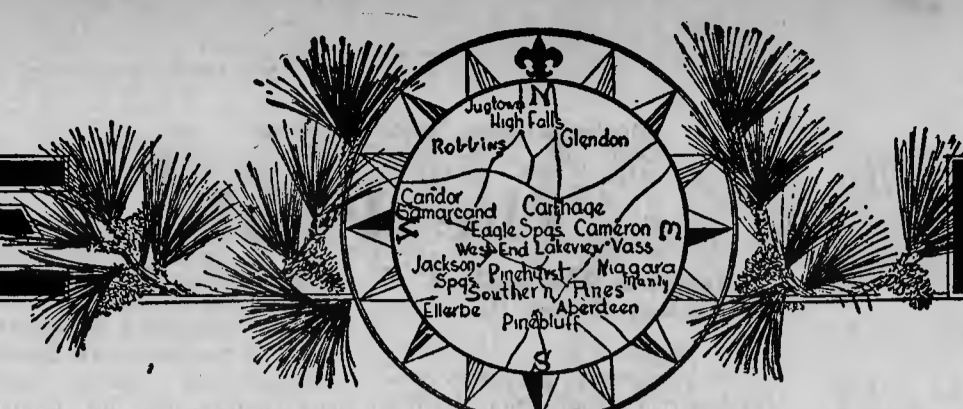


# THE PILOT



R. F. HOKE POLLOCK

## Pollock Named To Fill Vacancy On Education Board

R. F. Hoke Pollock, partner in the Pollock and Fullenwider local law firm, has accepted appointment by the town council Tuesday night to fill the nine months unexpired term of J. E. Sandlin on the Southern Pines board of education.

The council accepted with regret the resignation of Mr. Sandlin who is moving to Lumberton as executive vice president and administrative officer of the Southern National Bank. In a letter of resignation to the council, he called his service on the school board "the most rewarding experience of my residence in Southern Pines."

The new board member, a native of Kinston and a Wake Forest Law School graduate, has practiced law here since 1946 and has been active in community affairs. He is an Army Reserve colonel, is a former president of the Moore County Bar Association and the Sandhills Kiwanis Club and is a vestryman and former senior warden of Emmanuel Episcopal Church.

Living at 230 Valley Rd., he and his wife, the former Jeanne Dickinson of Southern Pines, have two teen-age children, Stephanie and Hoke D. Pollock.

At the council meeting, Mr. Pollock was nominated by Mayor Pro Tem Norris L. Hodgkins, Jr. There was one other nomination, Alton L. Scott, by Councilman C. A. McLaughlin. In secret balloting by the five council members, Mr. Pollock received four votes and Mr. Scott one.

Other members of the board of education, which administers the Southern Pines independent city unit school system, are: N. L. Hodgkins, chairman; Mrs. Walter Harper, Dr. C. C. McLean and P. I. York of West Southern Pines.

## Brady Appointed To Attendance Post In Schools

Gurney A. Brady has been appointed attendance counselor for the white schools in the Moore County School system.

Sixty-six such positions were created by the 1963 General Assembly and the State Board of Education allotted one counselor to the Moore system, which includes all schools in the county except those at Southern Pines and Pinehurst.

Mr. Brady is a graduate of Bennett High School and attended Elon and Campbell College. He is married and has one son. His wife is a teacher at the High-falls school.

The County Board of Education recognized the need of attendance counselors three years ago and appointed one for the Negro schools, Mrs. Edna Taylor of Pinehurst who was reappointed this year after a leave of absence. The attendance record has improved and fewer drop-outs have been noted.

Mr. Brady will work with the principals of the schools and will visit students who are absent. His office will be located in the Education Building in Carthage.

## Council Approves Zoning Change For Golf World Plant

An amendment to the zoning ordinance approved by the town council in regular session Tuesday night granted a Business II designation to a tract on No. 1 highway parkway that is expected to become the site of the new Golf World magazine offices and printing plant.

The zoning change, from a residential designation, had been previously approved by the town's Planning Board, on request of Golf World whose intention to move its headquarters from Pinehurst to Southern Pines has been announced.

Golf World is a national weekly golf news magazine operating at Pinehurst since 1947, founded by the late R. E. Harlow and now operated by his widow, Mrs. Lillian Harlow as editor and publisher.

Lying on the parkway access road, between Iowa Ave. and Lowe Ave. (a street that is not open), the land rezoned includes the property of Mrs. Mildred Clark as well as the Karl Andrews tract that is being purchased by Golf World.

Before approving the zoning change, the council inspected elevation drawings of the proposed Golf World building, noting that the only signs would be on the wall of the building itself and that it generally meets the tasteful design council members say they will require of all buildings along the parkway.

During discussion of the change, the council heard a letter, (Continued on Page 8)

## Suicide Ruled In Inquest Of Woman's Death

A coroner's jury, convening Saturday night in the Cameron town hall, heard testimony in the drowning death of Miss Lola Gertrude Thomasson, 57, on August 19 and returned a verdict of suicide.

In this they reaffirmed the original ruling of Moore Coroner W. K. Carpenter, handed down August 20 following an investigation. He later suspended this ruling after rumors of foul play became widespread with suspicion directed at the brother of the deceased.

The bruised left eye of the deceased, observed when the body was removed from a farm pond near her home and the admissions of her brother Francis King Thomasson that they had quarreled the night before, and he had slapped her, were the subjects of close inquiry by the jury.

Thomasson, 47-year-old bachelor who had lived with his sister on her farm, operating it on half shares, frankly admitted, "The blame is mine. I believe she killed herself because of depression, because of the way I had treated her."

The balding, bespectacled man, graduate of Campbell and Wake Forest colleges, looking and speaking more like a schoolteacher than a farmer, said he had been upset because of the poor condition of the crop and upbraided his sister Sunday night, August 18, for not having seen that it was "suckered" better.

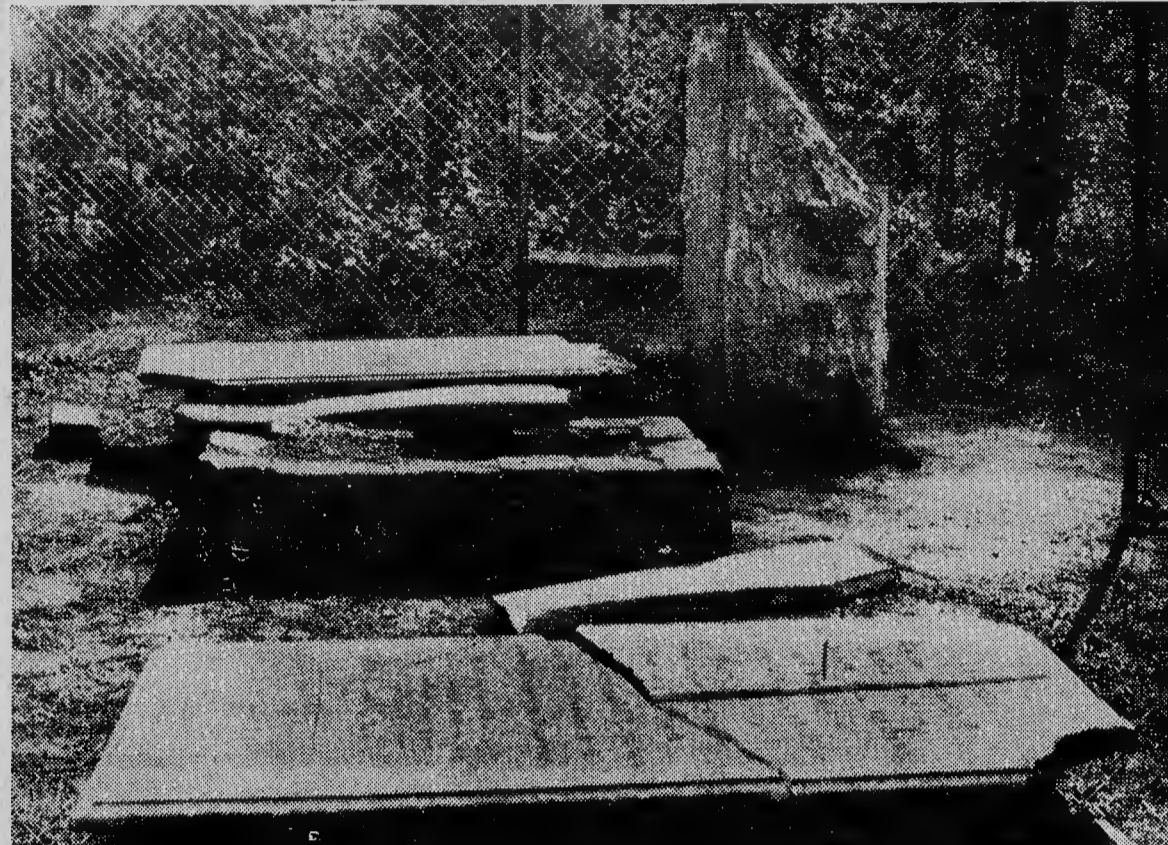
"She was always good to help, though she didn't have to work, (Continued on Page 16)

## Council Adopts Safety Measure

On motion of Councilman Felton Capel of West Southern Pines, the town council Tuesday night adopted a resolution directing the town manager to make certain that assurance of public safety measures are written into contracts for town construction work.

The action was linked to the recent drowning of a child in drainage water in the municipal swimming pool under construction in West Southern Pines.

The safety measures suggested included adequate barriers, warning signs or other devices to minimize the danger of accidents at construction sites where a guard is not kept on duty.



**DAMAGED GRAVES**—Nearest tomb with broken slab is that of Mary Chalmers Williams, daughter-in-law of Governor Williams; in center, tomb of Governor's widow Elizabeth, with slab smashed in two and pieces shoved aside. The flat slab of Governor Williams's grave, in background, had been pushed out of place, with corner broken off, in past vandalism. Note foundation stone pulled out of place on ground at foot of the Governor's tomb. At its head is the granite marker erected in 1921, bearing bronze plaque now defaced with scribbles. (Photo by V. Nicholson)

## Group's Directors Planning To Repair Historic Tombs Defaced By Vandalism

Vandalism taking place during the summer at Governor Benjamin Williams's tomb in Deep River Township, a spot revered by Moore County citizens, has moved the directors of the Moore County Historical Association to take immediate protective action.

"We must do something at once or there will be nothing left to protect," Dr. Colin G. Spencer of Carthage told the quorum of directors he was able to assemble, despite the summer recess, at the Southern Pines library Saturday.

Consideration was given to the suggestion that the graves of the Revolutionary war hero and three-time North Carolina Governor, who died in 1814, his widow, son and daughter-in-law be removed to a site near the Alston House, Governor Williams's retirement home, a mile and a half away. However, said Dr. Spencer, he had contacted members of the Harrington family, whose burying ground the spot subsequently became, and found them opposed to any move. Also, it was believed the consensus of the association membership would be

against it.

The alternative considered was the encasement of the historic tombs in cement, the memorial slabs covering them to be embedded in but not covered by the cement; also the possible closing of the entrance road to automobile traffic.

E. T. McKeithen of Aberdeen and Dr. Spencer were given authority as co-chairmen to decide what measures to take, and to take them without delay.

"It is obvious the place is being used by young people as a 'party spot,'" the president said, "though how any young people, or anyone with any sense of decency, could have wreaked this last mischief is difficult to see. It must have taken real labor to smash those marble slabs."

The three-inch-thick slab covering the grave of Mrs. Elizabeth Williams whose death followed that of her husband by three years, has been broken completely in two and the pieces pushed aside to expose the earth beneath. Broken entirely across, and the top portion also halved, is the slab memorializing Mary Chalmers Williams, who married the Governor's only son Benjamin William Williams, and died at age 21 in 1821, following the birth of her first child.

On the Governor's widow's slab the words "Sanford 63" have been scrawled in red paint. Names and initials have been scribbled and scratched on the bronze plaque affixed to the granite shaft placed in 1921 at the head of the Governor's grave. Except for a few attempts at name-scratching, the tomb of the Governor himself has not been bothered this time, though still showing the effects of past vandalism, when it was pushed crooked on its foundation and one corner broken off. The six-inch-thick brownstone slab covering the grave of his son has so far escaped damage.

Some of the heavy foundation stones of native brown rock on which the slabs were laid have been pulled out, a half dozen of (Continued on Page 8)

## MARKETS OPEN

The Middle Belt tobacco markets at Aberdeen and Carthage opened Monday with full sales.

Three warehouses are auctioning the leaf at Aberdeen and two in Carthage. Selling will continue daily on both markets, Monday through Friday each week.

## 1st PTA Meeting Postponed Again To September 23

Postponement of the first meeting of the East Southern Pines Parent-Teacher Association from Monday of next week to Monday, September 23, was announced today by Mrs. J. S. Hiatt, Jr., president.

The meeting had previously been postponed once from the regular "second Monday" meeting date.

Reason for the second change, Mrs. Hiatt said, was a conflict with two church meetings, one of them involving several teachers. She said members of the groups had called her asking for a change of date if possible.

"We expect to be back on our regular schedule in October," she said.

PTA memberships, at 50 cents per person, were taken in connection with the payment of school fees for students last week. However, memberships will be obtainable later also.

## School Registration Here Rises To 1,794

Registration of pupils in the Southern Pines school system stood at 1,794 on Tuesday of this week, Supt. J. W. Jenkins reports—109 more than on the schools' opening day last Thursday.

The Tuesday count: East Southern Pines—elementary, 776; high school, 327. West Southern Pines—elementary, 533; high school, 158.

## Young Father Of 3 Killed In Wreck

Harold Junior Williamson, 24, of Robbinston, Route 2, father of three young children, was killed when his car went out of control on a curve about 2 a. m. Sunday on the "Punkin Center Road," some five miles north of Robbinston. It is believed that death was instantaneous.

His brother Norman Edward Williams, 22, the only passenger, was taken to Moore Memorial Hospital with injuries reported serious but not critical.

Patrolman J. F. Cardwell said the car crossed the left-hand lane onto the left shoulder, bumping and overturning at least twice along the edge of a field. Both young men were thrown partly out of the car, a 1951 Chevrolet two door. The car was a total

loss. Cardwell attributed the wreck to high speed, of which he said there were "definite indications." This was Moore County's ninth highway fatality of the year.

Funeral services were conducted Tuesday from Browns Chapel Christian Church by the Rev. James Caviness, the Rev. Bennie Maness and the Rev. Hayes Ritter. Burial was in the church cemetery.

Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Maxine Wiles Williamson; two sons, Terry and Bobby of the home; one daughter, Wanda of the home; his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Williamson of Robbinston; one brother, Marvin of Robbinston; two sisters, Mrs. Betty Sheffield and Miss Hazel Williamson of Robbinston.

## Blood Program Serving County Threatened By Shortage Of Donations

A meeting which may decide the fate of the Red Cross blood program supplying the two hospitals in Moore County has been scheduled for the high school cafeteria in Carthage at 8 p. m., Thursday, September 19.

J. R. Hauser of Southern Pines,

county blood program chairman, said that some 200 public officials, business leaders, ministers, physicians and others have been invited by letter to attend the meeting, speak their minds and decide whether—or how—the program can be saved.

## Many Expected For Annual N. C. AA Convention

Advance registrations from more than a dozen states, the District of Columbia and Canada are coming in for the 16th annual North Carolina Alcoholics Anonymous convention, expected to attract nearly 1,000 men and women to the Sandhills September 20, 21 and 22.

Members of the many Tar Heel groups will constitute some 90 per cent of attendance, reports a member of the Southern Pines group which is the official host.

With the Carolina Hotel in Pinehurst as headquarters, the visitors will fan out to accommodations over the Sandhills.

The Sandhills Intergroup—16 AA groups of the area—is assisting in all phases of the convention. With anonymity respected throughout, there are no names of individuals to list.

An unusual feature will be a band concert with floor show to be given Saturday night by the Central Prison Band from Raleigh, several of whom are members of the prison AA group.

The band will be here by special permission of the prison authorities, through arrangements made by the convention's general chairman, a member of the Aberdeen group who is a worker with the prison rehabilitation program.

The Al-Anon, auxiliary consisting of wives, mothers and sisters of AA's, will hostess a breakfast Sunday morning, and is also in charge of decorations and social events for visiting Al-Anons. A free soft drink bar, coffee bar and dairy and ice cream bar will function in the lobby throughout the convention.

## Marker Presented To State Sunday At Moore Grave

A cherished project of the Moore County Bar Association and the county-wide Alfred Moore Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution was brought to an impressive conclusion Sunday afternoon with formal presentation to the state of a new grave marker at the tomb of Judge Alfred Moore (1755-1810), Colonial patriot, Superior Court judge and U. S. Supreme Court justice, for whom Moore County is named.

The ceremony took place at the grave location in the Brunswick Town Historic Site near Wilmington, with W. Lamont Brown of Southern Pines making the presentation address on behalf of the bar association which financed the purchase and preparation of the marble slab marker.

Dr. Christopher Crittenden, director of the Department of Archives and History, accepted the gift for the state.

Taking part also, from Moore County, were J. Talbot Johnson of Aberdeen, chairman of the project for the bar association; Mrs. M. G. Boyette of Carthage, representing the DAR; and Vance A. Derby of the bar association. Mrs. Brown and Mrs. Johnson accompanied their husbands.

The Moore County Bar Association's interest in furnishing a new marker for the Moore grave was first stimulated by Superior Court Judge Frank M. Armstrong of Troy who had noted the poor condition of the grave in a visit to Brunswick Town in 1960.

This year, in a letter to State Senator Ray Walton of Southport, Judge Armstrong related the circumstances of this visit and his subsequent actions, including an offer to restore the grave himself if no group took over the (Continued on Page 8)

"Because the program will be lost," Mr. Hauser said this week, "unless Moore County residents donate at bloodmobile visits as much blood as patients in the hospitals are using, each year.

"As it stands now, the county has fallen steadily behind in this respect. For the year ending June 30, Moore County residents used 1,397 pints, but when the bloodmobile came around, they gave 518 pints less than they used. People in other counties sending blood to the Charlotte center had to make up the difference. That can't continue, the Red Cross says.

"The most shocking aspect of the failure," he added, "is that a large proportion of persons who sign pledge cards, promising to give blood at the next visit of the bloodmobile, on behalf of some hospitalized relative or friend, don't show up when the time comes—although they are notified by the Red Cross office of when they can make good their pledge."

If the program is lost, he pointed out, hospital patients will have to solicit blood donations as best they can, with no assurance that blood of required type will be immediately available as it is now from the Red Cross center.

"Nobody really wants to go back to that hectic system," he said.

The blood chairman, who says he hopes that leaders attending next week's meeting can wake the public up to the value of the program and the need to keep it going, urged persons he has notified to make every effort to attend the September 19 meeting.

## Austin, Reid To Travel To Italy

Stanley Austin, proprietor of Austin Business Machine Company of S. W. Broad St., will make a two-weeks tour of Italy soon, sponsored by the Underwood Corporation for which he is a sales agent, leaving September 19.

The local man qualified for the trip in a special six-months sales campaign which closed June 30. He is one of about 500 Underwood agents going to Italy in September and October.

Accompanying Mr. Austin will be Jack Reid of Southern Pines, as the award provides a trip for two persons. The local agent's wife, Mrs. Georganne Austin, chose not to make the trip because of the couple's four young children, one of them an infant.

The travelers will visit the headquarters, training center and factory of the Olivetti Company, of which Underwood is now a part, as well as centers of general interest.

## Picnic Slated Friday For Lions And Families

The Southern Pines Lions Club is planning to have a picnic supper for members and their wives and children, at the Elks outdoor activity area, Friday, at 7 p. m., instead of the regularly scheduled meeting.

Lion Bill Johnson and his committee are in charge of arrangements. The local Lions club meets every second and fourth Friday at the Holiday Inn except when other activities are scheduled.

## 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.
September 5	82	61
September 6	75	63
September 7	84	57
September 8	85	56
September 9	85	57
September 10	86	56
September 11	87	61