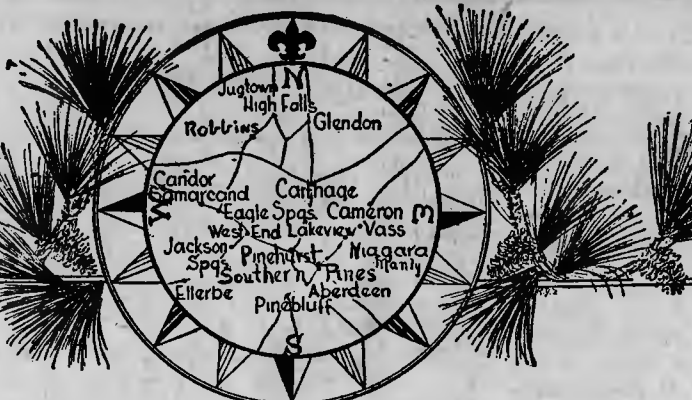


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## When Irish Eyes Are Smiling



Joan Walsh, on Uncle Teddy (left), and Kathleen Walsh, on His Grace, receive admiring looks from two fine horsemen at the Ghkhana held Sunday at Starland Farms. The gentlemen are, right, Key Walsh, owner of Stoneybrook Stables and father of the girls, and his brother Teddy, a visitor from Fernoy, County Cork, Ireland. Teddy Walsh, top steeplechase rider of the Emerald Isle, came on his first visit to this country in time to see the National Horse show, which Joan rode at Madison Square Garden last month. He left Monday to return to Ireland but says he's coming back next May to ride a year.

The Southern Pines Walshes and children visited the Walshes in Ireland last summer, and Joan and Kathleen rode in the Dublin Horse show. (Gymkhana story on page 19. Photo by Emerson Humphrey)

## Alston Homestead May Be Acquired Thru State Swap

### Historical Society, Commissioners Act To Endorse Move

An emergency meeting of the directors of the Moore County Historical Association took place at Weymouth, home of Mrs. James Boyd, on Monday to consider what measures might be taken to aid the state in acquiring the Philip Alston house in upper Moore County.

Present were, besides Mrs. Boyd: Mrs. Katherine McColl, Mrs. L. T. Avery, Mrs. George Heintz, secretary of the association, Norris Hodgkins, Jr., treasurer, J. Talbot Johnson and E. T. McKeithen of Aberdeen.

Occasion of the meeting was the news that the State Highway Commission has under consideration the sale of the prison farm in the county and that an attempt is being made by George Ross, head of the Department of Conservation and Development, to have this land turned over to his department, so that he might then use it in trade for the Alston place. (Continued on Page 8)

## Nap Ends With Leap In Dark

Clarence Harris, Jr., 10-year-old colored lad of McCain, isn't going to watch movies from roof windows any more—or if he does, he's going to try hard not to go to sleep. Next time, he might not get off with just a broken leg.

Clarence is a patient at Moore County hospital where he was taken after he woke on a second-floor roof terrace of the N. C. Sanatorium at McCain, found himself alone in the dark and jumped.

That was about 11 o'clock Saturday night. Lying on the ground outside the big building, Clarence called and hollered for almost an hour before a night nurse heard him.

Hospital doctors examined him quickly and found nothing wrong

except a broken left leg and a bad scare. At the hospital this week they said he was getting on very well.

The lad is the son of a Sanatorium employee, living near the grounds. Saturday night, perched on the wide rampart of a roof terrace, he watched a film being run inside—the regular Saturday night show for ambulant patients. Everything was fine—till he began to get sleepy.

The next thing Clarence knew, he woke up to a big black lonesome world. Probably no one will ever know just why he decided the thing to do was to jump. Clarence's explanation of his 30-foot leap, however, was a simple one. "I was skeered," he said.

## Installation Starts On Radio System For Countywide Law Enforcement

### LICENSE PLATES

Along with their state auto license tags, now renewable for all motorists resident in the state, residents of Southern Pines must buy town license tags at \$1 each.

Town tags for 1952 are on sale at the city hall.

A good opening business was reported by the girls at the Southern Pines Chamber of Commerce office, where state auto license plates are being sold for this area. From the time the plates went on sale at 9 a. m. Monday, more than 100 had been sold by noon.

The Chamber of Commerce is open from 9 a. m. to 4 p. m. Monday through Friday.

Workers were busy putting up the radio tower on the county courthouse at Carthage this week, also installing central controls in Sheriff C. J. McDonald's office for the new countywide law enforcement network.

Paid for by the Moore County ABC board from profits of the Southern Pines and Pinehurst stores, the installation will provide up-to-the-minute aid for all law enforcement agencies, not just the ABC officers.

Installation is being supervised by Jack S. Younts, general manager of Radio Station WEEB, and Mel Kushner, WEEB engineer, who have worked closely with the ABC board, sheriff's department and county commissioners in securing the proper type of equipment. (Continued on Page 5)

## Col. Williams Is Decorated With Legion of Merit

One of America's top fighter-bomber pilots, with 188 combat missions to his credit, was decorated with the Legion of Merit at an impressive ceremony held Wednesday afternoon at the U. S. Air Force Air-Ground Operations school, Highland Pines Inn.

Colonel Williams, a staff instructor at the school, received the medal from Brig. Gen. William M. Gross, commandant, following the reading of his citation "for exceptional meritorious conduct and unusual leadership during an extremely critical period in Korea."

Flying his squadron on maneuvers when the Korean war broke out, Williams saw some of the bitterest fighting of the early campaign, as his unit and others of the U. S. Air Force flew "round-the-clock" missions in an attempt to stem the North Korean invasion tide.

Colonel Williams is a graduate of Abilene Christian college, Abilene, Texas. His parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Hale, live in San Antonio, and he is married to the former Miss Beverly Allen of Waxahachie. They have one child, Michael, two and a half.

## Chief Newton At Governor Scott's Safety Conference

On special request of Mayor C. N. Page, Police Chief C. E. Newton is attending Governor Scott's emergency conference on highway safety law enforcement, being held today (Friday) at Chapel Hill.

Judges and solicitors of all courts, police chiefs and sheriffs throughout the state have been summoned by the Chief Executive to confer on ways to tighten up law procedures and increase cooperation in cutting down law violation, death and damage by motor vehicles.

The meeting will open at 10:30 a. m. at the Institute of Government. In his letter Governor Scott wrote, "So far this year 18,915 accidents have occurred on the streets and highways of North Carolina, killing 930 people and crippling and injuring 11,327 more. Most of these accidents involved violations of the law in one way or another.

"As Chief Executive of this State, I am calling on you to come together and take counsel on all possible ways of tightening up law-enforcing procedures and bringing about the highest possible degree of cooperation between Police, Prosecutors and Judges in going as far as effective law enforcement can go in safeguarding the lives and property of people on the streets and highways of North Carolina."

## Newton Awarded Milliken Trophy



Roy Newton, left, receives the James S. Milliken Memorial award for Most Valuable Senior Player at the testimonial banquet given by the Elks club last Friday night, honoring members of the Southern Pines High School football squad. Presenting the trophy is Lennox Forsyth, in behalf of the John Boyd post, VFW.

Roy was also named honorary captain of the team, by vote of his fellow members on the squad. (Story of football banquet on Page 3). (Photo by Emerson Humphrey)

## Aberdeen Woman, Two Soldiers Hurt In Saturday Wreck

Three persons were hurt and three miraculously escaped injury Saturday afternoon when a car ripping southward on US Highway 1, near the Aberdeen city limits, slammed into the rear of the car ahead and threw it 300 feet along the three-lane highway, down an embankment on the right-hand side and into a tree.

The car which went down the embankment mowed down one tree and struck another before coming to a stop. Removed from it and rushed to Moore County hospital were Mrs. Jesse Currin, 41, of Aberdeen; her husband, 42, driver of the car; their 16-year-old daughter Ada Belle Currin and a friend, Charles L. McDaniel, 20, of Gastonia. Mrs. Currin suffered severe cuts on her face and head and a bad gash on one thigh. She remains a hospital patient.

The others were found to have no injuries other than a bad shaking-up. Their car was demolished.

The second car skidded 66 feet along the highway after the impact, according to the State Highway Patrol report. Taken from it to the hospital were the driver, Sgt. Clarence R. Beaver, of Fayetteville Rt. 5, and Theodore Rice, also a soldier. Both gave Fort Jackson, S. C., as their station. Sergeant Beaver was found to have only a minor facial cut and was released after first aid treatment. Rice had more severe lacerations of the face and head, and remained at the hospital overnight.

Sergeant Beaver, who said he had recently returned from Korea, was indicted for drunken driving, and careless and reckless driving causing an accident and personal injury. He was released under \$250 bond for his appearance in Moore recorders court next Monday.

According to the highway patrolman's report Sergeant Beaver said he "didn't see" the other car, though it was only about 5 o'clock and still light. Tire marks showed he applied his brakes only six feet before hitting the Currin's car, which was traveling only about 40 miles an hour, the patrolman said.

The accident occurred just north of the Dairy Queen, scene of several accidents in recent weeks.

## Lee's, Inc., Largest Store Holds Opening Here Today, Tomorrow

### 15 MORE DAYS!

The Christmas lights were turned on last Saturday night, turning four blocks of the downtown shopping district to a sparkling wonderland.

The stringing up of the brightly colored lights—signal for the opening of the Christmas shopping season—was the first project of the Chamber of Commerce under its new president, Harold McAllister.

At the same time Christmas window displays began to appear in the store windows. It is anticipated that by the end of the week every store will have that Christmas look.

Department, apparel and variety stores, and others selling giftwares, are mostly abandoning the Wednesday afternoon closing during December.

Only 15 more shopping days until Christmas!

## Staff of 75 On Duty In New Variety Chain Unit

Today (Friday) and Saturday are the official opening days of the new Southern Pines unit of Lee's Stores, Inc., seventh and largest store in North Carolina's fastest growing variety chain.

It is also the largest store in Southern Pines, and the approximately 75 employees who will greet the public at 9 a. m., the opening hour today, make it the largest employer among retail concerns in the entire Sandhills section.

The opening of the doors of the remodeled and greatly enlarged building will inaugurate a festival of values in more than 5,000 separate items placed on sale at the start of the Christmas shopping season. Cash gifts will be a feature of both opening days, when the store will stay open until 9 p. m.

Cash Gifts Five-dollar bills will be presented to customers picked at random at 11 a. m., 1, 3, 5 and 7 p. m.

The same cash gift feature and schedule will be observed at each of the other Lee stores in Moore county—at Carthage, Robbins and Aberdeen—and will continue at all four stores on Saturdays until Christmas.

The Southern Pines unit occupies the former McBrayer building, which has been completely remodeled since its purchase last year by Leroy Lee of Carthage, president of the chain. The store has a 62-foot frontage on West Broad street. A large addition built at the rear has doubled its depth, to 149 feet.

The modern store front features full-view plate glass windows, with an adjustable aluminum awning extending entirely across the front.

An interior effect of full daylight is achieved by 78 fluorescent lights inset in the faceted ceiling, painted an off-white color, with 24 adjustable "bullet" spotlights shedding their full rays on the counters below. (Continued on Page 5)

## Pinedene, Inc., Will Open Tuesday On US Highway 1

Pinedene, Inc., one of the largest and most modern electric contracting, service and appliance businesses in the Sandhills section, will open Tuesday in its beautiful new building on US Highway 1, a half-mile south of town.

C. N. Page is president of the new firm, with George H. Leonard as vice-president and Ray McDonald secretary-treasurer.

Leo Luption, licensed electrician, is in charge of electric contracting, wiring and service. W. B. Gouger, proprietor of the Gouger Electric company here for the past several years, is sales manager of the new concern.

Electric appliances formerly carried by the McDonald-Page Motor company, in which Mr. Page and Mr. McDonald are partners, will be transferred to Pinedene, Inc. These include the full line of Hotpoint appliances, Duotherm heaters, Zenith radios and other household appliances large. (Continued on page 5)

## Years of Merchandising Experience Helped In Building Successful Chain

Merchandising skill and the desire to excel in his field of operations are two of the outstanding qualities of LeRoy Lee of Carthage, president of Lee's Stores, Inc. The Lee chain is opening a large variety store in Southern Pines today and Saturday.

Mr. Lee began his career in merchandising as assistant to his father, the late J. M. Lee, at his father's store in the small community of Watha in ePnder county. Later he accepted a position with Marcus Bear and Brother of Wilmington and on recommendation of this firm he became connected with Anderson and Brothers of Richmond, Va., and also with Drewry Hughes, after which he went to Baltimore and was connected with John Hurst and later with Butler Brothers. Had Wide Experience

While with Butler Brothers, he traveled widely, promoting the Ben Franklin chain of stores and acquiring a knowledge of the variety store business that he used to his advantage when he opened his first store. This was at Carthage in 1937. He moved to Carthage to make his home in 1941 and still resides in that community.

Mr. Lee was familiar with this area of North Carolina as he traveled through here for many years and made his home in Fayetteville for about 25 years.

Plans More Stores Mr. Lee said that his present plans call for opening three more stores. These will be located at Wallace and Burgaw in Eastern. (Continued on Page 8)



LEROY LEE



MRS. LEE

## Airmen Invited To Basketball Opener At Gym Friday

The servicemen in town, especially the airmen at Highland Pines Inn, are invited to be guests of the basketball team at the opening game at the school gym tonight. Airmen not in uniform need only show their AGO card to be admitted without charge. Led by five stunting, glamorous majorettes, the Southern Pines school band will add spice to the occasion tonight, and throughout the home season.

Under the direction of Lynn Ledden, the band will formally open the cage season with the national anthem at 8:30. At half time and intermission the majorettes will take over.

The basketball season will open Friday for Southern Pines High School teams with a double bill vs. Carthage at Weaver stadium starting at 7:30 o'clock hereafter, games are scheduled Tuesday and Friday evening almost three months, with special extra events. Both boys' and girls' games are featured each time.

Special events calendared so far are the annual SPHS-Alumni game Friday, December 28, and the All-Star game Wednesday, January 2, sponsored by the John Boyd post, VFW; also the annual night bouts with Morehead City Friday and Saturday, January 11-12, here, and February 5 at Morehead City.

The regular calendar as announced this week by Coach Irvin is as follows: December 7, Carthage here; 11, Highfalls here; 14, Highfalls here; 18, to be announced; 22, Carthage here; 25, Carthage here; 29, West End here; 31, Pinehurst here; 5, Pinehurst here; 8, Robbins here; 11, Pinehurst here; 19, West End here; 22, Aberdeen here; 25, Red Springs here.

## French Commandant At USAFAGOS

French air hero of World War I, commandant of a new air-ground operations school in Europe, arrived last week to take a two weeks' intensive indoctrination course at the U. S. Air Force Ground Operations school, Highland Pines Inn.

Colonel Pierre A. Fleurquin is flying U. S. principles of air-ground coordination, as taught to ranking American officers in II services, in order to teach them to officers of NATO nations similar school being set up at Wrsburg, Germany. He was sent by the Ministry of Air of his

country, on direct assignment from NATO.

Not only will the same courses be taught—the official doctrine as set up by a joint board directly under the Joint Chiefs of Staff—but, it has been revealed, English has been chosen as the official language of air-ground operations under NATO.

Colonel Fleurquin is a graduate of L'Ecole Air Versailles, the French St. Cyr of the air, and distinguished himself in the war as a combat pilot. When the Nazis occupied France he evacuated his squadron safely to North Africa. (Continued on Page 8)