



LION PRESIDENT David W. Whitehead, left, newly elected by the Southern Pines Lions club, receives his gavel of office from J. D. Peacock, of Lumberton, district governor-elect, who conducted the installation of officers Friday night at the Southern Pines Country club. Other officers in the picture are, from left, Bob Arey, secretary-treasurer; Henry Clayton, tail twister; Don Traylor, Bill Benson, vice presidents, and James Clayton, lion tamer. Not in the picture: David Gamble, vice-president, and directors W. L. Baker, M. R. Mills, Elliott Shearson, H. M. Patterson. (Pilot Staff Photo)

Local Teen-Agers Arrested In Theft Of Thompson Auto

Two 18-year-old boys, Harry Peterson of Southern Pines and Billy Walker of Manly, were arrested Friday night in a car officers said had been stolen from the parking area behind the Burns Building on Broad street. The car belonged to Clarence O. Thompson, resident of the building, who had left by train for New York City earlier that evening to be gone for two or three days. Someone notified city police that the boys were seen "fooling with the car," it was learned from Chief C. E. Newton. Night Officers Backlund and Marks found the car had disappeared and, cruising around, sighted the car on Morganton road about 10:45. Walker was driving. The boys said they had been "riding around in it" and meant to return it. In default of \$300 bond they were taken to Carthage jail, but each made bond later in the week for their appearance in recorder's court Monday, and were released. Peterson is under a 12-month sentence, suspended for two years under probationary conditions, imposed in March 1952 following a similar escapade. With two other youths he was arrested for taking a car from McDonald-Page Motor Co. for joy-riding. Investigation brought other charges and he was convicted for auto larceny and several counts of larceny of auto records, tires, hubcaps and rims. At the time of the trial Judge Rowe explained the terms of probation, and the dangers, and told young Peterson, "What happens now is up to you." Walker was not involved in the 1952 case.

ABC Store Will Move To Site On E. Connecticut

The Southern Pines ABC store will move from its present location on West New Hampshire avenue to the O'Callaghan building on East Connecticut, on or about July 15. The move is occasioned by the fact that its present quarters in the city-owned police station building are badly in need of repairs; also, more storage space is badly needed, the county ABC board reported. The O'Callaghan annex, built as a showroom in the spring of 1951, of modern fire-resistant brick construction, is being remodeled by O'Callaghan's, Inc., to suit their new tenant. Ample storage space is afforded at the rear. The ABC store has been in the old frame building, which also houses the police station, since it first opened in 1937. For the past couple of years its need for additional storage space, also some safety improvements, have been discussed by the city fathers, and when the roof recently began to leak, the town council had an inspection made, with estimated cost of repairs. The estimate came to about \$7,000. Regrettably, the council decided this was too much to spend on the old place, since a new police station with jail, etc., are among municipal buildings the town hopes to build in the foreseeable future. The move will cost the town some \$1,500 annually, in rent paid by the ABC store.

BALL GAME

A baseball game will be held on the town ball field at 3:30 p. m. Saturday, July 4, presenting the Southern Pines town team against a team from Norman. This will be the first public appearance of the town team, which is made up of young businessmen and high school and college youths, who have been practicing together Wednesday afternoons under the summer recreation program. The public is invited to attend. There will be no admission charge, though "the hat will be passed." Donations dropped into the hat will help finance the team through the summer season.

Trophy Donated By Mrs. Barnum For ECTA Tourney

A trophy to be known as the Sandhill Trophy, for award in the annual Eastern Carolina Tennis tournament, has been donated in behalf of the Sandhill Tennis association by Mrs. Paul T. Barnum. The announcement was made by Harry Lee Brown, Jr., president, at a meeting of the association's directors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Frank deCosta Monday night. The directors expressed great pleasure in the gift, which will be a permanent trophy for winner of the women's doubles. It will be given for the first time at this year's tournament, to be held at Durham the week of August 7. Mrs. Barnum is a member of the association, and the mother of Mrs. Trigg Noyes, the former Miss Betsy Barnum, who assisted in its founding. Mrs. Noyes now lives in California. The Sandhills association, a member of the ECTA, had been asked for a trophy to help fill out the list of awards. Members of the local group regularly play in the tournaments. Discussion was held at the Monday night meeting of the Junior Sandhill Invitational, to be held July 22-26, and the Sandhill Invitational, slated in August.

BENEDICT

(Continued from Page 1) together, four years old. Benedict attended Southern Pines High school for two years, 1927-1929, continuing his education at the Loomis School, Windsor, Conn., and Princeton university, Princeton, N. J. He returned to Pinebluff, and was active in the civic and political life of the county. He was serving on the Pinebluff board of town commissioners when he entered military service in May, 1942. Assigned to the Air Force, he spent about three and a half years in service, including two and a half years in England where he was with the public relations section at headquarters of the Eighth Air Force's 3rd Air Division. Mr. and Mrs. Benedict are members of Emmanuel Episcopal church. Mr. Benedict is a former member of the Pinebluff Lions club and in Sanford was a member of the Junior Chamber of Commerce. He and his family will continue to live in Pinebluff for the present.

CELEBRATION

(Continued from Page 1) year's event, will reign until the

new queen has been selected. After the queen has been chosen, there will be a brief pause for lunch. The afternoon program will get under way at 1 o'clock when the parade will form at the Carthage elementary school building. It will start on its way through town promptly at 1:30. In the parade will be the military band, color guard, the queen and her court, Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, members of the Carthage Little League team and floats from many business firms and organizations throughout the county. Hoover Carter is in charge of the parade. A softball game on the high school athletic field will follow the parade, pitting an all-star aggregation composed of players from over the county against the Pinehurst Legion club. At 4:30 p.m. the lucky-name drawing for the grand prize of the festival will be held, as climax to the afternoon program. During the ball game there will be two hours of old-fashioned hill-billy music in the high school auditorium, furnished by the "Driftin' Playboys," well-known musical aggregation from Sanford. At 8 o'clock in the evening, in the new McConnell warehouse, the celebration will end with the big Independence Ball. Music will be furnished by Jimmie Perkins and His Orchestra from Burlington, featuring Miss Betty Ann Knight as vocalist. The Jaycee club, through their president, Thomas Caddell, extend a most cordial invitation to the people of Moore county to attend this all-day celebration, bidding all, "Come early, stay late, and meet your friends here."

ROBBERY

(Continued from Page 1) near Charlotte on the Rev. M. G. Lylerly of Smallwood Presbyterian church, after the clergyman had bought the man a sandwich and consented to give him a ride to Charlotte. The Negro had pulled a pistol on the minister, beaten him up and thrown him out beside the road unconscious. When he came to his car, watch and wallet containing \$8 were gone. Description Tallies The description of the missing man, even to the clothing—green and white sport shirt with blue-jean pants—tallied with the description Newton had secured of Lucius Chambers. From the man's effects he gathered information that he was from Bishopville and had at one time been employed at a hotel in Washington. He had also lived in Southern Pines some 15 years ago. He is about 30 years old. Mecklenburg and Bishopville police cooperated in the search which resulted in locating Chambers, though Mr. Lylerly's condition is too serious for him to attempt identification. He was beaten severely about the head, partially blinded, and most of his teeth were knocked out.

BURNS

(Continued from Page 1) ern Pines municipal position from Raleigh, where he had been in business, in October 1925. S. B. Richardson was mayor at that time. During his first five years here he served also as part-time secretary of the Chamber of Commerce, under the presidencies of E. C. Stevens, Frank Buchan and Dr. MacBrayer. The town office remained until recent years the center for dissemination of local publicity, and hundreds of news stories, pictures and advertising items were sent out by Mr. Burns in promotion of

the resort and tourist interests. Many inquiries are still handled at the town office, through this work has been largely returned in late years to the Chamber of Commerce.

Mr. Burns is a member of the Sandhills Kiwanis club and served as its president in 1943. He has been active in the Southern Pines Elks Lodge, and has served it as director and in other offices. He has been on the board of directors of the Citizens Bank and Trust Co. for a number of years. He is a member of the International City Managers association. He has been active in local golfing circles, was a member of the Sandpipers club during its 25 years of existence and is on the golf team of the Southern Pines Country club.

His municipal responsibilities were increased over the years until the title of clerk-treasurer was a misnomer. He was in effect a city manager, though under the old form of local government he had neither the title nor the full authority of this office.

The town's water system and business have been under his direct supervision, along with the opening up and maintenance of streets, the cemetery, fiscal and bond matters, and a wide run of other town tasks. He has served as secretary to the town board throughout his tenure, and is also secretary to the school board.

He is married to the former Katherine (Kay) Shepherd, of Faribault, Minn., and has a son, Howard F. (Scottie) Burns, Jr., by his first marriage, now serving with the Air Force in Casablanca. The Burns family has always made its home in the apartment above the town hall. It was impossible for Mr. Burns to keep office hours, as he was accessible to the public night and day to give services, meet situations and cope with complaints. One feature of his new position especially pleasing to them both is the new, separate, home.

CITY MANAGER

(Continued from Page 1) of Southern Pines. In Richmond, he has the job of working with 40 city departments, with a total budget of approximately \$30,000,000, to assist each in the preparation of their budgets and see that the money is spent wisely and well. His references and others knowing him were fully checked by the council committee headed by Mayor Pro Tem Voit Gilmore. All gave excellent endorsements. Mr. Cunningham has no engineering experience. However, in conducting the interviews, the council members came to the conclusion that they could not get a trained administrator and also an engineer rolled up into one, and decided that, for the first city manager, with the organization job ahead, the administrator would be best. Mr. Cunningham's experience in fiscal, tax and cost matters was also highly regarded by the council. Mr. Cunningham gave as his reasons for wishing to come to Southern Pines his desire to return to North Carolina and his knowledge of, and liking for, the Sandhills. His wife is from Sanford and her family lives there. Important Factors In opening Wednesday's meeting, Mayor Clark summarized what he saw as the most important factors to be considered in the choice. These he listed as ability to operate the town's affairs well from a business standpoint; knowledge of, and training under, the city manager form of government; a wide vision in regard to the community's needs for present and future, plus a talent for public relations. Among the final candidates, these capacities were so well distributed that the choice was not an easy one. There was an embarrassment of riches. More than 100 applications for the position have been received by Mr. Gilmore's committee since advertisements were first placed in suitable publications the middle of May. These all received careful screening, by the committee and, as the eliminations progressed, by the full council. The decision as to which ones should be invited to come for personal interview was made by the council, which agreed to pay half the expenses of the trip for those living far away. Lee Turned Down The four men interviewed this week were selected at a meeting held last Thursday night, at which the council decided it could not meet the conditions of its first choice, Marvin W. Lee of Norfolk, Va. Mr. Lee was so notified. Mr. Lee was interviewed early in June and was offered the job. He at first set the salary at \$5,800, then, in a letter written from Norfolk the following week, upped this to \$7,000. This was the council's top figure, to be offered only to someone with considerable actual experience as a city manager, or the ceiling for raises to be given a less experienced man after a period of successful service here.



HOT WORK. Men on the ground pull hard to get the high-voltage line into place, in a temperature of well over 100 in the sun. Rear views shown above are those of Howard Fuquay and Page Choate. Just visible are the arms and gloved hands of Frank Leake Waddell, janitor at the Southern Pines division office who was impressed into service along with practically every other able-bodied employee of the CP&L. (Photo Geo. Sherrerd)

Sandhills Swelter As Linemen Labor

(Continued from Page 1) was located as between there and Aberdeen, though just where, along that line through swamps and woods, nobody could say for sure. Alternate switching arrangements with adjoining districts got the juice flowing again into Carthage, West End and part of Pinehurst. These lines were not harmed by the break. In about 25 minutes, before anyone got very uncomfortable, both Moore County hospital and St. Joseph of the Pines were getting their power through the Pinehurst feeder line. The transmitter of Radio Station WEEB, also on the Pinehurst line, resumed broadcasting—though in a few places could radios be cut on to hear it. Temperature Goes Up The temperature went up toward 100—well past that, in the sun. Refrigerators started slowly defrosting, and the motorists hunting gas began to fume. Through a swampy jungle near West End engineers, servicemen and crewmen of the CP&L, pulled in from their jobs all over the area, began to converge on the trouble spot. They patrolled the cross-country line as best they could, though their cars and trucks could not get near it in many places. Lunch-time came and went as they struggled through the brush. It was steaming hot. After an hour or two they discovered the wreckage and dead, fallen line. In Southern Pines District Manager Ward Hill received the news and started directing operations via two-way radio, like a general directing the strategy of a major battle. From 11:16 a. m. his phone had been ringing, with queries pouring in as to what was the trouble. In this community, as in all the rest, the citizens were suddenly missing terribly something they had come to take pretty much for granted—the miracle of electricity in daily use. Everything Paralyzed Air-conditioning was off. Ice was melting—they couldn't even get a cold drink. Fans wouldn't run. One man had just defrosted his deep freeze, and was getting ready to put his meat back in, when the power went off. A woman was caught in the middle of her canning. In the suburbs, electric pumps would pump no water. At The Pilot, the linotypes were dead. At the bank, the machines working to get out month-end statements were in a state of paralysis. Manager Hill detailed one after another of his office staff to answer the phone. As fast as one call ended, another came through. Hundreds trying to call never got anything but a "busy" signal. The boy at the phone tried to go for a drink of water (lukewarm) and was called back by the phone's ringing three times. Finally someone else went and got him some water. It was time for the afternoon movie shows to start. They didn't. In the markets, meats in display

cases began to lose their chill. In the drugstores, the ice cream started melting. In the restaurants and homes, stoves wouldn't cook. Said Mr. Hill, a World War 2 veteran, later, "I'd rather be back in Europe getting shot at in a B-17 than go through all that again." Danger in Swamp The two dozen sweating men in the swamp had to move slowly—there was danger in climbing the broken poles, removing the debris piled like atom-bomb rubble. Their engineers sought new ways of supplying power to the stricken areas. Electricity was routed into a part of Aberdeen over a line from Raeford. Directing this operation, Mr. Hill said, "I breathed a prayer." You never know, in such makeshift arrangements, if the line is going to be able to cope with the sudden pull on the power—hundreds of refrigerators, lights, pumps, fans, air conditioners, stoves, deep freezes, machines, small and large, starting up again. The line stood up all right, but looked as though it might not be able to keep on, so after a while a part of the load was removed, for safety's sake. That was why, in part of Aberdeen, the lights went on—and in a little while went off again. Through various devices, each one entered into with great caution and delicacy, segments of the sweltering towns got their power back again. These included part of Aberdeen again, at 4 o'clock, and, at two minutes to 5, Southern Pines west of Broad street. It was 7:33 p. m. before the restoration was complete in Southern Pines, 7:55 in the final areas—Cameron, Lakeview and Vass. Temporary Job Even so, the job was just a temporary one, said Hill. Going without lunch and supper, the men re-strung the broken stumps of the old poles, clearing the ground only about 14 feet. New poles are to be put in at once. But in the meantime—the power is on! Many rumors got abroad as the fantastic day wore on, with its deceptively holiday air. One was that a bulldozer had crashed into the guy wire, causing a tower to fall and the wires to burn. "Honestly, we don't know what caused the guy wire to break," said Mr. Hill. "A bulldozer was in that woods last winter clearing a right of way. Somebody wondered if it could have hit the guy wire, weakening it so that it broke months later. Maybe it did. We don't even know that the bulldozer was anywhere near the wire." The wire could have been struck by lightning, he said. Abrupt temperature changes could have caused expansion and contraction, weakening the wire. If a war were on, it could have been sabotage—and in peace, it could be vandalism. Couldn't Worry Then Investigation may determine the cause. However, "We were too busy getting it fixed to worry about the cause at the time," Mr.

Hill said. "We will try to find out so that it won't happen again. Maybe we will never know." He said the break was the kind of thing every power man dreads, and that it was unique in his experience. "We know all sorts of things can happen. We don't guarantee uninterrupted power. We just do our best, all the time, to see that it doesn't get interrupted." This week's interruption was rated by local power men as the worst in their recollection. It was the longest in the Sandhills in recent history. The Robbins Mills at Aberdeen, the Sandhills largest industry, happened to be closed for its one-week vacation period so it was not affected. No cases of hardship of grave consequence were immediately reported. One man suffered an asthma attack when his air-conditioning went off. Fears were felt for the effects on the contents of well-filled deep-freezes—though if the owners left these closed during the failure there should be no spoilage, Mr. Hill said. Deep-freezes stay cold, he stated, for some 20 hours if the owners don't keep opening the doors to look inside. The power failure was good for some types of business. One motorist said that, leaving for Raleigh early Tuesday afternoon, he found he couldn't get gas from the dead pumps in Southern Pines so drove on up U. S. Highway 1 looking for a station. He stopped at one after another and found they were all dead, too. At Lakeview it was the same story, then at Vass and Cameron. His tank, nearly empty when he started, began operating on a deficit, and he knew that couldn't continue very long. Finally he stopped at a country store which had no pumps, though he saw a gasoline engine. He figured he could buy some gas out of a tin can. He was right. But he had to wait a while. There was quite a line of cars ahead of him.

USAFAGOS

(Continued from Page 1) accommodations at Pope AFB, Fort Bragg. Arrangements made with the Stitzer company for occupancy of the building, largest resort hotel in Southern Pines, were mutually satisfactory, and the "interim" has stretched out into a period of years. Staffed with officers who gained their experiences in various theatres of war, including the Korean, it provides intensive indoctrination courses in modern air-ground coordination for groups of officers of all services. Fresh classes enroll each week for five-day periods (some remaining for longer courses). Graduates now number almost 10,000. Visitors and students have also included many from NATO nations, such as Sweden, Norway, Italy, Greece, Belgium, the Netherlands, Holland and France. Brig. Gen. W. M. Gross is commandant of the school.

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(Continued from Page 1) visible poles. The hole (which actually became filled with sand when the bulldozer was extracted) presents no danger as no one can reach it by walking on the bottom. The lake is lighted at night with five street lights which are part of the town's lighting system, going on at dusk and remaining lighted until dawn. A wide parking area overlooking the water has been leveled off, accessible either from the Midland road or Highway No. 2 from Manly. The lake was originally opened July 4, 1952, at which time it was formally placed in charge of the Recreation Commission. The first season was not too successful, as the bottom had been filled with a clay mixture which became oozy. In work done during the past few weeks the ooze has been scraped up and the bottom well covered, out to the middle of the lake, with some 1,200 to 1,300 truckloads of fine clean sand.

Lakeview Gets New Postmaster

Mrs. Dora M. Cooper has resigned as Lakeview postmaster and C. G. Priest has been named to fill the position, effective Wednesday, July 1. Mrs. Cooper said she had submitted her resignation in March for health reasons, but that it was not accepted until this week. Mrs. Cooper served for 18 months as Lakeview postmaster, assuming the job January 1, 1952. Mr. Priest, a Republican, will serve as acting postmaster until a civil service selection can be made. The Lakeview post office is fourth class and pays approximately \$1,588 per year, out of which the postmaster must pay the building rent, lights, fuel, etc.