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## Town Recreation Sets New Record In Participation

### Events End Monday But Lake Guard To Remain To Sept. 5

The 1955 municipal summer recreation program will end Monday, Director Irie Leonard pointed out today, following record-breaking participation by adults and youngsters in a wide variety of outdoor and indoor activities since June 13.

Mr. Leonard stressed that the Southern Pines lake off Midland Road will continue to have a qualified lifeguard, Jimmy Menzel, on duty from 1 to 6 p.m. through September 5.

The West Southern Pines recreation program will wind up Monday with athletic tournaments from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. and an exhibit of articles made in Mrs. Stubbs' knitting class, from 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m., said J. C. Hasty, director.

E. T. Clark and Mr. Hasty will supervise the tournament competition in croquet, tennis, horse shoes and ping pong on the West Southern Pines school campus.

The exhibit will put on display such knitted articles as sweaters, skirts, scarves, stoles, caps, pocketbooks, dollies and gloves.

"We are very grateful to the Recreation Committee for making the fund available for our recreational program," said the West Southern Pines director, "and to Mr. Walden for permitting us to use his lake."

### Draws Most Interest

Director Leonard said that the adult softball league—a new feature of the summer recreation program this year—drew more interest than any one feature of the summer's schedule. The Holiday's and Air-Ground School teams play their second game of a championship series tonight at Memorial Field.

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## Football Practice Starts Next Week; Boys Urged Report

Football practice for the defending state six-man champions, of Southern Pines, will start at 9 a. m. Thursday of next week, Head Coach Irie Leonard announced today.

All high school boys and boys enrolling in Southern Pines High School for the first time—either as transfer students or up from Junior High School—are urged to report at the field house to draw equipment next Thursday.

All boys planning to report are asked to get their physical examinations before practice starts. This is very important, Coach Leonard said.

Several lettermen are expected back this year, but Coach Leonard expects all boys interested in football to report for practice. "The younger boys will be the Blue Knight stars of the future," he said.

An attractive schedule for this year—to be announced next week—features six home games, including the opener with Maxton, Friday night, September 9. Two games away are scheduled.

All home games this year will be played on Friday nights, starting at 8 p. m.

## USAF TEAM WINS FIRST OF SERIES

Barring an interruption by Hurricane Connie, the second game of the two out of three series between Holiday's Chicks and the USAF Air-Ground School teams, for the local softball championship, will be played tonight (Thursday) at 8 o'clock on Memorial Field. A preliminary ladies' game, also second in a series, will feature the ladies' All-Stars and the Hill Top Jokers at 7 p. m. The All-Stars beat the Jokers 7-4 on Tuesday.

In the opener of the men's series Tuesday night, the Air-Ground School defeated Holiday's, 9-4.

If Holiday's Chicks win tonight, final game of the series is set for Friday at 8 p. m.



**HEAVY DAMAGES**—Mrs. Leo J. DeLoria of Southern Pines, driver of the 1953 Oldsmobile shown at left, was reported recovering at St. Joseph's Hospital this week from injuries received when her car was in a head-on collision with the trailer-truck at right of picture. The wreck occurred on No. 1 highway, north of Southern Pines, Sunday of last week. This

photo was made by a highway patrolman not long after the accident. Property damage was estimated at \$2,500 for the car and \$7,000 for the truck and trailer. The truck driver was not hurt. Mrs. DeLoria's left arm was broken and she suffered multiple contusions of the knees. Her injuries required a three-hour operation.

## TO MEET THIRD TUESDAYS

### PTA Sets Programs For Coming Year

The Southern Pines Parent-Teacher Association will hold its first meeting of the new school year on Thursday, September 15, at 8 p. m. in the school auditorium, the executive board announces. The Board also announces a change in the time of meeting from the fourth Thursday in each month to the third Thursday.

The program committee, composed of Dr. R. M. McMillan, chairman, Jimmy Hobbs, incoming president, Mrs. Nancy Manley, first vice-president, Mrs. W. P. Davis, and A. C. Dawson, school superintendent, met last Friday night and outlined the following programs for the school year:

September—"What Kind of Home-School Partnership Do We Want?"

October—"Free From Physical Hazards."

November—"What Is Happening In Education?" with emphasis on remedial reading.

December—Christmas Music.

January—"Juvenile Protection."

February—Parent-Teacher panel on "Extracurricular Activities."

March—"Curricular Guidance."

April—"Arts, Crafts and Hobbies For Fun."

May—Election of officers and annual reports. Speakers and details to be announced.

It was decided to have a question box at each meeting, in which people can drop questions on any matter, and these will be discussed at the following meeting.

## Teacher List Is Complete; Schools To Open Sept. 7

Appointment of Miss Henrietta McIver of Lee County as one of three third-grade teachers in Southern Pines elementary school completes the list of teachers for the coming year. All other elementary and high school teachers for 1955-'56 were named in last week's Pilot.

Schools in East and West Southern Pines will open Wednesday, September 7. A typographical error in last week's Pilot listed the day incorrectly as September 3, although the correct date appeared in a headline.

A. C. Dawson, superintendent of local schools, this week was attending the superintendent's conference at Mars Hill.

## Oct. 16 Set As Birth Date In School Entry Law

Attention is called this week by County Supt. of Schools H. Lee Thomas to the fact that a child, to enter the first grade in September, must be six years old not later than October 16, instead of October 1 as announced last week.

The State Board of Education meeting last Thursday restored the sixth-birthday limit to October 16, the same as in previous years.

The limit had been moved up 15 days by the General Assembly, in a new law which also contained a provision that the date could be changed by the State Board of Education if it so desired. The new date would have cut down the size of the first grade classes by a small number for this year, which the State Board apparently decided would solve no real problems for the schools and might create new ones.

So, as before, youngsters who will become six years old on or before October 16 will enter the first grade this fall.

## Teaching Staffs Well Lined Up

Teaching staffs of schools in the Moore County system were well lined up by the first of this week, with only eight vacancies still existing, said Supt. H. Lee Thomas of Carthage.

There were two vacancies at the Cameron school, two at Robbins, two at Westmore and two at Highfalls, all of which he anticipated would soon be filled.

Most of the schools' former teachers, and all but one of the principals, are returning. The departing principal is R. E. Sigmon, who is leaving the Cameron school to go to the Endy school in Stanley county. He is being replaced at Cameron by T. K. Holmes, principal at Highfalls for the past three years. Taking Holmes' place at Highfalls will be Harold F. Rickman, who has been teaching there for the past several years.

## Belvedere Hotel To Be Managed By C. A. McLaughlin

J. Addison Smith, retired building contractor, of Greensboro, who owns the Belvedere Hotel here, said this week that he has signed a five-year lease for operation of the hotel with C. A. McLaughlin of Southern Pines, effective September 1.

Mr. McLaughlin, who operates the Style Mart men's and boys' clothing store located in the hotel building, will be active manager of the hotel, Mr. Smith said.

The present managers, A. C. Reed and his sister, Miss Helen Reed, will retire from the hotel business at the end of this month. They have a new home here and will continue to live in Southern Pines.

Mr. Smith said that extensive interior and exterior improvements will be undertaken at the Belvedere which is located on the corner of Pennsylvania Ave. and S. W. Broad St. Work on the improvements will start soon.

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## \$450,000 Hospital Project Now Has Federal Approval

Final approval of federal aid in a \$450,000 building and improvement program at Moore County Hospital was received by hospital officials this week from the U. S. Public Health Service, Tom Howerton, administrator, said today.

The information came in a telegram and confirming letter from Rep. C. B. Deane, he said. Combined with approval by the State Medical Care Commission, received previously and also restated this week, the federal action means full and final approval for the whole project.

Half the funds for the project will come from federal aid, 14.4 per cent from the state and the remainder from donated local funds which are on hand.

## NEWS PHOTO DRAWS LETTERS OF PROTEST

### Puppy Here Center Of National Attention

A little mongrel puppy that was sent to Southern Pines from California last week has touched off a nation-wide storm of protest, after an Associated Press photo showed an unhappy boy saying good-bye to the dog at an airport.

Published over the nation, the photo depicts Rod Wilson, 11, with head bent and grieving expression and the puppy, Smokey, half in his shipping crate on which is printed, "Please Feed My Dog."

Clipplings of the photo, with comments and a few long letters have been received by The Pilot during the past week, all protesting, in varying degrees of emotion, the action that parted the boy and the dog. Letters came from San Francisco, Baltimore, Indiana, Illinois, Missouri, Arizona, and Allentown, Pa.

The caption of the pictures states that the pup was claimed from an animal shelter at Burbank, Calif., by the boy "when its former owner died" and that it

was being sent to the man's mother in Southern Pines, at her request.

Local inquiry revealed that the pup's owner had been Calvert Wilson, former Southern Pines resident who died a tragic death in the Mojave Desert in California, in June. He was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank H. Wilson of Southern Pines.

During the three days that Mr. Wilson was lost in the desert, when his jeep stalled and he died trying to get aid for his companions and himself, the pup was in business location where it was found by Roderick J. Wilson (no relation to the local family), a friend and associate of Calvert Wilson.

Mrs. Clyde Phipps of Southern Pines, sister of Mr. Wilson who resides with her parents at 175 W. Connecticut Ave., told The Pilot that Roderick J. Wilson had called her and told her he was sending

## Highway Commission Advertises For Bids On Local By-Pass Work

### Letting Of Contracts Set Aug. 23

The State Highway Commission this week advertised for bids on the No. 1 highway by-pass project here.

Contract for the job is scheduled to be let Tuesday, August 23. Highway commissioners will meet Thursday, August 25, in Raleigh to canvass the low bids received.

While it was known that Forrest Locke of Aberdeen, 8th Division highway commissioner, was trying to push the by-pass work through as soon as possible, there was no previous assurance that it would be on the August letting. Officials here were highly pleased when this was revealed this week.

The work will involve 5.19 miles of grading and structures in relocating No. 1 highway from a point, on the south, at the Fairway Motor Court to a junction with the present No. 1 highway

south of Skyline and north of Southern Pines. The by-pass route follows the McDeed's Creek ravine between East and West Southern Pines.

The town council has previously approved the by-pass route which was laid out by highway engi-

neers as the best that could be found in this area for eliminating the May Street traffic bottleneck in Southern Pines.

The project is one of 17 on which the State this week advertised for bids—and the only project of the 17 in this area.

## Connie Heading To Sandhills?

To what extent Hurricane Connie would affect this area could not be predicted at noon today.

The 11 a. m. hurricane advisory of the Weather Bureau at Miami placed the storm 110 miles south, southeast of Wilmington, moving north, northwest at six or seven miles per hour.

Central pressure of the storm was reported reduced; also said its center, then reported as 100 miles per hour. The storm was slated to hit the coast between Myrtle Beach and Wilmington tonight.

Brig. Gen. Pearson Menoher, chairman of the disaster committee of the Moore County Red Cross chapter, early this afternoon asked that Red Cross disaster personnel stand by and be available by telephone tonight and tomorrow.

Garland McPherson, chairman of the Red Cross chapter, said that the chapter is ready to meet the challenge of the hurricane if it hits this area.

Col. Don Madigan, local Civil Defense director, was out of town on vacation.

The Pinehurst-Southern Pines squadron of the Civil Air Patrol has been alerted, along with the entire North Carolina Wing of the CAP, to be ready to render assistance where needed. Portable electric generating equipment of the local squadron is one of its most valuable assistance items.

Col. C. H. Burkhead, local "ham" radio operator, told The Pilot this week that the amateur operators of the State have organized a net that will handle emergency calls only when the hurricane strikes. Operator of Station W4GTH, the colonel said that he had been in contact with amateurs up and down the coast.

## County Proud Of Little Leaguers In Title Effort

After a gallant 9-8 victory over Raleigh Little Leaguers Tuesday, the Moore County Little League All-Stars lost their bid for the State title Wednesday when Gastonia rolled over the Moore boys, 14-2, at Freedom Park in Charlotte.

Moore County's scoring came in the sixth inning when Ronnie Gilmore of Robbins belted a two-run homer, with two outs. The clout spoiled a possible shutout for Gastonia's Phil Nolen.

Gastonia goes to the regional playoffs at Rome, Ga. Winner there will take part in the "Little World Series" at Williamsport, Pa.

The Moore County State runners-up come home to meet the pride of the local fans, however. The All-Stars, picked from the Southern Pines, Pinehurst, Carthage and Robbins teams of the Moore County Little League, defeated the Aberdeen League All-Stars, then, at Hickory, setting

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## E. B. McDonald Re-Elected Head Of Legion Post

Edgar Benford McDonald of Southern Pines, commander of Sandhill Post 134, American Legion, was re-elected at a meeting Tuesday night to serve as commander for 1956, reports Lloyd L. Woolley, Legion adjutant.

Serving as 1st Vice Commander will be Henry L. Graves, and 2nd Vice Commander Alden G. Bowler. Installations will not be made until the third Tuesday in September, date of the next meeting.

Other officers and positions are (Continued on Page 8)

## Sandhill Invitational Tennis Tourney To Attract Net Stars Here Next Week

The Eighth Annual Sandhill Invitational Tennis Tournament will be held next Wednesday through Saturday, bringing some of the top players of several states to the local courts.

While most of the official entries will not be in until this week end, it is anticipated that both defending champions will be on

hand, fighting to keep the trophies they retained in tough contests a year ago.

Bill Umstaeder of Abbeville, S. C., eighth-ranked men's singles player in the South, has two titles on the W. M. Storey Memorial trophy and is expected to try a third win and permanent session. His chief challenger will be the same as last year—Daniel, who has in the interim climbed to sixth ranking, notches above Umstaeder.

Merly of Columbia, S. C., D. has recently moved to Gastonia and will rate as a Tar Heel entry.

Audrey West Brown of Southern Pines, who last year won the women's singles trophy for the third time, becoming its permanent owner, will defend her title in her bid for the new cup. Her trophy is donated by Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Brown, parents of Audrey, and, like her, founding members of the sponsoring Sandhill Tennis association.

She may have rough going, as entries now on hand include two topflight women players who will be participating in the Sandhill tournament for the first time. These are Louise Fowler and Evelyn Cowan, of Covington, Ga., champion women's doubles team of their state, each high-ranked in singles in the South.

Also expected to return to the local courts is 17-year-old Janie Haynie, of Belton, S. C., who copied the Junior Sandhill singles trophy here last month and went on the following week to defeat Audrey Brown in finals of the North Carolina Open at Asheville. Audrey beat Janie in semifinals of the South Carolina Open in June.

Among well-known men players expected to return to the 1955 Sandhill Invitational are Whit Cobb, of Durham, former state intercollegiate champion, now pres-

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## Woman Charged In Shooting Of Roy Horne, 55

Roy Fred Horne, 55, of Lakeview, was reported recovering in Moore County Hospital this week from two pistol wounds in his chest and a third wrist wound.

Elsie Elizabeth Cummings, 31, sister of Horne's, 32-year-old wife is under \$500 bond, charged with the shooting which took place about 8 a. m. Monday in the small grocery store that Horne operates at Vass. She has been employed at the store.

Details of the shooting are vague. The woman, unmarried and a member of Horne's household for around 14 years, is quoted as saying that Horne drew the pistol, a .38 caliber gun, on her and that she knocked it from his hand, recovered it, and admitted, shot him.

Persons who reached the scene early reported Horne as saying that he did not want her punished, that he was to blame.

Arrested Tuesday morning on a charge of felonious assault with a deadly weapon inflicting serious and permanent injury, the woman was placed in jail at Carthage for about an hour, until bond was made.

A warrant charging Horne with assault with a deadly weapon by pointing a pistol at Elsie Elizabeth Cummings has been issued, a spokesman for the sheriff's office reports, but had not been served up to Tuesday afternoon because of Horne's condition.

Police Chief A. R. Laubscher of Vass and Deputy Sheriff A. W. Lambert investigated.

## MRS. LUCAS, 74 KILLED BY AUTO

Mrs. Nellie Clossy Lucas, 74, was instantly killed when she was struck by an automobile Wednesday night near her home in the Roseland community, Aberdeen, Route 1.

She is survived by her husband, R. L. Lucas; three daughters and one son.

Requiem mass will be sung at the Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Pinehurst, at 9 a. m. Saturday by Father Trotter.

Investigating officers could not be reached for further information this morning.

## Truck Takes Dip Into Local Lake

James Hutchins, 30-year-old white man of Carthage, took an unexpected cool-off in the Southern Pines lake commonly known as the Swan pond last Monday, when the 1952 Dodge pickup truck which he was driving went out of control on the down grade, struck Life Guard Jimmy Menzel's car, parked on the shoulder of the road, and went into the lake.

Hutchins, who was headed west on Highway 2, came through uninjured. He was placed in jail to be tried in recorders court on charges of careless and reckless driving causing an accident where property damage was done and having no valid operator's license.

Damage to Menzel's car was estimated at around \$175.