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ALBEMARLE GROUP PLANNING

Ambulance Service Proposed For Moore

Operators of a private ambulance service want to take up where the ambulance work of five of Moore County's six funeral homes ends.

Court Needs Not Definite, Board Is Told

Moore County will need at least one more courtroom and at least one magistrate's office, and perhaps two, by late 1968 under the state's court-reform act.

Otherwise, the picture is hazy, the Board of County Commissioners were told Monday at their October meeting in Carthage. County Attorney M. G. Boyette, who also is 13th District solicitor, discussed the situation.

The county will be under jurisdiction of a district court—and will need the extra facilities for a magistrate—but whether more facilities will be needed for a district court is not known now, Boyette said, because the site of the district court has not yet been chosen.

Commissioners asked Boyette about the needs because they felt that it was time to act, though Moore won't be affected by the law until December 1968.

The magistrate system replaces the present system of justices of the peace. The district courts, which are between the magistrate courts and Superior Court in jurisdiction, are replacing the recorders' and similar courts across the state under the system proposed.

Commissioners Hear Complaint About Tax Level

C. A. Pitts of Manly, who succeeded last spring in getting the tax valuation of his Knollwood Village apartments scaled down by \$50,000, sent an attorney to Carthage Monday to complain to the county commissioners that his tax bill was higher than ever.

The lawyer, H. F. Seawell, Jr., said Pitts felt that, since few of the apartments were rented and he had Southern Pines town taxes and school district taxes also to pay, the valuation should be brought down low enough so the apartments wouldn't lose money.

In building the apartments on his \$100,000 property at the intersection of the Midland and PeeDee roads Pitts' idea was that the apartments should be self-sustaining, the attorney explained. With all apartments rented, Seawell said, income from them would be \$93,000 per year. With few rented, the income wasn't enough to pay the costs. Pitts feels this should receive consideration, and taxes brought down more in line with income, Seawell said.

DeWitt Purvis of the tax collector's office explained that after last spring's tax valuation reduction was made it was practically canceled when county taxes went up 20 cents on the dollar. However, he said the valuation had been

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board's monthly meeting last Monday that Sureway Ambulance Service of Albemarle is the best bet.

He says James Poplin, a co-owner of the service, told Taylor and his county ambulance committee that Sureway wants to base two ambulances and three men at Aberdeen, and one ambulance and two men at Robbins.

Taylor quoted Poplin as saying, however, he did not believe he could meet the October 31 deadline set by the five funeral homes, as the date they will cut off ambulance service.

McKeithan Funeral Home of Southern Pines will continue operating its service.

Taylor, chairman of the ambulance committee appointed by the board of county commissioners to handle the problem, said Sureway would require no subsidy from the county.

Taylor said Sureway would make both emergency and non-emergency ambulance runs. He pointed out that the Moore County Rescue units also answer emergency ambulance calls.

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John M. Bigbee Hospitalized At Chicago, Ill.

John M. Bigbee of Southern Pines, vice president of United Telephone Company of the Carolinas, is a patient at Passavant Hospital, Chicago, Ill., to which he was taken when he became ill Monday night during a dinner that was one of the events of a convention of telephone company executives.

According to information reaching Southern Pines, he suffered three heart attacks that night.

The Pilot this (Wednesday) morning talked with his wife, Mrs. Vesta Bigbee by telephone in Chicago (she was with him at the convention) and learned that he had a good night last night and is feeling better today. He is in an intensive care section of the hospital, she said, and asked, therefore that flowers not be sent to him as they may not be delivered to this section.

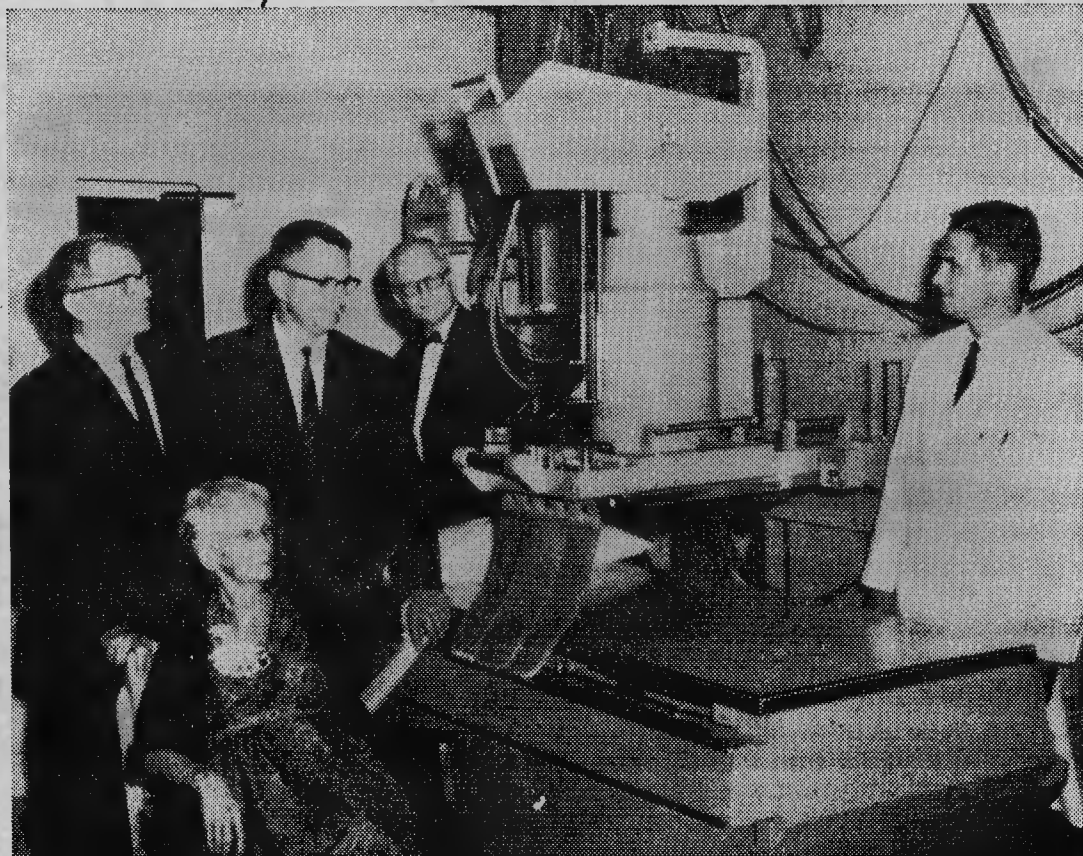
Mrs. Bigbee has informed

Oct. 13 Visit To Moore Slated By Rep. Cooley

Rep. Harold D. Cooley, bidding strongly for reelection from the reapportioned Fourth, plans to shake 1,000 hands in Moore in a full day of campaigning in the county Thursday of next week.

He will be accompanied on his tour of the county by some leading local Democrats, who invite the public in general to have breakfast, lunch or supper with the Congressman—on a dutch basis.

The day will start at 7:30 am with breakfast at Horne's Restaurant in Aberdeen, whence Cooley will hit the campaign trail, morning tour, taking him to Pinebluff, Pinehurst, Jackson Springs, West



HONORED — Mrs. T. A. Cheatham inspects advanced diagnostic equipment presented to Moore Memorial Hospital by the Moore County Tuberculosis Association, in recognition of long and devoted service to the association by her and her late husband. Others pictured are, left to right, Dr. C. R. Monroe, Duncan L. McGoogan (hospital administrator), Dr. E. W. Sipple and Dr. Will Staub.

Shootings Near Here Kill Man, Hurt Wife

A 51-year-old man shot himself to death after wounding his wife about 4 pm Friday at his store on the Carthage road about a quarter of a mile north of Southern Pines, Moore County authorities reported.

Killed by a .22 caliber pistol bullet wound in the heart was Ralph C. Cox of 425 S. Ashe St.

His wife, Mrs. Erleen Cox, was admitted to Moore Memorial Hospital for treatment of a .32 caliber revolver bullet wound in the face. Her condition was termed satisfactory yesterday by a hospital spokesman.

Deputy Sheriff J. A. Lawrence and Moore County Coroner W. K. Carpenter, Sr., said their investigation produced this information about the shooting and the incidents shortly before:

Mrs. Cox signed a warrant Thursday through the Sheriff's Department charging her husband with drunkenness and disorderly conduct. He was freed from County Jail after posting \$300 bail for appearance for trial last Monday in Moore County Recorder's Court.

Cox was at his produce store when his wife and her sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Leland, were there.

The adoption of the motion to recommend the amendment followed discussion of a request by Louis Garty Produce Co. that its property at 570 South Ashe Street be rezoned to permit construction of an addition to its present business building.

The company's business, John Garty told the board, is "99.9 per cent wholesale." It is in a Central Business Zone. The provisions permit continued operations of wholesalers already in business at the time the ordinance was enacted last May but do not permit expansion or new wholesale businesses there.

The proposed amendment to the zoning ordinance would designate the area bounded by South May, South Ashe, and South West Broad streets and Illinois Avenue for sites of wholesale businesses.

Wholesalers can do business in the Highway Commercial Zone but all but a block of this lies within the town limits. The rest is in a one-mile out-of-town area under the ordinance.

Equipment Gift Recognizes TB Work Of Couple

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The Image Amplifier or Intensifier is used in fluoroscopy, but much more detail is produced on the fluoroscopic screen, and the radiation to the radiologist and patient is one-quarter to one-half that produced by a usual fluoroscope. The unit is helpful in examining older patients and children, as a room may be moderately lighted instead of in darkness as with a regular fluoroscope.

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Coming Change Revealed In Operation Of St. Joseph's

Reverend Mother M. Vincentia, OSF, Mother General of the Sisters of St. Francis of Mt. Alverno Convent, Maryville, Mo.—whose Sisters have operated St. Joseph of the Pines Hospital here since July 1, 1948—announced this week that in accordance with their

contract with Most Reverend Bishop Vincent S. Waters of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Raleigh, ownership and control of the hospital and its properties will be returned to Bishop Waters.

In a companion announcement, Bishop Waters confirmed

that the Sisters of St. Francis are withdrawing from the operation of St. Joseph of the Pines, and that its operation will be taken over by the Sisters of Providence of Holyoke, Mass., who already have a small hospital operation at Murphy, in the Diocese of Raleigh, also operating several large hospitals in New England.

Reverend Mother Vincentia stated that the transfer, expected to take place not later than January 1, 1967, will be accomplished without in any way interfering with the continuity of the hospital operations, and with uninterrupted care of patients now in, or hereafter admitted to St. Joseph of the Pines.

She expressed deep appreciation to all citizens of Southern Pines and the surrounding area for the support given to the hospital during the past 18 years.

The hospital occupies the building which was formerly the Pine Needles resort hotel. Following purchase by Bishop Waters, it was turned over to the Sisters of St. Francis for operation. Later, under a contract with the Bishop, the Sisters assumed full administrative and fiscal control, and did considerable remodeling of the building to adapt it to modern hospital uses. It is also being substantially equipped. It is fully accredited by the American Hospital Association, American College of Surgeons and other accrediting agencies.

In his statement, Bishop Waters expressed appreciation to the Sisters of St. Francis for their excellent services, and regret for the necessity of the transfer.

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Southern Pines Lawyer Is New YDC President

Sam Poole, 32, a Southern Pines attorney, is the new president of the North Carolina Young Democratic Clubs.

He was elected by acclamation, without opposition, last Saturday at Winston-Salem during the state YDC convention.

Vince Lefler, a 28-year-old Pender County dairy farmer, was elected first vice president over Franz Whitmire of Western Carolina College.

Poole returned to his native Moore County from High Point two years ago. He had been practicing law in High Point for two years following his graduation from the University of North Carolina Law School.

In other action at Saturday's YDC convention, Mrs. Betty Lewis of Winston-Salem was named national committee woman; Milton Kern of Greensboro, secretary; and Claude Sitton of Burke County, treasurer, all by acclamation.

Don Wilson of UNC at Chapel Hill was elected president of the YDC's College Federation.

The YDC delegates adopted resolutions favoring lowering the voting age in the state to 18, from 21; non-voting membership on county committees of the senior Democratic party for county Teen-Dems presidents; commendation of Gov. Dan K. Moore for inviting President Johnson to the state; commendation of the governor

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\$1,000 'In Sight' In Air-Condition Project Drive

Approximately \$1,000 of the \$7,500 fund-raising goal to help finance air-conditioning of East Southern Pines Schools' Weaver Auditorium is "in sight," members of the fund-raising committee reported Monday.

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John S. Shallcross GOP Candidate For Senate In County Friday

John S. Shallcross of Smithfield, Republican candidate for the U. S. Senatorial seat occupied by E. Everett Jordan of Saxapahaw was campaigning in Moore County Friday.

Mr. Shallcross began his day by visiting businesses in the Aberdeen area. He attended a coffee in the home of Mrs. Hayden Sears at Whispering Pines and toured the extensive resort facilities there.

He was present at a luncheon given in his honor at the Country Club of North Carolina and spent the afternoon in attending the convention of North Carolina Realtors which was being held at the Carolina Hotel in Pinehurst.

Mr. Shallcross is most concerned over "the expanding role of the federal government in the independent sector."

He says, "Those who believe that the people no longer know how to do the most good with their money will soon find that their money is no good."

He stated that his opponent Senator Jordan, is "helping to strengthen the gross society, by buying your votes with the taxes you must send to Washington."

Mr. Shallcross wound up his day with some visits in Southern Pines.

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EXTRA CARE BY DRIVERS URGED Official Tests On No. 1 Highway Show Water Makes Road Slippery

That slippery - when-wet stretch of highway between Southern Pines and Aberdeen was given a rigorous testing by State technicians Monday afternoon, and the unofficial results of the skid tests applied were: yes, it really is slippery!

But no more so, in the expressed opinion of T. C. Johnston, Eighth Highway Division engineer, than on other newly surfaced highways before the oxidation process has had a chance to take effect (a matter of months, perhaps a year or so).

Official findings are expected to be made known soon by C. W. Lee, State Highway Commission engineer. Making the tests were employees from the engineering lab at Raleigh.

Tests were made at two places, one on the northbound lane of US 1 near Aberdeen Park, the other in front of the Montgomery Dairy plant about midway between the two towns. First making skid tests on dry pavement, the test car then made them on pavement wet down by a tank truck of the Eighth Division forces. Travelling at 40 miles an hour,

Lions To Stage Blind-Aid Drive

The annual White Cane Drive of the Southern Pines Lions Club will be conducted Saturday, October 8, on behalf of local and state-wide Lions projects in aid to the blind and sight conservation.

Ed Willis, project chairman, said that Girl Scouts will be taking contributions from the public at several locations in the business section.

Also, he said, Lions Club members will have "traffic blockers" on N. Broad St. and S. Broad St., where passing motorists may slow down and give to the collection. No cars will be forced to stop, he explained.

The Lions Club here and others over the state cooperate with the N. C. Association for the Blind in an extensive program of research, eye examinations, glaucoma clinics, program of research, eye examination and numerous other services to the blind and in the prevention of blindness.

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CONGRESSMAN MILLS, OTHERS SPEAK AT RALLY

Rep. Cooley's Record Praised

The rain poured down but the Democrats poured in, some 700 strong, their spirits undampened, for the Fourth District Rally hosted Saturday night at Aberdeen by the Moore County party.

They came from all seven counties of the district, by car caravan and chartered bus, to welcome Congressman Harold D. Cooley, campaigning for reelection, and his close friend and colleague, Congressman Wilbur Mills of Arkansas, as guest speaker.

The rain, starting early in the afternoon, had cut down

the estimated crowd by half or more. It forced the rally into the Aberdeen school gym from the nearby recreation park and Aberdeen Lake.

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"possibly there is no other member responsible for so many pieces of legislation affecting the well-being of millions of people." He added, "Harold Cooley has been unique in handling his career in Congress, and has won the respect of the Congress to a degree almost unequalled, never excelled."

The crowd broke into applause when he said, "There is not a chairman in that Congress more proficient at his job."

Mills cited Cooley's support of REA ("he turned on the

Mid-South Bakery To Be Reopened Oct. 13

The Mid-South Bakery, formerly operated by Mr. and Mrs. John M. Carver on N. W. Broad St., will open Thursday, October 13, in a new location at 159 E. New Hampshire Ave., it was announced this week.

The new location is in the Manor building, near the fire station.

Perkins Named Principal Of Local School

Allen Kimrey Perkins, principal of the Broadway School in Lee County for the past 17 years, has been elected as principal of East Southern Pines High School, according to an announcement by Dr. C. C. McLeay, chairman of the Southern Pines school board.

The Broadway principal will succeed Kirby Watson, who at an earlier date was named as superintendent of Southern Pines City Schools, replacing J. W. Jenkins, who will join the State Department staff as head of a newly formed Pre-School Program. The three-way move is to take place no later than November 1.

WWI Veterans Set Meeting Here Sunday

Veterans of World War I will meet Sunday, October 9, at 2:30 pm at the American Legion Hut on E. Maine Ave. The ladies will serve light refreshments.

All WWI veterans are urged to come and bring their wives. Widows of WW I veterans will be welcome, said an announcement of the meeting.