

BEATING THE HEAT this week at the Southern Pines town lake off the Midland road, these young folks could afford to laugh at a hot photographer who wished he was in the water, too. Hanging or sitting on a play log in the water are, left to right: Jimmy Copeland, son of M|Sgt. and Mrs. O. R. Copeland; Eddie McKenzie, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. E. McKenzie; Steve Caldwell, son of Mr. and Mrs. James H. Caldwell; and

Gwen and Ralph McKenzie, also children of Mr. and Mrs. R. E. McKenzie. The older boys in back are Ike Woodell, son of Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Woodell, and his cousin, Larry Kelly, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Kelly. The Kelly family has just returned from four years in Germany. The lake is a popular spot with all ages during the (Pilot Staff Photo)

'On Stage America' Uses Home Talent In Minstrel Show Thursday, Friday

Project To Benefit Building Fund Church Of Wide Fellowship

"On Stage America," an oldfashioned musical minstrel with a modern patriotic twist, is being presented at Weaver Auditorium at 8:13 p. m. Thursday and

Friday nights of this week.

Directed by Miss Nyla Anne
Jester of Indianapolis, Ind., who
returned here for the second year to stage a home talent show, by special request, the production is sponsored by the Fellowship
Forum of the Church of Wide
Fellowship for benefit of the
church's building fund.

A whirlwind week of casting and rehearsals was wound up Railroad At Vass Thursday with first presentation of the traditional burnt-cork min-strel—with added talent show, Sought By Town choruses and music.

The Tiny Tot Popularity contest, a sideline to the main show, will be run off at the Friday night performance with crowning and and princess and duke and duchess. Winners are based on penny establishments.

Clever costumes of satin and taffeta in brilliant colors will be spanning the tracks of the Sea worn by teen-agers in the two dancing choruses, the Hotsy Totflashy motif of minstrel days is carried out in the costumes of the high school girls who add a musi
McGill, Sr., W. J. Morgan and the five town commissioners, R. B. Gunn, Leon Keith, D. H. McGill, Sr., W. J. Morgan and the five town commissioners, From there the FBI traced the three men to Memphis, Tenn., Wew Pastor Called cal comedy note to the produc- D. Harold Williams.

ice Holliday, Carolyn Hoskins, Delores Maready, Joan Harris, Phyllis Faircloth, Phyllis Garzik, Arden Fobes and Grace Dupree.

The Dixie Dandies are: Patty Vann, Lillian Clark, Catherine fifty-fifty cost basis. Harris, Frances Harper, Donna

Dawson and Carolyn Smith. Performing in the talent contest are vocalists, dancers, baton twirlers, instrumentalists and highway office and Division Compersons with other talents, all missioner Forest Lockey of Aberfrom Southern Pines and this deen.

area. A \$25 savings bond will be first prize in this contest, awarded to the winner chosen by the the railroad has been there for audience. Running throughout the show

a men's minstrel circle, the ladies' (Continued on Page 5)

YDC Rally Sept. 5

Senator Alton A. Lennon has accepted an invitation to speak at a Young Democrats county and district rally in Moore county Sat-

ON THE JOB

City Manager T. E. Cunningham began his work here Monday morning and has been organizing his operations under Southern Pines' new form of government. Delay in arrival of the family's furniture from Richmond, Va., meant that Mr. and Mrs. Cunningham and their two children could not move into their Knollwood Apartments home until later in the week, but they are now settled

New Bridge Over

from Vass presented to the counsion that a "new, fireproof, mod- tation across state lines. votes in boxes in various business ern and safe overhead bridge" be built in Vass to replace the old denied the kidnaping while adwooden overhead bridge now mitting the car thefts.

board Air Line railroad. The petition was signed by A. sies and the Dixie Dandies. The G. Edwards, Jr., mayor of Vass,

Mr. Edwards, Mr. Gunn and Members of the Hotsy Totsies Mr. Morgan were present at the chorus are: Betty Foushee, Jan- meeting to present the petition and discuss the matter with the county board.

It was the opinion of these officials that the proposed new bridge would be a matter for joint action Britt, Linda Thompson, Becky and the Seaboard, probably on a

The county commissioners looked favorably on the petition and were to pass it along with their approval to the Sixth Division

The Vass officials pointed out many years and is now "inadequate and unsafe." Timbers are will be music, singing, dancing and minstrel routines, including a men's minstrel circle, the ladies' stay down, with the result that

tires are snagged. They said that the bridge is a main artery of town traffic and Lennon To Address also carries much traffic from

Fort Bragg to No. 1 highway. Members of the delegation said bridge could be built by the Highway Commission and the railroad.

GUEST MINISTER

urday, September 5, it was na- has recently completed his second nounced today. Time and place of tour of duty as missionary to the sergeant First Class Gentry T. their soaring joy and watch the and Sgt. 1-c Frye were not on the camping and activities. He dethe rally have not yet been chos- Congo, will be guest minister at Frye, son of Mr. and Mrs. Theo- daily lists of released men now first two lists of exchanged pris- scribed the trip as "a wonderful en. J. Douglas David of Pine- the Brownson Memorial Presbyte- dore Frye of Carthage, Route 1. being published in the press. bluff is YDC chairman for the rian church Sunday, August 9.

Virginia Trio **Charged With Buie Abduction**

Three Virginia men in their early twenties were getting a rest in a Kentucky jail this week after a South-wide rampage that is be-lieved to have included kidnaping and robbing Murphy Buie, a resident of Vass who is an auto salesman for the Southern Pines Motor Co., July 21.

Police Chief C. E. Newton of Southern Pines, who has cooperated with the Federal Bureau of Investigation in connection with Buie's case, said he was informed by the FBI last week that three men apprehended last Thursday by the Kentucky State Highway Patrol are thought to be the trio who blindfolded Buie as he napped in his car along No. 1 high-

A delegation of town officials in Federal court charge Gordon tion of Weaver auditorium and ty commissioners Monday a peti- Ford, 22, and Jay Mendenhall, um. tion asking that the commission- 24, all from Virginia, with two robing of king and queen, prince ers recommend to the State High-counts of auto larceny and one of districts each has a special school way and Public Works commis- kidnaping, all involving transpor-

The men are reported to have

According to FBI reports, the car stolen from Buie and belong- deen school district. ing to the Southern Pines Motor where they stole a car, drove it armed robbery.

Another armed robbery in Kentucky, said the report received here, led to their capture.

On his return from South Carolina by train after his wild ride, Buie spent some time with FBI announced this week. representatives who came here to check on the case.

of the road a few miles south of within the past few days. Pinebluff to take a nap.

No Change As Budget Is Adopted Controversial

School Fund Not Opposed

At their regular meeting in Carthage Monday, the county commissioners formally adopted a 1953-'54 budget that sets the county-wide tax rate at \$1.35 per \$100 of property valuation.

The budget has been lying open for inspection during the past three weeks, during which time it could have been questioned or changes could have been asked.

Although the county board of education has been quoted as dissatisfied with distribution of school capital outlay funds in the proposed budget, no formal action to change the budget was taken during the period when this

could legally have been done.

The budget is based on an estimated property valuation of \$40,000,000. Total budget requirements are listed as \$1,072,367. All members of the county board attended the Monday meeting—Chairman G. M. Cameron of Pinehurst; John M. Currie of Carthage, Tom Monroe of Robbins, J. M. Pleasants of Southern Pines and L. R. Reynolds of Leaman.

The board approved four road petitions and a petition for a new bridge over the railroad at Vass, as reported in detail elsewhere in today's Pilot.

As part of their formal action on the budget, the commissioners adopted resolutions approving the budget's appropriations to the various funds and setting the rate of tax levy for each fund.

A large number of the county's taxpayers will actually pay a rate higher than the county-wide \$1.35, because of special school and

Southern Pines rate tops the county with \$1.83—the regular win Opener In way, a few miles below Pinebluff \$1.35 levy plus a special school and released him 140 miles away, levy of 34 cents and a levy of 14 cents to pay interest and redemp- Baseball Series Warrants filed at Rockingham tion on bonds issued for construc-L. Maitland, 22, Milton Hudson a portion of the school gymnasi-

levy of 30 cents to pay supplementary teachers and provide extra services in the schools, not provided by the state, making the tax rate in those communities \$1.65. Pinebluff is included in the Aber-

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into Arkansas and committed an By Baptist Church

The Rev. D. Hoke Coon, assistant pastor of the First Baptist church, Salisbury, has been called with Robbins winning 13-9 at In the daytime "swim-all" as pastor of the First Baptist Carthage Monday. The second events, Aberdeen Troop 68, with er decided that he would head tochurch, Southern Pines, it was

The new pastor, who is 26 years old and married, will as-Buie's experience began Tues- sume his duties here September series, they will be played Sat- Pinehurst, 8 points. Points were day morning, July 21, when he 1. Rev. Mr. Coon preached here urday. All games start at 5.30 p. set off on a vacation trip to South about a month ago and was for- m. Carolina and stopped by the side mally called to the church here

ginia—jumped into Buie's 1949 W. Gamble is chairman of the Monday. black Chevrolet four-door sedan pulpit committee of the First Bap-(Continued on page 5)

Harden Will Speak Here

John Harden, of Greensboro, a vice-president of Burlington Mills and one of the state's most sought-after speakers, has accepted the invitation of the Southern Pines Chamber of Commerce to be the principal speaker at the membership banquet to be held in September.

Mr. Harden, a former newspaperman in Charlotte, Salisbury and Greensboro, is well known also in state political circles and is a longtime friend and close adviser to Governor Umstead. This week he was appointed by the Governor to head the publicity for the state bond issue for schools and mental institutions, to be held October 3. He was also sworn in Monday as a member of ical in nature, on the general the N. C. Library Commission. His talk here will be non-polit- community.



theme of what makes a good

Chamber goes ahead with its sponsorship of the November

event. No money is being collect-

ed at this time but "we have to have \$3,000 in sight before we can

underwrite the tournament," de-

office Monday at 8 p. m. to report

clared Chairman Montesanti.

Survey Shows Optimistic Outlook For Fall Golf Tourney At Country Club

C. of C. Directors May Decide Monday On Definite Plans

First reports on the Chamber of Commerce golf tournament survey, which got under way this week, are "extremely encouraging," it was learned from Joe

While no large pledges have been reported as yet, with most of the amounts ranging from \$5 to \$25, hardly anyone approached has refused to indicate coopera-

The directors are visiting business firms in town to ascertain the extent to which each is willing to participate financially, if the

Little Leaguers

to go ahead with the plans. around the Southern Pines Country club, is being planned for the interval between the wind-up of Contino said he had no family

Miami. Word from Dugan Aycock lice. of Lexington, Carolinas PGA president, is that most of the prosection be expected to stop over for description of the two men he had several days on their way south, picked up and who later forced with a (minimum) purse of \$2,500 him into a side road at an unas the attraction. A large entry known location, had beaten him into unconsciousness and robbed

The Southern Pines Little

League Lions scored 11 runs in the first inning, behind a good Win Swim Meet, pitching performance by Jimmy Caldwell, to set a solid foundation for a 17-9 victory over the Pinehurst Little Leaguers in the opening game of the post-season series at Pinehurst Monday.

Triples by Van Benschoten and Woodell led Southern Pines' 13-

The two teams were to meet

bins tangled Monday in their first tertainment program held around game of a two out of three series, a huge blazing campfire. Thursday afternoon.

either of the two out of three were Carthage, 30 points and

Winners in each of the two out of three series will meet for In the absence of a regular pas- the Moore County Little League Three men in a taxi that was tor, the Rev. James Oppert is championship, with games startlater found abandoned nearby serving as supply pastor until the ing Monday. Play for consolation and which had been stolen in Vir- arrival of Rev. Mr. Coon. David between the losers also will start

> Southern Pines boys led the league for the regular season.

Aberdeen Scouts

Day, Night Events Held At Pinebluff; Parents Join Boys Boy Scouts from throughout

nere Thursday afternoon for the Moore county gathered at Pinesecond contest in the two out of bluff lake Wednesday for a swimming meet, a picnic supper with Meanwhile the other two teams their leaders and parents and an in the league, Carthage and Rob- after-dark court of honor and en- bleeding. He was lying on the ground,

swimming events.

In the Cub Scout swimming meet, Pinehurst Pack 7 led with 36 points, to 20 for Pack 206 Pinebluff, and 11 for Pack 74 Robbins. Court of Honor

A highlight of the court of honor program was a report given by Charles Swaringen of Pine hurst, one of the six Moore County Explorer Scouts who recently attended the National Jamboree at Santa Ana, Calif. The other Moore County Explorers making the trip on a chartered bus with boys from the 12-county Occoneechee Council were Bobby Bar-

Later in the program recognition was given to Bill McLaurin

Police Aid Man Dazed By Beating **Motorist From** Florida Injured

By Hitch-Hikers Mystery today surrounds a brutal attack made Tuesday by two young hitchhikers on a 47-year-old Florida man, Eugene Contino of Jacksonville, who is a patient at St. Joseph of the Pines hospital

Dazed and bleeding, Contino was stopped by Police Officers Ray Backlund and Kieth Marks, driving his black 1950 Mercury "fast and weaving on the road" about 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, while the officers were patrolling No. 1

highway for speeders. It required over 50 stitches to close the jagged wounds that cov-ered the man's head after the officers took him to the hospital.
His left eye and right hand were also injured.
While Contino had left his

home to drive north to visit a nephew at Camp Pickett, Va., he was headed south on No. 1 when

he was stopped. From the confused accounts given by the man, police officers here gathered that he had been attacked somewhere north of Southern Pines by hitchhikers he A special meeting of the direct-had picked up earlier Tuesday— ors will be held at the Chamber but whether the two young men Montesanti, Jr., who is heading the project as special events chairman.

office monday at 6 p. in. to report the progress of the survey, and it is likely that a decision can be reached at that time as to whether ed. He said he had spent Monday are the plans of the progress of the survey, and it is likely that a decision can be reached at that time as to whether ed. He said he had spent Monday are the plans of the project as special events on the project as special events on the project as special events. night at Columbia, S. C., after The tournament, to center leaving Jacksonville, where he op-

interval between the wind-up of the northern pro circuit and the opening of the Florida tour at Camp Pickett was notified by po-

him of a wallet containing between \$80 and \$90.

One was tall, slim and fair, about 25 years old, weighing from 160 to 170 pounds, neatly dressed in gray clothing and wearing a short-sleeved shirt.

The other was short, stockily built and dark, about five feet, six inches in height, neatly dressed in dark clothing, with brown hair and about 25.

Contino told police the men had been riding with him about 25 or 30 minutes when one of them said, "Turn off on this side road; we got some business with you." Although protesting, Contino turned and was slugged into unconsciousness as soon as the car had

When he came to, he told officould with water from a thermos jug he had in the car.

game was to be played at Robbins 46 points, nosed out Pinebluff 206 ward home or did not know which with 44 points, to capture top direction he was going when he If third games are necessary in honors. Other troops competing turned south as he left the side road. He could not recall how far north of Southern Pines the given for placing in 15 separate attack took place or how long he had been driving when he was stopped by Officers Backlund and

Police described his condition as "addled" when he was picked up here.

KENNEDY WOUNDED **NEAR WAR'S END**

Pfc Mack Kennedy, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Kennedy of Aberdeen, Route 1, was wounded in action on July 27, the last day before the cease fire order went into effect in Korea, according to notification received by the parents this week.

The Moore County young man, who entered service in the Marine Corps in February 1952, is the youngest son in the Kennedy family. He has two brothers and four sis-

Notification to the family did not reveal the extent of young Kennedy's injuries.

The Kennedys live in the McDonald Chapel community about five miles west of Pinehurst, but their mail address is Aberdeen, Route 1.

Two Moore County Men Among Red Prisoners They are only two of the num- | The Pilot has record. Both have | 1951. Not long thereafter, their

eager waiting families and friends lieve both are alive. in Moore county they are all-

important.

bluff is YDC chairman for the county. Al Cruce of Aberdeen is a brother of 8th District chairman.

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bered human units in Korea's spent many months in Communist families received letters. Once rett and Charles Garrison of Pine-"Operation Big Switch"—the ex- prison camps. Communications Sgt. 1-c Frye sent a snapshot of hurst, Jimmy McDonald and John change of United Nations and Red from both have reached their fam- himself with some other Ameri- Chappell of Southern Pines and they hoped a modern concrete prisoners now going on—but to ilies. There is good reason to be- can prisoners. Cpl. Bradford's Garland Key of Robbins.

Rev. David A. McLean, who husband of Mrs. Cleecy Renegar County men could do little but armistice.

Bradford of Southern Pines, and fight down their anxiety, control

They are. Cpl. Henry Braudott, Rolled, Rolled,

most recent letters, received a As the exchange of prisoners few weeks ago, indicated that the began Tuesday (Wednesday in U. N. prisoners knew of the truce of Robbins, adult leader who ac-They are: Cpl. Henry Bradford, Korea), families of the Moore talks and were hoping for an companied the Moore County