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racing in Russia? Yes—see page 18 for story about an American horse winning there.

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Explosion Kills Former Mayor Of Town, C. N. Page

The explosion of a water heater at a beach motel Saturday morning tragically took the life of a prominent, beloved member of this community.

Channing Nelson Page, 66, former mayor of Southern Pines, was instantly killed when the explosion took place at 6:30 am at the Ocean Isle Beach Motel on Ocean Isle, near Shallotte.

Mr. Page was still asleep when the blast in a nearby utility room practically demolished the room he and his wife occupied, and another unoccupied room. Mrs. Page was not hurt, except for a few bruises, though she suffered deep shock. The Brunswick County coroner, noting that it was the "worst accident he had seen" in his eight years in office, said it was "a miracle" Mrs. Page was not hurt.

Funeral services were held Monday morning at Brownson Memorial Presbyterian Church conducted by the pastor, Dr. Julian Lake, with burial in Mt. Hope Cemetery.

Active pallbearers were Bryan Poe, Joseph Matthews, Walter Harper, Garland Pierce, Dwight Hoskins and James Besley.

Honorary pallbearers were Henry Graves, George Mulroy, Morris Johnson, C. L. Worsham, Maxwell Rush, J. T. Overton, George Little and J. W. Dickerson.

Surviving are Mr. Page's wife, the former Catherine Dowd of West Virginia; one daughter, Mrs. Carlton C. Kennedy, Jr., of Westport, Conn.; three sons, C. N. Page, Jr., of Memphis, Tenn. And, assistant golf pro at the Southern Pines Country Club, and David, teacher and coach.

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Dr. James Visits Sandhills Monday

Dr. William D. (Bill) James of Hamlet, Democratic candidate for the House of Representatives in Washington, visited this area Monday on a campaign tour.

Mrs. Pat Rainey of Southern Pines, who has been named chairman of the Moore County's women's committee for Dr. James accompanied the candidate around Southern Pines and Aberdeen, introducing him to people.

Dr. James, a physician who has indicated he will wage an intensive campaign in the 8th District between now and November, is seeking to unseat Rep. Charles R. Jonas, Republican, of Lincolnton, who defeated Democratic Rep. Paul Kitchin of Wadesboro in 1962.

Moore Young Democrats To Meet September 9

Mrs. Carolyn H. Blue of Eagle Springs, president of the Moore County Young Democrats Club, has announced that a meeting will be held Wednesday night, September 9, at 7:30 in the courthouse at Carthage. All members and interested persons are invited.

Mrs. Blue is a candidate for YDC National Committeewoman from North Carolina.

LOCAL MAN'S DEATH CAUSES ALARM

Plumbing Inspector Tells Dangers Of Water Heaters; New Rules Explained

Hundreds of local residents are having their water heaters checked to determine if the heaters have plastic dip tubes which have caused several explosions over the state in recent months, Joel Stutts, plumbing inspector for the Town of Southern Pines, said this week.

Local attention is being focused on the hazard by the tragic death of C. N. Page, former Southern Pines mayor, in such an explosion at an Ocean Isle Beach motel last Saturday morning.

Stutts said that water heaters—either electric or gas—might have the potentially dangerous plastic dip tubes if they are "topped" (the cold water line entering at the top of the heater) and are less than six years old.

The inspector said that numerous water heaters with the dangerous type of dip tube have been found locally and have been



BROKEN DAM—Flood waters pour through a break in the Thagard's Lake dam at Whispering Pines, Monday morning. Taken from below the dam, the scene shows a corner of the old mill house at left and, in center, one projecting end of the broken stone and concrete dam, with water rushing out of the lake, between the two points, running from left to right, in the photo, at great depth. This dam break topped the damage list from floods over the Sandhills area. (Pilot photo)

Heavy Rain Causes Floods In Area

Flood waters receded Tuesday and Wednesday after numerous rain-swollen streams and ponds had burst their bounds and the crumbling of the dam of a 275-acre lake sent millions of gallons of water spreading over the countryside.

The old rock and cement dam of Thagard's Pond, heart of the Whispering Pines lakeside residential development, broke about 6:30 a.m. Monday, and water poured and whirled through the 100-foot opening all that day, across the nearby road and into Little River.

Williams To Head Southern National Bank Office Here

Bruce Williams, Lumberton banker and civic leader, will join Southern National Bank on September 8 and will move to Southern Pines to be in charge of its office here, it was announced this week by Hector MacLean of Lumberton, the bank's president.

To take the post here, Mr. Williams is resigning as a vice president of First Union National Bank and manager of its Lumberton unit. He has been with First Union, and with the Scottish bank which merged with First Union, for 11 years.

Mr. Williams, 37, is a native of Rowan County and a graduate of North Carolina State. He is married to the former Margaret Roseman of Salisbury and they have a daughter, Peggy, 10 years old. He was in the Army in World War II and spent 18 months in the Pacific theatre of operations.

In Lumberton, Mr. Williams has been very active in church and in community work.

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Schools Here To Open Friday For Half-Day Session

School bells will ring tomorrow (Friday) morning for children attending the East and West Southern Pines schools.

In East Southern Pines, the reporting time is 8:30. In West Southern Pines, 8:05 is the starting time. For schools there, this earlier time will continue as the regular opening hour each school day.

All local students will be dismissed at 12:30 Friday and cafeterias will not operate. Then they'll be free for a Labor Day holiday weekend, returning for their first regular day of school on Tuesday morning of next week, September 8.

Items about the teachers who are new this year to both the East and West Southern Pines schools appear elsewhere in today's Pilot.

County System Attendance Up

Attendance in schools of the Moore County system on Tuesday, the first full day of school, totaled 6,748 or 225 more than on the first full day of 1963. In the Moore system are all schools of the county except those in the separate Southern Pines and Pinehurst units.

However, according to C. Edison Powers, assistant superintendent, this is considered "way down" because of recent almost continuous rain which has hampered work in the tobacco crop.

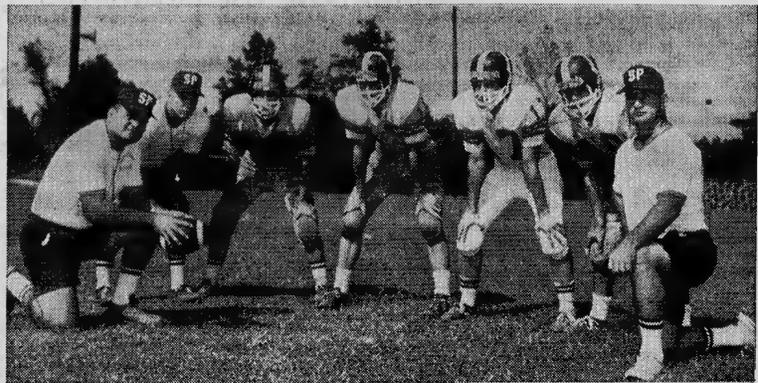
Powers said many parents had called or visited him in distress over the situation on the farms, where instead of entering school this week the young people are having to work to save the crop. They said if the work isn't done immediately, once the rain quit, great loss would be suffered.

Powers reported the attendance figure is expected to rise above 7,000 within a week or 10 days.

Last year's first-full-day attendance total was 6,523. Biggest attendance rise in individual schools was at Pinckney, up 150 from 675 last year to 825, and Aberdeen, up 72, from 836 to 908.

CIVIL COURT TO OPEN

Superior Court Judge Walter E. Crissman of Winston-Salem will preside over the regular civil term of Moore County Superior Court, starting Tuesday at Carthage, because of the Labor Day holiday on Monday. The term will continue for two weeks. Moore County Recorder's Court will be held Saturday instead of Monday.



GETTING READY—Southern Pines Blue Knights coaches and a quartet of players talk over the outlook for the team's opener with Wadesboro, away, Friday night. Left to right: Tony Trentini, head coach; Larry Addleton, assistant coach; Larry Bradley, guard; Harry Webb, end; Hal Hassenfelt, quarterback; James Mallow, halfback; and John Williams, assistant coach. (Humphrey photo)

Bus Chartered To Take Students To Wadesboro

Glenn L. Cox, principal of East Southern Pines High School, announced today that a special bus will be chartered to take students to the first football game of the season at Wadesboro Friday night.

The bus will leave from the high school at 6:30 pm and return immediately after the game.

Reservations and payment of the \$2.50 fee should be made by 10 am Friday, to Binky Rawlinson, head cheerleader.

TOUGH OPPOSITION EXPECTED FRIDAY

Blue Knights To Open 1964 Season At Wadesboro In Non-Conference Game

BY JOHN McLAUGHLIN

The Southern Pines High School Blue Knights have been completing the polishing stage of the threefold plan—consisting of "conditioning, experimenting and polishing"—which was devised by head coach Tony Trentini to prepare the squad for the oncoming season.

On Friday, September 4, the Knights will journey to Wadesboro for a non-conference battle with the Tigers of coach Ed Emory. Wadesboro, considered a strong contender for top honors in the tough 2-A Tar Heel Conference, is led by linemen Battle Wall and Wayne Rineberge and

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Four Moore County Men Charged With Murder Of State Highway Trooper

Moore County State troopers and other officers took part Monday night in one of the most intensive manhunts in the history of the Sandhills. They also played a large part in its successful culmination.

It was a long, hard, sleepless night for dozens of officers, following the murder of a Hoke County trooper, W. T. Herbin, 34.

Within a few hours after the discovery of Herbin's body, shot in the face about 9:30 pm be-

tween Raeford and Fayetteville, four Pinehurst Negroes were arrested and jailed, under first-degree murder charges.

It was a State Highway Patrol project throughout, with all other law enforcement agencies assisting, as concerted action got under way immediately. Assisting the Patrol at roadblocks set up on main highways in Moore were several deputies, police of Aberdeen, Southern Pines and Vass, and Constable L. F. Wood of Cameron. They sought a car described by motorists as having been seen at the site of the crime.

About 11 pm word was flashed that Hoke and Cumberland troopers had located the wanted car, a 1957 black Ford abandoned on the Fort Bragg reservation with a flat tire and one Negro man, Will Allen, 60, of Taylortown, inside. He gave the name of another man he said had left him there and Officer Rudolph Frye went to make the arrest. They apprehended Albert Reaves, 48, at his home in Taylortown, a Negro community near Pinehurst.

Taken to Raeford, Allen and Reaves under interrogation gave names of two other men and Trooper Samuels, with Sgt. J. S. Jones of Siler City, returned to Taylortown to make further arrests. On the way they stopped by the police department at Aberdeen and added reinforcements—Aberdeen Night Policeman Eddie Rose, Trooper Gerald Cain of Carthage, Deputies J. A. Lawrence and Lawrence Buie, ABC Officer Ed Floyd and West End Constable Oscar Bailey. Some were taken from a nearby roadblock.

They arrested Willie Smith, Jr., 35, and Rudy Clegg Bruton, about 22, at their homes in Taylortown.

Samuels said all three arrested men were in bed, apparently

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Tobacco Sales Will Begin In Area Sept. 10

Moore County's two Middle Belt tobacco markets—Aberdeen and Carthage—will start sales Thursday of next week, September 10, with prospects for a successful season.

Opening at Aberdeen will be three warehouses—Hardee's, New Aberdeen and Planters—while at Carthage, the Victory and McConnell warehouses will open.

Rains have delayed harvesting of tobacco in this area, but the leaf is reported to be a fine crop and good prices are anticipated.

Full sets of buyers are expected at both markets and federal tobacco inspectors (graders) have been assigned.

5 COMPANIES SERVING COUNTY

Cost Studies Continue On Providing Wider Extended Area Phone Service

Officials of the United Telephone Company met with representatives of the North Carolina Utilities Commission on Thursday, August 27, to discuss county-wide Extended Area Telephone service. The service would permit toll-free calling to all points in the county.

Prior to this meeting, the United Company had forwarded to the Commission a cost study indicating the revenue needed by the Company to provide the service. This study took into consideration the loss in toll revenue which would result, the additional investment required, the effect on taxes paid by the company and the effect of certain savings which the company would experience.

Since four other telephone companies serve Moore County, in addition to United, and because these companies would be involved in providing the service, the Commission representatives decided to request each of

these companies to prepare a cost study also.

A preliminary meeting had been held August 25 by United officials with representatives of the Sandhill Telephone Company of Aberdeen, the Pinebluff Telephone Company (wholly owned by the North Carolina Telephone Company) and Central Carolina Telephone Company serving the West End area, with headquarters at Hickory. Not represented at this meeting was the Randolph Telephone Membership Corporation, a co-op, of Bennett and Cole-ridge, with whose officials limited participation had been discussed previously.

After the cost study data has been obtained from each of the other companies involved, a second meeting will be held between the Commission and representatives from all the participating companies to work out the final approach to the matter. It is hoped this second meeting can be held within two weeks.