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Control Reports Series of Accidents; Injured In Crash Near Cameron

Warning Given of Quickened Traffic, Careless Driving

After a long lull in which safe-driving campaigns seemed to be taking effect, a number of accidents occurred last week—some reported, and numerous minor accidents which are not reported. Traffic is picking up all over the area, perhaps on account of the military situation. Whatever the cause, local patrolmen this week urge greater caution on the part of all drivers.

People were injured, none seriously, in a head-on collision between two cars Sunday evening about 8:45 on the curve of the Niagara road leaves US 1, about a mile north of Southern Pines.

Accidents at Moore County hospital various lacerations and bruises were Mrs. George Harris and Mrs. Charlie Drew of Southern Pines, also Odell Northington. Treated at St. Joseph's hospital were Earl Ross, 25, and Miss Naomi of Burlington. All were released at once except young Mr. and Mrs. Harris, who are being treated at Moore County hospital.

Accidents, Make Emergency Arrests

Sequence of odd accidents over the last weekend was dispensed by the fact that a State Patrol car was right in the middle of two of them, once a victim of collision by another, the other time nearly

cars, a tractor-trailer moving and the patrol car were involved in the series, with some done to all of them. Net result was one man arrested for reckless driving, one arrested for careless driving, two for public nuisance and one for careless driving. No one was injured. Driver piling up the last impressive set of charges was named as Dr. Everett A. of Winston-Salem.

City carrier routes of the Southern Pines post office will be extended, starting Monday, to take in some new areas, including recently built-up blocks in the Edgewood and Knollwood developments within the city limits.

RE ACCIDENTS

More accidents were reported this week, including one in which a patrolman served as unexpected

shooting across US 1 south from the Aberdeen road toward

Motors Monday evening fetching up sharp

light pole, crossed in front of the patrol

even by Patrolman C. The car was damaged

and the driver, Coolidge McKenzie,

West End Rt. 1, was the forehead and spent

at Moore County. His companion, Ver-

port, was unhurt. Mc-

was arrested for driving and careless

less driving.

Collision involving Army truck and civil-

ian at the NC 15 and 211

below Aberdeen day morning sent the

ver to Moore County Soldier-driver of the

as bound over to re-

count on reckless driv-

ing. Names of the two

not available at

FIRST CASE

Faye Pope, 10-year-old daughter of James M. Pope of Carthage Rt. 3, was found to have polio, following tests administered Sunday night at the Moore County hospital.

The little girl was taken immediately to the Central Carolina Convalescent Center at Greensboro. No official report concerning her condition had been made to the health department early this week, but her case was said to be probably a light one.

This is the first case of polio reported for Moore county this year.

Paving Begins On Manchester Road By Army Contract

Grade Separation Bridge Planned For Cameron Crossing

The long-awaited paving of the Manchester road on the Fort Bragg military reservation started Monday, with the prospect that the job will be completed by Christmas.

Announcement that the contract had been let to the C. G. Tate Construction company of Concord was a surprise announcement made last Thursday by Brig. Gen. Pearson Menoher, deputy post commander at Fort Bragg.

General Menoher said that the road will be hardsurfaced all the way from the present surfaced road near Pope AFB to the end of the reservation, which is bordered by county roads of both Moore and Hoke counties. It will have an eight-inch stabilized base with surface of a bituminous material, with concrete crossings at intervals for tanks and other tracked military vehicles.

Cameron Crossing Along with the announcement came another of great importance (Continued on Page 8)

Carrier Service Will Start Monday For New Areas

City carrier routes of the Southern Pines post office will be extended, starting Monday, to take in some new areas, including recently built-up blocks in the Edgewood and Knollwood developments within the city limits.

Authorization requested about two weeks ago was quickly granted by the postal department, reported Postmaster A. Garland Pierce.

Blocks to be included in the service are the 300 and 400 blocks of West Delaware avenue; 200 and 300 blocks on Crestview road; 800 and 1,000 blocks of North Leake street; 500, 600 and 700 blocks of North Bennett street; also the 200 block of West Rhode Island avenue.

Parcel post and COD deliveries by truck will, however, not start until August 1.

Collection of mail in the neighborhood of the multiple-unit Knollwood apartments began Thursday of this week, with the removal of a little-used box from another section of town to this new suburban development.

The extension of city carrier service will add some 325 patrons to the approximately 2,000 now receiving mail delivery, said Postmaster Pierce. Since the service was established 16 months ago, the number of carrier service patrons has more than doubled, and is growing every day.

Post office boxes are all taken, a condition which prevailed when the carrier service began March 15, 1950, and in fact was a prime reason for its establishment. "It is hard to realize today that there was opposition to the service," the postmaster said. "There is certainly no opposition apparent now, and new families moving in take for granted their mail will be delivered."

"The change was made at exactly the right time, though it could not be foreseen then how valuable it would become within a few months."



Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Irwin, on the terrace of their home on Fairway road. (Photo by Emerson Humphrey)

"Golden Hammock" By Laetitia Irwin Gives Vivid Picture of Another Day

NOVELIST ON AIR

Laetitia Irwin, whose novel "The Golden Hammock" was published Thursday, will appear today (Friday) as guest star on the Mary Margaret McBride program on the ABC network.

Broadcast over WJZ, New York City, at 1 p. m., the program will be heard in this section over WNAO, Raleigh (850 on your dial), WFLB, Fayetteville, is also an ABC station and will probably carry the program.

Mr. and Mrs. Irwin are spending the summer at Seatauket, L. I., N. Y. The book was written in Southern Pines, where they are residents during most of the year.

Warmly Human Novel, Lavishly Detailed, Published This Week

This week marked the publication of "The Golden Hammock," a novel of the South in the early years of this century, and the emergence of a new adopted-Tar Heel author, Laetitia Irwin of Southern Pines.

Issuance of the book Thursday by Little, Brown & Co. of Boston marks more of an accomplishment than meets the eye. Years ago Mrs. Irwin, then Laetitia McDonald, wrote a couple of novels, numerous short stories and articles and a play, which was produced on Broadway. Then she married Wallace Irwin, journalist, novelist and humorist, and laid her own writing aside. She raised two sons to manhood, became a grandmother three or four times over, and only then hied herself back to her typewriter to do the best writing of her career—no mean feat, as any practicing writer can tell you.

"In the Great Tradition" Winter visitors in Southern Pines for many years, the Irwins bought a home here five years ago and have stayed here since except for spending the summers at Seatauket, Long Island, N. Y. Her longtime friend and neighbor in Southern Pines, Struthers Burt, wrote her there last week, "Dear Tish—God bless you, my child, you've written a real novel; full-fledged, full-bodied and in the great tradition. You've made a place, and a period, and the people who lived in them come to life, and walk up and down, and talk. Fascinating! My congratulations." His wife, Katharine Newlin Burt, called "The Golden Hammock" "a golden book, full of" (Continued on Page 8)

Peach Growers Facing Crucial Two-Week Period

The next two weeks are crucial ones as far as the Sandhills peach crop is concerned, it was learned from John P. Capus, reporter with the federal-state market news office here.

With favorable weather conditions, the popular Elbertas and Georgia Belles, soon to start moving out in heavy supply, can make up to the grower for earlier disappointment. A big percentage of the shipments made up to now has consisted of fruit dwarfed by weeks of drought, bringing poor returns.

The next two weeks will be the peak of the season, and the outlook is wonderful for the good orchardist. However, prolonged rain can make the fruit soggy, or, if followed by a heat wave, can make it ripen too fast. Growers (Continued on page 8)

Youth Drowned In Farm Pond; Third In July

Moore county's third drowning in a two-week period took place Saturday afternoon in the farm pond on the Thomas place near Cameron.

Harry Lee Foy, 22, Negro tobacco worker from Bennettsville, S. C., drowned while swimming with several other workers in the pond. Paul and Cortis Thomas are owners of the farm.

Coroner H. P. Kelly rendered a verdict of accidental drowning, and the body was sent to Bennettsville for burial. Details of the happening are not known.

Two of Moore's drownings have been in farm ponds, built for fishing and conservation purposes rather than for swimming. Nancy Ruth Seawell, aged seven, was the first victim, drowning Sunday, July 1, in the pond on the Tom Flinchum place near Carthage. Willie Blue, Negro youth of Sanford, drowned Wednesday, July 4, while swimming in the lake at Oakland Park, Negro recreational center near Lakeview.

Bloom Family Is Burned Out; Donations Asked

The farm home of Benjamin B. Bloom, on Vass Rt. 2, was completely destroyed, with all its furnishings, by fire last Thursday night. The family barely escaped with what they had on.

No details of the fire have been learned, except that, with no water available, there was nothing Mr. and Mrs. Bloom and their two young children could do except watch their home and all possessions burn.

The Red Cross, following investigation of the tragedy, immediately supplied some essential items and opened its facilities for reception of contributed goods.

Mr. Bloom is a World War 2 veteran, and both the VFW and local Legion post are helping.

However, much is needed in the way of furnishings, utensils, bed clothing, etc., also clothing for the two little boys, aged five and three. Donations may be taken to the Red Cross headquarters on South Broad street, for immediate delivery to the Blooms. The disaster-stricken family is temporarily housed in a storage building on the Doub farm, the same farm where they have been renting.

County Tax Rate Upped For School Building Program

Tentative Rate of \$1.35 Will Finance Immediate Needs

For full summary of estimated county budget for 1951-52, see bottom of Page 10.

A tentative tax rate of \$1.35 was set for Moore county by the commissioners in special session last Friday, based on an estimated property evaluation of \$34,000,000.

This represents an overall increase of 25 cents over last year's rate of \$1.10. Actually, according to John C. Muse, county auditor, the rate for general purposes has been decreased three cents, to \$1.07 per \$100 valuation, while 28 cents has been added toward financing the countywide school construction program.

The apportionment for capital outlay is 30 cents greater than last year, to provide new school buildings and equipment and to replace the Pinehurst elementary school burned last September.

This represents a concession to the "pay-as-you-go" plan of the county board of education, as opposed to a bond issue for countywide school construction, which the commissioners favored. While not following all the way the plan presented by the education board, the additional tax is expected to furnish funds for capital outlay estimated at from \$450,000 to \$500,000 during 1951-52.

Seventy-nine cents of the total tax rate has been assigned for capital outlay (school buildings and equipment), or 58 and one-half percent of the total tax levy. In addition, 88 per cent of ABC profits are to be appropriated for school purposes.

The tax rate was set following presentation of budgets from all county departments, and the commissioners are at present working on the estimated needs and tentative distribution of funds.

Civic Club Will Be Soldier Center On Week Ends

Directors Vote To Offer Facilities; Volunteers May Help

The Civic Club building will be opened to members of the armed forces each Friday, Saturday and Sunday starting today, from 2 p. m. until late in the evening.

Members of the board of directors, meeting Tuesday morning, decided to offer the hospitality of their spacious building on North Ashe, at Pennsylvania, while the maneuver period is on.

Desks and stationery will be available for letter-writing, games, cards, puzzles and magazines for recreation and a soft drink dispenser for refreshment. Two hostesses will be on duty at all times, to extend the friendship of the community to all visiting and resident members of the armed forces.

For those who wish to help in this worthwhile activity, there are several ways, the directors said. They may offer their services as hosts or hostesses for short or long periods, for which they should call Mrs. H. W. Allen, phone 2-4122; or they may contribute cards, games, jigsaw puzzles, magazines, blotters, stationery or ink. These may be taken to "Thwingeese," 650 East Indiana avenue, or a phone call to Miss Grace Thwing, 2-8362, will bring her to pick them up, with thanks.

The directors said they will appreciate the cooperation of the community, and hope to make this a real community project in the memorable tradition of the club, which opened its building as a busy USO during World War 2.

Mrs. E. W. Marble is president of the Civic club, and Mrs. H. W. Allen chairman of the hostess committee. Other members of the board present at the meeting were Mrs. Minnie Austin, Mrs. R. L. Chandler, Sr., Miss Norma Shiring, Mrs. Virgil Clark, Mrs. W. E. Cox, Sr., Mrs. N. L. Hodgkins and Miss Grace Thwing.

Board Favors Water Fluoridation, Okays Social Security Plan

COMMANDANT



COLONEL GROSS

Colonel Gross New Commandant Of USAF School

Col. William M. Gross, currently under nomination for promotion to brigadier general, was named commandant of the U. S. Air Force-Air Ground Operations school here Thursday by Lieut. Gen. John K. Cannon, commanding general of the Tactical Air Command.

He succeeds Col. Samuel T. Moore, founder and first commandant of the school, who, however, will remain on the job as deputy for air.

Colonel Gross will assume his duties immediately, coming here from TAC Headquarters at Langley AFB, Virginia, where he has been serving as assistant chief of staff. A 1934 graduate of West Point, he saw more than three years' service in World War 2 as commander of the First Combat (Continued on Page 5)

Corporal Parvin Comes To Moore In Patrol Change

Cpl. M. S. Parvin of the State Highway Patrol has been transferred to Carthage from Smithfield to head patrol operations in Moore county, following the promotion and transfer of Sgt. Wendell Kelly, and a re-districting which gives this area a new headquarters.

Carthage has formerly been headquarters for the district composed of Moore, Montgomery, Stanly and Cabarrus counties. It is now a part of District 4 with Lee and Chatham counties, having Siler City as headquarters, with Sgt. Victor Aldridge in charge.

In promotions effective July 1, Sergeant Kelly became a tech sergeant attached to Troop Headquarters at Fayetteville, Sergeant Aldridge received his promotion from corporal and Corporal Parvin from private first class.

He is a native of Little Washington, in Beaufort county, and was a salesman and sales supervisor for the National Biscuit company for five years before joining the Patrol. He graduated from patrol school in July 1941, served four years at Wilmington, three years and eight months at Lumberton, and at Smithfield from April 1949 until this month.

He is married and has three young sons, Butch, 12, Bobby, seven, and Pat, 15 months. He is searching hard in Carthage for a home and will bring his family from Smithfield when he finds one.

Sergeant Kelly, Moore County native and longtime member of the State Highway Patrol, is retaining his home at Carthage, spending weekends there and traveling back and forth to his new base of operations.

Local Police Will Join Countywide Radio Hookup

Southern Pines city employees are to have the benefits of the social security program, starting at once.

In fact, it will be retroactive to the first of this year, with the Town paying up the arrears from January 1 to July 1 in order to get the program going immediately.

The program was made available by the 1951 General Assembly to city and county employees of North Carolina, hitherto excluded from the benefits, including old age and survivors insurance, enjoyed since 1937 by most private employees. Action to set up the program in Southern Pines was taken by the town board, unanimously, Wednesday night.

The board also voted to invest an item of radio equipment, to cost about \$175, which will make the local police radio a part of a countywide hookup and a Moore County-State Highway Patrol hookup, soon to be installed under sponsorship of the county ABC board. This will provide two-way communication by radio among practically all law enforcement agencies of the county.

A request for fluoridation of the city's water supply, a proven method of reducing tooth decay among children, met with a decidedly favorable reception from the town board at its regular meeting Wednesday night.

Citizens appearing in behalf of the plan—Dr. R. B. Warlick, Dr. R. M. McMillan, Voit Gilmore and J. N. Steed—were appointed by Mayor Page as a committee to secure practical details. Technicalities of the plan will then be discussed with the Mayor, Town Clerk Howard Burns and Ralph Mills, city chemist and water plant superintendent.

It looked as though the first step had been taken toward lining Southern Pines up with some 250 progressive towns and cities of the nation, more than 100 of which now are using fluoride in their water, while about 150 more have approved the plan and are preparing to install the process.

Mr. Gilmore acted as spokesman in explaining their mission, and noting that two North Carolina cities, Charlotte and Durham, have recently taken the step. Durham approved the process Monday night of this week, on information given by Dr. John C. Brauer, dean of the University of North Carolina dental school, who gave it his unqualified endorsement.

Dr. Warlick, a Southern Pines dentist, related the history of the (Continued on Page 5)

Lightning Causes Deaths, Injuries In Maneuver Area

Lightning striking two widely separated points in the maneuver area Wednesday about noon killed two officers on Camp Mackall and injured 10 soldiers, four of them seriously, in bivouac near Lillington.

No details were available concerning the fatalities, other than confirmation of the fact.

Information concerning the other accident said six men were knocked unconscious, and all received first aid and artificial respiration. Four found to be in serious condition were sent to the Fort Bragg Station hospital suffering from shock and burns. The others were returned to duty after emergency treatment.

Names of the men were not released. They were in the area of the 51st Medical Clearing company, where a medical officer and several enlisted men were treating a heat exhaustion patient.