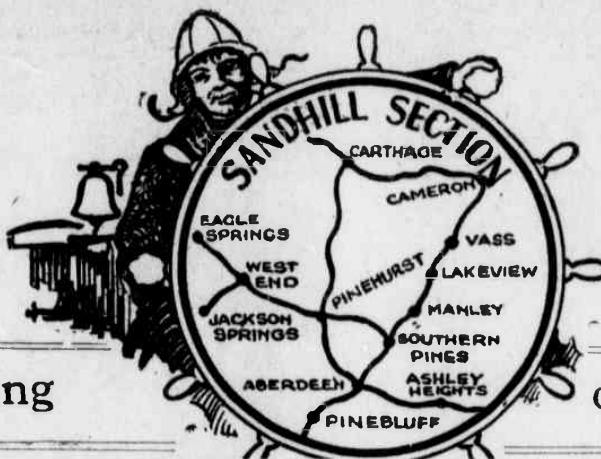


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BUILDING ACTIVITY  
NOW AT PEAK IN  
SOUTHERN PINESNew Construction, Remodeling  
and Expansion Feature  
Work In Progress

## TOWN CLEANS UP

The near approach of Labor Day, and the return from shore and mountain of many of the cottage contingent, finds the welders of saw, hammer, paint brush, and rake busy from morn till night. Much of their activity, necessarily, centering on Broad street.

Seaboard employees have cleared their right of way, including the improvement of many crossings, and are now busy replastering and painting the depot, where C. J. Simons is installing a new and much needed lighting system.

The new Rand building that is replacing the older Powell structure, is well advanced; the exterior completed except for the plate windows, and the electricians are placing the main cables. G. W. Buttry has a car load of modern fittings ready for his new grocery, and the Melvins are preparing their new equipment. Adjoining the new building the Dorns, since enlarging their quarters, now have a store 36 by 72 feet in which they are installing the very latest in shelving and counters.

The entire front and corner of the Page garage has been demolished, and this week construction will begin on one of the very latest type filling station. On the same block, the former Burgess stores, now the Daniels buildings, have been leased, the one formerly occupied by the curb market for a new grocery and market, and the adjoining one to R. W. Tate and Son who will operate a hardware and house-furnishing business under the name of the Hardware and Electric company.

The Sandhill Drug Company is practically doubling its former space with an addition, and is planning to clear its display room for the purpose of replacing the present flooring with the latest type of the Armstrong company flooring, which, with the additional space, will give them the room for their expanding business.

Colin Osborn, planning the improvement of the Motor Service Co. building, has carried out part of the work; the front showing to a decided advantage, and Montesanti's have so transformed their establishment on Pennsylvania avenue by the removal of the old porches, remodeling and painting the exterior that it bears no resemblance to its former state.

Grand Jury Reports A  
Clean Slate In CountyManagement and Records of Institutions Well Handled;  
Minor Repairs Needed

The members of the Grand Jury, in their report to Judge F. A. Armstrong last week, gave the various institutions of the county a clean slate so far as management was concerned, but reported that numerous minor repairs were needed.

At the county home they found one out building which they described as a "fire trap," because of the bad condition of the roof. It was very important, they reported, to keep this building for unruly patients.

More air for Captain Jackson's sleeping quarters, was the only improvement suggested for the prison camp.

The jail was found to be well kept, but the cells were in need of renovating and repainting.

The records in the offices of the court house were reported to be well kept and in good condition. Minor repairs, such as painting the windows in some of the rooms, screening a window and repairing ceilings, were found to be needed.

It was found that several Justices of the Peace were delinquent in their reports and that a number of executors, administrators and guardians had failed to comply with the law in regard to their reports.

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## New Platform

Seaboard Air Line Extends  
Its Facilities for Handling  
Passengers Here

In accordance with the agreement they made with the Board of Commissioners and the Chamber of Commerce of Southern Pines last winter, the Seaboard Airline is lengthening and lighting their loading platform in preparation for the heavy seasonal traffic that is anticipated this winter.

The platform has been graded to a point about 50 yards south of Pennsylvania avenue, over-hanging foliage has been cut back from the platform and additional lights have been placed at several points along the platform so that passengers can alight from and board even the longest train at any point along the new platform without inconvenience.

COUNTY FUNDS  
AVAILABLE FOR  
35 NEEDY BLINDTwenty-Seven Cases Listed For  
Aid. Program Includes Re-  
habilitation Work

## EIGHT VACANCIES REMAIN

Sufficient funds have been appropriated to take care of thirty-five needy blind people in Moore county, and there are still eight vacancies remaining, according to information given out this week by the county welfare office. Any needy blind person who has not made application should get in touch with Mrs. Lessie Brown or some member of the welfare staff.

Aid for the blind is administered through the State Commission for the Blind, which is headed by Dr. Roma S. Cheek. Mrs. W. D. Keeler of West End is supervisor for this district.

The rules for administering aid require that Form B-A-2 shall be filled out in duplicate for each applicant by a certified ophthalmologist showing that the applicant has central visual acuity of 20-200 or less in the better eye without correcting glasses.

Those whose vision is not poor enough to make them eligible for support from this fund may still have something even better in store for them, for in cases where the doctor thinks that the defect can be improved, the government will provide treatment.

The program for the blind includes rehabilitation work, and anyone wishing to learn to read Braille, or to have instruction in leather work or several other trades, can be taught in their own homes.

There is nothing for any needy blind person to lose by making application to Mrs. Brown, and there may be much to gain, so it would be well to investigate this program.

THEATER OWNERS CONVENE  
HERE ON DECEMBER 6 AND 7

At a meeting of the Board of Directors of the Theater Owners Association of North and South Carolina, held in Charlotte on Monday, it was voted to hold that organization's Silver Jubilee convention at the Carolina Hotel, in Pinehurst, on December 6th and 7th.

Charles W. Picquet, owner of the Carolina Theaters in Southern Pines and Pinehurst, is the president of the association—the oldest organization of theater owners in America—and it was largely through his efforts that the decision was made to hold the convention here. The Association was founded in November of 1912 and Mr. Picquet has been its president continuously since he was first elected in 1921.

In addition to the association theater owners, President Picquet anticipates that there will also be a generous sprinkling of New York and Hollywood theatrical luminaries in attendance to celebrate the gala occasion.

STATE SHOWS BIG  
HIGHWAY DEATH  
GAIN THIS YEARUpward Trend For 1937 Reached  
97 in July, Against 76 Same  
Month of 1936

## 26 PEDESTRIANS KILLED

State highway deaths, showing an upward trend all the spring and summer, reached 97 for July, last, against 76 for July, 1936, and brought the seven month's total to 558, an increase of 44 over the previous year, according to Tom Bost, Raleigh correspondent for the Greensboro Daily News.

Thus passed all hope of a year's reduction, says Bost, since the fall months are great killers with the money crop harvests which are expressed in more automobiles. So far as the figures go it does not appear that drinking is back of this highway slaughter.

The easy accounting for it is that there are many more machines on the roads. The present high is a mountain above any previous year. There are more than 600,000 licensed machines. North Carolina has a bloody record on the basis of gasoline gallonage. For the amount of fuel consumed the state has been leading the world in killings.

The most tragic aspect of these killings is the mortality of the pedestrians. There were 26 of these killed in July. It would appear that every such death could be avoided. There were 35 deaths in non-collision accidents. This makes 61, nearly two thirds of the dead, who died by one automobile, not by two or more. There were 23 deaths from collisions. This is supposed to be the deadliest of all the accidents, but figures show differently and without comparison it appears that the driving may be somewhat improved.

There have been more murderous months than July, but no July with so much slaughter. The heaviest killers are always in the fall. The lighters are always in the winter with plenty of ice, snow and mud with which to upset the cars. The difference is that with ever present danger on the highways the driving is more cautious. The very bad winter months of 1936 kept the killings down by keeping automobiles tied up in garages. All heavy killings have followed heavy use of cars.

Proportionately, the rate probably isn't increased. There doubtless have been more deaths calculated on the basis of the 10,000 gallons of gasoline used. That is the North Carolina yardstick. But there apparently is no word of bringing down the death rate even with the doubled state highway patrol and the much better policing of the roads. It is observed that the state's taking over all county roads has greatly increased gasoline consumption, improved the roads and therefore made them much more dangerous.

Mistrial Ordered In  
Case of Ollie BeanCourt Officer's Economical In-  
tentions Go Amiss. To Get  
New Trial

Proof that the officer appointed to attend the jury had left his post, and that the court officer had spoken words that were out of order to the jury, resulted in a new trial for Ollie Bean, of upper Moore county, twice convicted of the slaying of Andrew Comer, in Superior Court last week. However, the court found no improper conduct on the part of the officers as the irregularities were not held to be intentional or wilful.

All of the evidence had been heard and the jurors had retired to the jury room to consider the case. After a lengthy period there, it is said, F. R. Womack, jury attendant, left the Court House to make arrangements for lunch and people were passing and repassing near the jury room.

John A. Fry, court officer, at the suggestion of the court, went to the

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Southern Pines School Ready  
For Opening on September 8th

## NEW CLOSING HOURS

Wednesday of this week ended the afternoon closing of the majority of our business establishments. Hereafter the Citizens Bank and the Post Office will remain open on Wednesday afternoons and close on Saturday afternoons.

PEACHES TO PLAY  
AT DUNN-ERWIN  
WEDNESDAY NIGHTLocal Junior Legion Team Will  
Help Dedicate New Flood  
Lights There

Next Wednesday night, September 1st, the Sandhills Junior Legion baseball team will travel to Erwin to play the Dunn-Erwin Junior Legion team in a game that will both inaugurate night baseball and dedicate the newly flood-lighted baseball park there. And thereby hangs a tale.

Twice, during the recent Junior Legion campaign, the Peaches and Dunn-Erwin met in district games and, although the opposition won both times, the games were close and afforded some of the best baseball seen at either park.

Consequently, when plans were being made for the game to dedicate the flood lights at the Erwin park, and the Dunn-Erwin Junior Legion team was selected from among the various teams there to represent Erwin, the Peaches were suggested as the most likely team to afford the stiffest opposition. But before the matter was settled, a vote was taken from among the Dunn-Erwin team and they were unanimous in saying that, on the basis of their past friendly sports relations, they would rather play the Peaches than any other team in North Carolina.

As a result, Dr. Hooper, manager of the Dunn-Erwin team, called Postmaster Frank Buchan yesterday morning and arrangements were completed for the game; and we can't help feeling that, even though the local club didn't cut much of a figure in the league this past year, the fact that they established such a sporting reputation for themselves in worth more to them than as though they had gone on to win the championship in the Little World's Series.

TOBACCO MARKETS IN  
BRIGHT BELT OPEN

Cheered by good prices on the earlier belts, eastern North Carolina growers are now hauling millions of pounds of tobacco to market, and the towns in the new bright belt are in a festive mood for the opening of the auction season there.

Former Resident  
of Sandhills DiesNicholas F. Wilson, Charter  
Member of Country Club,

Passes Away in New York  
In failing health for a number of years Nicholas F. Wilson, formerly a well known resident of Southern Pines, died in New York City, August 15th. Mr. and Mrs. Wilson came to Southern Pines in 1902, and soon became active in the social life of the Pines, died in New York City, August 15th. Mr. and Mrs. Wilson came to Southern Pines in 1902, and soon became active in the social life of the town and among the golfing fraternity, Mr. Wilson as a charter member, and one time president of the Southern Pines Country Club.

Born in Brooklyn, N. Y., August 29th, 1872, Mr. Wilson was a former cadet of the U. S. Naval Academy, and at the time of his death, a 32nd degree Mason, and a Knight Templar. He is survived by his widow, Mrs. Emilie Allen Wilson, two sons, Nicholas F. Wilson, of Los Angeles, Calif., and Richard Howe Wilson, of New York, and a daughter, Miss Emilie Mae Wilson, of Southern Pines.

Buildings Have Been Painted  
and Redecorated; New Addi-  
tions to Faculty

The Southern Pines Schools will open for the Fall term on Wednesday morning, September 8th. Classes will begin at the usual time, 8:15 o'clock, and both the elementary and high school pupils will begin work on this date. The first and second grade pupils will find class rooms as assigned last term, in the former Baptist Church building, and the third and fourth grades will be in the home economics building on the school grounds.

During the inactive summer months Chairman G. G. Herr and the School Board have supervised many necessary improvements, including the painting and redecorating of the interior of the main school building thus adding to the light surface of the former rather dingy class rooms.

The high standing of the school, under the administration of Superintendent Frank W. Webster, led to many flattering offers to members of the faculty at the close of the term and caused some changes in the high school staff. The grade assignments remain as they were last year: Mrs. Jessie W. Dwight, 1st grade; Miss Emilie May Wilson, 1st and 2nd grades. Miss Abbie Sutherland, 3rd grade, Miss Alice Powers, 4th grade, Miss Jessie Fitzgerald, 3rd and 4th grades. Miss Mary Buckner, 5th grade, Miss Selma Stegall, 5th grade, and Miss Ann P. Huntington, 6th grade.

Returning members of the high school faculty are Mrs. Sarah L. Ellis, English; Miss Pauline Miller, English; Mrs. Ruth W. Warner, Commercial; Miss Aline Todd, Mathematics and Physical Education; Miss Jessie Mecum, Latin and Mathematics; and N. M. Hunter, Science and Mathematics.

Miss Lucile Palmer, of Emporia, Va., a graduate of William and Mary College of Williamsburg, Va., has been selected to fill the new position of full time librarian. Replacing R. B. Freeman, will be D. W. Gamble, of Waxhaw, S. C., a graduate of the University of North Carolina. Mr. Gamble will have the French and Social Science classes. In place of J. S. Bungartner the Board has selected Charles M. Yeager as Director of Physical Education. He is a graduate of the University of Maryland and of Davidson College, and is now taking a summer course at Duke University for his Master's Degree.

PINEHURST WINTER  
RESIDENT DIES

E. F. Partridge, a winter resident of Pinehurst for the past 20 years, died at his home in Belgrade Lakes, Maine, on Thursday morning, August 19.

He suffered a heart attack about three weeks ago and since that time had been gravely ill. He was 64 years old.

He is survived by his wife and three daughters, Mrs. Harold Kelly of Pinehurst, Mrs. Everett Gibson and Mrs. Gladys Costello, and one son, Earl P. Partridge of Maine, and several grandchildren.

## MOORE TAX SALE POSTPONED

The tax sale in Moore county has been postponed to the first Monday in November and lands of delinquent taxpayers for 1936 will be advertised in October.

Postponement of the sale, which was originally scheduled for the first Monday in September, will enable many of the farmers to market their tobacco and cotton and thus procure funds to meet their obligations.

## HOLD YOUTH IN KNIFING

Roy Soloman is in the Moore County Hospital, said to be in a critical condition, and Libby Fry is in the county jail charged with assaulting Soloman with a deadly weapon with intent to kill, as a result of a drunken brawl which took place near Pinehurst Saturday night. Soloman's injuries were inflicted with a large knife. The direct cause of the assault has not been learned.

GEORGE PENN  
FUNERAL RITES  
HELD TUESDAYFormer Carthage Youth Killed  
While on Highway Patrol  
Duty in Asheville Sunday

## SERVICES AT CARTHAGE

Funeral services for Patrolman George Penn, former Carthage youth, and for the past two years a member of the State Highway Patrol, who was killed early last Sunday night in the performance of duty, were held at the First Presbyterian Church in Carthage on Tuesday afternoon and hundreds of friends and relatives from Moore county attended the services, among them an honor guard of 50 state patrolmen, who turned out to do honor at the final rites for their former comrade.

Young Penn, who was 23 years old, had spent two years at the University of North Carolina and had been two years in the employ of the Pritchard-Lloyd Drug Company at Chapel Hill before he joined the Highway Patrol in 1935, and for the past two years he had been assigned to Troop "C", with headquarters at Asheville, where he lived with his mother, Mrs. Margaret Graves Penn, and his younger sister, Margaret Penn.

Penn's death occurred early Sunday evening when, after ordering the occupants of a car to stop at a weighing station near Asheville at which he was on duty, he chased them into a dead-end road where the two occupants turned on him before he had a chance to alight from his patrol car, shot him three times and, after beating him severely, ran over him with their car. He was found unconscious by fellow officers and taken to the Biltmore Hospital in Asheville, where he was pronounced dead upon arrival. Penn was the second patrolman to be killed at a weighing station this year. Patrolman I. T. Moore met the same fate at a station near Goldsboro early this spring.

At the time of his death he was within a few days of ending his two year's service with the Highway Patrol in order to enter the employ of the Goodyear Tire and Rubber Company, at Atlanta.

Expressing belief, early in the week, that Penn's slayers were escaped convicts, Sheriff Laurence E. Brown of Buncombe county, has been pursuing

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Work Starts On  
New Post OfficeWill Be Ready For Occupancy  
Some Time In June Says  
Postmaster Buchan

With the arrival in Southern Pines on Monday morning of Charles J. Medland, representative of the firm of James I. Barnes & Co., actual construction of the new Southern Pines Post Office building finally got under way.

On that morning a large crew of laborers was put to work on the site clearing away the debris and shrapnel inside the building area lines and on Tuesday morning Mr. Medland predicted that the excavation work would be completed by this coming Monday and that the basic foundation work would commence at that time.

Mr. Medland further stated that he did not believe that the month's delay in the starting of the project would have any effect on its completion within the specified time limit. The delay, he stated, was due to the inability of the Post Office Department to furnish full scale plans for the building until this time, but that inasmuch as these contracts contained a time allowance for unavoidable delays, there was but little chance that the building would not be completed by February 11th.

After the actual construction work is completed the surrounding grounds will be landscaped and the building will be decorated and furnished, and Postmaster Frank Buchan predicts that it will be some time in June before it is ready for occupancy.