



THE PILOT



4 Soldiers Draw Long Jail Terms

One Sentenced For Aberdeen Break-In, Three For Robbery

Four young soldiers of the 82nd Airborne Division, Fort Bragg, faced trial on robbery charges Monday as the criminal term of Moore superior court opened, with Judge Frank M. Armstrong of Troy presiding.

Alvin R. Farrington, 23-year-old New Jersey native, drew a sentence of 12 to 36 months on the roads, to be followed by two to five years in Central Prison, Raleigh, the prison sentence suspended for five years on good behavior, with no violation of any laws.

The tall slender youth, dark-eyed and dark-haired, pleading guilty to both charges, took the stand to relate in a low voice the details of his robbery of the Moore Motor Co. at Aberdeen, when, shortly before Christmas, he broke in through a window and took a quantity of automobile parts. The indictment set their value at \$1,091 and M. B. Pleasants of the company on the stand said they were worth "more than \$700."

Numerous letters from persons in Farrington's home town attesting to his good character were read into the record by his counsel, H. F. Seawell, and his mother wept as she said he had always been "a good boy" and helped at home. He gave as reasons for the theft the need of parts for his car, and some Christmas funds.

Farrington took the stand only after Judge Armstrong hinted strongly that he never suspended a sentence nor set a probationary one unless a defendant did so. Answering all questions with apparent candor, Farrington nevertheless shied away from the judge's probing at several points, particularly in reference to possible accomplices. He incited he did the job alone.

Vass Hold-Up
The case was broken through cooperation of the Moore County sheriff's department, the SI and the Army's CID, the same combination which brought similar success in the case against James Geery, Raymond J. Jones and Al J. Jackson, charged with armed robbery and larceny. The three, also from the Airborne, 19 and 20 years old, pled guilty to robbing Charles F. Foster, a Vass grocery store proprietor, of about \$750 Saturday evening, November 28. Foster had told his story of the hold-up, and Sgt. J. J. Kuls of the CID described minute the processes of his department in tracing down the trio and securing their confessions.

The three youths were sentenced to spend not less than five nor more than 20 years in Central Prison, Raleigh.

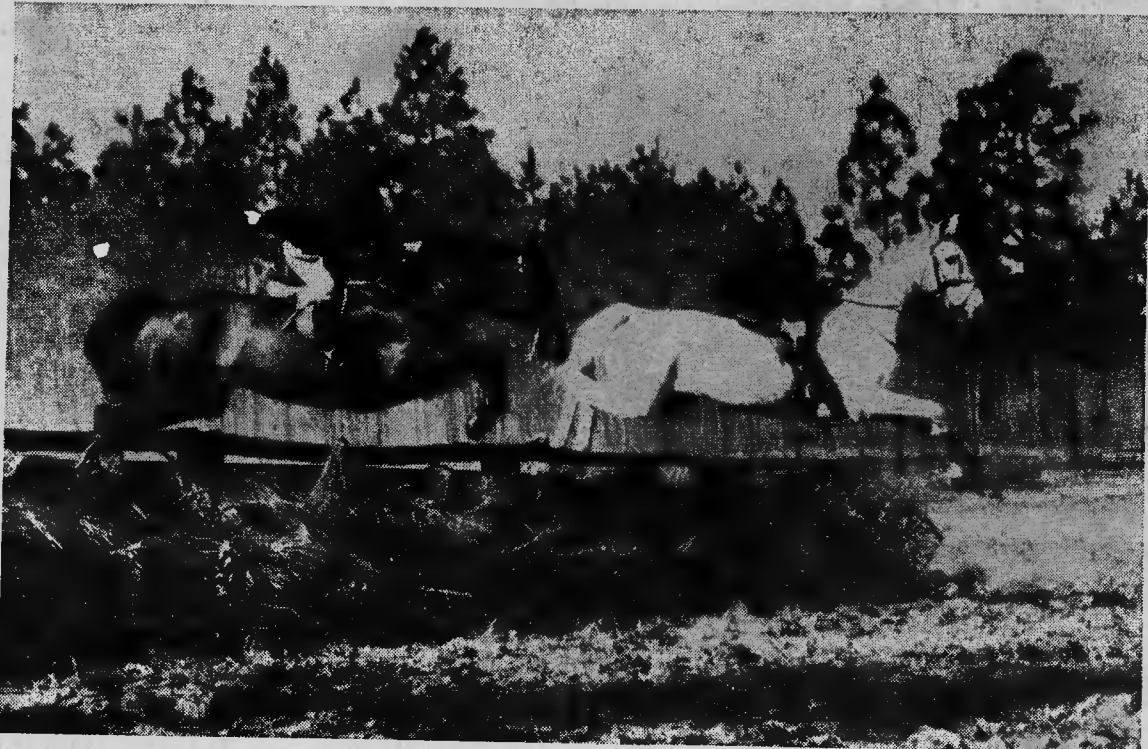
Equally Guilty
Though Defense Counsel Herbert F. Seawell urged consideration for Jones, driver of the getaway car, (Continued to Page 8)

Donor Response For Blood Giving Is 'Encouraging'

Recruiting of blood donors for next Wednesday's visit of a Red Cross Bloodmobile collection unit at the Southern Pines County Club has been encouraging, Mrs. Audrey Kennedy, executive secretary of the Moore County Red Cross Chapter, said this week. But more donors are needed if the collection's 250-pint goal is to be reached.

Donors may visit the bloodmobile between 11 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. but are asked to make an appointment if possible. June Blue is in charge of recruiting donor solicitors and donors, while John Buchholz, permanent blood chairman for the chapter, has overall charge of the collection.

Buchholz this week pointed out 714 girls, starting eight new continued need for blood, although the Korean hostilities have 567 hours of training for 73 adults ended. Blood is now in demand and 156 girls attending some camp to build a national plasma reserve program. Also, it was reported, and also for production of gamma globulin which is used in the fight against polio.



MR. AND MRS. F. D. ("DOOLEY") ADAMS, shown above, are among the Moore County Hounds' most faithful followers. Here they are shown jumping an Aiken fence out on the Number 2 firelane near Carroll's Branch, in a recent hunt. The white horse is "Refugio," winner of many races, who ran seventh in last year's

Grand National at Aintree. Mrs. Adams is riding "Mama." Last year, for the fifth consecutive time, Mr. Adams was named leading hunter-rider of the country. The Adams live in the lobe cabin on the Fred McBride property on Young's Road. (Photo by Emerson Humphrey)

Young Driver Charged With Murder

Moore Family Wiped Out In Wreck

Parents, 2 Children Die; Collision Takes Eight Lives In All

Death of eight-year-old Dennis Marion at Lee County Hospital, Sanford, Wednesday evening, brings to eight the fatality toll of the worst automobile accident in the history of this area—a two-car collision Saturday night that completely wiped out the admired and beloved Robert W. Marion family of Cameron, Route 1, who lived between Vass and Cameron in Moore County.

The father, 28, his wife, Mrs. Irene Hendricks Marion, 28, and their daughter, Sandra, 5, all were instantly killed at 10:35 p.m. Saturday on No. 1 highway about 15 miles north of Southern Pines in a head-on crash with a car driven by Herman Blakely, 22, of Jonesboro Heights, Sanford.

Then their son, Dennis, the only surviving child, succumbed Wednesday of his accident injuries.

Two sisters of Mrs. Marion, riding with the family, also were killed—Clara Hendricks, 5 years

old, died instantly. Marie Annette Hendricks, 10, died at Lee County Hospital Sunday morning. Two young people riding with Blakely met death in the crash—Juanita Covington, 19, was killed instantly, and Billy Ray Goodman, 19, who is a cousin of Mrs. Marion, died Sunday morning.

Charged With Murder
Blakely, gravely injured, with fractured skull, arm and leg, remains at Lee County Hospital—the only survivor. He has been charged with murder and drunken driving, following an investigation by the State Highway Patrol, in which Col. James R. Smith, patrol commander from Raleigh, personally took charge.

Col. Smith said that the Blakely car, which was headed north, went over on the left side of the

highway and struck the Marion car. The latter, he said, was almost off the highway.

The warrant charges murder, but it will be up to the court to determine what degree of crime, if any, was involved. Col. Smith said.

Highway Patrolmen J. T. Brown and C. M. Cummings began an investigation of the accident immediately. Brown said bodies were scattered on both sides of the highway after the crash, but that it was necessary to climb through the trunk of the Marion car to get three of the children from the back seat.

Mass Funeral Held
A mass funeral for Mr. and Mrs. Marion and Sandra was held Monday afternoon at the Cameron Baptist Church, with the Rev. L. M. Dixon and the Rev. W. D. Hudson officiating. All were buried in Cameron Cemetery.

Rites for the Goodman youth were conducted by Rev. Mr. Dixon later Monday afternoon at the Cameron Presbyterian Church. Goodman was also buried in Cameron. (Continued on Page 4)

POLIO CHAIRMAN

Mrs. Virginia Saunders has been appointed West Southern Pines fund-raising chairman for the 1953 March of Dimes, it was announced this week by H. Clifton Blue of Aberdeen, county drive chairman. All West Southern Pines residents who have not contributed to the March of Dimes are urged to turn in their donations to her.

Mrs. Kennedy To Head Girl Scout Council 2 Years

Mrs. Audrey Kennedy was re-elected president of the Central Carolina Girl Scout Council during the annual meeting of adult leaders in the council held at the Wilrik Hotel in Sanford Monday evening.

Mrs. William P. Davis IV of Southern Pines was elected chairman of the nominating committee and James G. Gilbert of Pinehurst was chosen treasurer. Elected president was Mrs. Grady Johnson of Lillington. All officers will serve two-year terms.

Attending from Southern Pines, in addition to Mrs. Kennedy and Mrs. Davis, were Mrs. Ray McMullen, Mrs. Garland Pierce, Mrs. Donald P. Wellman, Mrs. Mildred Merrill, Mrs. Louis Scheipers, Sr., Mrs. W. D. Campbell, Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Clark and A. A. Howlett.

Mrs. Kennedy opened the meeting with a welcome and recognition of leaders and community chairmen from the Moore, Lee, Chatham and Harnett area that comprises the council. The meeting had the theme, "Looking Ahead In Central Carolina." Miss Cathryn Creasman, executive director of the council whose headquarters are at Sanford, installed the new officers.

Accomplishments of the council during 1953 include enrollment of 714 girls, starting eight new continued need for blood, although the Korean hostilities have 567 hours of training for 73 adults ended. Blood is now in demand and 156 girls attending some camp to build a national plasma reserve program. Also, it was reported, and also for production of gamma globulin which is used in the fight against polio.

Stevenson Plans To Visit Sandhills For 10-Day Vacation Late In March

People May Have Chance To Meet Him

Adlai E. Stevenson is scheduled to spend about 10 days in the Sandhills in late March.

The 1952 Democratic Presidential candidate and former governor of Illinois will stay at Paint Hill Farm, the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest L. Ives, off the Bethesda Road, between Southern Pines and Aberdeen.

Tentative plans for Stevenson's visit were outlined this week by Mrs. Ives, his sister.

He will be here to golf and relax and will deliver an address at Charlotte—announced this week—during his stay in the Sandhills, going from here to Charlotte for the occasion.

A chance for the people of Moore County to meet Stevenson will probably be accorded at an informal reception in Carthage, the county seat.

No date has been set for this event which, said Mrs. Ives, will be "an occasion for hand-shaking but not speech-making." She said that some time ago she suggested such a gathering to her brother, to be held should he visit the Sandhills, and he said he would be pleased to take part.

Mrs. Ives mentioned these plans as tentative, reflecting only her previous conversations with Stevenson.

It is expected that further arrangements and official hospitality will be taken over by the Moore County Democratic Executive Committee which is headed by Leland McKeithen of Pinehurst.

Stevenson has visited Paint Hill Farm frequently in the past years, including his years of service as governor of Illinois, but has not been here since the 1952 campaign.

State Democratic Chairman Everett B. Jordan said this week the Charlotte speech would probably be between March 27 and April 3—most likely April 2.

The major political address will be sponsored by the State Democratic Executive Committee and the Young Democratic Clubs of North Carolina.

State Democratic leaders, including YDC officers, have long been trying to get Stevenson to make a speech in North Carolina. The tentative arrangement for a conference last week between Jordan and Steve Mitchell, chairman of the YDC, (Continued on Page 4)

Concert Delights Audience

The Sandhills saw the climax of a success story last week when Janet Rosser Spicer appeared in Weaver Auditorium as solo artist in the Sandhills Music Association's third concert of the season.

Mrs. Spicer, who is the daughter of Dr. and Mrs. R. G. Rosser of Vass, and has been studying violin since early girlhood, presented a program that covered a wide range of musical composition, demonstrating to perfection the artist's outstanding talent as a performer and thorough musician.

Adding to the pleasure of the evening was the distinguished playing of Mrs. Spicer's accompanist, Robert Smith, whose solo number, a Cesar Franck sonata,

showed him to be a pianist of unusual skill and great understanding.

Mrs. Spicer's playing delighted an audience that included many from neighboring towns, in particular her father and mother, husband and little five-year-old son, also Alfred Yeomans, a president of the first music association formed here, who had played with Mrs. Spicer when she was a little girl. Dr. and Mrs. Rosser received many congratulations on their daughter's playing and attractive stage presence.

Mrs. Spicer, who received much of her musical education at the Philadelphia Conservatory of Music, is now teaching violin at that institution.

Industry Executives Voice Guarded Optimism About Upswing In Activity

Nathaniel Burt's Novel Praised By Literary Critics

Reviews and comments praising "Scotland's Burning," a first novel by Nathaniel Burt of Princeton, N. J., a former Southern Pines resident, have been received by The Pilot.

Dealing with a 14-year-old boy's experiences in a private school, the novel was called "a microcosm of the great world rendered with restraint and artistry" in a front-page review by Gene Baro in the New York Herald Tribune Book Review on Sunday.

"This is an excellent book, told in a glowing and understanding retrospect," wrote Mr. Baro. "Mr. Burt writes with mature authority, creating characterizations and situations that are vividly believable."

Writing in the Herald Tribune on the book's publication day last Thursday, Lewis Gannett called "Scotland's Burning" "a sensitive and honest adult story of a boy's dilemmas."

John Brooks in the New York Times Book Review on Sunday noted that "... throughout, Mr. Burt shows a sure skill in bringing back to almost any former inmate the sights, sounds, smells and feelings characteristic of life around those playing fields where so many Anglo-Saxon battles are said to have been won."

'A Masterpiece'
Most enthusiastic of all comments are those of Samuel Shellenbarger, historical novelist, received from a private source:

"In every respect the book is most distinguished; in its clear, sensitive style; in the construction of the story which holds the reader's interest throughout; in (Continued on Page 4)

C. Of C. Installs Board, Re-Elects Mrs. Nicholson

Eight new directors were welcomed on the Chamber of Commerce board Tuesday night, to serve two-year terms. With seven holdover directors, this brings the board up to its full strength of 15.

In the election following installation, Mrs. Valerie Nicholson, who served as president pro tem during the year just past, was elected president. Others elected were: W. Ward Hill, first vice-president; Frank E. Cline, second vice-president; Mrs. J. A. Edson, secretary, and Robert E. Strouse, treasurer.

Mrs. Nicholson said she will appoint committee chairmen within the next few days, and a special meeting will then be called to plan the 1954 program of work.

First and biggest job, the directors agreed, was that of membership, since all other projects to be undertaken are dependent on the size and scope of the membership. A goal of at least 150 members will be set, to provide the Chamber with a workable budget and the chance at some major accom-

Hopes Expressed For Improvement At Robbins, Bishop

Guarded optimism about an upswing of business at two Sandhills industrial plants which have recently experienced recessions was expressed this week by executives of the firms.

W. P. Saunders, president of Robbins Mills, Inc., said at his Aberdeen office that officials of the textile company are hoping that business, especially hard hit at the Aberdeen Division of Robbins Mills (N. C.), Inc., will pick up. He called the current recession, which has resulted in lay-off of employees and closing down of some departments at the Aberdeen mill, a seasonal change similar to former seasonal fluctuations which have been experienced by the firm's plants in this area.

At the Bishop and Company plant, manufacturing hypodermic needles, on the Carthage highway out of Southern Pines, J. Graves Vann, manager, says that business is "admittedly slow" but that there had been some improvement in the last week or two.

Within the next six weeks, he said, he anticipates an increase of up to double the production of the plant now. The plant has not used a night shift since early in December, but its capacity has increased to a point that it can now put out the production in one shift it formerly could in two shifts, Mr. Vann said. The plant is now employing about one-third the peak number of workers employed since it opened.

The Robbins plant at Aberdeen has been hit more heavily by the drop in textile orders than the plants at Robbins, Red Springs and Raeford, although the Raeford plant has felt its effects, Mr. Saunders said. Three shifts are still running at Aberdeen, but not all departments of the mill are operating, he said.

The situation, Mr. Saunders believes, is "not as bad as it sounds."

Extra Day Set For Moore Court

With a heavy backlog of cases again accumulating in Moore recorders court, Judge J. Vance Rowe announced Saturday that an extra day of court will be held next week. The special term will be held Tuesday, following the regular term Monday. This was done with agreement of Solicitor W. Lamont Brown, who held in his hands a sheaf of envelopes—each representing a case awaiting trial.

Judge Rowe called the patrolmen into court to inform them he was scheduling old cases for Monday, new ones Tuesday, and asked them to notify their arrestees accordingly.

plishments during the year. The treasurer's report, read by Miss Alice Baxter for retiring treasurer Ed Small, showed all bills paid and \$146 in the bank to start the new fiscal year. Bill Sharpe of Raleigh, editor and publisher of "The State," was a guest for the evening.

High School Teams To Play Aberdeen Tonight

Southern Pines High School basketball teams will journey to Aberdeen tonight (Friday) for their traditionally important and exciting contests with the Red Devils and Devilettes.

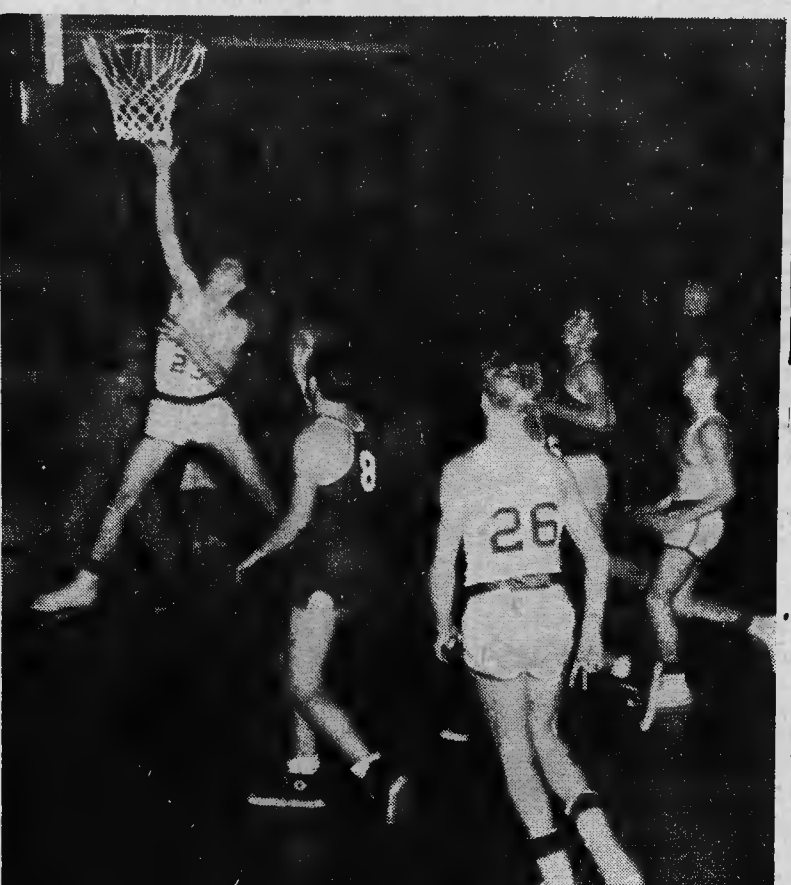
Aberdeen and Southern Pines boys have lost only once in Moore County play this season. The Devilettes, 1953 State champions and undefeated this season, will be defending their unblemished record against the local girls who have won four and lost three.

The girls' game is set for 7:30, to be followed by the boys' contest.

Tuesday night of next week, the local boys and girls go to Sanford to tackle strong teams in non-conference clashes. Friday night of next week, the Blue Knights and girls will play here, facing West End.

'Flying High' Well Received

A large and appreciative audience saw the first performance of "Flying High," a musical comedy sponsored by the Junior Woman's Club, at Weaver Auditorium Wednesday night. Second and last performance of the lively show featuring local talent was scheduled for Thursday night at 8 o'clock. The show featured songs and dances by adults, high school students and a large group of children. The first night audiences voiced high praise for the production.



FAST ACTION—Jimmy Townshend of the Southern Pines High School Blue Knights leaves the floor to score in a recent game with Robbins here which the local boys won 65-51. Other Southern Pines players coming up are Johnny Watkins (No. 26) and Tommy Ruggles. On the floor, but not visible in the photo, were David Page and Bobby Cline. Robbins girls, playing the same night, defeated Southern Pines 66-52. Townshend, with 17 points, and Page, with 15, led the Blue Knights' scoring in the boys' contest. (Photo by Emerson Humphrey)