

TB Workers From Many States Here For National Association Institute

Two-Week Training Program Under Way At Hollywood Hotel

The 83rd institute of the National Tuberculosis association, for the training of tuberculosis workers, opened Monday at the Hollywood hotel and will continue for two weeks, through Saturday, February 16.

This is the second successive year the institute has been held in Southern Pines, the only time in the history of the association the same place has been selected for this honor twice. A year ago, also, it was at the Hollywood.

Irving Mushlin, personnel and training director of the national association, with headquarters in New York City, is in charge. A full program of speakers and conference leaders eminent in the association and in tuberculosis work in general is under way.

Attending the institute are 26 workers, professional and volunteer, of state and local associations in North and South Carolina, Georgia, Virginia, Alabama, Ohio, Oklahoma, Maine, New Mexico, Kentucky, New York, West Virginia and Prince Edward Island, Canada.

North Carolinians enrolled are two members of the state staff and executive secretaries from Wilson, Randolph, Durham and Pasquotank county units.

An attraction of this locality, according to Mr. Mushlin, is its nearness to the N. C. Sanatorium at McCain, the staff of which in-

Heart Campaign Climax Will Be Valentine's Day

"New Hope For Hearts" is the theme of the 1952 Heart Fund drive opening this week, which will be conducted during the month of February, with solicitation by mail and the placing of plastic hearts for coin collection in stores and hotels throughout the community.

This is the third annual drive to be conducted in Moore county soliciting funds for the American Heart association, to finance research into heart diseases.

Peak of the campaign will be Valentine's day, February 14.

Officers and members of the county committee are Mrs. Bert L. Premo, chairman; Mrs. Emmett French, Dr. R. M. McMillan and Dr. W. C. Mudgett, vice chairmen; Mrs. R. Bruce Warlick, treasurer, and Mrs. Lawrence Johnson, Aberdeen; Mrs. William Poley, West End; Mrs. Glen Rounds, Pinebluff; Mrs. John Beasley, Carthage, and Mrs. A. H. Grant, Southern Pines.

It is impossible to send letters of solicitation to everyone in the county, therefore the committee requests that interested people send their donations to Mrs. R. B. Warlick, treasurer, Box 1053, Southern Pines.

Young Federal Escapees Sentenced After Wild Chase, Three Break-Ins

A two-boy crime wave hit Aberdeen and Southern Pines last Friday, involving the break-in of three homes and terminating in a wild chase at Aberdeen which resulted in the capture of one youth there and the other at Southern Pines.

Police and highway patrolmen were kept busy at both towns for several hours answering alarms and apprehending the lads, Robert Lee Eary, 16, and Robert Sandlin, 18, both of whom said they were from Chicago.

Jailed Friday at Carthage, they were tried Monday in Moore recorders court and received terms of four months on the roads on various counts of larceny, carrying concealed weapon and (as to Sandlin) aiding and abetting. Probable cause was found on breaking and entering charges, for trial at the May term of superior court. After that, it is understood, the FBI will take over, because of their escape from a federal institution and for two auto thefts,

with the crossing of state lines, thereafter. The boys were found to have walked off Thursday from the National Institute, a federal reformatory for youthful offenders at Washington, D. C., where they were serving terms for auto larceny.

They made their way south by means of a Packard stolen at Washington, then a Mercury stolen at Richmond, Va. The Mercury gave out of gas at Aberdeen Friday morning. The story of their ensuing activities follows, as pieced together from reports of Southern Pines Chief C. E. Newton, Aberdeen Chief Archie Phillips and State Highway Patrolmen H. F. Deal and C. G. Wimberly.

Wouldn't Swap They tried to swap an emergency light from the Mercury for some gas at the Kellis Service station, but Mr. Kellis would not trade, so they drove the car a lit-

LAST CHANCE!

Those who failed to list taxes at the proper time during January will have their second, and last, chance next week.

Mrs. D. J. Blue, list taker for McNeills township, will be at the town hall next Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday for the benefit of latecomers.

For those who continue to delay, penalties will follow.

Four Accidents Cause Injuries, Damage To Cars

Four accidents were reported by State Highway patrolmen to have taken place on Moore highways near here last Friday and Monday.

Four people were injured, though none believed seriously, and three cars were badly damaged in a double collision on US Highway 1 about five miles north of Southern Pines shortly before 7 o'clock Monday evening.

The accident caused the highway to be blocked for about a half hour, and Southern Pines police assisted the State Highway Patrol in handling the traffic.

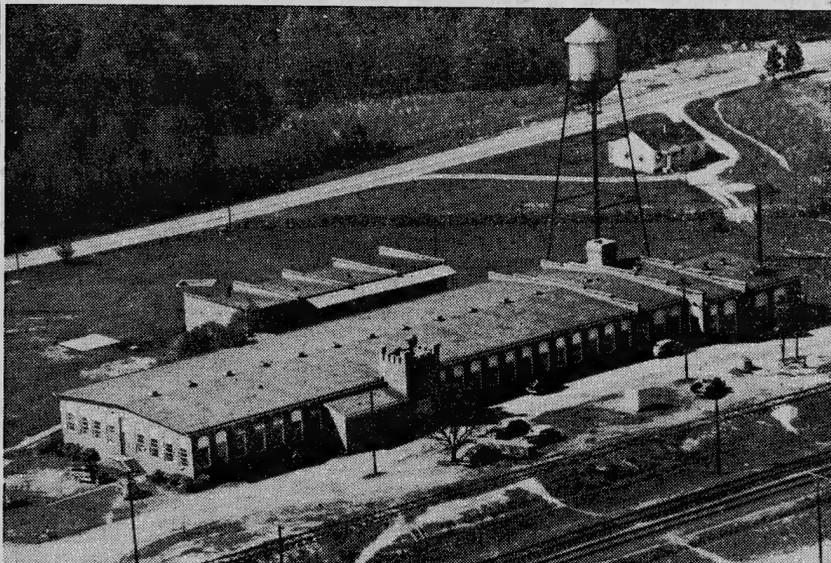
According to the State Highway Patrol report, the accident occurred when Ralph Calvin McCraney, 17, of Lakeview, driving south, attempted to turn into the J. S. Simpson driveway across the northbound lane. Seeing too late that a car was just behind him, he endeavored to get back in his lane but instead struck with violent impact a pickup truck coming toward him in the northbound lane. The truck, owned by the Sanford Auto Supply company and driven by Albert Joseph Hackney of Sanford, was knocked some distance off the road and was estimated as a total wreck.

The impact spun McCraney's car around in the highway and it was hit on the left front by the car behind, driver of which was Charles Woodrow Von Metzger of Vass. Both cars were damaged to the extent of several hundred dollars.

Taken to Moore County hospital were McCraney, who, suffering from shock, a cut face and numerous abrasions, remained overnight as a patient, and Ronald Haynes, 15, of Lakeview, a passenger in his car, also cut and bruised, who received emergency treatment. Another boy with them was not hurt.

Taken to St. Joseph of the Pines, and later to Lee County hospital, was Hackney, driver of the pickup truck. His hand was cut and several stitches had to be taken in his scalp.

Taken directly to Lee County hospital by a passing motorist was J. O. Griffin of Sanford, a passenger in the truck, who was released after emergency treatment. (Continued on Page 5)



The Vass Cotton Mill, shown above, and its 33 housing units on the opposite side of the Seaboard railroad, comprising approximately 45 acres, were sold late last week to Textron Southern, Inc., said to be the fourth largest producer of synthetic fabrics. Conversion to rayon is already under way. Upper right is the home of H. C. Callahan, which the Rhode Island firm also purchased.

Textron Southern, Inc. Buys Vass Cotton Mill For Rayon Conversion

By Bessie Cameron Smith

Royal Little of Providence, R. I., president of Textron Southern, Inc., late Friday afternoon announced the purchase from the

Vass Cotton Mill company of its cotton yarn plant in Vass, oldest and largest of the several industries located in this manufacturing town. The amount involved was not disclosed.

Hunter Trials And Hunt Ball Planned For February 20

The annual Hunter Trials of the Moore County Hounds will be held on the Scotts Corner course on Youngs road Wednesday afternoon, February 20, starting at 2 o'clock.

Events will include classes for green hunters, thoroughbred hunters, open hunters and hunt teams, also the picturesque Parade of Hounds, followed by the full field in hunting regalia.

A high point of interest will be the "short drag," in which a drag will be laid and run across the two-mile course in full view of the spectators.

Most of the hunters regularly participating in the Moore County Hunt will be seen in the trials. Entries each year include horses from local stables and also from many other eastern states. The course presents in miniature all the hazards of the regular hunt, with its wooded valley, open hillside and meadow, timber and brush jumps along the way, and uphill return.

From the wide parking area the entire course is visible, and spectators may judge for themselves how well the hunters and riders meet the many tests involved. Trophies are awarded in each event, also for champion and reserve.

The Hunter Trials will be followed by the formal Hunt Ball, to be held this year in the ballroom of the Carolina hotel, Pinehurst. Not only members of the Moore County Hunt but a large assemblage from all parts of the county are expected to participate in this highlight of the Sandhills social season.

Parking spaces and single admissions to the Hunter Trials are available at Mile-Away Farm, or from Bob Smith, Carolina Hotel doorman. Arrangements may be made at the Carolina for private dinner parties, to be held in the Crystal Room preceding the ball, for which tickets may be secured at Mile-Away.

Polio Goals Gained But Work Goes On In County, Town

Incomplete reports this week show slightly more than \$8,000 raised so far in the Moore County March of Dimes, surpassing the quota of \$7,360, it was learned from H. Clifton Blue, of Aberdeen, county campaign chairman.

"We all know this is a modest quota for Moore, which has benefited by many more thousands of dollars, and much more than this is needed," said Chairman Blue.

"I expect the final figure to be considerably above the amount so far reported."

Of the \$8,171.71 reported this week, the sum of \$7,513.10 was contributed by the white people of the county, with \$658.61 reported by H. L. Bryant of Aberdeen, chairman of the Negro division. The Negro report is also incomplete.

In Southern Pines, Chairman Paul C. Butler said the local quota of \$1,750 has been made and a good deal more is hoped for and expected before returns are all in.

Three communities have completed their drives and have made splendid final reports, said Chairman Blue.

Howard L. Kennedy, chairman of the Westmoore drive, overshot his quota by the greatest amount of anyone in the county. With a quota of \$100, a total of \$372.50 was contributed by the people of that community.

In the Roseland community, Mrs. Hal Kirk, chairman, reports her canvass complete. With a quota of \$30, she raised \$50.

In Jackson Springs, Mrs. E. W. Bruton has made her final report with \$161.18 being contributed by the people of that community.

Reports from other communities are still incomplete.

Sunday Services, Unit Events Mark Boy Scout Week

Boy Scout Week, the national observance of the 42nd anniversary of the founding of Boy Scouting in the United States, will be marked in Moore county by special church services Sunday, and separate projects to be undertaken by each unit of Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts and Explorer Scouts. Emphasis is being placed on the theme, "Forward on Liberty's Team."

Dr. John C. Grier, of Pinehurst, Moore district commissioner, said that all churches are being requested to observe Boy Scout Sunday with special mention, also that special services are being held at the regular worship hour in the following:

Emmanuel Episcopal and First Baptist churches, Southern Pines; Community church, Pinehurst; First Baptist church, Aberdeen; Pinebluff Methodist, West End Methodist, Carthage Baptist and Robbins Presbyterian churches.

All boys who are members of Scout units are asked to attend the service of their choice, wearing their uniforms.

Many troops are arranging special events for the week, with parents and friends invited. Some will place window displays in stores of their communities.

Boy Scout Week has no connection with the annual fund-raising campaign, which is held in the fall. Its purpose is to call attention to accomplishments of the leaders and boys of the Boy Scout program, and the vital role filled by the program in character-building of youth, on a community, council and national basis.

Fire Destructive To Two Homes In W. Southern Pines

A home in West Southern Pines was destroyed by fire Wednesday afternoon, and a neighbor home badly damaged, despite a two-and-a-half-hour battle by Southern Pines volunteer firemen using all their equipment.

The first house to catch fire, burning to the ground belonged to Mary Griffin, who was out at work when the disaster occurred. Nothing was saved despite efforts to enter the blazing building. The fire was far advanced before it was discovered by neighbors a block away, and the alarm turned in. By the time the firemen got there the roof had fallen in, and it was impossible to tell, they said, if it was a one-story or two-story house. Nothing could be done to save it.

The second house, a two-story one, caught from the first. Neighbors saved some of the furnishings. The house belonged to Ather Cassidy and, like the first was empty of occupants when the fire occurred.

Town Has No Rights In Alleys, Says Supreme Court In Leroy Lee Case

Ruling Reverses Lower Court Opinion Handed Down In May

The town board of Southern Pines of 1892, in relinquishing its right to the town's alleys and center squares, committed a valid act and the present town board has no say whatsoever in their disposition. It has not even the right to maintain and repair them.

This is the gist of a seven-page opinion handed down this week by the State Supreme Court, reversing a superior court judge's ruling in Lee vs. Walker et al, and denying the Town's right to withhold from Leroy Lee a permit to build on the portion of town alley which he owns.

A misconception on the part of the Supreme Court is seen in that it holds that there has been "no public use" of this alley in more than 20 years.

However, the opinion states that, in repudiating the alleys before any formal acceptance or

Bishop Co. Will Open Permanent Employment Office

The employment office of the J. Bishop & Co. Platinum Works will be opened at Knollwood airport on a permanent basis Monday, for the employment of all types of workers both in the factory and office, according to Joseph B. Simpson, employment manager, of Malvern, Pa.

William H. Morrow, Jr., personnel manager, will be in charge.

Mr. Simpson and Mr. Morrow interviewed about 200 women applicants at the airport Monday and Tuesday, and expressed themselves later as "well pleased" with the number who responded to the first call for workers, and the general high type of those who came.

"I believe we will have no difficulty in filling our employment requirements here," Mr. Simpson said.

About a dozen women were selected to start training at once. Only a few can be trained at a time, it was learned as only a few machines, of three basic types, could be spared for use at the airport instruction center until the plant goes into operation in the spring. A high school education is required, and age limits are 18 to 40. Selections will be made a few at a time until the specialized jobs. Foremen will be interviewed next Friday, February 15 (see ad in this issue).

The plant will manufacture hypodermic needles and, later, probably syringes also.

Heart and circulatory diseases kill almost twice as many Americans as the next five highest causes of death added together. The Heart Fund is dedicated to controlling this scourge.

dedication was made; in allowing them to be bought and sold like any other real estate; in assessing taxes for them against their private owners; in granting permits for construction on them, and in itself using the alleys for construction purposes, the Town has forfeited any remaining right it might hold in the alleys.

Also, states the opinion, which was written by Associate Justice E. V. Denny, "if those protesting issuance of the building permit requested by the plaintiff, and owning property in the subdivision, are of the opinion that they have any easement rights in the alley in question, the Town of Southern Pines and its officials are not the proper persons to enforce these rights.

"Action for enforcement of private easement may be maintained only by an owner or owners of the property, who are entitled to have the easement enforced or preserved.

"However, unless the facts are made to appear substantially different from those found on the present record, no private rights to an easement in the alley exist."

Leroy Lee of Carthage, head of Lee's Stores, Inc., bought the former McBrayer building on West Broad street from Mrs. P. P. McCain in the summer of 1950.

His application for a permit to enlarge the building to cover his entire lot, approximately doubling the size of the building, brought a protest from owners of adjoining buildings who said such construction would interfere with ingress and egress from the rear of their places of business.

On discovery that part of the lot had been platted as a public alley before incorporation of the town in 1887, the town board refused a permit for the construction.

Civil action was brought by Mr. Lee against Everett Walker, city building inspector, Mayor Page and members of the town board, seeking to force issuance of the permit. In a mandamus hearing held at Carthage last May Superior Court Judge J. J. Clement ruled that the alleys were irrevocably dedicated to public use and the Town had no authority to grant such a permit.

Mr. Lee appealed to the Supreme court from this ruling.

The town board of 1892 did, in fact, relinquish all public rights in the alleys and center squares, and these were thereafter bought, sold and used in a manner which, Judge Clement declared, was contrary to law.

In this he upheld the town's attorneys in the principle of irrevocable dedication.

The matter has of late years become a confused one, especially since the building-up of the downtown district has caused the alleys to all but disappear. The Lee case, however, was the first in which a citizen protest was made, thus bringing the issue to a head.

Robert Struber of Providence, general counsel of the firm, completed negotiations with A. M. Cameron, Vass Cotton Mill manager, Friday at the office of Pollock and Fullenwider in Southern Pines, following a previous visit to Vass of President Little and other officials.

The Vass plant, originally owned by a large number of stockholders, had within the past several years been acquired in its entirety by the Cameron family, which includes A. M. Cameron and his six sisters: Mrs. W. C. Leslie, Mrs. W. B. Graham, Mrs. C. J. Temple, Mrs. H. A. Borst and Mrs. C. L. Tyson, all of Vass, and Mrs. W. Duncan Matthews of Southern Pines.

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Girl's Death Starts "Mother John" Hospital Probe

A coroner's report made in January has started an investigation of the Mother John Hospital of the Lord near Aberdeen, uncovering some amazing facts and making it likely that the Negro institution will be closed, The Pilot learned this week.

Ralph Steed, county coroner reported that a 14-year-old girl, Perlene Calhoun of Calhoun Falls, S. C., died there January 27 "of diabetic coma resulting from the discontinuance of insulin shots." Mr. Steed said he certified the death as from this cause, following consultation with the county officer and another Moore physician.

His investigation showed, he said, that the girl had been diabetic, and had taken daily insulin shots since 1948, until she was brought to the Mother John Hospital one week before her death.

However, he said he found that both the girl and her father had voluntarily agreed that the shots should be discontinued. This means no criminal act was involved, as there is no law to enforce medication if it is not desired, even if it is necessary to life.

Russell Mills, county sanitarian, visited the "hospital" the day after the girl's death, and reported he found it operating without a license; also, that "no state sanitary requirements are being met."

Dr. J. W. Willcox, county health officer, said the matter has been turned over to welfare authorities, which have jurisdiction over nursing homes and similar places. It was learned that a state investigator is on the way.

"Mother John" has been at Aberdeen since 1929. She has a home in the Broadway section and the "hospital," or nursing home, built several years ago some distance out on the Roseland road. Her real name is reported to be Mary E. John McIver.

She is the leader of a sect called the Solid Rock Holiness Church, which has congregations in a number of towns in the central Carolinas. A chief principle of the sect is said to be faith healing, with prayer and no medication relied on as curative agent.