

In the "baby room"—Robert Monroe, of Aberdeen, Patsy Davis and her sister Martha (in wheelchair), of Steeds, Rt. 1, and Owen Braddock, Carthage. Patsy and Martha were the county's first cases, among the first of the state, in the current epidemic. Nurses are, Mrs. Addie Turner, of Miami, Fla., and Miss Virginia Frye of Carthage.

Children Are Happy, Progress Is Seen at Hospital's Polio Convalescent Center

Treatment Is Told; Nurse Speaks Of Foundation's Work

By Valerie Nicholson

Last week, by very special privilege, I visited the Moore County hospital's polio convalescent center, and can make a report to you on the miracles being done there and the fact that it is a very happy place.

The children show faces of contentment; their faces break into smiles at sight of their nurses, and they appear also to enjoy their treatments, which are gently and pleasantly given, with that all-important regularity.

A wing of two large rooms, wide hall, sunporch and bath, with various small auxiliary rooms, opening off the main hall on the first floor has been turned over to the young convalescents. Most of the children were in bed. Several, however, were up and circulating about, and one little wheelchair patient was everywhere, so there is no effect of a strict division, and much companionship is evidenced.

Daily Soak

Standing in the main hall, you can look into all the rooms. There was little Sharon Kivett, just barely (correct adverb!) glimpsed in her warm bath, where she was taking her daily 15-minute soak; three-year-old Wayne Spivey, sitting up in his bed in the hall; the inquiring faces of little girls peering interestedly from their "dormitory"; a little fellow (Floyd Tyner, four, of Carthage) in blue pajamas, emerging from the sunporch.

Floyd was about the only one all covered up, as the others wore small scraps of panties or diapers (so many are just babies!) and at first glance they appeared a beautiful and rosy lot of children, with nothing wrong at all. There may be something to this thing of polio striking the flower of youth. Certainly these are lovely children.

"Favor" Weak Limbs

Yet as you go around among them you see the tell-tale positions by which they "favor" their weak limbs (two were in casts); several had a look of pain in their eyes, and one little girl, Sarah Inman, lay flat on her back, unable to move any part of her body except her fingertips.

Yet this sweet, roundfaced little girl of 12 was patient and uncomplaining, her feet propped against a board, held in place by sandbags, her hands crossed on her breast.

Little Arnold Comer, an "ambulant case" like Floyd, ran hither and thither, cheering up everyone. "He is our assistant nurse," smiled our guide, Mrs. Addie Turner. "We couldn't get along without him." In the "babies' room," Martha Davis, seven, in her wheelchair, pointed out with pride her eight-months-old

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Lady in bath (with painted toenails, too!): Sharon Kivett and Nurse Turner.

Town Board Retains Old Tax Rate As New Building Balances Bigger Budget

The town board this week announced its budget for 1948-49. It is given in full on Page 12 of this issue.

First thing to be noted is there is no increase in the \$2.60 per \$100 tax rate; second thing, that the budget is bigger than ever before, with estimated receipts and expenditures of \$105,620.03, some \$5,200 greater than those for 1947-48.

This has been made possible, according to figures shown by Howard F. Burns, town clerk, by the fact that the town this year has almost a quarter of a million dollars' worth of new construction on its tax books, for a considerable increase in ad valorem taxes.

Income and expenditures in various departments are estimated for this year at about the same as last, with the chief differences in the police and street departments.

The police department was upped from \$11,735 to \$16,169.41 to take care of the cost of the new police car recently bought by the town, and also to add a policeman to the force. Allowances formerly made the members for the use of their cars is continuing to go to them in the form of increased salaries, considered an imperative need if the force is to be maintained and enlarged.

The streets, sewers and lights department budget was increased from \$30,846.40 to \$33,079.21. This was done to permit the laying of

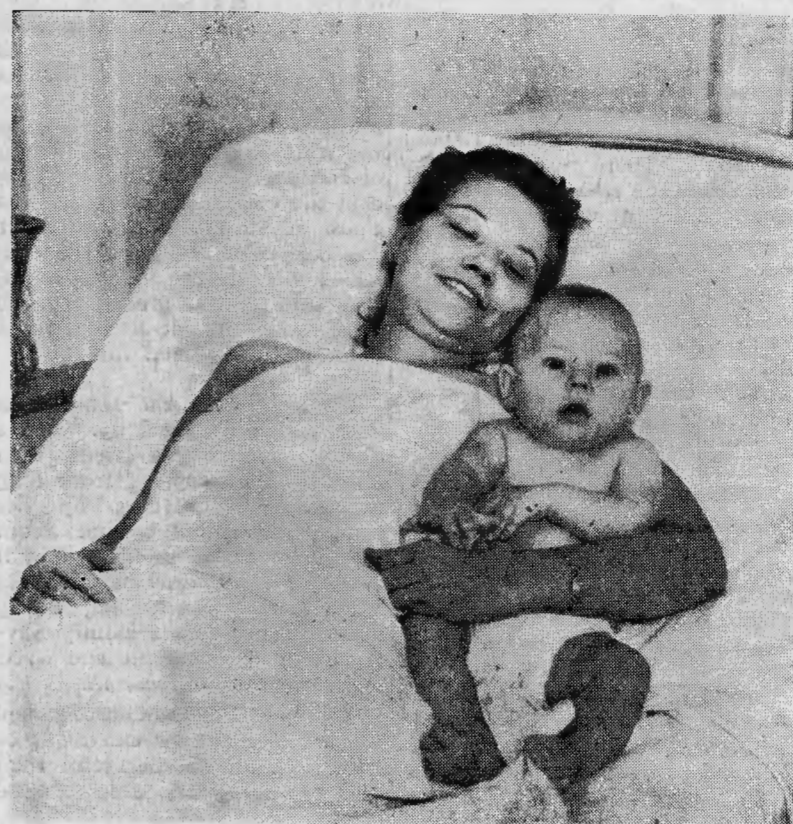
sewer mains for new building within the city limits, such as in Edgewood and the adjacent Youngs Road area and also to keep up payments on new road machinery. Actually, \$34,000 was spent last year, the difference being made up by the contingency fund.

Contingencies this year will be taken care of by a reserve fund of \$5,509.80, about \$270 less than last year. Yes, the town has "contingencies," just like your household budget! Last year's contingency fund made up extra needs in two departments, gave \$500 to the library, \$250 to the Council of Social Agencies, paid attorney and other fees and allowed a reduction of \$500 in an accumulated deficit of \$3,500.

This year, \$600 has already been allotted to the Chamber of Commerce, \$500 to the library, \$250 to the Council of Social Agencies. Materials for the "fogging" of the town cost \$576, and \$376 has been put aside to renovate the library building.

BUSINESS DISTRICT EXTENDED

The town board at a recent unofficial meeting approved a recommendation of the zoning board that the business district be extended to include the south side of Pennsylvania avenue, between Bennett and Leake streets. The recommendation was made on petition of all home owners of the city block involved.



Mrs. Robert C. Monroe, of Aberdeen RFD, and son Bobby. (Photos by Emerson Humphrey)

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BOXING SHOW

Another boxing match will be sponsored Saturday night by the John Boyd post, VFW, following close on the heels of the successful show held July 31.

The match will be held, as before, at the High School Memorial park, and a number of the fighters seen at the first show are due for return matches, according to Ray Backlund, post chairman for both events.

Among these are Ronald Short, Bobby Hefner and Joe Cooke, of Charlotte, and Ben Macy, Jerome Heber and Eugene England of the 82nd Airborne, Fort Bragg. Among several newcomers will be Crash Davis, of Charlotte, and Joe Lopez, of Fort Bragg. A full card is promised.

The show will begin at 8:30.

Walter E. Blue Elected President Merchants' Group

Walter E. Blue, proprietor of the Modern Market, was elected first president of the Southern Pines Merchants association, at a meeting Tuesday night of the temporary board of the recently formed organization.

Norris L. Hodgkins was elected vice president, and Herbert N. Cameron the local unit's director on the board of the North Carolina Merchants association. Lloyd T. Clark was named chairman of a membership committee which is to go into action shortly, with John Von Schlegel and John S. Ruggles as the other members. Tom Wicker was named executive secretary, a position which he will handle in conjunction with his duties as executive secretary of the Chamber of Commerce, the parent organization.

Permanent directors are to be elected by the membership early in the fall, when the Merchants association is expected to be

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Accident Mars Return From Beach

Mrs. James Prim, Miss Eunice Chatfield and Mrs. Prim's children, Jane, David and Carole Anne, returning from a stay at Carolina Beach Wednesday morning, were involved in a three-car accident in which their car was considerably damaged.

Miss Chatfield was injured, though reportedly not seriously and spent the night in a Wilmington hospital. Her sister and the children were not hurt.

Mr. Prim and his brother-in-law, W. F. Chatfield, left immediately for Wilmington on receipt of the telephoned message, in which few details were given. They were expected home Thursday afternoon, bringing their relatives and towing the car.

State Softball Tournament Opens Here Next Friday

Season's Tickets For 18 Games On Sale

Chamber Of Commerce Sponsoring Event Here

Chamber of Commerce officials are hard at work "promoting" the State Championship tournament of the N. C. Amateur Softball association, which comes here for a week starting next Friday, August 20. Season tickets at \$2.50, good for all games, are obtainable from any Chamber director, at the Chamber office, or by calling 8932, according to Tom Wicker, secretary.

Window cards have been distributed throughout the entire Sandhills area and the publicity has been in evidence in state and sectional papers.

Most of the nine teams to play here will arrive Thursday to begin play Friday, with five games. The very first game will feature the Mooresville Moors, 1947 Champs, against the winner of the North Central district, yet to be named. Other teams sure to participate here are the famed Roanoke Rapids Romanocs, four-times champions; Spofford Mills of Wilmington, Bur - Mil of Greensboro, and Hinson's Economy Store of Concord. The other four entrants will be announced as soon as they are definite.

John S. Ruggles, president of the sponsoring Chamber of Commerce, commented at the directors' meeting Tuesday night, that this should be a beneficial affair as it would bring in many outside people during the slow trade month of August. "We are asking for the support of the whole town in putting this tournament across," he said. "It's an expensive thing, and we hope the whole town will turn out, both because of the topflight brand of softball they will see, and because by doing so they'll be helping the Chamber to help the whole town."

The primary method of financing the tournament is by advance sale of season tickets. The winner's trophy, donated by the Coca-Cola Company is now on display in the window of the Barnum Realty Company. The High School Athletic association will have charge of the concessions at all games.

NOT A WORD

This is just to say we're not writing anything about Friday the 13th this week. We don't think it deserves that much attention. In fact, we scorn it, and choose to ignore it.

All the same, we're not walking under any ladders today, and if you hand us the salt, kindly put it down carefully.

Night Thieves Loot Two Restaurants, Three Motor Companies Of This Area

Cash, Tires, Tubes, Batteries Are Taken Fryers From Calcutts

"Glad you're here, veteran!" That's our way of observing V-J day, which will dawn tomorrow without fanfare or formal notice.

Perhaps it is just as well. It means so much, for one day's observance. It isn't as though we could ever forget its joys . . . nor the sorrows of the years that lay before. Nor the uneasy years which have ensued, and the problems just ahead.

Every day, though, we are thankful from the bottom of our hearts for the men who came back: veterans now turning back to civilians, their moth-balled uniforms not fitting so well any more; their jobs and families and community service keeping them busy; their lives blending again into the close fabric of the town.

"Glad you're back, veteran!" Just in case you think we're taking all that for granted, we say it again—and we mean it.

Thieves made five visitations in this area Saturday night, looting Jackson Motors, Ethel Pate's Curbway and Calcutt's restaurant on Highway 1 south of town, also the Taylor-Bobbitt and Moore Motor companies in Aberdeen.

Entry was made in each case by a break-in at the back, and loot consisted of cash where it could be found, food, merchandise and tools. Victims were still checking up early this week. Losses appeared to be of no great size, except at Jackson Motors where "a considerable quantity" of tires, tubes and batteries were stolen.

The thefts are being investigated by the sheriff's department with Deputy A. L. Dees in charge, and Chief Lamar Smith, of Aberdeen. Southern Pines Police Chief C. E. Newton assisted in the taking of fingerprints. Clues were said to be scarce.

At Jackson Motors the thieves rummaged through the desk of E. Nolley Jackson, proprietor, but did not bother the safe, and no money was located. Entry was made by breaking a back window.

This robbery was particularly nervy as Mr. Jackson said lights were on inside and out, and men were on duty at his service station next door.

At Ethel Pate's Curbway, drive-in restaurant next door to Scottie's, a back screen was ripped off and the window opened. Money taken from the cash register and small banks amounting to \$30 or \$40, appeared to be all that was missing, though there were evidences of an unsuccessful attempt to break open the piccolo.

The thieves had better luck with the piccolo at Calcutt's, farther down the highway, where they broke open the lower door and made off with the cash compartment containing an estimated \$25 in small change. Several dollars in "telephone money," kept in small boxes, was also missing.

At Calcutt's the burglars showed a good eye for values, as they removed vegetables and some other foods from the refrigerator and left them on the floor, to make off with a goodly number of fryers ready for the pan. The back window was broken, and the refrigerator door was left open, said O. D. Fulp, proprietor.

At the Moore Motor company in Aberdeen, Ford dealers, a basement window leading into the workshop was broken, and a toolbox and tools belonging to Robert Rogers, Negro employee, were stolen. The parts department appeared to have been visited but nothing could be immediately missed. It was thought probable the thieves were frightened away by a visit of Make Pleasants, head of the parts department, about 10:30 p. m.

At the Taylor-Bobbitt Motor company, Chrysler and Plymouth dealers, entry was made through breaking the glass in a back door. Some \$10 to \$15 was reported missing from the cash register.

Pinebluff Group Plans Bond Election Injunction

Citizens of Pinebluff, meeting at the Pinebluff Methodist church Monday evening, hearing the report of the Pinebluff School committee, decided unanimously to press their fight for a local elementary school with an injunction against the coming school bond election.

Funds are to be secured through a house-to-house canvass for the legal fight to prevent the holding of the election, by which it is sought by county-wide vote to secure \$375,000 for school improvements in the Aberdeen district.

As part of the Aberdeen district, and claiming a minimum of 132 elementary school pupils in the Pinebluff area, the citizens expressed their willingness to stake all on the fight, marching out in a body to defeat the bond

issue if all else fails. The meeting was opened with a greeting by Mayor J. K. Mason, who affirmed the support of the town commissioners in whatever action was needed to secure the school.

26-Year History
Leon Wylie, chairman of the school committee, reported on the history of the movement up to date. The story, he said, goes back 26 years to the time when the Aberdeen school board induced that of Pinebluff to merge the two school districts, doing away with the Pinebluff school, but pledging at that time that the next school to be erected in the district would be at Pinebluff.

Succeeding district boards have indicated their feeling that the promise passed out of existence

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