

## Masonic Bodies Hold Elections For Coming Year

### Williamson Heads Lodge; Woolley, Chandler Re-elected

Elections have been held recently by the four Masonic bodies which have their headquarters in Southern Pines.

These are the Southern Pines Lodge 484 AF & AM, with membership drawn from the Southern Pines-Pinehurst-Vass area; Southern Pines Chapter 16 Royal Arch; Southern Pines Council Royal and Select Masters, and Southern Pines Commandery 16 Knights Templar, all three in jurisdiction over all or most of Moore, Hoke, Lee, Montgomery and Richmond counties.

Woolley, Hoke, Lee, Montgomery and Richmond counties. Roy L. Woolley was re-elected secretary (or recorder) and Ralph Chandler, Sr., was re-elected treasurer of each of the four bodies.

Two Southern Pines men have been elected in these positions through successive re-elections for almost a century.

Officers of the Southern Pines Masonic Lodge, elected December 17, were installed December 17. The retiring Master, Herbert Ehrhardt, Jr., Pinehurst, as installing officer. They are: Roy L. Williamson, Southern Pines, master; A. G. Edwards, Jr., Pinehurst, senior warden; L. Russell Vass, Vass, junior warden; L. L. Woolley, Southern Pines, secretary; R. L. Chandler, Southern Pines, treasurer; Edwin L. Finch, Pinehurst, chaplain; Alden G. Bower, Southern Pines, senior deacon; Jesse I. Lawson, Southern Pines, junior deacon; C. Robert McCord, Pinehurst, senior steward; Edd C. Cole, Pinehurst, junior steward; Ralph L. Mills, Pinehurst, secretary.

Officers for the other three lodges, elected at meetings held last week, will be installed at a joint supper meeting to be held Monday, January 14, at 7 p. m. at the Masonic Temple here.

They are as follows: Royal Arch Masons—Clarence Thomas, Pinehurst, high priest; Ralph G. Steed, Robbins, king; W. L. Kennedy, Robbins, scribe; L. L. Woolley, Southern Pines, secretary; R. L. Chandler, Southern Pines, treasurer.

Royal and Select Masters—Edwin L. Finch, Vass, master; Henry Williams, Robbins, deputy master; John A. McRae, Vass, conductor of work; L. L. Woolley, Southern Pines, recorder; R. L. Chandler, Southern Pines, treasurer.

Knights Templar Commandery No. C. Thomas, Southern Pines, commander; L. Russell McRae, Vass, generalissimo; Albert B. Vass, Pinehurst, captain general; L. Woolley, Southern Pines, recorder; R. L. Chandler, Southern Pines, treasurer; Ralph G. Steed, Robbins, senior warden; Clarence W. Thomas, Pinehurst, junior warden; Edwin L. Finch, Vass, prelate.

## Mrs. Mechling Breaks Her Leg On Monday Hunt

Mrs. Peggy Mechling suffered serious injury out hunting Monday with the Moore County hounds when her mount dodged to a tree crushing her leg against the trunk.

The experienced horsewoman, one of the Moore County's leading members, was riding a young horse and the accident took place following a long run and kill, during which the horse had gone exceptionally well. When hounds found again, the pace was fast and Mrs. Mechling said she thought her mount did not see the big tree until too late to avoid it.

A member of the field, James Elvage, of the Mid Pines club, administered first aid and applied a splint to the injured limb, while two deer hunters, near the scene, which was in the Carroll's Branch country, took Mrs. Mechling to the Moore county hospital in their car. There X-rays were taken, showing the leg to be broken in three places.

Mrs. Mechling, her leg in a cast, is now home with her mother, Mrs. Edgar Ewing, and, though in considerable pain, is reported to be making good progress.

## NEW YEAR HOLIDAY

Next Tuesday, New Year's Day, will be generally observed as a holiday here, with the food stores, the bank and most other businesses closing for the day.

The two large chain stores, Colonial and A & P, will close both Tuesday and Wednesday.

The post office will close Tuesday in all departments. No windows will be open, no mail delivered or placed in boxes. Mail will, however, be collected and dispatched to the outer world, and "special" and perishables will be delivered.

Public schools will reopen Wednesday after the Christmas recess.

## March of Dimes Campaign Supper Will Open Drive

### Chairman Blue Will Be Host At Aberdeen Wednesday

Moore County's March of Dimes campaign will get under way with a meeting of all the community chairmen at the Aberdeen restaurant in Aberdeen Wednesday evening, according to an announcement by H. Clifton Blue, county fund raising chairman.

Chairman Blue states that the community quotas will be assigned at this meeting and fund raising material given out for the drive to get started with a bang the next day.

The campaign period has been doubled this year because the National Foundation has been forced into debt four years in succession by surging polio incidence. The drive, starting with next week's meeting, will continue until the end of the month.

Chairmen had been selected in all communities in the county with the exception of Westmore and Roseland, where Chairman Blue said he expects to have leaders named by the end of the week. Chairmen who have been named are as follows:

Aberdeen, Mrs. J. A. Smith; Carthage, Harry Davis; Cameron, Mrs. Pete Phillips; Eagle Springs, Herbert Bost; Farm Life, T. H. Lingerfeldt; High Falls, Thad N. Fry.

Niagara, Mrs. Elwood Parker; Pinebluff, Mrs. W. R. Griffin; Pinehurst, J. Frank McCaskill; Robbins, Miss Sallie Green Allison; Southern Pines, Paul C. Butler; Vass, M. M. Chappell;

West End, J. F. Sinclair; Manly, Joe Cameron; Glendon, Mrs. June Harrington; Hallison, Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Poe; Lakeview, Mrs. Louis Bellet.

**Raised In 1951**  
In 1951, with a quota of \$7,550, a total of \$11,286.64 was raised in Moore county. In 1950 the total amount raised was \$10,000.78.

Commenting on the forthcoming March of Dimes drive, Chairman Blue said: "This year must call forth the greatest volunteer effort ever made in the fight against infantile paralysis. In the past four years the disease has accounted for 132,000 victims and has cost the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis \$79,000,000 for patient care alone. We have reached the point when the March of Dimes must catch up with the march of polio."

## FATALITY

The closing days of 1951 saw another highway fatality added to Moore county's list, and the appointment of an acting coroner to replace the late Hugh P. Kelly.

Dead was William Leake Harrington, Negro, of Jackson Hamlet, instantly killed when struck at Pinehurst Wednesday evening by a car driven by Clyde Hunt, taxi-driver of Pinehurst.

To handle this and other cases until a new coroner can be elected, Clerk of Court C. C. Kennedy appointed Dr. Francis L. Owens of Pinehurst. Time for the inquest was not immediately set.

## Making Port For a Happy New Year



Douglass Donnell, 10-month-old son of Capt. and Mrs. Carroll H. Donnell, takes a serious look at a strange new country—his homeland—from the U. S. Naval Transport E. D. Patrick, when it docked at a west coast port early this month.

Born in the Philippines during his father's three-year tour of duty at Clark AFB, Manila, young Douglass and his parents arrived to spend Christmas and New Years at the home of his grandmother, Mrs. W. T. Medlin, 350 West Vermont avenue. His mother is the former Nancy Medlin of Southern Pines.

The Donnells will go next month to their new post at Ellington AFB, Texas. We hope by now Douglass has decided the States are better than that first look seemed to indicate, and that all will have a Happy New Year "stateside."

## Two Big Basketball Games Ahead — "The Game" Tonight, All-Stars Wed.

### TAX LISTING

Tax listing time starts January 1, and the tax listers for all Moore townships will have their schedules set up and be on the job Tuesday or Wednesday.

Mrs. D. J. Blue, Carthage Rt. 3, tax lister for McNeills, had not announced her schedule by Thursday morning. Anyone in Southern Pines desiring to list taxes before the announcement is made should call the city hall, to learn when she is expected there.

Mrs. Adelaide Schnell, of Pinebluff, is tax lister for Sandhills township, which includes Pinedene and other sections of the southern end of this community. She will start work at Aberdeen Wednesday, January 2, and will be at Jackson Motors the following Wednesday, January 9, to serve the taxpayers of that section.

## Swetts Injured In Accident On Christmas Trip

A Christmas trip to visit their daughter and son-in-law was rudely interrupted Saturday for Mr. and Mrs. James B. Swett, when their car was struck by another in heavy traffic at Sanford.

The accident occurred when the other car, driven by a woman, with five small children along, pulled out suddenly to pass some trucks.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Swett were knocked unconscious by the impact. Mr. Swett was cut about the head and had to have several stitches taken. Their car was considerably damaged in the crash.

The Swetts were brought back home in a badly shaken-up condition, and phoned their daughter, Mrs. Marshall Barney, at Rocky Mount what had happened. The Barneys immediately drove to Southern Pines and the next day took their parents home with them to spend the anticipated Christmas holiday, though under somewhat unforeseen conditions.

The name of the driver of the other car was not learned here, nor whether she or the children were hurt.

## New Fire Tower Starts Operation For Carthage Area

### Three Towers, Two Power Wagons Mean Tops In Protection

The new fire tower at Carthage went into operation Monday morning, giving Moore county three towers from which every corner of the county can be fire-spotted except in the most adverse conditions, it was announced by County Forest Ranger E. W. Davis.

With the addition of a second power wagon with the latest improved firefighting equipment, and two-way radio coverage of the entire county, N. C. Forest Service crews are in the best position of their history to spot forest fires before they have gained headway, and to reach them in a minimum of time.

The added equipment means also that equal power can be thrown into the fighting of two large fires at the same time, the ranger pointed out. Hitherto when one sprang up at the time another was under way, as frequently happens in the winter and early spring, the crews have been handicapped in fighting one or the other. This was the case when destructive fires swept areas near both Southern Pines and Pinehurst on a Sunday afternoon and evening of last March.

### Barber Is Towerman

The new tower, 100 feet high, has been erected at the Priest Hill Church Road intersection on the north edge of Carthage. LaVerne Barber, 25, of Carthage, a farmer living about a mile away, has been employed as towerman. He is on duty at the tower from 9 a. m. to 5 p. m. daily, and on call 24 hours a day. He is being trained as a radio operator and is expected to secure his license shortly, Ranger Davis said. He added, "We were glad to be able to secure Mr. Barber's services. He has helped us fight fires in a volunteer capacity many times, and has proved himself capable and courageous in this work."

The tower is equipped with a pickup truck containing firefighting apparatus and a two-way portable radio.

It forms a triangle with the 120-foot tower at Eagle Springs and the 85-foot tower at Southern Pines as its other corners, supplemented by the tower at Hoffman which works closely with those of Moore county.

The Eagle Springs tower is headquarters for radio communication among the towers, with Mrs. Dorothy Cagle at the controls. (Continued on Page 8)

## Hugh P. Kelly, County Coroner, Dies At Carthage

Hugh P. Kelly, 59, Moore County coroner, died early Sunday morning following a heart attack at his home in Carthage.

Funeral services were held Monday afternoon at the Carthage Methodist church, conducted by the pastor, the Rev. George W. Blount, assisted by the Rev. W. S. Golden, pastor of the Carthage Presbyterian church. Burial was in Cross Hill cemetery, Carthage.

Pallbearers were M. G. Boyette, Bernice Cameron, Clement Barrett, A. W. Lambert and C. A. McCallum of Carthage and John S. Ruggles, of Southern Pines. Members of the Carthage Masonic lodge, of which Mr. Kelly was a member, served as honorary pallbearers.

Mr. Kelly was a native of Moore county. He founded the Moore County News at Carthage and was its publisher for several years. During the past few years he was a justice of the peace associated with the sheriff's office, and was also county coroner, to which office he was selected and reelected several times without opposition.

Surviving are his wife, the former Miss Daisy Conder of Carthage, one son by a former marriage, Hugh P. Kelly, Jr., of New Jersey, and one sister, Mrs. May Gardner of Carthage.

There will be plenty of others, including college students, service lads home on leave and boys and girls employed here, who will on

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## State Highway Patrol Commander Will Aid Moore Safety Drive

### Col. Smith Will Send Patrolmen, Also a 'Whammy'

Commendation and a promise of wholehearted cooperation were expressed last week by Col. James R. Moore, State Highway Patrol commander, in the Moore County civic clubs' 100 per cent highway safety program.

To assist with their declared endorsement of rigid enforcement of all highway safety laws starting January 1, Commander Smith's cooperation will begin at once in the form of additional highway patrolmen.

Patrolmen will be moved in from other districts as they are available throughout the coming month, especially on Mondays, Commander Smith told club representatives at Raleigh last week.

Monday is the day practically all regular law enforcement officers in the county are tied up with court cases at Carthage, leaving the highways open to speeders and other traffic lawbreakers.

Will Get "Whammy"  
In addition, said Commander Smith, Moore will be the first county to get a "whammy"—the radar-controlled "mechanical eye" which spots speeders as they pass, clocking their rate of speed for evidence in a law court later. The evidence in a law court later.

The State Highway Patrol has six "whammies" on order for use about the state. It is not known just when they will arrive but when they do, the first will come to Moore.

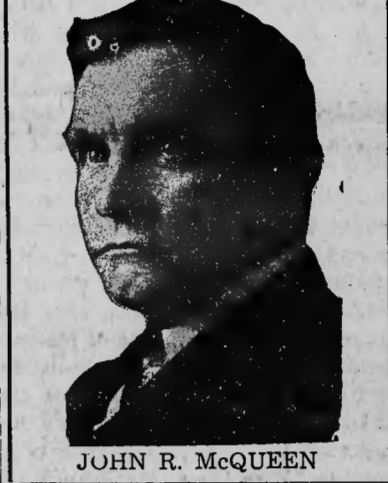
The "whammy" is movable. Placed inconspicuously by the roadside, it is invisible to passing motorists. Yet it watches with its unblinking radar eye, and rattles on the speeder.

Gets Them Into Court  
The state's first "whammy," employed experimentally in Guilford county during a recent month, was instrumental in getting hundreds of speeders into court who

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## John R. McQueen Buried Monday At Union Church

### PASSES



JOHN R. MCQUEEN

Funeral services for John R. McQueen, 78, who during a long and busy lifetime contributed much to the upbuilding of Moore county and the Sandhills, were held Monday morning at Union Presbyterian church, conducted by the pastor, the Rev. C. K. Taffe, assisted by the Rev. W. S. Golden of Carthage and the Rev. Mr. Gammon of Dunn. Burial was in the family plot in the church cemetery, beside his wife, who preceded him in death last February.

Mr. McQueen died Saturday night at the home of his brother, the Rev. Angus McQueen of Dunn, where he had stayed during the months of his final illness.

Active pallbearers were Wilbur H. Currie and Pat McDonald of Carthage; Richard Tufts of Pinehurst; Howard Butler of Southern Pines; Curtis V. Dowdy of Gulf and Stanley Winborne of Sanford.

Honorary pallbearers were officers, elders and deacons of the church.

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## Soldier Husband On Red Prisoner List

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