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TOM WICKER
N. C. NATIVE

Wicker To Give Commencement Address Here

Tom Wicker, Hamlet native and former local resident who is now chief of the Washington Bureau of The New York Times, will give the commencement address at East Southern Pines High School, Supt. J. W. Jenkins announced today.

Graduation exercises, with details to be announced later, will take place in Weaver Auditorium, Thursday, June 10, at 8:15 p.m.

Mr. Jenkins also said that the baccalaureate sermon will be delivered by Pastor Jack Deal of Our Saviour Lutheran Church, also in the auditorium, at the same hour, Sunday, June 6.

Mr. Wicker, who is a nephew of Miss Gussie Cameron of Southern Pines, worked here for several months as executive secretary of the Chamber of Commerce, after his graduation from UNC at (Continued on Page 8)

West Side Finals Speakers Named

Speakers at graduation exercises and baccalaureate services of West Southern Pines High School were announced today by H. A. Wilson, principal.

Miss T. Lorraine Cumbo of Raleigh, guidance consultant with the State Department of Public Instruction, will deliver the graduation address, Wednesday, June 9, at 8 p.m. in the West Southern Pines School auditorium.

Preaching the baccalaureate sermon at 4 p.m. Sunday, June 6, also in the auditorium, will be the Rev. Julius Douglas of Greensboro, who has been pastor of St. James United Presbyterian Church there since 1946.

Miss Cumbo, who has degrees from North Carolina College and Boston University and studied two additional years at Harvard, has taught at St. Augustine's Col- (Continued on Page 8)

COLLEGE TO GET \$568,013 GRANT

A grant of \$568,013 has been made to Sandhills Community College by the U. S. Office of Education, under the Higher Education Facilities Act, officials of the college learned this week from Congressman Charles R. Jonas in Washington.

Dr. Raymond A. Stone, president, said that the college has not yet received direct confirmation from the Office of Education.

PUBLIC RECEPTION, JUNE 2

N. L. Hodgkins, Retiring From School Board, To Be Honored

Norris L. Hodgkins, retiring June 1 as a member of the Southern Pines board of education after about 28 years on the board, will be honored with a reception given by the board of education at the municipal building, Wednesday, June 2, from 4 to 6 p.m.

The public is invited.

A resident of Southern Pines since 1935 and president of the Citizens Bank and Trust Company since 1940, Mr. Hodgkins served as chairman of the board for several years, stepping down from that post when he was

Children To Get 'Head Start' In Entering School

Project Head Start, a kindergarten program for children entering school next fall, will be operated on a tuition-free basis this summer in all elementary schools of the Moore County system.

This system includes all schools of the county except those in the Southern Pines and Pinehurst city administrative units.

Unofficial approval was given the Moore County application, submitted last April, this week by telephone from Washington, with word that the official ok will follow promptly, said C. Ed-ison Powers, assistant superintendent. The project will be sponsored nationwide by the Office of Economic Opportunity of the Department of Health, Education and Welfare.

A federal grant of \$56,000 will be made for the Moore schools' program, which will pay for a director, teachers and teacher aides, instructional supplies, a hot lunch for all, field trips and car pool transportation for pupils without other means of transportation.

Letters have been sent to parents of all children who have registered to enter the county schools next fall offering them the opportunity to give their children a "head start" on their actual schooling, Powers said. Preparations are being made to enroll some 300 to 400 children.

While the program was initially designed for children from culturally deprived homes, whose difficulties when entering school frequently slow them down all the way and produce many of the later "dropouts," the Moore plan as approved is for all the children, from every level, who are preparing to enter school, Powers said.

Mrs. Beulah C. McPherson, who is retiring after many years' service as teacher, elementary supervisor and director of instruction in the Moore County (Continued on Page 8)

Various Closings Scheduled Monday

Post offices, banks and the courthouse at Carthage will be closed Monday for the Memorial Day holiday, with private offices and businesses having no standard closing pattern.

The post office will be on holiday schedule, with no home delivery and windows closed, but mail dispatched as usual.

Also to close will be the Southern Pines municipal building and town-owned public library.

Postmaster Morris Johnson reminds the public that post office windows will be closed after 12:30 p.m., each Wednesday during June, July and August.

Chicken Fry June 2 To Aid Little League

A fried chicken supper for benefit of the local Little League baseball program will take place Wednesday, June 2, starting at 5:30 p.m., at the Southern Pines Country Club.

Tickets are \$1.50 for adults and 75 cents for children. They are being sold by Little League players or can be obtained through Bill Smith at Jackson Motors.

All proceeds will go for Little League expenses which are met by sponsoring firms, contributions from individuals and fund-raising events.

Edwards Wins Elks Golf

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LONG CAREER—Forty-three years of association with North Carolina State University, as a student and official, is the record of Edward W. Ruggles, Southern Pines native who is pictured here near the 1911 Building where he spent time as a student and now has his offices. He has been director of the Division of General Extension for 31 years. The sign by which he is standing reads—"1911 Building — Extension Division."

and coming from Kingsport, Tenn., was another brother, Albert Ruggles, with his wife.

All three of the brothers, with the ir wives, returned to Southern Pines, after the event, to spend the weekend here.

Mr. Ruggles, the first and only full-time director of general extension, has been with the university since 1926. He initially was employed as an instructor of electrical engineering and in 1934 was named director of the (Continued on Page 8)

Edward W. Ruggles, Local Native, Is Honored With Pre-Retirement Dinner

Edward W. Ruggles, Southern Pines native who will retire June 30 as director of the Division of General Extension at North Carolina State University, Raleigh, was honored at a dinner in the Faculty Club of NCS, attended by more than 200 friends and associates, Thursday night of last week.

Going to Raleigh from Southern Pines for the dinner were his brother John S. Ruggles, and Mrs. Ruggles, and Mrs. Ruggles's mother, Mrs. Walter Edwards,



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60th Anniversary Of Opening Being Observed By Bank

The Citizens Bank and Trust Company of Southern Pines is marking the 60th anniversary of its opening here. N. L. Hodgkins, president, said this week.

The official, who has been president since 1940, recalled that the bank opened for business, May 22, 1905, and moved into a new brick building three years later. The building is pictured elsewhere in today's Pilot.

The bank's present main office on N. W. Broad St., which has been remodeled several times, was built in 1924 and a new branch office on S. W. Broad St. was built and opened in 1962.

The bank has shown a steady growth, Mr. Hodgkins said, noting that total resources have risen from \$52,000 in 1907 to \$11,063,000 in 1965 — more than doubled in the past decade. The 1955 resources were listed as \$4,145,000. The bank, including its two locations, now has a staff of 24 persons.

No formal observance of the 60th anniversary is being held. Ten years ago, the bank issued a (Continued on Page 8)

Service Set At Cemetery Sunday

A memorial ceremony for deceased war veterans will be held in Mount Hope Cemetery, Sunday, May 30, at 5 p.m. The local VFW and American Legion posts and their auxiliaries are in charge, to be assisted by Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts. Graves of all Veterans will be decorated. The public is invited.

Location of the ceremony will be the grave of the late Louis Scheipers, Jr., local veteran of Air Force service in World War II and former Southern Pines town manager.

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 E B studios on Midland Road.

Date	Max	Min
May 20	87	60
May 21	83	62
May 22	87	62
May 23	91	61
May 24	87	63
May 25	82	65
May 26	89	67

HEARING SET JUNE 2

Legislators Back County-Wide Vote On Consolidation

Moving swiftly and giving their solid support, Moore County's two state legislators, Sen. Voit Gilmore and Rep. Clyde Auman, backed up by Sen. Robert Morgan of Harnett County (this district's other senator), are pushing action on legislation that would make possible a county-wide vote on consolidation of Moore's three school systems into one, and also a vote on a county-wide special supplementary school tax.

Details of the proposals, and the reasoning supporting them, are given in a statement by Senator Gilmore, appearing on this page.

Gilmore told The Pilot that the bill, being prepared by the Institute of Government at Chapel Hill, would be put in the hands of the county commissioners, for their study and approval, Friday. Plans call for its introduction in the General Assembly on Tuesday, June 1, with a public hearing scheduled on it in the Legislative Building at Raleigh at 10 a.m. Wednesday, June 2, before the House Education Committee. The room in which the hearing will be held will be posted in the building's lobby, he said.

Public Meeting On School Plans Slated Saturday

A public meeting will be held Saturday, May 29, at 2 pm in the National Guard Armory on Morganton Road, to discuss proposed legislation for a county-wide vote on school system consolidation and special supplementary school tax, said Dr. C. C. McLean, chairman of the Southern Pines Board of Education and J. W. Jenkins, superintendent of Southern Pines District schools.

Accepting invitations to attend the meeting, it was stated, are State Sen. Voit Gilmore, State Sen. Robert Morgan of Harnett County; and Chairman John M. Currie of the board of county commissioners. Other commissioners have been invited and may attend, also State Rep. Clyde Auman of West End from whom a definite commitment to attend had not been received this morning.

The meeting is jointly sponsored by the board of education and the town council, Mayor Norris L. Hodgkins, Jr., said today.

The mayor, Dr. McLean and (Continued on Page 8)

'Action Necessary Now'

Sen. Voit Gilmore Explains Proposed School Legislation

Following is the full statement made this week by State Sen. Voit Gilmore of Southern Pines on legislation dealing with the county's schools, to be introduced in the General Assembly at Raleigh:

"Differing viewpoints concerning the future of Moore County schools have continued unresolved so long that the safety and educational advantage of many Moore County children are in jeopardy.

"Action is necessary now. The General Assembly may adjourn by mid-June which means that any legislation needed to help unsmar the situation must be introduced promptly.

"After countless meetings with Moore County citizens who propose various solutions of the school issues, I find no common ground on which patrons of the present three school systems seem able to meet and agree. The County Commissioners, in their continuing effort to reconcile differences, have found the same.

"To resolve the differences the County Commissioners on May 11 adopted and forwarded to Senator Robert Morgan, Representative Clyde Auman and me a resolution asking for legislation to authorize the commissioners to call a county-wide vote on whether or not to merge the Pinehurst, Southern Pines and county schools into one county-wide unit and whether or not to authorize a special school tax of up to thirty cents. At a meeting with Rep. Auman and me on May 24 they reaffirmed their request for this legislation. The Commissioners indicate they have in mind a seven-member school board, six to be elected from designated school districts and one at-large, for four-year, staggered terms. Should the proposed vote be held in the Fall, as expected, the seven members would be appointed to serve until their successors are elected on a non-partisan basis at the next general election.

"The commissioners also have indicated their feeling that on the ballot the thirty cents school tax should not be made a condition of consolidation but rather be made a separate item. In other words, it would be possible for voters to approve consolidation but turn down the special tax. In this event, individual school districts would be authorized to continue present school supplement taxes or adopt new ones.

"At the request of the County Commissioners I will join with Senator Morgan and Representative Auman in the introduction (Continued on Page 8)