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## Chamber Sponsors Christmas Lights, Display Contest

### Streets Will Sparkle In Honor Of Holiday Season

The Southern Pines Chamber of Commerce will again this year sponsor a Christmas display contest for homes and business places. A first prize of \$10 and second prize of \$5 will be offered in each classification, said Harry Fullenwider, president.

The contest will supplement a Christmas street lighting project the Chamber will undertake, to make Southern Pines sparkingly beautiful during the Christmas season and to keep Christmas shoppers at home.

Local merchants have ordered extensively for this Christmas season and expect to match the state's largest cities in variety and attractive prices, President Fullenwider said. Feeling that the local business district, with its wide range of stores and smart buyers, will actually be a shoppers' paradise this Christmas, the Chamber is expending efforts not only to keep local buying here but to attract out-of-town trade.

Plans for lighting the business district are in the hands of a committee headed by Jack Younts, with Lamont Brown, Virgil Clark and John C. Parrish as the other members. Reporting Tuesday night to the directors, Mr. Younts said the street display will necessarily be modest, as they will have to start from scratch in securing equipment, but that they hope a pretty and effective showing can be made.

The contest for individual decoration of homes and business places was resumed last year for the first time since the war. Displays should be arranged as early as possible, as the Christmas season is considered to begin as soon as Thanksgiving is over, and they should be on view at least during most of December. Judging will be held sometime Christmas week. Many beautiful displays were presented last year, with Tots Toggery winning the first prize. (Continued on page 5)

## Wilson Commands Guard Unit Here

William J. Wilson, former B-17 pilot with the Eighth Air Force, has been approved and sworn in as commanding officer of the local National Guard unit, taking command at the regular drill session last Friday night.

He succeeds Capt. Clifford Carpenter, who recently moved away after supervising the organization and activation of the unit. He took over as first lieutenant with second Lieut. C. S. Patch, Jr., as the unit's only other officer so far. Lennox Forsythe is on active duty now as administrative officer of the battery, which, with five recent enlistments, now numbers 44 men.

The new members are Clifton McInnis, of Robbins, and Carlton Cole, Jr., of Aberdeen, former servicemen; Dale Covington, Zane Frecka and Marion Dale Pope, of Southern Pines.

Lieutenant Wilson, a Southern Pines native, graduated from high school here and attended State college. He was an inspector for the General Electric company at Lynn, Mass., when he entered for the Army Air corps in February, 1943. After training at various air bases in this country, he was transferred to England, where he won five Air Medals for his service as a bomber pilot when the war over Europe was at its height.

He was discharged as a first lieutenant in October, 1945. Returning to Southern Pines, he was manager of the Country club for a time, was employed by the ABC board and is now on the engineering staff of the office of Paul Van Camp, consulting engineer.

He is active in veterans' affairs, holds membership in the VFW and American Legion posts, and was also a member of the town baseball team. He is the son of Mrs. Helen Shea, co-owner with her brother C. J. Sadler of the Park View hotel, is married and has three children.

## UNC Journalism Class And Teacher Visit The Pilot



One day last week Thomas J. Lassiter, Jr., editor of the Smithfield Herald who also teaches a journalism class (in weekly papers) at the University of North Carolina, brought his class down to Southern Pines to visit The Pilot. They roamed over the plant watching a newspaper being put together. They asked a lot of questions but the members of the Pilot staff, none of whom have ever been to journalism school, asked them a lot in turn, and it's a question as to which group learned more. Above, front row (kneeling) are Jack Whichard, Greenville, S. C.; Mr. Lassiter; Lon Braxton, Jr., Burlington; Bill Buchan, Pinebluff. Back row—Charles Sasser, Winston-Salem; Katharine Boyd, Pilot editor; Leneue James, Winston-Salem; Dan Ray, Pilot business manager; A. C. Snow, Winston-Salem; Patricia Stanford and husband Don, of Chapel Hill. Not in the picture (strolled off to get a cup of coffee), Dick Byrd, Warsaw, and Don McFee, Salisbury. (Photo by Humphrey)

## Southern Pines Gridders Win State Title In Stiff Contest With Clemmons, Old Foe

### Carthage Mill Ground-Breaking Set

Ground will be broken Tuesday for the new mill to be built at Carthage, following the signing of the contract last week with local sponsors. The ceremony has been set for 11 a.m.

Negotiations reached a climax Monday night of last week. It was a happy group of Carthage businessmen which learned that the long-drawn-out efforts begun last July had finally achieved real success.

Carthage Fabrics corporation is the official title of the new mill, which will do rayon weaving. E. Sontag, president of the Paxton Fabrics corporation of New Bedford, Mass., is the president of the new corporation. Incorporators are C. A. Cochran, F. A. McCleneghan and F. T. Miller, Jr., all of Charlotte.

Incorporators of the Carthage Investment corporation, composed of Carthage businessmen organized to promote the project, are Wilton H. Brown, W. D. Sabiston, Jr., and Earl McDonald. Total authorized capital stock is \$150,000.

### New 40 And 8 Voiture Is "Wrecked"

A "wreck" Wednesday afternoon, and a celebration and dance at the Pine Needles club that night started off the new Moore County Voiture No. 1382, of the 40 and Eight, on its career.

### FIRST GYMKHANA

The first gymkhana of the Sandhills season, postponed from Thanksgiving day, will be held in the riding ring of the Carolina hotel beginning at 2:30 p. m. Sunday.

This will be a free show for all, presenting some of the best horses and riders of Southern Pines and Pinehurst, along with others testing their mettle for the future.

Several different events will be featured. Nick Crotty will be the judge.

The gymkhana will be combined with an annual event always anticipated with interest—the Pet show, informal style, for which all boys and girls of any and every age are invited to make an entry. No application in advance is required—all you do is bring a pet, and get into for the act. Only qualifications for the pets: four legs, or feathers. (Continued on page 5)

A total of 480 looms will be installed at the beginning affording employment to 250 workers. Mr. Brown, who has been a leading figure in securing the enterprise for Carthage, said the new company would pay the prevailing rayon wage schedule in this area.

He estimates that the weekly payroll will be around \$15,000. That figures \$780,000 a year. It will be a tidy sum distributed in the community for groceries, clothing, gas and services, and the mill is expected to give the staid old county seat of Moore its biggest boom.

S. E. Trogden of Asheboro is the contractor who will supervise the building of the \$400,000 plant. He has until June 15 to complete the job, but it is believed that he will beat the deadline with margin to spare.

The plant, financed by local capital and a loan from the Wachovia Bank and Trust company, will provide 80,000 square feet of floor space, equivalent to a building around 240 x 400 feet.

### Huge Crowd Sees Thanksgiving Game

Before a crowd at High School Memorial field estimated at 2,000 or more, Southern Pines defeated Clemmons High here in Thanksgiving day to cop the State Six-Man Football championship.

With it went the beautiful Championship trophy, Mayor Chan Page acting for Coach Hap Perry, executive secretary of the N. C. High School Athletic association in making the presentation to the undefeated Southern Pines squad.

The holiday game for the Blue and White was sweet revenge, for last year it was this same Clemmons which won the state title from the locals at Winston-Salem by a one-touchdown margin, 25. (Continued on page 5)

## Ross Will Speak At Historical Meet

George Ross, director of the state department of conservation and development, has accepted the invitation of the Moore County Historical association to be the speaker at their first open meeting of the season, to be held at the Southern Pines library at 8 p. m. Tuesday.

Mr. Ross will bring with him as a guest from Raleigh Dr. C. C. Crittenden, head of the state department of archives and secretary of the N. C. Literary and Historical association, according to the announcement by J. Talbot Johnson, of Aberdeen, president of the Moore County group.

Mr. Ross, former resident of Jackson Springs and Moore representative to the General Assembly, is well known in the county, and is an authority on the history and development of the Sandhills section. He has had a more than casual hand in its development himself, as before going to Raleigh to work with the department of agriculture some 20 years ago, he was a leading figure in the peach growing industry, working hard for its comeback.

He is popular as a speaker on matters historical and political. The meeting Tuesday evening is open to his friends and other interested persons, Mr. Johnson said.

## Youth Faces Armed Robbery Charge In Sandhills Holdups

### Four Victims Make Identification; Pocketbook Found

If a young man who gave his name as Harry Flack is found guilty of armed robbery as charged by local police, he may have sold his life for about \$10. Armed robbery is a capital offense.

Flack, who gave his age as 21, his home as Dayton, Ohio, was positively identified this week by four victims as the bandit who held them up at rifle's point in two robberies committed Sunday and Monday nights. One of the victims, Mrs. Joe C. Thomas, of Southern Pines, also identified one of two pocketbooks found in his car as hers.

Flack was picked up on suspicion by Pinehurst police late Wednesday night as he circled the Pinehurst streets, apparently at random. When a rifle and two women's pocketbooks were found in the car, the Southern Pines police were called in.

Mrs. Joe C. Thomas and Mrs. Lloyd Prime, who were taken to confront the man, said he was the one who had appeared at the side of Mrs. Thomas' car Monday about 10:30 p. m. as she stopped in front of the home of Mrs. J. H. Andrews, on the Fort Bragg road near Southern Pines. She was taking Mrs. Prime, who lives at the Andrews home, home following a meeting, and planned to go in for a brief visit.

The man thrust a gun at her head and demanded her bag. Thinking it some sort of joke, Mrs. Thomas struck the gun away, hurting her hand slightly in so doing. However, as she pointed the gun at her and again demanded her bag, she said she saw it was no joke and gave it to him. Mrs. Prime, getting out on (Continued on page 8)

## Miss McKenzie Will Hold Cooking School Wednesday

A cooking school, the first one here in about three years, will be held at the McDonald-Page Motor company Wednesday at 3 p. m., through cooperation of the Carolina Power and Light company and the McDonald-Page company, agency for Hotpoint appliances.

Miss Grace McKenzie, CP & L home economist, will conduct the school, demonstrating the preparation of four types of electric-cookery meals—prepared by oven, by surface unit, by broiler and by deep well.

A number of prizes will be given in a lucky-number drawing, including all the food prepared at the school, a steam iron, electric alarm clock, heating pad and other attractive items. Among the food prizes will be a cooked turkey, prepared in advance for demonstration purposes.

All women of the Sandhills area will be welcomed at the event. There will be no admission charge. The session, which will last about two hours, will be held in the McDonald-Page showroom, where a complete kitchen is to be assembled from Hotpoint appliances carried in stock.

Miss McKenzie will supplement her demonstration of cooking on an electric stove with others on preparation of foods for the deep-freeze, and use of the electric washing machine.

Though Southern Pines is her headquarters for operations over several counties, this will be Miss McKenzie's first cooking school for this community, to which she came two and a half years ago. She has offices at Rockingham, her home town; Maxton, Asheboro and Sanford and has held cookery instruction events in these and neighboring towns. She is a graduate of Flora Macdonald college.

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## PGA Meeting Brings Nation's Golf Great to Mid Pines Club

### FIRST SNOW

First snowflakes of the season were reported at Carthage early Monday evening, when they fell mixed with rain for about four minutes. Several flakes were also rumored seen at Southern Pines but this has not been authenticated.

That night, however, brought the Sandhills' first below-freezing temperature, when the thermometer is said to have dropped to 22. It was pretty nippy Tuesday and Wednesday—then, in salute to the football schedule and Thanksgiving holiday, rose slowly but steadily to produce one of those perfect fall days Thursday. It rained Thursday night, but by then who cared?

## Bonnie Barnum Is Fatally Hurt By Train In Colorado

### Funeral Held Thursday For Young Public Health Nurse

Miss Bonnie Barnum, aged 26, of Southern Pines met what is believed to have been instant death Sunday at Greeley, Colo., when she was struck by a train while walking along a railroad track near the hospital where she was employed.

The death message brought practically no details of the tragedy to her family and friends here.

Funeral services were held at Emmanuel Episcopal church at 11:30 a. m. Thursday, conducted by the rector, the Rev. C. V. Covell. Burial was at Mt. Hope cemetery. Pallbearers were C. S. Patch, Jr., Bob Cameron, Frank Buchan, John Spring, Joe Montesanti, Jr., and Lansing T. Hall.

The body was flown to North Carolina after services held Monday at Macey's funeral home at Greeley, attended in a body by Miss Barnum's fellow nurses at the Weld County hospital there.

Grace Bonnelle, daughter of Mrs. Paul T. Barnum and the late Mr. Barnum, was born in Moore county June 6, 1923. She graduated in 1940 from the Southern Pines High school, where she was considered one of the most promising students in her class. Besides standing high in scholarship, she played on the girls' tennis team, was manager of the basketball team and took part in dramatics and other activities of the school.

She attended Woman's college, Greensboro, for two years, then was accepted for nurse training at the Baptist hospital, Winston-Salem. On completion of her course there she worked at the Moore County hospital in the summer of 1946, then took a year of post-graduate work in public health nursing at Columbia university, New York. She was employed at Roosevelt hospital there for a year, and in 1948 went to Greeley to join the staff of the Weld County hospital.

Surviving are her mother and two sisters, Miss Betsy Barnum, of Southern Pines, and Miss Sarah Barnum, of Dallas, Texas. Miss Sarah Barnum arrived Tuesday to be with her mother and sister.

Mrs. Barnum visited her daughters in Texas and Colorado last summer on a vacation trip by plane.

## Jacob Miller, Aberdeen Merchant, Is Suicide Monday; Motive Is Mystery

Jacob Miller, Polish-born owner and manager of the Miller Furniture company at Aberdeen, stepped out of the back door of his store about 10 o'clock Monday morning, placed a borrowed .38 automatic to his right temple and fired a bullet through his head. It was instantly fatal.

No one actually saw the deed. Several, however, heard the shot and Mrs. J. A. Slate, of Wagram, Rt. 1, looked out of the door of Keith's Self-Service laundry close by and saw Mr. Miller fall to the ground. Coroner Hugh P. Kelly rendered a verdict of suicide. He also took charge of a letter found by Police Chief Lamar Smith in the dead man's pocket and would not release it, except to report it was addressed to a brother, Meyer Miller, of Wilmington, and said, "This is the only way out." It indicated disposition of property, the coroner said, but was not in legal form and probably cannot be used as a will.

Relatives of Mr. Miller, notified at once, arrived from Wilmington Monday afternoon. They could shed no light on a possible (Continued on page 5)

## Knotty Problems To Be Ironed Out As Policymakers Gather

Annual meeting of the Professional Golfers' Association of America will be held at the Mid Pines club beginning Saturday and continuing through Friday, December 2nd.

The President's annual dinner will be held Monday evening, at which time Sam Snead will be given the award as PGA Professional of the Year.

Delegates from 32 PGA sections will attend and discuss and institute policies. Majority of these have to do with club professionals and their business. Some of the resolutions concern PGA-sponsored tournaments and will create interest in all sections of the nation.

The barring of Bobby Locke from US PGA-sponsored events may be aired, as the British PGA has formally requested an explanation of the affair from the American PGA.

Joe Novak, of Los Angeles, PGA president, will arrive in North Carolina in time to be the speaker at the Carolinas PGA championship and annual dinner at Alamance Country club, Burlington, tonight (Friday).

Delegates will discuss a resolution to make non-PGA members eligible to a limited membership in the Association after two years on the circuits. Such membership would make them eligible to play (Continued on page 5)

## Break-In Attempt Brings Arrest; Robbery At Vass

Two break-ins this week in the Southern Pines vicinity were added Wednesday and Thursday nights to the list of crimes which recently broke out here after a long quiet spell.

Harry Rosenberg, 28, of New York City, was picked up early this morning (Friday) by Southern Pines police as he walked down US Highway 1, not long after an attempted break-in at Craft's service station. Mrs. Craft, in the Craft apartment, hearing someone trying to jimmy the door in the night, sounded the alarm which brought police to the scene. The attempt to get in the service station door was unsuccessful, and nothing was taken, Chief C. E. Newton said. The man hid at first but was apprehended when daylight came.

Rosenberg, who said he was hitch-hiking from New York to Florida, admitted he was the wanted man. He was lodged in Carthage jail to await action of Judge Rowe in recorders court Monday.

Officers said there appeared to be no connection between Rosenberg and a break-in and burglary at the store and service station operated by Mr. and Mrs. Lee Smith, near the railroad underpass just outside Vass, Wednesday night. The intruder or intruders took large quantities of merchandise, including the store's entire stock of coffee; motor oil, a case of eggs, candy, cigarettes and also stripped a spread, quilt and sheet from a cot in an adjoining room.

The sheriff's department is working on the case. The SBI has been called in, it is understood. No arrest had been reported by this morning (Friday).