

AT COUNTY CONVENTION

Court Clerk Candidate To Be Chosen Saturday

Newly elected chairmen and vice-chairmen of Moore's 19 precincts, composing, with eight officers, the Moore County Democratic Executive Committee, face a large responsibility Saturday.

Holding its biennial meeting following the county Democratic convention set for 2 pm at the courthouse, the executive committee will choose a candidate for clerk of superior court.

Their selection, replacing the late C. Carlton Kennedy on the party ticket, without opposition in either the primary or general election, will assume this important office for a four-year term. If long county tradition is followed, and if he does a satisfactory job, he will have the office for life.

RULES LISTED

Registration For Voting To End Saturday

Saturday will be the last day for registering to vote in the May 28 primary.

Registrars will be at 19 precinct polling places over the county that day. They may be reached at their homes or places of business on other days.

No new registration is necessary for persons properly listed on the books of the precinct in which they now reside. Voters in doubt are advised to check their status.

Young people who will be 21 by the November 8 election may register now and vote in the primary.

New voters eligible to register are those who will have resided in the state one year by November 8 and in their precinct 30 days by that date. Voters are reminded that (Continued on Page 8)

Gardner Visits

County For Two GOP Occasions

Republican Congressional Candidate Jim Gardner visited Moore County last Thursday, having lunch with a group of Republican women at the Country Club of North Carolina and attending and speaking briefly at an open house at the new GOP headquarters, 113½ N. E. Broad St. here.

The open house—at which C. C. Thompson of Pinebluff, State House candidate and Robert S. Ewing of Southern Pines, county commissioner candidate, also appeared—preceded the first of three political "training sessions" being held at the headquarters on successive Thursday evenings at 7:30. The next will be held tomorrow, May 12.

At the CCNC luncheon, Mrs. Peter Tufts of Pinehurst agreed to serve as new president of the Republican Women's Club for the lower part of Moore County, reports David A. Drexel, county GOP chairman.

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AGED 15 AND 16

Two West Side Girls Run Away But Come Home

Two girls who ran off from their West Southern Pines homes, and were sought by police as missing persons, have returned within the past few days, it was learned from Police Chief Earl S. Seawell.

Barbara Jean Nixon, 15, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry E. Nixon of 1028 West New Hampshire Avenue, left home the night of Wednesday, April 27, after having been scolded by a relative for talking with some boys.

Last Thursday, letters arriving from Wadesboro informed the parents she was with her aunt and uncle there, and had entered school, but had decided she wanted to come (Continued on Page 8)

INSPECTION DEADLINE

The State mechanical inspection deadline for vehicles having license plates with numerals ending in "5" will be May 31, owners are reminded by the Department of Motor Vehicles.

Midway of the term will come the period of greatest transition the office will have ever known. When State administration of courts goes into effect, the clerk and his staff (which will be considerably enlarged) go on State salaries, the clerk being upped to \$9,000.

Kennedy's salary was \$88,000. (Continued on Page 8)

Democrats Name

Precinct Groups: 2 New Chairmen

Precincts of this area reported results of their elections held Saturday as follows (chairman, vice-chairman and secretary named first, in that order):

NORTH SOUTHERN PINES—E. O. Brogden, Jr., Mrs. Hilda Ruggles, Sam H. Poole, Mrs. Margaret C. Blue, Paul C. Butler. All reelections except for Sam Poole replacing Vance Derby, who has moved (Continued on Page 8)

McCaskill Rally Slated Thursday

All Moore County friends and supporters of J. Frank McCaskill of Pinehurst, candidate for county commissioner from District 2 in the Democratic Primary May 23, are invited to a rally on his behalf, Thursday, May 12, 7:30 pm, at the community house next to the fire station in Pinehurst.

In his campaign for the commissioner nomination, McCaskill is opposing W. Lynn Martin of Eagle Springs, incumbent.

District 2 consists of Mineral Springs and Bensalem Townships. Candidates file from districts but voting on them is county-wide.

When Pinehurst Precinct Democrats met Saturday in their regular biennial meeting, McCaskill's candidacy was unanimously endorsed by those attending, a precinct officer reported this week.

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SWORN IN—Judge J. Vance Rowe of Moore Recorder's Court administers the oath of office to Mrs. Bessie M. Beck as acting clerk of Moore Superior Court, to fill out the unexpired term of the late C. Carlton Kennedy. With Mrs. Beck, to be sworn in also under her administration are, from left, Mrs. Daisy Riddle, Mrs. Elizabeth Underwood and Mrs. Rachel Comer, deputy clerks. (V. Nicholson photo)

'LEITCH MEMORIAL FUND'

\$15,000 Gift To Benefit College Library, Start Stevenson Project

Sandhills Community College has been given a substantial sum of money in memory of two distinguished North Carolinians, Kenneth Worthy Leach of Moore County and his sister, Christian Leach Shamburger of Star.

The donors also requested, Dr. Stone said, that the initial collection of local historical materials should be the acquisition of books on American history, American literature, and for the collection of volumes of the history and literature of the Sandhills area of North Carolina. "Leitch" is the Scottish spelling of Leach.

According to Dr. Raymond Stone, president of the college, the gift of \$15,000 from donors who prefer to remain anonymous, will be used to establish "The Leitch Memorial Library Fund" for the purchase of books on American history, American literature, and for the collection of volumes of the history and literature of the Sandhills area of North Carolina. "Leitch" is the Scottish spelling of Leach. (Continued on Page 8)

GULISTAN TO INCREASE PAY

Vivian W. Green, personnel manager, southern operations, of the Gulistan Carpet Division of J. P. Stevens & Co., Inc., has announced that effective June 6, there will be an upward adjustment in wage rates for all hourly paid employees at the Aberdeen plant.

Employees were notified of their new rates Monday, May 9, he said.

"We also want to express our sincere appreciation to our employees for their cooperation and loyalty," Mr. Green added.

Pay increases have been announced recently by J. P. Stevens and several other companies manufacturing textiles and related products.

Youth Award To Be Made During Music Festival

Six young people have been chosen as their high schools' candidates for the Junior Builder's Cup award of the Sandhills Kiwanis Club, to be made during the intermission of the club-sponsored Piquet Music Festival taking place at Union Pines School, Friday, May 13, at 8 pm. The school is located between Vass and Carthage.

Listed by schools, the candidates are: Al Trotter, North Moore; Mack Lathan, Aberdeen; Kay Underwood, Pinehurst; Janice McLean, West (Continued on Page 8)

mer local ball player; and Phil Weaver, superintendent of schools at Greensboro and former superintendent here. Weaver and A. C. Dawson of Raleigh, another former local superintendent, coached the Peach Belt's team here in the 1940's and performed the same function Saturday night for the team of old-time ball players that faced the East Southern Pines team and faculty in a benefit contest. (Humphrey photo)

SUPPER, BALL GAME AID BLEACHER FUND

Hundreds Enjoy Benefit Events

(More photos, Page 6, Sec. 4) Hundreds of Sandhills residents and visitors turned out Saturday to enjoy a chicken supper and unique benefit baseball game, both sponsored by Southern Pines Elks Lodge 1692 to raise funds for more spectator bleachers at Memorial Field.

Dr. Boyd Starnes, co-chairman of the event with Lennox (Slim) Forsyth, said that 750 plates were served at the supper at the Country Club, including take-out orders. Attendance at the ball game—in which the East Southern Pines High School team and faculty beat an aggregation of visiting

former Big League and Peach Belt League players, 8-5—was estimated at about 400. Dr. Starnes and Forsyth said that no figure can yet be given on total amount netted by the day's events, as ticket sales reports, some from all over town, have not all been (Continued on Page 8)

New Subdivision, Zoning Laws Adopted By Council

The town council, in a public hearing Tuesday night, resumed from April 19, adopted a subdivision ordinance which Mayor Norris L. Hodgkins, Jr., said he saw as "a great step in progress for our town." The hearing followed the council's regular session.

The recess had been taken to allow further study of the 17-page document by realtors, surveyors, subdividers and other interested groups, and the measure as adopted embodied several changes and revisions they had recommended.

It is a companion piece to the zoning ordinance adopted by the council after a long public hearing last Friday night, spelling out regulations for orderly development both within the town limits and in the mile-wide perimeter area. Zoning Requests

COUNTY SYSTEM

'Head Start' To Operate Again In 9 Schools

The Moore County Board of Education, in cooperation with the Sandhills Community Action Program, Inc. (SCAP), will sponsor a Head Start program again this summer.

An eight-week program was conducted last year, with over 400 pre-school children. This year's program is expected to be larger and will offer many additional services. Medical and dental treatment will be provided, and funds will be included in the budget for purchasing eye glasses, the announcement said.

T. H. Lingerfelt, principal of Farm Life School, will direct this summer's Head Start program. Plans include 27 classes at nine different centers. The centers will be in the elementary schools at: Aberdeen, Cameron, Carthage, Farm Life, High Falls, Westmoore, Robbins, Vass-Lakeview, and West End.

Parents intending to send their children to the Head Start program are urged to enroll their children with the principal of each school.

Head Start programs will be coordinated by the SCAP office for Hoke, Lee, and Moore Counties. Over 1,000 children are expected to be served in the three-county area.

PROMOTION

Ritter Moving To Laurinburg In Bank Post

Bruce Williams, vice president and manager of Southern National Bank in Southern Pines, announces that Dewey L. Ritter, vice president and cashier, has been promoted to vice president and assistant manager of Southern National Bank in Laurinburg.

As a native of Pinehurst and longtime resident of the Sandhills area, Mr. Ritter has been active in community affairs and was president-elect of the Southern Pines Lions Club. He is a director of Cape Fear Chapter of American Institute of Banking and has for the past two years served as an instructor of the faculty.

Mr. Ritter is married (Continued on Page 8)

WILLIAMS NAMED 'COACH OF YEAR'

Knights Conference Track Champs

BY STEVE HASSENFELT The Southern Pines High School track team completely dominated the Central Tarheel Conference track meet held at St. Andrews College, Laurinburg, last Saturday afternoon. The Knights rolled up 97 points, with Wadesboro trailing at 33 points, Rohanen, who is the defending champion, 27 points, East of Montgomery 23, West Montgomery 18, Aberdeen 15, Union Pines 6, Siler City 5, and North Moore with no points.

The "Coach of the Year" plaque was presented to Coach John Williams of Southern Pines who well deserved the award. He has set up the conference met for the last two years and has spent numerous hours promoting the Southern Pines track team as well as the sport of track.

Also honored was Maureen Hassenfelt of East Southern Pines High School who won the conference beauty pageant crown. She had previously been voted "Miss Track" by the Southern Pines squad. At St. Andrews, there were nine contestants. School principals were the judges.

The Blue Knights will travel to Fayetteville Friday to participate in the District

Quality Mills Asking For Job Applications

Applications for jobs as sewing machine operators and sewing machine mechanic trainees will be taken at the new Quality Mills plant on highway 15-501 near Carthage, starting Monday, May 16, the company announced today.

The plant is expected to begin operations soon. A report on a trip a group of Moore County officials and civic leaders made to the Quality Mills plants at Mount Airy appears elsewhere in today's Pilot.

CITIZENS URGED TO GIVE BLOOD

Residents of the Pinehurst and Aberdeen areas and all other interested Moore County citizens were urged this week by Col. John Dibb, Moore County blood program chairman, to give blood at two collections to be made next week: in the high school gym at Pinehurst, Monday, May 16, noon to 5:30 pm; and at the First Baptist Church, Aberdeen, Tuesday, May 17, 11 am to 4:30 pm.

At the end of April, the chairman said, Moore County was 185 to 200 pints short of equaling the amount of blood used by patients in the county's two hospitals which are both supplied by the American Red Cross blood center in Charlotte.

Goal of the county program is to provide through donations at least as much blood as the hospitals use, he explained. A bloodmobile from the center, under medical supervision, will make the collections next week.

BREWER COMING

Little League Special Events To Open Season

Festivities are planned for official opening of the Little League baseball season here on Saturday.

Operating again this year with four Little League teams and four "Minor League" teams, the program for boys 9 through 12 years of age will have a full season of games at the official Little League park on Morganton Road, opposite the armory.

Events begin with a 10 am downtown parade, with playfully and "queens"—girls of the boys' age group chosen by each of the teams. Minor League games are scheduled for 2 and 4 pm and the official opening ceremonies will take place at the park at 5:30.

Scheduled to throw out the first ball is Tom Brewer of High Point, former Boston Red Sox player who was here for the Elks events last week. (Continued on Page 8)

BY LIGHT FREEZE

Tobacco Plants Might Be Hurt

An unseasonable freeze Tuesday night caused fears in this area for the tobacco crop, but apparently the Sandhills peach crop came through unscathed.

The thermometer dipped officially to 31 in and around Southern Pines, and was also reported at 31 early Wednesday at West End. Clyde Auman, veteran peach grower, said the peaches did not freeze, as if they had "not would have turned black inside." The size of hickory-nuts now, they can't take much cold, he said, but took this and "can take anything now predicted." The trees are loaded and the fruit is having to be heavily thinned.

With tobacco growers just having set out their plants during the past week or so, fears were felt that the young plants might have suffered harm.

2 School Bands To Play Sunday

The Elementary and Junior High Bands Will Present a Concert in the East Southern Pines School Courtyard Behind the High School Building, at 3 pm, Sunday, May 15.

The Junior High band will feature selections from Tschai-kowsky's "Nutcracker Suite," and will play "Glass Slipper," taken from the story, "Cinderella." The Elementary Band will play Concert for Clarinet in B flat, with Don McCrimmon as soloist.

The public is invited. There is no admission charge.

THE WEATHER

Maximum and minimum temperatures for each day of the past week were recorded as follows at the US Weather Bureau observation station, at WEBB, on Midland Road.

	Max.	Min.
May 4	71	43
May 5	75	42
May 6	83	53
May 7	77	56
May 8	81	54
May 9	83	61
May 10	59	40



BILL SCOTT

Scott To Direct Town Recreation This Summer

The Town's summer public recreation program—starting June 15 and running to August 15—will be directed this year by Bill Scott, a High Falls native who is both a student and a physical education instructor at Sandhills Community College.

He will have three assistants—two young men and a young woman to have charge (Continued on Page 8)