

## Condemnation of Land For Negro School Is Sought

The Moore County board of education started condemnation proceedings last week against Mrs. Bettie F. Benner of Carthage, seeking to acquire title to six acres of land adjoining the grounds of the Pinckney (Negro) school at Carthage.

Mary E. Siler, Bennie Siler, Nellie Siler and "other interested persons" are named as defendant parties, on account of 31-year-old uncancelled mortgage against the property.

The board asks the court to appoint a disinterested appraisal board to set a price and assess damages accruing from the condemnation, then to order the condemnation, and appropriation of the land to school uses.

These uses, it is understood, are for extension of the school yard and a possible site for the building of the proposed elementary school, in which a number of small schools in northern Moore county will be consolidated. State regulations forbid new school construction on a campus of less than 20 acres. The board of education recently purchased eight acres from Mrs. Benner, and other adjoining land is being acquired.

## Koloudis Denies Ex-Associate's Charges

Christ Koloudis, Aberdeen restaurateur, answering suit brought by his nephew and erstwhile partner Michael Koloudis, stated in civil papers filed this week that Michael was an employee of the Aberdeen restaurant and never a partner, and, contrary to his charges, had received far more compensation during their association than he was actually entitled to.

He denied his nephew was for-

## Coleman Tells Rotarians of Espionage Plots

Mexico in the early days of the war was a nest of espionage, said Arch F. Coleman, former OSS undercover agent, in a talk before the Southern Pines Rotary club last Friday.

The Japanese were dealing with Mexicans to get all sorts of vital equipment out of the country. Tracking down and blocking these deals was part of his job. In this he had the aid of some valuable assistants, one of them a girl secretary whose knowledge of the Japanese language came in handily.

Mr. Coleman revealed that at one time the Japanese had set up a radio network all down the west coast of Mexico. His discovery of this fact, reported to the proper authorities, prevented its going into use.

The speaker, a public relations counselor with office in Southern Pines, was introduced by Johnnie A. Hall, program chairman. E. J. Austin presided over the luncheon meeting which was held at the Village Inn. Only visitor was Dr. James W. Silver, a former resident now head of the history department at the University of Mississippi, who was returning to this position after a year spent at the University of Aberdeen, Scotland, on a Fulbright scholarship.

cibly ejected from the business, stating that he "quit because he would not cooperate, of his own volition."

Koloudis denied also that he was squandering the proceeds of the business as charged, declaring that he is running a "nice profitable business, catering to the better class; that the customers are well pleased and the business is solvent and progressing.

## Sercy Wounded By Shotgun Blast At Collins Home

The sheriff's department reported this week that R. C. Sercy was injured Saturday evening with a blast from a shotgun in the hands of his father-in-law, G. C. Collins. Both men live in the Cameron section.

At the Moore county hospital it was learned that Sercy's condition is considered critical, though he is showing slight improvement following an operation performed soon after he was admitted Saturday night. He was wounded in the left abdomen and left hand.

No arrest has been made, pending outcome of the man's condition. Reports indicate Collins shot in defense of his home and himself, officers said.

Patrolman Apple, who investigated the shooting, said that a quarrel had apparently taken place between Sercy and his wife, and Mrs. Sercy took refuge at her father's home. Sercy followed her, accompanied by his brother Haywood and a half-brother, surnamed DuFree. Collins latched the screen door against them, and Sercy is said to have tried to wrest it open, then picked up a rock and came at the door, which Collins was defending.

Collins said he reached for his gun, opened the door and fired.

Sercy was freed at this month's term of criminal court of a charge of felonious assault against his infant daughter. The case fell through when Mrs. Sercy, the only witness, refused to testify.

A State Hampshire Hog Breeders association was organized at State college recently. President of the group is N. W. Cobb of Brown Summit, Guilford county. M. C. Cook, Route 2, Pittsboro, is secretary-treasurer.

## Notre Dame Academy Will Open Wednesday

Notre Dame academy on Youngs road will open Wednesday for the 1950-51 school year.

The first school day will start at 9 a.m.

The school offers kindergarten and elementary grade work for boys and girls. The high school department is for girls only, both

boarding and day pupils. Bus transportation is offered day pupils of the surrounding area.

The Academy is under the direction of the Sisters of Notre Dame, a Catholic order.

Fort Raleigh, on the site of the first English settlement in America on Roanoke Island, North Carolina, is being reconstructed by the National Park Service.

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