

Voting On School Tax Not Required; Hazards Seen If It's Rejected

Title I federal funds can be lost to the schools by more than one route. The best-known way is by racial discrimination in the schools; another is by a decrease in local financial support, the county commissioners learned last Thursday afternoon in a joint meeting with the county board of education.

The meeting had been requested by the education board "for exchange of ideas and information" on school problems, and, since the county's statutory responsibility for the schools is to furnish funds for their elected board's operation of them, fiscal problems were the main ones discussed.

All the five commissioners were present, with Chairman John M. Currie presiding. Six of the eight education board members were present, headed by Mrs. John L. Frye,

chairman. Unable to attend were Wade Owen and Dr. H. D. Bruton. Also present with the school people were Supt. Robert E. Lee, Associate Supt. C. E. Powers and Assistant Supt. Gene A. Riddle, who is in charge of building, maintenance and transportation.

In discussion of the proposed supplemental school tax, to iron out inequities within the county and make Moore competitive in the field of teacher procurement, it was brought out that a county-wide vote would constitute a gamble, with potential loss far greater than possible gain.

If such a vote—apparently favored by the commissioners—were to pass, it would mean the addition of approximately \$90,000 from Areas I and II to the \$207,000 currently being collected in Area III, where four former school dis-

Antiques Fair Starts 3-Day Showing Here

Clear skies and good crowds marked the opening today of the 12th Annual Antiques Fair of the Moore County Historical Society, to continue through Thursday and Friday, at the National Guard Armory here.

From 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. daily, 20 leading dealers from several states who have leased all the available spaces, will be showing and selling their wares.

A display of "Creative Needlework," comprising items old and new, on loan from Sandhills homes, is a special feature of the Fair this year. A lecture in keeping with it, on "Historic Needlework of Pennsylvania," will be given at 3:30 p.m. Thursday by Mrs. Margaret Berwind Schiffer of West Chester, Pa., noted antique collector and an authority in that field, concerning which (Continued on Page 6)

Jugtown Given Grant Of \$2,500

A grant of \$2,500 has been made to Jugtown Pottery in Moore County by the North Carolina Arts Council.

The grant was announced Wednesday by Sam Ragan, chairman of the Council, following approval at a meeting in Raleigh last Saturday.

Funds received under the grant will be used by Mrs. Nancy Sweezy, the new director of Jugtown, to develop and revive the pottery art in the area.

Mrs. Sweezy in her application for a special Arts Council grant stated that she wished to initiate an apprentice program as one of the steps in reviving the pottery industry in the region. Among her other plans are to build two new kilns and to reorganize the clay processing system at Jugtown.

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Village Of Whispering Pines Is Chartered; Council Named, Pending Election On May 6



PRESENTATION — Both the new charter of the Village of Whispering Pines and a copy of the General Assembly bill authorizing its incorporation were presented to Whispering Pines leaders by State Sen. W. P. Saunders (front, at right) and Moore County Rep. T. Clyde

Auman (back, at right) in Raleigh on Friday. Others shown, left to right, are: Lt. Gen. Carson A. Roberts, Rear Admiral Wilson Leverton, William H. Toussaint, A. B. Hardee and Dr. Robert E. Carey. (Pilot photo by Duane Paris)

A new town — or to be more accurate, a village — was born in Moore County last week.

Whispering Pines, North Carolina's newest municipality, is unique in many ways besides being the first in State history to be incorporated as a "village." For one thing, the chief officer is a President rather than a mayor, and the village's entire history is quite unique in itself.

Legislation creating the new Village of Whispering Pines passed the General Assembly in Raleigh last Friday and a short while later the charter was presented.

Officials lost no time in setting up the machinery of government. The village council was sworn in at a ceremony in front of the Whispering Pines administration building at 9:30 a.m. on Monday. The oath of office was administered by Clerk of Court Charles McLeod.

The new council is composed of Dr. Robert Carey, Rear Admiral Wilson Leverton, William Toussaint, Lt. Gen. Carson Roberts and Artis Hardee. The council elected Mrs. Juanita Dawson as village clerk.

Immediately following the installation the council met and elected Dr. Carey as President, Admiral Leverton as President pro tem, and William Toussaint as Village treasurer. The council retained W. Lamont Brown, Southern Pines attorney, as counsel, and designated Leo Vause as acting police chief, with Sam Prim as police officer. Southern National Bank was named as the official depository of Village funds, and the council was formed into a committee as a whole for the designing (Continued on Page 6)

Chamber Operating Service For Visitors; Other Projects Noted

An accommodations clearing house, a cost-of-living index study, and development of an outline for a financial statement on Moore County school expenditures were among developments reported by committees last Thursday at a meeting of the board of directors of the Sandhills Chamber of Commerce.

President James E. Harrington, Jr. presided at the meeting.

Chairman Dan Delaney of the Tourist and Convention Committee said that the chamber would be operating an accommodations clearing house through May and each year hereafter during the spring months. The purpose of the

clearing house is to help visitors to the area find hotel and motel accommodations.

The Sandhills area will be included in a cost-of-living index now being developed for small cities. Dick Mattocks, chairman of the Retail Committee, reported. The directors also approved a request by the committee for including Moore County under the State's Close Out Sale Law, and the committee was asked to notify Rep. T. Clyde Auman, the county commissioners and the various municipalities of the recommendation. Mattocks also said that a program of consumer education is planned (Continued on Page 6)

Acting Postmaster McDonald Out

Lawrence McCrimmon was named officer in charge of the Southern Pines postoffice following the sudden discharge last Friday of Acting Postmaster Woodrow McDonald.

The axe of the new Nixon administration fell on McDonald with only three days' notice that his appointment would be terminated effective with the close of business on Friday.

McDonald was checked out of office by Postal Inspector Martin of Fayetteville around 1 a.m. Saturday and McCrimmon was checked in. Notice of the transfer of service to McCrimmon came in a letter

from the regional offices of the Post Office Department in Atlanta.

McDonald, a Democrat, said he wasn't surprised by what happened, only that it happened with such short notice. He said that when the party in power changed, he knew what to expect and that "acting postmasters" would be the first to go.

Similar notices to "acting postmasters" are being sent out all over the country, even though President Nixon has said that postmasterships will be taken out of politics. There are two other Democratic acting postmasters in Moore County — Robert Farrell of

Aberdeen and J. W. Sheffield of Eastwood who is acting postmaster at Pinehurst.

Who will become postmaster at Southern Pines depends upon a number of factors. Congress will have to pass legislation to set up the new system proposed by the Nixon administration. Under this plan, postal inspectors themselves take charge, or all post-offices with as many as three employees would come under a reviewing board. The employees could go before the reviewing board and a postmaster could be selected from their number. If none were eligible, new examinations (Continued on Page 6)

Candidates For Council Now 12; Primary Assured

Candidates for the Southern Pines Town Council rose to 12 during the past week, assuring a primary election on April 28, to reduce the number to 10 for the May 6 voting when five council members will be named.

The five will then elect a mayor from among their number on May 7.

Mayor Pro Tem Felton J. Capel, the council's only Negro member who told his fellow councilmen at a meeting last week that he would seek reelection, made it official by paying his filing fee.

Also filing since last Wednesday were:

—Howard C. Broughton, attorney who has served as solicitor of the now defunct Southern Pines Recorder's Court.

—James Hartshorne, a realtor.

—A. Reynold Tucker, Jr., a Carolina Power & Light Co. executive.

Candidates whose filing has been previously reported in The Pilot are:

L. C. McDonald and C. A. (Continued on Page 6)

College Appoints Moore, Watts To Replace Chappell, Covington

Dr. Raymond A. Stone, president of Sandhills Community College has announced two important personnel appointments which will become effective this summer.

John D. Moore will become the director of student personnel upon the retirement of S. G. Chappell and Eugene A. Watts will assume the responsibilities of business manager, replacing William E. Covington.

Mr. Moore joined the staff

N. MOORE SENIOR

Robbins Youth Dies In 1-Car Wreck Tuesday

Robert E. Lassiter, Jr., 18, of Robbins, a senior at North Moore High school, was killed Tuesday about 4:45 p.m. when his car went out of control two miles from Robbins on the Highfalls Road, plunging down a 10-foot embankment on the right and crashed against a tree.

This was Moore County's third highway fatality of the year.

State Trooper O. E. Hardy said there were no indications of excessive speed, but that Lassiter, who was alone in his old-model Pontiac, was apparently eating an ice cream cone and driving with one hand.

Coroner W. K. Carpenter, ruling the death accidental, said Lassiter died instantly of massive head and body injuries.

He had remained in Robbins at his grandmother's home to finish school when his parents moved to Pitts- (Continued on Page 6)

West End Plant Will Have Open House April 13

Sandhill Furniture Company, Division of Stanley Furniture Company, West End, will hold open house for the public on Sunday afternoon, April 13 from 2 to 5 p.m. Guy A. Walters, Jr., vice president and plant manager, has announced.

The Sandhill Furniture plant in West End has been greatly enlarged and modernized since it became a division of Stanley Furniture Company a few years ago.

The thriving plant now employs around 470 people, specializing in bedroom suites and odd beds.

Refreshments will be served and a door prize given.

"We appreciate the cooperation of the people of the area during our expansion program and want to extend to the public in general an invitation to visit us on April 13," said Mr. Walters.

Dr. Bruton To Attend 'Task Force' Meetings

Dr. H. David Bruton of Southern Pines, a member of the Moore County Board of Education, said he plans to attend this weekend's Raleigh meeting of the 100-member "task force for education" that will help to implement public school improvement proposals of the Governor's Commission.

The physician is one of nine "task force" members from District 4, composed of 10 central and southeastern counties. (Continued on Page 6)

Village People Nominate 9 For Council Voting

Nine persons were nominated for the Village Council of Whispering Pines at the first village caucus at the Farm Life School Monday night.

Those nominated were Mrs. Adelaide Carey, Thomas O. Pruitt, General Edward Underhill, Gaither Edwards, Joe Dirks, A. B. Hardee, Colonel William E. Covington, Howard King and Richard Garley.

Five Council members will be elected for two year terms on May 6. Most of those nominated their \$5 filing fee to the clerk, Mrs. Juanita Dawson.

Any other qualified resident may file for the Council up to noon on April 5.

Dr. Robert E. Carey, president of the Council, presided at the caucus. It was announced that four members of the present temporary Council did not wish to be nominated (Continued on Page 6)

'Suggestion Box' Is Installed By Jaycees

A "suggestion box" has been installed by the Jaycees near the sign they set up urging local residents to vote in the May 6 town election, off Pennsylvania Ave., between the railroad and S. W. Broad St.

Citizens are asked to place in the box notations of town problems that election candidates should be concerned with. The Jaycees will discuss the problems at meetings and help to bring them out for general discussion and the candidates' attention.

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.
March 12	52	21
March 13	62	27
March 14	58	24
March 15	59	30
March 16	64	32
March 17	71	29
March 18	52	45

Miss Southern Pines Pageant Set Saturday

Eight young women will compete here Saturday night for the "Miss Southern Pines" title and a chance to take part in the "Miss North Carolina Pageant at Charlotte in June.

In charge of the Southern Pines Jaycees, with Jim Reid and Bob Faulk as co-chairmen, the Pageant will begin with a downtown parade at 9:30 a.m., when the public will get a preview of the contestants, along with three visiting beauties who are expected to take part also in the evening events in Weaver Auditorium.

The visitors will be Miss North Carolina, Elisa Annette Johnson of New Bern; the North Carolina Blueberry Queen, Carol Ann Bass of Salemburg; and, a newly announced addition to the Pageant, Elizabeth Bynum Hall of Roseboro, recently chosen as Miss N. C. Peach Queen at Hamlet.

The parade will start at the town hall-park block and circle the business section to finish

at Memorial Field, S. Bennett St. and Morganton Road.

On hand throughout the day and evening will be Patricia Ray of Carthage, who was chosen Miss Southern Pines a year ago. She will crown the new title holder at the conclusion of the program's

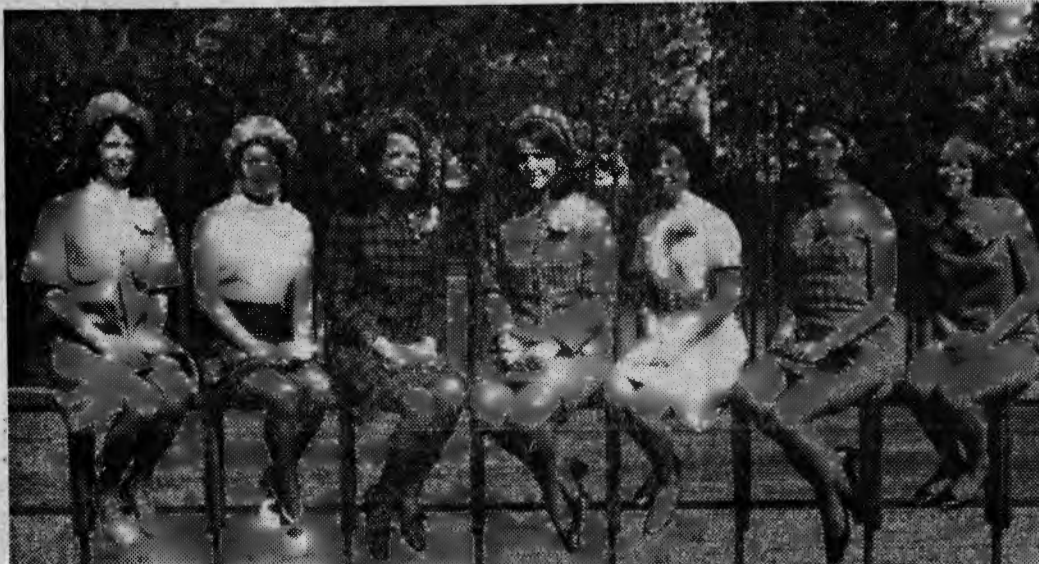
events.

The evening program—during which contestants will compete in talent, bathing suit and "interview and formal" categories—will begin at 8 p.m. Judging will be 50 per cent on talent and 25 per cent on each of the other two areas

of testing.

The contestants—all of whom have been pictured in The Pilot in photo features, with short biographies, over several weeks—are:

—Sandra Leigh Davis of (Continued on Page 6)



ON THE FENCE — Seven of the eight contestants in the Miss Southern Pines Pageant to take place here Saturday are pictured at the Country Club of North Carolina where they attended a luncheon in their honor last Saturday. (Details in story on another page.) Left to right: Sandra Davis, Sandy Greene, Zaida Lynch, Susan Reaves, Pat Sheffield, Cindy Simons and Tina Wertebaker. Not present for the occasion was Player McPhaul who was away at school in Virginia. Photo features and biographical sketches of all the Pageant entries have been appearing in The Pilot for several weeks, concluding today. (Donald L. Whitesell photo)

Legion Post Has Special Events

Sandhill Post, American Legion, marked the 50th anniversary of the Legion's founding Saturday by planting a "freedom tree" at the post's hut on Maine Ave.; hearing a banquet address by Gen. A. D. Bruce; presenting Gold Star membership to Mrs. Shirley Edwards, whose husband was killed in Vietnam, and her two daughters; and recognizing Miss Barbara McEwin, oratorical contest district winner.

Details and photos of the events, crowded out of today's paper for lack of space, will appear in next week's Pilot.

THE PILOT LIGHT

LOCAL BILLS—April 11 has been set by the General Assembly as the cutoff date for the introduction of local bills. Anyone interested in such legislation bearing on city or county matters should keep that date in mind and get in touch with the town councils or county commissioners as soon as possible.

If legislation giving more decision-making powers to local authorities gets through this session this could be the last time when the General Assembly is deluged with local bills.

CALDWELL — Chancellor John Caldwell of North Carolina State University is getting plaudits all across the State for his convocation address on student unrest and disruptions recently. As Senator Ralph Scott put

it, "What he said boiled down to this: If anyone is to be 'run off' it will not be John Caldwell."

A&P-ECKERD—One of the talked about business mergers is the purchase of the Eckerd Drugs of Charlotte, the largest drug chain in the Carolinas, by the A&P food chain.

Boards of the two companies will meet in June to give approval to the purchase of Eckerd by A&P. Reported price is \$80 million in stock.

RUTH—Eighth District Rep. Earl Ruth of Salisbury may have paid off his big 1968 election campaign debt by now. At any rate, he was one of only two freshman congressmen to get money from the (Continued on Page 6)