

Three Persons Killed, Four Injured In 4-Car Pile-Up On Rainy Highway

US 1 Claims More Victims—Eight Dead In Eleven Weeks

The deadly stretch of US Highway 1 north of Southern Pines acted further grim toll last Sunday evening, when three people were killed and four sent to hospitals in a multiple collision involving four vehicles.

The dead: Mrs. Homer A. Biggs, of Durham; Carl Everette Murphy, 26, Jonesboro Heights, Route 7; and H. B. Mullis, 58, retired farmer of Marners, a small community on Lillington, N. C., who was burned to death. Three, who was burned to death. Critically injured was Homer Giers, 60, of Durham, who is in Moore County hospital with head and chest injuries and two compound fractures of the leg. He is seriously injured was his daughter, Mrs. Clarence Whitley, who spent the night at the hospital with her young son, who was not hurt, returned to Durham today.

Only slightly injured were W. Riddle, of Colon, and Miss Laurie Harrington, of Conway, who were taken to Lee County hospital at Sand-

controlmen had difficulty reconstructing the events which led up to the accident, about 7:30 p. m. on Sunday. There appeared to be no eye witnesses. Persons driving quickly on the scene of the accident found two mangled heaps of two cars each 60 feet apart, one heap on the other.

Identities of the victims had been established only tentatively at midnight, through a check of license plate numbers. The next day, Patrolman W. A. Berish, who headed the investigation, had gathered evidence which he said pointed to the following sequence of events: Murphy, traveling south, sided Mullis in his pickup truck from the north, and the two went a long sideways skid with drivers losing control. As ricocheted from each other opposite sides of the road, each forced forcibly by another approaching car—Mullis' truck with driver by Riddle, containing

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FATAL HIGHWAY

A study of the fatal span of US Highway 1, three miles which have been the scene of three fatal accidents in 11 weeks, will be made early next week by Col. L. R. Fisher, director of the Highway Safety Commission of the N. C. Department of Motor Vehicles.

Colonel Fisher will come to the county following a request made by Dr. J. C. Grier, Jr., of Pinehurst, safety services chairman of the Moore County chapter, American Red Cross. The survey will be made in company with Dr. Grier and O. D. Griffin, of Southern Pines, Highway Safety Commission district supervisor.

Eight lives have been lost and nine persons injured in accidents February 25, April 10 and May 14, occurring on US 1 from a little south of Lakeview to a little north of Vass. This stretch of highway has been the scene of numerous other accidents in the past, fatal and near-fatal.

Finals Tonight In County Schools' Tennis Tourney

Finals in the First Annual Moore County Schools Tennis tournament, which has been under way on the municipal courts since Saturday, will be held this evening (Friday) under the lights with one match scheduled Saturday morning.

The event has drawn a good-sized entry list from high and elementary schools of Southern Pines and Pinehurst, with one from Robbins, according to Harry Lee Brown, Jr., tournament chairman. The tournament is being sponsored by the Sandhill Tennis association and plans are to make it an annual affair.

Events tonight will be the finals for grade school girls and boys, beginning at 7:30, and for high

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Pinebluff Troop Win First Place For Tree Planting

Contest Awards Announced At Court of Honor

Boy Scout Troop 206 of Pinebluff received top honors in the Moore County tree-planting contest, the winners of which were announced at the monthly Boy Scout court of honor held Monday evening at the Southern Pines auditorium.

For planting 25,500 pine seedlings in the county, and also for doing the best job of land reclamation, the Pinebluff troop was awarded eight free weeks at Camp Durant near Raleigh this summer.

Troop 7 of Pinehurst for planting 6,000 seedlings was awarded three free weeks at Camp Durant for doing the next best job of planting.

First runner-up award went to Troop 68 of Aberdeen which received three free weeks at Camp for planting 23,500 seedlings. Second runner-up was Troop 224 of Southern Pines which received two free weeks at Camp as a result of planting 16,675 seedlings.

Awards were presented by Voit Gilmore, district advancement chairman, who announced that a total of 89,000 seedlings had been planted by troops of the county. He announced that an additional 126,000 seedlings had been planted by non-Scouts as a direct or indirect result of encouragement of the scout contest. "This total of 215,000 seedlings added to Moore county's forest reserves is a wonderful beginning for what we hope will become an annual contest," said Chairman Gilmore. "It is certain that this is the greatest good turn ever performed for the county by the Boy Scouts."

Prize money was issued by John Ponzer, assistant advance-

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ARE YOU COUNTED?

Did the census takers miss you?

Unavoidably they missed a good many folks, according to District Supervisor W. Lamont Brown, who said that he has had a number of phone calls. He said also it looks as though Southern Pines' population isn't coming up at all as it ought to—so it is important to count every person, in every household.

The Pilot is publishing this week a blank which may be filled out by one person, or for a household. Mr. Brown asks that those who have not been counted use this blank at once, mailing it to the address printed at the top.

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Commencement Events Set For June 4, 5 and 6

Commencement plans for the Southern Pines High school were announced this week by Supt. P. J. Weaver, as invitations were sent out to all alumni to participate in the graduation events.

This is a special commencement, as it will be held in the new auditorium, fulfillment of the longtime dream of students, faculty and town.

The alumni are being invited to join the graduation procession, Mr. Weaver said.

The baccalaureate sermon Sunday afternoon, June 4, will be delivered by the Rev. Lee F. Tuttle, pastor of the First Methodist church of Charlotte.

Monday night, June 5, the senior class play will be presented in the auditorium. Tuesday morning will bring the Honors and Awards program of the senior class, and Tuesday night, June 6, the formal commencement exercises.

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Leroy Lee Buys Business Building On Broad Street

Remodeling Planned For Large, Modern Variety Store

Leroy Lee, Carthage chain store owner, this week purchased the McBrayer building on West Broad street from Mrs. Paul P. McCain, and announced that he will remodel and enlarge it to give Southern Pines "the finest variety store in the south."

Remodeling plans will await the moving out of the A & P Tea company, present occupant of a major part of the first floor, whose lease will terminate in September. The Sandhill Drug company is also a first floor occupant, and the Sandhill Beauty shop is on the second floor.

By terms of the sale contract, teachers having apartments on the second floor may retain them for a year.

The Southern Pines store will be the sixth, and largest so far, of the Leroy Lee Stores, Inc. Others are located at Carthage, Fairmont, Tabor City, Robbins and Chapel Hill. Other stores are to be opened shortly at Wallace, Burgaw, and Parksley, Va., in an expansion move doubling the size of the present chain.

The first store was opened at Carthage in May, 1937. The main office and warehouse are also located there.

Price range of the Leroy Lee Stores is "5c, 10c, 15c and up." The Southern Pines store will be modern in every way, with "visible" front, up-to-date fixtures and a full stock of merchandise, said Mr. Lee.

The A & P store will move September 1 or earlier into its new supermarket building now nearing completion on West Pennsylvania avenue, a half block off Broad.

J. T. Overton, proprietor of the (Continued on Page 5)

Scott Visits Moore In Graham's Behalf; Reports On Progress



Rep. C. B. Deane of the Eighth District, a candidate for reelection May 27, will address the voters on campaign issues at the courthouse in Carthage at 8 p. m. Wednesday.

Both "pros" and "cons" are invited to hear his address, which will climax his campaign in this part of the 12-county district.

Young Musicians Of County Will Present Concert

Distinguished young musicians from eight Moore county towns will be presented by the Sandhills Music association at their final concert of the season, which will be held at the Pinehurst Country club at 8:15 Saturday evening.

There is no admission charge and a cordial invitation is extended to all.

The young artists have had radio, church and college choir experience in some cases, while the two youngest will be making their concert debut. They represent rising musical talent from Southern Pines, Pinehurst, Aberdeen, Pinebluff, West End, Eagle Springs, Carthage and Robbins.

Vocal selections will be presented by Jean Olive, of Southern Pines, a music major at Meredith college, Raleigh; Catharine Cox, of Carthage, a music major at Woman's college, Greensboro, and Donald Hendren, of Eagle Springs.

Piano selections will be presented by Patricia Kirk, Malcolm Clark and Alex McLeod, of Southern Pines; Helen Brown, Jacky Scoggin, Laverne Brady, Robbins; Ruth Troutman Pinebluff; June Melvin, Aberdeen; Mary Joe Davis, West End; Margaret Grimm and Sandy Thomas, Carthage.

Composers represented on the program include Beethoven, Debussy, Chopin, Scharwenka, Mozart, Saint Saens and others.

The program will conclude with two songs by the choir of the Pinehurst Community church, directed by Mrs. Roscoe L. Prince.

Signals Flash As Rails Part Sunday

Calling Seaboard's Crews To Action

Residents of the Sandhills were shocked by the fatal accident near Vass during the heavy rainstorm last Sunday night, but few realized that the storm was responsible for another incident which, but for the smooth-running efficiency of one of the South's great organizations, might have resulted in one of the worst disasters of the year.

Many from this section were passengers on the Seaboard Railroad's No. 10 train that left Sunday night bound north. Among others were John McConnell, secretary for Senator Graham, L. C. Burwell, president of Resort Airlines and James Boyd, Jr., reporter for the Baltimore Sun.

The train left on the dot, but beyond Raleigh the running time was sharply cut and No. 10 was run onto a siding: "Put in the hole," according to railroad terminology. All automatic signals showed red and there followed a long wait.

With noses alert for news the Southern Pines contingent insti-

Packed Courtroom Greets Governor For Carthage Address

Governor W. Kerr Scott visited Moore county Tuesday night to speak before a packed courtroom at Carthage on two subjects close to his heart—the achievements of his administration, and Senator Frank P. Graham.

To more than 600 present, filling all available seats and standing lined against the walls, the "Go Forward" governor reported that of all his achievements, he regarded the appointment of the University's distinguished president to the U. S. Senate as the most outstanding.

He cited the long humanitarian record of Senator Graham in the service of his state, and also the practical advantages of having two such men in the Senate as Hoey and Graham—the one "with the lawyer's viewpoint and entree to the conservative side" and the other "a great liberal with the entree into liberal circles, and the ear of the President."

Presiding was T. Clyde Auman, of West End, county manager for Senator Graham. Everett Henson of West End led the singing of America and the Rev. R. R. Ramsey asked a blessing.

Governor Scott was introduced by Judge J. Vance Rowe, of Aberdeen, judge of Moore County reorders court, following introductions of candidates for county office made by W. A. Leland McKeithen, county solicitor. Mr. McKeithen presented only the candidates now engaged in co-tests, of which a number were present.

Delegations from Lee and Chatham counties were recognized.

Rowe's Introduction
In his introduction Judge Rowe predicted that Governor Scott's program of action in behalf of the welfare of all the people would place him among the great governors of North Carolina history; and that he would be assisted to this place by having had "enough sense to select for the Senate seat the greatest man, the greatest humanitarian, the best man in the state."

"Frank Graham is second only to the man of Galilee in his passion for service to humanity," Judge Rowe declared.

Governor Scott spoke in earnest, heartfelt manner, continuing without a break when, five minutes after he began his address, a power failure plunged the courtroom into darkness. Within a short while candles had been secured and the meeting proceeded in their dramatically flickering light.

He had not been engaged in work in the rural areas for 31 years before his election without finding out about the people, their needs and capacities, he said. His passion as governor had been to give these people the type of administration they desired and

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Candidates For House, District-Solicitor



R. N. PAGE, 3RD

Page Is Veteran Of Air War In Pacific Area

Robert N. Page, 3rd, native of Aberdeen, where he is now practicing law, is a candidate for Moore County representative in the General Assembly.

He is a descendant of the Page family long prominent in Moore County history, and on his mother's side of the Graves family of Carthage, also important.

He is a graduate of the Aberdeen High school and of the University of North Carolina, where he received his law degree in June, 1948.

He served with distinction in the Army Air Force during the war. He was a flight engineer with the 20th Air Force, tallying up more than 81 hours of combat flying over the Jap-held Pacific islands. He was awarded the American Theater Service medal, Asiatic-Pacific Theater Service medal with two bronze stars, Air Medal GD 62 Hd. AF, World War 2 Victory Campaign medal.

He is a member of the Presbyterian church, the Aberdeen Lions club, the Aberdeen Junior Chamber of Commerce and the Aberdeen post, American Legion, and is president of the Sandpipers, Southern Pines men's golfing organization.

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M. G. BOYETTE

Solicitor Boyette Wins Praise For Work In Courts

Moseley G. Boyette, of Carthage, nearing the end of his first term as solicitor of the 13th judicial district, is a candidate for reelection with one opponent, Joe M. Cox of Laurinburg.

The district is composed of the counties of Anson, Moore, Richmond, Scotland, Stanley and Union counties.

Since few people have opportunity to observe the work of a superior court district solicitor, and even those in court see very little of the actual work which goes into the job, those getting ready to cast their vote must in general rely on hearsay evidence. In his four-year term Solicitor Boyette has scored well in this regard. Lawyers and judges alike have commended his work and he has had success in prosecuting some extremely knotty cases involving felonious crimes.

Mr. Boyette is a graduate of Wake Forest college, is a former state senator and past president of the 13th District Bar association. He is a member of the American, N. C. and Moore County Bar associations. He is chairman of the board of deacons of the Carthage Baptist church; is

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H. C. BLUE

Blue Has Good Record In House, Is Party Secretary

H. Clifton Blue, newspaper publisher and editor of Aberdeen, is a candidate for reelection to the Moore County seat in the General Assembly's Lower House which he has occupied for the last two sessions.

A native of the Lobelia section of Hoke county, and descendant of Scottish pioneers, Mr. Blue graduated from the Vass-Lakeview High school. He entered the newspaper publishing business at Vass, and moved in the early 30s to Aberdeen, combining his Vass paper, The Captain, with the Sandhill Citizen, under the latter name.

He served on the Aberdeen town board; is a former president of the Aberdeen Lions club, then zone chairman, and is now district deputy governor; was president of the Moore County Young Democratic club, then secretary of the state organization, and in 1948-49 was president of the North Carolina Young Democratic Clubs.

His service in this capacity during an election year brought him statewide recognition and in 1949 he was appointed by Everett Jordan, State Democratic chairman, to the post of secretary

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TAG DAY

With a few contributions to come in, the Southern Tag Day committee announces the results of last Friday's local drive for the Moore County Maternal Welfare Committee: the sum of \$100 raised through local efforts.

At the same time, contributions were reported for the Elizabeth Woltz Currier Memorial Fund, which will establish a ward in the Moore County Hospital. Letters describing this special project were sent out last week and response has already been generous.

Members of the county committee in charge of Tag Day were Mrs. Paul P. McCretch, chairman, Mrs. A. Avery, secretary, Mrs. James Boyd, new co-chairman, and Mrs. James B. Others who played a part in helping with the drive were: Mrs. E. Stevens, Mrs. Katherine Hill, Mrs. Norris Hodgson, Mrs. George Leonard, George Pottle and Mrs. Swisher. The latter organized a group of students who generously gave their efforts to this cause.

Results of the drives in county towns will fol-

Deane Speaks at Elks' Program, Says Dangers of Communism Lie In East

Communism follows hunger and want. It is in the teeming, poverty-ridden lands of the Far East where communism has rushed on the heels of famine, that it will have to come to grips with the problem; and it is in safeguarding of her own and human resources that she will find the best protection against it, Eighth District Congressman C. B. Deane said here Wednesday night.

The occasion was the non-political "Wake Up America" rally held at the new auditorium, sponsored by the Southern Pines Elks lodge. The turnout was not large but it included representatives from all parts of the county, and a group of Boy Scouts from several troops.

Don Madigan, presiding, explained that the meeting was part of a nationwide Elks program designed to wake up Americans to the dangers of apathy in the face of the communistic menace. Between May 15 and May 30, he said, lodges representing more than 1,000,000 Elks would sponsor similar programs.

Father Vincent Walsh spoke the invocation. Mayor C. N. Page gave a greeting. Mrs. T. K. Gunter, accompanied by J. G. Womble, sang "America the Beautiful." Arthur Rowe, Eagle Scout of Aberdeen, led the pledge of allegiance to the flag, for which a color guard was selected from five county troops.

The school band played "America" and "Onward Christian Soldiers" under the direction of Mr. Wemble, and the concluding event was the singing of "The Star Spangled Banner" by Mrs. Page Choate.

Mr. Deane, a member of the Southern Pines Elks lodge, was presented by Chairman Madigan. He had been invited, the chairman said as one particularly qualified to speak on communism, after having had a face-to-face look on a recent trip to the Pacific islands and the Far East.

Mr. Deane was one of six Congressmen detailed by Speaker

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