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Area Joins In Mourning Slain President

Community's Churches Hold Special Services

Stricken by the assassination of President Kennedy, the people of Southern Pines and this area turned to their churches for guidance and comfort.

Some went to churches to pray alone or with friends, after the news was heard Friday afternoon.

Notice was taken of the tragic event in all churches Sunday. On Monday, there were several

special services, in Southern Pines and elsewhere.

Some churches remained open and heated Friday night for benefit of worshippers who might wish to enter them for meditation and prayer.

Opening his sermon at the United Church of Christ Sunday morning, the Rev. Carl Wallace, pastor, said:

"Of all the statements and comments on television in regard to the tragic death of our President, John F. Kennedy, the one by Mr. Richard Nixon stands out most vividly. In essence it sounded like this—the highest tribute we can pay to our late President is to live daily in such a way as to rid the world of the hate and malice that has caused this terrible deed. The church is in business to do just this so one way we may memorialize President John F. Kennedy is to actively support our church and its program of peace and good will."

At the Southern Pines Methodist Church on Sunday morning, the Rev. A. L. Thompson, pastor, linked comment on the President's death with a Thanksgiving sermon he had prepared.

"This Thanksgiving Season has been made sad by the tragic death of our President," he said. "But we recall today the words of the great Apostle Paul, who had learned the true meaning of praise and thanksgiving and could therefore, in times of stress, trial, and sorrow, remember God and give thanks for his presence and leadership. Let us give thanks now that the God of Jacob, the God of our fathers, and the God

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Cushman, Other Firm Officers To Leave Sandhills

Four Amerotron Company executives, including Robert M. Cushman of Southern Pines, president, will move shortly after the first of the new year to the offices of Deering-Milliken, Inc., in Spartanburg, S. C., it was announced this week.

Others moving from the Aberdeen headquarters of Amerotron, now a division of the large Deering-Milliken textile operations, are:

Frank R. Gramelsbach of Pinehurst, director of industrial relations; W. M. Mitchell of Southern Pines, technical and quality control director; and Robert Overman, of Southern Pines, controller, who has been with the Aberdeen headquarters since September, replacing J. E. Sandlin, but who has not moved his family to this area.

Also making the move to Spartanburg will be Miss Margaret Thomason of Southern Pines, executive secretary to the president.

His own office, Mr. Cushman said, will be the only one to be moved entirely to Spartanburg. Some of the functions of the other offices will continue to be carried on at Aberdeen, with local personnel remaining to staff them.

Marvin Cornell of Southern Pines, director of manufacturing services, will supervise the continuing Amerotron facilities at Aberdeen—the offices, warehouse and trucking terminal, all of

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OPENING HUNT

The Opening Meet of the Moore County Hounds is set for Thanksgiving Day morning. The time is 10 a. m. and the meeting place: the large field on the north side (left going out) of Young's Road, beyond the Harley Walsh place.

Those following in cars, it is announced, should have good views of the run, as it parallels Young's Road at several points.

All onlookers are cautioned to keep well back so as not to interfere with the hounds.

TO VIEW SAD EVENTS

Local Man Makes Spur-Of-Moment Washington Trip

Countless persons, watching the sad events of the past weekend in Washington, D. C., on television, must have wished they were there in person—but one young Southern Pines man, Samuel C. Harrison, assistant vice president of the Citizens Bank and Trust Company, did something about it.

With relatives and a friend, he left a TV set, late Saturday night, on a spur-of-the-moment decision, drove all night to Washington, spent Sunday there and was back in North Carolina before midnight Sunday. He was back at work here Monday morning.

The trip originated in Chapel Hill, where Mr. Harrison was visiting his mother, Mrs. Hallie Harrison, for the weekend. Also going were a friend, Miss Barbara Newton; and an aunt, Mrs. Annie Bell Wheeler, and cousin, Barry Wheeler, both of Durham.

Here is Mr. Harrison's own account of what happened:

By SAM HARRISON

While watching TV scenes of the President's life and death last Saturday night in Chapel Hill we decided to go to Washington.

We felt a need to see personally some of the things that were happening and thought that by joining the crowd we could better understand and appreciate the situation. Within a very short time after making our decision to go, we were on the highway, in the dead of night, headed for Washington.

We arrived just at dawn. My first impression of the city was one of gloom. Usually, upon approaching Washington from the South, you get a wonderful view of brightly lighted buildings, the Washington Monument or the Capitol. That night (or early morning) they were dark and the

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Trooper's Car Wrecks, Burns

State Highway Patrolman F. R. Wicker, pursuing a speeder on N C 22, Carthage Highway Sunday night, lost control of his car on a curve near the town limit, and it wrecked and burst into flames.

The Southern Pines volunteer fire department quickly extinguished the flames, but the vehicle, a radar car assigned to the Patrol in this county, was rated a total loss.

The trooper, escaping without serious injury, was taken to St. Joseph's Hospital nearby. Suffering bruises and abrasions, he was released from the hospital Monday.

The wreck occurred a little way past the entrance to the hospital grounds, on the winding road from Southern Pines to Carthage.

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.

	Min.	Ave.
November 21	70	42
November 22	73	47
November 23	68	57
November 24	65	40
November 25	--	--
November 26	61	31



John Fitzgerald Kennedy

35th President of the United States of America

Assassinated, November 22, 1963

School Programs Pay Tribute To Dead President

Schools of the town and area were deeply involved in the tragedy of President Kennedy's death.

Reports came in of children breaking into tears when the news was given to students in their classrooms early Friday afternoon.

At St. Anthony's Catholic School here, children of President Kennedy's faith went to the nearby St. Anthony's Church to recite the rosary, as soon as the attack on him was known, before his death was certain.

They returned again for another recitation of the rosary after the President's death.

Young people, with their parents, followed the TV, radio and press coverage of the sad, violent and majestic events that were taking place over the weekend.

Moore County system schools were all closed Monday, day of Mr. Kennedy's funeral and burial,

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Kiwanis Auction Reset For Wednesday, Dec. 4

The auction sale scheduled for last Saturday morning by the Sandhills Kiwanis Club, to benefit its civic service projects, was not held and is now set for Wednesday, December 4, at 1 p. m., in the National Guard Armory on Morganton Road.

The sale was to have included a wide variety of items, all in good condition, including an automobile. Many more are expected before the auction Wednesday, a club spokesman said.



TOWN HALL FLAG at half staff symbolizes honor paid by this community to the memory of President John F. Kennedy.

Stunned Town, County Honor Leader's Memory

Heart-rending disbelief was the predominant reaction in Southern Pines and the Moore County area last Friday afternoon when radio and television reported an attempt on President John F. Kennedy's life at Dallas, Texas—to be followed in 35 minutes by the tragic news that he was dead.

This county and community joined the nation in undergoing the shock and grief of the assassination.

KINDLINESS NOTED

New President's First Hour Told By Texas Friend

Accounts of the assassination of President Kennedy Friday understandably concentrated on the dreadful crime and its violent aftermath.

Information received by The Pilot from William P. Hobby, managing editor of the Houston Post, Houston, Texas, casts light on other events, not hitherto described, which this newspaper is glad to carry. Chiefly concerning the new president's first hour in office, they supply an indication of a kindly aspect of his character as well as giving welcome news of coverage and efficiency on the part of the Secret Service. Mr. Hobby is a long-time friend of President Johnson.

As all who have followed the news media know, at the time of the assassination the then Vice President followed closely behind the Kennedy car on its race to Parkland Hospital. To judge by later statements of the attending physicians, it was soon apparent that death was expected momentarily and, after a short wait, the vice president was persuaded to leave and was rushed by Secret Service men to the airport. On arrival he received the news of

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THANKSGIVING

As The Pilot goes to press Wednesday, residents of this area, still numb with shock from the momentous events of the past five or six days, are preparing to mark quietly on Thursday one of the saddest Thanksgiving Days ever to be observed over the nation.

A union church service, with several pastors participating, is being held Wednesday night at the United Church of Christ. On Thursday, there will be a communion service at Emmanuel Episcopal Church at 10 a. m.; a special Thanksgiving Day mass at 9:15 a. m. at St. Anthony's Catholic Church and an 11 a. m. service at the Christian Science church edifice.

All public offices, banks, post offices and ABC stores in the area are to be closed Thursday as well as most stores and private offices.

Soldier, 19, Killed On S-Curve Where 3 Others Met Death In Recent Years

A 19-year-old soldier, William Otto Bailey, was killed at 1:45 a. m. Tuesday when the car he was driving went out of control and overturned on the winding Fort Bragg road (Connecticut Ave. extension), two miles east of town.

A companion, Wesley Daniel Welch, 18, who was injured, was taken to St. Joseph's Hospital, where it was expected he would shortly be transferred to Womack Army hospital, Fort Bragg. Details of his condition were not known.

Trooper J. F. Cardwell, investigating, identified both men as members of Co. B, 82nd Airborne Signal Battalion at Fort Bragg. The dead youth's wife was listed as living in California and his

parents at Killeen, Texas.

Cardwell said the car was traveling east toward the reservation at high speed when it wrecked, throwing Bailey out. The 1955 four-door Ford was demolished.

Scene of the wreck was an S-curve about a half-mile from the Fort Bragg entrance. The location has been the scene of several wrecks in the past few years, in two of which three young men, all military personnel, have been killed. Following the last wreck about a year ago, the State Highway Department placed many additional warning signs along the approach, with reflector posts along both sides of the curving road, both at this curve and at

others toward Southern Pines.

There was an intense reaction of horror and indignation at the cruel act and of sympathy for the widow and two small children of the nation's youngest President, cut down in his prime.

From the first bulletin of the fatal shot, broadcast at 1:40 p. m. Friday, followed by the President's death; the pursuit and capture of Lee Harvey Oswald, subsequently charged with the assassination; the murder of a Dallas policeman as he sought to question the fleeing suspect, and Oswald's own death 48 hours later at the hands of a Dallas citizen; the swearing-in of the new President, Lyndon Baines Johnson, aboard the plane which was then to carry him back to Washington, with the body of Mr. Kennedy and the grieving and gallant widow; the full panoply of the nation's capital in mourning; the high state funeral, requiem mass and burial at Arlington attended by the heads of state or official representatives

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Full College Trustee List Announced

All of the 12 trustees of the Moore County Community College to be built near Pinehurst with recently voted county bond funds have been officially named.

The four appointed by the three boards of education in the county—Southern Pines, Pinehurst and the Moore County Schools—were named Tuesday night at a joint meeting of the boards. They are Robert S. Ewing and N. L. Hodgkins, of Southern Pines; John Taylor of Pinehurst and Dr. A. A. Vanore of Robbins.

The four appointed by the board of county commissioners have been announced as State Sen. W. P. Saunders of Southern Pines; J. C. Robbins of Aberdeen; Luke Marion, Jr., of Carthage; and Dr. W. E. Alexander of Robbins.

Today (Wednesday), Gov. Terry Sanford announced his four appointments to the trustee board as: Rep. H. Clifton Blue of Aberdeen, Speaker of the House in the 1963 General Assembly; Paul Dickson of Raeford; Rep. Tom Hunter of Rockingham; and Dr. Charles Highsmith of Troy.

The Governor's appointments recognize that the college will be serving an area that includes portions of the other counties from which three of the trustees were named—Hoke, Richmond and Montgomery.