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'Operation Impact' Effects Are Noted; All Asked To Join

Stars Given Away At USAFAGOS, VFW; Now On 200 Cars

Eighty-five signatures were placed this week on the "Operation Impact" plaque at the VFW Home—which means 85 pledges taken by motorists to observe the speed laws from now through Labor Day, and 85 stars given to them to place on their windshields.

Added to the 115 given at the USAF Air-Ground school, where a similar plaque is stationed for signatures, this means 200 cars of the community are now operating under the pledge.

This is enough to make a noticeable difference already in traffic conditions in and around Southern Pines. Police Chief C. E. Newton and State Highway Patrolman C. G. Wimberly both stated definitely this week, "We see a great improvement."

"Operation Impact" is being sponsored by the Tactical Air Command in all its installations. At USAFAGOS 100 per cent of both the military and civilian personnel signed voluntarily, and received their stars. Through cooperation of the John Boyd post, VFW, the movement is being opened to all others in the community.

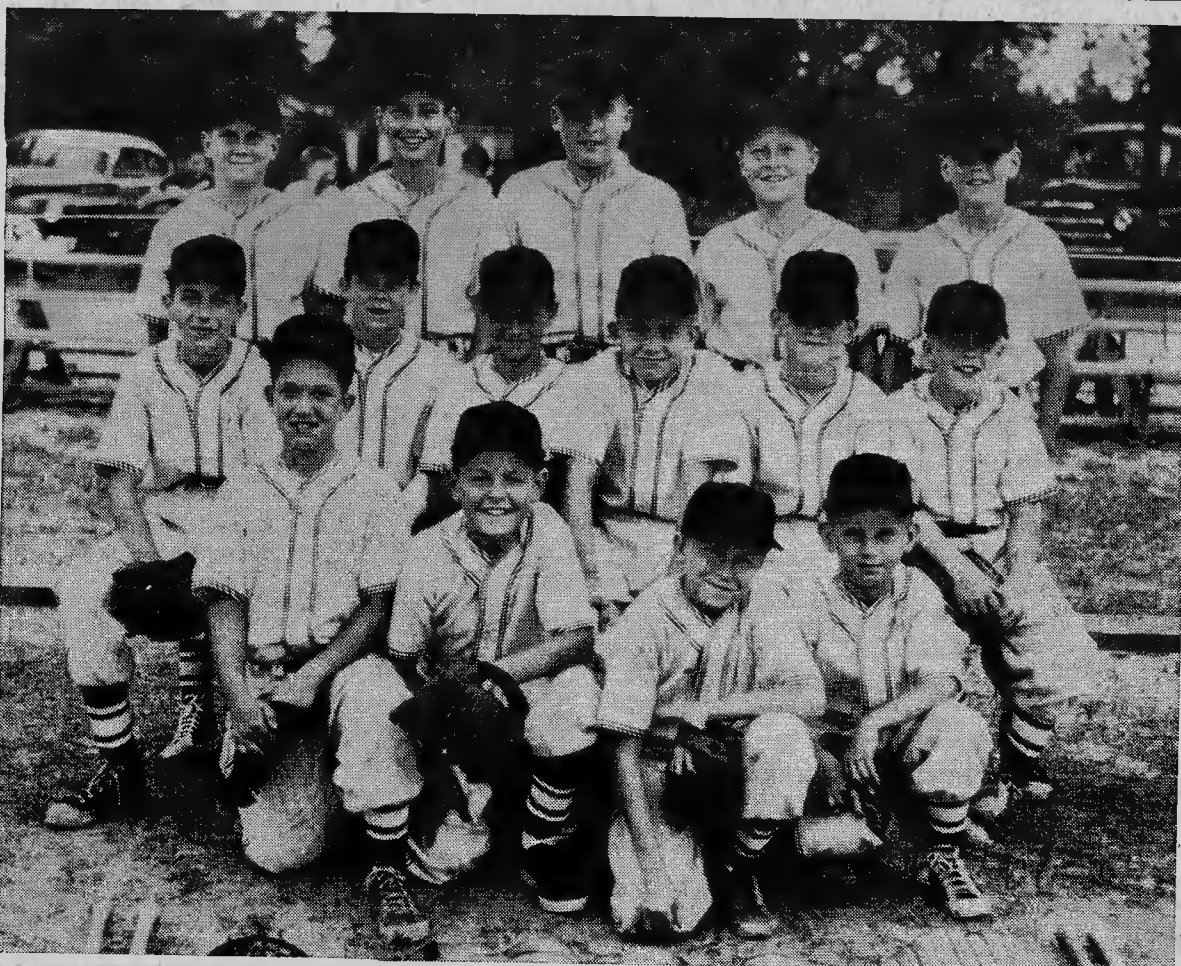
Everyone Invited

Signatures of Mayor L. T. Clark and Chief Newton led off the list, when the plaque was stationed at the VFW Home last Thursday afternoon. Other town officials have signed, many members of the VFW and a wide range of other citizens, including several from West Southern Pines. Post Commander Louis Scheipers emphasized this week that the movement is for everybody, and "the more who enroll, the better off we will all be. If just one life is saved, it is worth it."

He has appointed Tom McKenzie of Pinehurst chairman of the project for the VFW. The plaque is available at the Home from 4 p. m. to midnight every day (from 2 p. m. Saturday). In the afternoon it has a place of honor on the porch, in the evening inside the lobby. Everyone is invited to sign—and this, he said, means colored motorists as well as white.

Serious Meaning

"But," he added "we don't want anyone to sign or receive a star who doesn't take it seriously. In signing, you conscientiously pledge your car to safe driving, no matter who is at the wheel, and no matter whether anyone (Continued on Page 8)



SOUTHERN PINES "LITTLE LIONS." Front row, from left, Pat Hodgson, Larry McDonald, Johnny Bowman, Roger Dutton. Second row—John Ormsby, Charles Weather-spoon, Robert Woodruff, Jimmy Caldwell, Ted Ward, Topper Parks. Back row—Joe Garzik, Jr., Ike Woodell, John Van Benschoten, Dickie McInnis, Bobby Watkins. (Hemmer Photo)

Wife Empties Gun At Guilty Pair; Husband Is Slain

A young husband who didn't come home last Friday night, but instead went to see "the other woman," died instantly in a rain of bullets early the next morning.

Gloria Lee Wrencher, 25, told officers that she had shot her husband Herbert, 28, "till the cartridges gave out." Some of the shot peppered the other woman, Frances McLaughlin, about 30, though she was not seriously hurt. All are Negroes.

Gloria Lee told Deputy Sheriff A. W. Lambert that she had walked over to Frances' house, near her own home about two miles northeast of Carthage, and found the two in bed together. Her husband's automatic rifle stood in the corner. She fired five times at short range.

Then, the deputy said, she ran to the home of a white neighbor, W. R. Sheffield, and asked him to call a doctor. Instead, Sheffield called Sheriff McDonald's office. Deputy Lambert answered the call, notified the sheriff and the coroner, and all went to Frances (Continued on page 8)

Southern Pines Team Beats Pinehurst In First Two Little League Games

(See Schedule on Page 5)

The Little League series started off fine for the Southern Pines "Little Lions," who beat Pinehurst 20-5 at Pinehurst Monday, then Wednesday, in their first home game, did the same thing 20-4.

Good crowds turned out for both games and it looked as though a new summer attraction had gotten off to a splendid start. Pre-game ceremonies were held at both games, with the presentation of the colors, the singing of the Star Spangled Banner, and the top town officials pitching the first ball.

The local players put on a dazzling show more seasoned diamond artists might well envy. In the Monday game Ike Woodell, the winning pitcher and outstanding batter, hit three home runs

as the bleachers roared. Also outstanding were John Van Benschoten, Bobby Watkins and Dickie McInnis. However, the team play was the thing and "I was well satisfied with their game," said Coach Irie Leonard.

No Fluke

Wednesday's game showed it was no fluke. This time Van Benschoten was the outstanding player for Southern Pines. He and Ted Ward pitched with Bobby Watkins as catcher. For Pinehurst, McKenzie pitched and Gilliland caught.

A part of the opening-game festivities was the drawing of home-team names for a Big League baseball. At Southern Pines Jimmy Caldwell's was the lucky number, drawn by Dr. David W. Whitehead, president-elect of the Southern Pines Lions club, which is sponsoring the team along with the recreation program.

Next Home Game

Monday's game will also be a home game for Southern Pines, with the Robbins team as visitors. Game time throughout the series is 5:30.

Playing Carthage at Robbins Monday, the Robbins team won its opening game. Wednesday, the return game was called on account of rain, to be played at Carthage Thursday, too late for results to be announced in this issue.

The four teams from Moore county's first Little League. The series will continue through July, winding up with a Shaughnessy tournament and a chance to play in the district and state matches and a final glorious World Series. Official Uniforms

Some 45 boys entered the try- (Continued on Page 8)

Summer Program On West Side Gets Good Start

Good attendance greeted the opening of the recreation program in West Southern Pines. The school is serving again as headquarters and J. C. Hasty is director for the fourth successive year. Eighty-one children and 27 adults—the latter starting organization of a baseball team—took part in first-day activities.

Mr. Hasty has two assistants this year, Miss C. Steele and Mrs. Emma Stubbs. The daily program of the three is as follows:

Mr. Hasty—softball, 10 a. m.; music, 11 a. m.; croquet, 12 noon; 1 p. m., lunch; croquet, 2 p. m.; baseball, 3-5 p. m.
Miss Steele—table tennis, 10 a. m.; basketball, 11 a. m.; lunch, 12 noon; table tennis, 1 p. m.; croquet, 2 p. m.; lawn tennis 3-5 p. m.
Mrs. Stubbs—sewing, 2 p. m.; crocheting, 3 p. m.; knitting, 4 p. m.

Skating, horse shoe pitching, croquet and checkers may be played at any time. Special activities include: Monday, Boy Scout meeting, 6:30 p. m., and outdoor movies at 8; Wednesday, Boy Scout activities, 5 p. m.; Thursday, swimming, 2-4 p. m.

For swimming, the children meet at the school and all walk over to the new West Side lake. Included in the Boy Scout projects for the summer is a cleanup of the cemetery, which is already under way.

A baseball game will be held at Aberdeen at 2 p. m. today (Friday) and on each Friday afternoon thereafter rotating among West Southern Pines, Aberdeen and Sanford. Teams have been formed at all these towns under the summer program.

Former Local Lady Victim Of Fiendish Murderer-Rapist

Florida Tragedy Shocks Friends Of Elderly Nurse

A rape and murder of horrible bestiality in Jacksonville, Fla., last Friday night has shocked and saddened Southern Pines.

The victim was a little grey-haired lady 68 years old, a diligent and efficient trained nurse, who lived here for 18 years before moving to Florida in March 1952 to be near her three brothers.

The body of Miss Sara Catherine McLeod, strangled, stabbed, beaten and ravished, was found Saturday morning about 8 o'clock behind Jacksonville's blood bank building, near the Duval Medical Center where she had been employed.

Information from Jacksonville four days later was that no clue had been found, no trail opened up, to lead police to her murderer, though investigation was continuing night and day.

She had left the Medical Center when she went off duty at 11 p. m. Friday and started out, as was her custom, to walk the four blocks to the private home where she roomed. She never reached the house.

Her landlady phoned the hospital early Saturday morning and a search for her started at once. The body was found by Mrs. Dorothy Smith, blood bank supervisor, as she came to work via a short cut along a walkway behind the building. It lay in plain view against a structure housing

No Trace of Clothing

No trace of her clothing was found then, nor has it been located since, except for a few pieces of her white uniform torn up and scattered on the ground.

She had suffered a crushing (Continued on page 5)

Goodrum Joins County ABC Staff

Moore County ABC Officer O. A. McCallum of Carthage this week announced the addition of a second assistant on his staff, Officer Robert H. Goodrum, stationed at Aberdeen.

Mr. Goodrum was sworn in Tuesday. He comes to Moore highly recommended from the Mecklenburg County Rural Police, where he has been employed since December 1950. Before that he was an Army MP for two years.

He was recently married and he and his wife have taken a home on Summit avenue in Aberdeen. He is 24 years old.

This brings the county ABC law enforcement staff up to its full complement of three men, Officers McCallum, Goodrum and John K. Sharpe of West End. The staff has been short a man since the resignation of H. V. Chandler, Jr., a year ago. After serving a short time with the Southern Pines city police, Mr. Chandler became a special investigator on the State ABC staff.

Aberdeen Hosiery Mill Will Close; Equipment Sold, Workers Let Go

Blow Is Dealt Without Warning; 64 On Payroll

Finis was written, without warning, this week to one of Moore county's best and best-liked industries, the Aberdeen Hosiery Mill at Aberdeen.

R. W. Kleinspehn, superintendent, was notified Tuesday that the owner corporation had sold practically all of the equipment, and it was to be moved at once to a plant in South America. The rest of the equipment was to be placed on sale and the modern plant, built in 1938 and newly air-conditioned, put up for sale or lease.

The word came from W. H. Miller, secretary-treasurer of the Aberdeen Hosiery Co., Inc., with

headquarters in New York City, who came to deliver the blow in person.

Mr. Kleinspehn called the employees together that same day and told them the situation. They learned that they would be released as fast as the machines could be dismantled, each receiving vacation pay.

About 25 of the machines were dismantled at once and work is proceeding rapidly on the rest. Only the 66-gauge machines have not been sold, and are still being operated. The finishing department will continue at work until all material on hand has been processed, Mr. Kleinspehn said. Hose will be sold through the retail outlet until the present modest supply is exhausted.

The plant had about 64 employees on the payroll at the time the news came, he said. The shock administered to them spread quickly through the Sandhills. It was shared by Mr. Kleinspehn, who has been connected with the plant since it opened in 1939, and has been superintendent for the past six years. Regarding his own future plans he had no word, being concerned mainly with those of his employees.

"Overproduction," he guessed, was the answer. Hosiery manufacturing and selling has hit on hard times during the past two or three years. The Aberdeen plant, however, has managed to keep its head well above water. It shut down only one time, for one week, three years ago.

The 25-year-old corporation, which formerly owned several plants in various places, has gradually diminished its holdings until the Aberdeen plant was the last one left. Sales were made through the New York office and will continue, using hosiery put out by other manufacturers.

The plant came to Aberdeen largely through community effort, with the Chamber of Commerce taking the lead. The building was put up by local interests and later purchased by the hosiery company. Community relationships have remained excellent, and employees came from all over the county.

Mr. Kleinspehn, a native of Philadelphia, grew up in the business. He has been connected with hosiery concerns since 1916. He and his wife are home owners in Southern Pines, living at 160 East New York avenue.

Boros And Doser Make Same Score In National Open

Julius Boros, Mid Pines pro and National Open defending champion, lost his crown at Oakland, Pa., last week to tough and tireless little Ben Hogan.

As the nation watched, Hogan scored a 283 in the four-day contest over two of the most grueling courses in the land. It was his fourth time to win the Open. Six strokes behind came Sam Snead, coming in second, also for the fourth time.

Boros, who as a comparative unknown plugged ahead a year ago to achieve the title, scored an undistinguished 299. Though he offered no alibis, those who watched him knew his mind wasn't on that ball. Little Nicky, his son, had been bitten by a horse, suffering painful injury, the day before. The 22-month-old youngster is with his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Cosgrove, Mid Pines proprietors, at their summer place at Green Harbor, Mass.

By a curious coincidence, Boros and Clarence Doser, pro for the last four years at the Pine Needles Golf club just across the road from the Mid Pines Club, made identical scores. Doser, playing out of the Scarsdale (N. Y.) Country club, a well-known pro though never in the "big time," came through also with a 299. This was a popular figure. Jim Turnesa and Bill Nary made it too. It brought them each \$200.

Big Celebration Set For July 4 At County Seat

The annual Moore County Fourth of July celebration will be the biggest and best ever this year, according to word from the Carthage Jaycees, sponsors of the annual event.

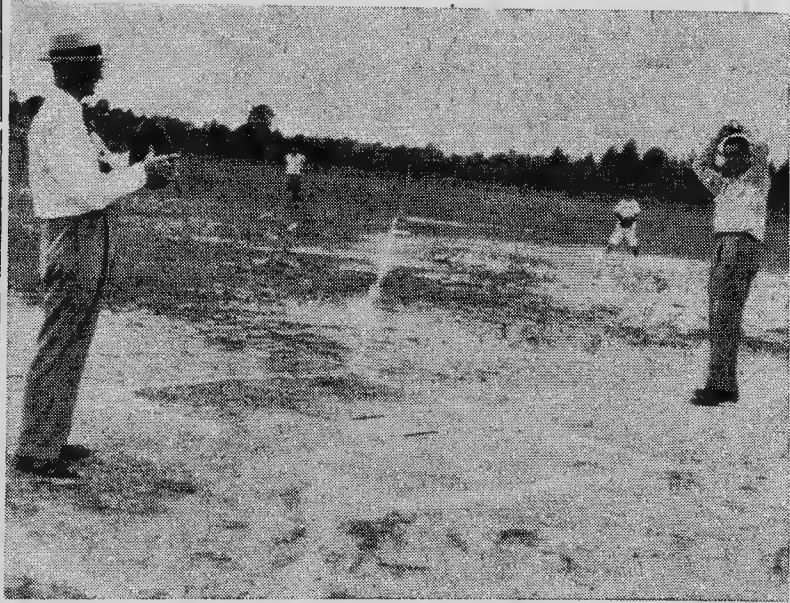
Eighth District Congressman C. B. Deane has officially accepted the invitation to be the main speaker on the morning program at the county seat, according to word received this week.

An Army band from Fort Bragg will give the opening concert, and head the grand parade of floats in the afternoon.

Several entries have already been received for the beauty contest, and the chairmen say they expect to have beautiful girls competing from all sections of the county.

Additional attractions will include the usual street contests and races; the all-star baseball game in the afternoon; a concert of old-time stringed music in the auditorium and, topping off the day, a Grand Ball in the McConnell warehouse. The winner of the beauty contest will be crowned as "Miss Moore County" at the ball, for which Jimmie Perkins and His Orchestra have been engaged.

Grand prize of the day will be a brand new 1953 Plymouth car.



"BATTER UP!" Richard Tufts, president of Pinehurst, Inc., pitches the first ball of the season, with Mayor L. T. Clark of Southern Pines as catcher, at Pinehurst's first home game Monday, Wednesday, at Southern Pines, the procedure was reversed, with Mayor Clark on the mound, Albert Tufts catching. (Hemmer Photo)

Speech Clinics At Carthage, Robbins Will Open Summer Courses Next Week

Speech clinics will be held Monday from 8 to 11 a. m. at both the Carthage High school and the Robbins Elementary school for boys and girls in need of speech correction who want to take the summer workshop course.

The course will begin at once and continue for six weeks, at Carthage or Robbins, wherever the need is found to be greater, or, if there is sufficient demand, it will be held at both places.

The course is financed by the Moore County chapter of the N. C. Society for Crippled Children, in cooperation with the county welfare department, and no charge is made to the students or their parents.

All boys and girls suffering from any sort of speech impediment, major or minor, are invited to attend the clinic, where tests will be given to see which can be best helped in the summer course. Mrs. D. D. Shields Cameron of Southern Pines will be in charge of the clinic at Carthage, Miss Blanche Monroe of West End, at Robbins. Both have had special training in the field of speech improvement, and in individual work with different types of speech handicaps.

This will be the third summer the chapter has sponsored the workshop courses. Both of the other times they have been held at Southern Pines, as more stu-

dents enrolled from the southern than the northern part of the county. A number also came from the West End section.

There has been considerable interest shown, however, in the northern section, and several pupils wishing badly to attend have been unable to do so before because of transportation problems. For that reason, Mrs. Cameron said, plans were laid to hold the course this year in Carthage, Robbins or both.

Mrs. Cameron has been a workshop instructor since inauguration of the project. During the regular school year she teaches in the Vass-Lakeview Elementary school. She is a graduate of Emerson college, Boston, Mass., where speech arts are emphasized, and has taken considerable post-graduate work in this field. Miss Blanche Monroe, a graduate of State college, Raleigh, has taught primary age children for more than 30 years, most of these years as first grade teacher at West End. She took refresher work in phonics in preparation for teaching the workshop course last year.

While six weeks is not long enough to cure major speech defects, much help can be rendered in this time, and frequently minor impediments can be eliminated, say those in charge of the course. In both previous summers, 10 to 30 children took the course.