



COOL WATERS — On a recent hot day the cows gathered close to the cool waters of a farm pond near Cameron. The pastoral scene caught the eye of Photographer Glenn M. Sides.

Annexation Is Upheld Effective On May 24

Council Hears Arguments On The Election Of Mayor

BY VALERIE NICHOLSON Mrs. Hope Brogden was sworn in Tuesday night as the newest member of the Town Council, at a meeting which turned out to be a rather drastic initiation.

It lasted until midnight, starting with a lengthy discussion of whether or not to change the form of town government; and continuing through a half-dozen public hearings and other involved matters, many dealing with zoning, some of them controversial.

There were some bright spots, one of them the warm applause which broke out in the council chamber, crowded with people there for the public hearings, after Mrs. Brogden had been administered the oath of office by Mrs. Mildred McDonald, town clerk.

Another was the presence, for the first items on the agenda, of Mrs. Sara Hodgkins, former member of the council, whose unexpired term Mrs. Brogden had been chosen to fill. Mrs. Hodgkins, who resigned to

become Secretary of the State Department of Cultural Resources, had been the first woman to serve on the council. Mrs. Brogden is the second.

Another bright spot was the presence on the desk in front of

Mrs. Brogden—where she took her place with the other members after being sworn in—of a

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Telephone Inquiries Will Cost

Telephone users here will soon have to start paying extra for directory assistance.

On May 16, United Telephone Company of the Carolinas operators will begin asking customers for their telephone numbers when they call Directory Assistance. The new procedure is the first phase of a plan to begin charging for Directory Assistance service on June 6.

The North Carolina Utilities Commission recently ordered all telephone companies in the state that are not charging for Directory Assistance service to begin doing so on that date.

According to Joe Kimball, United's Southern Pines District Manager, the Directory

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Sec. Thomas W. Bradshaw

Managers Meet Here This Week

The annual meeting of the North Carolina City and County Management Association is being held this week in Southern Pines at the Mid Pines Club from Thursday, May 12, through Saturday, May 14.

The North Carolina City and County Management Association consists of 217 members including City and County Managers and their assistants from across the state. Some 200 persons are expected for the meeting.

Southern Pines' Town Manager, Lew G. Brown, is now serving as Secretary-Treasurer of the Association. Bruce Boyette, City Manager of Wilson, is President.

During the conference, members of the association will discuss matters of common

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The North Carolina Court of Appeals, in a unanimous decision of three judges, has upheld the trial court on every point in the suit filed June 30, 1976, against the Town of Southern Pines by a group resisting annexation.

The case, up on appeal following a hearing last August 31 in Moore Superior Court at Carthage, was argued April 14 at Raleigh by James Van Camp and Bruce Cunningham for the petitioner appellants and by W. Lamont Brown and W. Daniel Pate for the Town.

Town Attorney Brown was notified Tuesday by the clerk of the Court of Appeals that the decision, handed down May 4, will be certified May 24 to the superior court, and the annexation will become effective on that date.

There is no automatic right of appeal, Brown said, though a

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More Annexed

Southern Pines grew last night by 467.54 acres, which on a map displayed at the town council meeting looked about the same size as the entire community of West Southern Pines—maybe even a bit larger.

This was the extent of an area annexed on petition of the owner, Voit Gilmore, and consisting of his well-known tree farm, central lake and additional acreage, with boundaries generally near Midland Road on the north, Morganton Road on the south, US Highway 1 on the east and US 15-501, on the south—directly adjacent to the town limits along Pine Street, in West Southern Pines, for 1,757.64 feet.

Champion Back

Amtrak is bringing the Champion back to Southern Pines for the overnight trip to New York on the train.

The announcement was made by the Sandhills Area Chamber of Commerce.

Effective now, the schedule is; arrive Southern Pines at 9:35 p.m., arrive New York 9 a.m.

The Silver Star leaves New York at 10:10 a.m. and arrives in Southern Pines at 9:30 a.m. The Silver Star will go on to St. Petersburg, Fla., arriving at 1:15

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Morrison School Closing Proposed But Governor Hunt Delays Decision

It appeared likely this week that Cameron Morrison School at nearby Hoffman in Richmond County will be closed as of July 1, although the Governor's office said no decision has been made.

The plans being discussed are for the training school to be transferred from the Department of Human Resources to the Department of Corrections, with the facility to be converted into a

prison camp for youthful offenders.

Dr. Sarah Morrow, Secretary of the Department of Human Resources, said in Pinehurst on Friday that "the prison department is in such dire straits" the transfer has been talked about but "there has not been a firm decision."

Gary Pearce, press secretary

for Governor Jim Hunt, said this week "It's a possibility and may happen, but no decision has been made." He added, however, that a decision would probably be

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Hospital Is Accredited By National Commission

Moore Memorial Hospital has been accredited by the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Hospitals, according to Administrator J. Crenshaw Thompson.

It is not legally necessary for a hospital to be accredited, but Moore Memorial and many other health care facilities have sought accreditation because it represents a benchmark of quality that is higher than governmental licensure alone, Thompson said.

The chief aim of the Hospital Accreditation Program, one of four such programs under the JCAH umbrella, is to help hospitals in their pursuit of excellence and thereby provide a higher quality of care to patients. The program also seeks to recognize, and to identify for the public, those facilities which meet its standards.

The Moore Memorial accreditation, which is effective from January, 1977, to January, 1980.

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Foxfire Vote

An election on the sale of beer and wine in the newly incorporated Village of Foxfire has been scheduled for July 12 by the Moore County Board of Elections.

The election was authorized at a meeting last week of the board on petition of the Village Council of Foxfire.

An estimated 50 to 60 persons are eligible to vote in the referendum.

Draft Not Needed Now Gen. Emerson Declares

Lt. Gen. Henry Emerson, commanding general of Fort Bragg, does not think the draft is needed.

"Right now I don't think we need it. We are doing well without it," Gen. Emerson told the members of the Kiwanis Club of the Sandhills at their luncheon meeting at the Holiday Inn Wednesday.

General Emerson, who will be retiring from the Army at the end of June, says he plans to live in the Fayetteville area.

Most of his talk to the Kiwanians concerned what he called "Pro Life" programs at Fort Bragg, programs in which

he said emphasis is made on "what we are for, not what we're against."

He said that under the volunteer program the Army is getting young men and women with a great deal of innate ability "but what is missing is a pattern of achievement." He said the Army has a responsibility to provide this pattern, to fulfill promises of education, but also to make training "hard and tough." He also said much emphasis is being given to sports, especially combative sports such as boxing.

At Fort Bragg "we start the

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Dr. Stone Says He's Puzzled By Charges Against College

Dr. Raymond Stone, president of Sandhills Community College, said Monday that he was "puzzled and perplexed" by charges published in recent days about irregularities in testing and a salary payment to a discharged former instructor in the college's learning lab.

Dr. Stone plans to go before a legislative committee and the State Board of Education for a complete airing of the charges. "We haven't tried to hide

anything," he said. He insisted that everything done in connection with the case of the discharged instructor, Russell M. Franklin of Aberdeen, has been above-board and on the best legal advice available.

It was reported in The News and Observer on Friday and Saturday that Franklin had written a letter to a member of the State Board of Education alleging that Sandhills Community College had paid him \$9,000 as an inducement not to push charges about irregularities in the testing program in adult education.

The letter, however, had not been made public on Monday and the charges had not been brought before the State Board of Education.

"The News and Observer

placed Sandhills Community College 70 miles east of Raleigh," Dr. Stone said. "That's somewhere between St. Lewis and Conetoe, and that's just about how far off base The News and Observer is."

Dr. Stone said the Franklin

State Alumni

Chancellor Joab L. Thomas will address Moore County alumni of N.C. State University at Seven Lakes on Tuesday, May 17.

The alumni meeting will open with a social hour at 6 p.m., followed by a pig-picking at 7 in the Seven Lakes recreation area.

Reservations may be made by calling Mike Busby at 692-8807 or Chris McDonald at 692-2715.

Parents Told No Closing At Pinehurst Is Planned

BY CRAIG LAMB

A light agenda led to a short meeting — under two hours — of the Moore County Board of Education at their Tuesday meeting.

Three Pinehurst residents, and later a fourth, appeared before the board at the beginning of the meeting to express their concern over rumors that have circulated that Pinehurst Elementary School will be closed in a consolidation plan. Jesse Fuller, Floyd Ray, and Mrs. Vera Birch all supported the school and told the board they would "hate to see it close."

The rumors have appeared since a group of parents ap-

peared before the board in protest of a ruling which stated that all students living in the Pinehurst school district would be required to attend the Pinehurst schools next year.

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Jobless Down

Unemployment is down to 6.3 percent for March, against 7 percent for February, the office of Frank Burch in Carthage has announced for the Employment Security Commission.

Burch said that a labor force of 18,670 had 17,490 persons employed, leaving 1,180 unemployed at the end of March.



NAMED — The Reverend Mr. Clyde G. McCarver has been named District Superintendent of the Sanford District of the United Methodist Church, which includes Moore County. He comes from the Rockingham District, where he has been Superintendent. He is a graduate of the University of Georgia and Duke Divinity School, ordained in 1946.

Bloodmobile To Visit Pinecrest On Monday

For the first time in Moore County the Red Cross Bloodmobile will visit a high school.

On Monday, May 16, from 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., the Bloodmobile will be at Pinecrest High School, and Chairman William F. Scott said that plans are to schedule visits to the other high schools in the county—Union Pines and North Moore.

The entire program at Pinecrest will be handled by the students under the supervision of Mrs. Phyllis Brock, student advisor. They will do all the work normally done by the regular volunteers, including the recruiting of donors in the 17 and

18 year old bracket.

The 17-year-olds must have parental consent, Scott said, on the approved Red Cross form. Eighteen year olds may donate without consent of parents. Those under a 110-pound weight limit are not allowed to donate.

Chairman Scott urged students who are unable to donate blood to provide a substitute, such as their parents.

"This program has proved very successful in other counties in North Carolina," Scott said. "It very well may be the answer in eliminating the deficit between the blood collected in Moore County and the needs of

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THE PILOT LIGHT

BRUTON—Dr. David Bruton of Southern Pines appears assured of election as chairman of the State Board of Education when the board holds its next meeting in June.

There are 13 members of the board, including the ex-officio members of the Lieutenant Governor and State Treasurer, and the office of Governor Jim Hunt says there are seven votes assured for Bruton.

It was also learned this week that Bruton may pick up two or possibly three more votes.

Lt. Gov. Jimmy Green is now serving as interim chairman, following the resignation of Dallas Herring, and Green had said he would like to be the

regular chairman. Dr. Bruton, however, is Governor Hunt's announced choice for that position, and he has lined up the votes to see it happen.

SCHOOLS—Governor Hunt has not gotten himself involved to any great extent in the Youth Services Division and the training schools the state operates now at six places.

His office, however, is aware of a morale problem in the division and the schools and some of the Hunt people see the problems stemming from some people put into positions during the Holsouser administration.

Just what will be done about it

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Aberdeen Votes To Join Study For Four-Town Water System

Aberdeen Town Commissioners voted Monday to take part in a study for a possible water system for the four towns of Aberdeen, Southern Pines, Pinehurst and Whispering Pines.

The study would be made by William Freeman Associates of High Point and would cost Aberdeen \$1,000.

Mayor Jack Taylor reported that this group, Town Engineers, had met with him and were

making a report of the water system of Aberdeen and needs in the future. He said the feasibility study was recommended by the Engineers.

Move to make the study was made by Commissioner Hugh M. Styers. It was seconded by Commissioner Cliff Blue Jr. and passed.

The Board discussed a budget estimate and approved it with some changes and set the Public

Hearing on the Budget for June 13 at 7:30 p.m. in the Town Office. The tentative tax rate will be \$1 per \$100.

The Board voted to have a Public Hearing June 13 at 7:30 p.m. at the Aberdeen Municipal Building on a Thoroughfare Plan for Aberdeen and Southern Pines proposed by Glenn O. Orlin, Transportation Planner of the N.C. Department of Trans-

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PEANUT MAN — The peanut man was popular at the Crafts and Skills Festival held Friday and Saturday at the Malcolm Blue Farm near Aberdeen.