

## Carthage Troop Wins Storey Cup For Scout Work

### Local Scoutmaster, Aberdeen Boy Given 'Gold Palm' Awards

The annual Storey Cup award for 1954 was presented to Troop 936 of Carthage in a Boy Scout court of honor held Monday at the Pinehurst Community Church. Voit Gilmore gave the W. M. Storey Memorial Trophy to Frank Bowen, Scoutmaster of Troop 936, in behalf of the 42 members. Awarding of the Cup is based on the "Ten-Test of Scouting" for the past year, and denotes the most outstanding troop in Moore District.

Other special awards went to Parks Garrison, of Troop 68, Aberdeen, and to Jerry Laude, Scoutmaster of Troop 224, Southern Pines. These were "Eagle Gold Palm" awards, awarded on a merit basis.

Star Scout advancements were given to Woodrow Lucas of Pinebluff, Robert Woodruff, Ikey Woodell and Tony Simmons of Troop 224, Southern Pines, and Guy Eanes and Henry Smith of Troop 936, Carthage. "Life Scout" badges were awarded Bobby Crissman and John W. McKinney also of Troop 936. "First Class" went to Richard Byrd and Harry Howie of Pinebluff and Jimmy Parks of Southern Pines.

The following received Second Class advancements: Reid Trogdan, Dennis Foster, Billy Blake, Charles Fowler, Joe Edwards, George Griffin and Leon Keith, of Troop 810, Vass; Bobby Tufts of Troop 7, Pinehurst; Phillip McMillers, Sterling Carrington, Annie Conrad and Freddie Pickler, of Troop 206, Pinebluff; Leonard Sanders of Troop 68, Aberdeen, and Ronald Ganis and Joe Garzik of Southern Pines; and also to the following members of the Carthage troop: Don Whitaker, Wayne Caddell, Archie McLeod, Wilbur Phillips, Bobby Kelly, Charles Brown, Lamar Chester, James Kirby, James Eanes and Edward Chappell.

Recipients of merit badges, in addition to the above, were Maurice Pickler and Tommy Bryant, Pinebluff; Willis Williams, Roy Harris and Marvin Melton of Robbins; Fred Schnell and Fred Tyner (Explorer apprenticeships, Pinebluff, Tony Simons, Bill Seymour, Gerard Laude, John Van Benschoten, Clelan May, Jimmy Caldwell, George Little, and Russell Simons of Southern Pines; and the following Carthage Scouts: Bobby Frye, Henry Smith, Tom Handy, Russell Flinchum, Guy Eanes, Tom McCaskill, Tommie and John Currie, Don McCallum, Douglas Handy, Woodrow Eldridge, Billy Barrett, Archie Kelly and Watson Dalrymple.

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## Pilot Wins Top Press Award

Winning first place for feature coverage in the weekly division of the annual journalism contests sponsored by the North Carolina Press Association, The Pilot shared in more than 50 awards presented to newspapers, editors and reporters of the State at Durham last Friday night.

Presentation was by Gov. Luther H. Hodges who, with Mrs. Hodges, attended the 22nd annual dinner given for N. C. Press Association by Duke University.

The Pilot's award was based on feature articles and news features in several editions published during 1954 and sent last fall for judging by the journalism depart-



**CLINGING SNOW**—Snow that fell Sunday afternoon and night stuck to everything it touched, creating a wonderland of beauty for persons arising Monday morning. At right, above, big cedar trees on Ashe St., between New York and Massachusetts Ave., droop with masses of snow on each limb. At left, each cluster of



pine needles bears its freight of snow and twigs of shrubs in the background are outlined in white, off New York Ave., north of May St. The snow soon melted on streets and highways and was gone from the trees by Monday night. (Pilot Staff Photos)

## Couple Injured During Snow In Road Collision

With the exception of a few minor bumps and skids, only one accident was reported as a result of last Sunday evening's fast-falling snow.

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Ritter of Bennett street, Southern Pines, both received slight concussions, and Mrs. Ritter was cut about the head, when the car in which they were riding was in collision on US Highway 1, between Southern Pines and Aberdeen. Both were taken to Moore County Hospital, and were expected to be discharged about the middle of the week.

The Ritters were passengers in a car driven by Martin Casper Ferguson, of Southern Pines, which, according to the State Highway Patrol report, was headed south at the height of the snowfall at about 7:30 p. m. Attempting to turn to the right, it was struck by a car coming along behind, driven by John Joseph Felicity of Raleigh, a soldier. The Ferguson car, struck on the left rear section, was knocked across a ditch and whirled completely around in the snow. The driver and several children who were in the car were not hurt.

The accident occurred on a downgrade. No arrest was made, said the investigating patrolman, attributing the mishap entirely to weather conditions.

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## Democrats Slate Raleigh Dinner

The headquarters of the 1955 Jefferson-Jackson Day Dinner of North Carolina's Democratic party has been opened at Raleigh for the organization of the annual get-together of party members at 7:30 p. m., February 5.

W. Lamont Brown, Moore County Democratic chairman, said that this county has been allotted six tickets. Democrats going to Raleigh from Moore will be listed in The Pilot next week.

The funds raised by the dinner, from the 100 counties of North Carolina, will be used for the support of the Democratic Party. The contribution quotas assigned to the county Democratic executive

committee chairmen are based on several factors, and proportionate dinner reservations are made available to the county chairmen on that basis, according to William B. Harrison of Rocky Mount, dinner chairman.

The dinner attendance is limited to 650 persons.

The speaker for the 1955 Jefferson-Jackson Dinner is Clinton P. Anderson, Secretary of Agriculture under the last national Democratic administration and presently U. S. Senator from New Mexico. His message at the dinner is expected to be highly significant to the people, and to the economy of North Carolina, Harrison said.

## Law Enforcement Officers Set Up New Association

Organization of the Moore County Law Enforcement Officers Association got under way Wednesday night at a meeting of court officials and officers of the various branches of law enforcement in the county held at the American Legion Hut near Carthage.

Sheriff C. J. McDonald was unanimously elected president of the new organization. Other officers chosen unanimously are: Chief C. E. Newton of Southern Pines, vice-president; Coroner Ralph G. Steed, of Robbins, secretary, and Assistant Chief Bob Yates, of Robbins, treasurer.

**Committee Named**  
Appointed by the president to serve as a committee on organizational procedures constitution and bylaws were Solicitor W. Lamont Brown, Southern Pines; State Highway Patrol Cpl. M. S. Parvin, Carthage, and Yates.

They will prepare a report with recommendations within 30 days.

Serving as chairman until the group could elect officers was Yates, who came to Robbins from Richmond county last September as assistant chief. He explained the purposes and benefits of such an association and called on various persons present for comments and suggestions.

## Game To Benefit March of Dimes

The Pinehurst Lions Club's basketball team was to play the Southern Pines "town team" in the local gym Thursday at 8 p. m. Saturday night at 8, the Lions will play host to the Robbins Lions Club team, to raise money for the March of Dimes, in the Pinehurst High School gym.

There will be no admission charge to the Saturday night game at Pinehurst but spectators will be given a chance to contribute to the March of Dimes campaign.

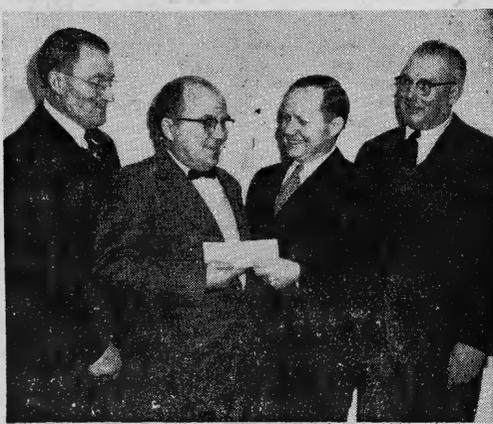
## March of Dimes Nears End With Funds Still Short

With the March of Dimes deadline January 31, one more county community this week achieved its quota, and from three larger ones with quotas of \$1,000 or over came word that they were "about two-thirds of the way along."

**Paul Butler, county chapter chairman and also local drive chairman in Southern Pines, said this week that Mrs. Virginia Saunders is heading the March of Dimes in West Southern Pines. All persons there wishing to donate are asked to get in touch with Mrs. Saunders who, said Mr. Butler, "did an excellent job" last year.**

Jackson Springs has reached its \$100 quota, reported Mrs. Kimes Blake, chairman, adding that she expects additional collections to boost her final report higher. This is the second Moore community to go over the top. Farm Life was the first.

Aberdeen, Pinehurst and Carthage are all hovering around the \$700 mark. Their chairmen, reporting separately, all said "the going is slow" but they are confident the quota will be made.



**CLUB AIDS FUND**—A \$500 donation from the Pinehurst Lions Club this week swelled the building fund of Moore County Hospital. Dr. John C. Grier, Jr., of Pinehurst, on behalf of the club, is handing the check to Jack M. Taylor of Aberdeen, hospital president. At left is C. E. Swearingen and at right, J. J. Haffler, both members of the club's health committee. (Photo by Hefner Shop)

## Funds Approved To Move USAF Air-Ground School To Keesler

### Suspended Term Given Mitchell In Old Murder Case

Lonnie Mitchell, Niagara Negro who was defendant in the only murder case on the docket of the current criminal term of Moore Superior Court at Carthage, pled nolo contendere to manslaughter Tuesday and was sentenced to two years on the roads, which were then suspended.

He pleaded self-defense, in that he shot his neighbor, Onnie Davis, as Davis was chasing him with a drawn sword.

John Dowdy, also a neighbor, who had been with Mitchell and Davis at a nearby store—but who departed their company hastily when the sword-chase began—testified to hearing the shot, and finding the body of Davis lying in the moonlight beside the sword. Where the sword came from, or why Davis used it as a threat, if not actually a weapon, has been a mystery since the violent death occurred in the fall of 1953.

Judge Allen H. Gwyn, assessing costs against Mitchell, suspended the road sentence for five years on condition he be of good behavior, work regularly, support his family and otherwise "be a good citizen." In his judgment he noted that it appeared the defendant "had no previous record of heinous offenses; that he acted in self-defense (possibly imperfectly); that upon trial by jury the possibilities are that an acquittal would be had; that the deceased made an unprovoked attack upon him, and that the court is of the (Continued on Page 8)

### Warning Given On Breaking Street Lights Near Inn

Somebody has been breaking the pedestal street light globes on Massachusetts Ave., in front of the Highland Pines Inn, James Hartshorne, resident manager of the property said this week. He said he wrote a letter to Mayor L. T. Clark Wednesday, informing him of the situation.

The street lights at this location are owned by the Stitzer Hotel Co., which leases the Highland Pines Inn to the USAF Air-Ground Operations School, said Mr. Hartshorne. Each replacement of a globe costs \$8.

The manager said that some of the lights were broken around Halloween but that the vandalism has continued at intervals, with breakage occurring both this week and last week.

The incidents have been reported to the police, he said, and he is receiving the cooperation of Chief C. E. Newton. Investigation is continuing and persons found responsible for the past or future breakage will be prosecuted.

### 1954 CAR TAGS EXPIRE MONDAY

The line will be forming this weekend at the office of the Southern Pines Chamber of Commerce. Monday, it will reach its longest length. If you're smart, or lucky, or both, and already have your 1955 auto tags, you needn't read any further—you won't be there.

A lot of people will, though—there always are, says Miss Alice Baxter, Chamber secretary.

"We'll do our best to serve everyone as rapidly as possible," Miss Baxter said this week. "We're selling licenses from 9 a. m. to 4 p. m. each day—and this week, that includes Saturday too. But there are going to be some people on the end of the line who are going to be mighty disappointed."

Monday will be the last day motorists can drive legally on a 1954 plate.

### Hospital Drive Active In Area; Ball February 8

Donald D. Kennedy of Southern Pines who is heading the Moore County Hospital building fund drive in the Southern Pines area, said this week that "people are responding wonderfully."

Assisting in the solicitation of hospital giving are sub-chairmen of districts into which the Southern Pines area has been divided. They include: Maj. Gen. Julian F. Barnes, Mrs. Katherine N. McColl Healy, W. P. Saunders and Garland McPherson.

Pointing out that there is a greater proportion of admittances to Moore County Hospital from Southern Pines than from any other community in the county Mr. Kennedy said that the scale of giving from this area should be proportionately greater.

The chairman has been speaking to civic clubs in connection with the drive and said he and other members of the committee are seeing residents of the community as fast as possible. Interested persons are asked to get in touch with him at telephone 2-7215, which is not listed in the directory, or to see any member of the area committee.

**Directors Meet**  
At a meeting of hospital directors Tuesday afternoon, preliminary plans for an addition and alterations at the hospital were shown and progress of the drive was discussed.

The hospital is seeking more than \$100,000—which will then make some \$200,000 in state and federal funds available. The campaign began with a \$50,000 gift from Mr. and Mrs. H. Arnold Jackson of Pinehurst, for construction of a new emergency department. More than \$25,000 has been given or pledged since the Jackson gift.

**Charity Ball**  
Mrs. Jackson has accepted the honorary chairmanship of the charity ball to be given by the hospital auxiliary at the Pinehurst Country Club Tuesday night, February 8, it was announced this week by Mrs. James W. Tufts of Pinehurst and Mrs. (Continued on Page 5)

### 3-Way Tie Features Tin Whistles Event

In the Tin Whistles Club tournament at Pinehurst Wednesday, a medal play, best ball of all four partners event, the winning foursome was the Earl of Carrick, Donald D. Cooke, Benjamin F. Kraffert, Jr. and Wallace W. Simpson 30-30-60-2-58. There were three ties for second place: Gordon H. Clark, E. G. B. Riley, John von Schlegell, and C. L. von Tacky, 30-33-63-2-61; Robinson Cook, Daniel O. Delany, Frederick A. Landis and Captain George F. Shearwood, 31-32-63-2-61; and E. S. Blodgett, Kenneth C. Kennedy, Richard D. Chapman and General Albert L. Snead 30-33-63-2-61.

### Exact Date Can't Now Be Anticipated

Air Force Headquarters at Washington, D. C., has given "final approval" of necessary funds to re-establish the USAF Air-Ground Operations School at Keesler Air Force Base, Miss.

Brig. Gen. Daniel W. Jenkins, commandant of the school which is now quartered in the Highland Pines Inn here, told The Pilot Thursday that this information had been received Wednesday from Tactical Air Command headquarters at Langley Field, Va.

The exact date on which the move to Keesler would begin cannot be anticipated with accuracy at present, General Jenkins said. The Air Force lease of the Highland Pines Inn from the Stitzer Hotel Co. runs out June 30 of this year.

Considerable renovation of existing facilities at Keesler must be accomplished to adapt them to the requirements of the school, it was stated.

It is quite possible that the school will stay out the duration of its lease here, General Jenkins said, but the move "might come earlier or later." Under the Air Force lease, a 60-day notice is required on the part of the Air Force prior to the school's departure.

The proposed move was announced several months ago, but it remained indefinite pending approval of funds for the Keesler (Continued on page 8)

### SVA To Start Campaign For Nurse Project

The ninth annual nurse scholarship campaign of the Sandhills Veterans Association will begin next week when letters will be sent to residents throughout the county asking for funds that will provide a full three-year nurse's training course for one or more qualified Moore County high school graduates.

The SVA—composed of some two dozen World War 2 veterans—is a non-profit corporation whose chief project is the annual nurse scholarship. One or two such scholarships have been awarded each year since the project began in 1947.

In announcing the campaign this week, SVA Chairman Watson G. Scott, Jr., of Southern Pines, said that Richard Greer of Aberdeen has been designated drive chairman for 1954.

Community chairmen for areas of the county are: Southern Pines, Ralph Chandler, Jr.; Pinehurst, Thomas R. Howerton; Aberdeen-Pinebluff, Jere McKeithen; Carthage, Voit Gilmore; Robbins, Bert Premo; Vass-Lakeview and Cameron, Max Forrest; West End, Eagle Springs and Jackson Springs, Mr. Scott.

A panel of doctors, nurses, educators and hospital authorities chooses a scholarship winner—or two, if contributions warrant a second choice—from applicants in the 1954 graduating classes of high schools in the county.

### Educo Club Maps County Tourney

Coach Lewis Alexander of Carthage High School, chairman of the Moore County athletic committee, announced at an Educo Club meeting Monday night at Farm Life High School that the Moore County basketball coaches will meet February 15, in Carthage at 4 p. m. to draw up pairings for the annual Moore County Basketball Tournament.

The classic will be held in the new Robbins High School gymnasium February 18, 19 and 21-26 with 11 schools in the county participating.

All basketball coaches are urged to be present at this meeting and to get team information for the tournament program to Coach Rex Gordon, of Robbins, as soon as possible.