

## One Life Lost, Three Cars Wrecked In Week's Accidents On Highway 1

### Sailor Exonerated In Soldier's Death; Two Collisions Send Six To Hospital

Investigations Continue As Accident Toll Mounts

Moore county's third highway fatality of the year occurred last Saturday at 1:55 a. m., when William L. Partin, a paratroop artilleryman from Fort Bragg, was struck by a car as he walked along Highway 1 near Pope's restaurant, between Southern Pines and Aberdeen.

Taken at once to the Moore County hospital, Partin died a few hours later without recovering consciousness.

Acting Coroner Dr. J. W. Wilcox, of West End, exonerated from blame the driver of the car, M. G. Wilson, a sailor, of Norfolk, Va. Wilson stopped his car immediately after the accident, had an ambulance and the police authorities summoned and waited at the roadside until all formalities were attended to.

Partin was a native of Antlers, Okla., where a wife and daughter survive.

The accident was similar in some respects to the county's first 1947 highway casualty, when Pvt. William R. Koonce, of Southern Pines, was struck by a car as he walked along Highway 1 near Vass. This was a hit-run accident and the driver of the death car has never been apprehended. The other highway death was that of Carrie Criscoe, Negro peach orchard worker of Eagle Springs, instantly killed Tuesday of last week as she alighted from a truck near her home after her day's work.

Two more accidents on Highway 1, one within the Southern Pines city limits, were reported last week to add to the mounting total of this year's highway tragedies:

An accident which took place here early Saturday morning had speedy results when both drivers were arrested on charges of careless and reckless driving, haled into recorder's court Monday, found equally guilty by Judge Allen Rowe and given 30-day sentences, suspended on payment of \$25 and costs.

Each driver, Pvt. W. J. Rothschild of Shaw field, Sumter, S. C. (home town Richmond, Va.) and J. C. Moore, of Hagerstown, Md., blamed the other for the Highway 1 collision which took place in the exact center of the road at 5:10 a. m., injuring five people and completely demolishing both cars.

Police Chief C. E. Newton, diagramming the accident in court, showed how the left bumpers and front wheels of the two cars came violently together, ripping the side off the Moore car and hurling it to the side of the road, where it overturned, and sending the Rothschild car into a giddy spin.

**To Hospital**  
Neither driver was hurt, but passengers in both cars were taken to the Moore County hospital where they remained a short time as emergency patients. These were Pvt. Thomas E. Woon, of Shaw field, riding with Rothschild, who was cut about the face; Mrs. J. C. Moore, her daughter, Miss Jean Koogel, and Mr. and Mrs. Max Hetzel, also of Hagerstown.

The accident took place just inside the city limits at the north of town. Moore, who with his family and friends was driving to Florida for a vacation, admitted to a speed of 45 miles per hour, illegal within the city limits. The other car was heading north. Both had been on the road most or all of the night.

**Car Hits Truck**  
Another accident on Highway (Continued on Page 8)

## District Fire Fighters Meeting Here Will Study New Equipment, Methods

A district meeting of the N. C. Forest Service will bring representatives of eight counties to Southern Pines September 26-27 for field trips, fire fighting demonstrations, instruction by state officials, and a look at the 1947 Dodge fire wagon, latest contribution of scientists and technicians to the art of fighting forest fires.

The fire wagon, bought with \$2,800 of state and county funds, is expected here within the next two weeks, County Forest Warden Ernest E. Davis said this week. It is absolutely the newest thing out, and represents a great improvement over old methods of fire fighting—the first real improvement in equipment in the past 25 years, he said.

It has an attached plow and other essential apparatus, all operated by hydraulic lifts; is high-built, with four-wheel drive, and can go through forests and over creeks in true bulldozer style.

## Rabies Kills Cow On Moore Farm; Warning Issued

A positive report of rabies returned Monday by Raleigh health authorities on a cow owned by Marvin Hartsell, of the Roseland community, brought a warning this week from Dr. J. A. Wilcox, health officer, for all residents of the vicinity to watch their animals carefully for signs of madness, and a suggestion that dogs in the section be re-vaccinated.

A close watch is being maintained by the county health authorities, and if other cases develop in the neighborhood a quarantine area may be defined. Following symptoms observed Friday in the cow, Dr. C. C. McLean, assistant to Dr. J. I. Neal, veterinarian, was called in Saturday, and a tentative diagnosis of rabies was made. "She showed all the major signs," said Dr. McLean. "She was in a furious condition, lowing and bellowing, trying to chase and gore those who tried to help her, and becoming more excited at the least noise." There is no cure for rabies once it has developed, and the only known procedure was followed: the cow was locked up where she could harm no one, and left to die. Death occurred Sunday, and the head was taken to Raleigh at once, where the diagnosis was confirmed.

Members of the Hartsell family who handled the cow are taking the Pasteur treatment at the county health office. The cow was one of a herd of seven or eight, and the remaining cows are being guarded and watched.

Rabies is transmissible only by a bite, or by infected saliva in (Continued on Page 8)

## PROCLAMATION

Whereas, V-J Day is one for honorable observance in our own community as well as throughout the nation, remembering the joys of that August 14 of 1945 when it was made known that the world's greatest war had ended; and

Whereas, men of Moore County who fought in that war have devotedly prepared a fitting observance of the occasion for the participation of all loyal citizens of our town and county; and

Whereas, it is our desire that everyone join in with wholehearted cooperation, in a proper spirit of honor to our veterans and their families;

Thursday, August 14, V-J Day, from the hour of 12 noon is declared a half holiday in the town of Southern Pines with the cooperation of all merchants, businessmen and other citizens requested.

C. N. PAGE  
Mayor of Southern Pines

## County Is Asked To Build New High School Here

If there is any chance of getting a whole new high school building included in next year's budget, the building of the school auditorium can wait until then rather than have it incorporated in the present plant, local school representatives told the county commissioners at their regular meeting Monday.

With reports from a state planning expert and two building engineers in his hand, Supt. Philip J. Weaver firmly declared that his findings correspond with theirs: that the present high school building is outmoded, obsolete and handicapped by poor planning and construction.

Constant repairs, large and small, to keep it in usable condition will only run up big bills while merely postponing the day of reckoning, he said.

N. L. Hodgkins, of the school board, and Amos C. Dawson, of (Continued on Page 8)

## Chamber Sponsors Area Meeting On National Affairs

An area conference on national affairs, to be sponsored by the U. S. Chamber of Commerce in conjunction with that of Southern Pines, will be held here in the form of a dinner meeting, open to the public, September 12.

Plans were completed at the semi-monthly Chamber of Commerce directors' meeting Tuesday night, and announced by John S. Ruggles, president.

Speakers at the conference, which was arranged at the request of national CofC leaders, will be E. L. Dickey, manager of the southeastern division, who will outline its purposes, and Paul Conant, national affairs advisor, who will speak on "Better Government."

Both are from the division office at Atlanta, Ga.

Invitations will be sent to Chambers of Commerce in Pinehurst, Aberdeen, Sanford, Laurinburg, Rockingham and other Sandhills towns of the area having organized Chambers of Commerce.

The meeting is one of a number being held in key areas throughout the country to bring local Chambers of Commerce and other interested citizens up to date on national affairs. Time and place, with price of the dinner, are to be announced later.

Other business of the Tuesday meeting included discussion of the August 14 V-J Day celebration, and decision to leave the matter of opening or closing their stores that afternoon up to the mayor and merchants; the election of A. C. Reed to a vacancy on the board of directors; contribution of \$50 to the Southern Pines quota for the Highway No. 1 association; and granting of a vacation to Executive Secretary Herrmann Grover, who will leave this week on a 10-day trip to the north.

## County Will Turn Out To Honor Veterans' V-J Observance Here

### Varied Events Are On Schedule From Noon To Midnight

Its going to be a big day here next Thursday, when thousands of Moore County residents are expected to come to Southern Pines to assist Moore veterans in their second annual V-J Day observance.

Charles W. Swoope, of Pinehurst, chairman, has announced that the program will get under way at 12 noon, with registration and reunion of veterans at the town park.

Gold Star mothers will also be registered there, information service rendered, luncheon booths will be open and picnic facilities offered to all.

The main program will begin at 4:30 p. m. with a parade of World War veterans and other units, led by the famous 82nd Airborne Division band and honor guard from Fort Bragg.

### Reviewing Stand

The parade will pass the reviewing stand before Rear Admiral C. L. Dundas of the British navy; U. S. Senator William B. Umstead; Ray Galloway, commander of the North Carolina department of the American Legion; E. C. Snead, North Carolina department commander of the Veterans of Foreign Wars; Mayor C. N. Page of Southern Pines, W. D. Sabiston of Carthage, W. P. Saunders of Robbins, Forrest Locke of Aberdeen, J. K. Mason of Pinebluff, Henry Bost of Vass and W. A. Muse, representing the mayor of Cameron; also county commissioners, county officials and other distinguished guests.

### Memorial Program

A patriotic and memorial program will be held at the town park at 5 p. m., with welcome by Mayor Page and an address by U. S. Senator William B. Umstead of Durham. Response will be made by Rear Admiral Dundas, Commander Galloway of the American Legion and Commander Snead of the VFW. Gold Star mothers or their representatives (widow, child or father in that order) will receive awards, and a retreat ceremony will be held at the flagpole, conducted by the 82nd Airborne unit with all veterans assisting.

### Reception, Dance

Honorary guests and officials of the celebration will meet at the Civic club for an informal reception at 7:30 p. m., and from 9 until 1 the Victory ball, for veterans and their lady guests only, will be under way at Scottie's on Highway 1.

Frank Hooker's orchestra has been tentatively engaged for the dance, according to June Blue, chairman, and there will be no admission charge.

### Negro Veterans

Negro Gold Star mothers will be guests at a luncheon at the West. Southern Pines Methodist church, with a program and addresses following. Negro veterans will march in the parade, be (Continued on Page 8)

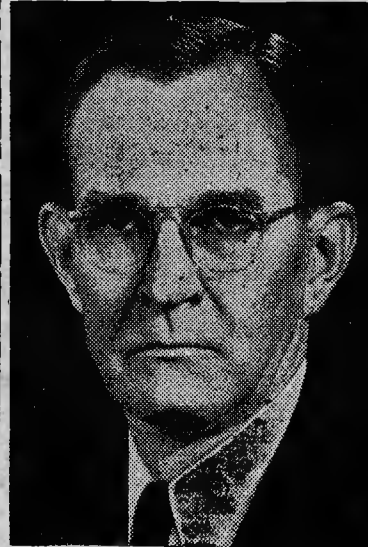
## AN INVITATION

If you are a Moore County veteran of any war, you are invited to the V-J Day celebration at Southern Pines next Thursday whether you have received an invitation or not, is the good word this week from Charles J. Swoope, chairman.

Checking all known veterans' lists in the county, members of the committee have sent out invitations to all on the lists but are well aware of the fact that many may have missed their names.

Veterans of the county will be admitted without charge to the day's events. They may pick up their tickets to the baseball game (Peach Belt All-Stars vs. Fort Bragg) and to the Grand Victory ball at Scottie's at the entrance booth in the city park after 12 noon on V-J day. The ball, incidentally, will be for veterans only, and their lady guests. If not in uniform, veterans should wear their discharge buttons.

### V-J SPEAKER



SEN. WILLIAM B. UMSTEAD of North Carolina will be the principal speaker at V-J Day exercises to be held at the town park Thursday at 5 p. m.

## All - Star Players Picked For V-J Game With Bragg

The Peach Belt All-Star team which will play Fort Bragg here next Thursday, V-J day, will be composed of outstanding players of the six-club Peach Belt league, selected this week by their club managers as follows:

Southern Pines—Pate, McNeill, Newton, Dunn, Harper, Wilson, McCrae; Aberdeen—McLeod, Wicker, Russell, Haynes; Laurinburg—Ramsay, Hodge, Granby, Cribbs, Bullard, Lee, Barber; Raeford—Bedas, Bill Upchurch, Joe Upchurch, McLeod; Rockingham—Parnell, Hindson; Hamlet—Harrell, Bankhead, Miller, Holt, Sullivan.

Lineup will be as follows: pitchers—Ramsay, Harrell, McLeod (Aberdeen), Bedas, Pate; catchers, Hodge, McNeill, Bankhead; first base, Granby, Wicker, Newton; second base, Miller, Parnell, Cribbs; third base, Upchurch, Harper, Haynes; shortstop, Bill Upchurch, Dunn, Bullard; left field, Holt, Wilson, McLeod (Raeford); right field, Russell, Sullivan, Barber.

C. S. Patch, Jr., of Southern Pines, is the local committee chairman for the game, which will be called at 2 o'clock following registration and picnic lunch on the town park.

Moore County veterans will be admitted without charge—all others will pay \$1, the proceeds to go to the present indebtedness and future reserves of the Moore County Junior Legion baseball program.

## WSTS Ready For Broadcast After Technical Delay

Radio Station WSTS, prevented by transmitter troubles from making its promised debut Monday morning, has now about got its ducks in a row and hopes to get on the air this weekend, according to John C. Greene, manager.

In fact, there is a big possibility it will ease onto the airwaves sometime Friday.

Disappointment over its failure to broadcast as announced was reported general in the Sandhills towns, where many residents were said to have set their alarm clocks for the unworked hour of 6 a. m. in order to hear the infant station's first spoken words. However, Greene asks that they keep their dials tuned to 990—they'll hear something pretty soon.

Early - morning tests conducted during the past 10 days have brought messages from radio listeners in Maryland, New Jersey, New York and Massachusetts reporting clear reception and interest in the new station, which is carrying the name of Southern Pines all up and down the eastern seaboard. A test radio conversation with Columbia, S. C. was also widely heard and reported successful.

### Gold Star Mothers Will Be Guests Of Legion Auxiliary

Invitations have been sent to all of the almost 100 Gold Star mothers of Moore county by the American Legion auxiliary of the Sandhills Legion post, asking that they attend the countywide V-J Day celebration here next Thursday and be guests of the auxiliary at events planned especially in their honor.

From 12 noon to 4:30 p. m. their happiness will be the especial regard of the auxiliary ladies. "We want to make this a day, not of sadness, but of real pleasure, as a token of our appreciation," said Mrs. Haynes Britt, auxiliary president, this week, "and we hope very much that all will come."

Following registration at the town hall at noon, the guests will be escorted by a guard of honor to the Civic club where they will be given a luncheon.

Mrs. Thomas W. Byrd of Charlotte, state auxiliary president, will be the luncheon speaker. There will be a program of music, songs and readings.

The guests will then be taken on a sightseeing tour in and around Southern Pines, to be brought back to the town park at 4:30 p. m. They will receive especial honor at the V-J meeting at 5 o'clock, with awards of certificates and flowers.

A Gold Star widow or child may be the family representative, instead of the mother, if it is so desired.

Mrs. Britt is general chairman of the auxiliary participation, with assistants as follows: registration, Mrs. J. S. McLaughlin; luncheon, Mrs. L. D. McDonald, Mrs. Martha Hoskins, Mrs. J. T. Overton; luncheon program, Mrs. Haynes Britt; music, Mrs. L. D. McDonald; sightseeing tour, Mrs. L. L. Woolley, Mrs. D. D. Shields Cameron; publicity, Mrs. Dan R. McNeill; pages, Mrs. C. S. Patch, Jr., Mrs. Joe Garzik, Miss Ethel Blue Britt.

The auxiliary will also be in charge of booths at the town park where sandwiches, soft drinks and coffee will be sold, with Mrs. J. A. Ferguson and Mrs. Charles Patch, Sr., in charge. The Aberdeen and Carthage units, the later formed only two months ago, have also been asked to participate with luncheon booths.

### GAMES AND DANCE

Events on schedule in the city's youth recreation program for the coming week will include two baseball games by the older boys' team, and a dance for the 15-years-and-up age group at the Civic club Saturday night.

A game with Raeford will be held here Friday at 2:30 p. m., and one with Lumberton there, Monday.

## Prisoners Busy At New Camp Cannery Putting Up Peaches In Vast Amounts

A brand new, modern cannery, quite possibly the state's finest, went into operation Monday a week ago at the highway prison camp near Carthage, and in the first eight days of operation more than 10,000 gallons of peaches were put up.

The prisoners are doing all the work, under supervision of Supt. C. M. Jackson, and the canned goods produced there will be used at the camp and also distributed where needed among the 84 other prison camps of the state.

The Carthage camp cannery is one of three recently established by the state. One is at the women's prison at Raleigh, another at the Creswell highway camp. The result will be some mighty good eating [next winter] and lower grocery bills for the taxpayers to pay.

### Vegetables Next

When the peach crop is over—and Superintendent Jackson said he anticipates the canning of some 30,000 gallons—other produce will be put up; tomatoes, beans, corn and other things grown at the prison farm.

Some tomatoes have already

## Town Tax Rate Maintained At \$2.60 per \$100

### Increased Values Expected To Balance Bigger Budget

The town tax will remain at its former level of \$2.60 per \$100 valuation through the coming year, it was announced by C. N. Page, mayor, in presenting the town budget in full in this week's issue of The Pilot.

Preparing the budget during meetings held in the past few weeks, with the assistance of Howard Burns, town clerk, the town board adopted it as an ordinance July 30.

The budget shows that this year the city's business has become one of better than \$100,000 a year, with the increase over last year expected to be met by additional ad valorem taxes arising from enhanced property valuations.

Total revenue is estimated at \$100,434.54, as compared with last year's \$93,263.10. Ad valorem taxes are expected to bring in \$84,104.54 on property evaluated at \$3,234,790.

Last year's ad valorem taxes were estimated at \$78,169.49, on a property valuation of \$3,006,519.

Additional sources of income are expected to yield revenue as follows (with last year's figure in parenthesis for comparison purposes): poll tax, \$387 (\$298); dog tax, \$218 (\$207); license tax, \$925 (\$900); tax penalties, \$300 (\$1,000); sewer rents and connections, \$1,000 (\$1,000); road maintenance tax (for out-of-town dwellers buying this city service), \$1,000 (\$800); funds for law enforcement from ABC stores, \$4,800 (\$3,000); intangible tax from state board of assessments, (Continued on Page 8)

## LIFE SAVING

Registration should be made in advance at the Red Cross chapter office here, or at Aberdeen lake, for the instructors' course in life saving which will begin at the lake Monday morning, according to word from sponsoring Red Cross officials.

James Davis, special field representative from the area office in Atlanta, will teach the course, which will consist of three-hour sessions held daily, Monday through Friday, August 11-12. Good swimmers 19 years old or older may take the course, which is given without charge and which leads to certification as a Red Cross life saving instructor.

Registrants will decide the time classes will be held, and if a majority prefer to have instruction at night at the well-lighted lake, this can probably be arranged, officials said.

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been canned, but it's the peaches, purchased by the hundred bushels from local orchards, that are the main thing now: Georgia Belles all last week, and this week the fine Elbertas.

They are peeled by a lye and boiling water process, and put up in gallon cans which are then steam-pressured in a vat of 1,200-gallon capacity. Sealing is automatically done. Some 25 or 30 prisoners are at work every day, doing the job neatly and expertly and taking a real pride in it, Jackson said.

**Built Cannery**  
The prisoners also built the cannery itself, a 30 - by - 60 foot structure on a solid concrete foundation, with concrete extending up 36 inches and then finished with wood to the top. It is a good looking building, and with its huge vats and shining machinery, an addition of real value to the camp plant.

Besides the knowledge that they are performing a real service, the cannery workers get something else by which they set much store: gained time off their sentences.