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**Women Parents,  
Men Teachers Win  
Annual Cage Tilts**

Teachers and parents of children in the Southern Pines school had their annual night of basketball fun Tuesday and, notwithstanding sore muscles and bruised shins, managed to complete the two games, with the parents winning the women's contest and the teachers taking the men's.

Both games were decided by one-point margins. The men teachers won 55-54, with George Short collecting 21 points and Jimmy Mann following with 16. Irie Leonard had 12, Roger Gibbs and Sammy Self had two each, and Ernie Boros and Kenneth Miller one each.

For the parents, Joel Stutts had 14, Jack Barron 12, with the rest of the scoring about evenly divided between Curtis Bettini, Gary Henry, Harry Chatfield, Fred Peters, Davis Worsham, M. G. McRae, Dr. Dave Whitehead, Andy Page and Wilbur Currie.

In the women's game, which the parents won 22-21, Miss Jean Saunders scored eight points for the parents to take the honors. Others making points included Mrs. Olivia Self, Mrs. Maybelle Britt, Mrs. Tom Nicholson, Mrs. Joseph Hiatt and Mrs. Raymond Cameron.

For the teachers Miss Katherine Childs led with nine points, followed by Miss Kay Buice and Miss Vie Rodgers with five each, and Mrs. W. A. Leonard with two.

Harry Chatfield served as coach for the parents while Allen McLaughlin had a similar chore for the teachers. Don Traylor coached the men parents. None was listed for the teachers. Funds collected—more than \$80—will be used by the Junior Class in its activities.

**Charles Stitzer,  
Family Acquires  
New Jersey Hotel**

Charles W. Stitzer, Jr., who was owner and operator of the Highland Pines Inn here until it was destroyed by fire about a month ago, has joined with his family in acquiring a long term lease on a 13-story hotel on Atlantic City's boardwalk.

Stitzer as yet has announced no plans for rebuilding a hotel here or otherwise disposing of his holdings. The new Atlantic City hotel, the 13-story Madison, has 220 bedrooms and is the meeting place for many conventions and local groups. Stitzer will become the general manager.

**ARMED FORCES**

Pvt. Thomas B. Ray, 20, son of the Rev. and Mrs. J. D. Ray, Sr., 490 N. Hardin St., Southern Pines, recently was assigned to the 569th Transportation Company at Fort Eustis, Va. Ray, a stevedore, entered the Army last November and completed basic training at Fort Benning, Ga. While a civilian, he worked for Lutz Cleaners. Ray was graduated from West Southern Pines High School in 1955.

**INCOME TAX FACTS No. 4  
Claim All Exemptions for Yourself  
and Dependents**

*(This is one of a series of articles on federal income tax filing. These articles are based on information provided by the American Institute of Accountants, and the North Carolina Association of Certified Public Accountants in cooperation with the Internal Revenue Service.)*

Many people overpay their taxes because they cheat themselves on their personal exemptions.

Here is how to count your exemptions (each one takes \$600 off your taxable income):

One exemption for yourself, two if you are 65 or over, two if you are blind, three if you are both 65 and blind. The same applies to your husband or wife.

If your husband or wife died during 1956 you can still file a joint return claiming the exemptions, including those for age or blindness, to which the deceased would have been entitled at the time of death.

**Who Qualifies**  
One exemption of \$600 can be taken for each person who fits the definition of a dependent. This \$600 is not doubled for age or blindness, however, as in the case of your personal exemption.

To count for an exemption, the dependent must:

(1) Have less than \$600 gross income for 1956 (except that this does not apply to your child if he is under 19 or is a full-time student).

(2) Have received more than half of his support from you, unless you file a Multiple Support Agreement (see below).

(3) Not file a joint return.

(4) Be either a citizen of the U. S., or a resident of the U. S., Canada, Mexico, Canal Zone, Panama and in some cases, a serviceman's child living in the Philippines.

(5) Live with you (absence while attending school does not interfere) or be a close relative as defined in the instruction book or be a cousin receiving institutional care for a mental or physical disability who had lived with you before going to the institution.

**Multiple Support Agreements**  
If you shared with others in the support of a dependent, but none of you provided more than half the support, you may still be able to arrange among you for one of the group to have the \$600 exemption. You might agree, for example, to take turns in having the exemption from year to year.

The one who claims the exemption must have contributed more

than 10 percent of the support, and he must be a member of a group who altogether provided more than half support, and that person must have been entitled to claim that dependent except for the requirement of providing more than half support.

In order for one of the group to have the exemption all other members of the group who contributed more than 10 per cent must sign declarations that they will not claim the dependent. The Internal Revenue Service provides Form 2120 (Multiple Support Agreement) for this purpose.

**Children and Disabled Dependents**  
There is a deduction of as much as \$600 for care of children under 12 while the breadwinner works. This child-care deduction is available to mothers, widowers, divorced and legally separated persons, who are allowed to deduct expenses paid to someone other than a dependent for the care of a child, daughter, stepson or stepdaughter under the age limit. This regulation also applies to any dependent of any age who is mentally or physically incapacitated.

A working wife is entitled to this deduction if her husband is physically or mentally incapable of providing support. Where the husband is not disabled, the working wife may also take the child-care deduction only if a joint return is filed, and the \$600 limit must be reduced by the amount of the couple's gross income exceeds \$4500. It should be kept in mind that you can't take this deduction if you take the standard 10 percent deduction.

The instruction book which comes with your tax form gives further information. Help is also available by telephone or at offices of the Internal Revenue Service. The Revenue Service urges you to consult a properly qualified advisor if you decide to seek outside help.

**Next Article: Personal Deductions May Cut Your Tax Bill.**

**Home Demonstration Club News**

**Cameron Club**  
When the Cameron club members met in February with Mrs. W. B. Sellars, they were delighted to have Moore County Assistant Farm Agent Thomas Hall as guest speaker on the control of insects and diseases of the garden soil. He told why we had only one crop of tomatoes, then the vines died. It was the result of nematodes in the soil that attacked the roots of the vines. He told us how to use the fumigant "DD" in the preparation of our gardens.

Mr. Hall also advised us to grow our own plants in sterilized soil in order not to bring diseases to our gardens from the soil on the plants.

We invited Mr. Hall to visit our club again soon.—By Mrs. W. B. Sellars, publicity chairman.

**Cranes Creek Club**  
The Cranes Creek Home Demonstration Club held its February meeting at the home of Mrs. Robert Hendricks. There were 15 members and one visitor present.

"Gardening" was the timely subject of the lesson. Miss Flora McDonald, home agent, discussed the 1957 recommended vegetable varieties for the garden. She also made announcements of several important meetings pertaining to club work, that are to take place in the near future. Miss McDonald introduced Thomas Hall, assistant farm agent for Moore County. He explained in detail the location until the garden was producing food for eating or processing purposes.

The time and money spent for making a garden is very worth while, as a vegetable garden will save you money, furnish better quality vegetables, cause one to eat more vegetables, provide training for children, by their helping in growing a garden. It also provides a hobby especially for the person who does non-farm work, and helps one toward having better health. We know vegetables are among Nature's best foods and they furnish valuable materials for building and regulating the body for better health and growth.—By Mrs. R. R. Thomas.

**Eastwood Club**  
The Eastwood Home Demonstration Club got off to a good start for 1957 with 100 per cent attendance at the first meeting in the New Year. The president, Mrs. Robert Lea, found it necessary to resign. Mrs. Gerri McKenzie was elected to fill out her term of office.

Our club has had a busy year. Some of our members have built new homes and some have remodeled and made new things for their homes. Some of the other highlights in our club work for the past year as follows: each member that was sick was visited by another member with a gift of prepared food in the name of the club; the club gave a donation to the cancer fund with a member of the club as a community worker for the Cancer Drive; one of our club members, Mrs. Sam Boggs, won first prize in the mail box improvement contest for the county.

**Charles Sinclair,  
Oldest Merchant  
In Carthage, Dies**

Charles T. Sinclair, 83, the oldest active merchant in Carthage, died Sunday morning in Moore County Hospital.

Mr. Sinclair started his business career with his brother, the late John Sinclair, in a small grocery establishment in Carthage. They built the firm into one of the largest in the county before selling out before the depression.

He retired after that but went back into the merchandising business about 15 years later, opening one of the most modern stores in the state. Mr. Sinclair and his son used an old mansion as a showroom and built his store around it, giving him thousands of square feet of floor space. The idea has received wide acclaim.

He was active in the furniture business until ill health forced him to retire a few years ago.

Funeral services were conducted Monday afternoon at the home by the Rev. M. C. Henderson, pastor of the Carthage Methodist Church, of which Mr. Sinclair was a trustee and longtime member. Burial followed in Cross Hill cemetery.

Survivors include his wife, the former Mamie Petty; one son, Charles T. Sinclair, Jr., of the home; and one sister, Mrs. U. L. Barrett of Carthage.

**INVITATION FOR BIDS  
MUNICIPAL BUILDING FOR  
SOUTHERN PINES,  
NORTH CAROLINA**

Sealed proposals will be received by the Town Council, Southern Pines, North Carolina, at Civic Club (corner Pennsylvania Ave. and Ashe St.) at 2 p.m. on March 19, 1957, for the erection and completion of the following:

**MUNICIPAL BUILDING FOR  
SOUTHERN PINES, N. C.**

Plans and specifications for the proposed work will be on file at the City Hall, Southern Pines, N. C., and in the offices of the Associated General Contractors and the F. W. Dodge Plan Rooms in Charlotte, Raleigh, and Greensboro, N. C. One copy of plans and specifications may be obtained by licensed contractors upon written request to Thomas T. Hayes, Jr., Architect, Southern Pines, N. C., accompanied by a certified check for \$50.00 for general contractors and \$35.00 for mechanical contractors, made as a deposit. All of said deposit will be refunded to bona fide bidders upon return of plans and specifications to the architect. Cost of plans to subcontractors and material suppliers will be \$35.00, \$10.00 to be refunded upon return of plans and specifications within 10 days after receiving bids.

Separate bids will be received for General, Electric, Plumbing and Heating.

Bidder's proposal for the job, except for equipment, must be accompanied by bid bond for at least five per cent of the amount of bid, or a certified check made payable to the Town of Southern Pines, for five per cent of the amount of bid. As a further alternate, the bidder may accompany his proposal with a cash bid deposit amounting to five per cent of the amount of the bid. Said deposit may, at the discretion of the Council, be retained in event of failure of the successful bidder to execute the contract within 10 days after award or failure to give satisfactory surety bond as required.

General Contractors are notified that "An Act to Regulate the Practice of General Contracting," ratified by the General Assembly of North Carolina on March 10, 1925, and as subsequently amended, will be observed in receiving bids and awarding the general contract.

Plumbing and Heating Contractors are notified that Public Laws of 1931, Chapter 52, as amended by Public Laws of 1933, Chapter 57, will be observed in receiving bids and awarding plumbing and heating contracts.

Electrical Contractors are notified that Public Laws of 1937, Chapter 87, and as subsequently amended, will be observed in receiving and awarding electrical contracts.

In consideration of the Council receiving his bid, each bidder agrees that no bid may be withdrawn after the scheduled closing time for the receipt of bids for a period of 30 days. It is the intention of the Board to return all bid deposits, except three lowest bidders which will be held until contracts have been awarded or deferred, in no event longer than 30 days.

A Performance Bond will be re-

quired for all contractors (except equipment) in an amount equal to 100% of the contract price guaranteeing the faithful performance of the contract, and a separate payment bond in an amount equal to 100% of the contract price, guaranteeing payment to all persons supplying labor and/or materials for the construction of the project. In addition, Contractor will furnish Owner's Protective Bond on standard A.I.A. Form B1 "Owner's Protective Bond." The Performance Bond and Labor and Material Payment Bond shall be executed on standard A.I.A. form 107 so titled.

The Owner reserves the right to reject any or all bids, or to accept the lowest legal bid deemed in the best interest of the Town of Southern Pines and to waive informalities.

Contracts may be let on the basis of combined proposals, separate proposals, and/or alternates.

LOUIS SCHEIPERS, Jr., Town Clerk.

Thomas T. Hayes, Jr., Architect, A.I.A., Southern Pines, N. C.

**PRUDENTIAL LIFE SALES HIT  
RECORD \$8.2 BILLION IN '56**

Jacksonville, Fla., February 25, 1957.

During 1956 life insurance sales of The Prudential Insurance Co. rose 33.9 per cent to a record high of more than \$8.2 billion, according to a preliminary year-end report being issued today by Carrol M. Shanks, Prudential President.

This was an increase of \$2.0 billion over 1955, when sales totaled \$6.2 billion.

Mr. Shanks said the firm's total insurance in force at the end of 1956 amounted to \$58 billion. He noted that over the past 10 years Prudential's outstanding life insurance coverage has increased by 122 per cent.

He also reported historic highs in other areas of Prudential operations.

Assets climbed to \$13.2 billion, an increase of \$740 million over 1955. Payments to policyholders rose by \$95 million, reaching a total of \$1.1 billion for the year.

Through Mortgage Loans and the purchase of Securities, the company invested more than \$900 million in industry, agriculture, and commerce in 1956. The total Prudential investment in these fields rose to \$6 billion.

Prudential maintained its position in 1956 as the world's largest private insurer of Home Ownership and during the year provided an additional \$700 million in residential mortgage loans. At year's end, Prudential investments of this type totaled \$4.4 billion, some 19,000 over the preceding 12-month period.

The Company's investment in United States and Canadian government bonds, and the bonds of political subdivisions of the two nations, totaled \$1.1 billion, compared with \$1.3 billion at the end of 1955.

The rate of investment earnings after federal income taxes averaged 3.47 per cent, compared with 3.37 in 1955. The 1956 rate was the highest since 1939. Before taxes, last year's investment return averaged 3.76, compared with 3.62 the year before.

Total Federal income taxes for 1956 amounted to \$35 million. Other Federal and local taxes accounted for \$46 million, bringing the Company's total tax bill to \$81 million.

Mr. Shanks also reported that the PRUDENTIAL'S FAMILY POLICY, introduced in August 1956, accounted for \$1.5 billion in insurance sales, making it the most popular policy in the Company's history. Under this new coverage, all members of a family are protected by a single policy. In addition, each child born after the policy is issued is automatically covered at no increase in premium when he becomes 15 days old.

Mr. Shanks said that 190,000 families were protected by the new policy at the end of the year. Principal purchasers of the plan have been young parents and newlyweds.

Reporting on other aspects of the Prudential operation, Mr. Shanks noted:

One—The number of persons insured by one or more Prudential Policies rose to 33 million, one million more than the 1955 total.

Two—More than \$5.1 billion in ordinary life insurance was sold, including sales of the Company's Employee Security Program for firms WITH AS FEW AS FOUR EMPLOYEES. In 1955, ordinary insurance sales reached \$3.6 billion.

Three—Group life insurance sales totaled \$1.9 billion, which was \$500 million greater than in 1955 and an all-time record. Group accident and health sales amounted to \$22 million of annual premiums, an increase of more than \$6 million over 1955.

Four—Annual premiums on new sickness and accident insurance policies for individuals totaled \$24 million, up \$2.4 million from the preceding year.

Watch Prudential's Televised Air Power Series on "You Are There" Program Sundays at 6:30 PM most stations. SEE YOUR PRUDENTIAL AGENT L. T. "Judge" Avery, Box 1278, Southern Pines, N. C.

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