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## Manhunt Follows Trail Of Outlaws To Neighbor Areas

### Three Arrested For Aiding Pair Sought In Slaying

The search for two Negro youths, outlawed as slayers of Carthage Police Chief Bernice M. Cameron March 15, moved last week into northwest Moore county, then into the surrounding areas of Montgomery and Chatham, and Thursday morning had veered into Randolph on a report that one of them had been seen there.

Leads all over Moore and the neighbor counties were being followed by law enforcement officers in a night-and-day search. Their efforts opened up the trail the fugitives had followed during the first four days of their flight. Their actions at that time, and clues garnered since, have led to the belief that they have not gone far; also that they have been adept in receiving protection along the way, and in securing necessary food and information.

A reward of \$1,000 has been posted for them, made by the citizens of Carthage, the Town of Carthage and the County of Moore. Circulars containing their descriptions came off the presses Wednesday, and are in process of distribution all over the United States.

The wanted men are J. C. Dowd, 23, "a long, skinny, dark-brown" boy, six feet one inch in height and weighing only 145 pounds; and Harry "Scotty" Richardson, 17, light-skinned and stocky, about five feet 10 or 11 and weighing about 175.

The third member of the fugitive group, "Junebug" Morrison, 18, deserted them Wednesday night to give himself up in Sanford. He was placed in jail in company with five others of the ambush shooting party, apprehended earlier in the week. All have been charged with murder and are being allowed no bond.

Arrested last Thursday afternoon on charges of accessory after the fact were James Cobb, 22, of near Carthage; Gilbert Letough, 26, and his brother Melvin, 17, of the Haw Branch community in Deep River township. All are charged with accessory after the fact, with \$5,000 bonds set for each. Cobb made bond but Thursday morning the Letough brothers had not.

According to evidence painstakingly pieced together by the pursuing officers, and admissions of the three men arrested last week, the fugitives spent the hours immediately following the ambush slaying in hiding behind the Carthage Fabrics Co., plant, on the outskirts of Carthage. Their pistol was later found there.

Cobb gave them a ride Sunday night to the home of the Letough brothers. They "holed up" in an abandoned house nearby. Gilbert and Melvin Letough kept their secret, buying food at a store in the community and taking it to them.

Following the defection of Morrison Wednesday night, Dowd and Richardson departed Thursday morning, only a few hours before.

## Eight Lovely Homes And Gardens Will Be Displayed On Garden Tour April 8

This resort community, world-famed as the "springtime village," will be the scene of a Homes and Gardens tour Wednesday, April 8, the fourth annual spring tour to be conducted under auspices of the Southern Pines Garden club.

At this time of year the whole town is a garden, and there is no lack of lovely homes to show. Insuring enjoyment for those who, among the hundreds of visitors, return year after year for the tour, each spring new homes and gardens are shown which have not been opened before.

The eight homes listed this year, announced this week by Mrs. B. F. Kraffert, Jr., tour chairman, comprise five which are new to the tour. The others have been shown one or more times before and are included because of their special interest.

Headquarters again will be the Shaw House, antebellum cottage



**BOBBY SPEIGHT**  
N. C. State Forward  
A member of the State College basketball team, which will meet the ASTC All-Stars in a post-season game at the Carthage gym Tuesday night. See story on Page 11.

## Hodgkins Returned To Presidency Of TB Association

Norris Hodgkins, Jr., of Southern Pines was re-elected president of the Moore County Tuberculosis association during a meeting of the association's board of directors at the health center in Carthage Tuesday evening.

Other officers re-elected were: Rev. J. R. Funderburk, Southern Pines, first vice-president; Mrs. Timothy Cleary, Pinebluff, secretary; and Dr. T. A. Cheatham, Pinehurst, treasurer. New officers elected were: Mrs. Lola Carter, Jackson Springs, second vice-president; and Charles S. Patch, Jr., Southern Pines, assistant treasurer—a new office filled for the first time this year. The officers will serve for the coming year.

Attending the meeting in addition to members of the board of directors were Dr. J. W. Willcox, county health officer; Mrs. Kenyon Poe, public health nurse; Hobson Chinnis of State Tuberculosis Association staff and others.

**Board Members X-Rayed**  
All members of the board of directors present were given chest X-rays with new equipment purchased with funds contributed in the annual Easter Seal sales in Moore county.

Clinics using this equipment are continuing for persons requesting X-rays and a program of voluntary X-rays for members of all Moore County's Home Demonstration clubs began this week, to run for several weeks.

Harold Satterwhite, technician at the N. C. Sanatorium, McCain, has been instructing members of the health department staff in operation of the X-ray equipment, it was announced.

The directors voted to have a regular meeting of the board on the second Tuesday of each month.

## Registration On For Council-Manager Vote; Procedure In Order, Says Brown

Registration for the municipal election on adoption of the council-manager form of government will be held entirely within an eight-day period starting today (Friday).

Skipping only Sunday, registration books will be open at the fire station from today through next Friday. Hours for registration will be from 9 a. m. to 5 p. m. daily except Saturday, when they will be from 9 a. m. to 9 p. m.

The registration period and hours are being followed as set up in the North Carolina statute for this type of election.

Mrs. Grace Kaylor, registrar, will be on duty, with N. L. Hodgkins, Jr., and Joe Garzik as poll holders.

Attention of the citizens is called especially to the dates, as the period of several successive days, rather than days in successive weeks, is an unusual one, and also because, in every municipal election, many citizens believe they are on the town books whereas they are not.

They do not find out until they go to vote that they may be on the precinct books, or on the school district books, but they are not and never have been on the municipal books.

On the petitions of more than 500 names asking the election, a check showed that some 75 signatures were of persons who were not registered and thus not qualified to vote.

The petitions contained names of persons both for and against the proposed form of government. The only thing certain about any signer was that he wished to see the election held, and it could be inferred that, in signing, he felt he was qualified to vote. This was not true of more than one.

## 10 Men Drafted; Next Call Will Take 19-Year-Olds

Following the departure of 10 young men for Army induction next Tuesday, the Moore County selective service office will face its biggest preinduction call in many months.

The April preinduction call is for 80 men, said Mrs. Harry W. Davis, clerk. This will mean dipping down among the 19-year-olds for the first time in this county. All of those to be sent for preinduction will be 20 and 19 years old.

Leaving Tuesday will be one volunteer, Roy Lee Ledbetter, of Pinehurst; one transfer, James R. Cochran, formerly of Georgia; and the following:

Jene R. Bowen, Southern Pines; Richard L. Comer, Cameron Rt. 1; Roy Lee Barber, Carthage; Charles C. Monroe, Aberdeen Rt. 1; Asa C. Baber, Carthage Rt. 1; Ray Boggs, Vass; James L. Gilmore, Vass; Eugene H. Morgan, Pinehurst.

All listed above are white. One Negro, Rufus Frank Smitherman, who has been called is now living in the Bronx, New York, and is expected to request a transfer from the local board.

All in the present call are 21 or older, as the group includes a number who have been deferred until recently, as students or for other reasons, but who have now been reclassified.

The local board lists one delinquent, George Adam Stanback, Negro, whose last known address was Carthage. Mail addressed to him since February 3 has been returned unclaimed, and, unless the board hears from him or receives information relative to his whereabouts, his name will soon be turned in to the District Attorney's office.

## EASTER CLOSINGS

Local stores, except for grocery stores, will stay open next Wednesday afternoon for the accommodation of Easter shoppers, it was ascertained by a check made by the Chamber of Commerce better business bureau.

The grocery stores, however, plan to close as usual Wednesday of this week, remaining open the Wednesday after Easter.

All plan to close Easter Monday for the full day's holiday.

seventh of the petitioners.

Anyone in doubt as to whether or not he is on the municipal books should check with Mrs. Kaylor, to be sure.

Eligible for registration are persons who have become 21 since the last municipal election, or will be 21 by April 15, day of the voting; and all those persons who, having lived in North Carolina for as long as one year, have lived in Southern Pines at least four months.

All registrants must be persons living within the city limits.

### Brown's Statement

In response to the statement of town attorney Hoke Pollock, published last week, that there might be legal stumbling blocks in the way to adoption of the Plan D (council-manager) form of government here, another local attorney issued a statement this week.

In answer to a query by The Pilot, W. Lamont Brown, who is working on technical aspects of the election for the citizens favoring it, said he had assurance not only from the statute books but reliable legal authorities that, if the election carries, all will be in legal order.

Associated with Mr. Brown in investigation is W. D. Sabiston, Jr., of Carthage.

Mr. Brown's statement follows: "The Statutes of the State of North Carolina have been followed in setting up the election for the council-manager form of government in Southern Pines.

"The statutes provide a simple but adequate and complete procedure for setting up this type of government and getting it into operation—so simple that everyone can understand it, and yet so adequate that everyone can be served by it.

"It is a form of government entirely consistent with the old but never-dying principle laid down by Abraham Lincoln when he said he hoped that government by the people, of the people and for the people shall never perish from the earth."

"The same plan has been adopted by more than 50 North Carolina cities and towns, ranging from large to small. A great percentage of them have done so by the same procedure now being used in Southern Pines, and it is working successfully in all of them."

He cited the case of Whiteville, almost exactly the size of Southern Pines, which adopted the plan by an election as outlined above six years ago, and of Greenville, which did the same within the past few weeks and will put it into effect at the municipal election of May 5.

## SPHS Ball Team Starts Season With Two Wins

Baseball — yes, that's the cry that rings throughout the Sandhills now, and the crack of the bat is heard on the local field.

Southern Pines' first game was played on the home field last Friday. A cheering crowd, one of the largest to turn out for a baseball game in years, saw the lads from Southern Pines High take West End in a thrilling 2-0 win. This may well start the Blue & White on the path toward a championship.

Coaches Irie Leonard and W. A. Leonard seemed well pleased with the success of the first game, but were even more pleased as the Southern Pines team journeyed to Vass-Lakeview Wednesday and there took away the honors with a 15-0 score.

Comments from the many local fans that have cheered our boys in other sports agree that the baseball future looks very promising this year.

A lot of new talent has come out. Steve Choate, senior, made a run in the game with West End. Donald Van Benschoten, a junior, is putting the Yogi Berra touch behind the plate with some highly polished coaching.

With these and all the lettermen that the team boasts, the coming season should prove to be a good one for the Southern Pines High school baseball team, so with your cheers and mine, we say "Good work!" to the high school baseball players.

## PIANO RECITAL

A program to delight lovers of the piano will be given by Frederick Sahlmann, concert pianist, at Weaver auditorium tonight, (Friday). Bach, Brahms, Debussy, Chopin are among the names to bring anticipation of a delightful evening.

Further incentive towards ticket-purchasing is provided by the reputation of the artist. Still in his twenties, Mr. Sahlmann has appeared with the state symphony orchestra as well as in solo recitals. "Young in years but old in experience and musicianship," is what Dr. Benjamin Swalin, director of the state orchestra, says of him.

Tickets, on sale at the Barnum Agency, may also be purchased at the box office, before curtain time, set for 8:30.

## Howard Butler Is Consultant For Southern Railroad

Engineer By Nature And Hard Work Given Distinguished Post

A story with a rarely American flavor advanced one more rung up the success ladder with the announcement this week that Howard Butler of Southern Pines has been appointed Consulting Engineer to the Southern Railroad.

Mr. Butler, who is president of the Gulf Creosoting Company, will be in charge of study of the area through which the Southern system runs, concentrating on water supply with a view to its development for industry. The Southern system runs from New Orleans through the eastern Atlantic and Central states, stretching north as far as Indiana and Illinois. Head office is located in Washington, D. C.

With Southern Pines continuing as his headquarters, the local engineer will work with a geologist, expected here shortly, and will be on the road, it is thought, a great part of the time. While this represents a new move for the Southern Railroad, to Mr. Butler it will be a continuation of a career which has had rapid development of recent years. Always a student of the water supply angle of engineering, Mr. Butler has been associated with the DuPont company at both Kingston and Camden, S. C., in working out their water supply problems. He makes frequent trips to both these plants besides, carrying on for the company a certain amount of research at his own establishment in Gulf.

**A Natural Engineer**  
Mr. Butler holds a degree in engineering from State college, and is a member of the select Association of Mining and Metallurgical Engineers. But no college course or academic training lies behind his accomplishment. Unusual, even for the United States in these days of specialization, is the fact that this noted engineer now about to take on a position of highest responsibility with one of

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## Chamber Sets Up Special Fund For Christmas Lighting

Directors of the Southern Pines Chamber of Commerce, meeting Tuesday night, amended their constitution to make their new year start in January and thus assumed responsibility for the Christmas lights.

They implemented their action by instructing Ed Small, treasurer, to take \$100 from the treasury and start the Christmas lighting fund. It is anticipated that, with regular additions, the full amount of \$300 will be in hand by December 1.

The Chamber of Commerce year has previously started in October, when elections have customarily been held. Due to delays in holding the last election meeting, however, the present board did not go into office until January.

Besides permitting them to undertake the lighting project, for which W. B. Holliday is chairman, the treasurer told the group that the change would simplify book-keeping and various other procedures of the Chamber.

## Mid-South Show Will Offer 63 Entries In Saturday, Sunday Tests

### Fine Horses And Riders Will Be Seen At Starland



**DR. HOLLAND**  
Dr. William C. Holland, pastor of the First Baptist church, will deliver his final sermon at the morning service Sunday in the church which he has served for almost four years.

He and his family will move Wednesday to their new home at Bessemer, Ala., where he will become pastor of the South Highland Baptist church, with a congregation of 968 members.

Dr. Holland, a native of Colorado, came to the local church in June 1949 from Stetson university, Deland, Fla., where he was a professor in the school of religion. During his pastorate here the church has made a net gain of about 75 members, increasing from 345 to 428. The Sunday school has gained in ever greater proportion.

Major achievement of his pastorate has been the building of the handsome educational annex, now almost complete and representing an investment by the congregation of some \$70,000. A pay-as-you-go program was followed during most of the construction, and a debt of only \$10,000 is outstanding.

Started in the spring of 1950, the building was put into use bit by bit, as each part was finished, going into full use in the fall of 1951. The church office and Sunday school rooms were modernly equipped and at the same time the basement of the main church building was remodeled as a reception room and dining room.

Dr. Holland assisted three years ago in forming the South Sandy Creek Baptist association of Moore County churches, carved from the old Sandy Creek association and served as its moderator during its first two years.

He also helped organize the Moore County Ministerial association in 1950, was its secretary two years and this year was vice president.

He has been active in the Sandhills Kiwanis club, where he served in 1951 as chairman of the publicity committee, and this year was to have been program chairman during the third quarter. He is a member also of the Southern Pines Lions club and has served as director and program committee chairman.

Dr. and Mrs. Holland have two children, Billy, Jr., aged five, and Jimmy, aged 18 months.

## NEW DATES

Date of the forthcoming visit of the N. C. Symphony orchestra has had to be changed again, according to information from the Sandhills Music association.

The orchestra this time will make two visits here. The children's concert will be given on the afternoon of Tuesday, April 21, the date originally set. The musicians will then return to present their evening concert for the general public Monday, April 27.

The change came in too late to be made on The Pilot's calendar of community events, which had already been printed on Page 11.

Sixty-three horses, among them some of the finest in the country, will vie for trophies and ribbons in 25 classes in the annual Mid-South horse show at Starland Farms on Midland Road this weekend.

The picturesque ring and outside course on the estate of Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd P. Tate, midway between Southern Pines and Pinehurst, are in tip-top condition for the showing of hunters, jumper and hacks and the judging of horsemanship classes on the two days of the annual event which benefits the county's two hospitals and other charities. The Sandhills Kiwanis club is sponsoring the exhibition, staged by the Mid-South Horse Show Association, Inc.

The affair gets under way at 9:30 a. m. tomorrow, Saturday, with children's hunters the first class to be judged. This will be followed by classes for lightweight working hunters, for three-year-olds, a lightweight conformation class, lightweight green hunters, children under 12, middle and heavy-weight hunters, and bridle path hacks.

The Saturday afternoon program starts at 2 o'clock, with these classes in order: Open jumping, middle and heavy-weight conformation hunters, middle and heavy green hunters, Corinthian hunters, hunters under saddle, open conformation hunters, horsemanship class for children under 16, and the knockdown and out class.

Open working hunters will start off the Sunday afternoon program at 2 o'clock, to be followed by classes for handy jumpers, pairs of hacks, green open hunters, the working hunter stake, green hunter stake, conformation hunter stake, jumper stake and hunt tests.

Hunter classes will be shown over the new outside course on the Tate estate, a formidable test for the numerous entries from stable which have been wintering in the Sandhills and many from other points. Among those judged will be horses which won notable victories in the National Show at Madison Square Garden, New York, and in many other leading horse shows both in this country and Canada. Seen in the Hunt Teams event will be the colors of the Vernon G. Cardy stables which have won this class in the National for the past three

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## Town Gateways Are Beautified By Garden Club

Planting at both the northern and southern entrances to Southern Pines has now been completed, reports Mrs. James S. Milliken, president of the Southern Pines Garden club.

The gift of the club, the planting has been set out by the Holly-tree Nursery of Ernest Morell, under Mr. Morell's personal supervision. Mr. Morell is consultant planting supervisor for the town.

Visitors entering town from either entrance are now greeted by the attractive new signs, seen against a background of flowering shrubs, dogwoods and judas trees. Furthermore, a move to add to these attractions seems to have started, inspired by the Garden club display. Robert M. Pearce, of Pearce Motor company, is planning to move cars to the back of his lot, improving the street front with a fence, flowering shrubs and rambler roses.

"We think this is quite wonderful," said Mrs. Milliken, reporting for the club. "It may mark a move by all firms fronting on this important entrance to town along lower Broad street, to carry out the same sort of decorative scheme."

Looks like a Model Mile in the making, right there!