

Dr. Lake Feels Good Neighbor Spirit Growing

"Things are going very well; our members are pleased; we find many signs of cooperation among those we talk with." That was the extent of the informal report given by Dr. Julian Lake, chairman of the Good Neighbor Council, on the meeting held Monday night. This was the second meeting of the newly formed committee appointed by Mayor Morris Johnson to work on the integration problems of Southern Pines.

Dr. Lake described the meeting as a "reports and get-together" affair. Especially in such a situation as this, he feels, there is a need for those selected to work on the problem of harmonious relations between the races, to become well-acquainted not only with these problems themselves but also with each other.

Though various members of the committee have been chosen to concentrate on selected areas where problems might arise, "the committee is definitely working together," the chairman explained. "We must know each other and cooperate in our various tasks."

He said that informal reports had been given at the meeting and all showed that most of those closely concerned were aware of the problems and willing to cooperate in solving them. As has been noted in town, several industries have already been "do-

J. B. Thomas Of Raeford, Former Senator, Passes

J. Benton Thomas of Raeford, State Senator in four General Assembly terms, died at Moore Memorial hospital Monday. He was 71 years old on July 4.

As senator in 1949, 1953, 1957 and 1961, he represented the 12th senatorial district, which includes Moore county. With two senators from the district, Moore and Hoke have alternated in providing one of them.

Funeral services were held Tuesday afternoon at his home, conducted by his pastor, the Rev. E. L. Moser of the Raeford Methodist church, assisted by the Rev. W. B. Heyward of the Raeford Presbyterian church. Burial was in Raeford cemetery.

He served for many years as chairman of the Hoke County Democratic Executive committee, and was a member of the State Democratic Executive committee at the time of his death.

He had extensive farming and business interests and was a director of the Bank of Raeford. (Continued on Page 8)

Be Wary Of Watching Eclipse—Don't Burn Your Eyeballs Out, Peck Warns

"If it's fine Saturday afternoon, don't look up to see how the eclipse of the sun's getting along. One careless glance can cost you your eyesight. That's the warning issued by Dr. H. A. Peck of Southern Pines, radiologist at Moore Memorial Hospital, who is also a student of astronomy.

"As for children," says Dr. Peck, "instructive for them as the eclipse may be, they'll be more likely to stare at the eclipse with unshielded eyes than their parents are. And the powerful infrared rays to put it in language even a child can understand will fry the delicate retinas on which eyesight depends."

Dr. Peck told a Pilot reporter that after the last total eclipse seen in Australia, 170 people were found to have suffered eye damage, including total blindness, through neglect of proper precautions for viewing the solar phenomenon.

"Sunglasses or bits of colored glass won't screen out the dangerous rays," explained Dr. Peck. "Field glasses and opera glasses, unless fitted with special sun filters are especially dangerous. Even smoked glass shouldn't be trusted—a clear streak however fine, or an insufficiently dense coating of smoke anywhere in the piece of glass, will let the



SANDHILLS PEACH QUEEN FINALISTS. From left, Annette Thompson, West End, second runner-up; Harriet McRae, Polkton, "Miss North Carolina Sandhills Peach Queen of 1962," and Mabel Saultz, Ellerbe Rt. 2, first runner-up. The girls made a picture of patriotism as well as beauty, since by chance Miss Saultz wore red, Miss McRae white and Miss Thompson a royal blue. (Photo by V. Nicholson)

CD Office Publishes First Approved Moore "Operational Survival Plan"

The "Moore County Operational Survival Plan," detailed volume giving facts and figures on the program, organization facilities and personnel of the Moore County Civil Defense Agency, has just been published, and copies of the two-inch thick book will be distributed to key personnel next week, according to Col. Alfred M. Koster, county Civil Defense director.

Copies of the book will also be available at libraries in the county.

The plan is the first one for Moore to be officially approved by the State of North Carolina Civil Defense Agency and the national headquarters. The program is of vital importance to the county, not only in an emergency involving nuclear fall-out or accidental explosions of military weapons. It is equally important as an operational plan of survival, evacuation and needed measures to be taken in disasters such as the devastating forest fire in Moore County last April, Colonel Koster declared.

The publication of the officially approved county program makes possible the procurement of matching funds from the Federal Government for operating expenses and equipment that can be justified under existing national Civil Defense policies.

Colonel Koster, who was appointed Civil Defense director of Moore County last November, upon his retirement from the

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Civil Defense Staff, Services Listed In Plan

The complete Moore County Civil Defense staff is listed for the first time in the newly-published "Moore County Operational Survival Plan."

Headed by Col. Alfred M. Koster, Civil Defense director, the list includes the following citizens named as chiefs of the various services, as follows:

R. A. Edwards, Vass, warning; John L. Ponzer, Southern Pines, communications; L. G. Scott, Sanford, manpower (regional, for both Moore and Lee); William J. Wilson, Southern Pines, engineering and public works; Dr. J. W. Willcox, Carthage and Southern Pines, health protection; Mrs. W. B. Cole, Carthage, welfare; Rev. Richard P. Hayes, Robbins, religious affairs; W. B. Kelly, Carthage, police; Dr. R. L. Felton, Carthage, emergency medical care; H. L. Williams, Robbins, as fire; Donald G. McCluskey, Aberdeen, radiological defense; William D. Stutts, Robbins, rescue; William P. David, Southern Pines, transportation; F. D. Allen, Carthage, supply; R. E. Lee, Carthage, emergency training; Charles J. Smith, Robbins, warden; L. R. Reynolds, Highfalls, continuity of government; Robert S. Ewing, Carthage, information.

All-Stars In State Little League Playoffs At Greenville Next Week

The Southern Pines Little League All-Stars, drawing a bye in the first round of Area 2 tournament play, will travel to Greenville Tuesday to meet a winning team of that community in second



LITTLE LEAGUE ALL-STARS at practice session this week, harkening to counsel of Coach Joel Stutts on winning that Greenville game. In semi-circle from left, Calvin Atkins, Eddie Allen, Clyde Mangum, Billy Strickland,



PEACHES AND PIES. From left, Jennie Lou Crissman, Aberdeen Rt. 1 (Hoke county), second place winner, and Dorothy Jean Hubbard, Mt. Gilead (Montgomery county) first place winner, senior division, 4-H peach-pie baking contest at Sandhills Peach Festival; and Jackie Caudle, Polkton (Anson county), first place, junior division, Jackie who is 13, was born in Southern Pines, where her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Caudle, lived until about 10 years ago. Dorothy Jean will move to Carthage before August 1, when her mother will become Moore County home economics agent. (Photo by V. Nicholson)

Pretty Girls, Peach Pies In Sandhills Festival; Anson Girl Crowned Queen

Annette Thompson of Jackson Springs, a statuesque blonde representing Moore county, was named second runner-up for the title of Miss North Carolina Sandhills Peach Queen, at the third annual Sandhills Peach festival last Thursday night.

Harriet McRae of Polkton, a pert and petite brunette from Anson county, won the coveted title and diamond crown in the competition of eight beautiful girls, held at the East Montgomery High school near Candor with a capacity audience of some 350.

First runner-up was Mabel Saultz of Ellerbe, Route 1, a sparkling brunette from Richmond county.

In a new contest for peach-pie baking conducted among 4-H clubs of the participating Sandhills counties, Dorothy Jean Hubbard, 16, of Mt. Gilead won in the senior division and Jackie Caudle 13, of Polkton in the junior division.

Dorothy Jean will move soon to Carthage, as her mother will be Moore county's new home economics agent starting August 1, succeeding Miss Flora McDonald, retired, Jackie Caudle is of interest also in Moore county, as she was born in Southern Pines, where her family lived for 10 years. They moved back to the home farm in Anson county in 1953.

In the senior division, Jennie Crissman of Aberdeen Route 1 (Hoke county) placed second, while Harriet McRae of Polkton, also chosen "Peach Queen," proved her versatility by placing third.

Two Greenville teams will play the first round, the winner to meet Southern Pines at 4:30 p.m. Tuesday. If they win, they'll



Mike Rainey, Larry Solomon, Don Deal, Allen Smith, Ricky McDonald, Neil Dowd. Not in photo, Eddie Bushby, Fred Hollister, Joe Jones, Walter Harper and alternates Randy Arnold and Phillip Wicker. (Photo by V. Nicholson)

State Board 'Favors' Moore College Appeal, With Two Reservations

Dr. Ready Sums Up Obstacles

The following letter, summing up points made by the State Board of Education at Moore's presentation for a community college, was received Monday by Senator W. P. Saunders, Rep. H. Clifton Blue and Jere McKeithen, chairman of the Moore County board of education.

Dr. Ready, former head of the department of curriculum studies and research with the State Board of Education, on July 1 became director of the new State Department of Community Colleges, created by the General Assembly.

A leading educational authority of the State, he spoke at the overflow public meeting at Carthage March 26 which got the "college ball" rolling, and has since shown deep interest in this county's application:

Gentlemen:

I first want to congratulate you on the presentation made before the State Board of Education. As you know, this presentation made a very favorable impression. The State Board did not take any formal action on your request that a community college be approved for Moore county, but does expect to give an answer at its August 1st meeting.

The only serious questions raised by the members of the Board concerned the organization and support of public schools. The

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Ponders Questions Of Financing And Full Consolidation

The State Board of Education, hearing Moore county's appeal for a community college last Thursday morning at Raleigh, admitted its strongest doubts were on financial grounds.

It also dropped a strong clue that its approval would come more quickly if Moore's three administrative units would get together.

The financial doubts expressed were based on several facts: (1) that Moore county now spends three per cent less than the State average for current expense of its schools; (2) that the consolidation program is only now beginning and has a long way to go; and (3) that "Moore is not only a poor county (in current expense appropriations for its schools) but for its college attendance would draw on other counties just as poor or poorer."

The board needed reassurance—which Moore school leaders gave—that the county could build and maintain a college plant without slowing up or in any way adversely affecting the progress of the consolidation of secondary schools.

One member, in commenting on the low current expense rate, added, "This doesn't mean the districts which have school tax supplements." He indicated it would be helpful if a tax supplement could be voted in districts which do not now have it.

Strong advice came from Dallas Herring, chairman of the State Board, referring to the schools' (Continued on Page 8)

Moore Girls Tops In Pageant Finals

Moore county, lucky enough to have three of its beautiful daughters in the Miss North Carolina contest, knew the pleasure and suspense of watching one of them place as first runner-up, another as third runner-up, in the final judging Saturday night.

Many from Moore were present at Greensboro to watch the glittering show, while others sat on the edges of their chairs at home, part of the television audience of thousands all over the State.

They saw Molly Dotson—"Miss Carthage"—chosen first runner-up to Jeanne Flinn Swann, "Miss Graham," the winner, while Emma Holliday Collins of Southern Pines, "Miss Sanford," was named third runner-up.

They were two of the five finalists, chosen from 84 beautiful girls, all winners in their home counties or communities, and among the five it was a toss-up at the last as all had shown exceptional beauty of face and figure, poise, talent and charm.

"Miss Robbins," Carolyn Williams of West End, did not get a chance to display her charms on Saturday night, but as she par-

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Molly Dotson To Be Honored At Party Thursday

Brown-haired, green-eyed Molly Dotson, the talented miss who all but became "Miss North Carolina"—and who in the minds of many viewers more than earned that jeweled crown—will be honored Thursday at 8 p. m. at a reception given by her proud sponsors, the Carthage Jaycees, at their "hut" on the fairgrounds. Everybody's invited to the celebration.

This will be the first chance for Carthage and Moore county to show their pride in Molly, as it will be her first visit home since the pageant at Greensboro. Immediately after it was over she plunged back into her studies at Woman's College, where she is working on her thesis for the master's degree in modern dance.

She'll go right back there after the party and work some more.

"She's trying hard to finish by July 22, for her advisor will be there only until then," her mother Mrs. B. E. Dotson, told the Pilot Wednesday. "She had a hard time taking time out for the pageant and everything that went with it."

"But she was glad she did, for she loved it all—she was thrilled beyond words. As for being disappointed she didn't win—I should say not! It was so wonderful coming through those eliminations, and being runner-up was far more than she expected."

"She did say she hoped to be in the final 10—she might have been disappointed not to be that. After that it was all just a thrill."

"She thought Jeanne Swann was wonderful and was happy that she won."

As for Molly's parents, they, too, were "just as proud and happy as could be," her mother said, despite the almost unbearable suspense as elimination after elimination was held.

Molly was something different in the way of beauty contestants. Besides her educational achievements,

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Emmaday Enjoyed Pageant, Made '83 New Friends'

Emma Holliday—"Emmaday"—Collins was back home on Country Club road this week, relaxing, and re-living in memory what she termed "the most exciting week of my life"—the "Miss North Carolina" pageant, in which she was third runner-up.

"It was the greatest thrill in the world, and I'm happy as can be at the way it came out. I had already picked Jeannie Swann as 'Miss North Carolina' and I believe she'll make a great 'Miss America' too. I truly hope so—she's a wonderful and truly beautiful girl, with a great personality."

"I'm going to Fayetteville tomorrow to see her, when she is the guest of honor, with a parade and everything there."

"As for being disappointed I wasn't chosen—goodness, no. I never expected to be in the finalists at all," declared Emmaday firmly. "If I hadn't won a thing, I would still have had the best time in the world."

"I especially enjoyed meeting all those fine friendly girls. We really got to know each other, and I feel I have 83 new friends, in 83 different towns."

Something else made the occasion very special for this dark-haired, blue-eyed beauty, a rising senior at Converse College, who went to the pageant as "Miss Sanford" after winning the Jaycee (Continued on Page 8)

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. E. B. studios on Midland Road.

	Max.	Min.
July 11	83	51
July 12	85	54
July 13	83	57
July 14	78	65
July 15	92	65
July 16	89	70
July 17	93	65