selection committee of which W. Lamont Brown of Southern Pines is also a member, headed a delegation of interested citizens attended a meeting in Raleigh last week. It was anticipated that the decision would be reached at that time, but because of further information needed on one of the sites, the matter continued in suspension.

The Southern Pines town council, learning of the pending decision from Town Attorney Brown at its meeting last Thursday night, adopted a resolution

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VOTE ON UNION SET AUGUST 25

In an election supervised by the National Labor Relations Board, employees of the Proctor-Silex plant here will vote Tuesday of next week, August 25, on whether the International Union of Electrical, Radio and Machine Workers, AFL-CIO, will become their collective bargaining agent.

The plant, manufacturing electric irons, has been in operation here since January, 1963. For several months, the union, with a headquarters on No. 1 highway, north of Southern Pines, has been conducting an organizing campaign. A hearing in connection with the union petition for an election was conducted here by the NLRB on July 20.

million in building costs on which last year's overwhelmingly successful bond issue campaign was based arose from information which was the best available at the time but has since undergone drastic revision, the commissioners were told in a special meeting Tuesday afternoon with the college board of trustees.

Board Chairman H. Clifton Blue, college president Dr. Raymond A. Stone and a special visitor from Raleigh, Dr. I. E. Ready, director of the State Department of Community Planning, urged the use of the full amount available to provide a college to serve the present need.

The mounting popularity of the community college program, a new survey of the student potential of the area, and the comprehensive nature of the planned institution providing many types of courses for all ages and types of students, all indicate a student body of 600 within the first two or three years instead of the 400 originally estimated, they said.

The commissioners, with John M. Currie, vice-chairman, presiding in the absence of Chairman L. R. Reynolds, made it plain they want to provide the type of institution the people need and want but hesitate to go against what they regard as a "moral commitment" to the people.

Based on the original estimate of \$1 million in building costs, they approved holding the bond issue of last November for that amount (in a total \$4 million bond vote, the rest for the public school program). It was publicized at the time that \$500,000 might be forthcoming out of State surplus funds at the end of the fiscal year—pledged by the State in the event a surplus existed. Should this amount become available, the voters were told at that time, the full \$1 million in county bonds need not be issued.

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St. Anthony's Registration Set August 28

Registration for students in St. Anthony's Catholic School will take place Friday of next week, August 28, and the school will open Tuesday, September 1, it was announced this week by Sister Catherine Leonard, principal.

Half-day sessions will be held September 1 through 4, she said, with the full schedule—8:30 a.m. to 3:15 p.m.—starting Tuesday, September 8, following the Labor Day holiday.

The racially integrated school consists of first through eighth grades. An enrollment of about 140 is expected.

Two of the four faculty members, all sisters at Saint Anthony's Convent, are new to the school this year. They are Sister Anne Christian who comes here from Norfolk, Va., and will teach first and second grades; and Sister Catherine Thomas from Collegeville, Pa., who will teach seventh and eighth grades.

Returning faculty members are Sister Catherine Leonard who teaches third and fourth grades as well as serving as principal; and Sister Helen Philip, fifth and sixth grades.

THE WEATHER

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

	Max.	Min.
August 13	78	59
August 14	72	57
August 15	78	52
August 16	73	65
August 17	82	63
August 18	86	61
August 19	87	64



HONOR GRADUATE—2nd Lt. Lemuel D. Jones, Jr., of Southern Pines, right, receives from Maj. Gen. Claude Bowers, adjutant general, N. C. National Guard, the traditional saber and an award for being the honor graduate in a class of 36 who were commissioned second lieutenants in the N. C. National Guard in recent ceremonies at Fort Bragg. He is a member of the 16th Special Forces Group, a National Guard unit with headquarters at Wilmington. The class met during two summer camps and 10 weekend periods, to complete requirements. Lt. Jones is married to the former Dorothy Thomas of Southern Pines. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. L. D. Jones, Sr., also Southern Pines residents.