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HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES, Class of 1954. Front row, from left—Gladys Bowden Huntley, Della Maxann Kerr, Georgia Williams, Shirley Mae Garner, Betty Jean Moore Wheeler, Clarence Patricia Anne Dupree, Barbara Ann Hackney, *Geraldine Bethea, Barbara Louise Pearce.
Second row—Joseph Wesley Smith, Joseph Perkins Marley, Jr., Margaret Bracey Bowers, Joan Cheatham, *Jane Sue Lorenson, Robert Ripley Renegar, *Charles Harwood Bowman, Jr., *Robert

Ernest Blakefield Speller, Jr.
Third row—Harold Alexander McNeill, Jr., James Vernon Hatch, George Arthur Morrison, Paul Hewitt Warren, Donald Van Benschoten, George Marshall Colton, William Clarke Davis.
Fourth row—Thomas Ruggles, *James Alfred Barber, Jr., *David Charon Page, *Robert Bion Butler, James Parry Townsend, Leighton Caldwell Hall, Donald Lee Burney.
*Honor graduates.
(Photo by Humphrey)

Airforce Captain To Join Ranks Of Carthage Doctors

Carthage is to have a new doctor in Capt. William F. Nicol, medical officer at the Air Ground school, who has announced that he expects to open practice in the county seat next month.

Captain Nicol, who has been with the local Air Force group since last November, is a native of Arkansas. He was brought up in Little Rock and went to Texas for his higher education. He graduated from Texas A. and M. with a B.S. in 1948 and went on to the study of medicine in the University of Texas at Galveston, receiving his M.D. in 1952. Previous to his college years, however, he had spent almost a year as a paratrooper in the Air Force, enlisting at the age of 17.

His later Army medical training included an internship at Fitzsimons Army Hospital in Denver and specialized training at the School of Aviation Medicine at Randolph Air Force Base, San Antonio.

Asked what influenced him to decide to settle in Moore County, Captain Nicol said: "I just like it. It's a nice place and the people are so friendly."

Captain Nicol spoke with warmth of the encouragement given him by local physicians and also by the Carthage Jaycees, who urged him to come there to practice, where there was, they said, a scarcity of doctors. Captain Nicol said he was also influenced by the excellence of the Moore County Hospital's facilities.

Carthage's new doctor's office will be located in a building now being erected just off the main street.

Captain Nicol is married and has three children. He and his wife, who comes from Douglas, Ariz., and who has three years of nurse training behind her, have been living at 265 East Illinois Avenue. His mother, Mrs. Jayne Boyd, still lives in Little Rock, as do his brother and sister. His father's people came from Virginia.

"Outstanding Class" of 1954 Receives Diplomas, Hears Talk By Edwin Gill

Thirty-one boys and girls, members of the Class of 1954, graduated Tuesday night from Southern Pines High school in ceremonies marked by dignity and simplicity.

Edwin Gill, state treasurer, making the commencement address at Weaver Auditorium, told the group, "Education is a continuing process. It is not a preparation for life—it is life itself." He warned them against being deluded by false standards of success, for "Happiness and success are

two different things. Happiness has its own immortal standards of truth, service and honor. There are no short cuts to happiness, for it dwells in the human heart."

The speaker, for many years an outstanding figure in law and government in North Carolina, traced the history of education in this state, with special tribute to Aycock, the "education governor," and O. Max Gardner, a governor who "remained forever young, for he was always open to new ideas and new approaches." Under the leadership of these and other great governors, he said, North Carolina has reached the forefront of southern states in education, and "It is my belief the best is yet to be."

Outstanding Class
John Howarth, school board
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Jimmy Barber Wins Scholarship To N. C. State

James A. Barber, Jr., who graduated with honors at Southern Pines High school Tuesday night, received word Wednesday that he had won a \$2,000 scholarship to State College—\$500 a year for four years. He plans to study engineering.

Jimmy was this year's recipient of the James S. Milliken Memorial Award, with \$50 as "best all-round senior student." He transferred a year and a half ago from Vass-Lakeview school, and since then has made his mark as a scholar, an athlete and all-round fine boy at the local school, Principal Irie Leonard said.

At Vass-Lakeview he was president of the Beta Club, and of the junior class.
He is 17, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Barber of 169 East New Hampshire Avenue. His father is a civilian employee at Fort Bragg and his mother works at Hamel's Restaurant.

To win the scholarship, Jimmy first received the endorsement of the school authorities, then, with others from schools all over the county, went through a screening by a selection committee of the Moore County State Alumni Association. Jimmy and a Robbins boy passed the screening, and went on through a district test, then tests made of applicants, and some 55 scholarships available, the field was quickly narrowed down.

No word has been received here as to whether the lad from Robbins also passed.

Methodist Church To Be Built Here; Minister Arrives

Southern Pines is soon to have the first Methodist church in its history. It already has its minister.

The Rev. E. E. Whitley and family moved here last week from Burlington, where he has been serving the Mt. Hermon charge. While long-laid plans of the North Carolina Conference's Board of Missions and Church Extension to build a plant here are becoming realized, he will organize the congregation it will serve.

Property has been purchased at the corner of May Street and Maine Avenue for a church and educational building, also a home has been bought for a parsonage, at 435 North Ashe.

The Rev. O. L. Hathaway, superintendent of the Fayetteville district, visiting here this week revealed that the plans call for immediate construction of an educational plant facing on Maine Avenue. Sunday School classes will be held there, also services until the sanctuary can be built later, facing on May.

Plans began some time ago when a survey revealed that many Methodists are living here, with no church home, Mr. Hathaway said. Some are attending other churches, some none at all, while still others are going to Methodist churches some distance away.

Southern Pines is believed to be the only town of its size in North Carolina, perhaps in the South, without a Methodist church.

Mr. and Mrs. Whitley with their two sons, Gregory DeLong, aged six, and Edgar Barrett, three, are now in residence in the parsonage. The new minister is 33 years old, a native of Wilmington. He has served the Pinetops charge in addition to Mt. Hermon.

HONORS IN LATIN

Among year-end honors received by Southern Pines students were honorable mentions for Thomas Vann and John Chappell, received in the statewide Latin examination for seventh graders.

The information was received by the school this week from the University of North Carolina, through whose extension service the examinations are conducted each year.

While the full list was not given, it is believed likely Southern Pines was the only school with two names on the list.

Miss Polly Miller is the boys' Latin teacher.

McDonald Wins Sheriff Race; No 2nd Primary

County Goes For Scott, Sou. Pines For Sen. Lennon

Saturday was a hot day in Southern Pines—weatherwise and electionwise. Voters went to the polls in broiling sunshine, to vote in an election which had suddenly exploded into action after weeks of apathy.

The Scott-Lennon fight for the U. S. Senate nomination was the biggest vote-puller on the state ticket. Race issue leaflets injected by the Lennon forces two days before the primary had caused violent reactions throughout the state. None were distributed in this vicinity, as local Lennon leaders, along with some others in the State were said to have turned down their aid.

Whether or not the leaflets played any part in it, Former Governor Kerr Scott—"the Squire of Haw River"—won a resounding victory in the State. He was also the winner in Moore county, while Southern Pines went for Lennon 516 to 355.

Looming as great, or greater, in importance to many local voters was the sheriff race, and Southern Pines came through for C. J. McDonald, 600-230—which was just the margin needed to assure a clear victory in the three-man race.

A total of 918 local votes was cast, about 5,600 in the county.

Votes were canvassed Tuesday by the county board of elections. For the official tabulation, showing returns in all precincts, see Page 13.

Incumbents won in all four county races, according to unofficial returns in Saturday's primary election in Moore county.

Sheriff C. J. McDonald successfully cleared the threat of a second primary by winning 2,939 votes against challengers Wendell B. Kelly, with 2,075, and R. G. Fry, Jr., with 686. The race was a hard-fought one, pulling in the

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Playground Equipped, Dedicated As Project Of "Finer Carolina"

First of Five On FC Program To Be Completed

The Southern Pines elementary school, which formerly had no playground equipment at all, is now one of the best and best-equipped school playgrounds in the state.

This was the first project to be completed—though not the first to be begun—under Southern Pines' "Finer Carolina" program.

The new playground, on a wide, pine-shaded expanse at the back, and to the east, of the school building, was dedicated in a simple ceremony Tuesday morning. The student body was present en masse. The boys and girls managed to restrain themselves, with commendable dignity, during the speaking; but as soon as the red ribbon was cut, they took over.

They swarmed all over the "jungle gym," flew high in nine swings, with their sturdy steel chains; teetered on the six brightly-painted see-saws; coasted shouting down the big shiny slide, and went spinning like tops on the gay little merry-go-round.

On the speaking program were Voit Gilmore, chairman of the local "Finer Carolina" committee; W. T. Huntley, project chairman, and Supt. A. C. Dawson. All expressed their appreciation for the contributions from interested citizens which had made the completion of the project possible, and dedicated the playground to the wholesome use and enjoyment of Southern Pines' schoolchildren.

The equipment cost a little less than \$1,000, most of which has already been donated through a quiet subscription campaign conducted over the past few weeks by the committee.

It was purchased at a saving through the school. The units are some of the best obtainable, sturdy.

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WATER TESTED

Tests made of the water of seven popular lakes indicate all are safe for swimming, sanitarily speaking, reports Dr. J. C. Grier, Jr., first aid and water safety chairman of the Moore County Red Cross chapter.

Lakes tested were Aberdeen Lake, Crystal Lake at Lakeview, the Southern Pines town lake, Pinebluff town lake, Pinehurst lake, Monroe's Lake at West End and Grier's Lake near Pinehurst.

Water samples were collected from each of these by Sanitarian E. Floyd Dunn, on request of the Red Cross chapter, and tests for bacteriological content were made at the state laboratories at Raleigh.

Marine Drowned In Deep River In Fishing Trip

A 34-year-old Marine, veteran of Pacific warfare in World War 2 and in Korea, met death by drowning Saturday evening in the sleepy backwaters of Deep River, near the steel bridge on the Horseshoe Bend.

Warrant Officer John Daniel Hamilton of Camp Geiger, the amphibious base at Camp LeJeune, was on a fishing trip with his brother Sam, 41, of Guilford, when the tragedy occurred, just about dusk.

Residents of the Horseshoe community and Carthage, fire departments of Carthage and Southern Pines with rescue equipment and Deputy Sheriff A. W. Lambert, for the sheriff's department, were on the scene soon after the alarm had been given by Sam Hamilton and his young son Ronnie, 12, in shouted appeals to passersby.

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"FOR US? GEE WHILLIKINS!" Top picture—the kids feasted with their eyes on their wonderful new playground during the brief dedication exercise Tuesday morning. At far left, Supt. A. C. Dawson may be seen at the micro-

phone. Soon, with "Finer Carolina" Chairman Voit Gilmore and Project Chairman W. T. Huntley, he was to cut the symbolic red ribbon. Then—see the bottom picture for part of what happened. (Photos by Walter F. Harper)

Sarah Inman, Worst-Hit By Polio, Graduates With Honors At Carthage

A pretty young girl with softly curling brown hair and big blue eyes received some special attention at the Carthage High School commencement exercises Tuesday night.

In her cap and gown, she was sitting in an odd-looking metal chair. Marshals wheeled her down the aisle, and two senior boys lifted the chair up to the stage.

The diploma was laid gently in

her lap. Her smile was bright and gay. From the applause that welled up, and resounded again and again, she was the most popular member of the graduating class.

That applause recognized more than the love the boys and girls had for 17-year-old Sarah Inman, of Hallison. It saluted also the achievement represented by that diploma—the many hours study-

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