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Attendance Up As Schools Here Start New Year

Increase of Pupils Listed At All Four Schools In District

Attendance was up in all public schools of the Southern Pines district as children trooped to classes Wednesday.

Amos C. Dawson, superintendent, said that an increase of 46 pupils was registered in the East Southern Pines schools, as compared to last year, while an increase of 73 was reported from the Negro schools in West Southern Pines.

Here is a comparison of first-day registration figures in all schools of the district:

	1955	1954
East Southern Pines		
Elementary	549	522
High School	165	146
West Southern Pines		
Elementary	299	244
High School	117	99
Total registration in both schools comes to 1,130 on the opening day.		

Principal J. W. Moore of West Southern Pines estimated that more than 100 students at both

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Young Democrats Set Annual Meet On September 16

Moore County Young Democrats will hold their annual meeting in the courthouse at Carthage Friday night of next week, September 16, Voit Gilmore, Moore YDC president, announced this week. The meeting is set for 8 p.m.

Edwin Gill, treasurer, of the State of North Carolina, will be the principal speaker. Officers will be elected and delegates selected for the State YDC convention in Durham September 29 - October 1. Business at the meeting will include committee reports from Miss Bess McCaskill, Paul Butler and Hubert McCaskill.

An informal dutch-treat dinner honoring Mr. Gill will be given by the YDC executive committee at 6:30 p.m., preceding the meeting. Those wishing to attend should notify Mr. Gilmore at Southern Pines.

To District Rally.
A delegation of Moore County Young Democrats is planning to attend the 8th District YDC rally at North Wilkesboro Saturday, Mr. Gilmore said. The district rally has been held in Southern Pines several times in past years.

Southern Pines YDC Sets Monday Meeting

A meeting of the Southern Pines Young Democratic Club has been called by President Paul Butler for 7:30 p.m. Monday in the council chamber at town hall. Officers will be elected. All members and interested Democrats are invited to attend.

Thomas C. Darst III Killed In Auto Wreck While Driving To California

This community was shocked and saddened Wednesday night when the news came that Pvt. Thomas C. Darst III, son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas C. Darst, Jr., of Morganton Road, had been killed in an automobile accident near Las Vegas, Nev.

According to scanty information reaching his father here from a Las Vegas funeral home, the young soldier's car collided with a truck, rolled 84 feet and burst into flames. Young Darst was believed to have been instantly killed.

He had left here during the weekend to drive to California for a new Army assignment, making a leisurely trip to "see the sights" along the way.

His mother has been spending the summer in Europe with Mrs. Robinson Cook of Pinehurst. The father was faced with the problem of reaching her abroad and giving her the tragic news. He found her in Venice, where it was 2 a. m. and she was awakened for

\$50 Option Money Paid, But No Buyer Definite On Kenwood Deal



Negro Couple Offer House For \$20,000

A home in the Kenwood subdivision, just outside the Southern Pines city limits, was offered for sale this week at \$20,000, after it was bought by a Negro couple for a reported \$12,000 August 22 and residents of the white neighborhood in which it is located protested the sale.

W. D. Sabiston, Carthage attorney who represented Mrs. Louise Way Spence, seller of the house, and also is representing in subsequent negotiations the Negro buyers, Mr. and Mrs. Martin L. White, said that an option offering the home for sale at \$20,000, subject to the mortgage on it, had been signed by the Whites. Robert N. Page III, of Aberdeen, attorney for Henry L. Graves, owner of the Kenwood subdivision, paid the option money. The option expires September 15, Mr. Sabiston said.

Mr. Graves said today that, because his attorney has paid the \$50 option money, it does not mean that he is going to buy the property.

"The option is made as an option in trust to whoever wants to buy the house," he said. "It is open to whoever sees fit to take advantage of it."

"My attorney paid the option money because I want to give an advantage to the folks in Kenwood. If enough of them want to go along in buying the house, our company will put up our share. I thought it was simply worth \$50 to go along with anything that might materialize to help the people in Kenwood."

Mr. Graves said, however, that there are not yet any definite plans for group participation in buying the house and that he has not heard from any Kenwood residents on the matter.

Information about the sale was made public last week, arousing immediate protests from Kenwood residents and becoming a matter of keen interest throughout the community.

Mrs. Spence was not available for comment today and was reported out of town. She has taken an apartment in Southern Pines after vacating the house.

Shortly after the sale was made known, she was quoted as saying that she had given Mr. Graves an opportunity to buy the house before she sold to the Whites and that her decision to sell followed

a number of controversies with Mr. Graves in relation to alleged disagreements concerning insurance on the house—which his firm holds—and other matters. He said this week that he had been informed by Mr. Sabiston, shortly before the sale, that Mrs. Spence would sell to a Negro family unless he bought the house back, but that the offer was vague and that

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B. Frank Yandell To Replace Wilson In Scouting Post

Officials Praise Both Executives For Their Records

B. Frank Yandell is expected to arrive in Southern Pines next week to become district Scout executive for the Moore County District of the Oconeechee Boy Scout Council.

He replaces Jim Wilson who has been Scout executive in Moore County since 1952 and will go to Durham next month to become executive for the Durham district. Now attending a national Boy Scout training school in Ann Arbor, Mich., Mr. Wilson is due to return to Southern Pines Sunday. Appointment to the Durham position is considered a promotion for him.

Appointment of Mr. Yandell to the Moore County Scouting post was announced this week by E. N. Brower, Oconeechee Council president, and S. P. Gaskin, Council executive. Mr. Yandell will come here from the Pee Dee Area Council, with headquarters in Florence, S. C. He will live in Southern Pines.

The new Moore executive is a member of the Lions Club and the Presbyterian Church of Sumter, S. C. He is 29 years old, is married and is the father of a young daughter. His arrival here was tentatively set for Thursday of next week.

In making the announcement, Mr. Gaskin stated, "The Oconeechee Council is fortunate to secure

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Council To Meet Tuesday Night; Study Recreation

The town council will meet at town hall at 8 p.m. Tuesday for its regular monthly session.

In an informal meeting Tuesday night of this week, the council met with the Recreation Advisory Committee to consider recommendations of the committee for swimming pools and recreation centers in East and West Southern Pines.

After hearing a presentation by Tom E. Cunningham, city manager, of town needs that would call for bond issues, and the legal limitation of bonds that could be issued by the town, committee members retired to discuss their thoughts on the matter and then reported to the council that they would like to have more time to study the proposal in the light of facts brought out Tuesday night.

Speaking for the committee was the chairman, the Rev. C. K. Ligon.

According to the information presented by the city manager, the amount of bonds under consideration for various town needs, including recreation, exceeds considerably the legal limitation on what the town can issue (eight per cent of the town's net debt,

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HUMPHREY BREAKS NOSE IN DUMMY PRACTICE Blue Knights To Open 1955 Football Season Friday Night

A big crowd is expected for the opening of the high school football season when the Southern Pines Blue Knights take on Maxton High at Memorial Field Friday night. Kickoff time is 8 p. m.

Head Coach Irie Leonard said this week that he is expecting Maxton to give the Blue Knights "a very tough battle." Last year a scoreless tie with Maxton was the only blemish on the undefeated record of the Southern Pines High School State six-man football champions.

Probable starting lineup was announced by Coach Leonard as: Tony Parker, center; John Ray, left end; Bill Marley, right end; Bobby Cline, quarterback; James Humphrey, wingback and Johnny Watkins and Billy Cox, tailbacks.

Lynn Van Benschoten and Kenneth Creech are expected to start in the defensive lineup, Leonard said.

Nose Broken
Humphrey was the victim of

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Ground To Be Broken For New Church Sunday

Bishop Pele To Take Part In Ceremony

Groundbreaking service for the First Methodist Church of Southern Pines will be held Sunday at 3 p. m. on the new church site on Midland Road.

Bishop W. W. Pele, retired Bishop of the Methodist Church now living in Laurinburg, will speak and lead the ground-breaking pledge and prayer.

Others to take part in the service include: the Rev. O. L. Hathaway, district superintendent of the Fayetteville District of the Methodist Church; the Rev. T. A. Collins, of Raleigh, executive secretary, Conference Board of Missions; Earl Hubbard, chairman of the official board of the local church; Frank Roberts, chairman of the board of trustees; Paul VanCamp, chairman of the building committee; Mrs. J. S. Hiatt, Jr., president of the Woman's Society of Christian Service; and Capt. Henry Jones, Church School superintendent. The Rev. Robert L. Bame, pastor of the church, will give the call to worship and will preside during the service.

The Rev. T. A. Collins will preach during the morning worship at 11 a. m. Sunday.

The quarterly conference for the church will be held Sunday after the morning service with the Rev. O. L. Hathaway conducting the business session. This service will be at the Civic Club where the church has been holding its regular services.

The church site is northeast of Midland Road (double road to Pinehurst) not far beyond the beginning of Midland Road at the north end of Broad Street. The new building—designed by T. T. Hayes and Associate, local architects—will overlook Midland Road from the rising ground on the curve as the road turns west toward Pinehurst.

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107 Present For Opening Day At Catholic School

St. Anthony's Catholic school opened today in its brand-new, modern school building with 107 children present and a dozen more enrolled who could not come the first day.

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Groups Plan Kids' Day Celebration

The Sandhills Kiwanis Club and the USAF Air-Ground Operations School here are working up a thrilling program for National Kids' Day, to be staged for school children of Moore county on Saturday, September 24. Boys and girls, eight years and up, from schools which have annually participated in the event since it was started as a project of Kiwanis International several years ago, will be guests of the club and the Air Ground School.

Plans call for gathering at the Southern Pines School auditorium, movies, lunch, then a visit to Pope AFB for air maneuvers and demonstrations by the Air Force.

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NEW BLEACHERS—These two new sets of bleachers, each accommodating 110 persons, bring the total seating capacity at Memorial Field to 550. Weather-resistant treated planks form the seats. The welded steel frames include hand rails at sides and guard rail at the back. In this photo, volunteer workers are putting finishing touches on the installation. Each set of bleachers cost \$415. One was paid for from donations at summer softball games, the other from proceeds of football programs published by the Blue Knights Club, an organization of adults who are interested in high school athletics. (Pilot Photo)