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## County School Budget Biggest In Moore History

### \$483,000 Allotted For Construction And New Equipment

The biggest budget in history Moore county schools has been approved for the fiscal year 1951-52 to be met through a 25-cent tax on the county commissioners announced. The grand total of the budget is \$546,111. In 1950, the grand total was \$408,989; in 1949, \$455,770. The total current expense in the fiscal year has been estimated at \$483,731 for the coming year with \$107,000 toward the Pinehurst elementary school, the largest item. The 1950, estimated capital outlay was \$390,771; in 1949, \$455,770, or approximately \$1,330,000 for the year. The service cost is the only item in the budget which is not set by the state division to show a steady increase. (Continued on Page 5)

## School Board Carthage Asks For Term Nears

Carthage school district is approaching the opening of the school year without a school board. The county board of education secured two members for a board to replace the old, all of which resigned before May 30 and July 9. These were J. W. Kelly and Mrs. G. Spencer, Jr., appointed July 17. The third person approached, a man, declined the appointment. The county board's next meeting is Tuesday night of next week. At that time or better it is expected to try hard to complete a five-member board and to the pressing business next few weeks. A sequence of resignations and a series of disagreements between the Carthage board and two members of the two with Supt. H. Lee Thomas in the middle. To resign from the district was Dr. R. L. Felton. With week Fred Flinchum, chairman H. W. Davis followed. Then Reynolds and Lee held the fort for about a month, then they, too, resigned. In the meantime, the busiest district boards is at hand. The job is the lining up of the school and elementary faculty with replacements secured. Teachers who resign before the deadline of 30 days in advance are several vacancies at Carthage to be filled. Mr. and Mrs. W. Allen, both of the Carthage faculty, have resigned at the St. Pauls school. Mrs. Allen is the teacher of the school.

## "Broadcast Not Heard Here; Viewers Applaud 'Golden Hammock'"

Southern Pines friends trying to meet Mrs. Wallace Irwin on the radio. The Mary Margaret McCreary program last Friday met with an appointment. It was pointed out that the program was carried on any North Carolina station, and the station WJZ in New York, is impossible to get in. Mrs. Irwin-Laetitia Irwin, the author of the novel "The Golden Hammock," which is now being published by Scribner's, is the guest of Miss Irwin at their summer home at Setauket, Long Island.

## CONTRACT BRIDGE

A unit of the American Contract Bridge League is being organized here, and the first game will be held tonight (Friday) at 8 o'clock at the Southern Pines Country club. This will initiate a series of monthly games, in which play will be for master points and rating in the League. An interested local group and a number of out-of-town players are expected to participate in tonight's game and the others. Carter Harrall, of Cheraw, S. C., will be tournament director. All persons interested in playing are invited to take part. Advance notice is not necessary—just bring a partner. However, those wishing further information may secure it from Dick Sugg, Frank de Costa, H. E. Bowman, Mrs. F. E. Stubbs or Mrs. Jean Edson.

## Two Accidents Near Aberdeen Sunday Afternoon

Four cars and a truck were damaged and several occupants slightly injured in two accidents on the Raeford road below Aberdeen Sunday, which, patrolmen said, took place just an hour and a quarter, and about 50 yards apart. Both occurred when a car attempted to make a left turn from the highway into the driveway of a home. In one case the driver of the car making the turn was found at fault, in the other case not. The first accident, occurring about 4:45 p. m., involved cars driven by William Montgomery Jenkins of New London Rt. 2, and Philip Hairston, Negro, of Spray. Jenkins turned without stopping, the investigating patrolman said, and Hairston, approaching, was unable to avoid him. They came together in a sharp collision which resulted in estimated damages of \$1,000. (Continued on Page 5)

## Sgt. Fowler Hurt In Accident Near Mississippi Base

T-Sgt. Paul M. Fowler, stationed at Keesler AFB, Miss., was seriously injured in an automobile accident near his base Wednesday of last week, according to word received by his father, Harold M. Fowler of North May street. Sergeant Fowler was one of three Air Force men hurt in the accident, which occurred when their car was struck at McHenry, Miss., by a truck loaded with logs. The Southern Pines man was the worst hurt of the three, and is remaining as a patient at the Keesler hospital. He received multiple fractures of the facial bones, dislocation of the right foot and multiple cuts on both hands. Two operations have since been performed on his broken jaw, and 45 stitches were taken in one of his hands. It will probably take several months of hospital treatment to repair the damage, according to word received by Mr. Fowler from his son's wife. Sergeant Fowler is a student training instructor at Keesler AFB, where he was transferred in the spring of 1950 following a tour of duty in the Arctic region. He is the brother of Harold B. Fowler of Southern Pines.

## Visiting Fisherman And Proud Catch



Richard Seachrist, of Rohrerstown, Pa., visiting near Southern Pines with his family, flipped a line into Thaggards pond from the boat landing the other day and almost immediately made a strike. Not expecting anything very big, he was using only a 12-pound test line with rod and reel, and couldn't even bring in his catch alone. Someone helped him with a dip net. It turned out to be the largest-mouth bass pictured with the proud fisherman above, weighing in at 10 pounds even, 26 inches from nose to tail. Record for Thaggards is the 11 and three-quarter pounder caught by Omar Williams in March 1948. Seachrist's is the biggest caught since—the biggest, he said, he had ever taken in years of fishing many streams and lakes, mostly in his native state. Live minnow was the bait. (Photo by Emerson Humphrey)

## Colonel Hess, Top Fighter-Bomber Pilot, On Staff At Highland Pines

### PINGPONG FINALS

Finals in the boys' ping-pong tournament will be played at the Fox Hole this morning (Friday), said Lynn H. Ledden, director of the summer recreation program. Play starting Monday has seen some skillful work at the pingpong tables, and suspense has mounted during successive eliminations. There were 16 entrants—Billy Hamel, Deryl Holliday, Johnny A. Wiggins and Tommy Ruggles, winners in the quarterfinals Wednesday; George Reams, Julian Pleasants and Dick Leyshon, winners in earlier eliminations, and Steve Choate, by; Claude Reams, Kenneth Tew, Lemuel Tew, Palmer Sugg, Ikey Woodell, Jimmy Garner, George Colton, Teddy Gordon.

### Cupid Changes Recreation Plans For Next Week

The summer recreation program will be curtailed next week for a very important reason—Lynn H. Ledden, the director, is being married Saturday, and will take a few days off from his job. There will be no baseball practice next week except for the Little League teams, which will continue practice under their respective coaches. There will be no girls softball. The first session last Wednesday morning was well attended but still more girls are needed, and Mr. Ledden said he wants to see a big bunch out when practice is resumed Wednesday after next. There will be no boys' tennis instruction. The girls' tennis instruction will be held Thursday morning as usual, with a volunteer in charge. The advanced band class will meet for instruction as usual Monday at 2:30 p. m. However, the beginners' band class next Friday afternoon will not meet. Everything else will proceed as usual, with various volunteer assistants in charge—story hour at 10:30 a. m. Monday at Mrs. W. M. Edwards'; the sewing class at the high school at 9 a. m. Tuesday; the cooking class at the home ec building at 10 a. m. Friday; the Tuesday and Thursday afternoon swim sessions at Aberdeen lake (bus leaves town park at 2:30), and the Friday night games and dancing at the school cafeteria. The Fox Hole will be open as usual, every day except for Tuesday afternoon. Mr. Ledden is expected to return next weekend, bringing his bride, and the program will be resumed in full to continue through August 24.

### Minister-Warrior Featured As "Pious Killer of Korea"

Lieut. Col. Dean Elder Hess, top USAF fighter-bomber pilot, credited with more than 250 combat missions over Korea, was assigned last week to the faculty of the USAF-Ground Operations school at Highland Pines Inn. The announcement was made this week by Col. William M. Gross, commandant. Colonel Hess arrived in Southern Pines last Friday. He has taken a house on the Midland road and moved in with his wife and two children, who have been living in Marietta, O. Coincidentally, the Saturday Evening Post on the newsstands last week carried as its feature article "The Pious Killer of Korea." (Continued on Page 5)

### Highland Lodge Bought By Local Men For Lease

Highland Lodge, 245 East Vermont, hospitable guest home dating back to the early days of this community, has been purchased by N. L. Hodgkins and S. R. Jellison from its owners, Harry B. Harris and Lula C. Davis of Windsor, Vt., and W. Frank Harris of Southern Pines, it was announced last week. It will be thoroughly renovated, and leased for continued operation as a guest home or small hotel, the new owners said. The lessor has not been chosen, though several applications are on hand. The large rambling frame building, with 16 guest rooms, spacious lounge and dining room, and various service rooms, was built by the Blue family of Southern Pines in the late 1890s. It was operated for several years by Mrs. Weed. It was then purchased by Mrs. Maud H. Greason, Vermont native and pioneer Southern Pines hotel operator, who ran it until her death nine years ago. Mrs. Greason also built and operated the guest home now known as The Arlington, on North May street. Following Mrs. Greason's death her brother, W. Frank Harris, continued the management of Highland Lodge until its recent sale. This is a new type of business venture for the owner-partners. Mr. Hodgkins is president of the Citizens Bank and Trust company, and Mr. Jellison has been in the printing business for many years in Pinehurst and in Southern Pines. They have already started a renovation program, with repairing and painting of the house and general cleanup of the grounds, and say they plan a high-grade type of operation suitable to the community's needs.

## Engineers Study Three Routes To Manchester Road

### Coble Promises Public Meeting To Air Preferences

Army engineers are cooperating with those of the State Highway Safety division to survey all the proposed routes from Southern Pines to the Fort Bragg reservation, to determine which will be the best to be hardsurfaced as a permanent link to the post, it was learned last week from Brig. Gen. Pearson Menoher, deputy post commander. George S. Coble, state highway commissioner of the Sixth division, said that when the findings are complete a meeting of all interested parties will be held, to determine which route will be the best suited to the needs of both Southern Pines and Aberdeen communities. A short link is necessary on the Moore County side of the reservation boundary, to connect with the Manchester road on Fort Bragg which is now being paved. When completed it is expected to be of great service to military personnel and civilian employees living in the Southern Pines-Aberdeen area. Routes under consideration are (1) the currently used Connecticut Avenue extension; (2) the Indiana Avenue extension past The Ark, into which traffic from Aberdeen would be fed via the US 1 overpass and also the Bethesda road avoiding going through Southern Pines; and (3) an extension of Youngs road. All three would connect with the Manchester road at or close to the county line. The engineers' report will reveal comparative distances, cost of construction, etc., in which any sizeable difference may be the deciding factor. Commissioner Coble met last Friday afternoon in a conference. (Continued on Page 5)

## Library Now Open On Weekends And Evening Hours

Evening and Sunday hours were inaugurated last week by the Southern Pines library as an added service to the community and the many military visitors now in town, said Clyde Council, president of the Southern Pines Library association. Daily hours Monday through Saturday are 9:30 a. m. to 12:30 p. m., 2 to 5 p. m. and 7 to 9 p. m. Sunday hours are the same for afternoons and evenings: 2 to 5, and 7 to 9. Mrs. Tom B. Smith, experienced from former longtime service as the local librarian, has been secured to keep the library during the extra hours, which began last Saturday. Starting without official announcement, the change has met with a good response—no flood of visitors, but a continuing small stream of them, including a number of soldiers. (Continued on Page 5)

## Flood Relief Appeal Launched By Red Cross

The Moore County chapter, American Red Cross, is joining other chapters of the nation in the effort to raise \$5,000,000 immediately for flood relief and rehabilitation in Kansas, Missouri, Oklahoma and Illinois. Letters were sent from the local chapter this week to all ministers of the county, to be read in church Sunday morning. No formal campaign will be set up, quotas assigned nor direct solicitation made. Instead, it is requested that donations be made to Red Cross chapter headquarters in Southern Pines, or to those who served as fund chairmen last March in the various county communities. Any contribution, large or small, will be welcome, but should be made at once, as the need is urgent, said Mrs. M. G. Nichols of Southern Pines, chapter chairman. Red Cross was on the job as soon as the disaster became known. Workers and funds have been poured into the area, but the flood has reached such unprecedented scope—and is still spreading—that available funds are totally inadequate. Red Cross faces a tremendous job in providing emergency relief to thousands of people whose lives have been dislocated by the flood, Mrs. Nichols said. Estimated total of families affected so far is more than 45,000, and the number is growing. Thousands of volunteers are giving endless hours to help their neighbors, and the call has now gone out to neighbors all over the land. This is the first time in 13 years a special Red Cross disaster relief fund campaign has been necessary, Mrs. Nichols revealed. The appeal was touched off last week with a letter from President Truman to Red Cross President E. Roland Harriman, calling on "all Americans" to contribute "at least \$5,000,000 through their local chapters to aid our flood-stricken fellow-citizens in the four states where the disastrous waters are now flowing."

## ABC Board Will Install County Radio System For Law Enforcement

### NINE GENERALS

The Sandhills area has been honored in recent years by being chosen by several top-ranking military men as their permanent home. Counting up, The Pilot found nine general officers among its neighbors—three-star and four-star generals, and one with five. All but one are retired from military life, but they remain a very active lot. All have had distinguished military careers, important to this country in a time when much history is being made. Chances are you know some, maybe all of them, but they don't talk much about themselves, and you may be surprised how much there is to know. Get better acquainted in a story written by Nancy Boyd, starting on Page 9 of this issue. For space reasons, only five of these interesting neighbors could be introduced to you this week. Next week will bring you the other four.

## Hookup Will Link Sheriff, Patrol, Local Police, ABC

Equipment for the long-desired countywide radio system, linking all Moore county law enforcement agencies in 24-hour two-way communication, is now on order and is expected to go into operation by the middle of September. The installation is being financed by the Moore county ABC board from profits of the Southern Pines and Pinehurst ABC stores, with the exception of local relays to be purchased by towns having police radio. Southern Pines is the only one of these so far in Moore county, though others may have them soon. General Electric equipment of the most modern type has been ordered at a cost of approximately \$7,000, it was learned from Jack S. Younts, president of the Sandhills Community Broadcasters, Inc. (WEEB) who has worked closely with the ABC board in selecting the installation. Investigation was made of the various types of installations now offered, and assistance sought from State Highway Patrol engineers and numerous other experts in the field, said Mr. Younts, adding, "We are convinced that the installation chosen is the best money can buy, and the best suited to Moore county needs." Through relay equipment permitting communication to be shifted about among three frequencies, the system will hook up (1) a county system comprised of ABC cars and those of the sheriff's department, including walkie-talkies, having a 60-watt transmitter. (Continued on page 5)

## Charlton Court, New Tourist Stop, Nearly Completed

The Charlton Court, new tourist court being built between Southern Pines and Aberdeen, which got into business prematurely June 7 and has been full ever since, will be completed and officially opened within a week or two, according to Alton Scott, owner-operator. One nearly-completed wing of eight units was thrown open early last month to accommodate guests at the state VFW encampment. "We planned to close them after that and finish up," said Mr. Scott, "but people kept coming and we never could." In the meantime, work has continued on the other wing, containing seven units, and will be completed next week. Guests will then be shifted over while finishing touches are applied to the first wing—then all 15 units of the modern, attractive new court will be ready to receive the traveling public. The Charlton Court is situated just south of the Carolina Power and Light company division office building, also owned by Mr. Scott and formerly the site of Scott's supper club. The 15 units consisting of some single and double rooms, each with private bath, face US Highway 1 under one roof. Circulating hot water heat has been installed, and air conditioning is planned for next summer. The ranch-type building of cinder block construction is faced with Roman brick, in various colors of dark reds and blues in random widths. Besides presenting an interesting appearance, it is fire resistant. Inside, modern furnishings are used, featuring Hollywood beds and upholstered leather chairs, with emphasis on comfort. The Charlton Court completes a quartet of desirable stopping places at that point on the highway, the owners of which cooperate as they compete in providing high-grade tourist accommodations. Southern Pines Cottages, Braeburn Hall and Fairway Court are all within a stone's throw. Mrs. Scott is assisting her husband as office manager at the Charlton Court.

## Junior Tennis Tournaments Set Week of Aug. 13

The Sandhills Junior tournament and Junior-Senior Doubles tournament, planned by the Sandhills Tennis association in cooperation with the recreation program, will be postponed from next week to the week of August 13. Lynn H. Ledden, recreation director, will be absent from town next week and his help is important in staging the tournaments, said Harry Lee Brown, Jr., STA tournament chairman. Also, postponing the tournaments to a time nearer the end of the summer program will give the players more time to practice and probably increase the list of entrants, he said. Registration opens next week for both tournaments, and may be made at the Fox Hole or with Mr. Brown at the H. L. Brown Agency office. The Sandhills Junior will have boys' and girls' events for ages eight to 14, and junior events for ages 15 to 18. The National Guard is offering a handsome engraved trophy in the junior boys' singles, for permanent possession of the winner. Trophies will be provided in the other events. In the Junior-Senior doubles, adult and youthful players will be paired. Entrants may secure their own partners, or register alone and partners will be provided by the Sandhills Tennis association. This unique arrangement is designed to furnish the best type of "on-the-job" training to interested young novices. Several of the adults to be thus paired with boys and girls are tournament players of some renown.