

### Carl Hill Wins Speech Contest At WSP School

Carl Hill, 17-year-old student of the West Southern Pines High school, was the winner of the annual oratorical contest held at the school Monday night, according to announcement by J. W. Moore, principal.

Carl also won the safety poster contest held there in April. His achievements are the more remarkable in that he is a polio victim, unable to walk, getting about in a wheel chair.

The subject of his contest speech was "The Indomitable Leadership of Booker T. Washington."

Second place winner was Angela Quick, on "Courtesy"; third place, Kathryn Turner, on "Acquiring Our Aim." Honorable mention went to Dorothy Graham, whose subject was "What Is Education and Why Do We Need It?"; Henry Highland, on "Negro Education," and Hester Graham, on "Self-Reliance."

The speeches were delivered without notes. Robert T. Simmons, of the school faculty, was coach.

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### Dr. Bowman Dies At Aberdeen Home

Dr. Hugh Edgar Bowman, prominent Aberdeen physician, died at his home there Sunday morning. Dr. Bowman had been in failing health for some time. He was 79 years of age.

Funeral services were held at the Page Memorial Methodist church at 10 o'clock Tuesday morning, with interment in Old Bethesda cemetery. The service was simple, the family having requested that no flowers be sent, but anyone wishing to do so might contribute to the Dr. Bowman Memorial Fund of the Moore County Hospital.

Dr. Bowman was the sixth son of the late Rev. J. W. and Sarah Prather Bowman and was born in Cedar Pluff, Va., December 31, 1870. He attended Emory and Henry University, Va., and took his degree in medicine at Davidson College, graduating in 1902. After a year's internship in Presbyterian hospital, Charlotte, he started private practice in Blaine.

In May, 1914, Dr. Bowman moved to Aberdeen, where he practiced medicine until his retirement a year ago. During those years he was a member of Page Memorial Methodist church, of the Medical Society of North Carolina and the American Medical Society. He belonged to the Moore County Medical Society and was on the staff of the Moore County hospital.

Dr. Bowman was a Mason and, several years ago, was the recipient of the Sandhills Kiwanis club's "Builder's Cup." Dr. and Mrs. Bowman celebrated their Golden Wedding September 17, 1949.

Surviving are: the deceased's wife, the former Bertha O. Boyce; three sons, J. W. and William Bowman, both of Aberdeen, and Edgar B. Bowman of Selma, Ala.; one brother, Haggood of Old Fort, N. C., six grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

In his career, Dr. Bowman personified the phrase: "Beloved Physician." Known everywhere for his understanding kindness, his office was the goal of all who needed help in time of sickness and trouble. His response to calls, from rich and poor alike, was never failing. A valued member of the medical fraternity, and outstanding citizen in his community, it was in his personal contacts with his patients that this family doctor won a place of affectionate respect.

### Mrs. Florence Grover Dies In Pinebluff

Mrs. Florence B. Grover, widow of the late George William Grover, died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. John Fiddner, in Pinebluff early Tuesday morning.

Services were held Thursday afternoon at four o'clock in the Pinebluff Methodist church, the Rev. J. R. Riggan officiating. Following the funeral, Mrs. Fiddner and her daughter, Mrs. Howard Troutman, accompanied the body to Norwalk, Conn., where there will be a second service Saturday at two o'clock. Burial will take place there in the Crestplain cemetery.

Mrs. Grover, who was 81, was well-known in Pinebluff for many years. She had spent every winter there with her daughter for the past seven years and was a frequent visitor before that.

Besides Mrs. Fiddner, the deceased is survived by four daughters and a son, who live in Connecticut; by a sister and two brothers and by 21 grandchildren and nine great grandchildren.

### Pinebluff Lake Will Be Ready For Summer Use

The Pinebluff Lake dam is completed and the job of removing stumps from the lakebed is now going on. Also, a pier is being built. As soon as this is done the lake will be filled, to give the small community of Pinebluff one of the Sandhills' best recreation areas, probably about the first of June, maybe earlier.

Also, it was learned, the lake property and wooded acreage surrounding has now been bought and paid for, with \$2,500 secured through a town bond election last January.

The dam, replacing one which washed away in the late summer of 1947, was built by local crews under the close supervision of Mayor E. H. Mills and Police Officer K. D. Deaton. A wide dam, widening out still farther at the base, it is reinforced with cement flegging for greater strength. It has a sluice gate and is engineered to take care of overflow in time of flood.

The lake and surrounding forest were sold to the town by Theo Berg.

### Cost Estimate Stymies Plans Of Drama Lovers

Information that it would cost a minimum of \$5,000 the first year to establish a community theatre here on a professional basis, stymied the efforts of a group of drama-lovers, meeting last Friday night.

Erle Hall and Frank Echols, of the University of North Carolina, were present to explain procedures, costs and a projected program. Experienced in many types of drama, trained in the Carolina Playmakers and planning to make the drama their career, the young men assured the group that the plan could not be carried through more cheaply, with any assurance of success.

The feeling that Southern Pines is too small as yet for so ambitious an undertaking, especially in view of other plans in the making for next year, was voiced by all though with much disappointment.

Voit Gilmore presided over the meeting, which was not entirely without result. Mrs. W. F. Henderson was appointed chairman of a committee yet to be named, to work toward some play-producing on an amateur basis, on the foundation of interest uncovered at the meeting.

### Smail Joins Central Carolina Co. Staff

Edwin W. Smail, formerly of Newton, Iowa, has come to Southern Pines in the capacity of commercial superintendent of the Central Carolina Telephone company, according to announcement made this week by John E. Cline, general manager and executive vice president.

Mr. Smail, a Navy veteran of World War 2, entered telephone work in Iowa in the summer of 1947. He is unmarried.

He has taken an apartment at the home of Mrs. Mattie Buttry.

### BOARD MEETING

Board of directors of the Moore County chapter, American Red Cross, will meet at the chapter office at 7:45 p.m., Friday.

### 100 Lots Near Carthage Plant Sold Saturday

An even 100 lots near Carthage were auctioned off at a rapid clip last Saturday afternoon, indicating that the new Carthage Fabrics corporation will really bring growth to the town.

The lots were carved from a 22-acre tract of land on the Old Lumberton road out of Carthage near the new industrial plant which is now almost completed. Half were 50-foot lots, the other half 25-foot lots of which, in most instances, two or more were purchased at a time. Total amount of sales was not revealed.

F. O. Frye, owner of the land,

### Fulton Fry Buried At Culdee Church

Fulton Fry, 67, died Monday at his home at West End, Rt. 1.

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Emelie Lettione Fry; three daughters, Mrs. J. B. Short of Southern

Pines, Mrs. Clyde Hunt of Pinehurst and Mrs. Kelly Russek of Ellerbe; four sons, Charlie and L. D. of Pinehurst, Richard of Manly and Donald Fry of the home; one brother, W. A. Fry of Pinehurst; one sister, Mrs. L. O. Martin of Route 3, Carthage, and 15 grandchildren. Funeral services were held Wednesday at 3 p.m. at the Culdee Presbyterian church near West End. Burial was in the church cemetery.

### INVESTITURE SERVICE

Robert Philip Spring, 23, son of Dr. and Mrs. J. J. Spring of Southern Pines, was invested Sunday at the annual investiture service of seniors at St. Anselm's college, Manchester, N. H. At this service, the seniors received their academic caps and gowns preparatory to graduation June 9.

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