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### Radio Station WEEB Goes On Air From Newly Built Studios On Highway 1

#### Mutual Network And Local Programs Are Broadcast

#### Staff Announced

Radio Station WEEB went on the air Saturday morning, from its newly completed studios and transmitter on Highway 1, about a half mile south of the Southern Pines city limits.

The "go-ahead" signal was given by a government inspector following tests made Wednesday and Thursday nights, according to Jack Younts, general manager.

The first salutation to the listening public was a "Good morning" by Ed Cox, production manager, at 8 a. m., with an introduction of the staff. The first day, said Younts, was without commercials as a dedication of the station to public service.

This is the second station to go on the air from Southern Pines in a little more than three months. Radio Station WSTS, with studios in town and transmitter on the Pinehurst road, began broadcasting regularly August 4.

Both are daytime stations WEEB will be regularly heard from 6:45 a. m. to 5:15 p. m. daily, said Younts. Mayor Page and other civic leaders spoke over its facilities Saturday afternoon in greeting from the new station, owned by the Sandhills Community Broadcasters, Inc.

Both local and Mutual Broadcasting System programs are being carried. Among network programs regularly logged are "Tell Your Neighbor," "Heart's Desire," "Editor's Diary," "Shady Valley Folks," "Faith in Our Time," "Johnson Family," "Checkerboard Jamboree," "The Lutheran Hour" and "Queen For a Day."

**Good Reception**  
Cards indicating good reception during the tests have been received from a number of states. Younts said, with Massachusetts and Texas the farthest, and "fan mail" has come from goodly distances since the 1,000-watt station went regularly on the air.

Manager Younts is from Greensboro, attended Duke university for two years, then transferred to State college, where he graduated eight years ago. He entered the navy in 1941 and served in the communications branch of (Continued on Page 5)

### Moore Citizens Attend Meet For Education Study

Three Moore County citizens were among 250 educational and lay leaders from all over the state who attended a meeting in Raleigh Monday of the North Carolina commission, which they are to assist in a study of the state's educational program.

These were Colin G. Spencer, of Carthage, appointed to the organization and administration committee; Mrs. Walter B. Cole, county welfare superintendent, pupil personnel and personnel services; and Mrs. Harry V. Chappell of Carthage, a member of the Camron School faculty, named to the resources committee.

W. H. Plemmons of the University at Chapel Hill, executive secretary of the commission, greeted the members at the morning session, held at the Capitol building.

R. Grady Rankin of aGstonia, commission chairman, presided, and Governor Gregg R. Cherry outlined the responsibilities of the program ahead and pledged his support.

### NO POLIO

Two children recently sent from Moore County to the Gastonia hospital as victims of polio have turned out not to have the disease, according to information received by Paul C. Butler, county chairman of the Infantile Paralysis, from the hospital.

They are Linda Sue Rushing 15 months old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Rushing, Jr., of West End, and Willis Clark, aged five, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harris Clark of Jackson Springs.

The diagnosis made at the hospital at first was corrected according to subsequent developments. The Clark boy has been brought home.

Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Womble went to the Gastonia hospital Wednesday for the first visit they have been allowed to their little son, Guye Frank, since he was taken there three weeks ago. He is the only Moore County polio case at present.

### Cochran Company Asks \$10,700 In Accident Suit

Complaint of Robert T. Cochran and Co., Inc., of New York City, vs Lynwood N. Moon, of Aberdeen, second to grow out of an automobile wreck on the Aberdeen-Pinebluff road the night of July 17, was filed this week in Moore County superior court.

The complaint seeks \$10,000 damages for the loss of the services of the late Robert F. Stewart, Cochran employee who was seriously injured in the accident, with resulting loss and damages to the plaintiff's business; also \$700 for the loss of the car Stewart was driving, said to have been furnished by the plaintiff for use in his business. Costs of the action are also asked.

Suit for \$50,000 was previously instituted by Stewart, shortly before his death at Moore County hospital a month ago.

According to the suit of the Cochran company, fruit and vegetable commission merchants, Stewart had been engaged as their representative here for many years, to supervise the purchase, shipment and marketing of Sandhills peaches.

The accident, it is alleged, caused "grievous, painful and permanent injuries from which he never recovered, and he was thereafter immobilized and confined to his bed and was never able to walk or work."

Occurring at the height of the peach season, the accident was said to have deprived the company of the services of "an expert in determining the quality and value of peaches, well and favorably known, who, by reason of his high qualifications, knowledge of the trade in which he was engaged, and universal popularity with the people with whom he came in contact" had caused enhancement of the business in volume and profits.

He could not be replaced at the time of the accident, nor is such replacement likely at any time in the future, the plaintiff states.

### A. A. Meeting Tonight In Clubhouse Here

There will be an open meeting of the A. A. here tonight, Friday, it has been announced. The meeting will be conducted by members of the Salisbury group of this organization, after an interesting system by which branches act as hosts in each other's territory. The get-together with Salisbury will be held at the local clubhouse in the Arcade building at 8 p. m.

### Thanksgiving Day

Despite wars, postwar confusions and economic distresses, the American people still celebrate their very own holiday—Thanksgiving.

And this in itself is one great thing for which we can be thankful. For nothing so reminds us of all the blessings of the American way of life, the glories of its history and the hopes for the future as Thanksgiving day.

In increasing measure, Thanksgiving reminds us also of the responsibilities of our country to the world, and few will bow their heads in prayer over their holiday feast next Thursday without a prayer also for those less fortunate in other lands—a strengthening of the will to share with them, so that the Thanksgiving spirit may some day spread around the world.

In Southern Pines, the holiday will be betokened by a general closing of business; the bank will be closed; schoolchildren will have a recess from studies both Thursday and Friday; the post office will be closed, with stamp and general delivery windows open until 10 a. m., and mail collection and distribution into boxes going forward as usual.

A Union Service of all churches will be held Wednesday, Thanksgiving eve, at 8 p. m. at the Brownson Memorial Presbyterian church, with the Rev. F. Craighill Brown delivering the sermon.

Happy Thanksgiving to you all, from The Pilot.

### Questions About Athletic Field Are Discussed By Weaver At Rotary Club

The proposal to improve the school athletic fields, soon to be put to a vote of the people by authorization of the town board, was discussed by Philip J. Weaver, district school superintendent, as guest speaker before the Rotary club last Friday.

Questions asked in an editorial on the \$30,000 bond election in last week's Pilot were used as a discussion basis, with each point taken up in turn.

To questions as to who would be in charge of maintenance and operation of the field while the bond issue is being paid off, Weaver answered, "The school as it always has. The town field is actually school property, and its ultimate responsibility, no matter who is using it. However, there will be, as there has always been, cooperation in regard to the use of the field by other teams and it will be expected that those using the field will be responsible for maintenance details. This has worked out before and there is no reason why it cannot continue on that basis."

To the question concerning estimated gate receipts and attendance, Weaver cited the cases of other towns comparable in size and potential crowds. In Hamlet he said, attendance more than tripled after floodlights were installed and games could be held at night; Wadesboro, Asheboro and Albemarle have had equivalent or greater success.

In addition, many more games might be anticipated than are now being played on the field, as holding games at night will mean that many who work in the daytime can take part. Floodlights and a new, large stadium might also be expected to draw college games, as the location is central and desirable and only (Continued on Page 5)

### Red Cross Officers, Chairmen Are Named

Colonel G. P. Hawes, Jr., of Pinehurst, was reelected chairman of the Moore County chapter of the Red Cross at the annual meeting held last Friday night at Highland Pines Inn.

Other officers are: Mrs. M. G. Nichols, Southern Pines, vice-chairman; Garland McPherson, Southern Pines, treasurer; Roderick Innis, Pinehurst, secretary; Mrs. Audrey Kennedy, Southern Pines, executive-secretary.

Tuesday night at Red Cross headquarters, Southern Pines, committee chairmen were selected and have been invited to serve. Those who accept will meet with officers at the headquarters next Tuesday evening to discuss plans. Appointed were Miss Laura Kelsey and Miss Flora McDonald, volunteer special services; Rev. Lamar Jackson, home service; Mrs. W. G. Brown, home nursing; Frank H. Kaylor, first aid; William L. White, water safety; Mrs. Lloyd L. Woolley, community service, camps and hospitals; Mrs. Hugh Carter, Junior Red Cross; Gen. Stuart Cutler, disaster preparedness and relief; Robert E. Harlow, publicity.

### VFW Leaders Hurt In Crash After Hamlet Meeting

Three Southern Pines veterans, returning Saturday night from a VFW district meeting at Hamlet, narrowly missed serious injury when their car was forced from the road at a sharp turn within the Hamlet city limits and went out of control, throwing two of the occupants out.

C. S. Patch, Jr., commander of the local VFW post, remained at the wheel of his 1947 Ford station wagon, but was severely cut about the face by flying glass. Jack Reid, post quartermaster, and also commander of the Sandhills post, American Legion, was thrown out of the car as it hit a telephone pole on the soft shoulder of the road. Alton Clark, also a VFW member, was thrown to the hard surface in the middle of the road as the car careened back and hit another pole. He was also cut by the shattered glass.

High voltage wires on one of the poles snapped with a blinding flash under the impact, and barely missed the men as they fell.

Clark, knocked temporarily unconscious, was made comfortable with cloths under his head by a colored woman who came from her house near by. In a short while an ambulance came and took the trio to the Hamlet hospital, where emergency treatment was given and Patch and Clark were admitted as patients.

Several stitches were taken in Patch's face. Clark's injuries appeared to be the most serious, but all hurts were confined to bruises and lacerations, and no broken bones or fractures were reported. Reid, who checked into a hotel and notified his family by phone of the accident, was found there by E. C. Sneed, of Wilmington, VFW state commander, who brought him home.

It was expected that Patch and Clark would be released within a few days.

The car which, approaching their own at a rapid clip on a sharp right angle curve, forced them to the road's soft shoulder, drove on without the driver's being aware, apparently, that he had been the immediate cause of an accident. No arrest was made.

The real cause, however, it was reported, lay in the unexpected sharpness of the curve, and the inadequacy of its markings.

The Patch car was said to have been going at about 45 miles per hour.

The veterans had attended the Hamlet meeting in the interest of the construction of a proposed Veterans' Administration hospital for which the local post, with that of the American Legion, is seeking solid district support. Much interest was shown and the matter was to have been brought up at a called session Sunday afternoon, at which time, it was reported, a resolution of support would be formally drawn up.

### Arrest Made Following Robbery At Pinehurst

A ticket for Saturday purchases made at a Hamlet department store, found in the Pinehurst Greenhouses after a robbery Sunday night, furnished a clue which led police officers to the Richmond county town.

There, at the home of his father-in-law, Hobart Frye of Hamlet was arrested Monday night by Pinehurst Chief Dees in connection with the breaking open of the Pinehurst Greenhouses safe and the removal therefrom of \$115.

### Dawson Says "No Comment" To Move Of NCEA Board To Place Him At Head

#### BIGGEST EVER!

The Resort Issue which The Pilot brings out today is, we think, the biggest newspaper ever published in the Sandhills.

Once our respected former editor got out as many pages, but as there were only six columns then, and there are seven now, that still makes us 48 columns ahead.

Of course, size isn't everything, as the democratic donkey said to the G. O. P. jumbo, and we've already spotted one horror of an error. We'd like to assure the fine citizens of Vass that we consider their homes "pleasant" and never "peasant." It will make them laugh, but it caused our respective hairs to stand on end with regretful fury, and we offer a heartfelt apology for that mistake in the headline to Bessie Cameron Smith's splendid story of her town's progressive history.

Then there are the articles and pictures, that, for lack of space, or because they came in so late, had to be left out. We planned a big photograph of the Carolina Hotel only to find that our cut had vanished and no time to make another. And the Robbinston Mill picture got left out. There are doubtless many other omissions.

If we'll survive this special issue we'll try again! That is if you'll survive the reading of it.

### Negro Is Hunted In Axe Slaying At Vass Saturday

Jimmy Davis, 40, Negro of the Washington Heights section of Vass, is being sought by the sheriff's department for the brutal axe slaying of a Negro woman, Mamie J. Wilkerson, his next door neighbor, late Saturday night, Sheriff G. J. McDonald said this week.

Eye witnesses to the slaying were three children of the Wilkerson woman, aged eight, nine and 12, who said that Davis and their mother quarreled, and that their mother said she was going "to get the law." She had her shoes off and Davis took the shoes, the oldest girl said, shouting, "You can't go barefoot."

"Yes, I can go barefoot," the woman replied. He grabbed an axe from a corner of the room and as he raised it she cried, "You can kill me but you can't eat me."

He struck her savagely about the head and shoulders, ran from the house and left in his four-door 1927 Chevrolet, the children said. Deputy Sheriff A. W. Lambert, answering the summons to Vass, found the woman slumped in her chair dead. The bloody axe was in the yard where Davis had thrown it.

Neighbors and a 16-year-old daughter, who had lately moved to an aunt's house nearby "because things were unpleasant at home" indicated that Davis and the Wilkerson woman had been living together, and that Davis had also "bothered" the daughter, causing her to leave.

The sum of \$317 found in the house was turned over to the eldest daughter.

Mamie Wilkerson, 36 years old, moved to Vass about a year ago from the rural section around Red Springs. Davis, whose background appears to be unknown, came even more recently. He was employed at a Vass furniture manufacturing plant.

### Directors' Request That Fritz Resign Is Made Public

#### Situation Tense

Revelment this week of a move of the North Carolina Education Association directors to secure an active head for the NCEA has closely involved Amos C. Dawson, vice president of the association and member of the Southern Pines High School faculty.

State dailies have reported the request of the directors to R. L. Fritz, president, following a meeting November 10, that he resign the post, in which he is no longer active. Dawson, as vice president, would then succeed to the office.

The request, made privately to Fritz by letter from Miss Ethel Perkins, executive secretary, became public when Fritz replied with a refusal.

Fritz, whose certificate was revoked by the state board of education following alleged irregularities in accounts made for the sake of securing teacher substitutes, has recently been holding a government position in New York City, it was reported.

During his absence the active leadership of the association has fallen upon Dawson, who has attended NCEA meetings every week but one during the past two months, and who has through necessity filled every presidential function which required personal attendance.

Tuesday night, The Pilot has learned, Dawson was the recipient of telephone calls from both the Raleigh News and Observer and the Charlotte Observer, asking a statement. No statement, however, was forthcoming. Dawson told the daily papers, and also The Pilot, "I am not in a position to make any official statement, as this must come from the NCEA office at Raleigh." While it is not customary to publicize board meetings, the minutes of the meeting are on file at the Raleigh office and may be seen at any time by association members, he said.

The Raleigh paper respected Dawson's "no comment" position. The Charlotte Observer, however, did not.

The Pilot prefers to respect his silence, remembering his statement when he was elected to the vice presidential post: "Our main object now must be unity within the NCEA. This is essential to our work of securing a fair legislative program for North Carolina schools and teachers."

### Two Recovering From Auto Crash Injuries

Miss Jane Drexel, daughter of Mrs. John R. Drexel, and Harry M. Vale, Jr., who were injured in an automobile accident near Sanford Monday, have been discharged from the hospital and are said to be recovering nicely.

They were badly bruised, and in addition both of Vale's ankles were sprained, in the collision which occurred when a school bus, which had stopped at a side road intersection, pulled out into Highway 1 in front of the approaching car. The 16-year-old driver and his passengers escaped uninjured. The Drexel Buick was considerably damaged.

Miss Drexel and Vale were taken to the Lee County hospital, then brought to the Moore County hospital for X-rays and treatment.

The accident occurred on a return trip from Raleigh, where they had taken Mrs. Paul Bigelow, house guest of the Drexels, to board a plane.

### FLASH!

Last minute news—A Thanksgiving Day football game will take place here between the undefeated high school teams of Southern Pines and Lithonia, Ga. The Lithonians are their conference champions. Kick-off, 2:30 p. m.

### PINEHURST FORUM

The Pinehurst Forum will open Thursday evening, December 4, presenting the Smoky Mountain Square Dance team and singers as its first attraction. An exceptionally fine program for the winter has been arranged, with outstanding speakers and musicians to be presented at the Pinehurst Country club to a subscription membership.