

### Local Minister Taking 4 Months Leave of Absence

The Rev. C. K. Ligon, pastor of Brownson Memorial Presbyterian Church, has been granted a four-months leave of absence that began Tuesday.

This week, the Rev. Mr. and Mrs. Ligon are at Myrtle Beach, S. C. From May 7 to May 21, the minister will be giving full time to studying for his final examination for a Th.D. degree. The examination will be given at Union Theological Seminary, Richmond, Va., May 21, and the degree will be awarded during the commencement program on the following day.

From May 24 to June 10, the Rev. Mr. Ligon will be on active duty with the Navy in which he holds a reserve commission. His service will be rendered at Jacksonville, Fla.

From June 15 to September 1, the minister, his wife and their two children will be on an extended vacation.

The Rev. L. B. McKeithen, a native of Cameron who is assistant executive secretary of Fayetteville Presbytery, will conduct services at Brownson Memorial Church for the next two Sundays.

### Retired Officer Buys 'Buttonwood'

Brig. Gen. and Mrs. L. W. Miller of Westminster, Md., will take possession of "Buttonwood," a 12-room house on a 2.1 acres lot at the corner of Indiana Ave. and Bethesda Road, it was announced today by Mrs. Julia Steed of Resort Realty and Development Co. who handled the sale of the property.

General Miller, a retired Army officer, and his wife are the purchasers from William L. White and Mrs. Kelsey, the former Mrs. White.

The sale of the charming colonial house is the most recent step in the development of this valuable property. Originally owned by L. E. Grover, the rich soil of this tract was the orchard of Georgia Belles which made Grover Bros. peaches outstanding during the big "peach days" hereabouts.

The corner tract, of considerable acreage, was sold by the Grovers to the Reinecke Company, builders and developers, who built the house. Designed on strictly colonial lines, reminiscent of the houses around Camden, S. C., the interior contained much fine old panelling and wide-boarded pine floors.

Buttonwood was purchased by Mrs. Alice Burt Hunt, who gave the place its name, from the big sycamores that surround it. Here Mrs. Hunt, sister of the author, Struthers Burt, lived for many years. As the frequent meeting place for the local Red Cross, which Mrs. Hunt headed during some of the war years, and a social center for many, the Hunt home played a leading part in community life. General Eisenhower was one of many distinguished guests to be entertained there.

During the ownership of Mr. and Mrs. White, the house underwent some transformation in the establishment of a studio for the fashioning of tile tables and wall plaques, the handiwork of the owners.

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### Annual Meeting of Moore Red Cross Will Be Held At Courthouse May 11

The annual meeting of the Moore County Chapter of the Red Cross will be held at the courthouse in Carthage Friday, May 11, at 8 p.m., according to an announcement made today by the chapter chairman, Garland McPherson of Southern Pines.

The speaker for the occasion will be Taylor M. Simpson of High Point who has recently been nominated to serve a three-year term on the board of governors of the American National Red Cross. Mr. Simpson's nomination will be voted on at the annual meeting of the national organization in May. At the present time he is a member of the Southeastern Advisory Committee and has served in many other volunteer capacities on the state, area and national levels.

A nominating committee for the Moore County Chapter, composed of Dr. E. M. Medlin, chairman, J.

Hawley Poole and T. Roy Phillips, has announced the following slate for the ensuing year: chairman, Garland McPherson, Southern Pines; vice-chairman, Gen. R. B. Hill, Southern Pines; Mrs. John L. Frye, Robbins; and Gordon Clark, Southern Pines; secretary, Miss Grace Tillman, Carthage; and treasurer, E. Earl Hubbard, Southern Pines.

Directors who are nominated (to serve three year terms) are: W. H. McNeill, Jr., Aberdeen; Mrs. John Beasley, Carthage; Earl Martin, Eagle Springs; Mrs. W. M. Thompson, Jackson Springs; Miss Blanche Monroe, West End; and J. C. Phillips, Westmore.

The following directors will continue to serve for terms expiring in 1957 and 1958: Mrs. J. E. Causey, Lakeview; Mrs. Walter Alpert, Pinebluff; Dr. Emily Tufts, Pinehurst; Dr. R. C. J. Andrews, Robbins; D. A. Blue, Jr., Southern Pines; and John Paul Jones, Vass.

### AFTERNOON SCIENCE LESSON

#### Sequel To Hose Mystery Enacted By Philip Fitanides And Ed Cox

Philip Fitanides, 12-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Fitanides, 144 W. Pennsylvania Av., and Ed Cox, local man whose interest in psychic phenomena and other strange occurrences is well known, enacted a sequel Saturday to last year's disappearing garden hose stories from California.

It all started when Philip, experimenting with a hose in his back yard, managed to get it about eight feet into the earth by directing the stream of a nozzle downward and pushing it down as the hose ate its way into the ground.

At 3 p. m., the hose was stuck tight and Philip inquired at the Thrift Shop next door if anyone knew how he could get it out.

Mr. Cox, who happened to be on hand when the inquiry was made, proved equal to the situation which, he says, immediately attracted his interest.

"I hastened home to get some special equipment," Mr. Cox later related, "and was back on the scene shortly with my own hose to try to get to the bottom of the mystery."

The rescuer soon became the victim. Working with his hose to see what had happened to Philip's, Mr. Cox pushed it into the ground about 10 feet to find that it, too, was stuck fast.

The local man, whose experi-

ments in extra-sensory perception have led him to respect scientific methods, was not to be outdone and saw in the dilemma an opportunity for further testing.

Holes some two feet deep were dug around the hoses and water poured in to attempt to loosen the hoses. Then bathroom scales were rigged up with a special platform to measure, after necessary mathematical calculations, the pulling force that would be required to get the hoses out of the ground.

Then Mr. Cox pulled.

He pulled and pulled some more and, gradually, the hoses were withdrawn.

The results? A pulling force of 188 pounds was required to get the Cox hose started upward, the record shows. The Fitanides hose, after about 10 minutes of effort on the part of the puller, took 180 pounds of pulling force, it was noted.

Puller Cox's final comment: "With that Saturday afternoon's lesson in science, we arrived at what is very much likely to be the explanation of not only this but of last July as well—however inexplicable and spell-binding newspaper stories of last summer's California events may have sounded."

### Workers In Presbyterian Campaign For College Funds Schedule Rallies

The Synod of North Carolina Christian Higher Education Campaign for \$3,500,000 officially gets under way today when simultaneous rallies for workers in the campaign will be held in most of the 634 Presbyterian churches of the Synod.

The campaign will continue through the month of May, and the goal will be to solicit every one of the 135,000 Presbyterians in the Synod. From ten to twelve thousand workers will be engaged in contacting all persons to be solicited.

Of the \$3,500,000 being sought, \$3,000,000 is to go to the Consolidated Presbyterian College, to be located at Laurinburg.

Heading the campaign for the Synod is Voit Gilmore, Mayor of Southern Pines and a deacon in Brownson Memorial Presbyterian Church.

During the past three weeks he has visited many communities of the state, as well as seven of the nine Presbytery meetings, in the interest of higher education, by means of air transportation. He has flown in a chartered plane, christened "The College Cruiser".

### Mrs. A. Williams Is Dead In Utica

Mrs. Aras Williams of Pinehurst died at her home in Utica, N. Y., Sunday night.

The former Eugenia Barnard, she was the daughter of the late Henry and Eugenia Barnard, also of Utica.

In the Sandhills, Mrs. Williams played an active part in the organization and support of the Pinehurst Forum, acting as its secretary for many years, until illness forced her withdrawal. From her home on Midland Road, the affairs of the Pinehurst enterprise were conducted with devotion and expediency, winning her a firm place in the respect of the community.

Mrs. Williams was active in many civic affairs in Utica, and a president of the Music Club. A tea room operated for the benefit of the Allied servicemen in World War I was one of her successful enterprises.

Survivors include Mrs. Joseph S. Porter, New Haven, Conn., four grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren. Her only daughter, Mrs. Edward Norris, died in 1940.

### Auto Dealers To Convene Sunday

Some 1,000 automobile dealers, their wives and guests will be in Pinehurst this weekend for the 21st annual convention of the North Carolina Automobile Dealers Association to open May 6 and continue through May 8.

Sensors Joseph C. O'Mahoney (D-Wyo.), chairman of a Senate subcommittee on Antitrust and Monopoly, and North Carolina's Sam J. Ervin, Jr., lead a group of outstanding speakers, including Frederick J. Bell, executive vice president of the National Automobile Dealers Association in Washington, Ivan L. Wiles, executive vice president of General Motors, well known dealers from other states and representatives of business, industry and government.

Official activities will get underway Sunday afternoon with a board of directors meeting. Special dinners are scheduled by the

Old Timers Club, whose members have been in the automotive business more than 20 years and by the Young Executives Group. Dealer meetings by franchisees and an Administrative Guidance Council featuring representatives of government agencies are also on the agenda.

A golf tournament will be played Saturday and Sunday and special events scheduled for wives include bridge and bingo tournaments and a "Silver Dollar Hour" quiz show.

The convention will close Tuesday night with the annual banquet and dance. NCADA officers include: Charles G. Conn, Jr., Raleigh, president; John M. Tiller, Durham, vice president; E. D. Craig, Gastonia secretary; Troy Smith, Liberty, treasurer; Allan Mims, Rocky Mount, NADA director; and Mrs. Bessie B. Ballentine, Raleigh, executive secretary.

### Four Southern Pines Negroes Are Convicted, Sentenced For Larceny

Four Negroes of Southern Pines, charged with breaking and entering, larceny, and receiving, received long prison sentences in Moore Superior Court Tuesday afternoon.

The four, all of whom had been previously convicted in Recorder's Court on lesser offenses that grew out of a long series of breaking and entering several business establishments in Southern Pines, were Curtis Parks, Mack Lee Stubbs, Cleveland Parker and Willie Wright.

Stubbs, Parks and Wright received sentences of from three to 10 years in Central Prison on two counts of breaking and entering, larceny and receiving, while Parker received from one to five years.

They were arrested by Southern Pines officers several weeks ago after intensive investigation of breaking reported at Pine Needles Country Club and a cafe in West Southern Pines.

During the current term of Superior Court, which began Monday with Judge Frank Armstrong of Troy presiding, several other defendants have received prison sentences.

Cornell Beck, charged with driving drunk and driving on the wrong side of the road, was given a six-months prison sentence, which Judge Armstrong suspended for two years on condition he pay a \$150 fine and costs. Beck's lawyer appealed the sentence.

In the case of Vernon LeGrande Morgan, charged with speeding in excess of 80 miles per hour, the state allowed the defendant to plead guilty of speeding 70 miles per hour. Morgan was convicted and received 60 days on the roads, suspended on payment of a \$75 fine and costs.

In a companion case, Charles Newell Hancock, who owned the automobile, and who had been charged with allowing Morgan to drive, received the same sentence.

Carl B. Brady, charged with driving drunk, careless and reckless driving and violation of the prohibition laws, received a flat 90 day road sentence.

The same sentence was given to John R. Barber, Jr., also charged with driving drunk. Other charges against Barber were speeding in a truck and having in his possession a bottle of whiskey with the seal broken.

Floyd Edward Cockman, charged with the second offense of driving drunk, pled not guilty to the charge, but did plead guilty to driving after his license had been revoked. He received 90 days for driving after his license had been revoked and six months on the drunk driving charge, but sentence being suspended for three years on payment of a \$200 fine and costs.

Charlie Gray Allen, a tenant farmer of near Aberdeen was convicted on a charge of incest. Allen, who is 66, was charged by Aberdeen officers with committing incest against his 17-year-old daughter. After testimony from his daughter and the introduction of evidence showing he had signed a statement admitting the charge to Aberdeen officers shortly after he was arrested, Allen, on advice of his lawyer, changed his plea from not guilty to guilty.

Judge Armstrong sentenced him to from 10 to 15 years in Central prison. John R. Nunalee, Jr., pled not guilty on charges of bastardy and failure to support his illegitimate child. After the evidence was in, he changed his plea.

Judge Armstrong sentenced him to six months in prison, suspended for five years on conditions he pay for future support of the child and also pay \$194.50 to the hospital for medical expenses of the child's mother. He was also required to pay the costs. The last case to be heard Wednesday afternoon was that of John Woltz Nichols, charged with a variety of offenses arising from a wild chase by county officers March 28.

C. A. McCallum, county ABC enforcement officer, said he and Deputy Sheriff Lambert saw

Nichols on that day, on the road between Carthage and Sanford at Whitehill.

Nichols, they said, was speeding and they gave chase. Following a fast chase that took place mostly in Lee County, Nichols finally drew his car to a stop behind a house on a dirt road.

McCallum said Nichols jumped out of the car and carried a large sack containing a case of non-tax paid whiskey to a thicket about 50 yards away.

They arrested him and charged him with speeding, careless and reckless driving, unlawful possession of the whiskey, and refusing to stop after they sounded their sirens.

After court resumed this morning (Thursday) Judge Armstrong heard additional evidence.

Nichols was convicted and received eight months on the illegal possession charge and an 18 months sentence on the other charges, the sentence to be suspended on conditions made by the court.

### GAS

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Both companies, however, must prove they need and will be able to distribute certain stated amounts of natural gas before the FPC will approve allocations to cover their requirements. Both will draw from the Transcontinental Gas Pipe Line Corporation, which is asking the FPC for authority to expand its facilities and to increase its gas allocations.

It is important for each community which wants natural gas to intervene with the FPC so that it will be in a position to be considered when the gas allotments are determined.

Southern Pines has prepared a statement of its interest in gas, to be presented before the FPC, but does not in this statement indicate any preference as to the two competing companies that might serve this area.

### CLINTON SERCY

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a farmer who lived with Sercy, told him that he had been driving behind Sercy and witnessed the accident.

According to statements made by Pack to Shomaker, Pack and Sercy had been drinking earlier and he, Pack, had asked Sercy not to drive the truck. He and Sercy had been together the night before, he said, and had been stuck in a ditch. The next morning the two went to get the truck and were drinking again, he told Shomaker.

Sercy suffered severe head injuries and lacerations of the leg. He was taken to Moore County Hospital by R. G. Frye, Carthage ambulance driver, where he died about 4 p. m. Wednesday afternoon.

### DALY

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wood each testified at the trial they had heard, through a closed door, Mrs. Nicholson make the threat. Mrs. Nicholson, local newspaper correspondent and freelance writer, called this and other statements made about her by Daly "a complete lie" and Judge J. Vance Rowe found Daly guilty on the libel count.

Miss Hallman's family lives at Goldsboro and Mrs. Underwood's family at Belmont. Miss Hallman is a former resident of Aberdeen. She has lived in Southern Pines about two years and Mrs. Underwood had been here about a year.

If the defendants cannot be found for service of summonses, service can be made by publication. If the defendants in such an action do not file an answer or face trial, a judgment can be obtained, lasting 10 years, against any property they might own in this state.

More eggs, chickens and turkeys are likely to be produced on farms in 1956 than in 1955, and prices may average a little lower.

### TRIO

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to get 10 per cent of the loot.

On vigorous questioning by Solicitor M. G. Boyette, Wuschke refused to change his story although he was confronted with a statement he signed a few hours after the robbery in which he had made no mention of any "inside" help. Wuschke, whose pregnant wife was in the courtroom, said that the robbery was originally scheduled for either January 16 or 23, but had to be cancelled because Black wasn't in the store that morning and a policeman was standing nearby.

Solicitor Boyette read a part of Wuschke's statement in which the soldier had said the only reason it hadn't taken place in January was because it had been raining heavily on the planned date.

On further questioning by Solicitor Boyette, Wuschke admitted telling several more lies at the time, but insisted he was telling the truth on the stand. His change in story came, he said, because he had been "stabbed in the back." He explained to Judge Frank M. Armstrong, who was presiding, that the so-called "stabbing" was his way of referring to the fact that Black had testified the robbers had used guns when, actually, they had not.

J. A. Lowdermilk, special agent of the State Bureau of Investigation, testified that postal authorities had intercepted a package containing two guns shortly after the robbery. (And Leli later testified that he had shipped the guns to a friend, along with about \$3,800 of the stolen money so that Army authorities would not find either in the soldier's possession.)

Leli, who comes from a family of 10 brothers and sisters, said in his testimony that he and Wuschke were cooks together in their unit at Fort Bragg. He said that Wuschke had approached him about robbing the store back in 1955 and that it seemed like an "easy way to make a little money."

Yasso, a truck driver, told substantially the same story as Leli, both backing up Wuschke's testimony that young Black had a part in the robbery.

Called back to the stand Black denied any part in the conspiracy. He said that Wuschke had been in the store several times and had jokingly mentioned robbing the store. So far as he knew, Black said, that was about a few days prior to the robbery which Wuschke had referred to as Black's okay of the plan.

The robbery, the first ever to occur at the store since it started operating more than 20 years ago, took place shortly after 10 o'clock March 12 when Black was near the front of the Carolina Bank in Pinehurst with week-end receipts of the store.

At the trial Tuesday it was brought out that Black was the one who had originally given officers the necessary information that led to the quick apprehension of Wuschke at his parents-in-law's home near West End. Yasso and Leli were arrested later the same day by Fort Bragg authorities.

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### CAMPOREE

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der will be dressed in authentic Indian costumes.

Sunday morning the scouts will attend sunrise services at the lake at which time all scouts and explorers holding the God and Country Award will be recognized. The Chaplains Corps at Fort Bragg will be in charge, and will conduct Protestant, Catholic and Jewish services.

Parents of scouts are invited to attend the Saturday night ceremonies.

For the information of visitors, families and friends, the time schedule of the camporee has been announced as follows:

Friday afternoon: Check-in

8 p. m.—Campfires, by districts

Saturday

8-10 a. m.—Other Districts check-in

10 a. m.—82nd Airborne demonstration of all general weapons, all vehicles, and communication equipment.

12 Noon—Lunch

2 p. m.—Special demonstration of pontoon foot-bridge and vehicle raft construction, by the 82nd.

4 p. m.—Cooking demonstration by Scout Units.

5:30—Supper

6 p. m.—Judging for overall unit-scores in the Camporee

8 p. m.—Campfire. Tap-out ceremony by the Order of the Arrow, and a special performance by the 82nd Airborne Band.

10:30 p. m.—Taps

Sunday

7 a. m.—Sunrise services for all major faiths

7:45 a. m.—Breakfast, followed by completion of the judging by troop leaders and District committee members

9:30 a. m.—Break camp

10:00 a. m.—Presentation of awards, and check-out

Special invitation to the public has been extended for the Saturday night campfire ceremonies and band concert, General Menoher said.

Mrs. Paul Butler of Southern Pines and sister, Mrs. Jere McKeithen of Aberdeen, took their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Max H. Foley of Aberdeen, on a trip to Marion, S. C., Monday, where they enjoyed visiting Mrs. Foley's family.

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