

Commencement Season Is Under Way With Many Events In County Schools

Southern Pines Will End Schedule With Exercises June 5, 7

The commencement season in Moore County schools got under way with a rush this week, and by next week end only a few diplomas will remain to be handed out, only a few more speeches remain to be heard by graduating classes of 1949.

The wind-up will be the commencement exercises of the Southern Pines High school, where students had a week-long spring vacation in lieu of the earlier closing.

Baccalaureate services will be held Sunday evening, June 5, with the Rev. Paul E. Hardin, pastor of Wesley Memorial Methodist church of High Point, as speaker. Thirty seniors will receive their diplomas Tuesday evening, June 7, at which time the guest speaker will be Dr. Carlyle Campbell, president of Meredith college.

Both events will be at the Church of Wide Fellowship, with 8:15 o'clock as the hour. The senior class will hold its Honors and Awards assembly Tuesday at 11:15 a. m. at the First Baptist church. This is expected to be the last time the hospitality of local churches will have to be sought for school assemblies and exercises, as walls are already rising for the new auditorium which should be completed well before next June.

Aberdeen
At the Aberdeen High school, commencement exercises will open Sunday evening with baccalaureate service at the Page Memorial Methodist church. The Rev. Troy Barrett, of Durham, director of youth work for the Methodist Conference board of education, will speak. Class night is planned for Thursday, June 2, with Friday, June 3, set for the final exercises, when diplomas will be presented and Dr. Louis C. Lamotte, president of Presby-

True Bill Found For Capital Crime In Highfalls Case

True bill for the capital crime of rape was found by the grand jury Tuesday morning against Willis Brady, young married man of the Highfalls community, with a 15-year-old schoolgirl of Highfalls as the accuser.

Judge William H. Bobbitt, presiding over the current term of criminal court, set bond at \$10,000, which Brady was not able immediately to make and he remained lodged in the Moore county jail.

It was thought possible that Brady, father of a three weeks' old infant, would go on trial for his life at this week's term, but if time forbids the trial will be held at the August term.

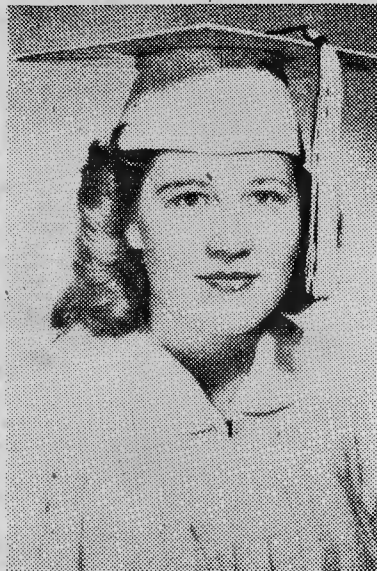
Joe Stutts, 16, arrested with Brady by Police Chief John J. Lanier of Robbins Sunday night, was released as the grand jury failed to find a true bill on a charge of aiding and abetting.

Edna Hackney, sixth grade student, swore out warrants against the pair. Chief Lanier said he started looking for her Sunday night on request of her parents. Mr. and Mrs. John Hackney, who were alarmed when she failed to return home after attending the baccalaureate service at the Highfalls school. Two other schoolgirls reported that they had seen Brady and Stutts seize her by the arms, as she left the school auditorium by a side door, put her in a car and drive off.

He said the girl's brother found the trio parked on a side road, and that Brady said he had driven off the highway because the lights on his car had failed. The girl was said to be in distress and was taken at once to a physician.

Medical testimony was not offered at the hearing held at Carthage Monday, nor did either accused youth take the stand. The girl testified she had been forced into the car against her will, and that Brady had ravished her. Justice Hugh P. Kelly found probable cause against both and Solicitor M. G. Boyette presented the evidence to the grand jury as soon as it convened the next day.

WINS SCHOLARSHIP



Betty Lou Cleaver, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Cleaver of West End, Rt. 1, is the winner of the Sandhills Veterans three-year nurse training scholarship. Miss Cleaver is a member of the current graduating class of the Pinehurst High school.

Hospital Addition Construction Due To Start Soon

**General Wyche To Head
Fall Fund Campaign**
News that the building of the addition to the Moore County Hospital would get under way in the near future was released to the press this week by Wilbur H. Currie, president of the Board of Directors.

Mr. Currie said that bids for the construction were opened at the hospital last Friday, with 35 contractors competing for the job. Low bids for the various contracts were as follows: General Contract, McKey-Helgeson Co., Greenville, S. C.; Plumbing, C. H. Whitley, Albemarle; Heating, Southern Piping and Engineering Co., Charlotte; Electrical, Cheney Electric Co., Charlotte; Elevator, Otis Elevator Co., Atlanta, Ga.

Upon delivrance of the performance bonds, it is expected that formal contracts will be entered into with each of the low bidders.

Will Add 37 Beds
The new construction, a wing (Continued on Page 5)

Cub Scout Is Water Tragedy Victim

By Manly Wellman
Sinking suddenly under water in the midst of happy sport, 11-year-old Cecil Erwin Van Boskerck of Pinebluff died in spite of an almost communitywide concentration of effort to rescue and revive him Saturday.

Cecil, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Abram Van Boskerck of Pinebluff, was one of 10 excited and clamorous Pinebluff Cub Scouts who gathered under leadership of Den Chief Jimmy Smith and a group of adults, for a hike, swim and picnic Saturday morning. The band of boys, ranging in age from nine to 11 years, of age trudged on a five-mile nature hike through woods and fields around the town,

then paused on the shore of Pinebluff lake and began to swim.

Present to guard against accidents were Thornton Little, squadron leader of Pinebluff's Air Scout Squadron 206, and Tom Green, a senior scout who is also an Eagle scout, both of them expert swimmers and holders of first aid certificates.

Den Chief Jimmy Smith, a 15-year-old scout who recently won his merit badges in first aid, athletics and swimming, was also at hand to watch and supervise the younger boys as they swam and dived.

A number of them, including Cecil, were on a floating raft (Continued on Page 8)

Youth Killed, Three Hurt In Crash

Reuben Davis, 16, son of Mrs. Rona Christie Davis of Steeds, Rt. 1, was instantly killed about 9:30 Saturday night when the car in which he was riding with four other teen-agers failed to make a curve and hit a tree about seven miles north of Robbins.

In the Moore county hospital with painful injuries are Archie Hussey, 17, who suffered a fractured right arm and lacerated lip; Clement Williamson, 16, whose left leg, nose and upper jaw were fractured or broken, and who also suffered mouth and eye injuries; and Walter Yow, 17, who sustained a concussion and torn scalp.

The only one unhurt was the

driver, Clarence Sanders, 18, who was arrested and lodged in jail to await hearing on charges of careless and reckless driving, and driving without an operator's license. Steeds, Rt. 1, is the address of all the boys.

The accident was investigated by Police Chief John J. Lanier of Robbins and the state highway patrol. The investigating officers expressed their belief that the car, a 1947 Fraser four-door sedan, was going too fast to make the curve. It sideswiped one tree and struck another which ripped the right side from the car, demolishing it beyond repair.

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Chamber Will Help Bring Conventions

The North Carolina convention of Alcoholics Anonymous will be held in Southern Pines in May, 1950, with the Sandhills Inter-Group of six neighbor towns as co-sponsors.

Members of the Southern Pines group returning from the state convention held at Asheville last week end reported that their invitation had been accepted, and that between 700 and 1,000 AA's may be expected here next year.

The Inter-Group, now being organized for joint meetings and program exchange, consists of groups at Southern Pines, Sanford, Fayetteville, Hamlet, Laurinburg and Wadesboro. All will join in preparation of a program, which will include both open and closed meetings.

Other conventions of interest during the coming year include the North Carolina Association of Broadcasters, which will return to the Mid Pines in October for a

"repeat" of last year's successful meeting; and the Fourth district, National Association of Broadcasters, which will follow it immediately at the Carolina hotel, Pinehurst. These will come through invitation of Jack S. Younts, WEEB manager, secretary of the NCAB.

Merchants Invited
Invitation was extended by the North Carolina Merchants association to meet here next year, by Tom White, local secretary, Herbert N. Cameron and George Pottel, who attended the 1949 convention held at Charlotte Sunday, Monday and Tuesday. They reported the invitation favorably received, though announcement as to next year's meeting place will not be made until September.

Good conventions are good for Southern Pines, members of the Chamber of Commerce board of directors agreed at their regular meeting Tuesday night. Hoke Pollock, president, charged the chamber with the responsibility of actively working for conven-

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Resuscitator Given By Firemen, Elks Demonstrated Here

Police, Firemen, Others Will Learn Emergency Uses

The resuscitator, or portable "iron lung," purchased jointly by the Elks and the Southern Pines volunteer firemen, arrived Tuesday and is ready at the local fire station for use in emergency rescue work.

Plans are under way to form a volunteer lifesaving crew of firemen, policemen, ambulance owners and others trained to use the resuscitator on instant notice, said Fire Chief L. V. O'Callaghan.

The resuscitator was demonstrated for the firemen and others Tuesday evening at the firehouse by Herbert J. Grubbs, representative of the Southern Oxygen company of Greensboro, who warned that it was no magic lifesaver or "miracle machine" and (Continued on Page 5)

Family Escapes As Midnight Fire Razes Manly Home

Mr. and Mrs. Irvin Caddell and their three children, awakened by the roar of flames in their home at Manly soon after midnight Wednesday, barely escaped with their lives as fire destroyed the dwelling and all its furnishings.

Southern Pines volunteer firemen, responding to the alarm at 12:25 a. m., did the best they could with no water connection available. However, flames had made too much headway for the booster truck to do much good, Fireman Frank Kaylor said.

The Caddells owned the one-story frame home. House and furnishings were partially insured, said Mr. Caddell, who was in town early Thursday hunting a place for his bereft family to stay.

He said he was awakened by a rumbling noise and opened the bedroom door to find the house filled with smoke. He quickly roused Mrs. Caddell, Nellie, 12, Odell, nine and Bobby, seven. They grabbed what clothing they could and rushed outside just as the flames broke loose, filling the dwelling.

Origin of the fire has not yet been determined.

Coble, Johnson Will Speak On Bond Issues At Carthage Tonight

BOND VOTE

For better roads and schools—

A. C. Dawson, Jr., of the Southern Pines High school, state NCEA legislative chairman and former president, will speak over WSTS next Thursday at 6:30 p. m. in behalf of the coming statewide school bond vote.

George S. Coble, Sixth District highway commissioner, and Dr. T. C. Johnson, state paroles commissioner, will address a countywide rally at the Carthage courthouse at 8 tonight (Friday).

Mr. Coble will speak before the Sandhills Kiwanis club at its luncheon meeting Wednesday.

Registration closed last Saturday, and tomorrow (Saturday) is Challenge day. Election is June 4. The Southern Pines fire station will be the local polling place, with Frank Kaylor as registrar.

County Rally Set To Present Program For Roads, Schools

Two outstanding speakers have been secured for the countywide Better Schools and Roads rally, to be held in the courtroom at Carthage tonight (Friday) at 8 o'clock, it was announced this week by W. P. Saunders, of Robbins, chairman of the county Better Roads and Schools committee.

Speakers will be George S. Coble, of Lexington, Sixth District highway commissioner, and Dr. Talmadge C. Johnson, newly appointed state paroles commissioner.

Coble will speak on the \$200,000,000 road bond issue of Governor Scott's program, and Dr. Johnson, minister, educator and social worker, on the \$25,000,000 bond issue for school buildings.

Election June 4
Both bond issues will be presented to a vote of the people June 4.

Tonight's rally is being sponsored (Continued on Page 5)

Memorial Service For Judge Seawell Opens Court Term

A memorial service to Judge Herbert Floyd Seawell, late esteemed member of the Moore County bar, marked the rising of court at Carthage Monday morning.

Resolutions of respect had been prepared on request of Judge William H. Bobbitt, of Charlotte, presiding over the superior court term, by a committee appointed by him from the membership of the Moore County Bar association. These included U. L. Spence, immediate past president; Talbot Johnson, president; M. G. Boyette, district solicitor, and W. A. Leland McKeithen, solicitor of recorders court.

Mr. Spence, dean of the Moore County bar, read an eloquent tribute to Judge Seawell, who died in February. Speeches were made by the other members in tribute.

A calendar of 34 cases, to which several others were added, faced the court on opening of the criminal term.

Monday's Work
Jim Johnson, Dock Brower and Viola Marley, Negroes, who had appealed a road sentence for larceny of chickens from Brack Barber's flock at Robbins, were found not guilty.

No pros with leave was taken (Continued on Page 8)

Ayrshire Auction Sale Wednesday At Pinehurst Farm

Dealers and breeders, or their agents, from many states are expected here next week for the dispersal sale of the highly rated Pinehurst herd of Ayrshire cattle. The auction sale will be held at the Pinehurst farm beginning at 10 a. m. Wednesday.

The sale catalog lists 122 lots of fine animals to be disposed of, including cows, first calf heifers, bred heifers, heifer calves, open heifers, bulls and bull calves. Among them are many of the top animals of the breed, sires and dams of proven ability, their records and those of their family lines recorded minutely in a manner worthy of the nobility which they are.

The catalog contains many pictures of these proud animals. The sale is being handled by Tom P. Whittaker, proprietor and auctioneer of the Ayrshire Sales service of Brandon, Vt. The Belvedere hotel, Southern Pines, will be headquarters for those attending the sale.

The Pinehurst herd was established in 1920 and developed by the late Leonard Tufts, whose long research, study and observa-

"Covered Wagon" Committee Named, Plans Festival

The Opportunity Bond Drive prairie schooner, authentic "covered wagon" of Forty-Niner days, this week visited Raleigh, Rocky Mount and Wilson on its swing throughout the state which will bring it to Moore county for a gala celebration Wednesday, June 8.

The covered wagon, mounted on a giant red-white-and-blue truck, will arrive at Southern Pines at 9:30 a. m. on that date and stay all day and night as the focal point of a countywide program designed to sell bonds—sell bonds—and sell still more bonds!

The Opportunity Drive committee, named this week by E. C. Stevens, Moore County U. S. savings bond sales chairman, is headed by Charles W. Piquet as chairman. Assisting him are Mayor Chan Page, as honorary chairman, Joe Warren of WEEB, Jim Cole of WSTS and Valerie Nicholson of the Southern Pines Pilot.

A show is being arranged for the occasion, for which particulars are to be announced later, said Chairman Piquet this week.

The covered wagon was flown May 17 to Greensboro from Independence, Mo., home town of President Truman. In a network radio address at that time, the President asked that Americans buy U. S. savings bonds, to give each individual and family a reserve for the future out of today's income, and an investment in their government, the world's biggest and best business.

Moore county's quota has been set at \$98,000 in E bonds for the Opportunity drive, which will continue until June 30.

DDT-SPRAY

Your home will not be DDT-sprayed if no one is home, said Mayor C. N. Page this week, so if you miss your spraying within the next three or four days call the office of Howard F. Burns, town clerk, and leave your Page.

The crew will return to your home at the end of the spraying program, and treat the exterior—also, if requested, the interior. In most cases only the exterior treatment is necessary, said Mr. Page.

The spray truck completed its job in West Southern Pines Wednesday, with a record of 599 homes treated.

Potential insect-breeding places are being given special attention, and the grounds and outside walls of all buildings are receiving a coating of the fine mist-like spray which gives protection against flies and other insects for a considerable length of time.

Blue And White Team Will Play Today For Eastern Conference Lead



The Southern Pines High School team, undefeated in conference play, will meet the team of West Edgecombe High school in the Rocky Mount stadium at 2:30 p. m. today (Friday) with the eastern conference championship as prize.

The team has downed all county and district contenders up to the conference finals, winning the semi-finals against Wallace Monday by a score of 16-8. Leading hitters were Baker, who hit a home run, Copley with four for five, making two doubles and two singles, and Stuart, with three singles. These are three among many fine players shown above who may shortly bring home a conference and perhaps a state championship.

Left to right, kneeling—Gary Mattocks, Bobby Stuart, Fred Arnette, Gene Bowen, Albert Adams, Milton Kaylor, Jimmy Dickerson. Standing—Johnny Beasley, Coach A. C. Dawson, Jr., Roland Bowers, Bobby Culler, Reggie Hamel, Bill Baker, Ray Copley, George McDonald, C. L. Worsham, Richard Kaylor, Richard Newton, Bill Odom.

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