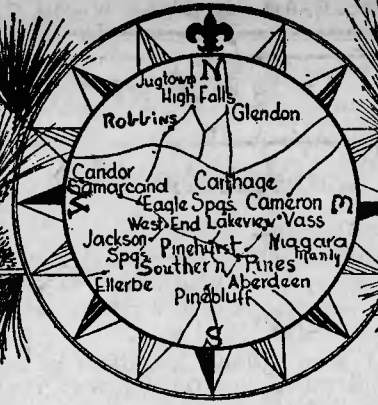




# THE PILOT



## Ground Broken For Carthage Industry



Top photo shows bulldozers and giant tractors breaking ground for the 4,000 square feet of floor space for the Carthage Fabrics Corporation. The plant is scheduled to be ready for occupancy by June, 1950. Lower photo shows Newland Phillips, left, secretary-treasurer of the investment corporation, presenting the first pot of earth from the site to Herman Chopak, chairman of the fabrics corporation and president of Chox K Fabrics, New York. State Senator W. H. Currie, master of ceremonies, is shown directly behind Chopak. (Photos by Staff Photographer R. W. Stephens.)

## Wildlife Club Must Aid Protection, Stevens Tells Group at Mile-Away

The first meeting of the Sandhills Wildlife club since its organization attracted a group of 50 or

## Home Destroyed In Thursday Fire, W. Southern Pines

The first really destructive fire of the year in Southern Pines took place Thursday morning, when the two-story frame home of Mary Buchanan, in West Southern Pines, was totally destroyed. It was believed to have caught from a flue.

Members of the volunteer fire department and truck, responding promptly to the alarm at 7:15 a. m., found the house, on West Illinois avenue, wrapped in flames when they arrived. It was more than two hours before the fire was out.

Members of the family were able to save a few items of furniture, but almost everything was lost.

Some delay was caused when the hose had to be hooked up a block and a half away, where the nearest hydrant was located. When the new water mains are in, for which the recently approved bond issue was voted, the section where the fire occurred will have much better protection.

The ruins smoldered for some time after the flames had died down, and firemen remained until almost noon in close attendance.

As they were fighting the flames they also put in considerable work protecting another frame house close by. This was undamaged.

60 to Mile-Away Farm Wednesday evening, to enjoy an old-fashioned fish fry and to learn more about the four-year-old wildlife movement in the state.

Ross Stevens, of Raleigh, executive secretary of the N. C. Wildlife Federation, Inc., explained in an informal talk that this is essentially a program of intelligent conservation, to enhance enjoyment of all forms of hunting and fishing and insure their continuance.

"Since the first club was formed at Raleigh in 1945, almost 100 local clubs have been formed, with about 15,000 members," he said. "The first major objective was achieved with the passage of the law setting up the N. C. Wildlife Resources Commission in 1947. The other two are continuing ones; local conservation projects within the clubs, and support of the state program as a whole." This is necessary, he said, because the state, limited in personnel and finances, cannot do the whole job nor even a very large part of it alone; it requires the active aid of sports lovers everywhere, to put the program across.

As to what local clubs are doing, he cited everything from field trials and fishing rodeos to the setting up of fish rearing pools—for which the state furnishes fingerling fish for the clubs to raise and release in public waters—and also the organization of Junior Wildlife clubs, enlisting the aid and interest of the young folks.

The state program includes promoting the passage of beneficial laws and their enforcement, and application of general conser-

## Flack May Face Additional Charges Of Robbery Here

Harry Flack, 21, held in Moore County jail since last Wednesday night on an armed robbery charge, is believed by police to have been guilty of at least two other crimes in addition to the two for which probable cause was found in a hearing Thanksgiving day.

He was identified at a hearing held last week by victims of two holdups, Mrs. Joe Thomas and Mrs. Lloyd Prime, held up near Southern Pines the previous Monday, and D. B. Breneman and Irma Lee France, held up in Aberdeen one night earlier.

Chief C. E. Newton said he answers exactly the description of the man who held up Halbert Blue, of Aberdeen, near the local taxi stand Tuesday night of last week. This robbery, too, was committed at rifle's point, as Blue stepped from his car. It netted the robber about \$9 in cash. Blue is away and has not had opportunity to confront Flack personally, for identification purposes, the chief said.

Of two handbags found in Flack's car when he was picked up by Pinehurst police, one was Mrs. Thomas' and the other was identified later as that of Miss Maggie Edwards, believed taken from her car when she stopped to get her mail at the Southern Pines post office. This occurred Wednesday night, the same night Flack was later arrested. She was in the post office only a minute or two, Miss Edwards said. She did not miss her bag until she reached home. When found, it contained only a nail file and one or two other small items. The cash—about \$20—billfold, driver's license, fountain pen and a number of other things were gone.

The theft of Miss Edwards' purse resembles that by which (Continued on Page 8)

## Police Car Will Be Radio-Equipped

The Southern Pines police department is to be radio-equipped, it was decided by the town board in special session at the city hall Monday. Authorization was given for the immediate purchase and installation of a Motorola system, providing two-way communication between the station and the police car.

Consideration of this move has been under way by the board for some time, as more and more cities about the nation have provided their police departments with radio systems and reports are they have proved worth many times their original cost, in the catching of criminals and the stopping of crime at its source.

Decision to make the move at this time came following a discussion of a recent outbreak of crime unusual to this community, including armed robbery, vandalism and the rifling of cars.

The board had two contracts on low bids at this meeting, one on supplying a new police car (trading in the old) which went to the Southern Pines Motor company, and the other on painting the building housing the police station and the ABC store. This went to the Shaw Paint and Wallpaper company.

## Ross Will Aid in Restoration

George Ross, director of the state department of conservation and development, speaking before the Moore County Historical society at the Southern Pines library Tuesday night, said there is a good chance the state may take over the pre-Revolutionary Philip Alston home near here, the 'House in the Horseshoe,' and develop it as a historic shrine.

He said he had conferred with Glenn Hancock, present owner of the property, and that Mr. Hancock seemed favorably disposed toward making an arrangement with the state if it could be worked out.

The house, located "at the head of Little River" in Sandhills township, figured prominently in guerilla warfare between the Whigs and Tories after Cornwallis marched through this section in 1780 and 1781. It was the scene

of a battle between a band of Whigs under Colonel Alston, using his own home as a fort, and David Fanning leading a party of Tories. Facts of the battle are well documented, many graphic stories concerning it have come down through the years, and for proof—if proof were needed—the bullets of the battle are still embedded in the walls of the house.

It was later the home of Benjamin Williams, governor of North Carolina from 1800 to 1802. After that it passed through various hands. From 1912 to 1937 it was the home of John Willcox, present Moore clerk of court.

It has of late years been used as a tenant home on the Hancock place, its historic connotations largely forgotten until they were resurrected by the Moore County Historical society. Under the (Continued on Page 18)

## Awards Honor Services to State of James Boyd, Mrs. Ives, the Busbees

### MEMORIAL

The P. A. Wilson Memorial trophy will be established as a tournament award of the Sandhills Tennis association, according to Frank de Costa, president.

It will honor Paul Ahnold Wilson, of Vass, who helped organize the association last summer and served on the first board of directors. Mr. Wilson died Tuesday after several weeks of illness.

He was a former USC tennis star, and a lifelong enthusiast. Though he lived at Vass, he was a familiar figure on Southern Pines courts and member of the local tennis group. He assisted in promotion of several tennis events which started the Sandhills association off on its career in August and September.

### Events Highlight Raleigh Meetings

Three awards of especial interest here were made Wednesday and Thursday at meetings of the state's cultural societies being held at Raleigh.

James Boyd, Jr., received an award for his late father, the novelist and poet, who was first vice president of the N. C. Society for the Preservation of Antiquities when it was organized 10 years ago. The award, made by Mrs. Charles A. Cannon, president, at the society's annual meeting, Thursday night, recognized not only James Boyd's services to the Society but also his own research into and love for the history of this state which he immortalized in several books.

Mrs. Ernest L. Ives, of Southern Pines was the recipient at this meeting of the silver cup in recognition of distinguished service to North Carolina history during the year.

Mrs. Ives' recognition came for her major share in the Shaw House restoration of the Moore County Historical society here, a task of which she has been chairman from the start, through her labors has culminated in one of the finest restorations of the State.

### Miniature Is Given

The Cannon silver trophy is retained on display, while owners are given miniature duplicates for their personal possession. The two presentations were made by Dr. Archibald Henderson, professor emeritus of the University and noted biographer of George Bernard Shaw.

A large group of Southern Pines people were planning to attend the meeting, including Mrs. Katherine McColl, Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Campbell, Mrs. L. T. Avery, Miss Martha Langston, Mrs. P. McCain, J. Talbot Johnson (president of the Moore County Historical society) and others.

### Busbee Award

Wednesday, at a luncheon meeting of the N. C. Art society, Mrs. Jacques Busbee of Juggtown received an award honoring her (Continued on Page 8)

## Vandal Returns to Wreak Destruction On Awnings, Car

Low-grade vandals went to work here again sometime Sunday night, slashing the awnings of 10 business places. The awning at a private home, that of Col. and Mrs. S. T. Wallis, was also found to be cut or torn, Chief C. E. Newton said.

"I don't know what type of creature it is who gets pleasure out of this sort of thing," he added. "It's hard to understand how anyone with any sense at all can be so mean. He must have a definitely substandard mentality."

Gashed with a sharp blade were awnings at the Sandhill Sport shop, Style Mart, Mack's Five and Ten—three long slits; Tots Toggery, where just the fringe was cut; Franjeans, Patch's Department store, Baker's Food store, the Midland shop, all on West Broad street; and, across on East Broad, Brown's Auto Supply, with five slits, and the Coffee shop, where the marquee was cut on each side.

Several of those were victims in the earlier cutting of awnings, about three weeks ago, when a half dozen of these acts of vandalism were committed on Broad street. Repeat visits were paid the Sandhill Sport shop, Mack's and Patch's. Six new cuts appeared on Patch's awnings, which had just been mended after the last time.

Monday night, the convertible-top vandal got loose again, after damaging four cars here and five at Pinehurst early in November. The top of a convertible belonging to a guest at the Southland hotel and parked in front of it on West New Hampshire avenue, just a short distance from the police station, was gashed.

Surveying the costly destruction, dismayed owners declared themselves at a loss to understand the type of mind, or motive, behind it.

Chief Newton said he and his men are being as vigilant as possible, "but this is the sort of thing it is mighty hard to predict." Some of the gashes are about

## Christmas Lights To Go On Next Week As Santa's Visit Nears

### Parade, Party on List of Coming Events; Everybody Helping in Community Projects

Christmas lights turned on next week, Santa Claus arriving Saturday, December 10, and Santa appearing again, loaded with gifts for all the little ones, at the Elks party December 21, are a few of the sparkling highlights forecast by this week's announcements.

The Chamber of Commerce has secured Christmas lights, to brighten the streets for the first time since before the war, with colored bulbs strung from Pennsylvania to Connecticut avenues on both sides of Broad. They may be turned on Thursday—earlier, if the committees can get the work done in time, said Jack Younts, chairman of the Chamber's Christmas committee.

Under their leadership, the Christmas lighting will be a true community project, with everybody helping.

## Elks Will Honor State Champions At Grid Banquet

The Fourth Annual Football banquet to be given by the Elks club at the close of the Southern Pines football season will be held next Thursday night (December 8) at the Highland Pines Inn, it was announced this week by Exalted Ruler D. L. Madigan.

Members of the football squad, their coaches and others connected with the squad's doings of the season just past will be guests of the Elks at the banquet, which will also be open to the general public as long as tickets last. Dancing for the young people in the ballroom will follow until 11 p. m.

While all the banquets have been brilliant affairs, this will be different from the others in that the team to be feted will be the state champions, their title won through sanctioned conference play. The team of 1947 carried an unofficial title of state champion, but six-man football had not then come under regulations of the N. C. High School Athletic association. The team of 1948 won its way to conference championship in its first year of official play.

Gold footballs, suitably inscribed, will be awarded the lettermen by the Elks lodge, and medallions will be given to others of the squad, including the Junior Varsity. (Continued on Page 5)

### SQUARE DANCE

The Sandhills post, American Legion, is having another of its old-time square dances Friday night at the Legion hut—this time a Christmas Benefit dance, a good starter for the season.

Dan'l Fry and his Scottish Fiddlers, of Moore county, will play. Ladies will be admitted free while gentlemen will pay a small fee at the door, said Shields Cameron, chairman.

The "old-time fiddling" events held by the Legionnaires during the past year or two have drawn some fine crowds, and the folks—young and old—really shake a foot.

## PGA Has Calm, Busy Visit Here

Southern Pines—or rather, the Mid Pines club—has been the golf capital of the nation during the past five days, while 100 or more officials and delegates of the Professional Golfers' association have been holding their annual meeting here.

Manufacturers' representatives of golf-related industry have also been present in considerable numbers, many of them staying at the Highland Pines Inn and attending sessions at the Mid Pines.

Some 200 were present at the President's dinner held at the Mid Pines Monday evening, at which Sam Snead, 1949 top winner, was awarded a plaque as "best golfer of the year." Thursday, Sam conducted a clinic on "How to Play Golf."

Business sessions held during eight feet above the sidewalk, leading to the conclusion that either a very tall person is to blame, or that a blade on a stick was used.

most of the convention days concerned matters of golf policy and dealt with problems of the year. Though a number of controversial subjects were scheduled to come up, a good many of these were bypassed and other tackled in serene fashion disappointing to those who looked for a battle.

All was calm and much was accomplished. Ken Alyta, Associated Press writer, has kept those Southern-Pines-deline stories flowing over the top wires to sports pages all over the country. Wives of a number of those attending the convention have been given a social whirl under the friendly eye of ladies of the Mid Pines staff, headed by Miss Jeanne Cosgrove.

And in between and among all the events which followed in swift succession—every now and then some of the folks got a chance to play golf.

This is the first time the PGA has met in the Sandhills.

Members of the Chamber were scheduled to meet at Brown and Clark's Thursday and Friday evenings to assemble the strings with their 1,200 25-watt bulbs. Employees of the Carolina Power and Light company and the Central Carolina Telephone company will set up guy wires and string the lights from the street poles. Members of both Boy Scout troops, with Warden E. W. Davis and his fire truck are combing the woods today and tomorrow for small trees to be sprayed with silver and fastened to the street poles. Joe Garzik is supervising the silvering job, assisted by the volunteer firemen.

Rotary Tree  
The Southern Pines Rotary club has contributed \$50 toward meeting the considerable expense of the lighting, and a tree will be decorated in their name. Harry Fullenwider, Chamber of Commerce president, expressed the hope that other civic organizations about town will do the same, helping the Chamber out on the costs. The merchants are not being asked to pay for the lights. Their share in the Yule celebration, he said, is to arrange as pretty window displays as possible, for the Chamber's window display contest, and also to light up their store fronts to add to the general sparkle of Christmas.

Original uses of Christmas lights on all the store fronts will make the town a jeweled dream, beautiful and thrilling to see. Santa Claus Parade  
Next Saturday morning at 10:30 (Continued on Page 8)

GEORGE C. BURNS  
Late Bulletin: George C. Burns, former army colonel and prominent real estate dealer of Southern Pines, died suddenly at his home on Country Club drive Thursday at 5:15 p. m.

## National Aviation Is Investor in Resort Airlines

A "considerable block" of stock of Resort Airlines, Inc., of Pinehurst and Southern Pines has been bought by the National Aviation corporation, according to an announcement made in the Wall Street Journal for November 28. The amount was not specified. Additional stock amounting to a half million dollars' worth was recently offered by Resort, whose sky cruises, now titled "sun-cruises," will start sometime this month.

National Aviation, an investment trust listed on the New York Stock Exchange, ordinarily buys only securities of long-established airlines and aviation manufacturing companies.

Investment by such a conservative concern in Resort Airlines, a young company with new ideas, is in the nature of a big pat on the back. "Naturally, we are very much pleased at the response," said L. C. Burwell, Jr., of Pinehurst, president, when queried by The Pilot Thursday. He said the sun-cruises, low-cost packaged air vacations to resort areas of this hemisphere, are now being readied for the Caribbean and Latin America, with others to Canada and Alaska planned for next summer.

Mr. Burwell said Resort's application is also pending for European cruises.