

## 1947 Construction Adds \$600,000 To County Valuation

### Overall Appraisal Shows Values Up From Last Year

New construction erected, or in process of erection in Moore county in the period January 1, 1947-January 1, 1948, added at least a half million dollars to the total property valuation, according to figures released this week by Miss Maida Jenkins, county tax supervisor.

The total of new construction in 1947, for tax valuation purposes, amounted to \$610,180. Sitting last week as a board of equalization and review, the county commissioners met with few protests of the evaluations. Minor adjustments may change the total somewhat, Miss Jenkins said, but the total figure should be considerably past the half - million mark.

Total property valuation for 1947, as fixed by local boards of Moore County citizens, amounted to \$28,015,962, a considerable rise over the 1946 evaluation.

Citizens serving as appraisers in groups of three, some of them serving on more than one board for evaluation in several townships, were S. C. Riddle, W. E. Kelly, R. W. Pleasants, J. D. McInnis, R. C. McLean, J. A. Kelly, Mrs. Bessie Brooke, D. A. Dunlap, E. J. Freeman, L. B. Ritter, B. F. Howard, A. L. Poe, W. M. Cole, W. A. Tyson, James Campbell, D. W. McNeill, J. A. Shaw, E. B. Harrington, C. F. Leavitt, J. D. Arey, G. E. Griffin, R. B. Donaldson.

The countywide appraisals were made during March and members of the tax supervisor's office gave up their Easter Monday holiday to the totaling of the thousands of appraisal figures.

## Connecticut Man Fatally Stricken On Golf Course

Death struck suddenly on the golf course Tuesday when George Mortimer McCombs, 48, of Bridgeport, Conn., playing with a group of friends at Mid Pines, suffered a heart attack at the 13th tee at 12:15 p. m. and died at once.

Two doctors playing behind came immediately to lend assistance but found him already dead. He had been thought to be in excellent health but his friends, who came down from Bridgeport in a group to spend Easter week here, said he had been under considerable recent strain.

A rosary service was held for him at the Sandhills Funeral Home chapel Wednesday afternoon, conducted by the Rev. Herbert R. Harkins and the Rev. Edward Rigney, of St. Anthony's Catholic church. The body was then sent to Bridgeport, where further services will be held Saturday at St. Augustine's church, with burial at St. Michael's cemetery, Stratford, Conn.

A requiem mass will be held for him at St. Anthony's church here, conducted by Father Harkins, pastor, at 8 a. m. Saturday, the same hours as the service in Bridgeport. This will be attended by Bridgeport friends who are staying out the week at the Park View, where McCombs was also a guest.

Except for the fact that he is married, no information was available here concerning his immediate family.

### WICKER TO BROADCAST

Next Wednesday at 4:30 WEEB will present Tom Wicker, executive secretary of the Southern Pines Chamber of Commerce, in a special program directed to listeners in the Sandhills. This is one of the regular Wednesday afternoon features entitled "The Voice of the Sandhills."

Activities of the Chamber of Commerce will be reviewed, including results of the current straw vote on the extension of the Southern Pines city limits.

## Little Old Ford Rattled Right Along



If you're worried about whether your car can make the grade in the state inspection lane to be set up here next week, just take a look at what breezed right through in Carthage two weeks ago. That's N. C. Petree, Carthage RFD, at the wheel of his 1914 Model T, equipped with kerosene lamps and Klaxon horn. M. W. Thomas affixes the seal of approval as Supervisor W. Carlos Thomas looks on.

The lane will be in operation in Southern Pines beginning tomorrow (Saturday) through April 14. —(Photo by Caviness).

## Handicraft Exhibit At Shaw House To Open With Weaving Demonstration

### NO NEWS

No news as yet on the matter of the Southern Pines station. It appears that the chief engineer and others in authority in this matter now absent from Norfolk for several days are still occupied, drawing up specifications and figuring on various aspects of the proposed changes.

So, to date, all that can be said is that there will be radical changes made, in line with the discussions held within the past months with Southern Pines citizens.

"An entire remodeling and renovation job" is the phrase which must satisfy all concerned until the details promised by the railroad men, come through.

## Saunders Heads Umstead Campaign In Moore County

This week's announcement that W. P. Saunders, of Robbins, has been chosen to manage Senator Umstead's campaign in Moore county is about the only sign of political activity seen around here so far.

Saunders, mayor of Robbins, vice president and general manager of the Robbins mills, is an old hand at successful management of political campaigns. In 1942 he was Moore County manager for Senator Bailey, who carried every precinct against the late Robert T. Fountain. In 1946 he managed Bill Horner's campaign for congress. While Deane won in the district by a small margin, Horner carried Moore county by a substantial margin.

No appointment in the county had been made this week in connection with Broughton's campaign in opposition to Umstead, nor in connection with the campaigns for governor.

The contest between Charlie Johnson and Kerr Scott for the gubernatorial position is assuming major proportions. Several county leaders have been prominently mentioned in connection with the managership of their campaigns but so far, in listing their leaders a few at a time, neither has reached Moore county.

### NEW BUSINESS

A business, which looks as if it were particularly appropriate to this resort community, is being started this week by two World War veterans, Tony Reece and Ted Barrow, Jr., have hit on the idea of "cleaning in the home" as something that will fill a long-felt need and are assembling the necessary equipment getting themselves all set to start right in.

## Mrs. Busbee's Talk Monday Will Start Week's Showing Of Native Industries

Plans are shaping up well, it is reported, for the Historical Association's week of handicraft exhibits and demonstrations, which is to open April 5th at the Shaw House here.

The event will open formally at three o'clock on Monday, with a talk by Mrs. Jacques Busbee of Jugtown. Mrs. Busbee is an authority on early Moore County handicraft, particularly as regards the handicraft of the section, in which she and her late husband have always taken an active interest. A tea, in honor of Mrs. Scott Newton, former owner of the Shaw House through her forebears, will be given by Mrs. Deadwyler, to which several of Mrs. Newton's old friends have been invited.

Miss Laura Williams, of near Robbins, is all set to bring down her loom, hand-made and in the family for several generations. She will weave every afternoon and visitors to the weaving demonstration will be able to purchase lengths of the fine hand-woven material.

There will also be exhibits of other handicraft, such as coverlets, pottery, blankets, rugs. Adding further interest to the occasion will be the family heirlooms which have been loaned by various ones of the old Moore County families. Among these will be the silver sword of revolutionary days which belonged to John McFarland, early pioneer of these parts. It is now in the possession of Charles Swope, who will lend it to the Association for the week's exhibit.

Tea will be served as usual in the Tea Room, with the exhibit rooms open every afternoon, beginning April 5th.

## Soldier In Hospital, Wounded By Knife

W. J. Ramos, a soldier stationed at Fort Bragg and living at the Waverly apartments here, was taken by ambulance to the Moore County hospital, then on to the Fort Bragg General hospital late Saturday night, suffering from knife wounds in the abdomen and thigh.

It was reported that the wounds were self-inflicted but this could not be confirmed. He was said to have been drinking. The wounds were not thought to be critical. The case is in the hands of the military police.

Ramos had been living at the Waverly since the first of the year with his wife and her sister, both of whom were employed in Southern Pines.

A W. J. Ramos was arrested here last summer on assault charges after administering a beating to his wife on the public street. Carried before Magistrate Bailey, he was released when his wife withdrew her charges and would not testify.

## Horse Show This Weekend Highlight Of Tourist Season

### Events Friday, Saturday, Sunday On Town Showground

#### Large Crowds Expected

Spring floods down thisaway but floods of tourists, not the usual kind of spring freshet. Streets are filled with cars, hotels are filled to overflowing with guests, tourist homes are bursting at the seams as the warmer weather brings the vacationers down to start their spring season in the South and follow it back up North again.

Along with the golfing tourists, and the tennis tourists, the tired tourists looking for a rest and the energetic ones ready to take up any sport that offers, are the horse show tourists.

These have been lured here by tales of "the best bunch of show horses ever collected in one spot outside of the Garden." And, for once, the ballyhoo is the real thing. There is no doubt of the high calibre of the horse flesh collected in the Sandhills right this minute.

These top show horses will all be seen in the Sandhills Show due to take place this Friday, Saturday and Sunday out at the Swamp Fox Course (Town Show Grounds, or Old Tighman Place, take your choice of titles.)

They will perform in the ring, over the outside course; in classes for hunters, jumpers, hunter hacks . . . but never just horses. But just horses, they are, nevertheless, and they will delight the eye by their looks and their jumping will send shivers down the susceptible spines of all who go to see them.

It is a fair guess that all will, and that the show this year will draw the same large crowds that came from far and near last spring to the first of this annual Sandhills spring event.

Evidencing the great interest hereabouts in the "young entry" is the fact that Saturday morning has been turned over to classes for children. Many local participants as well as outsiders will take part in the events for horsemanship and also children's hacks and hunters.

The last afternoon of the show: Sunday, will see the wind-up of the keen competition of the entire show season in the Sandhills as former champions come up against each other for the last time. The open jumper stakes, young hunter stakes, conformation hunter and working hunter stakes, and the grand championships will be decided that afternoon.

Prize money for the show totals \$3,500, one of the largest amounts (Continued on Page 8)

### REMINDER

Have you checked and mailed that postcard placed in your mailbox by the Southern Pines Chamber of Commerce this week?

Did you read the letter that came with it—not with just a casual glance, but carefully, all the way through?

This is just a reminder to do both of these things, for some tangible expression of public sentiment on the proposed extension of the city limits.

It should be emphasized that the map in the postoffice is an old one and outlines far more than the area contemplated. As the postcard indicates, this is to be confined to areas "which the town is prepared to provide with such minimum services as water, sewerage, garbage collection, fire and police protection." In other words, the thickly populated parts just outside town, with special emphasis on the southern entrance, along Highway 1. The country places would not be included.

Also, the entire plan is most tentative, with, thus far, no action or even official discussion taken by the Town Board.

## \$975,000 Bond Issue Is Planned For Improvements To Schools In County

### Classrooms For Aberdeen Auditorium Included For Southern Pines

The Moore County board of education, meeting Tuesday afternoon at the office of Supt. H. Lee Thomas at Carthage, voted to recommend that the county commissioners call an election for public approval of a bond issue for \$975,000 for improvements to school plants throughout the county.

With no definite amount specified for any item, proceeds of the bond issue are designed to cover the following, with the phrase "and other needed additions" added in each case: auditorium at Southern Pines; physical education buildings at Carthage, Farm Life, West End, Westmoore and High Falls; lunchroom at Pinehurst; classrooms at Aberdeen, Cameron and Robbins.

The phrase "and other needed additions" makes the list extremely flexible, it is pointed out. While the Aberdeen district committee has been assiduous in seeking construction of a new elementary school building, its plan of building it as an annex to the present high school building could be covered by the description "classrooms and other needed additions."

For the Southern Pines district, the bond issue will apparently include (Continued on Page 8)

### RED CROSS

Four communities have gone over the top in the current Red Cross drive, but with 12 others still in the race, the Moore County Chapter, in response to requests from headquarters, is continuing its efforts. The "war emergency" outlook is being squarely faced here as everywhere.

The county fund now stands at \$21,646.28, with the four "top" towns of Southern Pines, Knollwood, Pinehurst, and Robbins responsible, in that order, for a great part of it. Though this puts Moore County over the top it is felt the other communities will wish to go on and contribute their share of the vitally needed funds.

### BASEBALL

With one defeat, three wins and a rain-check to show for their first five games, the Southern Pines High School baseball team will play two games away from home this coming week—Tuesday at Deep River, and Wednesday, West End—and one game at home.

Played on the local field will be a game with Aberdeen next Friday afternoon.

Victories were scored over Hamlet Friday, Elise Monday and Laurinburg Tuesday on the home field, before good crowds which included many former high school boys and girls home for Easter. Other spring visitors are finding the games a good source of entertainment as the local lads get into their swing for some lively ball.

## Golf Stars In Top Form For Red Cross Match

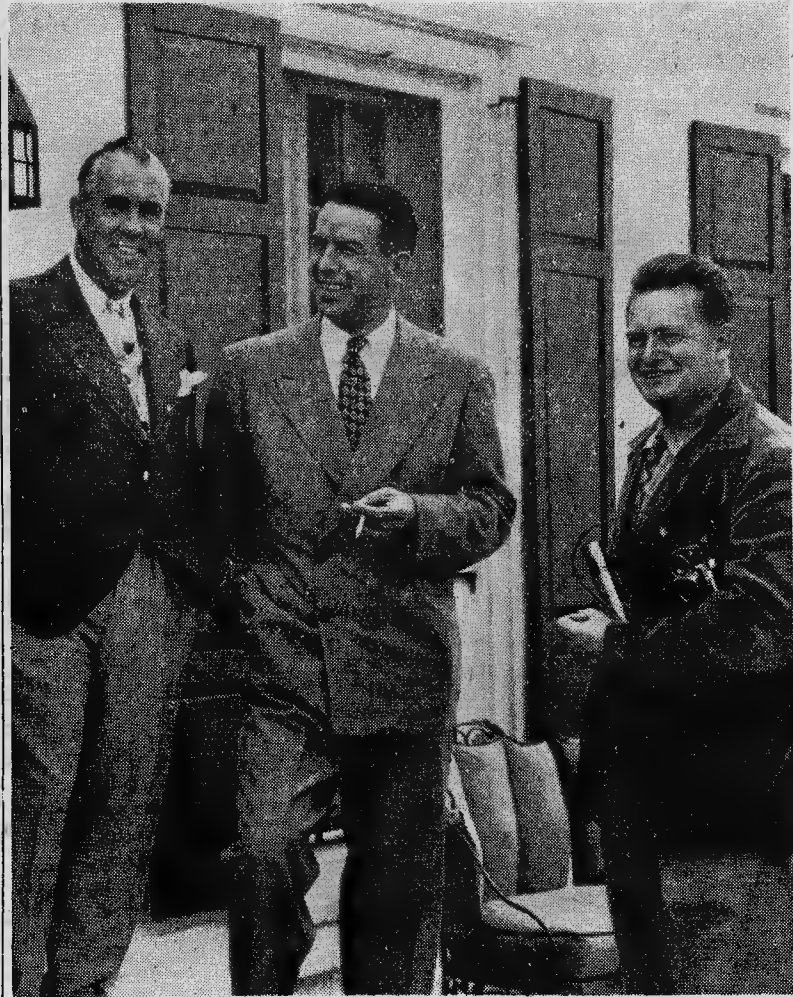
In the Red Cross benefit match played Tuesday afternoon on the championship course of the Pinehurst Country club, Bobby Locke of South Africa and Johnny Palmer of Baden defeated the amateur team of Frank Stranahan and Dick Chapman one up, with Locke scoring best medal play, a 67.

It was a good exhibition throughout, witnessed by an enthusiastic gallery for which the Pinehurst Red Cross marked up 732 paid admissions at \$1 each. This put the chapter far past its already-achieved quota.

The most spectacular shot was made by Chapman on the sixth hole, one of the most difficult short holes in the business, when he practically sank his tee shot. It landed within four inches of the hole.

At the 17th hole, Stranahan holed a curling putt of about 20 feet for a 2, to keep alive the match which then stood at 2 down for the amateurs with two to play. The match was lost on the 18th green, which was halved in 4's.

## Satevepost-ers And Subject



Everywhere you saw Vernon Cardy the week before Easter, you also saw Harold H. Martin (center) and Bill Shroust (right), following him about getting all the dope for a Saturday Evening Post article. Harold Martin, an Atlanta newspaperman, is one of the Satevepost's top ranking special writers, mainly employed on foreign assignments. Photographs by Shroust formerly adorned the pages of Life, now are exclusive with the Post. While here they attended the hunter trials, took the trip to the Camden races, met and made friends with Sandhills folk at the hunt buffet at Vernon Valley Farms last Friday. Both said their assignment to "do" Southern Pines' horse-loving, hard-riding, trophy-winning Canadian, Cardy, was one of the most enjoyable they had had. (Photo by Humphrey)

## Frost At Easter Nips Blossoming Peach Orchards

### Damage Estimated At 50 Per Cent

Damage done by the Easter frost to the large peach orchards of the county amounted to probably around 50 per cent, it was estimated by E. H. Garrison, Jr., county farm agent, after a check-up around West End and in other sections Tuesday.

Though one or two early varieties of peaches had already finished blooming, others, including the favorite Elbertas, had just reached the "danger stage" and suffered to a great extent, he said.

The temperature, falling steadily from springlike warmth after Saturday's showers, dipped below freezing Sunday night and again Monday, for a double blow at a crop which was reaching the peak of bloom some two weeks early. The early blossoming had, in fact, already caused headshaking among the peach growers who knew by experience what an "April freeze" could do. As a matter of fact, this was a March freeze and the danger of further hurt is not yet past.

If frost does not come again the Easter freeze may have proved beneficial, according to the view of one old-timer, who was quoted as saying it "did a good job of thinning-out and will prevent a glut and low prices." Some of the smaller orchardists, however, who saw almost their whole potential crop killed, found little cheer in the situation.

The Associated Press report estimated damage in the Sandhills section at 40 per cent, and far heavier in South Carolina, concentrated in Spartanburg county.

Early gardens and other fruits besides peaches were also severely nipped, though damage appeared spotty—far more severe in some sections than in others. On rolling land, low spots were hard hit while high spots were in most cases left untouched.

Sensing the shivery weather Sunday, growers held up hopeful fingers for a sign of the wind which might "blow away" the frost. However, the night approached with deadly calmness, rendering conditions ideal for the maximum damage from a minimum frost.

Fireplaces and furnaces which had known no blaze during the fine warmth of pre-Easter March were lit again, coal piles scraped and the last drops of oil wrung from reluctant drums.

## Spivey Makes Bond Pending His Appeal

R. F. Spivey, former restaurant owner of Robbins, made bond of \$15,000 at Carthage Friday pending his appeal to the North Carolina supreme court from a second degree murder conviction.

Held without bond in the Moore County jail since the fatal beating of his wife, Evelyn, November 2, Spivey went free for the first time in many months.

In the three-day trial, held at a special session of Moore County superior court, the state asked conviction on a charge of first degree murder. The defense placed its chief reliance on the evidence that the death had been the result of a drunken fracas, with no indication of premeditation.

## BECKWITH GARDENS

The beautiful Beckwith gardens on Crest road, Knollwood, will be opened to the public Wednesday afternoon from 2 to 6 o'clock, with proceeds going to the Moore County Hospital auxiliary.

Tickets may be secured at the gate, according to announcement by Mrs. A. L. Burney, chairman of the auxiliary's finance committee, or may be bought in advance from Mrs. W. D. Campbell and Mrs. Burney, Southern Pines; Mrs. Wilbur H. Currie, Carthage; Mrs. H. N. Steed, Candor; Mrs. J. S. Hiatt, N. C. Sanatorium.