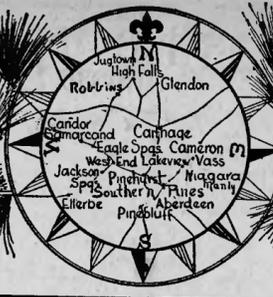


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Early Report On Census Sets Local Figure At 4,097

Tabulation Going On; Those Yet Uncounted Urged To Speak Up

It looks now as though Southern Pines will just about miss that important 5,000-population mark, it was revealed this week by W. Lamont Brown, district supervisor of the U. S. census. He said the most recent figures available to him for Southern Pines is 4,097. Some names of the late-counted received last week and this week will revise the total upward slightly—but only slightly. Only names of those living within the city limits are counted in the Southern Pines figure.

The Southern Pines Chamber of Commerce distributed cards through post office boxes last week by which persons not previously counted could send their names in. Twenty-six cards arrived within a few days, some containing the names of as many as six persons of the household. This indicates, Mr. Brown said, that there may be still others who have not yet been included in the census, and he asks that the cards be used, or a telephone call be given his office or that of the Chamber of Commerce.

A preliminary figure on Aberdeen gives the population as 1,599—a number which, when reported to some Aberdeensians, set them hunting about for that one extra person to get them over the 1,600 mark. A half dozen people made prompt telephone calls about a new baby born at Aberdeen—but alas, Supervisor Brown had to tell them, only babies born April 1 could be counted.

Pinebluff, whose preliminary figure stands at 575, shows the highest rate of increase in the last decade of any Moore county town, it was learned. The 1940 census figure was 330.

Robbins, Carthage and Aberdeen appear to be neck and neck in a race for size, though no figures were available for the first two. Tabulation of figures is now under way at the 12th District office of the census at Lexington. This is the state's largest district, with an unusually large distribution of small-to-middling-size towns, and the tabulation is a long process. Mr. Brown said, however, he hopes to release some official figures next week.

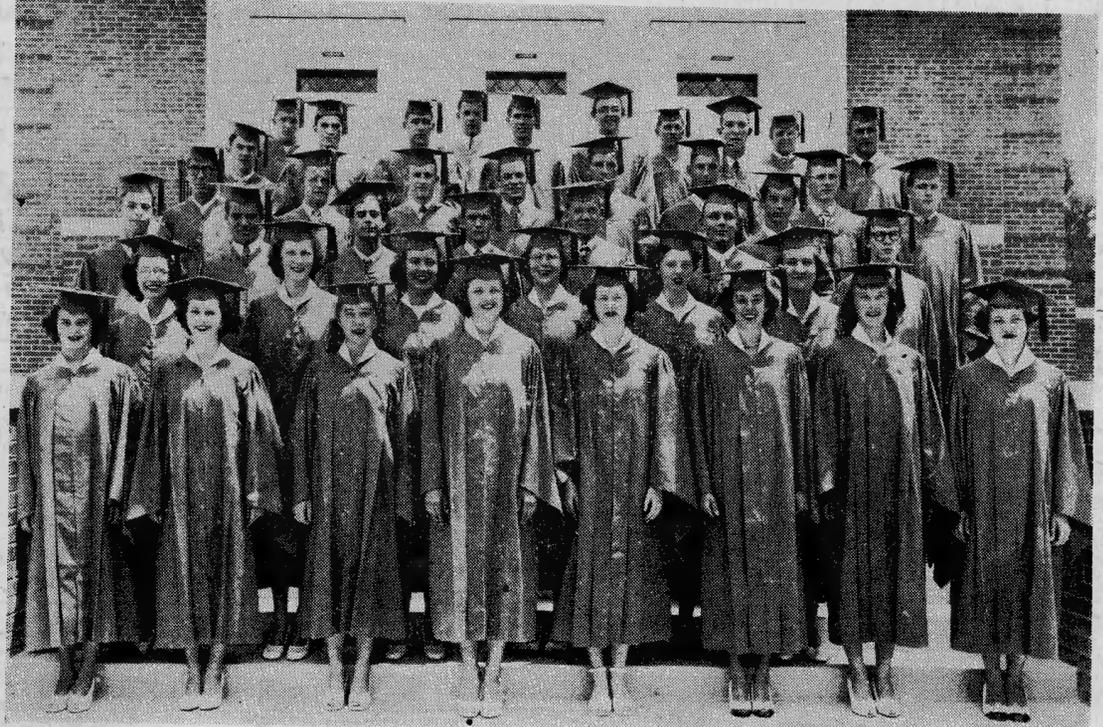
All figures, as a matter of fact, will be unofficial until they have been certified by the U. S. Bureau of the Census at Washington next December.

Children of Three Vacation Bible Schools Parade

A cooperative Daily Vacation Bible School parade, including personnel of the three Bible schools scheduled to be held here this month, enlivened the downtown scene Wednesday morning. About 150 children took part, led by the faculties of the Bible schools of the Brownson Memorial Presbyterian and First Baptist churches and the Church of Wide Fellowship. Chief C. E. Newton, police car led the way, and policemen were stationed at each end. Behind the police car came drum and bugle corps of the school band, to set a stirring theme for the marchers.

Each church group carried the American and U. S. flags, also banners proclaiming their group identity. The parade formed at town park, marched down York avenue to the post office, along West Broad to Connecticut, across the tracks and back East Broad to New York and back to the park, where drinks were served to all. The parade served as opener for Presbyterian Bible school, set June 7 through 16. The Church of Wide Fellowship school will start Monday, to run for a week. Baptist school will open Monday for the young people aged six to 19, who will attend for two weeks, with the four- and five-grades starting next Monday, for a week of classes. All schools are interdenominational.

Southern Pines High School Graduates Largest Class



Class of 1950, on the steps of the new auditorium: from left, first row, **Winifred Bowe Nicholson, Delores Coburn Merrill, Eugenia Overton, Betty Jean Hurst, *Mary Grace McDonald, Janet Cornwell, Faye Caddell, Doris Rita Stephenson; second row, *Ernestine Claire Calloway, **Rosemary Dundas, Patricia Greer Kirk, *Edna Lucille Bailey, Janet Lee Johnson, Danila Frassinetti.

Third row, George Richard Straka, James Reid Hunsucker, James Assad, Jr., Zane Everett Frecka, Edward de Milhau Nicholson, Albert Louis Adams, Jr., Elmer Andrews; fourth row, Daniel Wade Assad, Dale Covington, James Wiley Dickerson, Jr., *John Austin Beasley, Jr., George Charles McDonald, LaVerne Tyner, Milton Guy Kaylor, James William Blue, Harry Richard Raymond; fifth row, Roy Creech Bowden, Robert Ervin Craft, Jr., Roland Bowers, William Luin Baker, Jr., Andrew Dowd Page, John R. Spring, *Reginald Stanley Hamel, Robert Paul Ferguson, Harry Proctor Goldsmith, Jr., Richard McAtee Patch, Raymond Kenneth Copley. Absent, Richard Eugene Kaylor. *Honor graduate, four years in Southern Pines High school. **Honor graduate, three years in Southern Pines High school. (Photo by Emerson Humphrey)

APPOINTED

Governor Scott has handed Otto B. Edwards, chairman of the Southern Pines Safety Council, a safety job to work on for the whole state. He has appointed Chairman Edwards to the subcommittee on uniformity in traffic signs, signals and markings, of the new Advisory Commission on Highway safety. The committee will meet at the House of Representatives at the Capital building, Raleigh, June 27. John A. Park, of Raleigh, is chairman. Mr. Edwards is post safety engineer at Fort Bragg, and a graduate in safety engineering of the University of Alabama.

Alumni Join In First Exercises In New Auditorium

Forty-two boys and girls, the largest graduating class in the history of the Southern Pines High school, on Tuesday night became the first to graduate from the new auditorium, referred to by the commencement speaker as "the most magnificent he had seen in the state."

It was a handsome setting for the graduates in their grey caps and gowns, and also for the many alumni who were present by special invitation, and who formed a guard of honor for the seniors as they marched down the aisle.

The commencement ceremony was an impressive one, of dignity and beauty. The auditorium was almost filled with parents, friends and other well-wishers, to hear a deeply sincere and moving commencement address by Assistant Dean James M. Slay of Trinity college, Duke university, and to applaud each graduate in turn as he received his diploma.

Dean Slay told the boys and girls, "The mark of education is to know the difference among things which seem similar, and the similarities of those which seem different." Close examination, and informed questioning, will make a rational life, whereas an acceptance of superficial face values will lead, he told them, to destruction. He analyzed closely the field of unreasoning prejudices, which have caused, and today are causing, much of the trouble in this world.

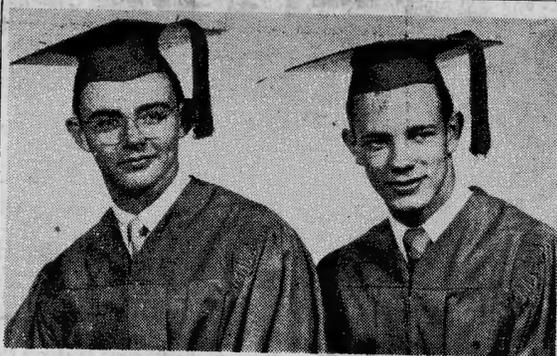
Mrs. L. D. McDonald at the grand piano played Handel's Largo as a professional for the marshals, alumni and seniors, and the Rev. Charles V. Covell offered the invocation.

The school band, seated on the stage, enlivened the program with two selections played under the direction of J. G. Womble. These were Military Escort, by Bennett, and Inspiration Overture, by Irons.

Dr. G. G. Herr, chairman of the school board, presented the speaker.

Diplomas were awarded by N. L. Hodgkins, school board treasurer, who gave with each a warm smile and handclasp, and the traditional large red rose from a bowl at his side.

Crossing the wide stage, each (Continued on Page 5)



SALUTATORIAN
Reggie Hamel
Class President

VALEDICTORIAN
Johnny Beasley
Student Council President

Premiere Try-Out At Manly Church

Congregation Listens To Recorded Sermon

By Bessie Cameron Smith
The little town of Manly, a mile north of Southern Pines, has but one church, and for two years it has been without a pastor, but last

Young Musicians Broadcast Sunday

A full hour of music, by talented young people of the Sandhills, will be presented over Radio Station WSTS from 2 to 3 p. m. Sunday under auspices of the Sandhills Music association.

The young artists are all advanced music students, now in high school or college. Several were among those presented in concert by the association at the Pinehurst Country club two weeks ago. Two or three additions have been made as others have come home from college.

The list of performers—which may undergo one or two changes before broadcast time—was announced by Mrs. N. L. Hodgkins, chairman, as follows: singers, Catherine Cox, Carthage, and Frances Campbell, Pinehurst; pianists; Sandy Thomas, Carthage; Mary Joe Davis, West End; LaVerne Brady, Robbins, F. D. Solomon, Jr., and Francine Johnson, Cameron (in duet); Alec McLeod and Malcolm Clark, Southern Pines; June Melvin, Aberdeen, and Ruth Troutman, Pinebluff.

Mr. Abdullah, whose home is in Jacksonville, Fla., is director of (Continued on Page 5)

Two County Run-Offs And One In State Will Re-Open Polls June 24

SECOND IN STATE

Southern Pines High school ranked second in the state in both the first-year and second-year Latin contests, by virtue of the excellent showing made by four of its students, according to information received by the school from B. L. Ullman of the department of classics at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

The information was contained in a letter read by A. C. Dawson, Jr., of the high school faculty at Tuesday morning's Honors and Awards assembly, as follows: "I take pleasure in informing you that Toni Richards won third place in the first-year Latin contest, and Sieger Herr honorable mention. Doris Bowles won second place in the second-year contest, and Louise Dorn honorable mention. This places your school in second place in both the contests. You are to be congratulated on this fine showing."

Challenges Issued In Clerk of Court And Register Races

Willis Smith Says "I Will"

Moore county and North Carolina will have a second primary June 24. After more than a week of suspense, in which the candidates stayed silent, announcements this week assured two county runoff races and one for the U. S. Senate.

Wednesday's announcement by Raleigh Attorney Willis Smith, who polled 250,222 votes but trailed Senator Frank P. Graham by 53,383, started the wheels turning again in the statewide campaign organizations for both men.

In Moore county, Hubert McCaskill and D. A. McDonald, Jr., appeared before Sam C. Riddle, of Carthage, chairman of the county board of elections on Monday, the deadline for filing notice of a county runoff, to state that they will claim their prerogative of a second chance.

In the clerk of court contest, Mr. McCaskill, who lives in Pinehurst, was 525 votes short of the number polled by Carlton C. Kennedy. Three other candidates received a total of 1,152 votes.

Mr. McDonald, a Carthage man, was 452 votes behind Mrs. Bessie J. Griffin of Vass in the contest for register of deeds. Two others in the race received a total of 971 votes.

Hopes of all candidates are pinned on the reserve of votes which went to the defeated contenders. In the Graham-Smith race, these amount to some 65,000 for Bob Reynolds and Olla Ray Boyd.

Reynolds has made no announcement which might influence his followers one way or the other. Several Reynolds county managers, including H. H. Fry of Carthage, who handled his campaign in Moore, have announced their support of Garham for the second primary.

T. C. Auman, of West End, county manager for Graham, said his organization is intact, and as enthusiastic as ever. "We respect Mr. Smith's right to call a second primary," he said, "and will meet his challenge with all our strength. We will welcome a fair fight."

L. V. O'Callaghan, of Southern Pines, Moore manager for Smith, said, "The strong showing made by our candidate on his entry into politics in the first primary shows us that the fight will be well worth while. We have excellent support and expect to see it considerably increased."

A too exact counting up of the first primary's votes, especially those which may go either way, is discounted by political observers, who say, "It's unpredictable." They point out that a second primary (Continued on Page 5)

Hobbs New Owner Of Local Store; Will Reopen Soon

James D. Hobbs became the owner of the former Johnson's Food store Tuesday, and will reopen the store within a few days under the new name of H & M Grocery.

Mr. Hobbs, who owns and operates Hobbs' Grocery store in Pinehurst, will have as active partner and manager in the new enterprise H. A. McAllister, of Southern Pines. Mr. McAllister has lived here about 15 years. He has been traveling for the Nashua Package Sealing corporation.

Renovation of the store's interior was going forward this week, immediately following the signing of the papers by which assets and liabilities of the defunct concern were transferred to Mr. Hobbs by Helen M. Johnson, limited partner; Helen M. Johnson, acting with power of attorney for Morris Johnson, former proprietor; and Russell Lorenson, trustee.

New stock was being brought in, and Mr. McAllister said the policy will be to carry the best in brand names, staples and meats. Besides the cash trade, a charge-and-delivery service will be offered. Individual attention to each customer's wants will be the policy, to please the most discriminating.

As Johnson's, the store was remodeled, modernized and newly outfitted with up-to-date fixtures a year or so ago.

Liberty Bell Will Be Here Tuesday



The full-size exact duplicate of the Liberty Bell pictured above will visit Southern Pines Tuesday morning on its tour of the state in promotion of the Independence Savings Bond drive May 15-July 4.

E. C. Stevens, Moore county savings bond chairman, said the bell will arrive about 10 a.m. and be escorted to a position in front of the city hall. A program will be held about 11 o'clock, with both WEEB and WSTS participating. The bell is expected to tour through Aberdeen, Pinehurst and Carthage when it leaves here at 1 p.m. on its way to Sanford.

Fifty-two of the bells, touring the nation during the drive, were donated by America's great copper producers. The Ford Motor company is providing a fleet of trucks for their transportation.