

Murphy Buie, S. Pines Auto Salesman, Kidnaped, Robbed, Back Home Unhurt

Trio Who Stole Taxi Sought; FBI Working With Police On Case

Murphy Buie, about 35, of Vass, an auto salesman with the Southern Pines Motor Co., expressed himself as "thankful to be alive" after a wild 14-mile ride Tuesday morning in which he was kidnaped, robbed and put out of his car, gagged and blindfolded, 25 miles below Columbia, S. C.

News of his ordeal by terror came here first in a phone call to his employers about 1 p. m. Wednesday, after he had squirmed free of his bonds and made his way to a telephone. The phone call touched off a four-state alarm for three young men, all armed, in a 1949 black Chevrolet four-door sedan belonging to the Southern Pines Motor Co. Roadblocks were set up in South Carolina and Georgia but by Wednesday night neither the robbers nor the car had been found.

Returning home by train Tuesday night, Buie spent all day Wednesday closeted with representatives of the FBI, who, assisted by Police Chief C. E. Newton of Southern Pines, were probing all angles of the case. At least three federal crimes appear to be involved—two counts of transporting a stolen car over state lines, and kidnaping across a state line, along with the felony of armed robbery.

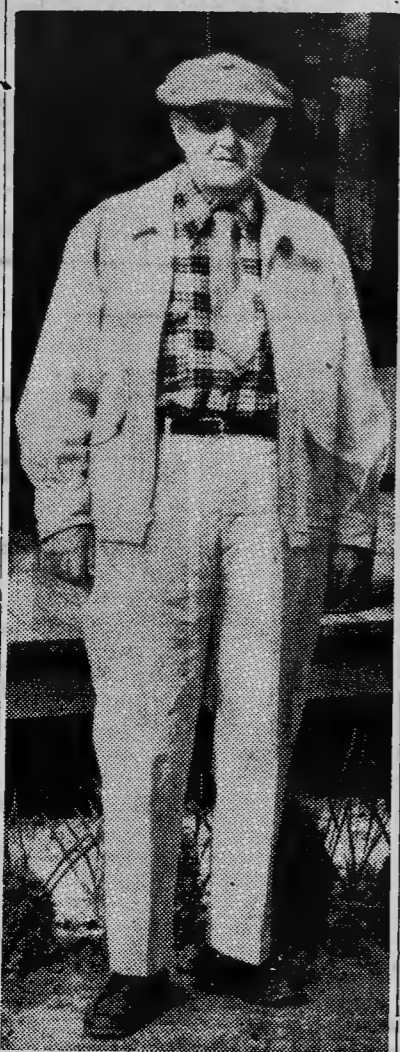
Buie, a married man with two young sons, left Southern Pines about 7 a. m. Tuesday on a two-day vacation trip to South Carolina, in the Chevrolet loaned by his employers, A. A. Howlett and H. N. Cameron, partners in the automobile concern.

A few miles below Pinebluff he began to feel sleepy and pulled up at the side of the road for a quick nap.

The story as he phoned it to Howlett later, filled in with a few details after his return, was that three young men in a taxi stopped, jumped into his car and stole it—and him—f—t at pistol point.

He did not, he said, get a clear view of the men. Two of them apparently jumped into the car by the rear doors, and as he woke up slapped a cloth over his eyes from behind. First, though, he caught a glimpse of the taxi turning off the road into the woods just ahead. Prodded with guns, he was placed by the men in the back seat of the Chevrolet, his head wrapped in a cloth which, he found out later, was part of a woman's faded cotton dress.

They headed south and drove (Continued on Page 8)



MR. MACAULEY

Charles Macauley, Former Pilot Staff Member, Succumbs

Longtime Resident Had Keen Interest In Town, Sandhills

Charles Macauley, a longtime resident of Southern Pines, who served for more than 20 years on the Pilot staff, died Saturday morning at the home of his daughter, Miss Elizabeth Macauley, 600 Fifth avenue, Troy, N. Y.

Graveside services and burial were held Wednesday at the family plot at the Cypress Hills cemetery, Long Island, N. Y.

Surviving, besides his daughter, are two sons, Charles, of Larchmont, N. Y., and George, living in California, also four grandchildren.

Mr. Macauley had been inactive since an illness and operation in (Continued on Page 8)

General Menoher To Direct Moore Scout Fund Drive

Local Chairmen In Several Towns Named; Advance Gifts Sought

Brig. Gen. Pearson Menoher of Knollwood will head this year's Boy Scout fund-raising drive in Moore county, it was announced this week by W. Lamont Brown of Southern Pines, Moore District chairman.

General Menoher, retired army officer who is active in Sandhills civic affairs, has been associated with Scouting for many years and is vice-chairman of the Moore County district.

While the general public appeal in the annual finance drive will not begin until October, organization of the campaign has started and advance gifts will be sought before the general drive opens.

Leaders in the Moore District (Continued on Page 5)

Schools To Open Sept. 2; Faculty Members Named

Southern Pines schools will open Wednesday, September 2, A. C. Dawson, Jr., superintendent, announced this week.

Faculty members at the white elementary school and high school have been appointed, Mr. Dawson said. They are:

Elementary—first grade, Miss Florence Dawson and Miss Katherine Boyette; second grade, Miss A. M. Delle Kennedy and Mrs. A. C. Dawson, Jr.; third grade, Mrs. Edna B. Wicker and Mrs. Joseph Bennett; fourth grade, Miss Bess McIntyre and Mrs. Norman Caudle.

Also: fifth grade, Mrs. Mary O. McDonald and Mrs. M. L. Farrior; sixth grade, Miss Cary Buice and Mrs. Ted Barrow; seventh grade, Miss Margaret Brewer; eighth and eighth grades, J. W. Moore; eighth grade, H. D. Hall.

High school—Irie Leonard, principal and history; W. A. Leonard, math; L. H. Ledden, science and band; Miss Pauline Miller, English and Latin; Miss Bessie Williams, science; Mrs. Ruth Swisher, commercial; Miss Mary Anne Campbell, English and Spanish; Mrs. Doris Warner, home economics; Miss Nancy Mackie, music; and Miss Aline Todd, librarian.

Faculty for the Southern Pines Negro schools is not yet available for publication.



AT THE FOXHOLE off Pennsylvania avenue last week, Broadus Smith, left, chairman of an Elks committee, with Police Chief C. E. Newton, right, and B. C. Doyle, standing, Exalted Ruler of the Elks lodge, explained bicycle traffic safety and pasted free light-reflecting tape on the rear fenders of all bicycles brought in by Southern Pines boys and girls.

Between Smith and the chief are Larry Holliday and Richard Combs who had the smallest bike to which the tape was affixed.

Figures in the background were not identified. The Elks continued their tape and instruction program this week and will wind it up with one more gathering for kids at the Foxhole next Wednesday. (Pilot Staff Photo)

Community Advisory Committee Of 15 Persons Appointed By Council

The town council launched one of its major projects Wednesday when it appointed a 15-member Southern Pines Advisory Committee on which the council will depend for fact-finding and advice during its coming two-year term.

During a special session that lasted two hours, the council drew the names of appointees from a much longer list of suggested persons living both in the town limits and in outlying areas of the Southern Pines community, Knollwood, Weymouth Heights, Pineville and the Country Club area. All sections are represented on the final list of appointees.

The 15 persons chosen were: From within the city limits—Fred Brindley, Herbert Cameron, Donald G. Case, William C. Darden, Dean S. Dorman, John Ruggles, Harry M. Vale, Sr., and the West Southern Pines representative, J. T. Saunders.

From outlying areas: Maj. Gen. Julian F. Barnes, Knollwood; James Boyd, Jr., and Howard But-

ler, Weymouth Heights; L. F. Garvin, Manly; Mrs. Gladys Graves and Garland McPherson, Country Club area; and Alton Scott, Pineville.

John Ruggles was designated chairman.

Officially, in the language of the resolution by which it was created, the Community Advisory Committee's purpose is "to study and investigate and make recommendations to the town council for action on such community problems as may be referred to it by the council, with such authority and powers as may be vested in it by the council."

The project is designed to enlist, as one councilman put it, "some of the best brains in the community to give thought and advice on Southern Pines development." One problem with which the committee may be called on to deal is a study of the cost of services rendered by the town to areas outside the town limits. While the council plans to employ a professional accountant to dig into this subject, to see whether the town is charging too much or too little for various services such as fire protection and sewer and water connections, the committee is expected to be called on for ideas on this subject.

All councilmen attended the meeting—Mayor L. T. Clark, W. E. Blue, Voit Gilmore, C. S. Patch, Jr., and Joe O'Callaghan.

The council voted to defer their regular August meeting one week from August 11 to August 18, because of vacation schedules.

Police Station Change To Town Hall Authorized

During a called meeting Wednesday afternoon, the town council authorized moving the police station from its building on New Hampshire avenue to the town hall on Broad street.

No time was set for the move, but the action was taken so that Police Chief C. E. Newton could make plans for the shift.

The police building, also containing present quarters of the ABC store, will be advertised for sale, according to action taken by the council last week.

Mayor Clark estimated that shifting the police station should not cost more than \$100, with transfer of radio equipment as the biggest part of the job. Councilmen noted that there would likely be a saving in fuel and electric bills, with the station in the town hall. Possibly the move would save on insurance for the town hall, since, with the police station there, it would be occupied at all hours.

Boros-Cosgrove-Kirk Ownership Will Open Pine Needles October

33 Young Folks Play In Junior Tennis Tourney

Richard Makepeace of Sanford, seeded No. 1 in junior boys' singles, won his first-round match easily against Brent Nash, 6-1, 6-2, in the Fifth Annual Junior Sandhills Invitational Tennis tournament which got under way, despite showers, Wednesday afternoon.

In other junior boys' matches, Kenneth Tew of Southern Pines defeated Wayne Shore of Durham 6-1, 6-3 and Stamps Howard of Tarboro defeated Carmon Huckabee of Durham 6-2, 6-2.

Two rounds were also played in the boys' singles, with Johnny Watkins beating Jimmy Prin 6-1, 6-1, and Jim Thomasson beating Claude Reams 6-1, 6-4. All are from Southern Pines.

Girls' events were to start Thursday if weather permitted.

Seeded players in the competition, sponsored by the Junior Sandhills Tennis association, are: Junior boys—Richard Makepeace, No. 1; Leroy Strickland, No. 2, and Bobby Green, No. 3. Strickland and Green, both from Goldsboro, recently won the state high school doubles championship.

Boys (15 and under)—Bill Holloway, Kingston, No. 1; Joe De Bruehl, Goldsboro, No. 2; Johnny Watkins, Southern Pines, No. 3. Junior girls—Gail Hobson, Pinehurst, No. 1; Lillian Bullock, Southern Pines, No. 2.

Girls—Lillian Bullock, No. 1, and Frances Pearson, Southern Pines, No. 2. Seedings in doubles events will be made Thursday.

Entries for the tournament total 33, somewhat disappointing to young sponsors, who had anticipated 60 or more. Seventy entered the Moore County Schools tournament held under the same sponsorship in May. However, many who had been expected to enter are at camp or on other summer trips. Of the 33 entries, 15 are from out of town, 18 local. The visitors are guests at the Southern Pines Cottages on US 1 South.

Kenneth Tew is president of the Junior Sandhills group. Malcolm Clark, adviser from the senior Sandhills Tennis association, is assisting the young people in the staging of their tournament. The senior group is providing trophies for winners and runners-up in all events.

No Court To Be Held Next Week

There will be no session of recorders court at Carthage Monday, Judge J. Vance Rowe has announced. Solicitor W. Lamont Brown and his family left this week for a vacation trip to Florida and the solicitor will be away Monday. Judge Rowe will not be on vacation, but it was decided to skip one day of court. The next session will be held Monday, August 3.

School Officials Here Stay Silent On Fund Controversy

Unless the county board of education makes a formal protest to the county commissioners about distribution of school capital outlay funds in the 1953-'54 budget, Southern Pines school officials are expected to maintain a dignified but interested silence.

Last week and the week before, Jere N. McKeithen of Aberdeen, a member of the county board of education, charged the county commissioners with unfairness in appropriating funds for constructing school buildings. He cited figures to show that the county school system has suffered at the hands of the commissioners, to the benefit of the Southern Pines and Pinehurst school systems, not only in the new budget but as an average over the

Agreement On \$50,000 Sale Reached Monday

Formal opening of the Pine Needles golf course under the ownership of a new corporation, Pine Needles Country Club, Inc., headed by Julius Boros, Miss Margaret (Peggy) Kirk, Miss Jean Cosgrove and Mr. and Mrs. Frank E. Cosgrove, is slated for October, it was learned this week from Mrs. Cosgrove at Green Harbor, Mass.

While all details of sale of the course, for about \$50,000, by St. Joseph of the Pines, Inc., to the new corporation are not yet worked out, the sale was formally authorized Monday during a meeting of the St. Joseph board of directors, representatives of the purchasers and others.

Renovation of the Pine Needles clubhouse property, not included in the sale but covered by a lease agreement, will be undertaken and the golf course will be put in first class condition, Mrs. Cosgrove said.

Warren Bell, Miss Kirk's fiance, will be manager and will arrive here September 15 to supervise preparatory operations.

None of the principal owners and officers of the purchasing corporation were here for the conference Monday at St. Joseph of the Pines hospital. Mr. Boros, president, former U. S. Open champion and Mid Pines professional, is away for the summer. Mr. and Mrs. Cosgrove, co-managers of the Mid Pines club here, who are secretary and treasurer of the new corporation, and their daughter, Miss Jean Cosgrove, a vice-president, are at Green Harbor, Mass. Miss Kirk, woman golf professional who won the North and South championship at Pinehurst as an amateur in 1949 and who is a vice-president of the corporation, is from Findlay, Ohio, and is on a summer golf tour.

After the Monday conference Bishop Vincent S. Waters of the Catholic diocese of Raleigh, who is president of St. Joseph of the Pines, Inc., authorized the statement that, while details remain to be worked out, agreement was reached as to the sale at a price of approximately \$50,000.

Included in the agreement was a five-year lease on the Pine Needles clubhouse and a one-year lease on The Golfery, a building erected when the Air Force occupied the Pine Needles property and which has been used as a dormitory for visitors playing golf on the course.

Bishop Waters, who was present at the conference, made his authorized statement to The Pilot through Francis J. Heazel of Asheville, a leading North Carolina lawyer and Catholic layman, who is attorney for the Catholic diocese of Raleigh.

In addition to Bishop Waters, members of the board of directors of the selling corporation present were the Rev. Peter M. Denges of Southern Pines, treasurer of the hospital; and John Ruggles of Southern Pines and John D. McConnell of Pinehurst, local lay representatives on the board. (Continued on page 5)

AN EDITORIAL

Charles Macauley

In the death of Charles Macauley, the Pilot records the loss of one who was for many years a deeply valued member of the staff, and one of the most loyal citizens Southern Pines ever had.

Mr. Mac, as many called him, sold advertising in town; he wrote news of the Fire Department and handled the weather reports for the paper, but the contributions for which he was most noted were his excellent feature articles dealing with the early history of the Sandhills and of Southern Pines. Charles Macauley was an accurate, painstaking student of the early days. Intolerant of careless work, insistent always on verifying every fact, he made exhaustive research into facts and figures and combed the countryside for the physical evidence to establish his findings. His knowledge of old houses, sites, roads, cemeteries, family histories and property lines could hardly be surpassed.

Mr. Macauley carried his research back beyond the confines of recorded history to the days of the Red Men. He was an authority on Indian encampments in Moore County, testified to by the numberless arrowheads and artifacts he uncovered all over the county. His collection of Indian relics, with the pamphlet on "Indians of the Sandhills," on view in the Southern Pines Library, stands as a perpetual memorial to his distinguished research in this field.

Also in the Library is his collection of Southern Pines historical material carefully codified, embodying every phase of the establishment and growth of the town he loved so well. The Library itself, on whose board he served for many years and of which he was for a time president, is a tribute both to his interest in

books, of which he was an incessant and discriminating reader, and to his interest in the cultural growth of this section.

All through his years here Charles Macauley was a well-known figure as he stumped along Broad street with his old pipe in his mouth, eyes gleaming from under his shaggy eyebrows. His gaze was keen, his frank appraisal of life he observed around him was sardonic; his dry comments, freely bestowed, were caustic with wit: that may have caused some to shrink. But those to whom he gave his friendship knew that, under the gruff exterior in the loud checked shirt and plaid ties he loved to wear, there beat a heart that loved this town as did few of its citizens. Merciless towards any he considered fools or show-offs, often intolerant of those whose views about what was best for Southern Pines differed from his own, he was devotedly loyal to the people and the ideas he believed in, with the cause of the advancement of Southern Pines always foremost in his mind.

Mr. Mac worked hard for the progress of this town, but he regretted some of the things progress had brought. He thought things had moved too fast; he felt deeply the loss of the Town Caucus, an institution he considered highly valuable to our civic life; he felt things had gotten too big, too new-fangled, he felt the charm of the town was slipping away. Mr. Mac's ideas generally proved their worth and who is to say there was not much wisdom in what he felt.

Charles Macauley was an "Old Timer" in the grand style. In his death Southern Pines loses a fine man of great individuality and strong character and one of her most devoted citizens. —KLB

Cemetery Fund Charge Brings Reply By Page

A charge by Councilman Voit Gilmore at last week's meeting of the town council that "\$7,000 was lifted from what is by law a sacred trust"—the perpetual care fund of the Mt. Hope cemetery—several years ago, was answered this week by Former Mayor C. N. Page who said, "I do not believe the people in Southern Pines believe their past town boards did anything wrong." He also suggested that the present town board "quit looking over their shoulder and start looking forward."

At last week's meeting, Gilmore said plans should be made to budget the \$7,000 back into the perpetual care fund as soon as possible.

The former mayor's complete statement follows:

"The expression 'lifting the money' out of the cemetery fund impels me to answer the implications in this statement made at the last town board meeting. (Continued on page 5)

Dorman To Head Revising Of Code

Dean S. Dorman, retired attorney of 550 E. Massachusetts Ave., has been appointed by Mayor L. T. Clark to head a committee that will undertake revision and modernization of the town's code of ordinances. Named to serve with him were Councilman Voit Gilmore, who has pushed the revision project, and Acting Town Attorney W. Lamont Brown.