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MR. HODGKINS

George Hodgkins Elected Officer Of Citizens Bank

Announcement was made this week of the election of George C. Hodgkins as assistant cashier of The Citizens Bank and Trust Company of Southern Pines.

Mr. Hodgkins has been in Los Angeles, Calif., where he held an executive position with United Industrial Corporation. He resigned this position to take up his duties with the Southern Pines bank, effective in January.

The announcement was made by his father, N. L. Hodgkins, who is president of the local bank.

George Hodgkins is a 1948 graduate of Southern Pines High School. After graduating in 1952 from the University of North Carolina he served in the army for three years, rising from the rank of private to first lieutenant.

He has been with United Industrial Corporation and its predecessor companies since 1957 with duties principally in the field of finance. He had previously spent one year with Security-First National Bank of Los Angeles, in the Trust Department.

N. L. Hodgkins said that the growth of the bank has made it necessary to obtain the services of an additional officer and that the directors and officers were pleased to be able to secure such a well qualified man.

George Hodgkins is one of the three sons of Mr. and Mrs. N. L. Hodgkins of Southern Pines. The others are Norris L. Hodgkins, Jr., who is executive vice-president of the Citizens Bank and Trust Co., and Lewis Hodgkins who is an Episcopal minister serving in Alaska.

Rescued Seaman Spends Christmas At Eagle Springs

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It ought to have been the happiest Christmas ever for Elbert Freeman, 46, who was rescued last Thursday from the broken tanker Pine Ridge in stormy seas 100 miles off Hatteras.

But, at the decorated home of his niece, Mrs. Clinton Williams in Eagle Springs, the tall wiry seaman, a merchant mariner for 15 years, admitted it hadn't worked out that way.

The strain showed in his face and movements as he said, "Everything still seems so unreal. I haven't been able to relax yet or even get a good night's sleep. I keep seeing the bow of the ship as it drifted off out of sight with those seven men, our captain and officers, aboard. There wasn't a single thing we could do."

Hard at work, he hadn't felt anything when the tanker split at a quarter to 12 Wednesday of last week. "One of the fellows came running and told me, 'We've lost the bow.' I said, 'No!' and went and looked. In only about two minutes it had gotten quite a distance off, and was capsizing.

"Once we saw a man standing up on it, and another moving, holding onto something. Then we didn't see anybody, any more.

"For several hours we were too busy even to count up and see who was missing. We secured the bulkhead as tightly as we could, then tried to lower a lifeboat on the port side but couldn't, on account of the terrible rolling, and the high seas. We went to the starboard side and tried. But some orange drums on that side had broken loose and dumped oil all over the deck. We slipped and slid and couldn't stand up. Then we knew that if we did get the boat down, we couldn't do a thing with it in those seas.

"By then it was raining, snowing, sleeting, hailing. We were wet through. All we could do was go inside and stay there. We had to prop the door open—we were afraid the ship, what was left of her, would twist and buckle and jam the door so if rescue came, we couldn't get out.

"The radio shack and operator were lost on the bow. We didn't know if he had been able to get any message out. We saw one ship about 25 miles off but she never came any closer. Then an Esso tanker came along and we blinked out a message with a flashlight. She said she'd stand by but she couldn't come close on account

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RUINS OF HOME — Neighbors keep a sad afternoon. A movement has started to re-build and re-furnish the home for the bereaved young couple. (V. Nicholson photo)

BABY DIES IN FIRE, POSSESSIONS LOST

Moose Lead Drive To Aid Family

Fire which took the life of their 13-months-old daughter also destroyed the home and all the furnishings of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Kennedy on Lake Bay Road near Skyline, last Friday afternoon.

Neighbors rushing to the aid of the 23-year-old father, and the Vass volunteer fire department, arriving within a short while, were all powerless against the flames swiftly devouring the four-room frame home.

The tragedy shocked the entire community in the midst of its preparations for Christmas, and a movement started immediately to aid the bereaved couple and their surviving child, a four-year-old girl.

The Southern Pines Moose Lodge No. 1817, at an officers' meeting held Tuesday night, decided to sponsor a project to rebuild and furnish the Kennedy home. Already offers of building materials and volunteer labor were pouring in, and many donations of cash, furnishings and clothing had already been made. The gifts are being stored at Dunrovin on US Highway 1, where the Kennedys are making their temporary home.

Jim Morris of Southern Pines, lodge secretary, was named finance chairman. With about \$200 on hand, he estimated, "We will need about \$2,000 more." Money donations may be sent to him care of the Moose Lodge, Box 834, Southern Pines. Checks should be made to Kennedy Building Fund.

BUILDING STARTS

Foundations have been poured and walls will start to go up tomorrow on a concrete block house for the Robert Kennedy family. A refrigerator, water heater, range, washing machine and a number of furniture items have already been donated. Some of the men working at the site are fellow employees of Kennedy at the Jones, Inc., plant in Vass. The plant is shut down for a holiday this week. Many other employees of the company have helped the Kennedys in various ways.

Other lodge members on the building committee are Ira Gunter, a neighbor of the Kennedys' at Beasley Heights on Lake Bay Road; Clyde Phipps and C. O. Boyette, Southern Pines, and Ernest Almond, Aberdeen; and, on the finance committee, Jack Barron, lodge governor, Leonard Grant, William Fields and Emerson Humphrey, Southern Pines.

Churches of the area are co-operating with the project and numerous other organizations are expected to help.

A volunteer crew will start work on the homestead Sunday afternoon, and will carry on in spare time, as weather and time permit, in hopes of having the house ready by early spring.

Graveside service for the baby, Beverly Kay Kennedy, was held Saturday afternoon at New Home Baptist Church Cemetery near Vass. Surviving are her parents; her sister, Nancy Jo; maternal grandmother, Mrs. W. M. Hall of Route 3, Carthage and paternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Kennedy, formerly of Manly, now living in High Point.

Earl Edmisten, who lives across the road, and Ira Gunter, next-door neighbor, came running as they saw flames shooting above the treetops. They found the frantic father circling the house, crying out, "My baby is burning to death, and I can't get to her." His face was burned and his hair singed from his efforts to reach the little girl.

Other neighbors arrived but no one could get in. "It was pitiful," (Continued on Page 5)

Lutheran Leader To Preach Sunday

Dr. F. L. Conrad, president of the North Carolina Lutheran Synod, will preach at the 9 a.m. service of the local Lutheran Church mission Sunday, January 1, it was announced today by the pastor, the Rev. Lester Roof of Sanford.

The Lutheran Church services are held locally each Sunday in the Civic Club building. The public is invited.

Zita Carno To Play January 11

Zita Carno will appear in a piano recital, Wednesday, January 11, at Weaver Auditorium, Southern Pines, as the second program in the Sandhill Music Association's 1960-'61 concert series. The recital will begin at 8:30 p.m.

A pre-concert buffet dinner, for which reservations are necessary, will be served at the Hollywood Hotel.

Miss Carno, who was highly praised after her Town Hall debut in New York City in December, 1959, played last October with the New York Philharmonic Orchestra under direction of Leonard Bernstein. After the Town Hall concert, the New York Times called her "without a doubt one of the major young American talents—a pianist with a splendid technical equipment, brains and extreme finesse."

A native New Yorker, Miss Carno began writing music at the age of five and, when 11, gave a concert at the Manhattan School of Music, playing largely her own works. She received her Bachelor of Music degree at the Manhattan School in 1956 and the Master of

Tax Listing To Start Tuesday In Moore Co.

Listing of real and personal property for taxes will begin throughout Moore County Tuesday, January 3.

Valuations of property listed for county taxes will automatically be picked up by municipalities for town taxes. One listing only is necessary.

Mrs. Estelle Wicker of Carthage, county tax supervisor, warns that the listing period will not be extended beyond January 31. Failure to list is a misdemeanor and may be punished by fine or imprisonment.

Names and addresses of all the list takers of Moore County appear in an advertisement on page 7 of today's Pilot.

Mrs. Irene Mullinix of Vass, who will list McNeill Township property inside the city limits of Southern Pines and Vass, has announced that she will be at the Information Center building here from 9 a. m. to 5 p. m., each weekday except Thursdays and Saturdays. On those days she will be at the Vass town hall. She is the Vass town clerk.

A new listing schedule is going into effect in Sandhills Township. Mrs. Adelaide Schnell of Pinebluff, the list taker, assisted by Mrs. Lee Buchan of Aberdeen, will have a permanent office for the month of January, open daily from 8:30 a. m. to 5 p. m., back of the J. D. Arey Real Estate and Insurance office in Aberdeen.

Mrs. D. J. Blue of Route 3, Carthage, will list McNeill Township property that is not inside the city limits of Southern Pines and Vass.

Marshall Service Set for Saturday

A memorial service for Gen. George Catlett Marshall—former U. S. chief of staff, secretary of state and secretary of defense, who maintained a winter home at Pinehurst from the end of World War II until his death in October, 1959, will be held at 10 a.m. Saturday at the Marshall monument in the park named for him at Pinehurst.

The service is sponsored by the Pinehurst American Legion Post 350, of which George Hunt is commander.

Brig. Gen. Joseph W. Stilwell, Jr., of Fort Bragg, deputy corps commander and chief of staff of the XVIII Airborne Corps, will speak and place a wreath at the monument on behalf of the armed forces of the United States. Wreaths will also be placed by Mr. Hunt, for the Legion, and by William Maness, president of the Pinehurst Lions Club.

Mrs. Marshall, widow of the general, is expected to attend. The public is invited.

The ceremony, first held last year, is scheduled for December 31, because that was General Marshall's birthday.

HOLIDAY MONDAY

Most stores and offices in Southern Pines will close for a New Year holiday Monday, since New Year's Day falls on Sunday.

Banks will be closed. Post offices will follow their holiday schedule. The Southern Pines town hall, Information Center and public library will be closed, as will the courthouse at Carthage. The ABC stores at Southern Pines and Pinehurst will be closed.

The regular meeting of the county commissioners will be held Tuesday, January 3, at Carthage.

License Plates To Go on Sale Tuesday Morning

State and town license plates for 1961 will go on sale here Tuesday, January 3. Both must be in place on vehicles before February 15.

State tags can be obtained by presenting Department of Motor Vehicles cards at the license bureau in the Western Auto Associate Store on N. W. Broad St. The hours there are 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., except on Saturday when the office is open 8:30 a.m. to noon.

Town license plates, costing \$1, can be obtained at the Information Center, corner of S. E. Broad St. and Pennsylvania Ave. Town tags must be displayed by motor vehicle owners residing within the Southern Pines city limits. The hours at the Information are 9 to 12 and 1 to 4 daily and 9 to noon on Saturdays.

State license officials urge that vehicle owners sign their cards at two indicated places before presenting them at the bureau, to save time and congestion.

On the back of the card is a place to sign indicating that the purchaser of plates has the proper liability insurance, without which he cannot legally drive the vehicle; the other line to fill in, on the front of the card, indicates the county in which the vehicle is listed for personal property tax.

No Fatalities Listed on Roads Of 3-County Area

There were no highway fatalities in Moore County over the long Christmas weekend, nor in Lee and Chatham, the other two counties in this Highway Patrol district.

For the state as a whole, from 6 p.m. Friday to midnight Monday, there were 17 traffic deaths, as compared to 30, with 13 on Christmas Day alone, during the 78-hour holiday period last year. The nation's traffic toll, 488, was the lowest since 1949.

Law enforcement officers in Moore County reported a generally quiet weekend. At Carthage, only one man was put in the county jail. Charged with drunken driving, he was bailed out before Christmas Day.

Nominations for Award Still Open

Though a deadline of December 28 had been announced, nominations for the outstanding young Southern Pines man of 1960 will be received through the end of this week, it was announced today.

The young man chosen will receive the Jaycees' Distinguished Service Award in January.

Questionnaires on which nominations may be made can be obtained from any member of the Jaycees. They should be returned to P. O. Box 314, Southern Pines.

Winkelmans Give Home To Episcopal Diocese

The Rt. Rev. Richard H. Baker, D. D., bishop of North Carolina, announced today the gift by Mr. and Mrs. Dwight W. Winkelman of Southern Pines of their East Massachusetts Avenue home, "The Terraces," to the Episcopal diocese. It will be used as a conference center under the direction and supervision of the Department of Christian Education in Raleigh.

In expressing his thanks to the Winkelman family, Bishop Baker said that plans for the proposed center have been underway since August and that the diocese expected to put the center into use about mid-May.

It will be used to accommodate small groups of laity and clergy for special conferences and retreats throughout the year. One of its principal purposes will be as a post-ordination training institution for Episcopal clergy. It will also be used for college faculty conferences, week-end family conferences, and for sessions to train laymen and laywomen in the work and program of the Church. Both one day and week-long conference facilities will be available to all Church groups.

The Episcopal diocese now operates Vade Mecum, a summer camp and conference center near Danbury. "The Terraces" will now make possible a year-round conference program. During summer months the Southern Pines center will be used by mission priests for study and relaxation.

The center, when in full operation, will have full maintenance staff as well as professional administrators. Bishop Baker has appointed the Rev. Martin Cald-

well of Emmanuel Church in Southern Pines as general chairman of the board of directors. The Rev. Robert Ladehoff of St. Christopher's Church, Charlotte, will be vice-chairman. Other members of the board include Mrs. E. Nolley Jackson of Southern Pines, Mrs. Roger Gant, Jr., of Burlington, and the Rev. Peter C. Robinson, rector of St. Francis's Church in Greensboro.

The conference center has no relationship to the Episcopal Home for the Aging, which the Diocese of North Carolina is also locating in Southern Pines, but will operate as an entirely separate and independent institution.

Mr. and Mrs. Winkelman will continue to make their home in Southern Pines where they are communicants of Emmanuel church.



WINKELMAN HOME, as it looked last week, decorated for the Christmas season. It is so closely surrounded by large shrubs and trees that a picture showing the entire residence is difficult to obtain. (V. Nicholson photo)

PTA Meeting To Be January 16; Weaver to Speak

The January meeting of the East Southern Pines Parent-Teacher Association will be held January 16, the third Monday, rather than on the usual second Monday, Max Rush, president, announced today.

He said the change was necessary because of the schedule of Phil Weaver of Greensboro, former local school superintendent, who will be the speaker.

Mr. Weaver will talk on a trip he made to Russia. Further details will be announced next week.