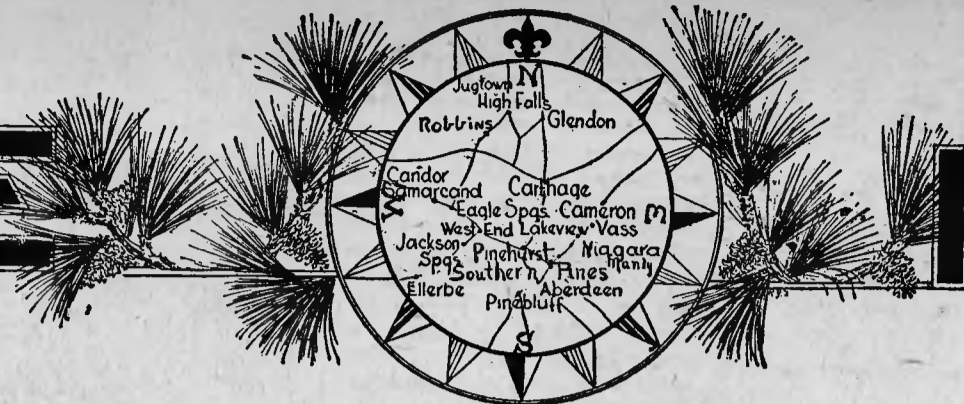


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Council To Ask 10% Of ABC Profit

Measure To Assure Division To Go To General Assembly

The town council voted Tuesday night to accept an offer of the Moore County board of commissioners and Alcoholic Beverage Control board to give the town of Southern Pines 10 per cent of the profits of the local ABC store, provided a local bill authorizing such a distribution is adopted by the 1955 General Assembly.

Under the agreement, the distribution would be retroactive to the beginning of the 1954-'55 fiscal year on July 1. On the basis of recent years' sales, the 10 per cent division would bring the town about \$10,000.

The town had asked for 25 per cent of the profit from the Southern Pines store, a division that was considered reasonable in view of the proportion of profits taken by municipalities elsewhere under the ABC system.

Mayor L. T. Clark reported that the offer of the board of commissioners to agree to the 10 per cent division was made to him recently by County Commissioners G. M. Cameron and J. M. Pleasants. The county officials said that this was the only offer they had been authorized to make. The mayor said they reported that a larger allotment of the ABC profits to Southern Pines would mean that the county would have to increase its tax rate. The greater part of ABC profits from both the Southern Pines and Pinehurst stores now go for school construction.

A visitor at the meeting, Capt. A. R. McDaniel, said that he thought the town should hold out for what it had asked for, 25 per cent of the profits, and get all that was asked for or nothing. The councilmen, however, seemed to feel that the 10 per cent was the best that could be hoped for at present and that this was considerably more than the small allotment the town has been receiving from the ABC funds for law enforcement.

Plans were made by the council to confer with Aberdeen officials about a proposal for zoning outside town limits—another matter that would require action by the 1955 General Assembly. Some discussions of the matter have already taken place with a view to possible zoning to control development along No. 1 highway, between Southern Pines and Aberdeen.

Miss Ethel Jones Will Be Honored

Miss Ethel S. Jones, assistant cashier of the Citizens Bank & Trust Co., is retiring after more than 40 years of continuous service to the institution, according to an announcement made this week by N. L. Hodgkins, president.

Miss Jones, whose retirement took effect July 15, will continue to keep her home in Southern Pines. She and her sister, Miss Ella Jones, live at 130 N. Ashe St. Mr. Hodgkins in his announcement praised Miss Jones for her faithfulness and loyalty over a long period of years. "To many of our customers Miss Jones is the bank, and she will be greatly missed," Mr. Hodgkins added. The directors and staff of the bank are planning a picnic supper at Paint Hill Farm on Tuesday, July 20, honoring Miss Jones.

Grosses Express Appreciation

In a letter to Mayor Lloyd T. Clark, Brig. Gen. and Mrs. William M. Gross express their appreciation for the farewell dinner and program given in their honor last Friday.

The text of the letter follows: "Before I depart from Southern Pines, I want to thank you and the Service and Civic Clubs of Southern Pines for the very great honor you bestowed upon me last Friday. "Ruth and I have been station-

ed in many places, but we have never, and do not expect in the future, to have the opportunity of living in such a splendid community as this.

"We look forward to the day when we can return to enjoy the hospitality and friendship of you and all the fine citizens of Southern Pines. Please forward our sincere thanks and best wishes to Reverend Covell, Mr. Gamble and the participating Clubs."



HONORED—Brig. Gen. William M. Gross, right, receives from Mayor Lloyd T. Clark a framed and sealed resolution by the town council honoring the general for his cooperative services to the town while he was commandant of the USAF Air-Ground School here. Presentation was made during an outdoor program at the Southern Pines Country Club last Friday night. (Photo by Emerson Humphrey)

General, Riding In Engine, Given Lively Send-Off

Brig. Gen. W. M. Gross, USAF, ending a three-year tour as commandant of USAFAGOS, left for his new assignment Tuesday night riding high, wide and handsome in the cab of a diesel locomotive.

Through special arrangements made by local citizens who are friends of the Seaboard Air Line, "General Bill" was surprised to find himself ushered onto the engine of the Palmland, to "drive the train" to Raleigh.

In a Pullman, where he was to join her later, rode his wife Ruth. From New York he will fly to Germany Sunday, to his new post as deputy commander of the 12th Air Force. Mrs. Gross will go to California, where their two sons, Billy and Tommy, are visiting her family, and they will join General Gross at Ramstein, Germany, within two or three weeks.

At the station, to give their former commandant and his lady a real VIP send-off, was the entire staff of the USAF Air-Ground Operations school, also a large number of townspeople. They waved small flags bearing the letter "S," replicas of the "Sparkle flag" hoisted at the school when some special achievement is to be recognized. "Make it sparkle!" has been his typical command.

A huge sign borne by four staff members bore the words "Good Luck!"

General Gross held a brief review of the staff before the train pulled in, and made a short farewell speech. As The Palmland departed with its new engineer, the crowd sang "Auld Lang Syne."

In the gathering was the new commandant, Brig. Gen. Daniel W. Jenkins, with his wife and daughter. They arrived last weekend from Germany, where General Jenkins held the post General Gross will assume.

SERMON TOPIC

The Rev. William H. Hill, interim pastor at the Church of Wide Fellowship, will preach Sunday morning at the 11 o'clock service on the subject, "Until I Went Into the Sanctuary."

Service Clubs of Town Entertain Gen. & Mrs. Gross

Brig. Gen. William M. Gross, who admitted that he has a "bad case of Sandhills fever," was honored by civic clubs and other organizations with an outdoor supper last Friday night at the Country Club—along with Mrs. Gross and other Air-Ground School officers and their wives—before his departure for Germany Tuesday.

He had commanded the USAF Air-Ground Operations School in the Highland Pines Inn for the past three years. While storm clouds rolled up in the west and north, bringing early darkness and a threat of rain that held off until only minutes after the crowd had broken up, a bright half-moon could be seen in and out of clouds in the southeast behind the table where General and Mrs. Gross were seated, flanked by Mayor and Mrs. Lloyd T. Clark, the Rev. and Mrs. C. V. Covell, and Mr. and Mrs. David Gamble. Lights around the picnic shelter were turned on during the program.

Mr. Gamble, president of the Lions Club, presided during the brief program that followed a supper of fried chicken, baked beans, slaw, corn on the cob, hush puppies and iced tea. More than 200 persons filled to overflowing the picnic tables of the Southern Pines Country Club that were ranged on the lawn near the cooking and serving shed. The occasion was informal with military personnel dressed in civilian clothes. General Gross came in a boldly patterned colorful short-sleeved sport shirt and (Continued on page 8)

2,000 POUNDS TOBACCO PER ACRE?

Irrigation Opens New World Of Farming

Irrigation is proving its worth in Sandhills farming and may lead to vast improvements in production of tobacco, peaches and possibly other crops, E. H. Garrison, Moore County farm agent, said this week.

Citing the experience of a half dozen Moore farmers who have irrigation systems now operating on their land, Mr. Garrison said the possibilities of irrigation appear unlimited.

The process, which pumps water from farm storage ponds through light aluminum piping that can be taken up and re-installed at a desired location quickly, may lead to production of 2,000 pounds of tobacco per acre, the farm agent said.

According to J. A. Kelly of the Soil Conservation Service office, he and SCS County Supervisor Bill Austin are busy helping a number of Moore farmers plan the construction of farm ponds that will be used for irrigation purposes.

"We seem to be in a dry weather cycle," Mr. Kelly said. "Farmers are realizing that they can af-

ford irrigation if it will produce for them larger peaches and keep their tobacco from drying up, giving them increased yields and better prices."

Irrigation requires a source of water not too far from the fields to be treated, and, at present, it requires a considerable outlay of money for pumps, pipe, sprinkler heads and other equipment.

Typical of the systems is one on the Herman Matthews place at Clay Road Farms, costing about \$6,000, with which Mr. Matthews is irrigating about 20 acres of tobacco. The system treats about two and a quarter acres at one time, Mr. Garrison said. In three hours it will put one inch of water on an acre of land. The pump's motor burns about three gallons of gasoline per hour.

On the John Blue farm near Carthage a system costing about \$1,900 is being used on seven acres of tobacco.

Both operators report success with their efforts.

Contrast in size of irrigation systems is shown by the big system used by Howard Harrison of

Eagle Springs on a peach orchard. It uses a 125 horsepower motor, while the system at the Blue farm uses a 25 horsepower motor. Farm Agent Garrison says studies are being made in use of automobile and tractor motors for irrigation pumping and thinks that developments along this line may soon bring the procedures within the financial reach of many more farmers.

Other farmers in Moore County using irrigation include A. A. Goolsby near Union Church who has been irrigating for two years or more; J. D. Parker at Eagle Springs; and Clyde Auman of West End.

Irrigation is being used even more extensively in Lee County, it is reported. One Lee County man has come to Moore County to irrigate a farm here on a rental basis, putting one inch of water on an acre of land for \$25. The rental system may help to extend use of irrigation also, Garrison thinks.

The farm agent sees irrigation as one of the most interesting and promising developments in the county's farming.

General Jenkins Takes Over As Commandant Of School

Brig. Gen. Daniel W. Jenkins, USAF, Air-Ground Operations School at the Highland Pines Inn Monday, succeeding Brig. Gen. William M. Gross.

General Jenkins comes to Southern Pines from Ramstein, Germany, where he was deputy commander and chief of staff for the Twelfth Air Force. General Gross is succeeding him in this position and is now en route to Germany after leaving here Tuesday night.

General Jenkins and his wife who is the former Effie Murphy of Columbia, S. C., and their daughter, Patty Lynn, six and a half years old, arrived in Southern Pines last week. They are now living at the Southland Hotel until they find permanent quarters.

General Jenkins was born in Floydada, Texas, on August 5, 1907, and spent his early years in the Lone Star State. He attended West Texas Teachers College and Texas Technological College before entering flying school at March and Kelly Fields from which he graduated in 1929 as a second lieutenant and pilot.

During World War II, General Jenkins' assignments ranged from service with the Air Training Command, to a series of combat assignments with the Eighth Air Force, at that time stationed in England. He was wounded in combat over Belgium in a B-17 and was later a prisoner-of-war in Germany between August, 1943, and April, 1945. The 46-year-old general has been awarded the



GENERAL JENKINS

Legion of Merit, the Air Medal, and the Purple Heart.

A graduate of the Command and General Staff School in Leavenworth, Kansas, General Jenkins' post-war service included assignment with the staff of the National War College in Washington, D. C., which was followed by duty in Germany as Assistant Chief of Staff for Operations with Twelfth Air Force Headquarters in 1951.

General Jenkins was appointed brigadier general in September, 1952, and soon after was designated Deputy Commander and Chief of Staff for the Twelfth Air Force.

County Budget Estimate Shows Big Part Of Revenue Going To Schools

Tax Rate Remains 1.35; Non-Tax Revenue Is Lower

A summary of the Moore County 1954-55 budget estimate, published elsewhere in today's Pilot, shows that a tax rate of 1.35 and an estimated property valuation

of \$40,000,000—both the same as last year—are expected to produce \$485,364 for the county from taxes.

The theoretical amount that could be produced by the tax levy is \$539,294, but uncollectible taxes, commissions on collections and taxpayers' discounts are expected to reduce this to the \$485,364 figure.

Taxes, however, are expected to produce only a little more than half the revenue that will keep the governmental services of Moore County operating through the coming year.

Revenue "to be available other than the tax levy" is estimated at \$483,278, bringing the amount available for total budget requirements to \$968,642—about \$40,000 less than total requirements for last year.

Additional Revenue Sources of the additional revenue other than taxes are chiefly ABC store profits and fines and forfeitures in Moore County recorders court. ABC profits are declining over the state and the revenue in Moore County to be derived from other than the tax levy is estimated for the coming year at over \$100,000 less than it (Continued on Page 5)

Bids Asked On Moore Bridge, Highway Work

No. 1 Below Aberdeen To Be Dual Lane

Two projects of wide interest in this area are among 53 on which the State Highway Commission asked for bids this week.

They are a new bridge over the railroad at Vass, and converting No. 1 highway into a dual lane road between Aberdeen and Drowning Creek.

Contracts on the projects will be let July 27 and Highway Commissioners, including Forrest Lockey of Aberdeen, Eighth Division commissioner, will meet at Raleigh July 29 to review the low bids.

The No. 1 highway job calls for 6.17 miles of grading, paving and structures from a point just north of the Drowning Creek bridge to Aberdeen. Under the

same contract the existing surface of U. S. 1, which parallels the new work, will also be paved.

Commissioner Lockey said this week that it was found practical to use the old No. 1 and build a new road parallel to it, creating a dual lane highway that will be 55 feet from center to center of the two lanes between Aberdeen and Pinebluff and 100 feet, center to center, below Pinebluff to Drowning Creek.

The new construction will go no farther than Drowning Creek at present, as a new bridge over the creek is not included in the present contract.

Going through Pinebluff, the two lanes will merge to form a single roadway 72 feet wide.

The lane to be constructed will run all the way on the west side of the present highway. This will require moving several houses to give adequate right-of-way for the highway, Mr. Lockey said.

Also included in the projects on which bids are asked is hard-surfacing the "old" Southern Pines-Pinehurst road, which leaves Southern Pines at the baseball park and enters Pinehurst at the stables.

A bridge over Bear Creek on NC 705 near the north city limits of Robbins is the fourth Moore County project on which bids were asked this week.

17-Year-Old Held For 3 Break-Ins On No. 1 Highway

A 17-year-old youth, Robert Charles Wells of Perkinsville, N. Y., is in Carthage jail in default of \$1,500 bond for breaking into three business places along US Highway 1 early Sunday morning.

Officers H. F. Chandler and Drake Rogers spotted him in Ferguson's Sandwich Shop at the northern city limits while on routine patrol, and caught him as he came out of the back door. He had gained entrance by breaking a window.

Monday, it was found that the Dairy Mart near Lakeview and Danny's Grill near Cameron had also been broken into. Wells, then in jail, admitted this was his work. Fingerprints taken by the SBI at each place corroborated his story.

Visiting the places with Chief C. E. Newton, Wells demonstrated just how he had broken in. He had secured a total of a little over \$4 in change from his night's work.

The car he was using, which bore a Pennsylvania license, he said at first belonged to his brother but he later admitted he had stolen it while making his way from New York toward Florida.

At a hearing in Carthage, bond of \$500 was set on each of three counts for his appearance in superior court. He could not make bond and remains in jail at Carthage. The car will be turned over to Pennsylvania authorities, Chief Newton said.

Fire Destroys Aberdeen Plant Early Sunday

Fire of undetermined origin destroyed the "Linen White" washing solution manufacturing plant near Aberdeen on the Rose-land road early Sunday morning.

Robert N. Page, Jr., who operated the plant as Robert N. Page Co., Inc., estimated the loss at about \$25,000. The building was partially covered by insurance, it was reported, although the contents were not insured.

The Page company had resumed operation of the plant only a few weeks ago, after having regained ownership of the concern from a group to which the plant had been sold a few years ago. It had been operated by the purchasing group as Linen White, Inc.

The original portion of the building was built by M. L. Ponder in 1938. After acquiring the business, Mr. Page made two additions to the structure in 1944, making it a building of about 90 by 100 feet in size.



DR. PHILLIPS

WITH HOSPITAL — Dr. Charles A. S. Phillips, native of Chatham County and a 1938 graduate of Southern Pines High School, has joined the staff of Moore County Hospital, specializing in urology. He is a Phi Beta Kappa graduate of the University of North Carolina and received his medical degree from Northwestern University, Chicago. He and his family are living in the former Frank Buchanan home at the corner of Ashe St., and Massachusetts Ave.