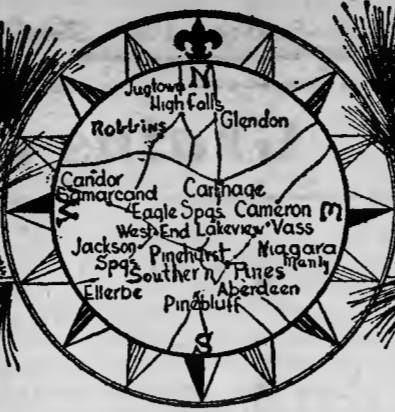


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Ethel Davis Takes Oath As Assistant Clerk

Former Deputy Has Served County for 22 Years

The first time in its history, Moore County has an assistant clerk.

Ethel Davis, deputy clerk since 1929, was sworn in last week as assistant to Carlton C. Kennerly, clerk of superior court. The ceremony gives her signature authority equal to that of the clerk, and she may sign any and all instruments which come under the jurisdiction.

As deputy, her authority was limited and there were a number of types of instruments which she could not sign. This made for inconvenience in the recording of instruments at times when Clerk Kennerly was in court or otherwise occupied, and for this reason is understood lawyers of Moore County have been pushing the change for some time.

The change puts Moore up with other North Carolina counties, a majority of which have at least one assistant to the clerk of court. At the 51 General Assembly session, an amendment permitting Moore to have one assistant, and some larger counties have two.

Ethel Davis has been in the clerk's office since October 8, 1929. Serving under the late W. H. Wilcox, she became deputy in 1929. Following Mr. Wilcox's death in March 1950, she pointed clerk and served in this capacity until recently assumed office last week.

The new office is a promotion in salary except in her salary, which remains the same, unless the commissioners figure in the 1951-52 budget.

Light Will Be Called As Head of Legion Post

Miss M. Dwight will be installed as commander of the American Legion, Moore County, at the installation ceremonies to be held at the Legion hut on Main avenue next Thursday at 8 o'clock.

In charge of the installation will be W. M. Pickens of Raeford, executive vice-commander of the North Carolina department of the American Legion, assisted by District Commander W. Swoope of Pinehurst. District officials, past and present, are being invited to the ceremony and a good attendance is expected.

Major Dwight is accompanied by the following: Jerry V. First vice commander; Carl Kobatz, second vice commander; Lloyd L. Woolley, adjutant; finance officer; Virgil P. Sergeant-at-arms; W. H. D., historian, and Dan R.

Selection of Major Dwight, who succeeded A. Don Hurst in the post command, returned to office a man who had led his organization through a hard time. He served as commander for a term about 15 years before a veteran of two wars, returned to service during World War 2.

and Mrs. Raymond Hubbell Make Money Back Into Melodious Past

and Mrs. Raymond Hubbell are spending the summer in New York last week, was also a journey about years into a glorious past. They found themselves among wonderful friends, in a golden era of music, glamour. It was a happy occasion, and one too, for so many friends were gone.

The chief one missed was the one whose memory the occasion was a man loved not only by friends but by millions who never saw him. This was

PONZER WINS

John L. Ponzer, division industrial engineer with the Carolina Power and Light company, was notified last week that he had won second place in a national contest on industrial lighting. The honor carried with it a cash prize.

The contest was that of the Benjamin Electric company of DesPlaines, Ill., one of the world's largest manufacturers of lighting equipment. Held annually, the contest this year was a special one, as it observed the company's 50th year. A large number of entries were drawn from all over the United States, and some foreign countries.

Judging in the contest's industrial division was on the application of correct engineering principles in planning and installation, and the quality and quantity of service rendered.

The project which won for the local man was the lighting installation at the CPL's great Lumberton steam plant.

Scoggin Reelected Head of County TB Association

Meeting at the home of Dr. and Mrs. T. A. Cheatham in Pinehurst Thursday night of last week, the executive committee and directors of the Moore County Tuberculosis association reelected W. C. Scoggin of Robbins president of the association for the coming year. Mr. Scoggin has completed his first year as president of the countywide organization that is a cooperating unit of the State and national tuberculosis associations.

Other officers elected were: Rev. J. R. Funderburk, Negro minister of Southern Pines, first vice-president, who has served during the past year in that office.

Lawrence Johnson of Aberdeen, second vice-president, succeeding Mrs. J. Talbot Johnson of Aberdeen.

Mrs. Timothy Cleary of Pinebluff, secretary, succeeding Mrs. Henrietta Courtway of Aberdeen.

Dr. T. A. Cheatham of Pinehurst, treasurer, who has previously served in that office.

Norris Hodgkins, Jr., of Southern Pines, assistant treasurer, a new position established this year.

Contributions Reported

Mr. Funderburk reported at the meeting that an appeal he had addressed to pastors in the Moore County Interdenominational Ministers Alliance in May had resulted in contributions by members of the churches, all Negro, of \$156.20. In his letter to the pastors, Mr. Funderburk noted two emergency tuberculosis cases, both Negroes, receiving medical care through the Moore County Tuberculosis association, and asked the pastors to appeal to their congregations for donations.

Mrs. Mary Poe, public health nurse with the Moore County health department, who is also a director of the tuberculosis association, reported generous aid given to another distress case, at Vass. There, a Negro mother of nine children is reported ill with the disease. Contributions of some \$150 have been made by both white and colored of the community.

The board decided to do everything possible to assist with all these cases, and to work to secure their admission to a state institution as soon as possible.

St. Joseph of the Pines hospital, completing its third fiscal year, this week looked back on a proud total of 4,746 patients served, or an average of approximately 1,550 per year.

Of this number, 2,767 were white and 1,979 Negro patients, said the hospital report. Surgical procedures totaled 1,281, averaging 427 per year. Births totaled 729, of which 356 were white and 373 Negro.

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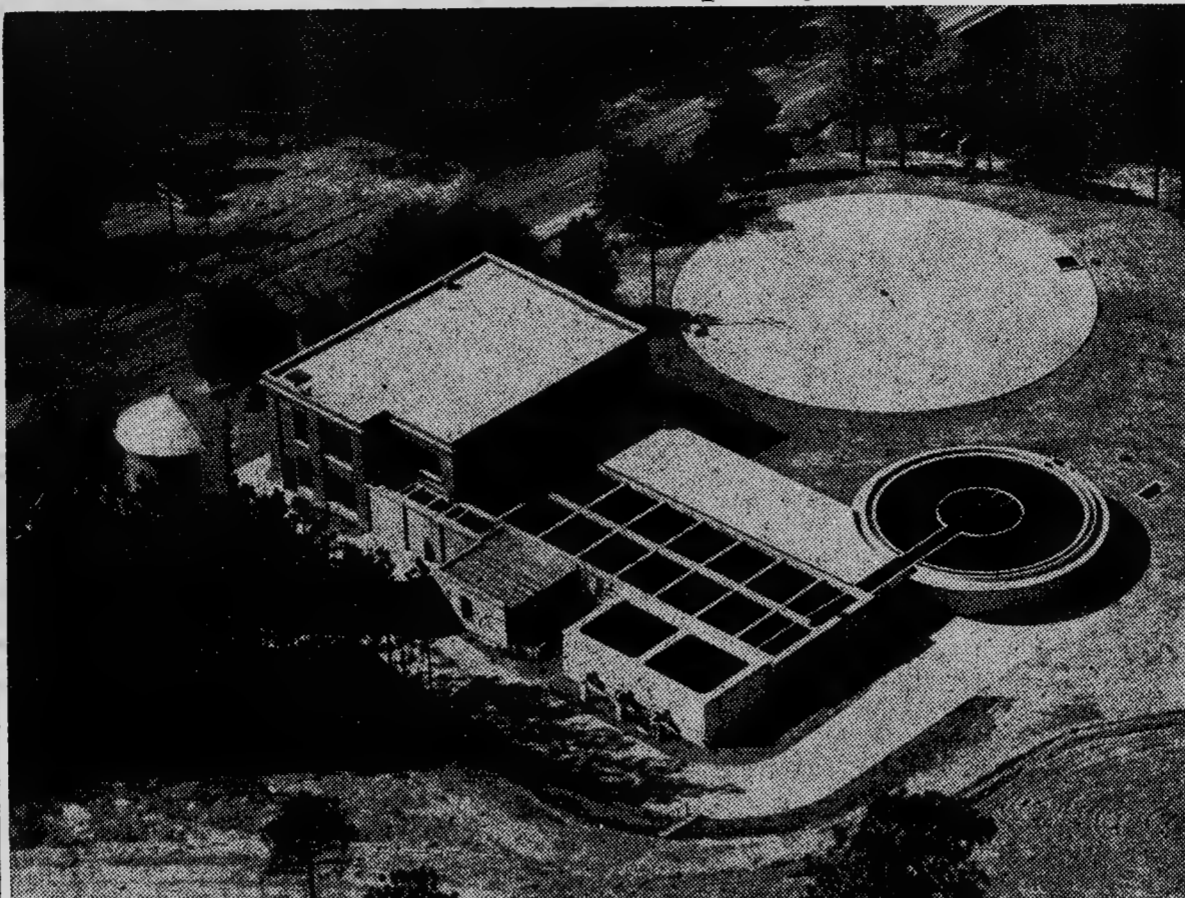
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Just Two Survived

Of the nine men who founded ASCAP just two are alive today, Raymond Hubbell, composer of much of the show music of that

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Southern Pines Water Plant Capacity Now Doubled



An air view of the Southern Pines water plant on the Carthage road, which was recently increased in size and equipment to a capacity of 2,000,000 gallons a day. Modern equipment and laboratory facilities were added to make this the equal of plants in many far larger cities. Cost of the enlargement was \$255,000, provided through a bond issue voted by the people in August 1949. Ralph Mills is superintendent of the plant and purification. (Air photo by Emerson Humphrey)

General Meyer Will Command Aggressor Forces

Brig. Gen. Henry J. D. Meyer, veteran of Korea and artillery officer of XV Corps, based at Camp Polk, La., arrived at Camp Mack all this week to take command of the Aggressor Army forces which will participate in the joint Army-Air Force training exercise "Southern Pine."

The maneuver, which is designed to afford advanced training to more than 110,000 men, is scheduled to get officially under way August 13, when all participating units will have reported in.

The Aggressor forces under General Meyer's command will number more than 20,000 men.

In Korea, General Meyer commanded the 24th Infantry Division Artillery, which was recognized for effectively firing the greatest number of rounds during the Korean fighting.

"During his 33-year Army career, this veteran artillery commander has seen service in Hawaii, the Philippines, Africa, Europe and Korea. In World War 2 he participated in campaigns in

St. Joseph's Reports On Three Years of Service

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Senator Hoey Reaffirms Faith In U. S. As Thousands Jam Carthage July 4

MEANEST THIEF

Southern Pines school band was scheduled to play in the Fourth of July parade at Carthage Wednesday. They missed the date—but it wasn't their fault.

Someone who must surely be classified as one of the world's meanest people had stolen the battery from the school-owned bus.

All dressed up and ready to go, with new blouses and ties specially bought for the occasion, the young folks showed up at the appointed time. They got on the bus but it wouldn't go. Investigation showed the trouble.

It took time to round up some private cars for the dash to Carthage, and by the time they got there, the parade was over.

Summer Program Slates Recreation Events For Girls

A baseball game between the Southern Pines and Pinehurst municipal recreation program groups will be held at 2:30 p.m. Monday on the Southern Pines Memorial field, it was announced by Lynn H. Ledden, recreation director and coach. All boys wanting to play are asked to come to the field for practice today (Friday) at 1:30 p.m.

Little League practice (boys 9 to 13) is well attended, Director Ledden said. Cooperating with Coach Ray McDonald of the West Side team, and Coach W. R. Thomasson of the East Side team, he is directing hour-long practice sessions on Mondays and Fridays.

The East Side team practices at 1:30, the West Side at 2:30 on those afternoons. At 4:30 p.m., Wednesdays, a game is held.

A large group of girls is attending the sewing class of the municipal summer recreation program, which is being held each Tuesday from 10 a.m. till noon at the high school home ec room. Instructors are Mrs. Broadus Smith, Mrs. Roland Norton, Mrs. Arthur Preiss and Mrs. Marshall Palmer.

On account of the sewing class, the girls' tennis period has been changed to Thursday morning instead of Tuesday, with the boys' tennis period coming up Tuesday morning instead, Mr. Ledden said.

Faye Johnson of Cameron Wins Title "Miss Moore County"

The largest throng ever seen at Carthage—estimated at some 8,000 people—jammed the streets for the 14th annual Fourth of July celebration, held by the Carthage Jaycees.

A big crowd was present early in the day, to hear Senator Clyde E. Hoey's patriotic speech, and increased during the ensuing hours despite occasional showers.

Except for raining out the baseball game before it was long under way, the showers failed to dampen the spirits of the people or to interfere very much with the planned sequence of events.

The opening prayer was delivered at 9:30 a. m. by Dr. W. S. Golden of the Carthage Presbyterian church, and Jaycee President W. Stowe Cole presented Mayor Archie L. Barnes for a speech of welcome.

The 440th Army band from Fort Bragg, 45 men strong, played under direction of Chief Warrant Officer John R. Callahan.

Beauty Winner

Miss Faye Johnson of Cameron won the title of Miss Moore County in the beauty contest, with Miss Nancy Wallace of Carthage as runner-up. The beauty queen was crowned by Miss Moore County of 1950, Miss Bobby Deane Phillips of Aberdeen, and all three

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Postal Receipts For Half Year Show Healthy Gain

Postal receipts for the first six months of 1951 totaled \$27,857.34, a healthy gain of 17.4 per cent over the same period of the previous year, according to the semi-annual report of Postmaster A. Garland Pierce.

Receipts for January-June 1950 were \$23,718.07. The gain this year over last was \$4,139.27.

Building Permits Issued Here Top \$250,000 In Year's First Six Months

SOFTBALL TONIGHT

Pinebluff will play Pinehurst at 7:30, and Southern Pines will meet West End at 9 tonight, in the Lions Clubs softball doubleheader on the lighted Pinehurst field.

In Wednesday's doubleheader, the 7:30 game will be Southern Pines vs. Carthage, followed by Pinehurst vs. West End at 9.

Much interest is being shown in the games, which are being played at Pinehurst each Wednesday and Friday evening through August 4. (July 27 and August 1 are listed as open dates.) Though some of the players are going around with stiff legs and backs, alibiing that they "haven't played in years," the action is lively and the quality of ball played is generally good.

Dr. D. W. Whitehead is chairman of the interclub project for the Southern Pines club.

More Than \$200,000 For New Residential Construction

Building permits were issued in Southern Pines during the first six months of 1951 in the amount of \$252,055, of which \$207,600 was for new residential construction.

Forty permits were issued during that time, it was learned from Everette V. Walker, city building inspector.

Only three permits went for business construction, for a total of \$26,000. Southern Pines owners secured 15 permits, totaling \$22,550, for "alterations and additions." Miscellaneous construction—two garages, a cinder-block trash shed and a watchman's building—totaled \$2,805.

Of the 18 permits issued for new residential building, actually more dwelling units are involved, as one was for an apartment building, two for two-family dwellings, and one for "residence and apartment."

Of the "alterations and additions," a number added apartments and living space to residences already built.

Business building permits were for the Parkway Cleaners building, on East Pennsylvania, the annex to the L. V. O'Callaghan store on East Connecticut and—issued last Saturday—for the new office building to house the H. L. Brown agency, on West Pennsylvania next to the A & P supermarket.

Ground is due to be broken for this within the next week or two.

Of the permits which have been issued since January 1, most of the buildings have been completed and a number of homes are now under construction. This includes the apartment building, which is being put up by the Carolina Daco corporation on North May street, and which will probably

Cape Fear RR Contract Renewed

The U. S. Army contract with the Cape Fear Railway company was renewed July 1 for one year, according to information received from the legislative and liaison service of the army at Washington D. C.

Under terms of the contract, the private owner will continue to haul freight and personnel for the Army over the four and a half miles of track from the terminal near Aberdeen, in return maintaining the Cape Fear tracks and also 27 miles of government-owned track and a roundhouse inside the reservation.

Cape Fear derives its income through contracts with the adjoining Aberdeen & Rockfish and Atlantic Coast Line railroads, providing for a split on rates for Army freight and personnel delivered by them to the terminal.

According to the information from Washington, "The Army turns over the hauling job to this private line to be relieved of having to engage in the railroad business. It is estimated that if the Army had to maintain its own tracks and roundhouse, it would cost some \$40,000 per year."

The Cape Fear owns no rolling stock, renting two locomotives from the Army at \$600 per month, the information said.

The arrangement with the Army has been in effect since March 1930, at which time the late Henry A. Page, Jr., was president of the Cape Fear. It is still owned by members of his family.

The depression then under way, and the resulting cut in Army finances, presumably played a part in the Army's decision to lease the small government-owned line.

With the coming of World War 2 and the tremendous expansion of Fort Bragg, the line became one of the country's busiest, and the arrangement made in 1930 has been continued as one of usefulness to the great military installation.

Since 1940 supplies and personnel have been transported by the Cape Fear in quantities believed unprecedented for such a short line, and the arrangement will doubtless continue as long as the Army needs to have the job done.

Child Drowned In Farm Pond Near Carthage

Nancy Ruth Seawell, aged seven, was drowned Sunday afternoon about 3 o'clock, while playing amid a laughing group of children and young people in the farm pond on Tom Finchum's place, in the Calvary section about five miles west of Carthage.

A jury impaneled Monday morning by Coroner H. P. Kelly rendered a verdict of accidental death, exonerating a young soldier from blame for any action contributing to the tragedy. The soldier, Pvt. Robert T. Williams, had figured vaguely in the recollection of one youngster present as having been "teaching Nancy Ruth to swim" shortly before she was missed. At the inquest, the youngster's story was changed, and the jury found the recollection too vague to have any weight.

Most reliable evidence concerning the death came from Rebecca Diggs, 13, who said Nancy went with a group to the far side of the pond, and declared that she was going to go back across the water. Rebecca said she warned

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Juniors Asked To Register Now For First Aid Course

A junior Red Cross first aid course, for young people 12, 13 and 14 years of age, will be given here by the Moore County chapter with cooperation of the summer recreation program.

A certified instructor has been secured and registration should be made by Tuesday at the Red Cross chapter house, so the class can get to work right away, said O. D. Griffin, chapter chairman of first aid.

Instruction will be given at the high school building, through cooperation of Supt. A. C. Dawson, Jr.

Mr. Dawson, who is also chairman of the Municipal Recreation Commission, said this week, "I strongly urge that our boys and girls take advantage of this opportunity. It would be splendid for them to put in some of their playtime on learning first aid, which may be extremely useful to themselves and to others. To take such a course as this is one of our first defense duties, and it is as important for young people as for grown-ups."

The course is one of several which the Red Cross chapter is offering, as part of its defense obligation, as outlined by Defense Secretary Gen. George C. Marshall.

Mr. Griffin said that both standard and advanced classes will be made up, as soon as enough people register. Instructors are now available for all the courses.