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## Vast Mackall Area Transferred For State Preserve



The official transfer of the 48,000-acre Camp Mackall area by the Army to the Interior Department, which took place last week in the office of the Chief of Army Engineers, at Washington, D. C., is shown above. Congressman C. B. Deane is shown shaking hands with Col. W. H. Hastings, assistant chief of Army Engineers, who delivers the transfer document to Frank V. Kent, Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior Department. From left to right above are John A. Lang, secretary to Congressman Deane, Hastings, Deane and Kent. The Interior Department will lease the entire Mackall area to the North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission within the next month for further development as a recreational and wildlife preserve.

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## JULY FOURTH

Without any particular celebration, July 4—which occurs on Sunday—will be generally observed Monday, with the bank, city and county offices and practically all stores and other business places closed.

Some stores may remain open Wednesday afternoon in view of the all-day closing Monday, but no accurate check of this could be made. The Broad Street and Sandhill pharmacies will remain open until noon, while the Sandhills drugstore will be closed.

Windows will be open at the post office from 8 to 10 a. m. for mail delivery and the sale of stamps. Incoming and outgoing mail will be worked as usual.

County commissioners will postpone their meeting to Tuesday, and recorders court will also be postponed.

And here's a reminder that the Carthage Jaycees' Fourth of July celebration is being cancelled for this time only, on account of conditions they could not control. It was fun last year, and it will be fun next year—something to look forward to.

## POLIO CONTINUES TO MOUNT IN COUNTY; 8 NEW VICTIMS

### Many Activities Curtailed

Starting last Sunday, local health authorities' request for a polio quarantine. The Church of Wide Fellowship suspended all classes, including those for adults as many parents bring their children to these, leaving them in the nursery. The Baptist church suspended classes for children up to 12, the Presbyterian for children up to 16, with the expectation that all classes would end if the outbreak grew worse.

The closing of Aberdeen lake and park is awaiting further word from the authorities, though it is understood that Dr. J. W. Wilcox this week recommended their closing. The county Red Cross chapter had previously announced suspension of swimming classes inaugurated at the lake just last week. Their hopes are to resume the classes later, under tutelage of T. K. Campbell and Davis Worsham, who returned last week from the Red Cross camp at Brevard where they took a swimming instructors' course.

The camping period for county 4-H club boys and girls at Camp Millstone, near Rockingham, this month has been cancelled, said W. G. Caldwell, assistant farm agent.

Summer recreation activities here, under the leadership of A. C. Dawson, Jr., have been greatly curtailed. Organized group sports have been suspended. Activities remaining are those of the park, Community building and High School building where only a few meet at a time to use the recreation facilities under the leader's supervision.

### Negro Child Dies On Way To Hospital

#### One Case Unconfirmed

Moore, Guilford, Burke and Cumberland counties were declared "epidemic areas" by the state board of health in a dispatch Thursday. Some 300 cases of polio were said to have been reported in the state since May 1, with almost one-half of them originating in these four counties.

Polio continued to deal distressing blows to Moore county during the past week, when eight young children from five months to eight years old were taken out of the county as victims of the disease.

Joyce Ann Shamburger, aged four, the child of a Negro family living in the Bethlehem Church section just outside Carthage, died Sunday afternoon in the ambulance on the way to Kate Biting Reynolds hospital at Winston-Salem. This was the first Negro case this year, and the third child to die.

One of the other cases had not been definitely confirmed by late Wednesday evening. This was Shilda Tarlton, aged eight, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Tarlton, of Aberdeen, who was carried Monday night to Rex hospital at Raleigh.

Taken last Friday to James Walker Memorial hospital at Wilmington was five months old Robert Monroe, Jr., whose parents live below Aberdeen, near Pinebluff.

Sunday, five year old Jean Scott of Carthage, Rt. 2, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harry N. Scott, was carried to Rex hospital, and four year old Betty Sue Britt, of Hallston, to Duke hospital at Durham. Her parents are Mr. and Mrs. Paul D. Britt.

Little Johnny Wayne Spivey, three years old, of Cameron was taken to Lee County hospital, at Sanford, last Wednesday, then transferred Saturday to Rex, where his illness was confirmed as polio. His parents are Mr. and Mrs. Kermit Spivey.

Two Wednesday more children were stricken, both by sad coincidence cousins of children who were polio victims of the past two weeks, and are now hospital patients.

One of these was Johnny, 22 months old son of Mr. and Mrs. C. A. McCallum of Carthage, the other Daniel Patrick Priest, Jr., of Carthage, Rt. 1, who will be five years old this month.

The McCallum baby was taken at once to James Walker Memorial at Wilmington, while the Priest child was to go to the Guilford Medical Center at Greensboro Thursday, the earliest he could be accepted.

More Beds Available Space for the new polio cases was at a premium last week, as hospitals grew more and more crowded, and one of the strenuous duties of the health department and Infantile Paralysis Foundation chapter has been the

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### DDT Crew Here Next Week

Spraying with DDT in the fight against insects and unsanitation, believed to be prime factors in the spread of polio, began this week at Aberdeen and Carthage and will start in Southern Pines next week, it was announced by Paul C. Butler, chairman of the Moore County chapter of the Infantile Paralysis Foundation.

Specially trained crews will go from house to house and yard to yard all over the community. The spray used is a light one, harmful to nothing except dangerous insect pests. All householders are urged to cooperate to the fullest extent, as community-wide cooperation is needed for the campaign to be a success.

Two crews have been at work at Robbins for the past two weeks, treating the homes within a 10-mile radius as well as in the actual community.

A meeting of the county board of health with directors of the county Foundation chapter, postponed from last Friday night, will be held tonight (Friday) at the courthouse in Carthage, with Philip Randolph, state Foundation chairman, in charge.

Mr. Randolph will come from Chapel Hill especially to confer with county officials on polio problems here, and the best means of combating them.

He will also discuss the work of a new state board set up by the National Foundation for allocation of funds to stricken counties of North Carolina.

County Chairman Paul C. Butler has been appointed one of the three board members.

Gordon M. Cameron, chairman of county commissioners and Mayor C. N. Page of Southern Pines were to go Thursday to Greensboro to a conference of town and county officials regarding the setting-up of a semi-permanent polio center in an unused barracks building at the former AAF camp there.

Moore county now has about 25 children in hospitals.

### County Golf Meet Opens Next Week At Pine Needles

The annual Moore County Golf tournament will be held during July at the Pine Needles course, with qualifying rounds starting tomorrow (Saturday) and continuing through Tuesday, according to Russ Birch, Pine Needles club manager.

First match will be July 7-10; second match, July 11-14; third July 15-17 and the finals will be held Sunday through Wednesday, July 18-21.

Each flight will consist of 16 players. Prizes will be given for each flight, and for low score in the qualifying round.

Any amateur who has been a resident of the county for as long as six months or is a member of any Moore County golf club is

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### Scott Walks Off With Southern Pines And County In Heavy Voting June 26

Southern Pines voters went to the polls last Saturday to give Charles M. Johnson 215 votes, exactly the number he received in the first primary May 29, and to increase the vote cast for W. Kerr Scott from 209 as of May 29, to a whopping 336.

Unless a few gains and losses coincidentally canceled each other, Johnson kept his original supporters and gained no more. Scott, on the other hand, evidently took over all the scattered following of the other candidates, which included the considerable Albright vote.

The total of 551 votes cast, 86 less than the 637 polled here May 29, said to be the largest secondary vote ever recorded here.

In this, as in their choice for Democratic nominee for governor, the local voters followed the trend set all over the state, when

## Carthage Meeting Fails To Resolve School Bond Issue

### Total Requested By Three Boards Exceeds Legal Limit

The meeting of minds for a decision regarding the county-wide bond issue for school improvements drew another blank Tuesday afternoon, when the county board of education and the administrative units of Southern Pines and Pinehurst presented resolutions embodying their school needs to the county commissioners at Carthage.

The sum total of the funds asked for was \$1,283,000, or \$83,000 beyond the legal limit for a school bond issue (five per cent of school property valuation) at the present time.

Alternatives proposed by the Southern Pines delegation met with scant favor apparent, and Gordon M. Cameron, chairman of the commissioners, said later that the resolutions were being referred to County Attorney U. L. Spence.

The commissioners will be guided by his decision, he indicated, in considering the bond issue further at their July meeting, to be postponed from Monday to Tuesday of next week on account of the Fourth of July holiday.

Amounts sought by the three administrative boards were: county board of education, \$725,000, the same as before for districts of the county system; Pinehurst, \$208,000; Southern Pines, \$350,000.

Amounts previously assigned Southern Pines and Pinehurst in the bond issue, as allocated by the county board of education, were \$200,000 and \$50,000 respectively. However, the bond issue attorneys refused to certify the issue on this basis, saying the boards of separate administrative units must present their own needs in resolution form, as the county board of education has no jurisdiction over them.

From the start of negotiations the Southern Pines board has indicated its wish, not only for the \$200,000 allocated in the first bond issue proposals, but for \$150,000 additional promised by the commissioners earlier, to be paid out of current revenue.

According to the commissioners' expressed views, the \$200,000 supersedes the earlier pledged amount. According to views of the Southern Pines representatives, the \$150,000 is promised anyway, win or lose, for gymnasium and auditorium, and it is felt that local voters will not support the bond issue unless the big prize, a new high school, is included.

Alternatives In asking for \$350,000, the

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## St. Joseph's Catholic Hospital Opens This Week

St. Joseph's of the Pines, Southern Pines' new Catholic hospital on the Midland road, opened yesterday (Thursday) with the moving of a half-dozen patients from the Carolina Medical Center at Pinehurst.

Dr. Francis J. Owens, appointed by Bishop Vincent S. Waters to the post of chief of staff, at the regular meeting Monday night of the Moore County Medical society extended an invitation to all doctors of the county on behalf of the directors and nursing staff, to use the hospital facilities. An open staff policy will be followed, he said, according to standards of the American College of Surgeons and Physicians.

Invitations have also been sent to doctors of the vicinity, it is understood, from the nursing staff, consisting at present of eight sisters of the Third Order of St. Francis, all registered nurses and some of the specialists in various fields.

Hospital privileges were extended to all the doctors. Patients of all denominations are admitted, as is general in Catholic hospitals throughout the country. Visits from all people interested are welcomed.

Sister Anastasia is superintendent of nurses, and Sister Imelda is the X-ray technician. Operating, delivery and X-ray rooms are fully equipped and ready for use, Dr. Owens said.

Only the first two floors of the five story building, the former Pine Needles hotel, have been opened for hospital use at present, with anticipation of expansion to the other floors as need develops.

Furnishings used in the rooms, offices, kitchen, etc., are those which were already in the building, purchased along with the hotel, which was one of the largest and most beautiful resort hotels of the south.

Charter of incorporation was granted June 22 by the Secretary of State to St. Joseph's of the Pines, Inc., a non-profit holding corporation with no capital stock. Initial membership of the corporation includes Bishop Waters, of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Raleigh; Francis K. O'Brien, of Nazareth; Herbert A. Harkins, Southern Pines; Francis L. Owens, Pinehurst; Francis H. Heazel, Asheville.

According to the incorporation papers, no vested personal interest is held in any of the property, earnings or profits by any of the

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## Building Rise Seen In First Half Year; Construction Projects Total \$100,000

### Work Starts On Remodeling Of Seaboard Station

Work started in earnest on the remodeling of the Seaboard station this week, with the removal of the old wooden foundations under the former baggage room at the north end of the building, and their replacement with foundations of cement and brick.

The effect at the start has been one of tearing the building down from the bottom instead of the top. The clapboards which have been removed to give access to the underpinning will be put back, according to W. L. Davis, of Salisbury, superintendent of construction.

A wide doorway has been cut at the side, overlooking the parking space, for loading and unloading from the Railway Express Agency. The agency and baggage room will change places in the remodeled station.

Numerous other changes are in store, said Mr. Davis. A heating plant is to be placed in the center of the building, with pipes going to the other rooms. Ceilings of the waiting rooms will be lowered, and all rest rooms will be tiled and otherwise modernized. Flooring of the new waiting rooms will remain but they will have a handsome new floor covering.

Probably the best news, however, is that of the shed, which will be built between station and track along the entire distance from New Hampshire to Connecticut avenues. In front of the station, the roof will be continuous with that of the station. The steel columns at the train-side edge of the sloping roof will be hollow, providing drainage which will go to an eight-inch main beneath the shed. This means that rainwater or melting snow will not run down to make puddles beneath the shed.

The wide cement walk at the south end of the station is to be removed, Mr. Davis said, and shrubbery planted there will be re-landscaped.

The roof of the station, with its heavy eaves, will remain the same, for weather protection of the building.

The V. P. Loftis company of Charlotte has the construction contract.

### 11-Home Development In Edgewood Planned

Business and residential building in Southern Pines so far this year is far ahead of that of 1947, according to information from Elmer Davis, city building inspector, who said that construction permits between January 1 and June 31 totaled \$99,200.

Though last year's construction amounted to \$249,900 as shown by Mr. Davis' figures at the year's end, \$120,000 of this was for the new elementary school, leaving slightly less than \$130,000 as the 1947 total for general business and residential construction.

The present figure stands at close to \$100,000 for the half year, for 20 different building projects ranging from \$400 to \$15,000.

Three business building projects are included, the L. H. Cherry office and Oldsmobile showroom on South Broad street, the Frank Welch store building at Broad and New York avenue and an addition to the Southern Pines Motor company. Other permits, for new homes, additions to homes, or garages and apartments, were issued to O. H. Rawlinson, Vera Chase, J. S. Reynolds, Dr. T. M. Lide, Ed Starnes, Howard McNeill, George Leonard, Mrs. Greenwood, Mr. and Mrs. William Dale, J. H. and A. G. Edmonds (three 5-room residences). The Edmonds brothers will build the homes in the suburban development of Edgewood.

Building in West Southern Pines, all residential, is indicated by permits totaling \$10,500, issued to Carey Saunders, Mack Kendrick, Tormels Miner, Jeanne H. Turner, David Campbell.

### Storey Co. Will Move To Mudgett Building

The Storey Lumber company has leased the second floor of the Mudgett building, on South West Broad street, from Dr. Roy M. McMillan, and will move in the late summer from its present offices in the Stevens building.

The move is caused by a pressing need for larger quarters, for which the company has been looking for some time, according to Voit Gilmore, local manager. The business has grown, and so has the office staff. Miss Arnette Avery was added just this week as a bookkeeping assistant.

The rooms to which the company will move are those occupied at present as an apartment by Dr. McMillan and his family. They have leased the Travis house on Hill road, recently vacated by the Tom, Cordons, and will move soon after August 1.