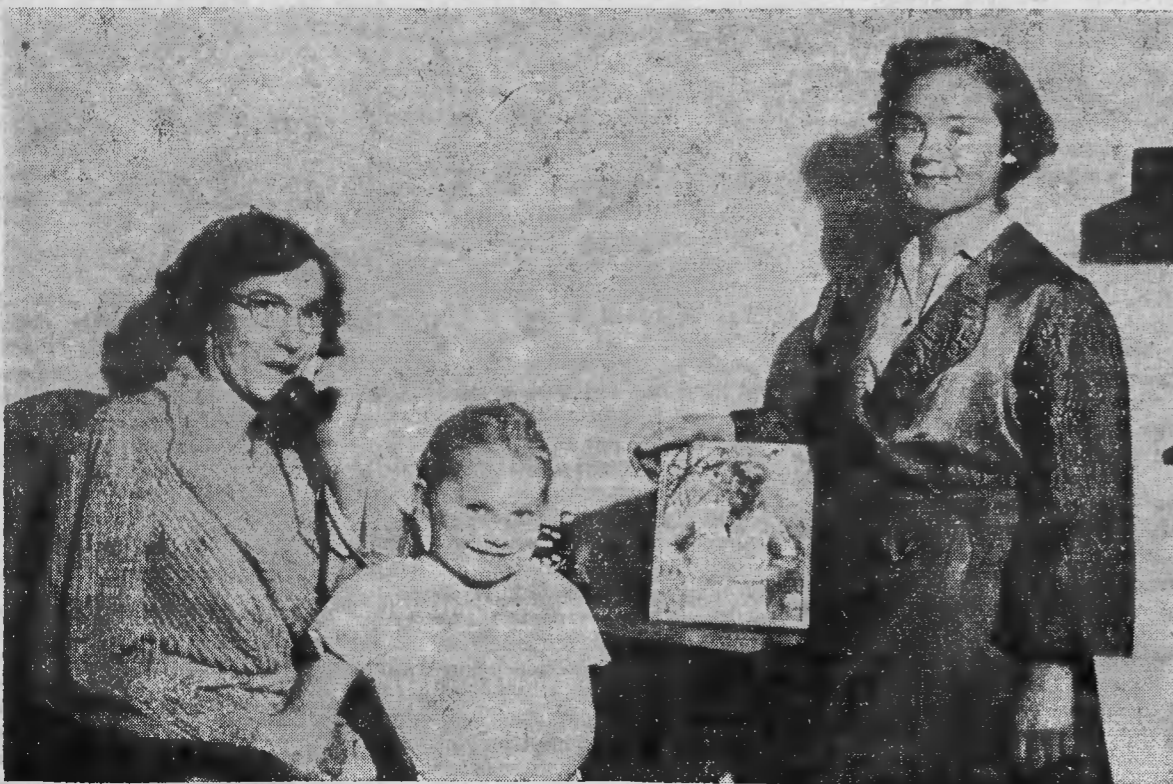


# THE PILOT



A PHONE CALL at 6 o'clock Sunday morning brought happy news to the Bradford family of Southern Pines. Left to right, Mrs. Cleecy Renegar Bradford, Tinkie, four years old; and Gail, 14. The photo was made soon after a friend called to tell the family that a news bulletin reported release of Sgt. Henry Bradford to the Communists in Korea. (Photo by V. Nicholson.)

## Sgt. Bradford, Communist Prisoner For 37 Months, Gains His Freedom

### Wife Gets Cable From Tokyo: Says He's Feeling Fine

Sgt. Henry R. Bradford of Southern Pines has been freed by the communists in Korea, after 37 months of captivity. He is safe and well and is on his way home.

The joyful news came to Mrs. Bradford four ways, Sunday and Monday. It arrived first in a phone call at 6 a. m. Sunday from a friend who saw her husband's name in the newspaper list of Korean exchanges. It came next in a call from the radio station, where it had popped up on the teletype during the night.



SERGEANT BRADFORD

## Vass Methodist Church Votes To Join West End

### New Charge To Be Formed; Pastor To Be Shared 50-50

At a congregational meeting last Sunday morning, members of the Vass Methodist church voted by an overwhelming majority to join with the West End church to form a new charge, effective with the church year which begins following the annual conference in late October. The merger is to be on a 50-50 basis, with the two churches assuming equal responsibility for the pastor's salary and sharing equally in his services. West End had previously voted in favor of the merger.

The congregation elected Harold Williams, chairman of the board of stewards, Mrs. H. A. Borst, church treasurer and steward, and J. M. Davis, Sunday School superintendent, steward, and former board chairman, as a committee to work with a committee from West End in arranging a schedule of services.

The Rev. Walter Smith, student pastor of the Vass church, who is serving with marked success, explained that his studies would make it impractical for him to continue as minister in Vass, and spoke in behalf of the merger, as he presided over the meeting.

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## Miss Soderston Named Librarian

Miss Hope Soderston, whose home is on East Delaware Avenue, will begin her duties as librarian at the Southern Pines Library September 1 replacing Mrs. R. L. Sugg who resigned August 1 to go with her family to Florida. Miss Soderston graduated in 1948 from the University of New Hampshire and has worked in the San Antonio (Texas) Public Library. She recently came to Southern Pines to join her parents.

## TO OPEN TUESDAY

Moore county's two tobacco markets, Aberdeen and Carthage, as well as the other three markets in the Sandhills Tobacco Warehouse Association, have delayed their openings from Thursday of this week to Tuesday of next week, September 1.

The Ellerbe, Fuquay-Varina and Sanford markets are also affected by the delay. The decision was made by directors of the warehouse association during a meeting at Fuquay Springs Monday because buyers and graders had reported they could not be present in sufficient numbers for the August 27 opening date.

## Gill Opens Drive For N. C. Bonds

### State Treasurer, Talking To Kiwanis, Asks For Approval

North Carolina has "a date with destiny" on October 3 when the state's citizens will vote on big bond issues for schools and mental institutions, said Edwin Gill, state treasurer, in opening the state-wide educational campaign for the bond issues, before the Sandhills Kiwanis club at the Country club Wednesday.

Introduced by W. A. Leland McKeithen of Pinehurst, the former private secretary to Gov. O. Max Gardner and N. C. collector of internal revenue delivered a factual and moving appeal for approval of the \$50 million bond issue for school construction and the \$22 million bond issue for expanding and improving mental institutions.

"Every North Carolinian is proud of his state," said Mr. Gill. "We must lay these bond issues on our hearts and conscience as they rest on the heart and conscience of Governor Umstead who proposed them."

Failure to approve the bond issues, said the speaker, "will halt the long march of progress that began with Aycock in 1900."

The bond issues, he said, "are needed, the cause is worthy and the financial condition of North Carolina to handle them is sound."

There is no question about the need for the bond issues, Mr. Gill said. They are an absolute necessity if the state is to meet minimum standards in the two fields they will benefit. The state needs 3,000 additional beds in mental institutions and 5,000 more school rooms, accommodating 150,000 children, he pointed out. He predicted that it will not be long before schools will be forced to run on two shifts, if the bond issue for schools is not approved.

Mr. Gill went into detail to show how North Carolina put its financial house in order, coming through the depression "with its (Continued on Page 8)

## WELCOME PLANNED

John Boyd Post No. 7318, Veterans of Foreign Wars, is making plans for a welcome-home celebration in honor of Sgt. Henry Bradford, exchanged Communist war prisoner, Louis Scheipers, post commander, has announced.

Scheipers said the post will welcome cooperation from other organizations and town officials. While members of the post have suggested a number of features for the celebration, definite plans have not been worked out.

The post is open to suggestions and cooperation from all sources, Scheipers said. "We want to make this a real welcome for a man who has spent 37 months as a prisoner in Korea," he added.

## Moore YDC Will Meet Same Night As District Rally

Moore County Young Democrats will hold their business meeting and election of officers, Saturday evening, September 5, before the Eighth District YDC rally at the Southern Pines Country club, it was announced this week by J. Douglas David of Pinebluff, Moore YDC president.

The district rally dinner is set for 7 p. m., preceded by a social hour from 5:30 to 6:30. Mr. David has called the county meeting for 6 o'clock at the Country club, as it is thought a large number of county YDC members will be present.

U. S. Senator Alton S. Lennon will be guest speaker at the district rally.

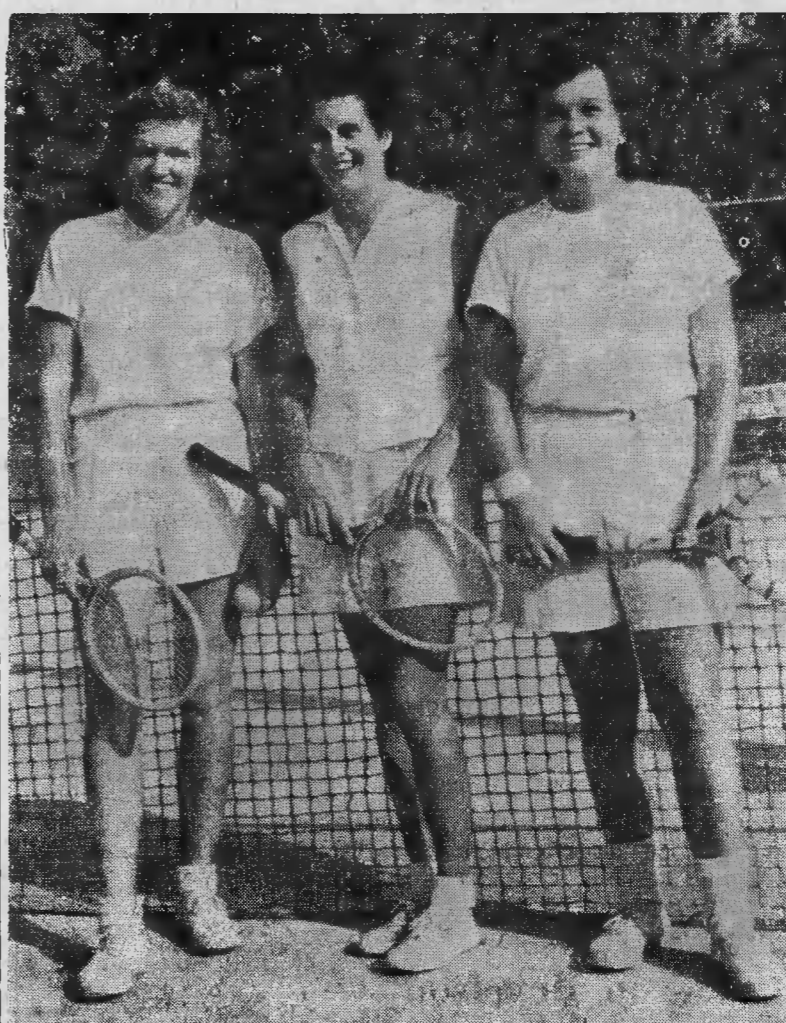
Tickets for the district rally dinner can be obtained from the following persons in these communities throughout the county: Southern Pines, W. Lamont Brown and Travis Wicker; Aberdeen, W. H. McNeill, Jr., and Al Cruce; Pinebluff, J. D. David and W. K. Carpenter, Jr.; Pinehurst, J. Hubert McCaskill; Vass, Monroe Chappell; Cameron, Luther McPherson; Carthage, T. Roy Phillips; West End, E. P. Hinson; and Robbins, Ralph Steed and Roy McSwain.

## Baptist Pastor To Arrive Next Week

The Rev. D. Hoke Coon, recently called pastor of the First Baptist church, is expected to arrive in Southern Pines next week and preach his first sermon as new pastor here on Sunday, September 6.

Next Sunday, August 30, James Oppert, ministerial student who has served here as supply pastor this summer, will preach his last sermon at the church. Mr. and Mrs. Oppert have already left Southern Pines, prior to his continuing ministerial studies at Wake Forest college, but the young man will return to preach here Sunday.

Rev. Mr. Coon has been serving as assistant pastor of the First Baptist church, Salisbury. He is 26 years old and married.



FEMINE STARS in Sandhill tournament. From left, Mrs. Sarah Rushton Walters, Audrey West Brown, Mary Lou Jones. Miss Brown was singles winner over Mrs. Walters, while Mrs. Walters and Miss Jones were the winning doubles team. (Photo by V. Nicholson)

## Audrey West Brown Wins Singles As Hundreds See Sandhill Tennis Event

### Other Local Players Lose; Umstaedter Tops Sylvia In Five Sets

The Fifth Annual Sandhill Tennis tournament, held last Wednesday through Sunday on the Southern Pines courts, attracted top talent of both Carolinas and fully justified the effort expended during the past five years by a small group of local tennis lovers.

The Sunday finals drew a gallery which at one point in the afternoon numbered well over 700.

## All County Schools But Vass-Lakeview To Open Sept. 1

Schools of the Moore County system will open Tuesday morning, September 1, with the exception of Vass-Lakeview school at Vass, points out Supt. H. Lee Thomas.

Because of tobacco harvesting requiring the services of many pupils in the school, Vass-Lakeview school has postponed its opening to Thursday, September 10, said principal John McCrummen.

Days lost at opening of school will be made up from holiday periods, according to present plans.

## National Guard Praised For Record In Training; Returning Home Sunday

CAMP STEWART, GA.—The 1953 summer encampment of Southern Pines Guardsmen is nearly over at this huge Georgia anti-aircraft training center, and according to Capt. William J. Wilson, battery commander, the encampment has been a good one.

Capt. Wilson, an insurance salesman in civil life, declared that all members of Battery D had done themselves proud in winning acclaim as one of the best AAA units to train at Camp Stewart this year.

Lt. Col. William Lamont, Jr., Raeford Guardsman who commands the 130th AAA Automatic Weapons Battalion, to which Battery D belongs, shares Capt. Wilson's approval of the Southern Pines citizen-soldiers.

"Praise from Commander

"All our men have done well this year," Col. Lamont declared, following the 252nd Group parade last Saturday morning, "and Battery D is one of the best. Officers have provided competent leadership, and the enlisted personnel has performed admirably."

The two-week training began for Battery D on Sunday, August 16, when the AAA firing battery moved its two jeeps, six trucks, weapons carrier and three trailers from Southern Pines to Ridge-land, S. C., where the Moore County troopers went into overnight bivouac. On the following day, they moved through Savannah and some 40 miles beyond to Camp Stewart, which contains thousands of acres of Georgia swamp and timberland.

The battery was praised by Col. Kenneth Corbett of Wilmington, 252nd Group commander, for the facility with which they completed the long motor march.

Stutts Commended

Another special commendation pertaining to use and maintenance of motor vehicles was given Master Sgt. Elbert H. Stutts, who has set up and operated the 130th Battalion motor pool, by Third (Continued on Page 8)

## PINEHURST SEPT. 2

The Pinehurst city school system, with units at Pinehurst and Negro schools at Taylortown, will open Wednesday, September 2, announces Supt. Lewis L. Cannon.

## Schools To Start Term Wednesday

### Largest Enrollment Ever Seen; Meetings Slated For Teachers

White and Negro schools of Southern Pines will open Wednesday, September 2, at 9 a. m., with an expected record-breaking enrollment topping last year's registration of some 1,100 pupils in all the town's schools.

Supt. A. C. Dawson said that classes at the white schools will begin at 9 a. m. Wednesday and Thursday, ending at noon. Regular schedule, starting at 8:25, goes into effect Friday. The cafeteria, again under supervision of Mrs. L. T. Hall, will be open only on Friday.

School busses will begin their regular schedules on Friday, running about 30 minutes later on Wednesday and Thursday.

Parents of children who have not yet been registered need not have them registered before opening day, Supt. Dawson said. It will be sufficient if the children are there on Wednesday.

Meetings for teachers will be held as follows on Tuesday: elementary teachers, 2 p. m.; general meeting of all teachers, 3 p. m.; and high school teachers, 3:30 p. m. Faculty members at the white schools are:

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; Mrs. James Larkin, English and Spanish; Mrs. Doris Warner, home economics; Miss Nancy Mackie, music; and Miss Aline Todd, librarian.

Elementary — First grade, Miss Florence Dawson and Miss Katherine Boyette; second grade, Miss Mae Delle Kennedy and Mrs. A. C. Dawson, Jr.; third grade, Mrs. Edla B. Wicker and Mrs. Joseph Bennett; fourth grade, Miss Bess McIntyre and Mrs. Norman Caudle; 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; seventh and eighth grades, J. W. Moore; eighth grade, H. D. Hall.

All but four of the teachers have taught here previously. The four new teachers are, in the high school, Mrs. Larkin, Mrs. Warner and Miss Mackie; and in the elementary school, H. D. Hall.

West Southern Pines

The Negro unit of the Southern Pines city school system in West Southern Pines also will open Wednesday morning, September 2, at 9 a. m., announces Principal J. W. Moore.

Faculty members of the West Southern Pines school are: High school—J. C. Hasty, science and band; R. T. Simmons, English and music; Mrs. R. P. Watkins, French, history and guidance; Mrs. O. C. Peerman, home economics; E. T. Clark, shop (Southern Pines-Pinehurst); and J. W. Moore, principal and mathematics.

Elementary school—Mrs. E. W. Morse, first grade; Miss W. G. Hasty, second grade; Mrs. L. M. Barksdale, second and third grades; Mrs. O. J. Saunderson, third grade; Miss C. E. Steele, fourth grade; Mrs. I. H. Moore, fourth and fifth grades; Miss B. M. Pitts, fifth grade; Mrs. N. P. Wilson, sixth grade; Mrs. D. S. Miller, seventh grade; H. A. Wilson, eighth grade; Mrs. M. E. York, eighth grade and library; and McKinley Armstrong, art and physical education.

## OFFICERS RESIGN

Two Southern Pines police officers, Kieth Marks and Ray Backlund, submitted their resignations Wednesday, with request that they become effective September 15, according to City Manager Tom E. Cunningham.

At noon Thursday, the resignations had not been formally accepted by the city manager.

Cunningham said Police Chief C. E. Newton told him that the officers gave as reason for their resignation the opportunity for better jobs elsewhere.

## Garvin Family Rescues Couple From Drowning

Mr. and Mrs. L. F. Garvin and their 11-year-old son, Lee, of Manly, saved the lives of a Rockingham couple Sunday and found the body of another man who drowned when the trio's boat capsized on Bluet's Falls lake.

Boating on the lake, which is some eight miles from Rockingham and formed by a dam in the Pee Dee river, the Garvins saw a man waving in distress about a half mile from them across the water.

Cutting across the lake in their outboard motor boat, the Manly family found a capsized boat with two exhausted persons, Mr. and Mrs. Cliff Quick of Rockingham, clinging to it. The man who had attracted their attention by climbing on the boat and waving was O. D. Pratt of Rockingham. Mr. (Continued on Page 8)

## Marine Tells How He Was Wounded

Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Kennedy of Aberdeen, Route 1, have received a letter from their son, Pfc. Mack Kennedy, Jr., telling how he was wounded in the final hours of hostilities in Korea. The letter revealed that he was hit in the left arm, but has now recovered. Five rounds of mortar shells were fired, the young Marine Corps member wrote, just as they thought the shooting was about over.