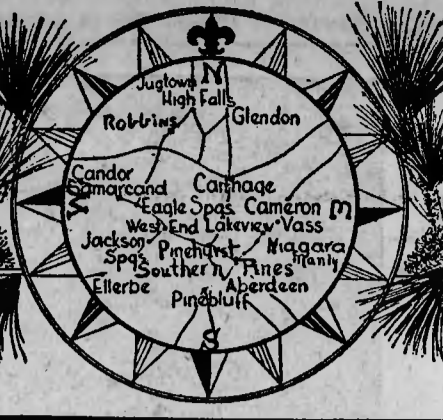


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## Miss McCaskill Quitting Office Clear Field Seen

### Poole, Kennedy, Sheffield File For County Posts

Miss Bessie McCaskill of Carthage, register of deeds for the past 15 years, announced this week that she will not be a candidate for reelection.

Her announcement "To the voters" says, in part, "I wish to thank each of you sincerely for your loyal support, and am deeply grateful for your cooperation, kindness and help in making it a pleasure to serve you as register of deeds."

Miss McCaskill served as clerk of the register of deeds' office for several years before her election to the post. She is one of the few women in the state to hold this office, and is highly regarded over a wide area for the efficiency with which she has handled her department.

She gave no reason for her decision. However, it is assumed that the fact that the office will be on a salary basis, with the salary set by law at a rather low figure, may have had its influence.

### Salary Change

With the start of the new term on September 1, the salary will be less than \$2,500 nor more than \$3,000, at the discretion of the county commissioners. Hitherto, the office has been on a salary basis.

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## Piedmont Will Suspend Schedule During Maneuvers

Piedmont Airlines this week announced a new flight schedule effective Saturday, April 1, which, however, will be suspended three or four weeks from April 15 through the climax of the maneuvers over Camp Mackall.

Since the air is expected to be busy with planes during the tremendous airlift operation over the reservation area, the civilian airlines will give it a wide berth.

Charlotte-Wilmington triphop now stops at Knollwood airport and Fayetteville, will go by high instead.

From April 1 to April 15 there will be five daily flights, alighting at Knollwood airport at 7:12 a. m. (westbound), 1:13 p. m. (eastbound), 3:18 p. m. (eastbound), 4 p. m. (westbound) and 6 p. m. (westbound).

Francis Harris, local Piedmont representative, said that on May 1 the airline plans to inaugurate flights to and from Myrtle Beach, via Southern Pines and Lenoir.

## Cardy Pleads Own Case In Canadian Court On Violation of Currency Laws

Monroe G. Cardy, retired Montreal hotel magnate guilty of foreign-exchange control violations involving \$200,000, at a hearing at Montreal last week asked Judge Almond to be lenient in sentencing him to a fine of \$100,000 plus a jail term.

Making representations in his own behalf in a move which caught the court by surprise, Cardy further stated: "I should like the public to realize that I did not make one dollar out of these transactions.

"I have suffered humiliation and adverse publicity since this prosecution began and I honestly tell you, My Lord, that I have already been severely punished even before you pass sentence on me."

Reading a six-page statement to which was attached correspondence between him and the Foreign Exchange Control Board and several other letters, Mr. Cardy said it was in 1946 that the Cardy Hotels decided to enter horses at Cardy Farms in horse shows and hunt club activities in the United States.

"We found in Canada that these horses contributed beyond comprehension to the publicity which

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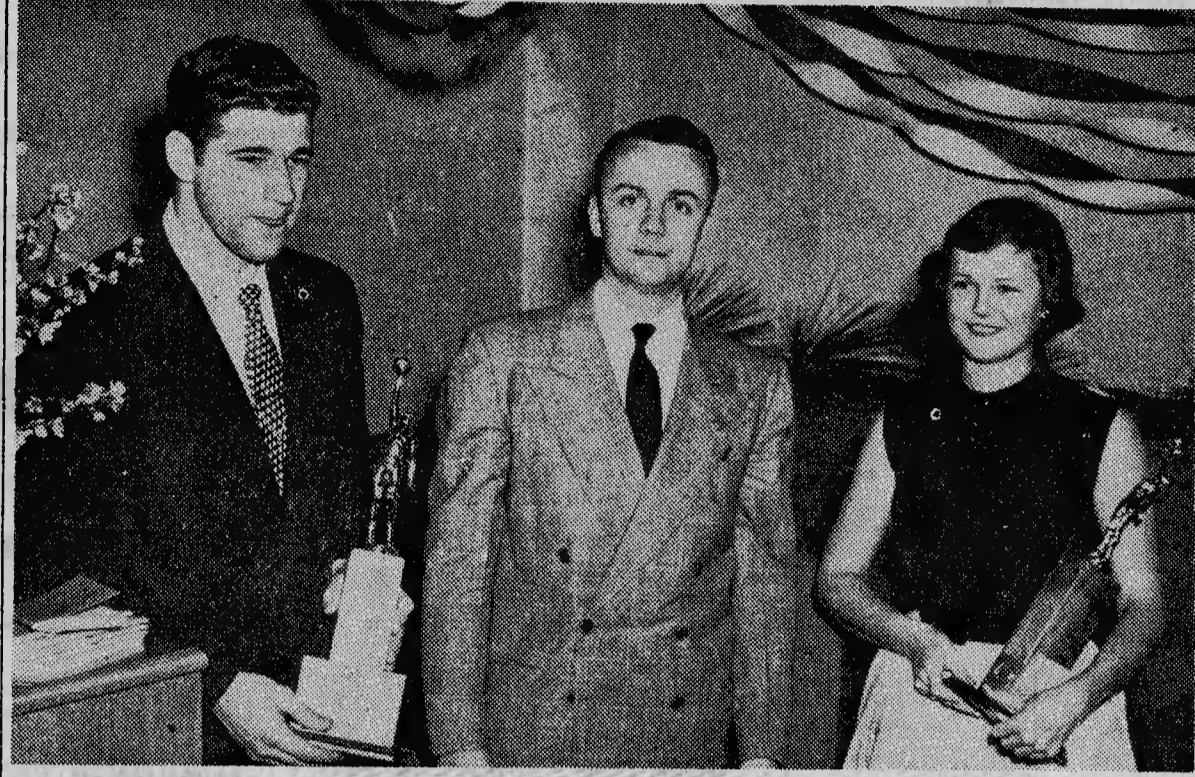
## EASTER TREAT

Once more the beautiful display of gardens are to be on display for the benefit of the Moore County Hospital Auxiliary. The date is Easter Sunday afternoon when the show gardens will be open to the public for this local cause.

Plantings of azaleas, camel-bushes and magnolias form background for the beds of pink tulips and white narcissus and daffodils, while black and white dogwood line grassy walks. The garden has been under the care of Mrs. Morell for many years and is now reaching its height of perfection.

"A spring-time fairyland!" is a recent visitor. This Easter Sunday treat will be a feast for all flower-lovers.

## "Most Valuable" Team Members Win VFW Awards



"Mogo" Baker holds the Robert Hawk Memorial trophy and Betty Jean Hurst the George C. Burns Memorial trophy, awarded them by C. S. Patch, Jr., center, for being the "most valuable" players on the high school basketball teams. "Mogo"—or Bill—is a triple-threat man, playing varsity football, basketball and baseball. Betty Jean is an All-County guard.

The presentation was made Friday night at the Rotary banquet for the boys' and girls' teams. Story on page 13.

(Photo by Henry Turner)

## Coming of Spring Sees Resort Town Full of Folks

All of a sudden, after a long dull winter, spring arrived—and with it an influx of tourists which have filled this springtime village to the bursting point.

The welcome invasion started making its presence felt about a week or 10 days ago and reached full tide this week, when Mrs. James Prim, Chamber of Commerce secretary, reported that for several nights in a row all available space was taken.

Visitors crowded the Chamber of Commerce office for information about rooms, keeping Mrs. Prim on the phone all day hunting for bed space for them. The visitors filled up not only the local hotels and guest houses, but tourist homes and motor courts for a mile or two up and down Highway 1.

Restaurants were doing a land office business, and other businesses also reported "Happy times are here again." The rush is expected to continue for two or three weeks.

**Room For More**

Some hotels said "We are turning them away" while others reported "Always room for a few more." The latter are those in which reservations are usually made weeks in advance. A constant small percentage of cancellations gives them some leeway in the matter of the accommodation.

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## Schools Sponsor April Safety Drive; Children Will Take Part In Events

**PARENTS, KIDS**

Attention—parents and kids!

A radio program with you in mind, will be given on WEEB Wednesday at 4:30 p. m., as part of the safety campaign being sponsored during April by the Southern Pines schools.

Supt. P. J. Weaver and Ed Cox, station production manager, will present a discussion called "On a Bicycle Built for You."

Mrs. Lawrence Grover will speak on "Danger—Child Ahead." This will be WEEB's weekly 15-minute "Voice of the Sandhills" program.

The Southern Pines schools will sponsor an April campaign on the theme "Child Pedestrian and Bicycle Safety," with their efforts directed toward alerting the children to accident prevention, and reminding parents of their responsibilities in this regard.

This will be the second in a series of month-long safety campaigns put on by participating agencies of the Southern Pines Safety Council. The first was sponsored by the town board during March.

Miss Billie Williams, of the Southern Pines faculty, is the April chairman, assisted by Mrs. Ada C. Jones at West Southern Pines. They have worked out a comprehensive program for the month, coordinated with daily activities at both schools.

At the Southern Pines Elementary school, today (Friday) will end a poster contest which has been held as preliminary to the campaign, Miss Williams said. Much interest has been shown and a large number of posters completed. These will be judged in the next few days, and the best in two groups (first through fourth grades, fifth through eighth) will be displayed downtown next week.

A bicycle parade will climax the campaign, Miss Williams said. (Continued on page 8)

## Census-Taking Starts Saturday; Warning Issued

Moore County enumerators for the 1950 U. S. census are today (Friday) completing a five-day course of instruction at Carthage given by Wilbur Currie, of Pinehurst, crew leader, preparatory to the start of the census Saturday morning.

During the next two weeks householders will be called to their doors by the knock of the census taker. He—or she—will present credentials in the form of an identification card introducing him as an enumerator for the 17th decennial census. He will carry an official Census of Population form on which he will write down names and information about each individual in the household. He will have nothing to sell, and will ask only the questions which appear on the form.

**Strictly Business**

W. Lamont Brown, Eighth District supervisor of the census, warns that if the visitor cannot produce his credentials he is an impostor, and will be subject to penal action for impersonating a federal officer. If he undertakes to conduct any business other than the official taking of the census, the police should be notified. Census takers are not permitted to combine their census work with soliciting money, selling, distributing advertising material or any such activity.

These and other instructions were given the enumerators this week, as they attended training classes each morning, Monday through Friday, in the basement of the Carthage Presbyterian church.

Ten basic questions are to be asked about every man, woman and child. Four other questions will be asked of every fifth person, to provide a sampling survey on birthplaces and education. Every fifth adult will be asked five other questions, including

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## Sandhills Funeral Home Changes Hands In Swap

The Sandhills Funeral Home property on North Bennett street changed hands this week in an exchange by which R. J. Hughes, of Siler City, became the new owner.

A. B. Patterson, former owner, and proprietor of the 10-year-old funeral home, in the swap took over an eight-room white brick residence, close to the downtown district in Siler City. He said his plans for the Siler City property are not yet complete, but that he intends to remain in Southern Pines and continue in business here.

No official announcement has been made by Mr. Hughes as to his intended use of the funeral home building. It is understood he acquired it as investment and may convert it to apartments.

The spacious, square brick mansion of 24 rooms, on a wide wooded lot just one block from Broad street, was originally built for a clinic and used as such by a former resident, Dr. Blair. The Pattersons have used it as home, business and for rental of a few rooms. They will not vacate immediately.

## Mayor Appoints Committee For Industry Action

### Meeting Indicates Welcome Is Ready For Right Concern

Industry will receive a real welcome here, provided it is of an appropriate kind, helping and not harming the Sandhills' valuable resort features, was the consensus of a group of representative citizens meeting here Monday night.

A motion to this effect carried unanimously after considerable discussion of the pros and cons involved. It was decided to form a corporation to secure desirable industry and to assist it in setting up operations in the vicinity.

Harry Fullenwider, Chamber of Commerce president, asked Mayor C. N. Page to select a five-man committee empowered to act toward this end. Later in the week, the Mayor announced that the following had, on his request, accepted this responsibility: N. L. Hodgkins, John Howarth, Walter E. Blue, Voit Gilmore and E. J. Austin.

The meeting had been called, Mr. Fullenwider said, because an industry had indicated an interest in locating here if it would find a welcome, and he wished to sound out community opinion before proceeding further. Those he had asked to attend, he said, represented as good a cross-section as he could get together. He said he felt all interests should be heard—the old as well as the new, and those who had located here for relaxation and pleasure—largely because there was no industry here—as well as those who are here for business reasons.

**Investment Needed**

The name and type of the operation wishing to locate here could not be publicized, he said, until a decision was reached. It would require investment by the citizens in providing a building, built to specifications, as a mark of good faith and good will.

Investment of \$100,000 would be made by the company in purchase and installation of equipment. The industry would be a small one at first, but with potentialities for growth.

This particular industry, however, Mr. Fullenwider said, was not the immediate issue. Others also have cast wishful eyes on the Sandhill area. If one comes, others

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## Elks' Barbecue For Floodlights To Be Big Event

"We'll need all the population of Southern Pines and then some out at Memorial field Wednesday evening, and we hope everybody will buy not just one ticket but bunches of 'em," said John Ormsby, chairman of the Elks' "super colossal, massive, gigantic" barbecue, this week.

"We really need 100 per cent community support on this one," he went on. "We'll give you all the barbecue you can eat—and when it's over we hope to be able to write a check for those floodlights."

With a hairbreadth margin of profit, members of the Southern Pines lodge are relying on mass production to accomplish their objective, long desired by many citizens—the installation of floodlights for night games at Memorial field. They'd like to have them in for exhibition games by the Detroit Tigers' two farm clubs next month if possible.

The latest report indicated that several thousand tickets had been sold, most of them by the 20-ticket book, but "we need lots more than that, even," declared Chairman Ormsby.

Arrangements have been made with W. B. Guin, master of barbecue at Bill and Dot's Place on US 1 north, to furnish one solid ton of the best in barbecue. Other foods are being arranged for on a similarly large scale. Members of the lodge in the four counties of its jurisdiction are all selling tickets and an exciting, satisfying, entertaining event, drawing attendance from a wide area, is planned.

## Garden Tour Set For Monday and Tuesday; 12 Homes Are Listed

### FIREMEN'S BALL

This community will go dancing Tuesday evening, April 11, at the 17th Annual Firemen's Ball, which will be held at the Southern Pines Country club under sponsorship of the Southern Pines volunteer fire department.

Hundreds traditionally make merry at this event, whose proceeds go to the firemen's civic fund. You won't have to go far to find a ticket as every volunteer fireman is carrying a pocketful of them, with anticipation that all will be sold by the time of the big event.

Music will be by the Fayette quintet, directed by Bill Lowden, an outfit which provides the best of today's and yesterday's popular tunes in approved modern style. A girl vocalist sings with the band.

Joe Garzik is chairman in charge of arrangements, assisted by Don Hurst, Joe O'Callaghan, Ralph Mills and George Little.

## Town In Hands of "Enemy," Says Maneuver Chief

U. S. Air Force Col. Frank H. Mears, proudly displaying the new blue Air Force uniform, told the Sandhill Kiwanis club many of the problems and details of the coming maneuver "Exercise Swarmer" which will be staged in this part of North Carolina next month. The meeting was held Wednesday at the Highland Pines Inn.

Colonel Meares opened his talk on a note of distress by telling the Kiwanis members and guests that all of Southern Pines, Moore county and many of the surrounding counties are now in "enemy" hands. The section was "invaded" some weeks ago by troops who were attempting to consolidate their positions and re-establish their lines to "conquer" the industrial areas of North and South Carolina, meeting with another "invasion" force which now holds Florida, before moving North.

The Air Force will establish an airhead by dropping about two divisions of paratroopers, who will attempt to drive the "enemy" into the sea near Wilmington. Due to the fact that the "enemy" has control of all roads, rail facilities, etc., the paratroopers will have to be supplied, reinforced and sustained completely from the air. "The operation will be another Berlin airlift right here in your own back yard," stated Colonel Meares, who is chief of Staff for the maneuver.

## Gen. Vandenberg Visits Parents On Mackall Trip

General Hoyt S. Vandenberg, chief of staff of the U. S. Air Force and senior member of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. William S. Vandenberg, at Mrs. Perham's nursing home here Wednesday morning, while on a quick trip by plane to Camp Mackall.

General Vandenberg planned to fly back Thursday after conferences with Air Force leaders at Mackall on plans for the maneuvers, Exercise Swarmer. He was accompanied by Prof. W. Barton Leach, a Harvard University professor and Air Force consultant.

His visit was a surprise to his parents, who have been spending the winter here while Mrs. Vandenberg recuperated from an illness.

The general returned only a few days ago from a 10-day air swing around South America. He is the first of a parade of top military and civilian defense chiefs who will be coming into Mackall, since great importance is attached to the tests to be carried on there from mid-April until early May.

## Firemen Battle Six Forest Fires On Windy Week End; One Close To Town

Four fires on Saturday afternoon and two Monday night, one of them perilously close to the town limits of Southern Pines, whipped through the forests ahead of a high March wind to give the county fire crews their worst week end of the season.

The Monday night blaze was actually seen to flicker into being by a watcher atop the fire tower close by, in a pine grove through which a car had just passed. Though the fire fighters were on the spot immediately, assisted by the Southern Pines volunteer fire department and many volunteers, fire and wind together gave them a tough hour-long battle during which some 12 acres of woodland were destroyed.

The fire swept an area beyond the town horse show grounds heading toward West Southern Pines, which appeared for a time to be endangered.

**1,000 Acres Burned**

Only part of the fire crew was available for this blaze as the rest of the men, including Fire Warden E. W. Davis, were engaged at the time in an exhausting seven-hour 1,000-acre battle just beyond the Lee county line. On sighting the fire moving rapidly toward

Moore county, the men and tractor rushed to the aid of Lee County Warden A. C. Farrell, who has only two crewmen and little equipment. Starting about 7:30 p. m., the fire was not subdued until nearly 3 a. m., Tuesday, after destroying a vast timber acreage and several barns and other farm outbuildings.

Ironically, within an hour after the weary fighters—including many volunteers—had tumbled into bed, a good hard rain started up.

One fire after another was the story Saturday, with alarms following in swift succession or overlapping. Three were in or near West End, the fourth above Cameron near the Lee county line.

The first began about 1:30 p. m. when a trash fire behind the West End movie theatre got away and raced in front of the wind across the fields toward some woods. About eight acres were ignited before the crew and tractor could get it stopped, after about an hour.

**On Edge of Dump**

On their way out of town, the fire crew spotted another fire starting up, this time from the

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