

Grand Jury Says Coroner Failed to File All Reports

The report of the grand jury at this week's term of Moore County Superior Court in Carthage recommended that proper reports be filed with the clerk of the Superior Court by Coroner Ralph G. Steed of Robbins and also that a coroner's jury be empaneled immediately when the coroner sees any indication of foul play.

The report, signed by David Ginsburg of Carthage, foreman, was completed late Wednesday.

The section of the report dealing with the coroner reads:

"The Coroner's Report: Approximately 14 inquests have been made, of which two have been filed with the Clerk of the Superior Court. The Grand Jury contacted Coroner Ralph Steed for the balance of the inquests and he sent his file and now there are nine coroner reports on file in the clerk's office with four transcripts of coroner's inquests, and the coroner made approximately 175 investigations of death in the past three years and no reports filed in the clerk's office. However, the coroner did file short reports with the Auditor's office when presenting his bills.

"We recommend that in the future..."

McAllister Gets Prison Term for 4-Year-Old Crime

A jury verdict of "guilty as charged" and prison sentence of 15 years handed a dark, wiry, mustached Negro defendant climaxed a case on which Moore County officers had worked four years, in Moore Superior Court Monday.

Though their work has ended, actually the case may not have. The defendant, M. B. McAllister, alias Emory McAllister, 26, of Vass, conducting his own defense, gave notice of appeal to the State Supreme Court and Judge William J. Bundy, presiding, set the largest appearance bond ever recorded in this court—\$30,000. McAllister has the statutory 30 days to perfect his appeal.

The prison sentence was the maximum for the crime, assault with intent to commit rape. On August 18, 1956, Nora Anderson, respected elderly Negro woman of Vass, went to a hospital as the result of a brutal beating she said was inflicted by McAllister. She told Vass police the youth had come to her home in her husband's absence and beat her unmercifully, threatening to kill her, in his attempt to ravish her.

Searching for him, Moore County officers found that McAllister, a young Navy veteran who had been staying with his grandmother at Vass, had disappeared. Their search went on fruitlessly for nearly three years. Then, in the summer of 1959, they learned he was in prison in New York. A new warrant was prepared and the case went before the grand jury, resulting in a true bill, at the August term a year ago.

A detainer was placed on him, (Continued on page 13)



THE CHAMPS — Season and playoff champions of the local adult softball league are the Galloping Ghosts, shown here after their final victory. Front row, left to right, Cranford Garner; Joel Stutts, manager; Carl Sarvis, bat boy; Lewis McNeill and Jimmy Carter. Second row, same order: Robert Causey, Walter McCrimmon, Odell Caddell, Bob Antle, John Mallow, Willis Calcutt and Woody Woodruff. (Charles Rose photo)

Attack Defendant Given 50 Years

Nathaniel Terry, Negro, 22, of West End drew 50 years in prison Wednesday in Moore Superior Court for his entry into a West End home the night of last May 14, and his pursuit of and attack on the young white wife and mother who was alone there.

Mrs. Betty Conrad, 21, testified nervously but with composure up to the point where she said she felt one of her children was endangered by the man. At that point she broke down and sobbed wildly for several minutes, then pointed her finger at the defendant, who was listening impassively, and cried out, "I said I

would kill you and I will, I will!"

Judge William J. Bundy, presiding, and the whole courtroom waited quietly during her outburst, and Solicitor M. G. Boyette told her, "Take your time, take your time." Afterward she regained control with an effort.

She told of the Negro's walking through her unlocked front door into the living room where she sat alone after putting her two little girls to bed. As he approached her she jumped up and ran out the back door, and he followed in full pursuit. Trying to reach the home of her mother-in-law, Mrs. Woodrow Conrad, next door, she stumbled and fell, and the man fell on her, fumbling at her blouse. Her mother-in-law appeared in response to her screams and the man, she said, jumped up and ran.

At that point, her two-year-old (Continued on Page 8)

Football Drills Start This Week; 25 Boys Report

By CHARLES ROSE

The Southern Pines High School pre-season football practice opened Monday morning at the high school. Twenty-five candidates, including 10 lettermen, received their equipment issue and met with the new coaches.

Head Coach Bill Megginson and his assistant, John Williams, Jr., announced that the linemen will practice from 7:30 to 9 a. m. and 4 to 5:30 p. m. The backfield is scheduled to practice from 9 to 10:30 a. m. and 5:30 to 7 p. m.

They have not set a date for the first combination practice, but this is expected some time next week.

Megginson explained that the first few days would be devoted to conditioning and the fundamentals—Monday, blocking dummies; Tuesday, learning plays; and Wednesday, passing patterns.

The Blue Knights open the season Friday, September 9, when they will travel to Laurinburg. Game time is 8 p. m.

Mills Says He's Not Manager for Drewry Troutman

Mayor E. H. Mills of Pinebluff, who says he is a Democrat, this week called a "misunderstanding" his announced position as Pinebluff manager for the campaign for election to the county board of education of Drewry Troutman of Ador, Republican.

Two weeks ago, Coolidge Thompson of Pinebluff, county campaign manager for Troutman, named Mills as Troutman's Pinebluff manager. Billy McKenzie was announced as Pinehurst manager.

"The first I knew of any managership was when I read it in the papers," Mills said.

Troutman is opposing Jere McKeithen, Democratic incumbent, for the board of education seat from District 5, in the November election.

Ghosts Winners In Town Softball Playoff Series

By CHARLES ROSE

The Galloping Ghosts, coached by Joel Stutts, came from behind twice Monday night to defeat the Southern Pines Lions Club 17-9 in the second of the three game playoffs for the Southern Pines Adult Softball championship. The Ghosts collected 19 hits, most in the later innings, to defeat tough Lion pitcher Delamar Mann. The game was played under extremely wet conditions which forced outfielders for both teams to take precautions in judging fly balls in the deep outfield.

The Ghosts came from behind in the fifth inning by sending 10 men to the plate, collecting five runs on seven hits and two errors. Bob Antle had a perfect night at the plate for the Ghosts, going three for three followed by C. Garner and W. Calcutt with three for five. Pitcher Calcutt collected two doubles and a home run to help his own cause.

J. Stutts, Odell Caddell and Robert Causey had two hits for the winners. Walter McCrimmon, regular season hitting sensation (Continued on page 8)

Murder Warrant Served on Hardy In Boggs Death

J. D. Hardy, 26-year-old local man, has been served with a warrant in Moore County jail at Carthage charging him with the murder of Mrs. Evelyn Boggs, 41, on or about June 6. He will have a preliminary hearing in Moore Recorder's Court Monday.

Hardy has been held in jail since Saturday, July 30, the day Mrs. Boggs' decomposed body was found in an abandoned dwelling on the old Manly Road. Having come to Southern Pines from near Bluefield, W. Va., several years ago, he had been working here as a plumber's helper.

Officers picked him up for questioning on the strength of letters and papers found in the house—mainly a note purportedly written by Mrs. Boggs while she was dying, accusing Hardy of shooting her and saying, "He has left me here to die."

X-rays of the body, judged to have been dead from six to eight weeks, showed a pistol bullet located in the chest. However, the examining pathologist could not at first locate the bullet. After burial July 31, the body was exhumed last Thursday and the bullet recovered. What other findings were made, if any, were not made public. Coroner Ralph G. Steed's ruling in the case, handed down this week, was simply that "death resulted from a hemorrhage caused by a pistol wound." Hardy admitted to officers having been involved with the woman. (Continued on page 8)

Sheriff Reveals Note's Full Text

Sheriff W. B. Kelly this week released the full text of Mrs. Evelyn Boggs' handwritten note, the purported declaration in which she accused J. D. Hardy as her murderer.

It had been withheld before, as had been the name of the accused man, pending full investigation of the case, and the making of an arrest.

Scrawled in pencil on a sheet of ruled paper, it said: "To Whom it may Concern, J. D. Hardy pulled the trigger that killed me left me for dead but had strength (sic) enough to write this is the truth Punish him I am dying, so everybody would know, Evelyn."

Local Schools Opening On Friday, September 2



JOHN D. MCCONNELL

McConnell Named State Secretary, Democratic Party

John D. McConnell of Southern Pines, an attorney with a long record of service in the Democratic party, was appointed State secretary of the party on Wednesday.

The appointment came from Bert L. Bennett, Jr., recently elected chairman of the State Democratic Executive Committee.

Under party regulations, the chairman is permitted to appoint a secretary. Other officers of the committee are elected.

Mr. McConnell succeeds Steve Nimocks of Fayetteville.

In this year's Democratic primary campaign, Mr. McConnell was co-manager, with Mrs. John L. Frye of Robbins, of the Moore County campaign of Terry Sanford, of Fayetteville, winner of the gubernatorial nomination.

An attorney, with office in Pinehurst, Mr. McConnell was elected last year as solicitor of Southern Pines Recorder's Court and serves in that capacity at the Wednesday morning sessions.

He and his wife, the former Margaret Correll of Winston-Salem, live on Country Club Drive. They have four children—John D., Jr., a junior at the University of North Carolina; Bob, student at the Baylor School, (Continued on page 8)

The Southern Pines schools will open for the 1960-61 school year according to the following schedule, it has been announced by Supt. Luther A. Adams:

Thursday, September 1—Teacher orientation day (conferences with principal and superintendent, English workshop, etc.)

Friday, September 2—Teacher-pupil orientation day. All students, grades 1-12, will report to classes and remain until 12:30 p. m. The cafeterias will not operate and all students will be dismissed at 12:30 p. m. This day will be devoted to schedule making, homework assignments, class adjustments, receive textbooks and other matters.

Monday, September 5, Labor Day—School will not open.

Tuesday, September 6—First full day of the 180-day schedule. Cafeterias will begin operation. First grade students must be six years old on or before October 16. To enter the second grade from a private school, students must be seven years old on or before December 1.

All students are expected to report on teacher-pupil orientation day, September 2, Mr. Adams stressed.

For the first two school weeks the first grades will be dismissed at 12 noon. Thereafter, the first grades will be dismissed at 2:15 p. m. Grades 2, 3 and 4 will be dismissed at 2:30 p. m. Grades 5-12 will be dismissed at 3 p. m. each day.

The schedule as given applies to the schools of both East and West Southern Pines.

Moore Tobacco Markets to Open Tuesday, Sept. 6

A committee of Middle Belt tobacco warehousemen, meeting in Durham Tuesday morning, set Tuesday, September 6 as the date for opening of sales on the 10 Middle Belt markets.

Both the tobacco markets in Moore County—at Aberdeen and Carthage—are among the 10 in the Middle Belt.

Fred Royster, of Henderson, manager of the Bright Belt Warehouse Assn., said the decision by the committee was unanimous.

He said the committee felt the crop would be ready for marketing by September 1.

"However, out of consideration for the buying companies and the personnel of the grading service, (the date was set for Tuesday, September 6)," he added.

The date maintains the same spread as last year between the Eastern and Middle openings.

The Eastern Belt opens August 23.

The 10 Middle Belt markets opened August 31 last year and operated for 55 sales days. Producer sales for the season amounted to 122,899,000 pounds, averaging \$57.17 per hundred pounds. The 1958 average was \$57.86 for a slightly larger volume.

Setting of the Middle Belt opening would leave only the Old Belt starting date unannounced. The first belt to open, the South Carolina-Border North Carolina Belt, began sales last Thursday.

Benefit Supper Set Wednesday

Aid to the blind and sight conservation are included in civic and welfare projects to benefit from a chicken supper to be served by the Southern Pines Lions Club Wednesday, August 24.

The supper will be served at the outdoor barbecue area of the Southern Pines Country Club from 5:30 to 7:30 p. m.

Persons wanting free home delivery of suppers should get in touch with any member of the club, said the president, Joe Marley. Suppers may also be picked up by persons who want to take them home.

Walter Harper will be in charge of food preparation.

Everybody's Watching Satellite: Here's When to Look

Clear skies over the Sandhills the past two nights have enabled many persons to view the passage of the Echo I balloon satellite.

A number of persons have called The Pilot and reported seeing the balloon. David Drexel said he plans to make observations of it this week-end in connection with a Boy Scout training session.

Sightings were reported Wednesday night at three different times—8:12 and 10:21 p. m. and 12:26 a. m.

Four-Day Schedule

Morehead Planetarium at Chapel Hill has released a four-day time table for sighting the satellite over the Carolinas.

A. F. Jenzano, director, said the table was made available to him by M. E. Johnson, branch manager on the IBM Corp. in Raleigh. IBM makes the computation through its space computation center in Washington.

The table (all times Eastern

Standard):

Thursday—7:50 p. m. 39 degrees above the horizon, traveling south to northeast; 9:50 p. m., 60 degrees, north to northeast.

Friday—12:04 a. m. 42 degrees, north to northeast; 2:10 a. m., 59 degrees, north to southeast; 4:18 a. m., 49 degrees, south to southeast; 7:27 p. m., 35 degrees, south to northeast; 9:36 p. m., 62 degrees, north to northeast; 11:42 p. m. 42 degrees, north to northeast.

Saturday—1:47 a. m., 55 degrees, north to southeast; 3:56 a. m., 53 degrees, south to southeast; 7:05 p. m., 31 degrees, south to northeast; 9:14 p. m., 65 degrees, north to northeast; 11:20 p. m., 42 degrees, north to northeast.

Sunday—1:25 a. m., 53 degrees, north to southeast; 3:33 a. m., 58 degrees, south to southeast.

Jenzano pointed out that the table times are when the satellite will have reached its stated elevation above the horizon. The satellite will begin rising above the

horizon six to eight minutes earlier than the times contained in the table.

Jenzano says that Echo watchers could take an established timetable for one day, subtract 20 minutes from each time to get the time for the next day's pass.

The planetarium manager calculates that if the satellite passes over high in the sky at places with low horizons, Echo should be visible for up to 17 minutes. In places where Echo passes low over a high horizon, it should still be in view for 5 to 7 minutes.

Jenzano advises watchers to go out about 15 minutes before the time Echo is expected to pass over. This is to give watchers time to get used to the dark and to look over the sky.

When Echo appears, it will look like one of the brighter stars, but it may not appear to be moving right away. Watchers will have to compare it with nearby bright stars for a few seconds.

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Malcolm Clark Wins Singles, Doubles Titles

Malcolm Clark finally made it, and the local tennis world is busting with pride.

In a brilliant finals event Sunday afternoon in which he beat Charlie Shaffer, Jr., of Chapel Hill 6-2, 6-4, Clark became the first Southern Pines player ever to win the men's singles championship in the Sandhill Invitational. The huge silver punchbowl donated by Allan T. Preyer, presented to the winner by Mayor Robert S. Ewing after the match,

stays home this time.

The 27-year-old Army veteran and Carolina graduate student is also the only product of the local courts to win a major trophy in the 12-year history of the tournament, except for Audrey West Brown, who left tennis for marriage several years ago.

For three straight years Bill Umstaeder of Abbeville, S. C., held the crown, then, for three straight years, till this year, Sam Daniel of Leaksville. In 1958, on Clark's return from Army service,

he battled his way to finals against Daniel and lost.

He won numerous other trophies, starting with the Eastern Carolina junior singles about 10 years ago. He's held the Eastern Carolina men's singles title four or five times, many doubles championships and runner-up trophies, and was a finalist in the U. S. Army in Europe tournament in 1957. He is an outstanding member of the Carolina tennis team. But the Sandhill proved

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TROPHIES AWARDED — As the Sandhills Invitational tennis tournament ended, Mayor R. S. Ewing (third from right) awarded trophies to winners. At the mayor's right is John McMillan, tournament director who also played in the event. Winners, left to right: Miss Louise Fowler and Miss Joanne Cooper, women's

doubles (Miss Cooper also was women's singles and mixed doubles runner-up); Malcolm Clark, men's singles and men's doubles winner; and Charlie Shaffer, men's doubles winner and men's singles runner-up. Mrs. Raymonde Jones, not pictured, was the women's singles winner. (Humphrey photo)