

## Three Dead, Four Injured Is Grim Toll Of Two Weekend Highway Accidents

### Men Hurtle To Catastrophe In New-Model Cars

Two highway accidents last Saturday and Sunday resulted in three fatalities, more than doubling Moore's fatality toll for the year within a few hours, and sent four people to hospitals with injuries described as from critical to serious. None were Moore County residents.

In each accident only one car was involved, going out of control through high speed and reckless driving, according to reports of the investigating patrolmen. They were as grim examples of wanton death on the highways as can be found on this county's annals.

Both cars were high-powered 1952 models.

Saturday morning about 5 o'clock a car driven by Grady Martin, 30, of Joanna, S. C., traveling north on US Highway 1 about five miles north of Southern Pines, left the road first on the right, then on the left, then turned over six times. Road marks measured from where the brakes were first applied to the spot where the demolished vehicle lay on its side totaled 793 feet, said Patrolman Richard Stroud, who investigated with Patrolman C. G. Wimberly. Thrown from the car, his skull fractured and many bones broken, was the occupant of the front right-hand seat, Edward Joshua Hill, 32-year-old married man of Greer, S. C.

The accident was witnessed by occupants of a car ahead, who saw it all in their rearview mirror, turned around and drove back to Southern Pines, where they notified police and dispatched an ambulance. Taken to Moore County hospital were Martin, the driver; Vestus Lee Wehnt, 21, also of Joanna, and a young Navy man, Charles Tillman, of Adele, Ga., stationed at Boston, Mass.

**Soldier Disappears**  
A fifth occupant of the car, a soldier, whose name no one had learned, disappeared after the accident. The sailor and soldier, hitch-hikers, and strangers to each other, were picked up at Aberdeen by the South Carolina party, destination of which was reported to be Richmond, Va. The soldier supposedly hitch-hiked on rather than remain to be held as a witness.

Martin was placed under \$3,000 bond for his appearance in re-

### WINNER



SYLVIA McLEOD

## Local Graduate Winner of SVA Nurse Scholarship

A petite young miss of wit, intelligence and sparkling personality has been selected for the award of the Sandhills Veteran association's three-year nurse training scholarship, offered to high school seniors of the county for the sixth successive year.

Sylvia McLeod, 1952 graduate of Southern Pines High school, was chosen by the selection board from a group of applicants to receive this honor. She is the first scholarship winner from Southern Pines, the seventh girl to receive the award in the county. One year the SVA had such good results from its spring fund campaign it awarded scholarships to two young ladies.

Sylvia is the 18-year-old daughter of Mrs. Gladys McLeod of 340 North West Broad street. She was born in Southern Pines but attended Greensboro schools for the first five grades, returning then to complete her elementary and high school education here.

At school, while maintaining good grades, she has made her mark in a variety of activities, notably the dramatic club and glee club. She was vice-president of the dramatic club in the year just past, and has appeared in several high school productions. She was also catcher on the softball

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## Page Challenges Brown To Runoff In Solicitor Race

Robert N. Page III will seek a second primary against W. Lamont Brown for the post of county solicitor, in which he ran second by a 23-vote margin.

The date of the runoff will be Saturday, June 28. In a statement issued to The Pilot, Page said he felt his calling of a second primary to be justified by the fact that, with 590 of the 613 deciding votes going to the third man, neither of the leading candidates received anywhere near a majority; also, that a runoff, on the state level, has already been announced and will be held anyway.

In the first primary held May 31, Brown polled 1,990 votes while Page had 1,697. The third candidate, W. Harry Fullenwider, had 500, of which 332 were cast in Southern Pines precinct.

As a second primary normally attracts much less interest, with far fewer votes, than the first, there's no way of telling how the cat will jump. Moore voters will

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## Good Peach Crop Seen Ripening In Moore Orchards

One of the finest peach crops in years is in prospect for the Sandhills, according to unofficial information from the peach-growing country around West End this week.

Early commercial varieties have been shipping out in good quantities, with Mayflowers now going north by the truckload and trainload.

However, the golden crops are still ahead—the wonderful "eating peaches," such as Jubilees, due to come in about the last week in June, and the Elbertas and Georgia Belles, maturing about July 1 to 15. This year's crop appears to be even better than last year's, which was rated as "highly satisfactory" by growers of these much-sought-after varieties.

Two good crops in a row are especially welcome in that, for several previous years, crop failures had been experienced on account of spring freezes or drought. This year weather conditions have been perfect except for a hailstorm which occurred when some of the best varieties were at a tender and extremely vulnerable stage. Tiny nicks inflicted by the hailstones are becoming big blemishes on some of the fruit. This, however, is not expected to affect the total crop greatly.

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## TWO DISTRICTS VETO SUPPLEMENT

Carthage and Robbins schools will have to rock along as they are now, without any of several proposed improvements and curriculum enrichments, according to the will of the people as decisively expressed at the polls last Saturday.

In both school districts a proposed tax supplement was roundly trounced, in Carthage by 417 to 250, and in Robbins by a three-to-one vote—696 to 231.

The turnout at Robbins was considerably greater than for the Democratic primary of May 31.

## Local Fire Department Will Be Hosts To Sandhills Association Wednesday

### "FINER CAROLINA"

The Southern Pines "Finer Carolina" committee will meet Monday at 8 p. m. at the Southern Pines Country club, according to announcement by John S. Ruggles, chairman.

This will be a progress-and-planning meeting for projects which have been, or are to be, instituted under the CP&L "Finer Carolina" community contest plan.

The committee consists of heads of various community organizations and enterprises, or persons whom they have delegated for the job. Those unable to attend are asked to be sure that a representative takes their place at the meeting.

## Girl Scouts Will Camp Next Week At Watson's Lake

Girl Scout day camp will be held Monday through Friday at Watson's lake, on the Old Pinehurst road near Southern Pines, which has been loaned for the purpose through the interest and generosity of John Warren Watson, owner.

Troop members and Brownies of Southern Pines, Aberdeen and West End, numbering approximately 100 girls, will attend from 10 a. m. to 4 p. m. daily, taking part in a wide range of camp activities under the supervision of their leaders.

Swimming will be enjoyed, picnic or "cook-out" lunches will be held and other activities will include camp craft, handicrafts and nature study. The units will do their work separately, except for some who plan to combine forces, all uniting at the end of each day for colors and a vesper service.

An interesting activity will be batik dyeing, for which the Girl Scouts will make their own dyes from roots and plants. They will also make some of their furnishes and equipment from their furnishes and equipment from their furnishes and equipment from their furnishes.

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## Recreation Program Opens Here Monday

### SUMMER DIRECTOR



COACH LEONARD

## Half-Time Next Week, Full-Time Starting June 23

Southern Pines' summer recreation program will start on a part-time basis Monday, and get into full swing starting Monday, June 23. It will continue for 10 weeks, until August 22, according to announcement made this week by the new director, Irie Leonard, high school principal and coach.

Next week only the afternoon program will be held, in deference to daily vacation Bible schools being conducted by some of the churches. Afternoon sessions will be from 2:30 to 4:30 Monday through Friday of each week, with baseball at the high school field Monday, Wednesday and Friday, and the ever-popular swimming sessions Tuesday and Thursday.

For the supervised swimming which will take place at Aberdeen or the new Southern Pines lake, children will meet the recreation bus at the town park promptly at 2:30 p. m.

Swimming lessons will be given, at dates to be announced later, by qualified instructors under the Red Cross water safety program in conjunction with the local recreation program.

In the meantime, Director Leonard is sounding a call for a qualified lifeguard for the local lake. Applicants are asked to apply personally to him or to Supt. A. C. Dawson.

Pingpong and checkers will be held every day at the high school tennis and badminton will also be played daily, on the town courts.

Parents and other interested who are willing to help with the program as volunteer assistants are asked to phone Mr. Leonard at 2-7482. There are many ways in which assistants can be used.

The full-time program will be announced in next week's paper. It will include classes in football, tennis, golf, sewing and cooking, a Monday morning story hour for the little ones, dancing for the boys and girls every Friday night at the school cafeteria, and a brand-new feature—square dancing for the adults, every other Wednesday night at the Southern Pines Country club starting June 25.

The program will also be held, as usual, in West Southern Pines, where assistant director Hasty will again be in charge. The school will be headquarters for the program, for which the same dates will be effective as for the one outlined above. No schedule has been sent in and participants are asked to check at the school to find out what is going on this week.

New equipment has been supplied—baseballs, softballs, tennis balls, pingpong sets and other items—for both programs, by the Municipal Recreation Commission.

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## "Those Billboards" Will Be Replaced By Neater Signs, Attractive Planting

The outsize and outmoded billboards at the north and south entrances to Southern Pines will be taken down and new ones, smaller, neater and more appropriate to the times—will be erected by the Town.

The town board in regular session Wednesday evening heard this as a report from the committee on appropriations, which, with power to act, had already canceled the somewhat costly contract which the town has had for many years with an outdoor advertising company, for the two big bill-

boards. Recommendation of the committee was that signs similar to those used at Chapel Hill supersede them.

H. L. Brown reported also for the committee that the Southern Pines Garden club, which has long worked for the removal of the big signs, had expressed appreciation of their action, and offered to make good on its proposition of two or three years back to plant and beautify the sites when new signs were put up.

Garden Club members will also be consultants on the signs, which may be like those of Chapel Hill or a variation.

The recommendation was accepted unanimously by the board, of which four out of five members were present. Absent was L. V. O'Callaghan. Mayor C. N. Page presided.

The committee also brought a message from the Garden Club members—"What about other ugly signs around town?"—a somewhat touchy matter, on which no action was taken. The board decided, however, to give the subject some study, to see what could be done to improve the town's looks in this way while being fair to all.

The committee also recommended that the city-owned lot on South East Broad street, between Cherry Motors and the point on which the town sign is located, be sold or leased to L. H. Cherry, Jr., on condition that he erect a masonry wall of some attractive-looking type, three and a half feet high, on the boundary line. This recommendation was also adopted.

### APPOINTED

Harry J. Menzel was appointed by the town board Wednesday night to a three-year term on the school board, succeeding Dr. G. G. Herr, chairman, who recently resigned.

This was the only vacancy to be filled on the board at this time.

Mr. Menzel, a longtime resident of Southern Pines, is vice president of Biddle & Company, Pinehurst real estate firm, and secretary-treasurer of Knollwood, Inc. He has two children, one in college and one still in the local schools.

The board also made two appointments to the municipal readjustment board. These were J. W. Dickerson, succeeding N. L. Hodgkins, who recently resigned after long service, and Frank Welch, succeeding George W. Case, who has moved from town. The appointments run to May 1953, the expiration of all current terms.



This cut was delayed one week but remains front page news. Above are the 28 boys and girls who graduated Tuesday night, June 2, in finals held at Weaver auditorium. To all, The Pilot extends congratulations.

First row, from left—Sylvia Moretta McLeod, Bertha Maude Ramsey, \*Penelope Crocker Dana, \*Barbara Guin, Barbara Page, Betty Jean Caddell, \*\*Damaris Anne Doser.

Second row—Barbara Joanne Peterson, Betty Pauline Dupree, Martha Phyllis Hoskins, Katie Louise Barker, \*Betty Jane Worsham, Erma Louise Dorn, \*Doris Lee Bowles, Joan Wilson Besley.

Third row—Franklin Delano Johnson, Shirley Hewitt Warren, Margaret Bailey, Richard LeRoy Mattocks, Roy Rockwood Newton, Jr., Edgar Smith, Paul Williams, Shirley Ann Stuart, Suzann Burns.

Fourth row—Charles Francis Baker, Charles Edwin Merrill, \*Alexander Canaday McLeod, Peter Charles Rapatas.

\*Honor graduate, four years at SPHS.

\*\*Honor graduate, two years at SPHS.

(Photo by Humphrey)

## Court of Honor Will Be Held At Aberdeen Lake

A wonderful time is in prospect for Boy Scouts of the Moore district at their June court of honor next Monday evening, according to announcement made this week by Lawrence M. Johnson of Aberdeen, advancement chairman.

This will be held on the public beach at Aberdeen lake, and will be the last court of honor until fall. Swimming, with a lifeguard on duty by special arrangement, will start at 6 o'clock. At 7, there will be a wiener roast—free. At 8, the court of honor will be held, with rank advancements and merit badges awarded.

This will be an especially high moment for James Edwards of Aberdeen Troop 68, who will receive the coveted Eagle badge. It will be awarded in a special "citizenship ceremony," with Mayor Forrest M. Lockety of Aberdeen making the presentation.

The event will end with the sounding of taps at 8:30. Scouts are asked to come in uniform, bringing their swimming trunks, said Chairman Johnson.

The bath cabins will be used for changing. A cordial invitation is extended their parents to attend.