

Body Of Bill Upchurch, Missing Since February 9, Discovered In Deep River

The waters of Deep River at Highfalls, nearly back to normal after being swollen with spring rains, on Sunday gave up the body of Bill Upchurch, seven weeks dead.

The 28-year-old Highfalls man, married and the father of a young son, is believed to have been thrown into the river when his truck wrecked on Highfalls bridge Saturday night, February 9.

Entire \$445,000

Bond Total Sold By Town Tuesday

A total of \$445,000 in Town of Southern Pines bonds was sold by the Local Government Commission at Raleigh Tuesday to the low-bidding brokers, Goodby & Company and Bache & Company, at an interest cost of 3.1904 per cent.

The interest rates offered by four other bidders on the bonds ranged from 3.2006 to 3.3464 per cent.

The total includes four bond issues: \$280,000 for sewer and sewage disposal plant work; \$105,000 for water system improvements; \$35,000 for a West Southern Pines swimming pool; and \$25,000 for expansion and equipment at the Southern Pines Library.

The full amount of all the bond issues, which were authorized by a vote of the people last fall, was sold, the money to be deposited at interest in local banks until it must be paid out for work done.

At its March meeting, the council decided to deposit the \$105,000 from the water bond sale in the Southern National Bank and the other bond funds in the Citizens Bank and Trust Company.

'Little Miss' Contest Entry Blanks Available

Entry blanks for the Little Miss Southern Pines contest for pre-school girls are available at the Town Information Center and Tots' Toggery, it was announced this week by Gary Griffith and Fred Teeter, co-chairmen for the sponsoring Junior Chamber of Commerce.

The contest will be held in Weaver Auditorium at 7 p. m., Friday, May 3. Entries must be in by April 27. Proceeds will be used by the Jaycees for civic projects.

2 WOODS FIRES BURNING IN AREA

Two woods fires were burning out of control as The Pilot went to press this afternoon.

One was reported off Linden Road, toward Jackson Springs, in the Garren Hill area, west of Pinehurst.

Another, burning from the Fletcher Southern Plant, jumped Aiken road, threatening the C. R. Horner home and outbuildings on the Longcope place.

Little information was immediately available, as all Forest Service personnel with assisting equipment and men from town departments, were engaged in fighting the two blazes.

Fire danger in this area was listed as acute this week and all burning permits were cancelled.

Hobbs Heads County Cancer Campaign

James D. Hobbs of Southern Pines is serving as chairman of Moore County's 1963 Cancer Crusade being held during the month of April. He accepted the post at a dinner meeting of the County Association last Wednesday night at the Carriage Hotel. The Cancer Crusade is a nation-wide fund drive conducted by the American Cancer Society.

Mr. Hobbs, who came to this area from Fayetteville about 30 years ago, has taken an active part in civic affairs. He has served as president of the Sandhills Kiwanis Club and of the Pinehurst Lions Club, and as chairman of the board of trustees and secretary of the United Church of Christ. He has worked in various drives for charitable activities and served on the town's Industrial Development Committee and on the Resort Advertising Committee. He is presently mayor pro tem of Southern Pines.

The body was found by rescue workers some 500 yards downstream from the bridge, in a spot which had been combed and re-combed repeatedly during the long search, interrupted only by snow and ice in late February, and the recent high water.

In a group watching from the bridge as the volunteers resumed their operations Sunday afternoon were Upchurch's young wife, Phyllis, and his sister, Mildred. A cousin, Freddie Upchurch, was in a group which quickly reached the body after it was first seen by a volunteer in a boat.

Some 40 or 50 feet away when he shouted of his find was a line of 15 men, Moore County Rescue Squad members from Robbins and Carthage, with Highfalls volunteer firemen, and others from the community. They had been working their way downstream from the bridge on the south side of the wide, rocky river, strung out in a line with linked hands, wading in chest-high water. Among them was Bill Stutts of Robbins, Rescue Squad chief, who had organized and headed the search, starting immediately after the accident.

The body was floating on its back, partially submerged, caught on a rock, close to the south bank of a wooded island near "the falls," an outcropping of rock. Stutts gave his opinion that it had been caught at the bottom of the river until the force of the highwater brought it to the surface.

Staples Home At Skyline Burned

The home of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Staples at Skyline, where they have operated a nursery for many years, was badly damaged by fire Friday afternoon, probably as the result of a brush fire which burned the area extensively.

Mrs. Staples, a partial invalid, was alone in the house when she saw grass around it afire. Trying to phone for help, she found the phone was dead. However, the fire was quickly spotted from a N. C. Forest Service tower at Southern Pines, and, after investigation by a smokechaser, Forest Service trucks were quickly on the scene. They were promptly followed by W. O. Moss's truck from Manly and tank trucks from the Vass, Southern Pines and Cameron volunteer departments.

Forest Service firefighters carried Mrs. Staples outside the house, which was ablaze, as was a small outbuilding. Her husband (Continued on Page 8)

SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

Spring holidays for students in the Southern Pines schools begin at the close of school tomorrow (Friday), to run until opening of school on Monday, April 15. Classes are scheduled on Easter Monday, to make up a day lost last winter because of snow.



THE MITCHELLS—Honor Guests at Race Meet

PARKING SPACES SELLING FAST

'Trooper of Year' To Be at Stoneybrook

Master Sergeant Gerald L. Mitchell, the "Trooper of the Year" of the famed 82nd Airborne Division, Fort Bragg, will be the guest of honor for the Stoneybrook Hunt Race Meeting here April 13.

For both Sergeant Mitchell and his attractive wife, Agnes, the Festivities of "Stoneybrook Day" will culminate a year of honors and recognition. They were special guests last summer at the national convention of the 82nd Airborne Association in Boston and also honored at the annual meeting of the National Airborne Association in Washington, D. C. in August.

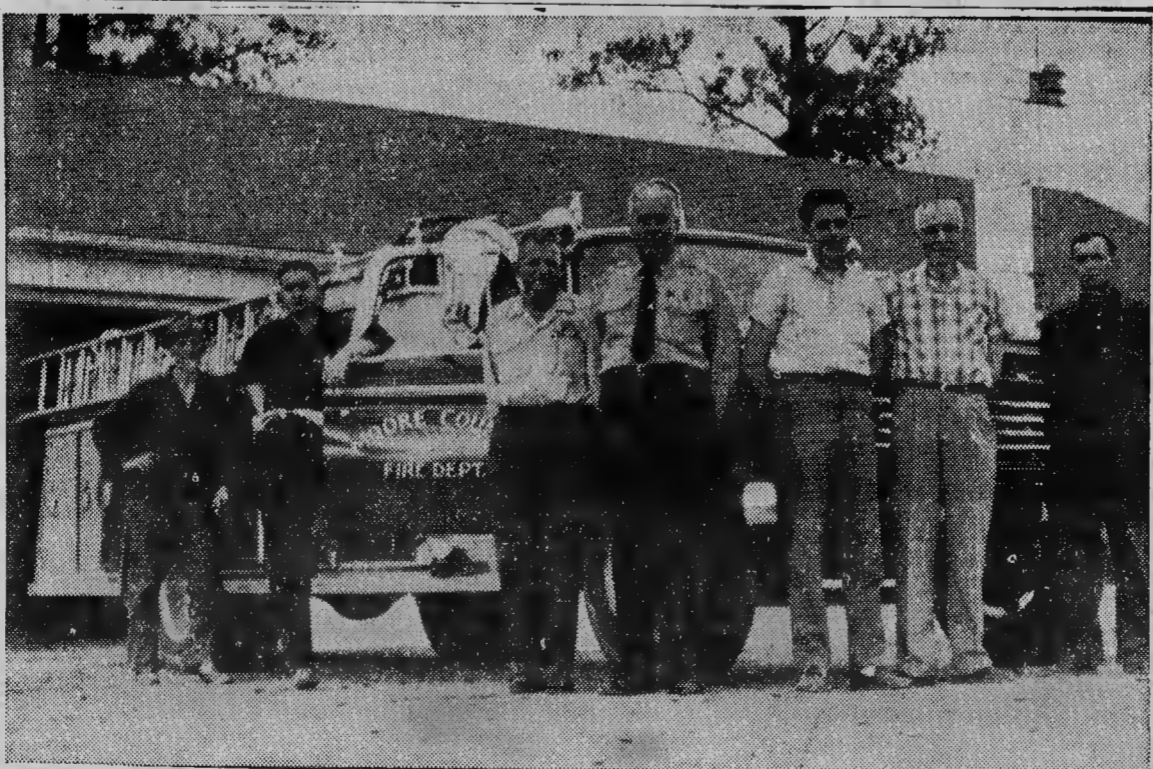
Candidates File For Town Council

Four more candidates filed for the town council, in the May 7 election during the past week. Added to the name of Councilman Felton Capel, first to file, were: incumbent Councilmen Morris Johnson and Fred Pollard and two new candidates, Donald D. Kennedy and C. A. McLaughlin.

Filing time for candidates ends at noon, Monday, April 15. Mayor John S. Ruggles and Mayor Pro Tem J. D. Hobbs have stated they will not be candidates for reelection.

SEARS OPENING SET

Sears, Roebuck and Co. this week informed customers in this area that the company will open its new Catalog Sales Store in the new Daniels building on S. W. Broad St., on April 25. Further details will be announced.



NEW RURAL TRUCK—The fifth fire truck to go into rural service in Moore County, stationed at Vass, is shown here with seven of the volunteer firemen. Left to right: J. Marvin Blue, Buddy McRae, James Hudson (assistant chief), Chief P. T. Smith, Jack Holder, Ed Boggs and Pete Boggs. The truck answered four alarms in the Vass area before it was in service three days. (V. Nicholson photo)

IN ABERDEEN

Group Will Hear Applications For 2 Bank Branches

A hearing will be held by the State Banking Commission in Raleigh, April 24, to consider two applications for bank branches in Aberdeen—one by the Citizens Bank and Trust Company of Southern Pines and another by the Carolina Bank of Pinehurst.

Announcements of the applications were made this week by N. L. Hodgkins, president of the local bank, and L. B. Creath, executive vice president of the Carolina Bank.

Mr. Hodgkins stated that the bank had been considering the possibility of applying for an Aberdeen branch for some years, as Aberdeen has always been a trading center for the area and also serves several prosperous farming communities. The recent industrial growth and the desire of many prominent Aberdeen citizens for a second banking office prompted the filing of an application at this time, Mr. Hodgkins said.

Construction of a branch offering drive-in service is proposed by the Carolina Bank.

This bank, organized at Pinehurst in 1914, already has an Aberdeen branch, established in 1933. It also operates branch offices at Carthage, Vass and West End. The new branch is being proposed, according to Mr. Creath, to relieve congestion at its downtown office in Aberdeen and to provide modern drive-in facilities with parking space. A site several blocks out of the business district has been tentatively selected.

History Assn. To Hear Mrs. Coker

The Moore County Historical Association has set its next meeting for 8 p. m., April 16, in the town hall courtroom, with Mrs. James L. Coker of Huntsville, S. C., as speaker.

As Elizabeth Boatwright Coker, she is a well known writer and lecturer, author of "Lady Rich," set in Elizabethan England, soon to be published.

Members of the association are invited by Mrs. Ernest L. Ives to a reception for Mrs. Coker at the Shaw House, after the meeting.

GARDEN TOUR SCHEDULED WEDNESDAY

The annual Home and Garden Tour sponsored by the Southern Pines Garden Club will take place here Wednesday of next week, April 10, from 9:30 a. m. to 5:30 p. m., with six local homes or gardens to be open to visitors.

Members of the club will be on hand to guide visitors, at the Shaw House where the tour begins, and at each stop along the route. On the tour are these

houses and gardens: Home of Dr. and Mrs. Malcolm Kemp on Highland Road; Weymouth, home of Mrs. James Boyd, off N. Ridge St.; home of Dr. and Mrs. William F. Hollister on Midland Road; the Lee K. Smithson home, Knollwood; The Homewood Gardens of Mr. and Mrs. D. K. Bullens (gardens only) Knollwood; and Seven Stars, home of Mrs. Audrey K. Kennedy, Youngs Road. Hundreds of visitors are expected for the event.

Mental Health Clinic Proposal Approved By County Commissioners

The county commissioners, meeting for their April session in Carthage Monday, viewed with favor a proposal that a Mental Health Clinic be set up in the county, calling for an appropriation of between \$9,000 and \$10,000 in the 1963-64 budget.

While the board could not formally vote on an item to be included in the 1963-64 budget, they gave verbal assurance individually that they favored the clinic proposal and would budget the needed sum, tentatively set at \$9,700.

Representatives of the Moore County Mental Health Association appeared before the commissioners for the second successive monthly meeting to ask that the county pay about one-third of

the cost of the clinic's establishment and first year of operation. The rest would come from state and federal funds.

They told the commissioners that, if assurance were given that the clinic would be set up, the sum of \$1,500 would be available from the State to get the clinic going at once.

This would mean, they said, the employment of a secretary and a psychiatric social worker (an application for this post has been made by a qualified person, it was stated) and a schedule of visits by a psychiatrist and a psychologist, each coming one day per week.

The facilities of the Matheson Memorial Center at St. Joseph of the Pines Hospital have been offered to the clinic, without charge, solving the problem of a place which can be utilized immediately.

Appearing for the Mental Health Association were Dr. Charles Phillips, Duncan McGoogan, the Rev. Carl Wallace, Lt. Col. and Mrs. Leon Baker and Mrs. Donald Scott.

The full board of commissioners was present: Chairman L. R. Reynolds, John M. Currie, Tom Monroe, J. M. Pleasants and W. S. Taylor.

Dates Named For Complaints About Tax Valuations

A schedule of meetings as board of tax equalization and review for six Moore County townships was set up this week by the county commissioners.

Mrs. Estelle T. Wicker, tax supervisor, said that the board will consider complaints about tax valuations on property in Carthage, Bensalem and Sheffield Townships on Wednesday, April 17.

On Tuesday, April 30, the commissioners will listen to complaints from residents of McNeill, Sandhill and Mineral Springs Townships.

Both sessions will begin at 9 a. m.

Southern Pines is in McNeill Township, Aberdeen and Pinebluff in Sandhills and Pinehurst in Mineral Springs.

Mrs. Wicker stressed that "any reasonable complaint" should be filed with her office before the equalization and review meetings.

Harness Horses To Race, Sunday

Five Grand Circuit trotters and a promising group of two-year-old pacers will be seen in action at the Pinehurst Race Track Sunday when the Pinehurst Driving and Training Club stages the season's second harness horse matinee there, starting at 2:30 p. m.

A six-dash card and a special event have been scheduled. Reserved parking space, general admission, reserved seats and grandstand seats are available. Children under 12 are admitted free.

Vaccination Of Dogs For Rabies Going On

Clinics for vaccination of dogs against rabies started in Moore County Monday, to run through Thursday, April 25. All dogs four months old or older must be vaccinated. A charge of \$1.50 is made at the clinics, less than the cost when the vaccine is privately given.

The clinic list appears elsewhere in today's paper. It was not made available to The Pilot for publication until after the clinics had begun. However, residents of the county can take their dogs to any of the clinics listed.

CLEAN-UP URGED!

Town Manager F. F. Rainey today asked local residents to clean up yards, parkways and vacant lots, in preparation for the annual Home and Garden Tour that will be held here Wednesday of next week, bringing many visitors to Southern Pines.

Southern Pines Garden Club officials pointed out this week that the club is spending nearly \$600 in replanting business section windowboxes and asked that business owners make every effort to keep the plantings watered and properly cared for.

\$302,600 Asked By Local Schools For 1963-64 Projects

Members of the Southern Pines board of education and Schools Supt. Luther A. Adams appeared before the county commissioners in Carthage Monday to enter a request for a total of \$302,600 in school capital outlay funds for the 1963-64 year, starting July 1.

N. L. Hodgkins, board chairman, said the request covers: \$271,000 to complete the West Southern Pines High School; \$30,000 to buy some 10 acres of additional land to be used for school purposes (location of the tract was not revealed); and \$1,600 for replacement of a steam line at the East Southern Pines school.

Mr. Adams said that the Southern Pines schools are growing at the rate of two classrooms per year and that, if no other new pupils are added to the local system, the high school enrollment, now 302, would jump to between 350 and 360 next year and 400 the following year.

Land to take care of this expansion in the school system is essential, Mr. Hodgkins said.

The commissioners took the requests under advisement, to be considered, along with requests from the Moore County and the Pinehurst systems, when they get down to budget-making.

COACH MURRAY SPEAKS TONIGHT

William D. Murray, head coach at Duke University, Durham, will be guest speaker at the April meeting of East Southern Pines Parent-Teacher Association tonight (Thursday) at 8 p. m. in Weaver Auditorium. Physical fitness and the importance of competitive athletics will be his topic.

WOMEN'S N & S

The 61st annual North & South Invitation Golf Championship for Women, at Pinehurst, will open Monday, April 15, to run through Friday, April 19.

THE WEATHER

Maximum and minimum temperatures for each day of the past week were recorded as follows at the U. S. Weather Bureau observation station at the W E B studios on Midland Road.

Table with 3 columns: Date, Max, Min. Rows include March 28, 29, 30, 31, April 1, 2, 3.