



## Post Office, With Allowance Cut, Faces Big Jam Unless Patrons Help

### Early Mailing, Proper Addresses Will Aid Santa

If you don't want Santa Claus to get down completely this year, get your Christmas shopping early to get those packages in the mail.

Post offices everywhere face real allowances at a time when the demands are shooting up, and will take cooperation by all patrons to get successfully through the Christmas rush. The Southern Pines post office is no exception.

A number of local patrons has been asked by about 10 per cent in the past year, Postmaster Garland estimated this week, and it is like the biggest Christmas rush. Yet the allowance for extra help during the December rush has been cut considerably below last year.

Patrons are urged to meet the situation by reading the work load over several days, and more days," Mr. Garland said. "We will need all the help we can get. Patrons from distant states should be mailed by the weekend of November 8. Everything to be mailed out of Southern Pines should be en route by December 1st.

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### HERE TODAY

Congressman C. B. Deane will be at the city hall in Southern Pines from 2 to 3 p. m. today (Friday) to see any and all citizens who have matters they wish to discuss with him.

He will be at Aberdeen also sometime during the day, and will speak that night before the Aberdeen Lions club.

The visits are part of a "conference and speaking" tour during which the Congressman seeks to cover his district during the interim between sessions of Congress. Last Friday he was at Carthage and Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday of this week he visited Davie, Davidson and Montgomery counties.

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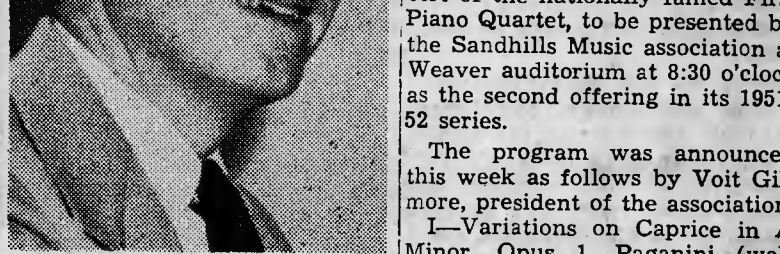
FIRST PIANO QUARTET: Four play as one.

## First Piano Quartet Will Present Rich Classical Fare Here Tuesday

The magnificent music of four grand pianos, playing compositions of the great composers as one instrument of infinite range and richness, will bring to Sandhills music lovers an unforgettable thrill Tuesday evening.

The occasion will be the concert of the nationally famed First Piano Quartet, to be presented by the Sandhills Music association at Weaver auditorium at 8:30 o'clock as the second offering in its 1951-52 series.

### ELECTED



VOIT GILMORE

## Gilmore Elected To Head Sandhills Kiwanis Club

Voit Gilmore, president of the W. M. Storey Lumber company, Southern Pines, was elected president of the Sandhills Kiwanis club at its weekly luncheon meeting held Wednesday at the Hollywood hotel.

Others elected were: T. Roy Phillips, Carthage, vice president; John Howarth, Southern Pines, secretary-treasurer (a re-election); and directors R. L. Chandler, Jr., Dr. C. C. McLean and Jack S. Younts, Southern Pines; Jack M. Taylor, Lawrence Johnson, Aberdeen; Nelson C. Hyde, Aberdeen; and Pinehurst; M. C. McDonald, West End.

### HONEYMOONERS

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hart Sterling, Thanksgiving Day newlyweds, attended the movie at the Carolina theatre Sunday night. Spending their honeymoon at the Carolina hotel, Pinehurst, they phoned over to reserve seats, and when they came tried to buy tickets like anybody else—but Manager Charles Picquet spotted them in the lobby and ushered them in as his guests.

Relaxing in Section B, they enjoyed "Detective Story" on the screen where their own images have frequently flashed. Few in the audience were aware of the fact that they were there.

Mrs. Sterling is better known as Anne Jeffreys, beautiful North Carolina-born musical comedy star and film actress, recently triumphant on Broadway in "Kiss Me Kate." Her husband is a popular leading man of the screen.

"They're not only good-looking and talented," commented Mr. Picquet later, "but as nice young folks as you could want to know. I was proud to have them."

### Public Invited To Football Banquet At Club Tonight

The general public is cordially invited to attend the annual Elks Club testimonial banquet for the Blue and White football team, to be held tonight (Friday) at the Southern Pines Country club, said General Chairman D. L. Madigan this week.

However, he said, as a courtesy to the BPO Does, who will prepare and serve the meal, tickets must be purchased in advance—no one other than the squad members, coaches and cheerleaders will be admitted without a ticket, and no tickets will be sold at the door.

Tickets may be secured from members of the Elks Club committee, or by telephoning 2-8911.

On the committee besides Chairman Madigan are C. N. Page, John S. Ruggles and Bryan Poe.

John McConnell will be toastmaster for the testimonial banquet, the sixth annual such event to be tendered the team by the Elks as climax to the football season. Team awards will be made by the coaches and the presentation of the Most Valuable Player trophy, given annually by the John Boyd post, VFW, will be made by Warrant Officer Lennox Forsyth.

## Highway Division Will Hardsurface Bethesda Road

### Quick Action Taken To Save Trees At Old Bethesda Church

The decision to pave part of Bethesda Road was taken recently by the Sixth District of the State Highway Department and the work will start shortly, it was reported by Division Engineer T. G. Poindexter of Asheville this week.

The section to be paved stretches from the end of Page Memorial Highway, where it enters Old Bethesda Cemetery, north to the Ark School corner. There the pavement will end, to await final decision on the route of the projected road connecting this section with the planned army road circling the Fort Bragg reservation.

The road plan came as a surprise to many Aberdeen residents who were not aware of the project. Alertness on the part of some of these, on seeing stakes placed along the roadside, brought the discovery that many large and beautiful trees, including some in the grove around the historic church, were to be cut down.

However, on petition to the highway officials, it was arranged to make changes in the plan which would save some of the finest trees. This spirit of cooperation on the part of the department received high praise in many quarters.

E. T. McKeithen, an elder of (Continued on Page 5)

### Tree Planting On School Campus Is Garden Club Gift

Weaver auditorium and its neighbor, the school gymnasium, have been enhanced in beauty by a tree-planting project recently completed under auspices of the Southern Pines Garden club, at a cost of approximately \$850.

Magnolias and Japanese hollies of considerable size have been planted by the Holly Tree Nurseries according to the landscape design of E. A. Morell, proprietor. A few large trees were chosen rather than a number of small shrubs as more in keeping with the size and classic architecture of the buildings.

Magnolia trees 18 to 20 feet in height have been planted in a semi-circle about the front of the gymnasium, and against the auditorium on either side of the high front entrance. Beside the broad steps of the auditorium on each side Japanese hollies 20 years old, with an 18-foot spread, have been placed.

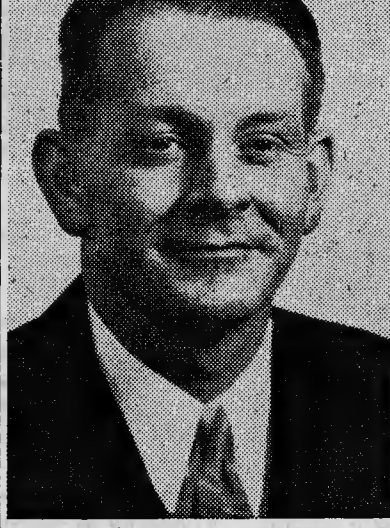
Except for the seeding of the grounds, this is the first planting which has been done about the building since they were completed a year and a half ago.

Besides the considerable initial cost—which Mr. Morell scaled down somewhat because of the civic nature of the project—the Garden Club members decided to budget \$75 annually for maintenance of the planting.

Mrs. William D. Campbell is president of the Garden club. Mrs. E. C. Stevens served as chairman of the planting project.

## Platinum Co. Plant Construction Starting Within Two Weeks

### President Kerk Announces Plans On Visit Here



HAROLD McALLISTER

### Chamber Campaign Seeks 100 Percent Business Support

"We can continue the work of the Chamber of Commerce only if all the business people support it, and we're going to do our best to enroll 100 per cent," said Harold McAllister, new president of the Southern Pines Chamber, to directors and members attending the campaign breakfast Thursday morning at Hamel's Restaurant.

"I believe that if they are faced with the choice, all our businesses will wish the Chamber to continue."

It was rather a solemn occasion. The group was starting off on this year's membership drive with about \$1,000 in debts—including \$382.87 in withholding taxes it had been unable to pay last year.

Yet the dozen workers present evinced their faith in the Chamber's purposes and future with an enthusiastic resolution to contact all members, past and present, also non-members of the business community, during the coming week. With 100 per cent dues-paying membership, the Chamber will be on firm financial footing with all bills paid and money in the bank; to continue its program of community promotion and business betterment.

Barely 50 per cent of business firms and individuals supported the Chamber last year, it was revealed. Said President McAllister, "Yet the work of the Chamber benefits us all—non-members as well as members. We hope this year that everyone will help, and give us the opportunity to do the type of job we all want and need."

The idea of dissolving the Chamber brought a chorus of protests. Who then, it was asked, would answer the flood of mail inquiries—some 1,500 per year? Who would give information to those who come to the Chamber office daily?

Then there is the newly established auto license bureau, serving 10,000 people of the Moore-Hoke area; also the credit bureau, now in good shape and available for all businesses to use. (Continued on Page 8)

### President Kerk Announces Plans On Visit Here

Plans have been completed for the new J. Bishop & Co. Platinum Works plant here, and construction is expected to begin in about two weeks.

The announcement was made here this week by Paul C. Kerk, president of the Malvern, Pa., firm, through Norris L. Hodgkins, and John Howarth of the Southern Pines Development corporation.

The plant will be a modern, air-conditioned building of fire-resistant construction, on the site next to the water plant on the Carthage road purchased by the company from the Town of Southern Pines last summer.

It is expected that the plant will go into operation sometime in March 1952.

Products to be manufactured here will be hypodermic needles for use by hospitals, the American Red Cross and other blood collection agencies in the collection of blood, and the administration of whole blood, plasma and other blood derivatives. It is expected that from time to time other types of hypodermic needles will be added to those initially manufactured here.

When in full operation the new Southern Pines unit of J. Bishop & Co. will employ more than 200 people, mostly women, with an annual payroll well over \$500,000.

Workers will be locally employed and trained. Application for employment may be made through an employment office to be set up here sometime early in the year.

Mr. Kerk and A. B. Coussmaker, managing director of Johnson, Matthey, Ltd., of London, with which the Pennsylvania firm is affiliated, were in Southern Pines for several days this week attending to matters in connection with the project.

Contract for the new building is expected to be let within a few days, with the probability being that it will go to a North Carolina firm.

### Officers Bringing Alleged Rapists

Deputy Sheriffs A. W. Lambert and ABC Officer H. V. Chandler, Jr., drove to Camp Campbell, Ky., this week to bring back three paratroopers to face trial in Moore superior court for the rape of a Negro girl August 15.

The men, all white, will be lodged in jail at Carthage to await trial at the January term.

Six paratroopers were involved in the mass assault on the 19-year-old woman, Lula Mae Artes, according to information she gave Sheriff McDonald and the investigating Army authorities. One of these, who is said to have endeavored to prevent the attack, is expected to be the state's witness. It was from him the names of the others were learned.

The other two, according to information received by Sheriff McDonald from the Army's CID, were not arrested with the rest. They were away on a pass when the investigation led to the group at Camp Campbell, and never returned. They are officially listed as AWOL and are now being sought.

However, said the CID, the men who were jailed, and who are now being returned to Moore county, are believed to be the real culprits, with the others possibly guilty only of aiding and abetting. All three are said to have confessed to the crime.

The assault took place during maneuvers, at night on a road near a Negro church. Seized with the woman was an 18-year-old boy, who was held immobile at gun point while the soldiers ravished the woman, according to the information both of them gave.

## COMING EVENTS

- Friday, November 30—Elks Club Testimonial Football banquet, Southern Pines Country club, 7:30 p. m.
- Sandhills Wildlife club, Page-McDonald Co., 8 p. m.
- "Open House" at Woman's Exchange, Pinehurst, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.
- Saturday, December 1—Pinehurst Lions' Minstrel Revue, Weaver auditorium, 8:30 p.m.
- Tuesday, December 4—First Piano Quartet concert, Weaver auditorium, 8:30 p.m.
- Friday, December 7—Opening basketball game, Southern Pines vs. Carthage, school gymnasium, 7:30 p.m.
- Friday, December 14—Sandhills Kiwanis Club Ladies Night banquet, Mid Pines club.
- Saturday, December 15—"Bertha, the Beautiful Typewriter Girl," presented by High School Dramatic club, Weaver auditorium, 8 p.m.
- Tuesday, December 25—Merry Christmas!
- Friday, December 28—SPHS-Alumni basketball game, gymnasium, 7:30 p.m.
- Wednesday, January 2—All-Star basketball game, sponsored by John Boyd post, VFW, gymnasium, 7:30 p.m.