

New Steps Are Being Taken To Insure Safety Of Children On School Buses

Patrol To Check Every Phase Of Transportation

The state's school bus transportation program is going to receive more attention from the Highway Patrol, according to a directive

from the patrol's commanding officer, Col. W. B. Lentz.

Colonel Lentz said today certain new steps to insure the safety of children riding school buses were to become effective immediately. A more comprehensive inspection of every school bus, with permanent records on the vehicle's condition, will be set up, Colonel Lentz said. A regular monthly check will be made by a highway patrolman and a copy of his report will be filed with patrol headquarters, the county superintendent and the chief mechanic. "Inspection of school buses by patrolmen isn't new," Colonel Lentz remarked, "but the inspection will be more detailed henceforth."

In addition to more comprehensive inspections, Col. Lentz said a patrolman will accompany each school bus driver on his regular route at least once during the school year. During that time the officer will observe the driver's habits and skill at the wheel. He will make notes of potentially dangerous road conditions such as blind curves, intersections and shrubbery along the shoulders. Colonel Lentz indicated that the State Highway Commission would cooperate in removing or altering

any particularly hazardous condition.

The accompanying patrolman will also make special checks on bridges, and will observe traffic patterns and loading points along the bus route.

Colonel Lentz said that recommendations had been made to have no more than four stops per mile along school bus routes.

He also suggested that each patrolman hold an occasional meeting with the drivers, at which time they would discuss general safety measures, review safety films and give attention to drivers' complaints.

In formulating the new program, Colonel Lentz pointed to some interesting figures concerning school bus transportation in North Carolina. At present, he said, there are 6,950 buses in operation which carry 428,000 children to and from their daily classes. Each route averages about 40 miles and the buses travel 95 percent of the roads in North Carolina.

John W. Mahoney Buys Golf Range

John W. Mahoney, formerly of Pine Needles Golf club and present professional at Linville Country club at Linville in western North Carolina, is now the owner-operator of the Hole-In-One golf driving range, formerly operated by John Semple, it is announced this week.

The range is located on U. S. Highway 1, one mile south of Southern Pines. Mr. Mahoney plans to maintain the high standard equipment that made the range popular under its previous management.

Two Are Killed In Auto Crash

Alexander B. Phillips, 66, and William S. Kidd, 34, both of Bennett, lost their lives when the car in which they were riding crashed into a bridge near Coleridge Monday night. Funeral services were held Thursday at Bennett.

Mr. Phillips is the father of J. C. Phillips, principal of Westmoore school in Moore county.

On July 1, farm wage rates, without room and board, averaged 87 cents an hour for the country as a whole. The average in the South was from 54 to 64 cents.

PILOT ADVERTISING PAYS

ABERDEEN

By DOROTHY McNEILL

Hostess to Book Club

Mrs. Robert Farrell was hostess to the members of the Sandhill Book club in her home on Friday afternoon. Mrs. P. B. Lewis presided over a routine business session. The members dressed in little girls' clothes enjoyed a delightful "Little Girls' Party" during the social hour. Each member related a funny experience of her childhood days. The hostess served delicious refreshments consisting of ice cream and cake.

A Daughter

Mr. and Mrs. S. J. Kane of Wyandotte, Mich., announce the birth of a daughter on September 3. Mrs. Kane is the former Margaret Greer, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Greer.

Entertains Club

Mrs. R. W. Burns entertained the members of her canasta club on Tuesday evening with two tables in play. After several progressions scores were tallied and prizes awarded to Mrs. J. C. Hepburn and Mrs. Bill Austin, high, and Miss Anne Brigman, traveling prize. A delicious salad course was served by the hostess at the conclusion of play.

Book Club Meets

Mrs. R. E. Lee and Mrs. Ernest Clayton were co-hostesses to the members of the Cardinal Book club on Thursday evening in Mrs. Lee's home. After a most interesting program presented by Mrs. Billy McMaster the hostesses served delicious refreshments.

Mrs. Farrell Is Hostess

Mrs. Cecil Farrell graciously entertained the members of her bridge club on Saturday evening, with two tables of bridge at play. Prizes were awarded to Mrs. M. B. Pleasants, club high; Mrs. N. L. VanBoskerck, guest high, and Miss Pearl McMillan, low. The hostess served chicken salad, cake and coffee.

Briefs

Mrs. J. M. Singleton has returned to her home in Candor this week after spending some time with her daughters, Mrs. J. C. Robbins and Mrs. R. M. Caldwell.

Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Marks spent last weekend with Mrs. Mark's sister, Mrs. Fred Kinlaw, in Fayetteville.

Dr. and Mrs. John K. Robertson and son arrived Monday from Gaithersburg, Md., to spend this week with Mrs. Robertson's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. McNeill, Sr., before going to Charleston, S. C., where Dr. Robertson will report for duty with the Navy.

Mr. and Mrs. Boyd Bolin of Siler City visited in Aberdeen Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Larry Shoe spent several days last week visiting relatives in Salisbury.

Mrs. Albert Caddell visited Mrs. C. H. Cook in Fayetteville Sunday. Mrs. Cook accompanied Mrs. Caddell home for a brief visit.

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Muse and Mr. and Mrs. Haney Harris spent the weekend at the beach.

W. H. McNeill made a business trip to Charlotte Monday.

John Fletcher is improving from a recent illness.

Mrs. H. L. Summerford is spending several days visiting Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Tarleton and family.

Sam Swearingen and Jimmy Marks spent Tuesday in Fayetteville.

Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Wooten and son of Raleigh spent the weekend with Mrs. W. G. Wooten and family.

Miss Martha McLeod left Tuesday for Lees College in Jackson, Ky., where she is a Bible instructor. Miss McLeod spent the summer with her mother, Mrs. John D. McLeod.

Miss Bernice Odom and Miss Julia Mae Graham have an apartment at the Lantana. Miss Odom teaches French and Miss Graham is the librarian in the Aberdeen High school.

Among those leaving for college this week are: Misses Iris Matthews, Nerene Lawrence and Jo Sue Wallace. East Carolina college in Greenville; Ella Ruth McNeill, Billie Gene Addor and Shirley Bolin, Flora Macdonald college, Red Springs; Sarah Caudle, Rebecca Edge and Louise Edge, Meredith college, Raleigh; and George Gwyn, Oak Ridge.

Mrs. Scott Miller of Salisbury is spending some time visiting Mr. and Mrs. V. U. Grose and son, Lewis Harrington, Jr., has returned from Oregon, where he had been working, to spend several days with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Harrington, before leaving for his junior year at State college, Raleigh.

Miss Christine Feather has had as her house guest Miss Carol Anne Templeman of Carmel, California.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. McNeill, Jr., and family have returned from Howell, Michigan, where they visited Mrs. McNeill's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Glen C. Yeland.

Bill Bethune is spending several days visiting his mother, Mrs. C. C. Bethune.

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SYNOPSIS OF TOWN BUDGET

July 1, 1952 to June 30, 1953

ESTIMATED INCOME FOR FISCAL YEAR

Gross Advalorem Tax on \$5,516,162.00 Assessed Valuation at \$2.20 per \$100.00 Valuation	\$121,355.56
Poll Tax	369.00
Dog Tax	167.00
Estimated License Tax	1,000.00
Estimated Automobile License Tax	1,000.00
Estimated Tax Penalties	606.00
Estimated Officers Arrest Fees	900.00
Estimated Sewer Rentals & Connections	1,900.00
Estimated Funds A.B.C. Store for Law Enforcement	5,291.80
Estimated Beverage Tax from Sale of Beer	2,707.87
Estimated Franchise Tax from Power Company	1,300.00
Estimated Sundry Revenue	1,500.00
Intangible Tax	9,708.20

TOTAL ESTIMATED RECEIPTS FOR FISCAL YEAR \$147,805.43

ESTIMATED EXPENDITURES FOR FISCAL YEAR

General Fund	\$114,858.88
Sewage Treatment Plant	5,255.00
Parks and Building	4,029.05
Cemetery Maintenance	3,860.00
Serial Bond Fund	19,802.50

TOTAL ESTIMATED DISBURSEMENTS FOR FISCAL YEAR \$147,805.43

Breakdown of General Fund:

Administrative Department	\$ 10,404.00
Fire Department	9,716.36
Police Department	21,263.00
Streets, Sewers and Lights	42,947.52
Sanitary Department (Garbage Collection and Disposal)	12,481.00
Recreational Fund	4,000.00
To Funds for Building West. So. Pines Swimming Pool	3,000.00
Hospitalization Insurance	1,880.00
To Payment on Bookkeeping Machine	1,000.00
Capital Outlay for Sewage System	3,000.00
Miscellaneous and Contingencies	5,167.00

\$114,858.88

Debt Service:

Total Bonded Indebtedness July 1, 1952	\$540,000.00
Total Bond Retirement July 1, 1952 to June 30, 1953	\$ 35,000.00
Total Interest Payment July 1, 1952 to June 30, 1953	15,030.00

\$ 50,030.00

Less Amount to be paid from Water Funds and Rentals

from Town Owned Property 30,227.50

TOTAL APPROPRIATION FROM BUDGET FOR DEBT SERVICE \$ 19,802.50

The foregoing budget was duly adopted on August 13, 1952, and declared to be an ordinance fixing the tax rate for the Town of Southern Pines for the fiscal year 1952-53.

HOWARD F. BURNS
Clerk-Treasurer

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