

OBITUARIES

Miss Silcott Dies At 76; Service Held

A memorial service for Miss Bernice Silcott was held Monday at The Village Chapel in Pinehurst.

Miss Silcott, 76, died at her Southern Pines home of heart failure last Friday after an illness of several months. She had returned to her home from Moore Memorial Hospital only a week ago. Chaplain Henry C. Duncan officiated at the memorial service.

Miss Silcott, a native of Kansas, had moved to Southern Pines about two years ago with her sister, Miss Dorothy Silcott, and had taken an active interest in the area's cultural activities and the Village Chapel.

Miss Silcott had lived in Alexandria, Virginia almost forty years before moving to North Carolina. She had worked for the Parsons (Kansas) Sun, whose owner and publisher was former Governor of Kansas Clyde M. Reed. Governor Reed was elected to the United States Senate in 1938 and Miss Silcott went to Washington as his personal secretary, working in his office in Washington and in Kansas during Congressional recesses, until his death in 1949. Later, she was secretary to Congressman Myron V. George of Altamont, Kansas, her home town.

After retirement, Miss Silcott became deeply interested in genealogy—an interest acquired from her father. She spent many hours and years doing research, not only on members of her own family, but on the families of many friends she had known and others she had made through correspondence. Her family always wished she might have written a book, sharing some of the anecdotes of family research only she knew and remembered. Somehow, her time was taken with writing letters to friends, giving them information they desired, and sending newspaper and magazine clippings of interest to her many friends. The book was never written but she left a wealth of collected information and data that will be passed along to her only nephew and his two daughters in the hope they will develop an interest in their ancestors.

Miss Silcott is survived by her sister, Miss Dorothy Silcott, her sister-in-law Mrs. Glenn R. Silcott of Elkhart, Indiana and one nephew, Dr. G.R. Silcott of Glendale, California, his wife and two daughters. They all arrived in North Carolina and will spend some time with Miss Dorothy Silcott.

Mrs. Burgess Dies At 72

Ethel Callan Burgess, 72, wife of the Rev. Frederick Burgess, of 9 Lamport Drive, Redding, Conn., died at the Danbury Hospital Saturday afternoon, May 23.

She was born in New York, August 17, 1909. She was the daughter of the late James E. and Elizabeth Long Callan.

She graduated from Evander Childs High School in New York City, and Barnard College in New York City in 1929. She was assistant director for the placement office at Barnard from 1944 to 1956.

In 1945 she married her husband, who was then rector of the St. Matthew and St. Timothy Church on West 84th Street. Following her husband's retirement, they moved to Redding in 1956. Her only survivor is her husband.

The funeral service was held in the Christ Episcopal Church, Redding Ridge with interment in the Ridge Cemetery. Memorials may be made to Christ Episcopal Church.

She and her husband were winter residents at 125 Country Club Circle in Southern Pines for many years.

Funeral Monday For Mrs. Black

Mrs. Jessie Godfrey Black, 80, of Sanford, died Saturday morning at her home.

The funeral was conducted Monday morning at 11 o'clock at the Jonesboro United Methodist Church, with the Rev. Ben Rouse and the Rev. W.J. Neese officiating. Burial was in the Jonesboro Cemetery.

Survivors include her husband, T.C. Black Sr.; one son, T.C. Black Jr. of Sanford; one daughter, Martha Carpenter of Atlanta, Ga.; three grandchildren.

Her husband is a native of Carthage.

Hartsell Rites Are Held Today At Culdee

L. Melvin Hartsell, 67, of West End, Rt. 1, retired foreman with Stanley Furniture Co., died Monday at Sandhills Nursing Center in Pinehurst.

The funeral was held at 2 p.m. today (Wednesday) at Culdee Presbyterian Church, where Mr. Hartsell was an elder emeritus. The service was conducted by the Rev. Ben McCoy. Burial was in the church cemetery with Masonic rites.

Mr. Hartsell was a native of Stanley County and a member of Alberta Masonic Lodge 654 of West End.

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Violet Cox Hartsell; daughters Mrs. Nancy Garner and Mrs. Ruby Williams, both of Pinehurst, Mrs. Sandra Prete of Charlotte; son, Harbey E. Hartsell of Panama City, Fla.; sisters Mrs. Ruth Carpenter of Johnson City, Tenn., Mrs. Carrie Campbell of Millis, Mass., Mrs. Mabel Carter of Jackson Springs; brothers, Ernest Hartsell of Pinehurst, Marvin Hartsell and Sam Hartsell, both of Aberdeen, Arthur Hartsell of Asheville; 13 grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

The family was received at the home of Mrs. Winford Williams in Pinehurst. Funeral arrangements were made by Fry and Prickett Funeral Home, Carthage.

Rites Thursday For Mr. Holler

Funeral services for George Clarence Holler, 72, brother of Mrs. Violet McGill of Lakeview, who died on May 26 at the North Carolina Lutheran Home in Hickory, were held Thursday at Calvary Lutheran Church, with burial in the Claremont cemetery.

He was an engineer, retired from Southern Railway.

Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Rae Stephens Holler; daughters, Mrs. Jan Burton of Lake Norman and Mrs. Rebecca Hammond of Spencer; sisters, Mrs. Violet McGill of Lakeview, Mrs. Rena Poovey of Claremont, Mrs. Lea Sipe of Kannapolis and Mrs. Dorothy Epps of Clearwater, Fla.; four grandchildren; two great-grandchildren.

Moore Native Dies At Age 67

Nuland Henry Caviness, 67, of Greensboro, a Moore County native, died Wednesday at Evergreen Nursing Home.

A graveside service was held Friday afternoon at Guilford Memorial Park with the Rev. Ralph Knight officiating.

He resided much of his life in Greensboro and was retired from Cone Mills, White Oak Division.

The deceased has a sister and brother in Moore County, Mrs. Ethelene Culmer, and Graham Caviness, both in Robbins. In addition he is survived by a son, another sister and two other brothers.

Funeral Tuesday For Mrs. Snyder

Mrs. Maude Denny Snyder, 64, of Winston-Salem, formerly of Cameron, died Sunday, May 31.

The funeral was held at 2 p.m. on Tuesday at the Hayworth-Miller Funeral Home in Winston-Salem. She was buried in Salem Cemetery.

Mrs. Snyder is survived by her husband, Griffith Snyder, one stepdaughter, three step-grandchildren, all of Charlotte; three sisters, Mrs. George Wicker, Mrs. Curtis Luther, and Mrs. Robert Hendricks, all of Carthage; three brothers, Allen Denny of Carthage, Clarence Denny of Danville, Va., and Lee Ervin Denny of Sanford.

A Berkeley resident, Gwendolyn Marsh, was asked to relate an experience in which workmen bulldozed her yard, destroying a functional kitchen stove and refrigerator in the process. She said the septic tank had begun to sink, causing dips in the yard and making it dangerous to walk in the area.

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Later in the day, the board decided to cut the veterans officer's work week to 24 hours but to retain the office and the secretary.

Unanimous approval was given to a resolution calling on the legislature to approve Senate Bill 451 without an amendment which would have watered down its major intent: to require physicians to notify the parents of unemancipated minors seeking abortion. Copies of the resolution are to be sent to Moore County's representative to the State House, James M. Craven, for distribution to all other legislators.

Dwight Creech, principal of Calvary Christian School, spoke in favor of the resolution and closed with a strong statement in opposition to abortion.

Carthage Dispute

Carthage's Mayor Carter discussed the misunderstanding between town and county over payment of \$3500 due the town for services provided by the municipality. He declared that he was misquoted in some newspapers as saying that the town would cut off the lights around the courthouse and the courts facility.

Carter said the agreement between town and county was a legal contract and the town did expect payment.

Although the trash collection contractor is charging the county for picking up trash at county buildings in Carthage, there has been no reduction in the fees charged by the contractor to the town, Carter reported.

The question of whether the contractor was charging to pick up the trash or just to dump it led to a spirited argument between Carter, County Administrator Larry Moubry, and Commissioner Arthur Purvis.

Parker pointed out that the location of county government in Carthage is an asset to that municipality. In addition to the economic advantage, he noted that the county provides a number of services, from reappraisal to collection of fire district taxes, for which no fee is charged to municipalities.

During their budget discussion later in the day, the commissioners agreed to pay the \$3500 debt but declined to put this funding back in the budget for the new year.

County Attorney John May presented a request for a resolution approving a \$1.5 million application by Ren Electronics of Carthage for industrial revenue bonds. The application must be approved by the Moore County Industrial Development and Pollution Control Authority.

If the bonds are approved, the industry, a subsidiary of International Silver Co., plans to double its space. The company makes computer parts and was described as "a clean and well-paying industry."

On another matter related to the Carthage controversy, Joe Monroe, treasurer of Pioneer Service Corporation, asked the board to request a ruling from the state attorney general about the Carthage effort to tax the courts facility. Monroe said such a ruling would be helpful inasmuch as the corporation has received a \$12,000 tax bill from the Town of Carthage. Pioneer is the non-profit financing body for the courts facility.

A motion was passed to seek the ruling, and Monroe said he would hand deliver the request to Myron Banks in the attorney general's office.

Williams reported that he had received a number of calls from people who were concerned about the county's liability when lay people ride with sheriff's deputies. He was referring to an article which appeared in one newspaper telling about the experiences of a deputy, as seen by a lay passenger.

He was advised that the procedure is to have the passenger sign a waiver of liability in advance of the ride, but it was not done on this occasion. Moubry said he was not certain how legal the waiver actually is, and May added that it would be a good idea to make sure the passenger fully understands the liability.

Berkley Issue Aired; Board To Pay Bill

Problems in the Berkley Community Development Project were aired once again during a hearing conducted Monday morning by the Moore County Board of Commissioners.

Residents of Berkley were joined by attorneys from North State Legal Services to renew their demands for compensation for what they describe as shoddy work in carrying out the project funded by an \$800,000 grant from the federal Department of Housing and Urban Development.

It was one of three public hearings scheduled Monday morning. The others were on a resolution concerning the abortion parental consent bill before the legislature and an appeal from veterans to preserve the veterans service office.

Early in the afternoon the commissioners heard directly from Carthage Mayor W. Carter Jr. about the dispute between town and county about payment of fees covering lights, garbage pick-up, police and fire service.

The Berkley hearing ended in yet another stalemate with Chairman Charles Phillips asking the county attorney, John May, and the North State attorney, Candace Carraway, to confer once more and report back to the board in July.

Building Inspector Elwin Blue reported that he visited all Berkley residents who filed complaints with North State and quoted all as saying they were better off now than before the work was done. He said it was difficult in many cases to determine whether their problems were the result of shoddy materials and workmanship or because of normal maintenance needs, inasmuch as the work was done in 1978 and 1979.

Blue told of conflicting complaints on work orders and noted that some work orders were not specific in the first place. He explained that the federal requirement that most of the work be done by minority contractors and the unemployed had made it hard to get quality workmanship.

"In my opinion in a number of cases the house should have been demolished, rather than renovated. Even so, I believe they are in better condition than before," he said.

The building inspector, who was asked to check on the complaints by the board, said he was given 30 complaints in the beginning but on investigation, he determined some to be duplications. He said he investigated 22 complaints but could not estimate how much it would cost to correct the problems.

Miss Carraway disagreed with Blue's findings and charged that the Berkley residents are entitled to compensation for improperly installed materials and shoddy work.

"Mr. Blue seems to believe that these people are poor, and this was a freebie. In several instances he has not responded to the complaints, and the people are justifiably upset," she said.

Later Miss Carraway charged that not all the houses were insulated as promised, that some roofs were "sagging like a camel's back," and that "Mr. McLaughlin got carried away with economizing." C.A. McLaughlin, who was community development director, is no longer on the job, because the program was phased out in April.

Commissioners Coolidge Thompson and Tony Parker argued back that the people's rights had not been ignored and that McLaughlin had simply tried to stretch the available funds as far as possible.

Parker said McLaughlin even visited yard sales to buy doors and other materials to help cut costs of the project.

"It's his nature to be thrifty," Parker said of McLaughlin. "He was trying to do the best he could. Some houses would have been better off if they had been demolished, but Mr. McLaughlin was trying to save their buildings. You couldn't get the sag out of some houses without demolishing the houses."

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During their deliberations Dr. Phillips at first proposed \$3.2 million for current expense but cut that figure after learning that \$275,000 is the figure projected for court fines and forfeitures in the new year. Fines and forfeitures by law go into school current expense.

Both Phillips and Commissioner Tony Parker said they want interest accruing from the investment of the long range capital outlay money to go to the county, not the schools.

Meet Friday

The commissioners will meet again Friday at 10 a.m. to study the final details of their budget proposal. This will give Finance Office Kai Nelson and County Administrator Larry Moubry time to tabulate the figures and present a more polished version for the board to complete in its deliberations.

Their timetable calls for the budget to be approved at the Monday, June 15, meeting. A public hearing must be held prior to July 1, when the new budget takes effect.

Elimination of jobs, changes in duties, and reduction of services were among the cost-saving steps the board proposed as one means of cutting the budget and aiming toward retention of the 50-cent tax rate.

The long budget work session began after lunch, and the board did not adjourn until almost 8 p.m. No supper break was taken, and the lunch recess lasted only 45 minutes.

Length of the session was reflected in expressions of testiness by some commissioners.

Parker publicly scolded two department heads, Recreation Director Morgan Rodgers and Youth Services Director Sue Black, for not having enough work to do.

At the beginning of the budget session Commissioner Lee Williams implied that the budget decisions had been worked out by the three Republicans prior to the meeting. "It's pretty obvious a lot of work has already been done on this budget. It looks like we're wasting our time," he said.

This drew a sharp rebuttal from Phillips, who denied such illegal meetings had been held. Parker said he had talked with Phillips the previous night at 11:30, and that was all.

Commissioner Arthur Purvis, the other Democrat, then groused that the decisions had been made "in the back room." This also drew a sharp denial from Phillips.

"We're going to have to ask the schools and the college to struggle along some way. The public is in no mood to pay more taxes," Phillips said early in the session, his remark directed toward Dr. Raymond Stone, president of Sandhills Community College.

Phillips was recommending a \$684,000 allocation for the college, which had requested \$762,111. The \$684,000 is \$4,000 more than the college's current expense allocation for 1980-81.

Roof Repair

Among the issues is \$89,000 which the commissioners appropriated from 1980-81 revenue sharing funds to pay for roof repairs at the college. Stone wants the \$89,000 appropriated as 1980-81 funding, but Phillips regards the money as a 1981-82 item.

"I ran on a platform of maximum service and minimum taxation," Phillips said. On the basis of a weekend poll, Phillips said he had come to the conclusion that the people of Moore County want to keep the present tax rate.

"Too Much Cut"

Purvis agreed with Stone and said: "It's too much to cut out of the college budget. The college affects everyone in the county one way or another. The point is that the roof's not worth a darn if there isn't a program under it," he said.

Phillips pointed out that the proposal is not a final figure, but a working figure, and he promised that if, when the budget study is completed, there are leftover funds, the college would be reconsidered.

This promise was repeated at other times during the afternoon as the commissioners studied the requests as opposed to the revenues projected in the new year.

Although the tax base has grown \$66 million to more than \$1.1 billion, the resulting \$8,629,490 in ad valorem taxes plus other revenue sources will not be sufficient to fund the \$13,599,740 in budget requests for the new year.

Republican Huddle

When the meeting finally broke up Monday night, the three Republican commissioners were huddled about the finance officer, Kai Nelson, as he tabulated their initial budget ideas and matching sources of revenue.

At one point the difference was almost \$1 million, and the commissioners were working to find

an error in the tabulations, anything to reduce that figure.

Among the first cuts proposed was in the compensation paid to the commissioners. The recommendation, which includes a change in the manner of payment, calls for payment of \$60 a month to each commissioner and \$70 to the chairman plus \$40 a month in travel for commissioners and \$50 for the chairman. They receive payment by voucher for out of town travel.

The rates are called the lowest in North Carolina.

Commissioners have previously been paid per meetings.

Nelson said it would simplify bookkeeping to pay a set fee per month, rather than figuring up the number of meetings and paying per meeting.

A \$1000 telephone item was explained as the cost for the commissioners' telephone, which has been installed at the chairman's residence. Moubry pointed out that use of that telephone, 692-3000, is also available to other commissioners.

Phillips' proposal to eliminate the position of purchasing agent drew objection from Purvis and Moubry.

"It's a shame that after all Mr. Chriscoe's diligence, the county will lose him," Purvis commented.

Moubry added that he wanted to go on record as favoring that position.

"It probably saves more money than it costs the county," Moubry said. "Martin Chriscoe has been on the job for seven years, and in the last two years, under the purchasing policy, he has done an outstanding job, especially on the new vehicles. I support leaving that position in."

Elections Budget

Williams and Purvis also objected to leaving \$72,000 in the elections budget to buy 24 voting machines. Williams said he could not agree with this expenditure "when we're cutting so much out." Purvis called it a matter of priority.

Commissioner Coolidge Thompson approved of an item in the elections budget calling for a computer terminal, which he said would eliminate at least three card steps presently being used, plus filing and bookkeeping time. He said the computer terminal would save money and eliminate many chances for mistake.

There was agreement on a request to increase the salary of the elections executive director to bring her salary up to the standard of other employees doing comparable work.

A few other salary matters were discussed. It was decided to pay Dewitt Purvis his same salary as appraiser and to pay the same salary, \$19,300, to the new tax supervisor, Mark Liddell, who was appointed to Purvis' position. It was decided to pay the new economic development director, Robert S. Ewing, the same salary now being paid to the interim director, \$18,300.

Recreation Cut

It was the recreation budget which drew some of the sharpest comments during the afternoon.

This proposal called for eliminating three of the seven positions and cutting the budget to \$83,120, which would cover the four salaries and an additional \$30,000 for program expenses, this to be offset by revenues generated by the recreation department.

Parker proposed that the department should be self-supporting, and Phillips commented that private enterprise could help with contributions and other assistance. They mentioned an increase in fees charged to participants and suggested that the director could do part of the work of the three employees whose positions would be eliminated.

Williams expressed the opinion that this would be cutting the budget too much and he suggested the addition of at least one more employee. "We would be cutting so close that they can't operate the department efficiently," he said.

Parker was sharply critical of Rodgers because the recreation director had spent part of the day in the courtroom where the commissioners were studying the budget. Rodgers had been aware that this budget had been targeted for some of the sharpest cuts.

Sue Black, the youth services director, was the other employee singled out for criticism by Parker, who said she was "not fully occupied and spends most of her time just sitting around." He called Rodgers "another example."

Parker asserted that if the youth services position, the NYPUM (National Youth Program Using Mini-bikes) and similar programs were cut from the budget, the board could reduce the tax rate to 45 cents.

Nevertheless, the youth program did withstand the onslaught, and \$17,450 for the youth services office was kept in

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the budget, as was NYPUM.

Phillips said there is a need to coordinate the program, especially in a day when young people have so many problems.

The veterans service office was the object of another cutting effort, and the officer's salary was reduced to about \$7,000, and his hours were cut from 40 to 24. His travel expenses were also cut, and the office was kept in the budget proposal at \$18,590.

During the morning session the board heard comments from two persons who asked that the office not be eliminated.

Phillips at first recommended \$10,000 for the Sandhills Arts Council, but because of the reductions in all budgets, this figure was cut to \$5000, which is large enough to draw a matching grant from the state.

The sheriff's request for three deputies was cut to one deputy for the airport. Half of this deputy's salary is to be paid by the airport, and it is expected that he will spend part of his time helping to serve papers, which is what the sheriff wanted one of the other deputies to do.

When the sanitation and landfill budget was discussed, a motion by Purvis to continue making compensatory payments to Robbins and Vass was defeated 3-2, with the vote divided according to party lines. These payments have been made as an agreement with the county to offset the costs incurred by these municipalities since they closed their own landfills in order to participate in the county landfill. These payments have been questioned in the past because other municipalities do not receive similar treatment.

The fate of the Hospice item included in the public health budget was uncertain. There was disagreement between Parker and Phillips on the inclusion of Hospice.

Phillips called Hospice a nursing service, not a religious program, and said it saves money by "letting people die quietly at home, not in the hospital." Parker said it would open the door for other inclusions and besides most of the Hospice patients were in the hospital when he last checked.

To find more revenue Parker proposed that the commissioners ask the ABC Board to draw out the funds encumbered for a new building. He pointed out that state law provides that such funds cannot be held for more than 90 days. His motion was approved unanimously.

Other budget figures discussed included: garage, \$262,660 (including funds for an engine analyzer); HUSOM (Humane Society), \$28,257, including about \$11,000 for the fuel used to incinerate the animals' bodies; Extension, \$79,300; Soil Conservation Service, \$41,990; economic development, \$79,406; fire departments, \$70,266.

All budgets are not final. They are subject to further revision, up or down, at the Friday meeting.

Before the meeting closed, the board did agree to keep both inspectors. Parker questioned the need to retain both men, because of a slowdown in construction work. Moubry said construction work is expected to increase at Lake Surf and is continuing at a

strong pace in Seven Lakes and Foxfire.

On a motion by Parker, the board voted unanimously to make it illegal for anyone to leave trash outside the containers at the trash collection sites. If the container is full, the citizen is to take the trash home and return another time.—FLORENCE GILKESON.

Mildred and Chick Holliday sincerely thank the people of Southern Pines for the many prayers of kindness and flowers during their sickness.

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