

## Injunction Sought To Stop School Building At Vass

### State Licensing Board Declares Law Being Violated

#### Hearing Set For March 8

Action which has long been threatening, seeking an injunction to halt construction of the new Vass-Lakeview school, was begun last week in Moore County superior court by the State Board of Licensing Contractors against the Moore County board of education.

The action took the form of a complaint that the building of the school, estimated to cost around \$200,000, is going forward without the employment of a licensed general contractor, and thus is in violation of laws intended for safe and sound construction of public buildings; and states that an injunction is the only adequate remedy.

A court order signed by Judge W. A. Harris sets the date of March 8 for a hearing during the Scotland County superior court at Laurinburg, at which the respondent is to show cause why such injunction should not be issued.

Thirty days is given the respondent to answer the complaint.

Filed By Mann

Supt. H. Lee Thomas, executive secretary of the county board, said Tuesday that no notice or summons had been served on him. The complaint was filed by Warren J. Mann, of Raleigh, executive secretary of the state board.

According to his complaint, the Vass-Lakeview school building is proceeding on a "force account" basis. N. N. McDonald of Aberdeen is superintendent of the county construction crews engaged in the project.

Dan Farrell, of Aberdeen, chairman of the county board of education, told The Pilot some time ago that the state board had given them several reminders, by mail and in personal visit of a representative to Superintendent Thomas, that they considered the building of the school under the present set-up to be in violation of the law.

Procedure

The law sets forth a procedure to be followed in the erection of public buildings costing more than \$10,000, by which a licensed general contractor is to be hired following due advertisement for low bids.

Farrell said that the board had followed the procedure up to the point of selection of the low bidder, when it was found that the lowest bid submitted was far above their estimates of what the building should cost and what they had to spend.

A bidder from Sanford was at one time selected, then dropped when it was found he was not licensed. After that, he said, in the (Continued on Page 5)

## May Paint Some Hunting Scenes



(Photo by Humphrey)

"... such exciting colors... they fascinate me..."

## Young Portrait Painter Gives Exhibit Starting Saturday At Highland Pines

### MATERNITY WORK

One of the largest meetings ever held in Moore County for a welfare project took place Wednesday in the Carthage Community building when an audience, estimated at more than 170, gathered to honor the memory of Elizabeth Woltz Currie and hear reports and plans of the Maternal Welfare Committee, of which she was the founder.

Highlights of the meeting were the speeches of Dr. Oren Moore of Charlotte and Miss Hazel Corbin, leader in maternity work in New York, and the announcement of the creation of the Elizabeth Woltz Currie Fund.

This fund will be used in some part of the new maternity wing to be erected by the Moore County Hospital, which will bear the founder's name.

Further details of Wednesday's meeting will be given in next week's Pilot.

### LENTEN MISSION

A Lenten mission will be conducted next week at St. Anthony's Catholic church under auspices of the Redemptorist Fathers of the Charlotte mission unit, with the Rev. James Patrick Clune, C. Ss. R., presiding. The mission program is to be announced at both masses Sunday.

### Reception Will Open Showing By Betty Warren Jones

The Highland Pines Inn in Southern Pines will be the scene of a "one-woman show" beginning Saturday afternoon when an exhibition of more than 25 works of Betty Warren Jones, well-known painter and portrait artist, will be on display in the ballroom of the inn. The show, consisting mostly of portraits, in which Mrs. Jones specializes, will begin at 3 o'clock Saturday and will last until 6 o'clock. The paintings will be on display through the coming week.

Charles Stitzer, Jr., manager of the Highland Pines, announced that a special showing of the paintings will also be given Sunday from 4 to 6 p. m. This will be preceded by a concert of salon music by the Triomkin trio from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

During the opening of the show, on Saturday afternoon, Mrs. Jones will entertain at a reception which will be held concurrently with the exhibition.

Mrs. Jones has studied at the National Academy of Design, the Cape School of Art, Provincetown, Mass., the Reineke academy in New Orleans, and with Jerry Farnsworth in Sarasota, Fla. During the war she was with General Electric company, designing morale posters.

### Previous Exhibits

Many of her paintings and portraits have been exhibited before, notably at the North Shore Art association in Gloucester, Mass., the La Tosca Pearl National competition, New York City, the Albany Institute of History and Art, Albany, N. Y., and the Graham Memorial in Chapel Hill.

Mrs. Jones lived for some time in Chapel Hill, while her husband attended school there, and one of her best-known works, the portrait of Lennox Robinson, well-known Irish playwright and director of the Abbey theatre in Dublin, Ireland, was done while he visited in Chapel Hill as guest lecturer with the Carolina Playmakers.

Born in 1920 in New York City, Betty Warren Jones has been surrounded by art all her life, as her father is Jack A. Warren, famed New York commercial artist.

Revealing that she was much interested in horses and riding, she said that she would like to paint a hunt scene. "The hunting coats fascinate me," she said, "I'd love to try a painting with such exciting colors."

The Highland Pines exhibit will last through the week, starting Saturday, and Mrs. Jones will probably be in Southern Pines for about two weeks.

## A Major Step Toward War

We talk a lot about the American Way. Is the humiliating way America has acted on the Palestine issue the American Way?

We proposed the plan adopted as the UN decision. Then with Britain's help we sabotaged that decision at every point. A group in the state department, strongly influenced by the British, the military, the secretary of national defense and the oil men, have caused this country to reverse itself.

This act, we firmly believe, is contrary to the wishes of the people.

Is this the American Way? Is the legalistic quibbling of Senator Austin's statement, the sort of quibbling we have condemned in the Russians over and over again, is this the way an American delegate should speak?

We do not think so. Neither the manner of delivery nor the sentiments expressed compare very well with the great American words of our history.

We believe this step taken at Lake Success is mistaken, that it is treason to the American heritage of honor and justice, that it is a crushing blow to the UN, the only hope for peace.

By refusing to back the UN decision, with force, we have taken a major step in the direction of war.

The Pilot proposes to send a telegram to the American delegation urging a reversal of their stand. Readers who would like to add their names may do so by stopping at the Pilot office today, Friday.

## Horse Show Site Changed As Entries Start Coming In For March 6-7 Event

The Annual Chamber of Commerce Horse show on March 6 and 7, originally scheduled to be held at Vernon Valley Farms, has been moved to the Southern Pines Horse Show grounds on Old Pinehurst road, according to announcement of the Chamber of Commerce, which is sponsoring the show for the benefit of the American Red Cross.

The move was made necessary by the growth in size of the show and the feeling that traffic, parking and seating facilities at Vernon Valley Farms would not be sufficient, said John S. Ruggles, general chairman.

The opening gun in a month-long whirlwind of show-horse events, the Chamber of Commerce show will be mostly for local horses and exhibitors, presenting many fine horses already wintering here.

Following this show and tentatively scheduled for March 20 will be the famed hunter trials of the Moore County Hounds. Climaxing the month of shows will be the Annual Sandhills Horse show to be held April 3 and 4 at the show grounds.

The Chamber of Commerce Horse show was shaping up to be a big event in itself this week, as plans went forward for it and for the Horse Show ball, to be held at the Highland Pines Inn Saturday night, March 6, as a part of the inaugural week end of spring horse activities here.

A number of show entries have come in, the first person to file being Mrs. D. A. Sutherland, who entered her horse, Hazard, in the lightweight hunter class and the working hunter stake.

Showing 17 classes, including children's, and with four championship stakes, the show itself will be an excellent send-off for local horses expecting to hit the horse show circuit during the coming spring and summer season.

Classes will include working hunter stakes, young green hunter stakes, the colorful Corinthian, in which members of a recognized (Continued on Page 5)

## Alton Clark Buys Pinebluff Group Carolina Gardens From M. G. Backer

Purchase of the Carolina Gardens Florist shop by Alton Clark from its founder and proprietor, M. G. Backer, was announced this week, effective Tuesday.

With the exchange of owners a modern flower shop in the heart of town passes into the hands of an army veteran whose service was preceded by many years of training and experience in the florist business.

Clark, a native of Goldsboro, started out in this field when he was a high school lad in Durham, where his family had moved. He helped in the afternoons and on Saturdays at Hibberd Florists, one of the top businesses of this nature in North Carolina, and later became a full time employee, learning the business under the watchful eye of Chris Hibberd himself.

He then went to Bronxville, N. Y., to become assistant and later manager of The Nosegay, Inc., florist to many fine families of that section. He was there 16 years before entering the army. He saw overseas service and, captured in the Battle of the Bulge, spent many months as a prisoner of the Germans.

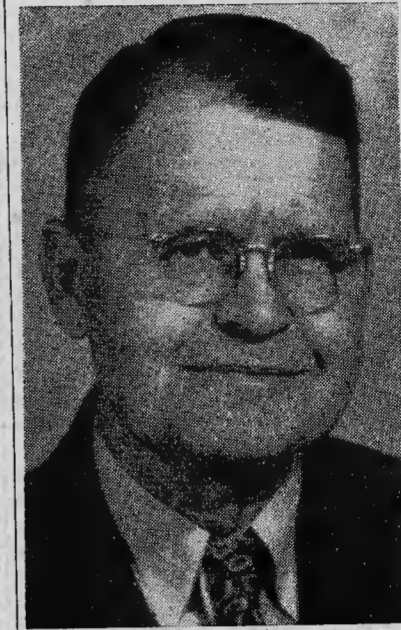
Liberated by the British, then discharged as a staff sergeant soon after the war's end, he came to Southern Pines, where his parents and his brother, Lloyd Clark, were living. His father has since died and his mother makes her home in Durham.

He worked for his brother for a time and then became office manager at Vass Industries, a position he will maintain while operating the Carolina Gardens.

In this dual employment he will be assisted at the florist shop by (Continued on Page 5)

## Red Cross Workers On Mark, Get Set And Ready To Go For March Campaign

### PRESIDENT



DON C. JENSEN

## Rotarians Elect New President, Other Officers

Don C. Jensen was elected president of the Southern Pines Rotary club for 1948-49, at elections held by the Rotarians at their weekly luncheon meeting at Pope's restaurant last Friday.

By established custom, the outgoing president, Lloyd T. Clark, will assume the office of vice president. Elected with Jensen were Harry Lee Brown, secretary-treasurer (a reelection), and directors E. J. Austin, Virgil Clark, Will Wiggs and Russell Lorenson. Officers and directors will not be installed until July.

Rev. Roy N. Houghton, of New Haven, Conn., a member of the Milford, Conn., Rotary club and at present a Pinehurst winter visitor, was the speaker of the day, bringing to the club an inspirational message relating to business and everyday living. D. B. Nettleton, of Milford, Conn., and Pinehurst, was also a visitor at the meeting.

Sgt. Henry D. Moss, of Vahalla, S. C., guard of honor who accompanied the body of Pvt. Victor A. Ritter from Charlotte last Friday, was guest of Lloyd Clark at the luncheon. Visiting Rotarians were Robert A. Rupp, Hamburg, Pa.; Earl Sprague, Bridgeport, Conn.; Herbert D. Ackley, New Haven, Conn.; Dr. Hugh N. Trant, Roanoke, Va.

### MARCH OF DIMES

With something over \$5,000 in hand and several reports yet outstanding, H. Clifton Blue, of Aberdeen, this week announced the county March of Dimes, of which he served as campaign chairman, to be well past the goal.

## Harrington Goes To County Roads As Police Are Freed Of Assault Charge

Appeal to superior court, with bond set at \$500, was noted in the case of Dan Harrington, Negro, of Southern Pines, tried in recorders court Monday and found guilty of charges of public drunkenness, resisting arrest and assault on an officer.

In a countercharge in which Police Officer Irvin Morrison of Southern Pines, with John Garby and Niles Maroni, military police assigned to this area, were charged with assault with a deadly weapon and unlawful punishment, the case against Maroni was not pressed, and Morrison and Garby were found not guilty.

The case, a long and unusual one, took most of the afternoon. Conflicting stories were told by Harrington and the officers, as Harrington claimed to have been set upon by the two MPs as he was walking home the snowy evening of Jan. 31, beaten by Officer Morrison and left overnight in a cold jail with no medical attention. He claimed to have lost eight teeth in the af-

## One-Day Drive Here Monday For \$6,000 Local Quota

### County Organized To Win

One great big day of campaigning and canvassing, with a great big reward at the end of it—\$6,000 for the Red Cross! That's what the Southern Pines Red Cross organization is planning, with Monday as the day and high hopes that the setting of its sun will see the quota raised.

It may be optimistic, said A. L. Burney, local chairman, but he and his workers believe it can be done and are going to set out to prove it. Everyone can help, he suggested, by being ready with a generous contribution for this most worthy of causes.

If you are at home, stay there until the block-canvasser gets to you—she'll be there as fast as she can make it! Under the banner of Mrs. J. D. Milliken and Miss Laura Kelsey, residential district chairmen, a full corps of canvassers is being mobilized for the big day.

In the business district S. B. Richardson, chairman, will also have his workers out.

In West Southern Pines, Prof. J. W. Moore heads up the canvassers.

### "Early Birds"

This week the "early birds" have been at work—the special gifts committee, headed by Maj. W. D. Campbell, who, it is hoped, will roll up a big backlog toward that quota before door-to-door solicitation gets under way.

Tuesday, loose ends will be gathered up, return visits made on those who weren't at home Monday, and Wednesday afternoon all workers will report both cash and pledges, in full, to their chairmen at the Red Cross chapter rooms on Broad street.

Preliminaries for the big drive will take place this week end, when on Friday and Saturday all workers call by the chapter rooms to pick up their campaign materials.

Sunday has been designated Red Cross Sunday. Local pastors are incorporating reminders of the drive in their church bulletins for the day, and it is expected that some of them will mention it in their Sunday messages.

### Planning Meeting

Chairmen of town committees of the 1948 Red Cross campaign fund met Monday night with county chairman R. F. Hoke Pollock at the Skycruise restaurant to discuss the annual March solicitation for Moore's quota, which this year is \$19,867.

The following attended the meeting: R. F. Hoke Pollock, Mr. and Mrs. Garland McCherson, Joseph McGinley, Samuel Richardson, Mrs. Audrey Kennedy, Mrs. Catherine Ball, Miss Hilda Edwards, all of Southern Pines; Lamont Brown and Manly Wellman. (Continued on Page 5)

## Town Clerk Burns Gets Above It All As Guest On Piedmont's First Flight

Piedmont Airlines started off right on the dot last Friday morning, with the first regularly scheduled east-west service in North Carolina and the first regular flights touching on Resort airport.

Though unfavorable weather has prevented regularity of the flights during the first week of operation, comments on all sides were enthusiastic concerning the advantages to the section of the air link between the eastern coast on the one hand, and the wide reaches of the entire midwest and western United States on the other.

Great possibilities were seen by Howard Burns, who was a guest on the inaugural flight as Southern Pines' town representative, and reported later on the easy and comfortable trip to Cincinnati, and back to Charlotte.

Bob Harlow, of Pinehurst, was also along, and practically all other towns along the route had one or more representatives in the party, said Burns. Only one thing

went wrong. Fog over the mountains caused a delay in the take-off from Charlotte on the west-bound trip, so that the whole schedule was thrown out of line and on the return trip clearance was refused by the air authorities at Charlotte for a landing at the unlighted Resort Airport field.

### Lucky Break

The Sandhills representatives were struggling with a difficult decision—whether to fly on to Wilmington, stay in Charlotte for the night or start out for home by bus or train, when luck came their way. L. H. Cherry, Jr., of Southern Pines, who had caught the plane at Cincinnati on his way home from a western trip, had left his car in Charlotte, and was driving home. So they reverted to a slower, but still highly satisfactory, method of travel.

### Lunch At Cincinnati

The great, busy airports at Lexington and at Cincinnati were also of interest to the travelers. (Continued on Page 5)