

Holliday's Restaurant Burned Out As Stubborn Blaze Gives Firemen Battle

Lightning Blamed For Wednesday Fire

Tenants Awake In Time

Holliday's coffee shop on East Broad street was badly damaged Wednesday morning by a stubborn blaze which, starting in the basement, broke out shortly after 4 o'clock after having apparently smoldered for hours.

Summoned by the alarm at 4:20 a. m., the fire department did not quit work until about 7:30, when assembled onlookers viewed a sad scene of blackened wreckage where one of the town's favorite restaurants had been.

Only slight damage was done to apartments upstairs occupied by five families which, had circumstances been only slightly different, might have been victims of a tragic disaster.

Damage High

No estimate of the damage has been made pending visits of insurance adjusters Friday, but observers figured it would run into some thousands of dollars. The flooring and inside wall of the coffee shop were badly burned. Firemen had to do considerable chopping to locate the deeply imbedded fire, and thick smoke and soot, washed down with thousands of gallons of water, made a shambles of the restaurant.

Considerable remodeling had recently been completed there, with installation of new booths, and, only two weeks ago, an air conditioning system.

Whether insurance on the furnishings and fixtures would cover the cost of the new improvements, W. B. (Chick) Holliday, restaurant proprietor, said he could not guess. Walter E. Blue and C. L. Worsham, owners of the building, said they, too, were highly uncertain as to whether insurance would cover the cost of the damage.

Origin of the blaze was not immediately determined. An early theory that it began in compressor motors in the basement, used for refrigeration in the restaurant and apartments, was discarded when it was found that the motors were unharmed. The idea that it began with overloaded wiring or in the fuses received a knockout blow when inspection showed two basement switchboxes, 15 feet apart, to be in equally badly burned condition. Trouble in both switches at the same time was thought to be too much of a coincidence.

Lightning Blamed

Fire Chief L. V. O'Callaghan, inspecting the building Wednesday afternoon, suggested that the fire might have been started by lightning which played about during the midnight hours, which could have entered the basement by an unknown conductor and swept through both switches, short-circuiting the wires.

The switches carry the wiring also for Shaw's Paint and Wallpaper company and Roth's Barber shop, which are in the same building. Lighting of all three business places was knocked out. (Continued on Page 5)

"Lizzie" Has Had Glamor Treatment; New Fords Unveiled To Public Today

Friday morning at 8 o'clock, the coverings will come down from the Jackson Motor company's windows, along with those of Ford dealers all over the country, to reveal the new Fords in all their glory.

Following a privileged preview, your reporter declares herself to be a little breathless at the sight—and to be able to report quite definitely that the little old Ford ain't what she used to be. Not by a long sight!

She's all dressed up and ready to go to town, gliding along on her new "hydra-coil" (fore) and "paraflex" (aft) springs, with not a bump in a carload. Maybe the wheels bump, but the passengers, swung amidships like a suspension bridge, do not.

Two Fords Here

We had to take Nolley, Jackson's word for that, as the two new Fords he has on hand—an eight-

Attention, Fire Chasers

Chief O'Callaghan and members of the Southern Pines Fire department this week called the public's attention again to Section 15 of the Town Code of Ordinances:

"WHEN FIRE ALARM SOUNDS VEHICLES MUST STOP. When the fire alarm sounds, every automobile, truck or other vehicle is required to come immediately to a full stop at the curb until the fire truck has passed, and pedestrians are required to clear the street at once."

Reminder was made that the second truck often arrives a few minutes later than the first because of having to wait for enough men to operate the equipment. It is important that the streets be kept open until both trucks have reached the fire.

Matters have reached the point, it was reported, that the police department has been asked to see that the law as given above is rigidly enforced. The cooperation of the public in obeying the ordinance will be greatly appreciated, Chief O'Callaghan said, and may also save the embarrassment of arrest and fine.

Swoope Installed As Commander Of Legion Post

Charles W. Swoope, of Pinehurst, is the new commander of the Sandhills Legion post, installed at the regular meeting at the Legion hut Tuesday night.

Also installed were A. D. Hurst, first vice commander; F. M. Dwight, second vice commander; Jerry Healy, finance officer; Jack Reid, sergeant-at-arms; Hoke Pollock, advocate; L. L. Woolley, chaplain; Charlton Ross, adjutant; J. W. Dickerson, athletic officer.

The last two offices are appointive (Dickerson's a reappointment) and further appointments are to be made later by Commander Swoope.

Discussion was held of the Junior Legion baseball program, which is presenting financial difficulties, though the program as a whole was considered a success, and much improvement was noted in the team.

Though the Monday night's 11-inning game at Monroe was a loser, 6-5, the boys showed up splendidly in this, their toughest game of the season, it was declared. They were the only team to have scored any runs yet against Monroe, one of the best in the state. The Moore County boys put up a real scrap before going down by just one point.

cylinder Fordor in Midland Maroon Metallic and a six-cylinder in Colony Blue—have yet to take their maiden trip. But we had to take one's word for the gorgeous looks, spaciousness and comfort of these superb vehicles, nor the smooth power of their mighty mechanism.

Smooth is the word—and as for that spaciousness, it must be done with mirrors. How they can have that much extra room for people and luggage is a triumph of designing. Also, the Ford engineers have overcome all the awkwardness of getting in and out. By some sleight of hand, they've turned this to an easy, graceful stunt.

Ford has been bound up closely with the history and development not only of the automobile industry, but with the history of the country in the past half hun-

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Wicker Challenges Policies Of U. S. Commerce Body

Directors, Deane Support Stand On Misrepresentation

Tom G. Wicker, Southern Pines Chamber of Commerce secretary, with the support of his board of directors, this week challenged in a letter which had wide circulation certain well-known policies of the U. S. Chamber of Commerce.

He protested to the National Chamber, to representatives in the Senate and House and to executive secretaries of all North Carolina Chambers of Commerce, the national organization's attitude in legislative affairs, which is claimed to represent that of all member Chambers.

The specific issue was the Taft-Ellender-Wagner housing bill, now before the House banking committee, which the U. S. Chamber is attempting to have defeated, but which Wicker said is favored here. He said that material sent to the local Chamber on the subject was biased and untrue, and that in claiming to represent this Chamber in the matter, the national group is off on the wrong track.

Reactions Vary

The letter, sent out last weekend, has already stirred up interesting repercussions. Congressman C. B. Deane gave it to the Associated Press which carried excerpts along with Deane's unqualified support of its statements. "The Southern Pines Chamber of Commerce takes a stand that's needed," Deane is quoted as saying. "Others ought to know what is behind this concerted effort to defeat housing legislation."

Deane said he was placing the letter in full in the Congressional Record. Senator Umstead also, in his reply, gave support to Wicker's stand, though Hoy was non-committal.

Letters received from several North Carolina secretaries were "blistering" and one or two "downright insulting," Wicker said, as it appears they hold an opposite view. Only one of a half dozen received so far supported him, but, he said, he saw no reason to alter his views on this account.

Referendum

Those opposing him declared that the U. S. Chamber "always takes a referendum" on subjects of national legislation, and secures a representative, if not

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Patuxent Retains Larger Part Of Knollwood Lands

Previously published reports that sale of the Pine Needles hotel and grounds to Bishop Vincent S. Waters included 531.75 acres of land were in error. The Pilot learned this week from George T. Dunlap, Jr., president of the Patuxent Development company, former owners. As a matter of fact, only a portion of the large Patuxent holding has been sold, amounting to probably less than 100 acres.

The mistake was a natural one, said Mr. Dunlap, as in the mortgage recorded at Carthage all acreage was listed as included in the sale, with some lots excepted. It so happened that these lots comprised more than four-fifths of the entire property. The recording was made thus to avoid additional—and unnecessary—surveying.

Involved in the sale, he made clear, were the hotel building, clubhouse, barn, barracks and other structures comprising the physical plant; the golf course, and about 10 lots and some woodlands abutting it.

The Patuxent company will continue to exist with its present officers, for the development of the Knollwood section. A number of lots have been sold, and many homes built. About 315 lots remain in the possession of Patuxent.

DIMES MARCH TO AID STRICKEN CHILDREN

To many of us the March of Dimes of last winter may have seemed "just another campaign," to be given to perfunctorily, without much thought of its aims.

Today, with a dozen young polio victims from Moore in doctors' care, all of us have reason to be glad of those gifts; to be grateful to our fellow citizens who worked in freeze and snow to collect them, and to wish that we had given much, much more.

Paul C. Butler, county chapter chairman, is according each case his personal attention, disbursing those funds without red tape to insure their proper care. One child died, despite all that could be done; the others stand a good chance of recovery and a return to normal living.

So we say "Thanks!" to Mr. Butler and his hard-working committee; to H. Clifton Blue, campaign chairman; and to the volunteer workers who collected a total of \$6,481.69, far surpassing the \$3,680 goal.

County Cleanup To Halt Polio Is Opened At Robbins; 12 Cases

Cooperation Asked Of All As Two More Children Stricken

A message on the polio situation will be broadcast over WEEB at 7 p. m. Saturday, with Dr. J. W. Willcox and Paul C. Butler speaking. Dr. Willcox said it is important that all county residents, especially parents, dial 1360 at that time.

Two more Moore County children, four-year-old Jack McCallum of Carthage and five-year-old Raymond Garner of Robbins, RFD, were stricken with polio last weekend, according to Dr. J. W. Willcox, county health officer, and noting them as cases No. 11 and 12 in this county's incidence of the past few weeks, he called for voluntary quarantine and the exercise of all common-sense rules of health and sanitation on the part of Moore County parents.

Both children were taken ill last Friday night, and were taken to Rex hospital, Raleigh, where diagnosis of polio was confirmed. He added that both cases were apparently light.

Jack is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Duncan McCallum, and Raymond is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Garner, of the Howards Mill community north of Robbins.

At Robbins, in and around which most of the county's cases have occurred, state and county health authorities held two meetings last week with the town officials and inaugurated a "clean-up spray-up" campaign which Dr. Willcox said he feels is bound to do some good.

Problems Are Studied

Mayor W. P. Saunders and all the town councilmen were present at both meetings, as was Dr. Willcox. At the first meeting, Philip S. Randolph, of Chapel Hill, state representative of the National Infantile Paralysis

Negro Youth Dies By Drowning At Oakland Park

Henry McCrimmon, 20-year-old Negro, drowned Sunday afternoon in the lake at Oakland Park, new Negro recreation center and picnic ground near Lakeview.

According to reports of the tragedy, Henry, who could not swim, somehow got beyond his depth in the lake, and disappeared beneath the water about 4 o'clock. Intensive search was made but it was around 8 o'clock before his body was recovered.

An ambulance had been summoned from the Powell Funeral home here and, while artificial respiration was being given, a call was sent to Dr. Mobbs at Aberdeen, who came out and pronounced the lad dead.

The day had been a busy one at Oakland Park, with many swimmers and picnickers on hand, and a large crowd was present to assist with the search and to aid with recovery efforts.

"Accidental drowning" was the verdict of Coroner Hugh P. Kelly. This was Moore county's first death by drowning this year.

McCrimmon made his home with an uncle, James Johnson, near Vass. Funeral services were held Wednesday afternoon at Ashley Heights.

Foundation, and Paul C. Butler, of Southern Pines, county chapter chairman of the Foundation, were in attendance. At the second meeting, conferring with the local authorities were Dr. Gavin, health officer for Lee, Chatham, Person and Orange counties; Dr. C. P. Stevick, epidemiologist of the state board of health, and Charles White, the state board's director of malarial control.

Problems facing the county, and its northwestern section in particular, were studied in the light of recent recommendations of state and national public health authorities, and procedure approved by them was agreed upon.

As a result, the strict quarantine regulations formerly clamped down upon the population in times of polio outbreak were bypassed for the present, and two trained crews directed by County Sanitarian O. D. Fulp and James Canada, of Fayetteville, district sanitarian, are cleaning up the town.

Spraying Whole Town

They are going from place to place, from home to home, all over the community, spraying with DDT for insect control, and eliminating bacteria breeding places as far as possible.

The campaign is being conducted under auspices of the county health office and chapter of the National Infantile Paralysis Foundation, which is paying the bills at present.

It is planned to carry the campaign over the entire county, if payment of the rather considerable cost can be managed. In the meantime, householders are asked to participate voluntarily by cleaning up their own premises, spraying the DDT according to directions and eliminating insect pests as far as possible.

While little is known of what causes polio, and such a campaign may not stop its spread entirely, it is bound to help raise the whole health level of the county, thus making it harder not only for polio but for other diseases to gain a foothold.

Flies have not been identified as the criminals in the spread of polio, but the virus has been found on them, both inside and outside, it was reported. Get rid of the fly, and you get rid of a very real menace.

Protect Your Child

Both Dr. Willcox and Chairman Butler emphasized the application of the common-sense rules for child protection which all parents surely know by now. They stressed that children should not be taken into crowded places; they should not be allowed to become fatigued (a tired child is the easiest victim); they should have simple, nourishing foods and balanced diet, and should have a doctor's attention if they should become nauseated or show other signs of illness.

Polio is deceptive, Butler warned. At its onset it often seems to be no more than a little cold. A bit of fever, a headache, a stomach upset may not appear alarming even to the most vigilant parent. Yet this is the way the dread disease usually begins.

Splendid cooperation has been found in the town of Robbins, Dr. Willcox said, and all are working together to stop the polio if possible. Since it started early in Moore, there is every reason to hope the outbreak will

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New Gym, Auditorium Assured Here As \$45,000 Bond Issue Is Affirmed

THANKS, SAL!

Three new automatic signals, installed by the Seaboard Air Line during the past few weeks, went into operation this week along Broad street, flashing their lights and ringing their bells to warn of approaching trains.

They are at the Massachusetts, Pennsylvania and Connecticut Avenue crossings. With the fourth, in operation for some time at New Hampshire avenue, a pedestrian or driver would have to be blind, deaf or very dumb indeed, to get in front of a train.

In fact, the sound of their bells joins in a harmonious song up and down street every time a train comes along—and the theme of the song is "Safety."

The signals were promised, on request of the town board, more than a year ago, but were delayed through shortage of materials. The closing of other railroad crossings in the downtown area, according to the town's agreement, is waiting action by the board.

Young Folks Busy As Recreation Gets Under Way

Softball, Swimming, Story Hour Scheduled

With the Teen Agers using the High School club (former Men's Club building) as headquarters, Amos Dawson, summer recreation director, said that plans for them and for the younger folks are going along nicely, following the start of the program Monday.

The interior of the High School club has been painted and the young people have undertaken considerable more work to bring it nearer to their heart's desire in looks and usefulness. All are invited to come, express their ideas and lend a hand. At the club, ping pong, badminton, croquet and other games, go on, with the young folks finding their own partners and getting up their own games during the program hours.

Swimming parties are being held Tuesday and Thursday afternoons, with the bus leaving the Civic Club building at 2:30 for Aberdeen lake.

A story hour for the younger folks is to be held next week, to be continued if there is a good response. The first will be in the high school library next Thursday at 10 a. m., with Miss Ethel Blue Britt, volunteer leader, in charge. The story hour, held in response to requests, will thus begin as the Bible schools are ending.

Main activity of the past week has been centered about the younger boys, who are playing softball in a big way. Asked if he had trouble getting up a team,

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Political Camps' Calm Looks Deceive; Contest May Hinge On Farmers' Vote

With the second primary and gubernatorial run-off little more than a week away (June 26), "politicking" appeared to be at a low ebb around these parts this week—but that was just the way it appeared.

Indications are that a good deal of missionary work is being carried on by the faithful of both sides, with each presenting a deceptively calm appearance.

From the Johnson camp comes word that all the former Albright followers are not lining up for Scott by any means. A "spot check" by The Pilot revealed that

Wayne's men were in general doing as Wayne did: taking little part in the contest other than preparing to cast their own votes. While the former Albright manager, Joe Garzik, has come out strongly for Scott and some of his followers have done the same, others, however, have gone over

Citizens' Committee Works Hard Before, During Election

Satisfaction Expressed

A total of 431 out of 503 registered voters went to the polls at the Community building Tuesday, and 416 of them voted for issuance of \$45,000 in bonds by the Southern Pines school district to help finance two new buildings for the school.

With 15 voting against the bonds, and 72 failing to vote at all, for a total of 87 negatives, the issue passed by a majority of 344, or 4-to-1.

The official canvass and report on the vote will be made at Carthage Saturday, when Tom G. Wicker, registrar, and Hoke Pollock, legal representative, will meet with the county board of elections. Until the vote is certified, the record above remains unofficial.

Joe Montesanti, Jr., and C. S. Patch, Jr., assisted by Slim Forsythe, acted as election judges, and unofficial but invaluable aids in the election's smooth progress were members of the citizen's committee of local businessmen.

Rounded Up Voters

Headed by E. C. Stevens, chairman, committee members reminded registered voters by postcard that the voting day was at hand, rounded them up re-

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Speedboat Races At Crystal Lake Sunday, June 27

More of the thrilling speedboat races inaugurated at Lakeview last summer are promised for this summer by Jimmie Allen, Crystal Lake proprietor, with the first event set for Sunday, June 27.

Response to last summer's series, first ever to be held here, and many requests since have decided him to continue with the program, Allen said. Good crowds came out each time last year and the lake became widely known, not only among spectators but among the racers themselves, as an ideal location for this exciting sport.

Many of the drivers who appeared in the races last year will return Sunday and at subsequent race events, to whip their small speedy craft about the mile-long course in a swift sequence of races.

Drivers last year included a number of well known North Carolina winners in spectacular events at Charlotte and other places, and also some from other states, attracted by the course and the interesting stakes.

While motorboats have been banned at the lake this year in the interest of the fishermen, an exception is to be made in the case of the race events. A local organization as sponsor for the June 27 program is to be announced next week, Allen said.

Clark For Scott

Named by Scott-for-Governor headquarters as a county co-manager along with T. C. Auman, and Garzik was Lloyd T. Clark, of Southern Pines, a former Oscar Barker man. Clark, an old friend of Barker's said he couldn't go along with his man on the swing to Johnson, but wasn't planning to do much active work for the second primary other than cast his own vote.

Leland McKeithen, co-manager for Johnson along with Lamont Brown, this week expressed confidence that the strength which piled up a small but consistent majority for the State Treasurer would hold good, proportionately,

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