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THE CHAMPS!—Holliday's Chicks, winners of the Adult Softball League playoffs, are pictured with Mascots Larry (left) and Kenny Holliday in the foreground. Kneeling, left to right, C. A. McLaughlin, utility and coach; Jimmy Davenport, left field; Harry Chatfield, pitcher; Bill Wilson, center field; Dr. Boyd Starnes, second base; and Joe Garzik, right field. Standing, same order; Billy Davis, catcher; Tom Cunningham, first base; Irie Leonard, third base; Chick Holliday, manager; Dr. Delamar Mann, pitcher; Clyde Dunn, Jr., shortstop; and Raul Morales, pitcher. Drake Rogers, also a squad member, could not be in the picture. (Photo by Humphrey)

Diane Brushes Area Lightly; Rain Is Heavy

Hurricane Diane, like her sister Connie last week, passed the Sandhills by at a comfortable distance to the east Wednesday, although it looked early that morning as if the storm was headed straight for the Sandhills. In this area, Diane brought a soaking rain that totaled 3.69 inches in the 36 hours preceding Thursday morning, according to information from the official Weather Bureau instruments at Radio Station WEEB. The weather observation equipment recently was moved to the radio station from town hall. Gusts of fairly strong wind were felt here throughout Wednesday, but no damage has been reported to The Pilot and there was no interruption of utility service in this area. While there may have been some damage to crops in Moore County, the winds and rain of Diane were not strong enough in this area to create the severe crop destruction that was the hurricane's most telling blow to Eastern North Carolina. As with Connie, last week, Red Cross, Civil Defense, town and other officials in this area were ready for Diane in case the storm struck with destructive fury. The communications division of the Moore County Civil Air Patrol was called at 11 p. m. Monday to proceed at once with the local squadron's mobile radio truck, to Burgaw where they set up CAP Radio Station Red Dog 54 at the city hall to handle hurricane messages to the Charlotte (Continued on page 8)

WAGE INCREASE

Production employees in the Area B plants of Amerotron Corporation—which include the Aberdeen and Robbins mills in Moore County—will get a five-cents per hour wage increase, starting Monday. The increase was announced this week by Frank Roberts of Southern Pines, vice-president of Amerotron in charge of Area B. Other plants at which the increase will become effective Monday are those at Raeford, Red Springs and Clarksville, Va.

Guardsmen Start Tank Training At Camp Stewart, Ga.

Under command of Capt. William J. Wilson, Moore County National Guardsmen this week began a two-week intensive training session at Camp Stewart, Ga. They left Southern Pines in a truck convoy at 8 a. m. Sunday. The current training period is the first since the local Guard unit became a tank company—part of the 130th tank battalion. The change from an anti-aircraft unit took place when North Carolina acquired the entire 30th Infantry Division, of which the 130th tank battalion is now a part. With the Southern Pines unit at Camp Stewart are companies of the 130th tank battalion from Red Springs, Raeford, St. Pauls and Lumberton. The 130th is at Camp Stewart because of its tank training facilities, but the remainder of the 30th Division is at Fort Bragg for its summer training period.

Holliday's Wins Championship In Softball League

Before a crowd estimated at almost 1,000 persons, Holliday's Chicks copped the Adult Softball League championship by defeating the USAF Air-Ground Operations School team 7-4 in the third game of a two out of three series at Memorial Field Monday night. The contest that clinched the title saw a brilliant pitcher's duel between Raul Morales, southpaw for Holliday's, and George Norris, right-hander of the Air-Ground School. The Air-Ground School led 3-1 at the top of the fifth inning, but then Holliday's Chicks exploded for three runs and went ahead, 4-3, when Irie Leonard homered with two men on. In the sixth frame, the Air-Ground School tied the score. In the top of the seventh, Holliday's scored three runs on hits by Irie Leonard and Dr. Boyd Starnes. Morales allowed only five hits. The ladies All-Stars staged a short exhibition contest with the Hilltop Jokers before the feature contest.

Following the game, League Commissioner Carl E. Holt and C. S. Patch, Jr., presented to W. B. (Chick) Holliday, manager of the winning team, a handsome trophy on behalf of Buster's Sport Shop which is owned and operated by Mr. Patch, and also gold basketballs to all squad members. A runner-up trophy, given by C. A. McLaughlin on behalf of the Style Mart store, of which he is proprietor, was not received in time for presentation Monday night, but was given to Sgt. George Rasar, manager of the Air-Ground School team, for the team, the following day. Monday night's deciding game was played after the two top teams had tied for the league lead, with five wins and one loss each, at the end of the regular season, and then had each taken a game in the playoffs. In the opener of the playoffs Tuesday of last week, the Air-Ground School set back Holliday's Chicks, 9-4. The second game, scheduled for Thursday night was rained out until Saturday night when Holliday's rallied and (Continued on page 8)

Work Begins On New Building

Work was begun Tuesday on foundations for a new building adjoining the A & P store on the east and fronting on Pennsylvania Ave. The one-story block and brick structure is being built by H. L. Brown for an office supply business that will be managed by his daughter, Miss Audrey West Brown. E. V. Perkinson of Southern Pines is the contractor. With a frontage of 30 feet and a depth of 60 feet, the building will have a brick front and block side and rear walls. Completion is expected in from 60 to 90 days, Mr. Brown said.

Post Office To Cut Personnel, Reduce Service

Slash In National Budget Reflected; Cooperation Asked

A nation-wide economy drive in the Post Office Department is resulting in personnel and service curtailments at the Southern Pines post office, Postmaster Garland Pierce said this week. A \$13 million slice off the national budget of the Department includes \$1 million in the Atlanta region under which the Southern Pines post office operates—meaning about a seven per cent cut in funds for the local office as compared to the amount previously allotted. On top of this, the postmaster said, postal sales at the local office have dropped off \$1,326.14 for the first seven months of 1955 as compared with a similar period in 1954—and the Post Office Department says that a drop in postal sales must be made up by a corresponding reduction of expenditures at the office concerned.

Here is how the economy moves will affect the local post office: 1. Starting next week, the windows will be closed after 12:30 p. m. each Wednesday. Windows have previously been closed after 12:30 p. m. Saturdays. 2. The services of substitute clerks and carriers have been dispensed with "for the foreseeable future." 3. Personnel of the post office will "combine assignments and consolidate duties." 4. Post office windows will not all be manned at all times of the day. At slack times, one clerk will handle the services of various windows, although all windows will remain open.

In regard to the substitute clerks and carriers (there have been two such clerks and one such carrier), Postmaster Pierce explained that these three substitutes have worked regularly in the post office on a part-time basis. (Continued on page 8)



MR. McNEILL

Rites Held Today For W. H. McNeill, Local Businessman

Funeral services were held this morning at Brownson Memorial Presbyterian Church for William Henry McNeill, 73, who died Tuesday at Moore County Hospital. The Rev. C. K. Ligon, pastor, officiated. Burial was at Union Church cemetery, between Vass and Carthage. Active pallbearers were W. L. Baker, Howard Butler, Cyrus O. Butler and Virgil Clark, all of Southern Pines; and Curtis Dowdy and John C. Muse of Sanford. Honorary pallbearers were the elders of Brownson Memorial Presbyterian Church and Union Presbyterian Church. Mr. McNeill, a leading businessman of this area for many years, succumbed after a critical illness of four days, but had been in poor health for some time. He was stricken late Friday afternoon while in the Modern Market on Broad St. and was taken to Moore (Continued on page 8)

Hoke's Little River Pupils To Continue At Schools In Moore

Compromise Reached In Controversy



JUDGE SUSIE SHARP, left, North Carolina's only woman superior court judge, and Mrs. Blanche McQuage of Monroe, court stenographer, leave the Moore County courthouse at Carthage, on their way to lunch. Judge Sharp is making her first official visit to Moore county, presiding over this week's term of criminal court. (Photo by V. Nicholson)

Judge Sharp Well Received In First Term On Superior Court Bench Here

Marriage Annulment Granted Girl Who Was Wed At Age 12

See pages 13 and "B" for more Superior Court news.

Judge Susie Sharp of Reidsville, whose visit to the county had been awaited with curiosity, made a splendid impression Monday on the first day of her first term of Moore County Superior Court. Looking as feminine as any pleasant housewife, she conducted her court with serene dignity, and left no doubt in anyone's mind that she was a judge, and a good one, too. Her presence stirred a little extra attention which added an unaccustomed note of beauty to the courtroom. Employees in the clerk of court's office sent her a large bouquet of white chrysanthemums and red carnations, which ornamented the judicial desk throughout the day. Five divorces, an annulment and a jury trial in a drunken driving case occupied the entire day. Divorced were Robert Marie Jackson from Esther Marie Jernigan Jackson; Anna Caviness Suber from James Suber; Louise Way Spence from Robert R. Spence; Frances McDonald Burkhead from Hampton Keanes Burkhead and Earl Melvin from Vernise H. Melvin, all on grounds of two years' separation.

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'YOUR HONORESS'

A juror arose in Moore Superior Court this week and addressed the judge, "Your Honoress—". Later, Judge Susie Sharp, who is presiding over the criminal term at Carthage, said, "I've been called many things as a woman judge, but this was the first time I'd heard that. And," added the lady, who has a down-to-earth way of saying things herself, "it sounded to me like he'd hit on a right good expression, and I couldn't fault him for that."

STEADY GOLF REWARDS LOCAL PRO

Boros Cops Rich 'World' Title

He did it again—and he says he didn't even know it when he came to the last green of the Tam O'Shanter course at Chicago Sunday. For the second time in four years, Julius Boros—the Mid Pines Club's genial, big professional who has a host of local fans and admirers—won the "World" golf championship which carries a monetary reward worthy of its title: \$50,000 cash for winning, a contract for 55 expense-paid exhibition matches at \$1,000 each and an option for 50 more. When Boros will come back to Southern Pines was not known here this week—but he told reporters in Chicago that he hoped to come to Mid Pines for a while before embarking on the fabulous exhibition tour. With him at Chicago were his wife—the former Armen C. Boyle of Miami, Fla., to whom he was married at Aiken, S. C., in April and his four-year-old son, Jay, whose mother, the former Butrons Cosgrove, daughter of Mr. (Continued on page 8)

The boards of education and county commissioners of Moore and Hoke counties met at Carthage Tuesday night and reached a compromise in a school controversy which had at one time seemed hopelessly deadlocked. The school situation arose when the Moore commissioners, struggling with budgetary problems intensified by school needs, woke up last spring to the fact that for years the county had been educating many Hoke County children without charge. Most of these—176 of them last year—came to schools in the Vass-Lakeview district from Little River township, which is cut off from the rest of Hoke by the Fort Bragg reservation.

Doing some cost-accounting with the board of education, which also felt Hoke should bear its share of the load, the Moore commissioners last May made a proposition to Hoke that it pay \$36 per child, or \$6,336 for the year, starting immediately, or educate the Little River children elsewhere. Hoke was also to provide the transportation. Hoke countered with an offer of all the Little River school taxes, about \$3,000. And there the matter stood, except for the distress which mounted in Little River township, which is only a few miles out from Vass, the natural center of their school, trading and other activities. Compromise Accepted

At the Tuesday night meeting, the Moore county board of education, with Moore commissioners concurring, tendered a compromise proposition. The Hoke boards met together and the Hoke board of education, with Hoke commissioners concurring, accepted it in full. The proposition, presented in the form of a resolution by the Moore board of education: \$28 per Little River schoolchild, or \$4,924 per year for the next two school years, based on the 1954-55 head count, to be paid to Moore schools by Hoke; also to be provided by Hoke county a new school bus, to cost \$2,930, which will become the property of Moore if and when this arrangement is abandoned. The proposition is to be renegotiated in two years in the light of circumstances at that time, which may change in any one of several ways—Hoke may find less costly means of educating its children at home or in some other county, or Little River township may become a part of Moore. The switch from one county to another is one which has long had strong advocates in the township, is geographically feasible and may in time become politically so. Patrons, Officials Present

A delegation of Little River school patrons was present at the (Continued on page 8)

BUT INCIDENCE STILL BELOW NORMAL

Seven Cases of Polio Reported In Moore County Within Past 10 Days

Seven cases of polio within 10 days—the last four reported in two days' time—has made this short period the worst for polio in Moore county since the epidemic days of 1948. However, said Paul C. Butler, chairman of the Moore County polio chapter, he feels there should be no immediate alarm, unless the disease keeps breaking out at the same rate in the next few days. The polio season is almost at an end, the total incidence—just 10 cases for the year—is still considerably below normal and the chances are the flurry will subside as quickly as it sprang up. He said he will check with state authorities to see if it reflects a general rise in polio incidence, and if they believe precautionary measures should be instituted here. Most of the cases are widely scattered except the last four, all from West End, Route 1. Two girls, Jennie Garrison, 12, and Carol Ann Black, 13, were stricken Tuesday in this rural area, and two boys, Stanley Blue, 12, and Wayland Black, 16, Wednesday.

POLIO IS STILL WITH US

When polio is around, follow these precautions:



Stanley Blue, son of John S. Blue, and Wayland Black, son of Sandy Black, are cousins. It is not known whether Carol Ann Black, daughter of W. A. Black, is related or not. Jennie Garrison (Continued on page 8)