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of Southern Pines has attained prominence in the Connecticut city where he now lives. Page 1, Section 3.

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## Housing Group Studies Complaints About Site

The Southern Pines Housing Authority has taken under advisement protests made at a hearing last Thursday night on one of its tentative housing sites, but has taken no action, pending a study of a transcript of the hearing and a visit here within a few days by a representative of the federal

Department of Housing and Urban Development, from the Atlanta, Ga., regional office, for consultation.

The Authority's regular monthly meeting date is Monday of next week and the five-member group expects to "give full consideration to all pertinent factors relating to site locations" at that time, said Garland A. Pierce, the Authority's executive director. The Atlanta representative is expected to make his visit before the meeting, to consult with the Authority on site problems.

At a special meeting that followed last week's hearing, the Authority declined to accept Pierce's resignation which he had tendered June 22, to become effective July 15. Action on the resignation was tabled to the Authority's August meeting and Pierce said he had agreed to continue in the post into August.

In his letter of resignation, Pierce said he felt that "further personal endeavors on my part will not result in the early fruition of an acceptable low-rent housing program."

At the special meeting last week, the Authority decided to reexamine the present proposed site locations for the housing, to determine whether any change or modification of the plans for the sites would be desirable. Pierce told The Pilot this week.

The East Southern Pines site on which protests were made last week—by petitions and by a large delegation appearing at the Thursday night

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**"OUTSTANDING" FLOAT**—Taking the trophy for the "outstanding" float in the parade of the Aberdeen July Fourth Celebration was this big ship replica, manned by a "crew" of pretty girls and entered by the Aberdeen Merchants Association.

Named the "best" float in the parade was the entry of Carolina Power & Light Co. And the 1913 apparatus displayed by the Pinehurst Fire Department was judged the "most unusual." (V. Nicholson photo)

## Second Annual July Fourth Celebration

### Crowds Enjoy Aberdeen Events

Fun and frolic, hot dogs and hamburgers, sunshine and speeches, pretty girls and parachutes, flags and floats in patriotic colors—they all added up to a great big Second Annual July Fourth Celebration at Aberdeen.

Crowds lined the sidewalks for the morning parade and played in the park all afternoon, while cars choked the streets and filled all parking spaces.

One officer aiding with traffic estimated the noontime crowd at more than 5,000, with more coming all the time—and

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**WINS CROWN**—Gail Gschwind, center above, won her title and crown Monday night in the pageant climaxing Aberdeen's July Fourth celebration. The daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Gschwind, she is a rising sophomore at St. Mary's Junior College. At left is Judy Bailey of Vass, first runner-up, and right, Jean Harrington of Aberdeen, second runner-up. (V. Nicholson photo)

### PRETTY GIRLS, POLITICS MIX WELL

#### Gail Gschwind Is 'Miss Aberdeen'; Cooley, Gardner Speak To Crowd

Pretty girls and politics are an unbeatable combination for interest and excitement, and that's what was served up to a festive crowd of 1,000 in the Aberdeen school auditorium Monday night.

The beauty pageant climaxing Aberdeen's July Fourth celebration had been driven indoors by a sudden shower. With Walter DeLong, pageant chairman, as emcee, 15 Sandhills girls paraded in evening gowns on the stage.

While the judges deliberated, General Chairman H. Clifton Blue—who had said earlier, "Politics and government are an integral part of

this day"—took the helm to present, first, David Drexel, Moore County Republican chairman, then J. Elvin Jackson, Moore County Democratic chairman.

Each introduced his party's candidate for Fourth District Congressman—both of them arriving from other July Fourth events about the State. Each spoke briefly and warmly in appreciation of the local celebration and the principles behind it.

Jim Gardner of Rocky Mount, presented by Drexel as "your next Congressman,"

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### KILLED IN VIETNAM

#### Service Held Today For S-Sgt. Edwards

A graveside service with full military honors was held this (Wednesday) morning at Mt. Hope cemetery for Staff Sgt. Charles Milton Edwards, 25, who died of wounds received in combat in South Vietnam.

Officiating were the Rev. John D. Stone, pastor of the First Baptist Church, and Col. Richard Bell, a Fort Bragg chaplain.

Sergeant Edwards, whose wife is the former Shirley Warren of Southern Pines, was wounded in action June 24, and died the following day after being flown to the Eighth Air Force Hospital at Clark AFB, the Philippines.

The service and burial here were preceded by a funeral service held in his native community of Clarendon, Ark.

and a half years in the Army, the last five years stationed at Fort Bragg, until he was sent to Vietnam where he arrived May 24. He also served in the Dominican Republic for six months in 1965.

At Fort Bragg he was with Co. B of the 325th Infantry. In Vietnam he was with the Eighth Air Cavalry at Kun Tum.

Surviving are his wife; two daughters, Stephanie Jean and Lisa Cheryl, and two stepsons, Michael Allen Layel and Mark Steven Layel, all of the home at 470 Midland Road; his mother, Mrs. Willa Mae Thomas, and father, Thomas Edwards, both of Clarendon, Ark.; and two brothers, Forrest Edwards, with the U.S. Army in Germany, and Guilford Ed-

He was a veteran of eight

## Budget Exceeds \$2 Million, Tax Rate Upped By 20 Cents

The Moore County commissioners, in their regular meeting Tuesday, adopted a tentative budget for 1966-67 which for the first time pushed past the \$2 million mark and necessitated a 20-cent increase in the tax rate.

They had determined at a special session last Thursday

that, hack away at the budget as they might, they could no longer hold the line on the \$1.05 tax rate in effect for the past three years.

The final figure of \$2,018,910, based on the new rate of \$1.25, also reflects a boost in net property valuation to \$98,500,000—up \$500,000 from last

year.

A 16-page version of the estimated budget, showing departmental expenses and revenue sources, has been filed for public inspection in the Register of Deeds' office as required by law, with final adoption to be made after 20 days or by July 28. A detailed summary of the budget estimate appears elsewhere in today's Pilot.

It shows increased estimated expenditures in nearly all departments, with no one of them pinpointed as the actual cause of the total rise. Greater needs and increased demand for services by an increasing population are responsible, it was noted.

**Schools: More Than Half**  
Schools account as usual for (Continued on Page 6)

### EAGLE SPRINGS TO BE LEFT OUT

#### Commissioners Hear Full Plans For Toll-Free Telephone Service

The Moore County commissioners Tuesday heard with pleasure a progress report on Extended Area Service, which will go into effect in Moore at 12:01 a.m. Sunday, October 30.

Their pleasure was dampened somewhat by learning that Eagle Springs will be left out. This made Commissioner W. L. Martin, a resident of that community, particularly unhappy, and he and his colleagues queried closely the reasons why.

Robert C. Bishop of the United Telephone Co. of the Carolinas explained that the toll-free service is being set up by exchanges, rather than communities, through cooperation of and at considerable expense by United and four other telephone companies

operating in Moore.

West End and Eagle Springs, six miles apart, are both served by Central Telephone Co.'s exchange at Candor. While Central is cooperating to the

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## Supreme Court Says School Vote Valid

The North Carolina Supreme Court today (Wednesday) handed down an opinion affirming the judgment of Judge Robert W. Gambill in Moore County Superior Court last January and confirming the constitutionality of the General Assembly's act under which voters last year approved consolidation of the county's three school systems.

The high court over-ruled all objections and exceptions of the plaintiffs—J. D. Hobbs of Southern Pines and Dr. J. C. Grier, Jr., of Pinehurst who had filed a "taxpayers' suit."

The lengthy opinion was written by Justice I. Beverly Lake, with all other justices concurring.

The ruling means that consolidation of the Moore County, Southern Pines and Pinehurst school systems can proceed without legal hindrance. A site has been acquired and plans are pending for a consolidated high school to serve the former Southern Pines, Pinehurst, Aberdeen and West End school districts, off Highway 15-501-211, between Southern Pines and the Pinehurst traffic circle.

A consolidated board of education has been appointed and is already serving, as authorized under the act.

### Collections Of Blood Scheduled Carthage, Here

A bloodmobile from the Red Cross center in Charlotte will visit Carthage and Southern Pines on July 13 and 14.

The Rescue Squad Building will be the site in Carthage on July 13, from 12 to 5:30 p.m. In Southern Pines, the mobile unit will be stationed at St. Anthony's Catholic School from 11 am to 4:30 pm on July 14.

The Charlotte Red Cross center supplies Moore Memorial Hospital in Pinehurst and St. Joseph's Hospital in Southern Pines with blood of all types free of charge.

Col. John Dobb of Southern Pines, Blood Program chairman, said the county is 200 pints short of its goal for the year. This means the two hospitals used 200 more pints than have been donated.

A recent statement by the chairman on the aims and problems of the blood program included:

"In past years it (the program) has fallen short in blood collections as compared with the blood used in our Moore County hospitals. This means that we have been re-

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### BUSINESS TAX HEARING SLATED

The Town Council will meet in regular session Tuesday, July 12, at 8 pm in the town hall, at which time a public hearing will be held on the adoption of an ordinance establishing uniform business license taxation for business operating within the municipal limits.

The tax would bring about \$5,000 in additional revenue to the town each year and most businesses would be affected.

Also on the docket is a public hearing on a Bethesda Road tract zoning change—to "Residential-Agricultural" (which permits keeping horses) in the mile-wide perimeter "outside" area.

### TOBACCO FIELD DAY

Moore County tobacco growers who want to attend the annual Tobacco Field Day at the Clayton Research Station are asked by F. D. Allen, county extension chairman, to meet at the Agriculture Building in Carthage at 7 am Friday, July 8. The Clayton event will run from 9 am to noon.

### 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 WEEB, on Midland Road.

	Max.	Min.
June 29	93	69
June 30	91	67
July 1	89	70
July 2	86	68
July 3	89	65
July 4	95	68
July 5	89	66

### IN LITTLE RIVER TOWNSHIP

#### Housewife, 33, Sends 3 Children Out Of Room, Then Kills Herself

A 33-year-old housewife, Mrs. Harriet Beatrice Gilmore, took her life with a 16-gauge shotgun about 9 p.m. Sunday at her home on Cameron, Route 1, in Little River Township, according to Moore County Coroner W. K. Carpenter. Debra Jane Gilmore, aged

nine, told Carpenter her mother sent her and her two little sisters from her bedroom, telling them to "go into the living-room, sit down and be quiet." The little girl holding six-month-old Mary Anna, and Harriet Lee, two and a half, obeyed. A few minutes later they heard the shotgun blast and Debra Jane put the baby down and ran into the bedroom, where she found her mother dying, the coroner was told.

The little girl then ran a quarter of a mile to a neighbors' house to telephone for help. The Vass Rescue Unit ambulance took Mrs. Gilmore to Moore Memorial Hospital, where she died soon after admission.

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### UNDERGROUND WIRES COMING?

Public pressure and lowering of costs are keys to putting wires of utility companies underground—and the future is likely to bring changes. The third in a series of Pilot articles on overhead wires, trees and related problems appears on Page 1, Section 3.



### 'Story Hour' Held In Library Garden

Children gathered at the Southern Pines Library Tuesday morning for the weekly "story hour" conducted by members of the Junior Woman's Club from 10:30 to 11:30 am are shown in the garden adjoining the library's art gallery, as Mrs. Phil McBride reads to them. The fountain in the foreground, with statuary, adds to the charm of the setting. Mrs. McBride and Mrs. Joseph H. Smith (not pictured) were the club members in charge of the story hour this

week. Members take turns in supervising the summer program which is open to all boys and girls from kindergarten through third grade ages. Children in the photo are shown in the garden adjoining the library's art gallery, as Mrs. Phil McBride reads to them. The fountain in the foreground, with statuary, adds to the charm of the setting. Mrs. McBride and Mrs. Joseph H. Smith (not pictured) were the club members in charge of the story hour this

(Pilot photo)



### Elks Send Boys To Camp In Mountains

Spending this week and next week at the Elks Boys Camp near Hendersonville, in the Western North Carolina mountains, is this group of youngsters photographed Sunday morning, before leaving for the camp, after Elks Lodge 1692 had given them breakfast and box lunches for the trip. Twenty-one of the boys are sponsored by the local lodge and four by individual members. All come from the area of the lodge's jurisdiction in Moore and neighbor-

ing counties. Shown with the boys at the Southern Pines Country Club (Elks Club) are some of their parents and Elks officials and camp committeemen including, left to right in background, Archie Barnes; Tom Connolly, exalted ruler of the lodge; George Thompson, chairman of the Boys Camp Committee; Cecil Hutchinson, Lennox (Slim) Forsyth, Bert Perham, Joe Matthews, Joe Garzik, Jerry Ashton, Jim Irvin, Don Hurst and Gene Blackwelder.

(Humphrey photo)