



HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES, Class of 1953. Front row, from left—*Irene Easton, Phyllis Fairecloth, Mary Johns Cameron, *LaNelle Kirk, *Janet Hamel, *Sieger Herr, Elaine Johnson, Carolyn Hoskins, Louise Johnson. Second row—Kenneth McCrimmon, Steve Choate, James Matthews, Joe Horner, Carl Bowers, Raymond Williams, Ernest Pitts. Back row—David Bailey, Bill Huntley, Ronald Luketz, David Woodruff, Mark King. Absent from picture, Edith Johnson. *Honor graduates. (Pilot Staff Photo)

Moore Schools Gain 3 Teachers In State Allotment

The Moore county school system gained three teachers in the state allotment just made on the basis of attendance during the past year, it was learned from Supt. H. Lee Thomas of Carthage. One elementary teacher will be added at Aberdeen, Robbins and Carthage.

The allotment gives Moore county 198 teachers so far, but 12 more will be allotted as soon as a final decision is made on the opening of the Farm Life and Highfalls schools. This will make a total of 210, as compared with 207 last year.

In addition, if Farm Life reopens, and Highfalls stays open, as anticipated, the county will continue its custom of supplying

LOST: 1 TEACHER

The state allotment of teachers for the local school district is one less than last year. West Southern Pines is losing a high school teacher on account of poor attendance during a portion of the school year just past, it was learned from Supt. A. C. Dawson.

That was the only change. The 1953-54 allotment gives Southern Pines five high school teachers, 14 elementary; West Southern Pines, five high school, 11 elementary.

each one, also Westmoore, a vocational teacher. (Last year, instead of employing a vocational teacher, Highfalls used the salary to pay a commercial teacher.)

Maintaining Farm Life and Highfalls as separate schools, rather than consolidating them with Carthage, has been approved by their school districts, the county board of education and county commissioners, said Mr. Thomas, and now remains only to be approved by the state board of education. "Since the General Assembly passed a law enabling small schools (45-60 daily average attendance) to stay open if the patrons and county support the move, no hitch is expected.

All teachers and principals in the Moore system were reappointed, and the principals have accepted reappointment 100 per cent, the superintendent said. There have been no teacher resignations so far since two Carthage teachers, Mrs. Janie Middleton and Mrs. Rad Fry, gave notice in the spring, effective with the end of the school year. The teachers have until August 2-30 days before the opening of school—to resign if they wish.

"You Are Democracy's Hope," Abrams Tells High School Graduating Class

"The fire is laid. How it will burn from now on depends on you."

Thus Dr. W. Amos Abrams, speaker at the commencement exercises of the Southern Pines

28 Enter Moore Championships On Municipal Courts

Play started Wednesday night in the Fifth Annual Moore County Closed Tennis Championship, with 16 entered in the men's division, 12 in the women's.

Actually, there are 15 men entered, 13 women. However, Audrey West Brown, three-time winner of the state singles title, was entered in the men's events, as those for the women offer her no competitive play.

Finals have been tentatively set for Sunday night, and may run over into Monday, said W. F. Bowman, tournament chairman. The tournament is sponsored by the Sandhills Tennis association, second in the summer series of senior and junior events which will reach its climax with the Sandhills Invitational in August.

Harry Lee Brown, Jr., and Mildred Gruebl, defending champions, are seeded No. 1, with other seedings as follows: men—Malcolm Clark, No. 2; Ray Schilling, No. 3, and Page Choate, No. 4; women—Marion deCosta, No. 2; Millie Montesanti, No. 3, and Vickie Lupton, No. 4.

Pairings for first-round play in singles events:

Men—Harry Lee Brown, Jr., vs Steve Choate; Frank deCosta vs Deryl Holliday; Ray Schilling vs Norris Hodgkins; Audrey West Brown vs Jimmie Garner; Malcolm Clark vs Helen Grey Smith; Col. Al Belsma vs Leo Lupton; Page Choate vs Johnny Watkins; Kenneth Tew vs Wilbur Dixon.

Women—Mildred Gruebl, bye; Patty Britt vs Patty Woodell; Vickie Lupton, bye; Frances Pearson vs Margaret Hobbs; Marion deCosta, bye; Mary Dell Matthews vs Ginger Woodell; Millie Montesanti, bye; Patty Hobbs vs Betty Jo Britt.

The lists include a number of the younger players who took part in the Moore County Schools tournament two weeks ago, now rated sufficiently advanced to compete on the adult as well as the junior level.

Committees assisting Chairman Bowman before and during the tournament were appointed by STA President Harry Lee Brown, Jr., with chairmen as follows: courts, Frank deCosta; seeding and tournament draw, Norris Hodgkins, Jr.; trophies, Don Moore; finance, Page Choate; membership and entries, Vickie Lupton; umpire, Malcolm Clark.

County Gets First Negro Home Agent After Year's Wait

Mrs. Freda C. McNeill of Raleigh was appointed by the county commissioners Monday as Moore's first Negro home demonstration agent. She will assume her duties July 1 in headquarters to be set up in Carthage during this month.

Her appointment came almost a year after the commissioners responded to the appeal of Negro citizens to secure a home agent for them. However, on application to the State, they were advised that funds to pay the state's share of the program cost were not available at that time. The funds are now available and Mrs. McNeill was selected for Moore by Mrs. Dazzelle Lowe, district agent for Negro home demonstration work, subject to the county commissioners' approval.

Highly recommended, Mrs. McNeill appeared before the commissioners at their regular meeting at Carthage Monday. She was educated in the public schools of Raleigh, graduated from Shaw university there, and for the past nine years has been teaching home economics at the high school at Clarkton. In her new position she will be in State Extension Service work for the first time.

Further Tryouts For Little League Set Next Week

Young Southern Pines baseball players, 30 strong, turned out Saturday morning for tryouts for the local team in the Moore County Little League. No selections were made, but more tryouts were held during the week and there will be others Monday and Tuesday afternoons at the school ball park at 5 o'clock, said Coach Irie Leonard.

All the boys who have tried out before, and any others, eight to 12 years of age, wanting to make the team should be on hand. Selections have to be made during the coming week as the Little League series will open Monday, June 15.

The first game will be Southern Pines vs. Pinehurst at Pinehurst, and Carthage vs. Robbins at Carthage. Other games will follow each Monday and Wednesday at 5:30 p.m. through August 1, rotating among the four towns. Aberdeen is not included as it is already a member of another Little League.

For the Southern Pines entry, 15 boys will be selected—five who are 12 years old, and will not be 13 before August 1; five 11 years old, and five 10 or younger. Those making the team will be outfitted in new uniforms provided by the Southern Pines Lions club, which is cooperating in the project with the summer recreation program.

Accident Causes Senior To Miss Being In Picture

"Absent from picture, Edith Johnson," it says under the photograph of the high school graduating class at top of this page.

Edith was there, in her grey cap and gown, when the picture was ready to be made. On the auditorium steps she tripped and fell, with an impact which cut her chin, injured her left arm and knocked her out.

Instead of posing for her picture, she was rushed to Moore County hospital where several stitches were taken in her chin. It was thought at first her arm was fractured but no fracture showed on the X-ray, the hospital said. It was, however, painfully twisted and bruised. She was also suffering from shock.

She was sufficiently recovered Monday night to appear in the senior play, turning in a highly creditable performance, and received her diploma with her class Tuesday. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. S. T. Johnson of Manly avenue.

Fun Will Begin

The summer recreation program will start in Southern Pines Monday, June 15, with Irie Leonard again serving as director under the Municipal Recreation Commission.

Mr. Leonard, high school principal and coach, who headed the summer program for the first time last year, said a complete announcement will be ready for next week's issue of The Pilot.

Swimming, baseball, tennis, weekly dances, story hour, and classes in cooking and sewing, all of them popular in years past, will again star on the program for boys and girls.

The program will also be held at the same time in West Southern Pines, as has been the custom in years past.

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Seven Named To Moore Committee For Bicentennial

Fayetteville Plans Cape Fear Valley Historical Event

A request presented to the Moore county commissioners in their regular session at Carthage Monday heralded the newest in the way of historical celebrations in North Carolina—the Cape Fear Bi-Centennial, to be held at Fayetteville sometime in the spring of 1954.

H. F. Seawell, Jr., placed before the commissioners the request of John A. Oates, Fayetteville attorney and well-known historian of the Cape Fear Valley, that they name a committee of native-born citizens of the county to be the official Moore representatives in connection with the Bi-Centennial.

The citizens named, all of ancient and honorable Moore County lineage, were R. E. Wicker and Gordon Cameron of Pinehurst; E. T. McKeithen and J. Talbot Johnson of Aberdeen; W. H. Currie and H. F. Seawell, Jr., of Carthage, and James M. Pleasants of Southern Pines.

Their duties, as described in the official appointment, will be to "do all in their power to promote and advertise, and to recall to all those who endeavor to record the history of the Cape Fear Valley, any and all of those things necessary to the preservation of the great historical traditions of those pioneers who established Moore and Cumberland counties. . . . Moore county having been cut out of Cumberland, and many native sons of Moore now being descended from those who established Cumberland county, these representatives are authorized and empowered to help in all ways possible in making the Bi-Centennial at Fayetteville a great success and a blessing to the posterity of these great sections of North Carolina."

Work Rushing Along For Use Of Town Lake



D. L. MADIGAN
Madigan Elected President Of State Elks Association

Statewide honor came to the Southern Pines Elks lodge Saturday with the election of its secretary, Col. Don L. Madigan as president of the N. C. Elks association.

The election marked the closing business session of the annual convention held at the Southern Pines Country club.

It came as an unusual honor in that Colonel Madigan had previously held no state offices other than as general chairman for two conventions, for which the local lodge was host. He has, however, been prominent in the activities of the Southern Pines lodge, which is rated as outstanding among the 35 of the state. He was a founding member in 1946 and has served as secretary since that time except in 1950, when he was exalted ruler. He has headed numerous special projects of the lodge, and devoted much time to its affairs. Through attendance at district and state meetings he has become well known among Elks of the state.

The new president is a native of Rhode Island, and has lived in Southern Pines since his separation from the Army in 1945. During World War 2 he was commanding officer of the 503rd Combat Team in the Pacific theatre. He is office manager in Southern Pines for the investments and securities firm of Reynolds and Co.

Succession to the state presidency of the Elks is usually made up a ladder of district and state offices, with the vice-president traditionally moving into the lead position. This time, however, the vice-president was unavailable for the office and the floor was thrown open for nominations. Colonel Madigan, nominated by John E. Cline of the local lodge, was elected on the first ballot.

He succeeds Charlie Thomas of (Continued on Page 8)

Friends of Town Help Out With Sand And Trucks

Work is speeding ahead on the municipal lake, after a number of delays, and it should be ready for use by the week of June 15, said Jack S. Younts, chairman of the project for the Municipal Recreation Commission.

The empty lakebed is being sanded to a depth of eight or 10 inches, with clean new sand carried by a fleet of trucks ferrying back and forth all day long. The beach, extended some 400 feet longer than last summer, is also getting a new topcoat of sand. The water will be turned back into the lake when the job is finished, probably early next week, and from then on—it just depends on how long it takes to fill 'er up.

With some 1,200 loads of sand to be hauled, the job bogged down when no dump trucks were found available, and the manpower involved in loading and unloading regular trucks seemed impossible to obtain—or for the Commission to pay for.

However, said Mr. Younts, friends of the town and its young folks have come to the rescue, so that now it's just a matter of a little time.

The sand is being given by the Pleasants Sand Co., of Pinehurst, Bryan Sand Co. of Aberdeen and W. O. Moss, from his sandpit north of town. The two sand companies are also lending loaders, and Mr. Moss is lending a bulldozer. Of the fleet of 16 trucks doing the hauling, 12 are being loaned by friends of the town who prefer to remain anonymous. The other four belong to the town, and the town crew is also pitching in (Continued on page 8)

Dewberry Pie Leads To Hope Of Industry's Revival

Prospects of revival of Moore county's once-flourishing dewberry industry were enthusiastically surveyed by the county commissioners and a group of agricultural workers and rural leaders at a luncheon held at Carthage Monday.

Grand climax of the luncheon, prepared and served by the home demonstration staff in their kitchen in the courthouse, was dewberry pie made with berries grown on a test plot on the farm of J. B. McLeod near Carthage.

The big, juicy berries were declared by the luncheon guests to be as fine as any ever grown in the past in Sandhills soil, or more so. They marked the introduction of the "Carolina Dewberry" strain, developed at the State College experimental station. The new strain is now being successfully raised by James and John Graham, of Cameron, in addition to Mr. McLeod, said E. H. Garrison, county farm agent.

H. W. Niswonger, State Extension horticulturist, a guest at the affair, told the gathering that the Carolina dewberries are believed to be more disease resistant than the old varieties, and will assure heavier yield. "If they prove to have permanent qualities as we believe, Moore county may again become a big producer," he said.

For years Moore was one of the leading dewberry counties, supporting at Cameron the largest dewberry market in the world. Then a mysterious blight struck the berries, or the soil, in which it appeared they could no longer thrive. The growers had to turn to other crops and the market died out about four years ago.

Also attending the meeting from State college was G. S. Ashbier, Extension marketing specialist. It was revealed that the new strain has been developed by C. F. Williams of the Extension Service. While still in the experimental stage, it has come through its tests in actual production this spring with flying colors.

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sidered a separate offense.

The general statute on which the ordinance is modeled—also those of many cities and towns across the State—employs identical wording. However, said W. A. Leland McKeithen, defense counsel, it must be specific as to the imprisonment and/or fine. At least, that's what the Supreme Court said in the precedent-setting State vs. Crenshaw decision, and three subsequent ones, all involving zoning laws. They were handed down in the period 1886 to 1900, but, McKeithen said, as far as he could find out they remained the last word, overruling the 1871 statute.

W. D. Sabiston, defense counsel, cited some law in his turn, to the effect that, where a town ordinance is modeled directly on a state statute, it needn't even mention a penalty as the statute takes care of it. Also, he said, waving the Pinebluff town code, "If invalidating one portion renders the whole thing invalid, not a bit of this book is any good."

McKeithen agreed, "That may be so."

Judge Rowe commented, "It looks now as though the motion (Continued on Page 8)