

First Call On New Telephone System Goes To Governor Scott

Cut-over Takes Place Thursday Midnight; New Service Praised

The long-anticipated cutover to Southern Pines' new \$150,000 dial system took place at midnight last Thursday, March 1.

This week the "bugs" were eliminated by fast-working men and this community was enjoying last getting a taste of telephone service, metropolitan style.

Midweek things were in a bit of a running order; the community new equipment appears to be "in the groove" and admiration is heard on all sides.

The first non-local call after the cut-over went to Governor W. W. Scott, outspoken promoter of improved telephone service for the State. The call to Raleigh was placed by John E. Cline, Central Carolina Telephone Company vice-president, before the first invited gathering assembled at the district office on New Hampshire avenue.

After getting the Executive Manager on the wire, Mr. Cline turned the call over to Mayor C. N. Greetings were exchanged with the Governor of North Carolina and the Mayor of Southern Pines. "Congratulations on your progressive step for your fine community. I hope to get down here some day soon, and try out the new phones for myself."

IS IT SPRING?

Is it really spring?
After three months of shivering, Sandhills residents hardly knew at first what to make of the warm bright weather—but this week the evidence is lavishly at hand.

Jonquils, forsythia, spirea and a multitude of other blossoms have burst out in the land. The pear tree in the city park is a snowy wonder, and the peach trees scatter their pink glow across the countryside. Breezes are balmy and the gentle sun shines.

It must be spring!

26 Moore Boys Will Be Inducted Into Army Today

By Bud Harvey

Twenty-six young men, one more than the actual March quota for Moore county, were scheduled to be inducted today (Friday) into the U. S. Army.

After the 25 notices were sent out one youth voluntarily added himself by signing an induction request, said Mrs. Harry W. Davis, draft clerk. In the ordinary course of events was not scheduled to be called up for two or three months. "However," said Mrs. Davis, "he said his employer had fired him, knowing he had passed his physical and was due to be called, and he found it impossible to get another job."

She said there had been two or three instances of the sort. She reminded employers of draftable boys that they are not only supposed to keep the boy in his job until he actually has to go, but to hold it for him until he gets back. This is not only the decent and patriotic thing to do—it is also a part of the GI Bill of Rights.

Forty-five boys went to Fayetteville Monday for their preinduction tests.

Of those leaving today, John McLaurin Prizer has returned (Continued on page 5)

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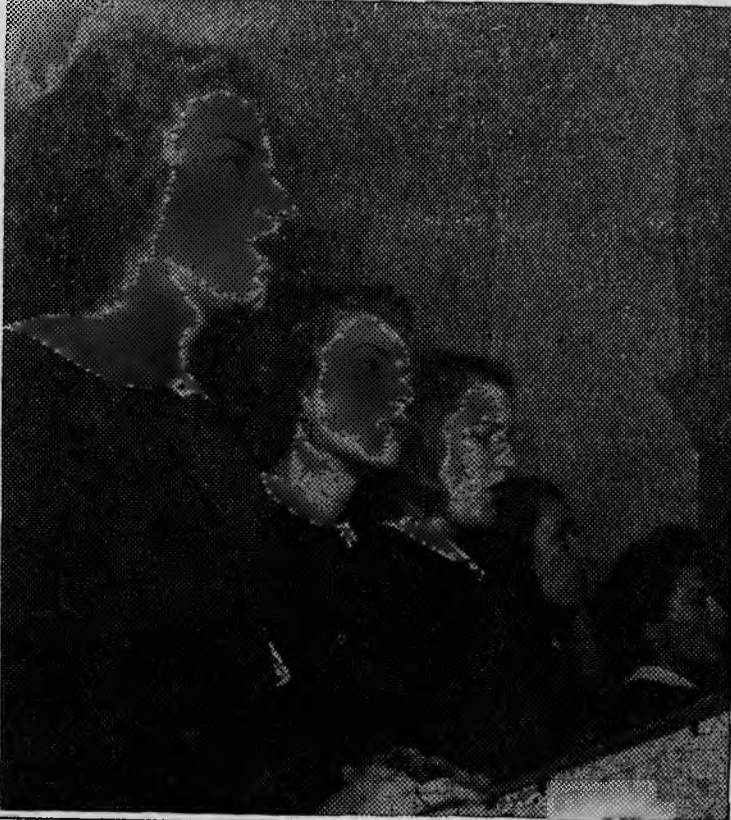
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42-Voice Robert Shaw Chorale Will Sing At Auditorium Saturday



Glimpses of two sections of the Robert Shaw Chorale, which will present a program of unusual entertainment at the Southern Pines auditorium at 8:30 Saturday night. Robert Shaw, termed the foremost young U. S. director, was formerly director of Fred Waring's radio glee club. The Sandhills Music association is sponsoring the concert and tickets may be secured at the Barnum Realty company or at the door.

Turpentine Co-Op Elects Officers: Stock Will Be Sold

The turpentine industry officially came into being under the name of the Carolina Naval Stores Cooperative, Inc., at a meeting Wednesday night at the Aberdeen High school.

The Cooperative elected to set a goal of \$50,000 as total investment with the immediate aim of \$15,000 to construct a still and warehouse in Aberdeen.

Common stock will be available at \$25 per share and can be obtained only by timber owners and operators or those leasing timber. Preferred stock at four per cent interest will be sold at the same price.

The Cooperative elected James Boyd, Jr., of Southern Pines as its president and Clyde Auman of West End as vice president. Tom Upchurch of Raeford, together with the two officers named will constitute the executive committee.

Nine directors were elected to serve one, two and three-year terms. These terms were decided by the directors drawing numbers. Those chosen were James Fulk and R. E. Matthews, Carthage (Continued on Page 5)

Church Census Slated Sunday

A religious census of the Southern Pines and vicinity will be taken Sunday afternoon under the joint sponsorship of the five Protestant churches of Southern Pines and Manly. The information sought will be of a general nature, and will include church membership and, in the case of non-church members, denominational preference, if any, and local church preference, if any.

Children and adults will all be included in the census and families are requested to remain at home, if possible, until a census taker has visited them, which it is anticipated will be early in the afternoon.

About 80 men and women of all the churches will take the census, gathering at the First Baptist church at 12:30 for luncheon preliminary to going out on their block-by-block canvass. They will work in teams of two, with about 15 houses assigned to each team. The luncheon will be furnished and served by ladies of all the participating churches.

The census is being taken in the effort to find suitable church homes for those desiring them, and to provide statistics on present and potential membership on which the churches may base their activity plans, for the benefit of the community as a whole. The information will be made available to all churches whether or not they take part in the census.

Participating churches are the First Baptist, Brown Memorial Presbyterian, Emmanuel Episcopal and Church of Wide Fellowship (Congregational Christian) in Southern Pines, and the Manly Presbyterian church.

Red Cross Faces Big Tasks, Speakers Say As Dinner Opens \$18,577 Drive

Vital tasks facing the American Red Cross today, with emphasis on services to our fighting men in Korea, were stressed by Richard N. Hart, Red Cross field director at Fort Bragg, speaking at the Moore County chapter's campaign dinner held Wednesday night at the Southland hotel.

The event marked the start of the 1951 fund raising campaign in which a county quota of \$18,577 is being sought. Present were campaign chairmen and Red Cross chapter officials, with special guests. From Director Hart, who has had charge of Red Cross administration and activities at Fort Bragg for 10 years, they heard of the all-out manner in which the Red Cross has assumed the responsibility of the blood donation program, and the generosity of the response.

"During four days when the bloodmobile was at Fort Bragg 1,200 pints of blood were donated, and if we had had the facilities we could have received 2,000 more. It did my heart good to see it," he said.

Within four days after blood is donated through the American Red Cross, it is in Korea ready for administration to save the lives of wounded men. Seven countries of the United Nations have Red Cross workers in Korea, he said.

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Youths Escape Serious Hurts In Head-On Collision

This week's shocking series of automobile accidents was lengthened by one Wednesday night, a head-on collision on US Highway 1 south in which six young people miraculously escaped with their lives.

Of four Sandhills teenagers in the northbound vehicle two remained at patients at Moore County hospital. These were Leon Wylie, Jr., 19, Pinebluff, and Catherine Hussey of Southern Pines, who suffered cuts and bruises with a possible concussion for Wylie. Arthur Ivey, 17, of Aberdeen, suffered a shoulder injury and Elaine Johnson of Southern Pines was unhurt. All were badly shaken up.

Pvt. James Lee Edwards, 25, of Carney, Md., driver of the southbound car, and his passenger, Pvt. David Lee Lemke, were unhurt. The State Highway Patrol report described the two soldiers, who were heading for a Florida fur-lough from Andrews AFB as "in highly intoxicated condition."

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Mrs. Griffin Hurt As Car Crashes

Mrs. Bessie J. Griffin, Moore County register of deeds, was painfully injured Saturday when her car left the road and hit a tree on the old Vass-Lakeview highway about 1 p. m.

Mrs. Griffin is said to have become ill while driving from Vass to her home at Lakeview, and to have fainted at the wheel. In the subsequent crash she suffered cuts about the face and some bad bruises, and her knee-cap was shattered. Passersby found her in a semi-conscious condition in the car about 20 minutes or a half hour later.

She was taken to the Moore County hospital, where she remains as a patient. Mrs. Katherine Primm, deputy register, has been appointed acting register of deeds during her absence.

Mrs. Griffin is the wife of G. E. Griffin, who has an insurance business at Vass. She was formerly town clerk of Vass, was elected register of deeds last June after a lively campaign and runoff, and took office in December.

16 Girls' Teams Will Play Here Next Week In State Tournament

GOLF CLASSES

Golf classes for Southern Pines High School students are being started this week at the Southern Pines Country club, with Eddie Dodson, club pro-manager, as teacher.

The classes are being held each Tuesday and Thursday from 4 to 5 p. m. Club facilities and Mr. Dodson's services are being given without charge. A request went out this week for golf clubs, to be given or loaned, for the students to use. Anyone with clubs which they may turn over for this useful purpose is asked to let Mr. Dodson know, or bring them to the club. A number of sets are needed.

Basketball Event Second Annual In Local Gym

Sixteen teams have been selected to compete in the Girls' State Invitational High School Basketball tournament, to be held for the second year in the Southern Pines gymnasium, starting Monday night and continuing through to finals Saturday.

Announcement of the pairings was made by Robert E. Lee, Aberdeen principal and tournament chairman. The tournament is sponsored by Aberdeen and Southern Pines school officials. The selections were made, as last year, from among teams nominated by sports editors of the state dailies, listing teams of their areas on the basis of the past year's records and past tournament performance.

This year's tournament is expected to prove a crowd-drawing attraction even greater than last year's, when hosts of local fans joined those of the participants' home towns to witness thrilling exhibitions of topnotch basketball.

Cool Springs of Iredell county, unbeaten in 17 games, was seeded No. 1 with Lincolnton, last year's champion, second, Trinity third and Windsor fourth.

The 16 teams to compete and their records are Rutherfordton (Continued on Page 5)

James Soles Dies In Collision Of Taxi And Truck

James Edward Soles, 24, was fatally injured when the taxi in which he was a passenger was in collision about 3 a. m., Sunday with a tractor-trailer headed south on US Highway 1 at the Massachusetts avenue intersection.

This was the first highway fatality to take place within the Southern Pines city limits in more than six years.

The taxi containing six young men entered the intersection going east, was struck in the left side by the tractor belonging to Griggs Trucking company of Ruby, S. C., and was thrown off the street to the parkway where it crashed against a pole. Soles, who police said had had the rear right-hand seat, was flung from the door. An ambulance was summoned at once, but he died of a fractured skull and other injuries before reaching the hospital.

Injured in the wreck and remaining as a patient at Moore County hospital was William G. Roth, Jr., who was also a passenger in the taxi. He suffered chest injuries and lacerations but the latest report is that there are no serious.

Slightly injured, or unhurt, were the rest of the taxi's occupants—James B. Stoots, driver of the vehicle, which was owned by Bill Jackson; Lawrence Neville of Boston, Mass., an employee of Highland Pines Inn; James Larimore and Frank Smith of Southern Pines.

Neville is reported to have been the only paying passenger. The others went along "for the ride" and to discuss with Stoots some arrangements concerning a band of which he is a member.

There is a stoplight at the intersection where the crash took place. Both drivers said the light appeared green to them. Chief C. E. Newton reported that investigation is continuing. He said that Stoots and Leland Eddins, of Ruby, S. C., driver of the tractor-trailer, had both been placed under arrest on a technical charge (Continued on Page 8)

Many Fires In Moore Forests; Warning Issued

Forest and brush fires averaging three a day are keeping the county's fire fighters busy, and Warden E. W. Davis of the N. C. Forest Service this week begged, "Please be careful in your burning-off!"

In the past two weeks a dozen major fires have devastated many acres of tinder-dry woodland. Recent showers have helped the situation but have not eliminated it, he said. Burning-off without proper equipment or enough workers on hand for protection has been the cause of most of them, the forest warden said.

The most destructive, and also the largest, fires occurred last Friday, one on the heels of the other. The first ravaged about 25 acres of closely growing young pines belonging to Durwood McLeod, between Southern Pines and Aberdeen. The fire ran from treetop to treetop with lightning speed. Carelessness of two colored workers engaged in burning off was ascribed as the cause and they paid slightly more than \$10 suppression costs—a tiny fraction of the actual loss.

The largest forest fire of the two-week period covered about 112 acres near the Von Canon lake at West End.

The fires have been scattered all over the county, with most of them occurring along the Moore-Hoke line from Cameron to Southern Pines.

"If people would only have on hand a shovel, a rake or two and a couple of cans of water, many of these fires could be put out at once," Davis said. "As it is, they get out of control and are soon spreading far and wide."

Cameron Elected Rotary President

Herbert N. Cameron, local automobile dealer and oil distributor, was elected president of the Southern Pines Rotary club at the weekly luncheon meeting held last Friday at the Village Inn.

The office of vice president goes by Rotary tradition to the retiring president, E. J. Austin. Secretary-treasurer will be Russell Lorenson, a reelection.

Directors in addition to the officers, all of whom will be installed at the first meeting in July, were named as follows: the Rev. C. V. Covell, E. Nolley Jackson, Dr. Irvin Trinchler and June Phillips.

Dr. Trinchler, who was recently inducted into membership in the club, was in charge of Friday's program, of which the main feature was a film on cancer. Modern strides in detection and treatment of the disease, which in many cases is curable if discovered in time, were revealed in

Auto License Agency Opening Set March 19

The Chamber of Commerce office will become a branch agency for the sale of motor vehicle licenses Monday, March 19, it was announced by President Arch F. Coleman this week.

H. P. Kirk, field secretary of the Carolina Motor club, will arrive on that date and remain for several days helping the office staff over their first hurdles in connection with the work.

It had been planned to establish the agency as of next Monday morning, March 12, but Mr. Kirk found he was unable to come until a week later. The Carolina Motor club has jurisdiction over all license sales branches in the state, in cooperation with the main office at Raleigh, which is under the N. C. Department of Motor Vehicles.

The Southern Pines office will serve all the Moore-Hoke territory covering thousands of vehicle owners who have hitherto had to obtain their license plates elsewhere. The nearest branches have been those at Sanford, Fayetteville and Rockingham. While a small income will accrue to the office from the sale, the idea is primarily that of service to the community and its environs, said Mr. Coleman.

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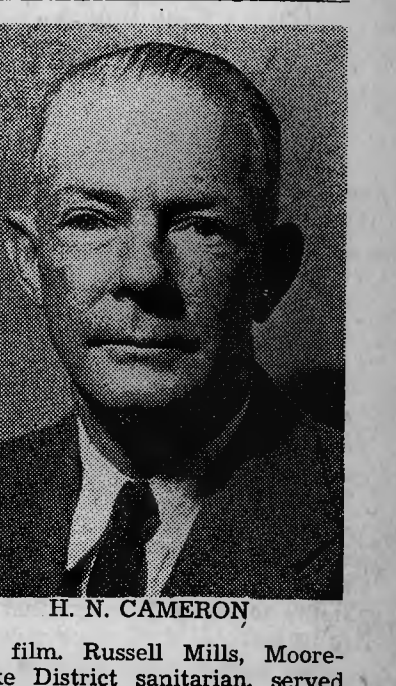
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