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MR. REYNOLDS

L. R. Reynolds, Board Chairman, Succumbs At 82

Lyndon Robert Reynolds, 82, of Robbins, Route 1, a member of the Moore County board of commissioners for the past 32 years and chairman from 1953 till last December 6, died Monday afternoon at his home after several weeks of illness.

The courthouse and all county offices were closed for the funeral services which were held Wednesday at 2:30 p.m. at Pleasant Hill Methodist Church. The four other county commissioners were honorary pallbearers.

Officiating was the Rev. Van Crawford, assisted by the Rev. Bennie Maness and the Rev. Colon Strickland. Burial was in the church cemetery.

Mr. Reynolds' health started to decline last fall, and the last commissioners' meeting he attended was in October, when he presided in the morning, going home that afternoon. He continued for a while to come to the courthouse to sign the county checks until Vice-Chairman John M. Currie became acting chairman in his stead.

Following his reelection November 3, Mr. Reynolds had a letter of resignation prepared but postponed signing it and was sworn in for his 17th term on December 7, at his home.

He was the last survivor of 11 children born to Wiley Robert and Mary Elizabeth Williams Reynolds, and spent all his life in the rural community where he had been born, and where his Scottish and English forebears settled in pre-Revolutionary days. The family name was original.

Thefts Of Outdoor Home Decorations Reported

Several complaints of thefts of outdoor Christmas decorations during the holiday season have been made to police, Chief Earl S. Seawell said today.

He said a number of citizens have reported loss of bulbs from strings of lights on trees in their yards and that three persons have reported loss of decorative wreaths from their front doors.

MUST BE COMPLETED IN JANUARY

Listing Of Property For Taxes Will Begin Over Moore County On Monday

Listing of real and personal property for county and town taxes will start in each township of the county Monday, January 4, to continue throughout the month.

Posters telling places where property owners can meet the list takers are posted in public places around the county.

Mrs. Estelle T. Wicker, county tax supervisor, said this week that property must be listed before the end of January and that

Father, Son Make Record, Repeating 2 Golf Victories

With a record field of 375 golfers—age six through 17—participating, the 17th annual Donald J. Ross Junior Golf Tournament at the Pinehurst Country club Monday saw a Laurinburg boy, Leonard Thompson, successfully defend his 1963 title in the top half of the Class A (age 15-17) Division.

Then, next day, the same teenager and his father, Cecil Thompson, teamed in the 7th annual Father & Son Holiday Tournament to repeat the defense-of-title performance, winning again as they had in 1963.

It was the first time either of the tournaments had been won by the same persons in successive years.

Leonard Thompson's Monday victory was tucked away with a 10-foot putt for a birdie 3 on the 18th hole of the famed No. 2 course, for a 37-34-71 that left him one stroke ahead of six other young golfers ending up in a six-way tie for second place.

In the Father & Son event, the Thompsons carded 34-34-68 on the No. 3 course, again emerging one stroke ahead of a three-way tie for second place at 69—and again rescued from tying by a seven-foot putt by Leonard, to birdie the 18th.

Class A (15-17) of the Ross Tournament Monday was played in two divisions, grouped by ability—the top group on No. 2 course and the other on No. 5.

John Osborne of Blacksburg, Va., was the No. 5 course winner, carding a 74.

In Class B (age 11 to 15), playing on the No. 3 course, Steve

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Drive Starts For Funds To Surface One Tennis Court

The Sandhills Tennis Association today opened a drive for \$1,500 to pay half the estimated cost of hard-surfacing one of the municipal tennis courts.

If the amount is obtained by voluntary contributions, it will be matched with \$1,500 which has been budgeted by the Town Council for the surfacing project.

W. R. (Rocky) Bonsal III and J. G. McCullen, Jr., are co-chairmen for the drive, with Mrs. Voit Gilmore as general chairman of a committee composed of past presidents of the association: J. D. Hobbs, N. L. Hodgkins, Jr., Dick Kobler, G. H. Leonard, Jr., C. A. McLaughlin, Mrs. R. M. McMillan and Dr. Charles Phillips.

The court to be surfaced will probably be the one parallel to E. Pennsylvania Ave., west of the other courts, Mr. Bonsal said. He listed advantages of surfacing as: permitting resumption of play more quickly after rain or snow; cutting the cost of maintenance; a better playing surface—more level and consistent.



DANGER SPOT—Here's the E. Connecticut Ave. Extension curve where seven persons were injured in two one-car wrecks, during a recent week, and where other crashes have taken place in the past, looking east from Southern Pines toward Fort Bragg. The camera caught a speeding car rounding the curve well over the center line. At right is one of the gateposts of the driveway to the home of Lt. Col. and Mrs. Leon H. Baker, into which a car crashed in a former accident. In foreground is a post-reflector warning device. A guard rail and a caution and speed limit sign can be seen in the background. The curve is the subject of an editorial on page 2.

CHRISTMAS BRIGHTENED FOR MANY VFW Distributes 96 Food Baskets; 60 Children Receive Gift Of Toys

Well over 100 families in Southern Pines and nearby areas had a brighter Christmas last week after receiving food baskets, toys and other gifts through the Christmas Cheer program handled locally by the VFW or through a toy and clothing distribution made through the Jaycees and the police department.

Hubert M. Cameron, commander of the John Boyd Post, Veterans of Foreign Wars, and the local Christmas Cheer chairman, said that 96 large food baskets were packed and distributed by VFW members on Christmas Eve afternoon.

He said the cost of the project is expected to run around \$700, but noted that donations, plus the amount given by the VFW post, will cover the expense.

Christmas Cheer baskets, part of a county-wide program operated in cooperation with the welfare department, go largely to families certified as needy by the department.

Fred W. Teeter, Jr., president of the Jaycees, said that toys were distributed to about 60 children and that about 20 families were given food parcels containing a hen and other food for Christmas dinner.

This program reached other families than those on the VFW's list, he said, many of them chosen on recommendation of the police department which cooperated in repairing donated toys and checking on families to de-

termine their needs. As police officers were busy with heavy traffic on Christmas Eve afternoon, distribution of the gifts was made by the Jaycees.

All families with children received new toys and some received some old or repaired toys, also. Mr. Teeter said, but each child expressed at least one new toy. He expressed special appreciation to the local Western Auto Associate Store which donated various toys, items valued at \$178, when it was found that the older toys left by people at the police station would not be enough to go around. Used clothing items were also distributed by the Jaycees.

Both Mr. Cameron and Mr. Teeter thanked all who had donated to the programs or helped.

Welfare Head Thanks Cheer Program Workers

Thanks and appreciation to all who helped with or donated to the county-wide Christmas Cheer program were expressed this week by Mrs. Walter E. Cole, director of the Moore County Department of Public Welfare.

Hundreds of needy families received food baskets, clothing and toys because of the generosity of people all over the county and the work of individuals or organizations who carried out the program on behalf of the welfare department, Mrs. Cole said.

Education, Business, Other Progress Noted In Past Year

Looking back on 1964, as the year closes, there is evidence of much progress in Moore County, recorded in several fields of activity.

Topping the list and drawing most attention have been achievements in educational, recreational, medical care and other facilities; construction of numerous public and business buildings and private homes; and the completion and opening of interesting and unusual places such as the Penick Home for the Aging and Camp Easter in the Pines for handicapped children.

Generally, it was a year of expansion, prosperity and optimism in the business, industrial, agricultural and recreational life of the county.

Community College Drawing top attention and interest in 1964 has been the development of the Sandhills Community College, starting with the employment of Dr. Raymond A. Stone as president and the opening of offices in Southern Pines, February 1. It proceeded through drawing of plans, letting of contracts for grading the Pinehurst Airport Road site and construction of water and sewer facilities, and was climaxed with groundbreaking exercises held November 25 with Governor Sanford as speaker.

Several staff members have been employed, adding interesting new citizens to the Sandhills

community, and plans have been announced for the opening of basic education courses and a "learning lab" in January. The college is expected to open fully next fall.

Another significant development in the field of education was the progress of consolidation of nine county high schools into three. Union Pines school (Area I) opened in September, with formal dedication held December 6. Contracts were let and work begun on the North Moore (Area II) School. Plans for the Aberdeen-West End (Area III) schools have proceeded as far as they can, pending decision and approval of the county commissioners regarding the site and the plans.

Announcement was made of plans for a merger of Southern Pines and Pinehurst schools, but these are expected now to wait until the Area III school, as the commissioners would like to find a way satisfactory to all whereby one large school will be built to serve the lower end of the county.

In the county system, as the new high schools are being built, the buildings they leave behind them are being remodeled and modernized to serve elementary school purposes better.

Hospital Work Moore Memorial Hospital at Pinehurst completed a \$2,000,000

new wing and renovation program, enlarging all departments and upping patient capacity from 180 to 253. Named the Clement R. Monroe Wing, the addition honors the doctor-surgeon who served as the hospital's first business head.

A \$150,000 remodeling and improvement program at St. Joseph's hospital has provided the building with a new front entrance fronting on a new driveway, flanked by new parking areas. First floor offices and reception rooms have been relocated for more spaciousness and convenience and much renovation work is being done on upper floors of the building.

The Moore County Mental Health Clinic, completing its first year July 1, changed its name to the Sandhills Mental Health Center as it expanded to serve Hoke County and (starting January 1) Richmond County also. The mental health center provides a long-sought and much needed facility in this special area of medical diagnosis and care.

The seventh fire truck to be purchased by the county (at the rate of one per year) in the rural fire protection program arrived and was stationed at West End.

Camp Easter, the North Carolina "Easter Seals camp" for crippled children, opened in June for its first season of six weeks, (Continued on Page 8)

'Granny' Blue To Be 101 Friday

It will be Happy New Year and Happy Birthday both on Friday, January 1, 1965, for Mrs. Mattie Short Blue of Carthage, Route 3. On that day, "Granny" Blue will mark the first year's milestone on her second century of life.

"Granny" grows increasingly frail, though her health is generally good and she has had only a cold to bother her lately. These days, she spends most of her time in bed. Some days, for her, are better than others, as on the "bad" days she tires easily and cannot see guests for long.

But on "good" days, she's bright-eyed and smiling, enjoying all that goes on. And on all days, she's interested in her family and their doings—the marriages, births, journeys and other things that make up the life of a wide family connection.

One of 10 children born to Brinkley and Martha Lewis Short, near Carthage, she has outlived her parents, brothers, sisters, husband John C. Blue, her daughter—who died young—and two sons. But there remain 17 grandchildren, 43 great-grandchildren and six great-great-grandchildren, most of them in Moore County and many in the Farm Life neighborhood where she has lived since her marriage.

There are also the "in-laws" and one of them is particularly close—her daughter-in-law, Mrs. Calvin Benton Blue, with whom she makes her home and who looks after her night and day.

Last Sunday afternoon, Mrs. Blue had a small family party for "Granny" an advance birthday observance which the little old lady enjoyed to the full. There was a beautiful birthday cake, served with candies and nuts in the light from Christmas candles. And there were some lovely birthday gifts.

Last year, on the occasion of her 100th birthday, there was a great celebration, with crowds of friends and relatives from near and far coming to give her their love and good wishes.

This year, though at nearly 101 she wasn't quite up to a big party, she still had the love and good wishes in even greater measure.

This, in fact, is her recipe for a long life—"Love people and be kind to them."



IN 2ND CENTURY — "Granny" Blue will be well into her second century when New Year's Day arrives, as she was born in Moore County January 1, 1864, one year and three months before the Civil War ended. The photo above was made on the occasion of her 100th birthday celebration. (V. Nicholson photo)

Campbell College Growth, Needs Are Heard At Meeting

A dozen alumni, students and friends of Campbell College at Buies Creek in neighboring Harnett County met with three college officials for a dinner session Tuesday evening at Doug Kelly's Holiday Inn Restaurant, to discuss the college's growth and expanding needs.

Welcoming the group were W. E. Kivett of Southern Pines and Fred Taylor of Vass, college trustees, and coming from the college were Dr. Leslie H. Campbell, president; Robert L. King, dean of students and director of admissions; and George McCotter, director of college development.

The group heard that there are 47 students from Moore County at Campbell and that the college has grown from 370 students in a two-year institution, in 1952, to 2,026 students in a four-year senior college today.

Dr. Campbell described the most pressing need of the college as a \$1 million library that is essential for the institution's accreditation by the Southern Association of Colleges.

The local post office will be on holiday schedule Friday, with no home delivery and windows closed, but will be open, with delivery of mail and normal hours, on Saturday.

Banks over the county plan to close on Friday only.

ABC stores in Southern Pines and Pinehurst will close Friday, and also plan to give employees a day's holiday next week. The schedule then will be: Southern Pines store only open on Monday and Pinehurst store only open on Tuesday.

The Pilot office will be closed Friday and will reopen Monday. The office is not normally open on Saturday.

Awards Given For Door Decorations, N. C. Sanatorium

The spirit of Christmas has a cheery gleam at N. C. Sanatorium, McCain, where patients have created colorful decorations out of all sorts of oddsands: bits of cotton fluff, tinsel strands, golden stars, silver bells, "snowflakes" and Santa Claus faces.

Limited only by the materials at hand and their own ingenuity, the ambulant patients in the eight wards have taken part with a will in the annual "Door Decoration" contest. Walking down the long corridors, you look from one door to another, seeing beauty and color on every hand. Pausing to admire any door, you glimpse beyond it happy faces lit with smiles of greeting.

Contest judges from the Aberdeen Garden Club examined every entry last week, awarded prizes in each of the eight wards in three categories, religious, traditional and "most original," and gave a blue ribbon to the one judged best of the three. Among blue ribbon winners, two won gold ribbons for overall excellence.

Gold Ribbon Winners One gold ribbon winner was No. 1 on Brooks IA, where Charlie Sales of Greensboro and Barry Gore of Lumberton had covered their door in gleaming Christmas paper, sprinkled it with Christmas-tree "snow," added tiny soaring angels and cherubs cut from white plastic foam, and affixed to the center a sunburst of brilliant beauty. Formed of gilded textile cones, each with a red-painted clothespin at its tip, and centered with wax-

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Auto License Sale Will Begin Monday

North Carolina motor vehicle license plates for 1965 will go on sale Monday, January 4, at the Motor Vehicles Department local branch office in the Farmers Supply Co. at Aberdeen.

The location is just east of the Seaboard Air Line Railroad tracks, on Main St.

Mrs. N. A. McGill, license agent, said that the office will be open from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, and from 9 a.m. to noon on Saturdays.

February 15 is the deadline for driving without 1965 plates.

Persons planning to get plates are asked to open their application card envelopes and fill out the cards according to instructions, before coming to the office, if possible.

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.
December 23	47	32
December 24	72	46
December 25	74	59
December 26	69	63
December 27	65	59
December 28	62	47
December 29	58	36
December 30	65	35

no general extension of time will be permitted.

In McNeill Township, in which Southern Pines is located, Mrs. Don J. Blue of Carthage, Route 3, is the list taker for all property outside the Town of Southern Pines.

For the Town of Southern Pines only, Mrs. Leland M. Daniels, Jr., is the list taker. Starting Monday, she will be at the town hall courtroom daily, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 2 to 5 p.m., with the exception of Wednesday mornings and all day Saturday. However, the public may call her and arrange to list property by special appointment, on either Wednesday or Saturday mornings.

Dog owners receive their county dog license tags when declaring their dogs for taxes. Town dog license tags are obtainable separately at the police station which is in the town hall building.

There is no separate listing of property for town taxes. The municipalities of the county take their property valuations from the county's tax rolls.