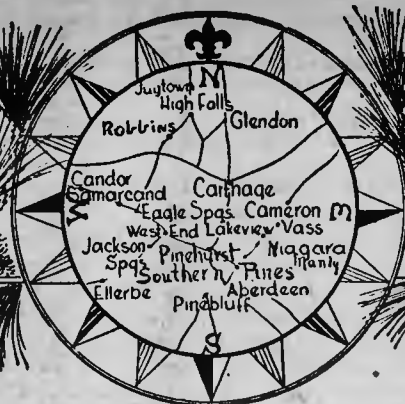




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"HELP NOW!" urges the little fellow on the poster being displayed by H. Clifton Blue, campaign chairman of the March of Dimes in Moore County at the leaders' meeting held at Carthage Friday night. Standing at left is Bob Coulter of Raleigh, state representative of the National Infantile Paralysis Foundation for central North Carolina. Officers of the Moore County chapter

were reelected at the meeting and three of them are shown above—C. H. Bowman, Southern Pines, treasurer, seated at left, and at right, Paul C. Butler, Southern Pines, chairman (for the 11th successive term) and Mrs. Eldon Adams, Carthage, secretary. Ralph G. Steed, Robbins, vice-chairman, was unable to be present. (Photo by V. Nicholson)

Aberdeen Scout Troop Wins Cup For Fine Record

Local Troops Place Third, Fourth In County-Wide Rating

The W. M. Storey Memorial Award for 1953 was presented to Aberdeen Troop No. 63 at the January court of honor held at Robbins Wednesday night. On the same program a member of the troop, Billy Sheppard, aged 13 years and three months, was awarded his Eagle Badge.

The Storey Award was presented by Voit Gilmore of Southern Pines, who at the same time presented to Frank McNeill, scoutmaster, a small replica of the handsome silver bowl to retain as a personal keepsake.

James Whitt is the assistant scoutmaster of the troop.

This was the second time the coveted award had been won by the Aberdeen troop, which received it two years ago for leadership in 1951. The award is based on progress and activity in a year-long competition among troops of the county, scored on a point system in the fields of advancement, enrollment, hiking, camping, civic service, budget, uniforms, and exhibits at the county fair.

The award was established in 1950 by the late Mrs. Storey, Mr. Gilmore's mother, in memory of her husband. A similar award is made each year in Winston-Salem, where the Storeys lived.

Pinehurst Troop No. 7 was runner-up for the award, with Troops 224 and 73 of Southern Pines in third and fourth places respectively.

The new Eagle Scout, who was 13 in October, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Sheppard of Aberdeen. Both were present for the ceremony and Mrs. Sheppard pinned the badge on her son.

A number of other awards were (Continued on Page 8)



TO GIVE CONCERT—Janet Spicer, violinist, will appear in Weaver Auditorium, Friday, January 15, at 8:30 p. m., with Robert Smith, accompanist and piano soloist, as the second presentation of the Sandhills Music Association for the current season. She is the daughter of Dr. and Mrs. R. G. Rosser of Vass. (For details, see story elsewhere in today's Pilot.)

Ground Is Broken For New School Inspiring Ceremony Conducted

An inspiring formal groundbreaking ceremony for the "Phase A" unit of the new Southern Pines High School building was held Thursday morning at the site on the corner of May Street and Massachusetts Avenue.

Invited to take part were members of the board of county commissioners, Mayor Clark and other members of the Southern Pines town council and the local school board of which John Howarth is chairman.

Invocation was spoken by Rev. C. K. Ligon, pastor of Brownson Memorial Presbyterian church. A rendition of the Star Spangled Banner by the High School band accompanied a flag-raising.

Joe Marley, president of the student council at the high school; A. C. Dawson, Jr., superintendent of local schools and Irie Leonard, high school principal, also took part.

Completion of the new building at a cost of \$126,644 is expected in time for use during the 1954-'55 school year.

Plans call for construction of an adjoining "Phase B" structure, at approximately the same cost, during the following year.

The building for which ground was broken Thursday will be of brick construction in a modified Colonial design. It will have a 57-foot frontage on May street and will run back 142 feet along Massachusetts Avenue.

The entire student body assembled for the ceremony which closed with singing of the school song, accompanied by the band.

Dr. Vida McLeod, only woman member of the local school board, turned the first shovel of earth, followed by Board Chairman Howarth who spoke briefly, noting that the new building is the culmination of plans that have been in the making for many years.

Following with turns at the shovel were N. L. Hodgkins, L. F. Garvin and Harry Menzel, all members of the school board.

The county commissioners were represented by Gordon Cameron, chairman of the board, and J. M. Pleasants of Southern Pines. Mayor Clark also had a turn at the shovel and said a few words.

Leslie N. Boney of Wilmington, architect of the building, was present and spoke briefly. Members of various contracting firms were recognized.

ROBBINS GAMES TONIGHT

The boys' and girls' basketball teams of Southern Pines High School will play host here tonight (Friday) to their strong traditional rivals from Robbins in what promise to be two of the best games of the season. The girls' game is set for 7:30 p. m. at the high school gym, to be followed by the boys' contest.

Traffic Death Toll, Murders Drop For '53

Deaths in highway accidents were sharply reduced in 1953 from the previous year, it was shown in the annual report of Moore County Coroner Ralph G. Steed presented before the county commissioners at Carthage Monday.

Twelve persons were killed on Moore highways during the year which ended last Thursday night. In 1952, the number reached 20, the county's worst in history. The downward trend was much more marked than in the State as a whole, in which a decrease was shown for the first time in many years, but of only nine, whereas in Moore alone it was eight.

Eleven of the automobile accident deaths were in the county, one in a town (a Negro child in Southern Pines).

The number of homicides and murders listed also declined, from seven in 1952 to five in 1953. This does not include one count of justifiable homicide, in which two law enforcement officers were adjudged by a coroner's jury to have killed in self-defense and for maintenance of law and order.

Complete figures in the coroner's report are as follows: highway deaths, 12; homicide and murder, 5; justifiable homicide, 1; suicide, 3 (same as 1952); drowned, 2; burned to death, 2; acute alcoholism, 1; killed by overturning of tractor, 1; natural, 20.

SPEED CHECK

Highway patrolmen are checking speed of drivers on highways throughout the county all this week, extending through Sunday.

Cpl. M. S. Parvin of Carthage, who is in charge of highway patrol activity in Moore County, said that an electronic timer would be shifted around on various highways in a concentrated effort against speed law violators.

The timer registers a driver's actual speed as he crosses two cables stretched across the highway.

New Water Rate Measure To Come Before Council

Regular monthly meeting of the Southern Pines town council will be held Tuesday night, January 12, at town hall.

A memorandum docket for this meeting was not available when The Pilot went to press Thursday. An important item to come before the council is a proposed ordinance setting uniform water rates for in-town and out-of-town consumers, continuing the present general in-town rates—although eliminating a few special lower in-town rates—and setting the out-of-town rate at 50 per cent more than the in-town cost.

Out-of-town golf courses, hotels and the Knollwood area, for all of which special rates have prevailed, would be most affected by the proposed new law.

March Of Dimes Quotas Totalling \$7,460 Accepted

Community leaders of Moore County's March of Dimes, meeting Friday night at Carthage, accepted quotas for the January campaign totaling \$7,460, the same as have been accepted and successfully passed in the county for several years.

The meeting was dominated by enthusiasm, and the conviction that the 1954 fund drive may be the most momentous in the long history of the fight against polio—that on its success may depend whether or not the dread crippling is at last put on the run.

The hope and belief were expressed that far more than the quota may actually be made, as County Campaign Chairman H. Clifton Blue of Aberdeen informed the group that this year one-third of the returns are to be earmarked for the great polio prevention project scheduled to begin in February. One-third will be retained by the local chapter, and one-third be sent to the National Infantile Paralysis Foundation for epidemic aid, patient care, education and research. In the past, the March of Dimes proceeds have been divided half and half. (Continued on Page 5)

Schedule Of Tax Listing In Two Townships Given

Listing of real and personal property for taxes, which began throughout Moore County Saturday, will continue in the coming week.

McNeill Township
Mrs. Don J. Blue of Carthage, Route 3, list taker for McNeill township which includes Southern Pines, will be at Lakeview today (Friday) and at Vass Saturday.

Monday through Friday of next week, Mrs. Blue will be at the old police station building on New Hampshire Avenue, Southern Pines. She will be at Vass again on Saturday of next week and will return to Southern Pines Monday through Friday of the following week, January 18-22.

Sandhill Township
Mrs. Adelaide Schnell of Pinebluff, list taker for Sandhill township, will be at the post office in Addor today (Friday). Saturday, she will be at Patterson's Store, Roseland. Monday afternoon, she will be at the town hall in Pinebluff. Tuesday of next week calls for listing at Sam's Place, Jackson Hamlet. Wednesday afternoon she will be at the town hall in Pinebluff.

Thursday and Friday of next week, January 14 and 15, Mrs. Schnell will be at the old police station building here, for the convenience of Sandhill township property owners near Southern Pines.

Eight Directors Named By C. Of C. For Coming Year

Eight new directors for the Southern Pines Chamber of Commerce were elected in the balloting which has been conducted by mail during the past two weeks.

They are Hoke Pollock, June Blue, George Pottle, Mrs. Jean Edson, Robert F. Arey, Virgil P. Clark, Frank E. Cosgrove and Robert E. Strouse. They will be installed for two-year terms at the regular board meeting to be held at the Southland Hotel Tuesday night, January 19.

Also selected to serve for one year, the unexpired term of a member who is resigning, was George H. Leonard, the next highest on the list in the voting.

Good Vote Seen
Votes were opened and tallied by the board Tuesday night. About 60 were received, covering almost exactly half of the full Chamber membership, which was considered a good representation. All the "high men" were notified and accepted the directorship except one, who excused himself for (Continued on Page 5)

At Scout Council Recognition Dinner

Campbell Installed, Brown Gets High Award

Moore county's delegation of 60 Scouts attending the annual Recognition Dinner of the Occaneechee Council Tuesday night at Chapel Hill had occasion to feel very proud.

First, they saw one of their number, W. D. Campbell of Southern Pines, installed as president of the council—another chapter in a distinguished career of service to the Boy Scout program.

Second, they saw another of their group, W. Lamont Brown of Southern Pines, become one of six recipients of the Silver Beaver, highest award in volunteer scouting.

Third, the delegation carried away the Attendance Trophy for the sixth successive year. The award, based on the number of persons attending multiplied by the mileage from their county seat, was first won in 1949, when

J. N. Daugherty Struck By Car, Killed; Inquest Exonerates Driver Of Blame

Funeral Services Held Here Tuesday For Local Man, 78

James Norbert Daugherty, 78-year-old Southern Pines resident, was killed about 6:15 p. m. Monday at the intersection of S. W. road street and West Illinois Avenue when he was struck by a car driven by Dr. L. M. Daniels, Southern Pines dentist.

Taken to Moore County Hospi-

VFW District To Gather Here For Quarterly Meet

John Boyd Post, Veterans of Foreign Wars, will be host here Saturday night and Sunday to the quarterly meeting of the Ninth VFW District.

Opening with a dance Saturday night, the gathering will continue Sunday at 2:30 p. m. with a joint session for VFW and Auxiliary members at the post home on New York Avenue. The Auxiliary and the VFW members later will hold separate meetings.

Louis Scheepers, Jr., commander of the local post, said that among the officials expected are: John Alston, district commander, of Hamlet; Mrs. Ruby Reinhardt of Hickory, State Auxiliary president; and Rufus Joyner, State junior vice-commander.

There are nine posts in the district. The meeting is open to all members of the posts and Auxiliaries.

tal by ambulance, Mr. Daugherty was pronounced dead on arrival. He did not regain consciousness after the accident.

After hearing evidence presented by investigating officers, eye-witnesses and Dr. Daniels at an inquest held by Coroner Ralph G. Steed of Robbins Tuesday, a coroner's jury found no culpable negligence on the part of Dr. Daniels.

Funeral services for Mr. Daugherty were held Tuesday afternoon at the Clark funeral Chapel, conducted by the Rev. C. K. Ligon, pastor of Brownson Memorial Presbyterian Church Burrell, with graveside service, took place at McNeessport, Pa., Thursday morning.

Son of Cornelius and Myra Laura Daugherty, Mr. Daugherty was born at Erie, Pa., and had been a carpenter before he came to Southern Pines several years ago to live with his daughter, Mrs. Dutton, 210 N. May Street. A son C. H. Daugherty of Southern Pines, also survives, as well as six grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

After hearing evidence presented at the inquest, the Coroner's jury was instructed by Mr. Steed that there was no question as to Mr. Daugherty's death and that the jury had to decide whether there had been any culpable negligence on the part of Dr. Daniels.

After retiring for only a few minutes, they brought in the verdict that there had been no negligence.

Members of the jury were (Continued on Page 5)

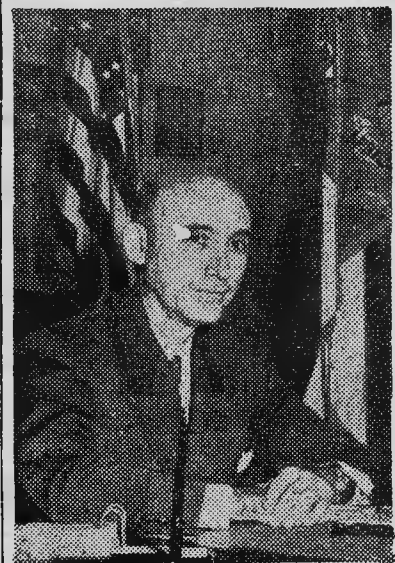
Deane Returns To 'Crucial' Session; Horner Will Not Run In '54 Primary

Rep. C. B. Deane of Rockingham, Congressman from the Eighth District, returned to Washington Tuesday for the opening of the second session of the 83rd Congress at noon Wednesday.

Representative Deane is one of the few Democratic Congressmen holding two important committee assignments under the Republican administration. He is a member of the House Banking and Currency and the House Administration committees.

"This will in my opinion be one of the most crucial sessions of Congress," the Rockingham man informed The Pilot before his departure Tuesday. "I return feeling very strongly that what is needed in Washington more than anything else is a sense of unity and teamwork. Unity and teamwork based upon absolute honesty in both political parties will bring an answer to our problems. To that end I pledge my most sincere efforts."

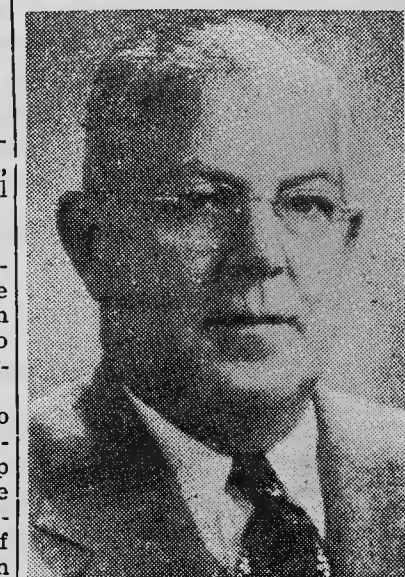
The Pilot has learned that recently published speculation that W. E. (Bill) Horner of Sanford is seriously considering entering the race for Congress against Deane this Spring is unwarranted. Shortly after these published reports, Mr. Horner called Representative Deane to assure the Congressman



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that he is not planning to be a candidate. Horner opposed Deane in the Democratic primaries of 1946 and 1950.

Coble Funderburk of Monroe announced in November that he would be a candidate for the Eighth District nomination, opposing Congressman Deane in the primary next May 29.



N. L. HODGKINS, SR., of Southern Pines was installed last week as president of the Sandhills Kiwanis Club. Mr. Hodgkins is president of the Citizens Bank and Trust Co.