

'Alec' Fields, 66, Succumbs; Funeral Conducted Sunday

Southern Pines Man Was Game Protector More Than 20 Years

Attended by a large gathering of relatives and friends, funeral services were held Sunday afternoon at the First Baptist church for Alexander Fields, 66, who was stricken with a heart attack and died while in the Masonic Temple barber shop on Broad street Friday morning of last week.

The Rev. David Hoke Coon, pastor of the church, officiated at the services. Burial followed in Mount Hope cemetery. Active pallbearers were D. E. Bailey, Melvin Gardner, W. T. Jackson, C. R. Mills, Howard McNeill and C. B. Gale.

"Alec" Fields, one of the most widely known and highly respected men in this area, retired about four years ago after serving more than 20 years as Moore County game protector. An ardent hunter, he nevertheless devoted a great part of his life to the conservation of wildlife and rigorous administration of the state's hunting laws. He was known throughout the state for his services not only in game conservation but also in forest protection.

Mr. Fields was born in Deep River township, the son of George and Amanda Cole Fields. He moved to Southern Pines in 1908 and operated a barber shop.

In 1928 he became one of the first employees of the newly formed N. C. Forest Service. His duties then combined those of game warden and forest fire protector. A one-man fire fighting force, with small funds at his disposal, he organized volunteer crews and

Baptist Asso. To Meet Next Week At Two Churches

The annual meeting of the South Sandy Creek Baptist Association will be held at the Cameron Baptist Church on Thursday, October 15, and at the Flint Hill Baptist Church off highway 27 between Carthage and Robbins, on Friday, October 16.

The meeting will open at Cameron at 10 a. m. with the Rev. C. V. Comer reading the scripture and offering the prayer.

The Rev. O. J. Hagler of Carthage will give the stewardship, mission committee and evangelism report with Dr. J. C. Canipe of Hendersonville, Baptist State Convention Secretary of Evangelism, leading the discussion.

The report on Christian education will be made by the Rev. R. L. Beal with Claude F. Gaddy of Raleigh, executive secretary of the Council on Christian Education of the State Baptist Convention, leading the discussion.

The historical report will be made by Mrs. Parks with the introduction at 11:50 a. m. by Mr. Parham. Lunch at 12:30 with the beginning at 1:00 p. m.

The advisory committee was asked to study on-street and off-street parking facilities and make recommendations as to solution of present and future parking problems.

In making the request of the committee, City Manager Tom E. Cunningham said that suggestions about parking which have been brought to his attention included: whether the town is getting maximum utilization of on-street and off-street parking places, whether any additional parking facilities are needed, whether parking meters or changes in regulations would help and what provision should be made for off-street parking, either publicly or privately supported.

Requests made to the committee on five other town problems are listed in detail elsewhere in today's Pilot.



CHRISTMAS IN OCTOBER was celebrated at the American Legion hut near Carthage Tuesday night when the community welcomed home two former prisoners of the Communists in Korea—Master Sergeant Gentry T. Frye, left, and Private First Class Arthur McDuffie, right. Everybody knows the jolly figure in the center is

Santa Claus, who distributed gifts to the two servicemen, but behind the beard is the face of Cpl. M. S. Parvin of the State Highway Patrol who lives near Carthage. "I couldn't find you last year," said Santa as he entered the building. "God bless you both." (Photo by V. W. Hardee)

Carthage Welcomes War Prisoners

Frye and McDuffie Greeted At Legion Hut Tuesday Night

Moore County rounded out its welcome for its three former prisoners of the Communists in Korea when Joseph G. Henson post No. 12 of the American Legion at Carthage staged a barbecue supper and program Tuesday night honoring Master Sergeant Gentry T. Frye, 24, of Carthage, Route 3, and Private First Class Arthur McDuffie, 27, of Biscoe, Route 1.

Sergeant Henry Bradford of Southern Pines, first to return, had previously been honored in a "Bradford Day" celebration here. All three of the men were in separate prison camps and had not known each other overseas.

On hand to welcome the two young men Tuesday night were Congressman C. B. Deane of Rockingham; Bob Chriscoe, of Pinehurst, 12th Dist. Legion commander, who read a letter from Ray Galloway, chairman of the

SCOUT DRIVE HELD

Results of the one-day Moore County Boy Scout fund drive conducted Tuesday under direction of Brig. Gen. Pearson Menoher of Knollwood, were not available at The Pilot's press time Thursday. More than 50 workers in the Southern Pines collection met at Holliday's Coffee Shop Tuesday morning to launch the campaign with a breakfast rally.



LOOKING AT A MAP before starting off Saturday morning in an attempt to locate a tract of land where it is believed Flora McDonald, Scottish heroine, once lived, are, left to right: Phillips Russell, professor of journalism at UNC; Paul Green of Chapel Hill, author and playwright; R. E. Wicker of Pinehurst, student of early North Carolina history; Dr. Blackwell Robinson of Chapel Hill, who is writing a history of Moore county; and Malcolm Fowler of Lillington, student of local history. The group has been searching off and on for the land during the past 15 years and a new clue as to its whereabouts sent them to lower Montgomery county Saturday. Mr. Wicker later reported their investigation was "encouraging," but that no definite conclusions could yet be reached. (Pilot Staff Photo)

North Carolina committee to welcome returning prisoners, on behalf of Gov. William B. Umstead; Carthage Post Commander Bill Dalrymple and others.

Gifts were presented by a portly and convincing Santa Claus played by Cpl. M. C. Parvin of

Harden To Speak Wednesday When C. of C. Gathers

Tickets have gone out to all members of the Southern Pines Chamber of Commerce for the annual banquet and Ladies Night of the Chamber, which will be held at the Southern Pines Country club at 7 p. m. Wednesday.

This will be the first banquet held by the Chamber in several years and considerable effort is being expended on making it an outstanding event, according to information from Valerie Nicholson, president pro tem.

J. B. Perkinson is chairman of arrangements. However, on account of his present illness, Ward Hill is taking over as chairman, with Dr. R. B. McKenzie as toastmaster.

Guest speaker will be John Harden of Greensboro, Burlington Mills vice-president in charge of public relations. Mr. Harden, a former newspaperman in Charlotte, Salisbury and Greensboro. (Continued on Page 5)

Brown Announces Candidacy For State YDC Head

Friends Meet Here Monday; Campaign In Raleigh Slated

W. Lamont Brown of Southern Pines, solicitor of Moore recorders court, has announced his candidacy for president of the North Carolina Young Democrats, following an enthusiastic meeting of friends and well-wishers held here Monday night.

Potential support within the district, and from a number of counties in other districts, was tallied up and found sufficiently promising for the Moore county man to be induced to enter the race.

The group of Moore county YDC members, meeting in Voit Gilmore's office, made plans for the opening of a headquarters for their candidate at the Sir Walter Wednesday night, and for other promotional activities to take place during the YDC state convention Thursday, Friday and Saturday. Mr. Brown left for Raleigh Wednesday.

Miss Dorothy Ann Swisher, a student at Meredith college, Raleigh, will be chief receptionist at the Brown headquarters. Miss Swisher was National Beauty Queen of the VFW in 1951 and in the summer of 1952 placed third in the Miss North Carolina contest. She is vice-president of the Southern Pines YDC club and will accede to the presidency in the event Mr. Brown, now the local president, is elected to the state office.

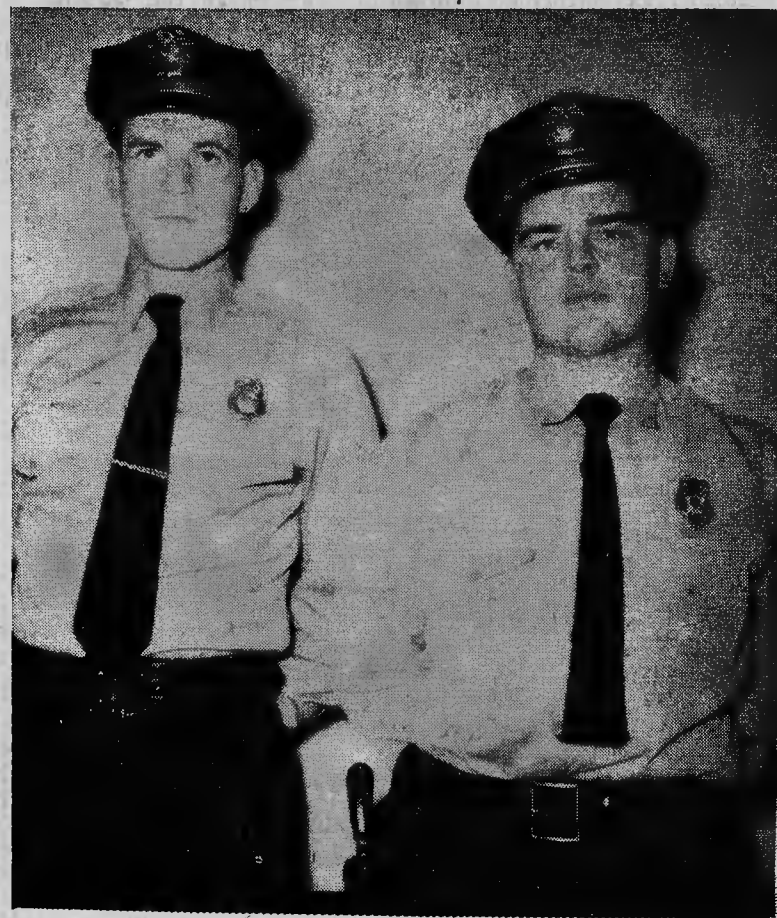
The Moore county man's entry makes the presidential race four-cornered, with two candidates from the Eighth District. Miss Edith Marsh of Monroe, now employed in Raleigh, declared herself a candidate several weeks ago. Longest in the race and con-

Hall Named Chairman Of Hallowe'en Event

Plans for the Hallowe'en Carnival sponsored annually by the Southern Pines Rotary club were made at the regular luncheon meeting of the club last Friday in the Village Inn.

Johnnie A. Hall was made general chairman of the event which will again feature an outdoor community celebration with booths, stunts, costume parade, judging and prizes.

Further details will be announced.



NEW POLICE OFFICERS who recently began serving with the Southern Pines police department are Roland Bowers, left, and Drake Rogers. Bowers is a 1950 graduate of Southern Pines High school, where he played on the state championship football team of the 1949 season. He was released from army duty September 1 after serving 30 months in Germany as a section leader in an anti-aircraft artillery unit. He is the son of Mrs. Flora Bowers of Manly, where he lives, and is not married. Rogers is a 1950 graduate of Aberdeen High school. Though now living near Carthage, he plans to move to Southern Pines as soon as possible, with his wife, the former Kathryn Ann McCaskill, and their baby daughter, Marilyn Ann. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Rogers who live between Aberdeen and Pinebluff and was formerly an insurance agent. (Pilot Staff Photo)

Town Council To Meet Tuesday; Appointments To Committees Slated

Moore Favors 2 Bond Issues By Big Margin

With only one precinct voting in opposition, Moore County citizens expressed overwhelming approval Saturday for proposed state bond issues. The proposals were favored by large majorities throughout the state.

As a result of the referendum, North Carolina will issue \$50 million in bonds for construction of school buildings and \$22 million for expansion and improvement of mental hospitals and institutions.

The unofficial vote in Moore County was:

As to schools—2,454 for, 406 against.

As to mental hospitals—2,502 for, 308 against.

The Moore County majority in the school vote was slightly under the seven-to-one approval for the state as a whole on the school bonds and about the state average of eight-to-one approval of the mental institutions bonds.

Spencerville precinct, which includes the Westmoore school community, was the only one in Moore county to vote against either of the proposals. Spencerville voted 42-40 against schools and 44-35 against mental hospitals.

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Waddell Facing Superior Court Trial In Wreck

James E. Waddell, Southern Pines Negro who was driving an automobile that struck and killed James Everett Lathan, nine-year-old Negro child at the intersection of New Hampshire avenue and Hale street September 2, has been bound over to Superior court for trial on charges of speeding and careless and reckless driving resulting in a death.

Waddell appeared in recorder's court Monday for a hearing. Probable cause was found by Judge J. Vance Rowe. Bond was set at \$100. The Lathan boy, a resident of New York city, was visiting in Southern Pines when the accident occurred. He was riding a bicycle when struck by the car.

New Ordinance On Garbage To Be Presented

The Southern Pines town council will meet Tuesday night of next week, October 13, in the town hall at 8 o'clock.

Under a newly adopted system of the council, a "memorandum docket" is issued prior to the meeting by city manager Tom E. Cunningham, to bring matters to be discussed to the attention of council members and the public and to speed action on these matters during the session.

Following is the memorandum docket for Tuesday's meeting:

1. Call meeting to order, read minutes of last meeting. (15 min.)

2. Hearing of citizens who care to be heard. (15 min.)

3. Report of committee on town code on the town's garbage collection policies and introduction of An Ordinance Regulating the Collection of Garbage and Other Refuse (First reading of the Ordinance. Public hearing to be set by Council after advertisement). (25 min.)

4. Report of the city attorney on a request by the council for an extension of the option on the Rowe property on W. New York Ave. (10 min.)

5. Consideration of adopting a policy of not prosecuting out of state visitors for parking violations (Request of Mayor). (15 min.)

6. Amending the town traffic ordinance to increase the parking time on West New Hampshire Ave. from a 15 minute limitation to a 2 hour limitation. (10 min.)

7. Appointing members to the following committees: Recreation Committee (4 members); Zoning Board (5 members); Board of Zoning Adjustment (5 members). (1 hour.)

8. Anticipating funds to be received by the Town from the sale of the police station and appropriating \$5,910 for debt service on the fire station bond anticipation note due December 1, 1953, and appropriating \$590 for improvements to the present storage shed for the new fire truck in order to protect it from the weather and low temperatures. (15 min.)

No Break Yet In Sunrise Robbery, Police Chief Says

Melodrama shifted from the screen to the office at the Sunrise theatre Saturday night when a masked bandit held a pistol on Nick Stringfellow, manager, and made off with \$369.30 from the desk on which Stringfellow had been counting the money at the close of the day's business. The robbery took place about 10 p. m.

Police Chief C. E. Newton began an immediate investigation, calling in an SBI agent to assist. While investigation is continuing, there had been no new developments in the case by noon Thursday.

Thought to be a Negro, the man was dressed in a trenchcoat-type raincoat and his face was partially hidden by a handkerchief mask. He pointed an automatic pistol at Stringfellow, demanding that he put all the money in a bag and give it to him. He left immediately.

Miss Frye Resigns Post With Town

Miss Myrtle Frye of near Carthage, who for the past nine years has been employed in the Southern Pines town office, has resigned, it was announced yesterday by City Manager Tom E. Cunningham. Her resignation was effective Tuesday afternoon of this week.

The town is now advertising for an administrative secretary to fill the vacancy, asking for applicants who are high school graduates and able to operate various business machines. Applications are to be made to the city manager at town hall.