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Town Roused By Near Strangling Of Local Woman

Mrs. Parker's Screams Wake Neighborhood As Assailant Flees

The quiet of Sunday evening was rudely shattered, this week, when a man concealed in the back of her car attempted to strangle Mrs. R. S. Parker as she was driving home from church.

Mrs. Parker's screams, as the car edged along, out of control, up Bennett street from New York avenue, roused the neighborhood, a fact responsible for her escape, according to all accounts of the affair.

Police were immediately mobilized, but, today, the answer to questions was still "nothing to report" on the outcome of the search for the culprit.

Stating that all efforts were being concentrated on the case, Policechief Ed Newton corroborated reports that the SBI, as well as county officers headed by Sheriff McDonald, were supplementing the efforts of the local force. "Everything possible is being done to catch the man," the Chief said, "the difficulty is: we have so little to go on."

Meantime, Mrs. Parker, resting at her home at 555 North Ashe street, as she recovers from the shock of the experience, expressed herself as anxious to have the facts clearly known.

"I think about the thing so much," she said, "it really does me good and relieves the tension to talk about it. And something might come out that would help." **On Sunday Evening**

Mrs. Parker told The Pilot that on Sunday evening she had gone to the Baptist church where Dr. Woodson of Flora Macdonald college had made a most interesting address.

"I stayed on to the service afterwards," Mrs. Parker said, "and lingered to speak to a few friends when I came out. I suppose it was around 8:45 when I went to my car and got in."

Mrs. Parker said that, as a rule, she made it a practice to look in the back of her car before starting off, but this night she didn't.

"I suppose I was still thinking of the service," she said. "But just before driving off, I did glance over my shoulder into the back I noticed something light-colored on the floor. It was dark and I couldn't see clearly and I remember thinking: 'why I must have left the packages there last time'." **(Continued on Page 5)**

State Turned Down By R. I. Governor In Banigan Case

Rhode Island took the ball away from North Carolina last week in the controversial case of Mrs. J. J. Banigan.

The governor has refused extradition from his state of the former Southern Pines real estate agent, thus turning down the request that she be returned to North Carolina to stand trial here.

According to W. D. Sabiston, Carthage attorney who is, with Arch T. Allen of Raleigh, in charge of the case, the Rhode Island governor based his action on a legal technicality. The governor stated that the original civil suit against Mrs. Banigan was brought against her as agent for the Elks Home and also as head of the Banigan real estate agency and he ruled this was a technical error. He said she could not be sued in both capacities and therefore denied extradition in the case.

The governor's decision cannot be appealed but it is understood those in charge of the suit will not cease their efforts. Other means it is felt, will be found to let North Carolina justice have its day in court against those who are accused of breaking North Carolina's laws.

While the Boring suit involving the Elks Home was the original action against Mrs. Banigan, and the one on which the extradition request was based, since then charges have been filed against the missing real estate agent by citizens of this locality amounting to several thousand dollars.

NEW LIGHTS

Southern Pines' White Way has been in action long enough for everyone to admire and exclaim. Not that it took long. Enthusiastic comments are heard on every side and the proud strutting that goes on under the gaily beaming street lamps with their glistening reflector shades is something to see.

And of course you can see it... that's the point. As well as the dark corners and shadowy crossings that might have created a hazard for those strutters up and down our Broad Street.

There are 44 lights already up and eight more to come. That completes the job. Bows to the CP&L and the Town Board for good work and a wise investment!

Committees Are Named For Event Honoring Boros

Many Top Golfers Expected Here For Three-Day Event

Plans for the Julius Boros Invitational Open Golf tournament to be played on the Mid Pines course November 23, 24 and 25 are rapidly being completed, and following a meeting Monday night of the general chairman and steering committee with Dugan Aycock, president of the PGA, Miss Jeanne Cosgrove and Mrs. Bernice Harrington, the following divisions of work for the event were announced:

Committee: Arch F. Coleman, general chairman; Mary Baxter secretary-treasurer; Charles S. Patch, Jr., assistant secretary. Committee Departments

Finance: John V. Clark and Nolley Jackson.

Invitations—Dugan Aycock and Jeanne Cosgrove.

Prizes and Awards—Charles S. Patch, Jr., and Dugan Aycock.

Tournament Direction—Chief marshal, Richard S. Tufts; assistant marshals, James E. Besley, William Snow and B. C. Avery, staff, the Pine Dodgers and the Silver Foils.

Scoring—Pete Mitchell and Hermann Grover.

Motor Traffic Control—Charles S. Patch, Jr.

Press and Publication—Robert E. Harlow.

Entertainment—Dr. D. W. Whitehead and Bernice Harrington.

Reservations—Jeanne Cosgrove, Banquet—Mrs. Frank Cosgrove. The committee announced a \$5,000 purse for golfers.

This is the first time since 1907 that a local golfer has captured the National Open, so with Julius Boros of "The Golf Capital of the World" holding both national and world titles, not only Sandhills golfers but friends from throughout the country seem eager to honor him. President Aycock told

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Author Gives Glowing Report Of Volunteers For Stevenson

"Yes, I saw Buffie and Ernest, more than 200 volunteers to attend the Springfield conference. They were cordial and charming and are doing a wonderful job."

So said Inglis Fletcher on her return from the Volunteers for Stevenson conference in Springfield last week. In an exclusive interview accorded The Pilot, Mrs. Fletcher gave unstinted praise to Mr. and Mrs. Ives, Southern Pines' close links with the campaign to elect Governor Stevenson president.

"Buffie is making speeches," Mrs. Fletcher said, "and with her natural political insight is giving valuable assistance to her brother, the Governor. And Ernest, out of his long experience in the diplomatic world, here and abroad, is a strong right arm to Adlai."

North Carolina's leading historical novelist, who has often visited here, was one of a group of (Continued on Page 8)

Registration For General Election November 4 Begins This Saturday

Registration for the November 4 general election—when citizens will vote on candidates for county, state and national offices—will begin Saturday of this week, October 11, and will run through Saturday, October 25, it was pointed out this week by Sam C. Riddle of Carthage, chairman of the Moore County board of elections.

Registrars will be at polling places on the three Saturdays of the registration period—October 11, October 17 and October 25. At other times they may be reached at their homes or places of business. Names and addresses of all Moore County registrars are given below.

A new registration is not required in Moore county, but all persons are advised to be sure they are properly registered in the precinct in which they now reside.

Registrars have information on registration and election laws and persons who have moved from one precinct to another or into the State are advised to see the registrars to determine their proper procedure in registering and voting.

Servicemen Voting Heavily

Because of the hotly contested national Presidential race, additional registration is expected to be heavy. Chairman Riddle said that absentee voting by servicemen is running very heavy. Early this week, he said he had received 112 applications for absentee ballots from members of the armed forces and that he had 19 ballots back already. He also said he had a number of applications from civilians.

Servicemen vote by requesting an absentee ballot on a special card available to them at their (Continued on Page 8)

Book Fair Planned

For October 16 At

Elementary School

Next week will be Fair Week not only in Raleigh, but in Southern Pines, also, for on Thursday afternoon from 3:30 to 5:30, at the elementary school, a Book Fair will be held, to which teachers of the county, patrons of the schools, and parents are especially invited. There will be no admission charge.

Miss Mary Logan and Mrs. Beulah McPherson, Moore County

School supervisors, started the project and Miss Aline Todd is

serving as chairman, with Harry

Lee Brown, Jr., assisting and all

of the elementary teachers and

pupils cooperating.

"Reading Is Fun," the Book

Week slogan of the year, has been

adopted as the theme of the fair.

Visitors are asked to visit the

elementary library and school

rooms first before going to the

caterina, where they will be in-

vited to see and examine books

and other reading materials which

publishers and book sellers will

have on display.

What kind of books do children

like? What are the best books for

children? Displays in the library

and various projects in the class-

rooms will help to answer these

questions.

The first grade rooms will fea-

ture nursery rhyme pictures; the

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8th District Rally Reported Best Yet

"It was the best rally we've ever had... and Bob Doughton stole the show!"

That was the story told by Sandhills attending the Eighth District Rally at Wilkesboro Wednesday. According to W. Lamont Brown, Moore County's Solicitor, who was there, more than 500 enthusiastic Democrats were there to hear their party leaders in the state tell of the present campaign under its great national leader, Governor Adlai Stevenson, and hear the two candidates for governor, the winner, William B. Umstead, and his respected opponent

Bob Doughton, who was the second

best speaker.

"But best of all was Repre-

sentative Doughton," Mr. Brown said.

"He made one of the most inspiring talks I've ever heard," Mr. Doughton is retiring at the age of 89 after representing the Ninth District for 42 years.

Among others attending the

rally from Moore County were:

Mr. and Mrs. John Ruggles, John

McConnell, W. A. Leland Mc-

Keethen, Al Cruse, Representative H. Clifton Blue, and W. H.

McNeill, Jr.

Williams, Negro, of Philadelphia, Pa., and his grand-

daughter, Irene Jolly, jumped to

safety Sunday evening just before

a freight train hit the rear of Wil-

liams' stalled automobile and

knocked it clear of the tracks at

the Vermont Street crossing in

Southern Pines. The accident oc-

curred around 7:50 p.m.

Williams, it is believed, failed

to notice the warning signal and

upon seeing the approaching train

became excited and stalled the

engine just before the car had

cleared the crossing. Damage to

the 1946 Buick was estimated at

\$400.

Town Board Calls Meeting To Survey Bond Issue Matter

Will Tell Voters Facts In Decision To Seek More Funds

The Town Board designated Wednesday, October 22, as the date for a public meeting for presentation to the people of the issues behind the forthcoming bond election.

The decision was reached at the regular monthly meeting held at the town hall Wednesday night. Present were Mayor C. N. Page, Town Clerk Howard F. Burns, and Commissioners Lloyd Clark, W. E. Blue, H. L. Brown, and Charles S. Patch, Jr., L. V. O'Calaghan being absent.

The plan to hold the public meeting was decided on unanimously, with little delay. "The board is firmly convinced of the need for the improvements we have in mind," Mayor Page stated, "but we want the people to understand all the details and why we feel as we do. The voters should be fully informed and a town meeting is the best way to do it."

The open meeting will be held at Weaver Auditorium at 8 p.m. All are urged to attend. The mayor and board will be there, to answer all questions, equipped with facts and figures. These will include the present property valuation of the town, of \$5,162,162, the gross debt, \$688,000, and the net debt, \$323,788 (these figures include the proposed bond issue.) It was stated at the meeting that the board felt fear of a possible raise in taxes was groundless.

Commissioner Lloyd Clark expressed the feeling of others when he said: "The way I see it, the taxes are more apt to be raised if the bond issue is not passed than if it is passed. Because some of these items are absolute necessities."

Hear Several Citizens

Most of Wednesday evening's meeting was taken up with matters brought before the board by various citizens present, with town lighting, paving, and traffic hazards, as usual to the fore. The dangerous intersection at County Club road and Indiana Avenue came in for survey, with a circle being considered as a safety measure.

The pressing need to clean up some of the lots in this area was (Continued on page 5)

Gas Station And

Car Burn, Truck

Wrecks, At Vass

A building reduced to ashes, a Ford automobile wiped out by fire, and a lumber-loaded trailer toppled over on its side, completely blocking traffic on Highway 1, were the net total of happenings that occurred in swift succession at the southern limits of the Town of Vass Tuesday night. No one was injured.

Ray McNeill, a Vass youth, was proceeding north on the Highway around 8:30 when he ran into dense smoke, which cut off his vision, although, according to the report, he did not see flames. He reduced his speed and in a matter of seconds, while in the smoke zone was struck from the rear by a Sandhill Lumber Company truck, which turned his Ford onto its side, continued a short distance and jackknifed, with the trailer landing on its side diagonally across the highway where it passes under the railroad, effectively closing the space to other traffic. Dougald Cameron, also of Vass

was the driver.

Meanwhile, McNeill was scrambling out of the skyward side of his car, which was already ablaze.

The Vass firemen responded to the call when sounded, but the service station was then a mass of flames which had no