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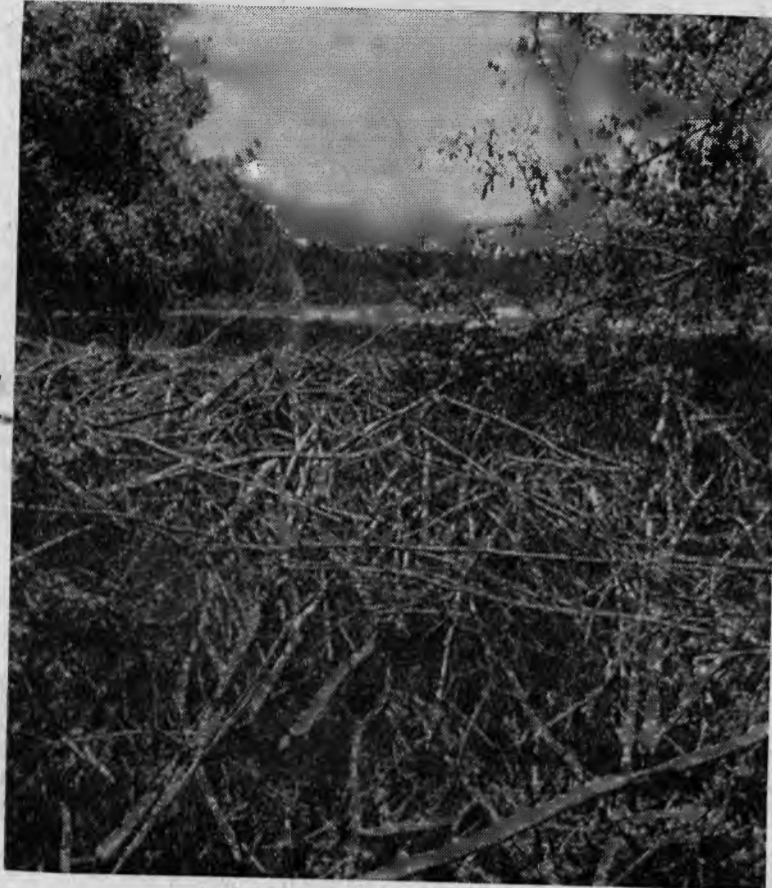
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Beaver Dam At Powell's Pond

Beavers, those wonderfully industrious and ingenious woodland animals, are becoming common in the Sandhills, extending their range along streams and in lakes and ponds, from a colony introduced several years ago in the State Wildlife Protection Area at Camp Mackall some 10 miles south of Southern Pines.

At Powell's Pond, out of Southern Pines near the Bethesda Road to Aberdeen, beaver dams are holding back the waters of a good-sized lake, parts of them four to six feet high—one section extending 30 or more feet in length. The photo above, taken from below a section of one of the Powell Pond's dams with the camera held just above the level of the water beyond, shows the massive jumble of sticks on the face of the dam. The dams are built as thick, or thicker, as they are high. Beavers are also working at Pinebluff lake, along Aberdeen Creek and on a number of other streams in this area. Watchers who conceal themselves carefully and remain quiet are likely to be able to see the beavers at Powell's Pond about dusk or about sunrise. There's another picture and more about beavers on page 2. (Pilot Staff Photo)

Fire Protection Ordinance Going In Effect July 1

Volunteers Will Go Outside Town Only If Contract Signed

Persons living outside but within two miles of the town limits were reminded this week by City Manager Tom E. Cunningham that the town's new fire protection service policy goes into effect July 1.

The new ordinance forbids the Southern Pines volunteer fire department to answer alarms outside the town limits unless the owner of the property to which they are called has paid in advance an annual fire service charge. The property must be within two miles of town.

The charge amounts to 25 cents per \$100 of value of the property to be protected. The names of persons who pay this charge and location of property on which they have paid it are listed at town hall and at the fire station. The fire department will respond only to alarms for property on this list.

The new policy was put into effect by the town council as part of their program to put town services on a paying basis and to provide town services outside the city limits only to those persons who pay a fair share of their cost.

Fire protection, the ordinance assumes, is a continuous advantage, whether or not the fire department is called. The taxpayers of the town, the council reasoned, have a large investment in the fire station and equipment, for which they have been paying taxes for many years. Non-taxpayers out of town, should therefore, they said, share in the financial support of the department, if they are to derive the benefit of fire protection, whether or not they have a fire. Under former policy, an "outside" resident to (Continued on Page 8)

Council To Meet Tuesday, June 29

The town council will meet Tuesday of next week at 8 p. m. in the town hall for a public hearing on annexation of the Southern Pines Country Club and several private properties in the nearby area, as petitioned by the property owners involved.

Also expected to come up at the meeting are two matters on which the council did not act in a regular meeting June 15, because two councilmen were absent. These are: the policy to be followed by the town in connection with proposed extension of a water main by Newland Phillips in his Golfcrest development outside the town limits; and whether or not to permit Sunday fishing at the waterworks lake.

Welch, Deputy Commandant At School, Leaving

A change in deputy commandant, as well as commandant, is slated at the USAF Air Ground School here.

Two weeks ago, it was announced that Brig. Gen. William M. Gross, commandant, will leave July 17, to become deputy commander of the 12th Air Force in Germany, with Brig. Gen. Daniel W. Jenkins, who is now in Germany, arriving to replace General Gross July 12.

This week the announcement was made that Lt. Col. Lamar A. (Bill) Welch, infantry officer who has been deputy commandant at USAFAGOS since the fall of 1951, has been selected to attend the Armed Forces Staff College at Norfolk, Va., reporting there August 16.

He will be replaced by Col. A. K. Clark, also an infantry officer, who is now a student at the Staff College.

DIRECTOR OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Miss Davis To Begin Work

The first full-time education worker to be employed by a Southern Pines church will start her duties July 1.

Miss Saradee Davis, a native of Quincy, Fla., and a 1954 graduate of Flora Macdonald College, Red Springs, will become director of Christian education at Brownson Memorial Presbyterian Church, according to an announcement by the Rev. C. K. Ligon, pastor.

Miss Davis will live, for the present, at the home of Mrs. P. P. McCain, dean at Flora Macdonald, who is spending the summer at her home here.

College sources said that Miss Davis was an outstanding student and one of the most popular girls on the campus throughout her college years. She was a Bible major, was prayer band leader and was president of the Christian Association of the College in her senior year.

She was graduated cum laude, which requires a four-year average of 90-94, was a member of the May Court for two years and was May Queen this year. Active in athletics and a member of a number of student clubs, Miss Da-



SARADEE DAVIS

vis was president of her class in her sophomore year, was a member of the Student Council and was one of nine students to represent her college in "Who's Who in American Colleges and Universities," her senior year.



MR. LORENSON

Russell Lorenson Elected President N. C. Accountants

Russell J. Lorenson of Southern Pines was elected and installed as president of the North Carolina Society of Accountants during the seventh annual convention of the Society held at the Skyland Hotel, Hendersonville, Thursday, Friday and Saturday of last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Lorenson and their daughter, Jane, attended the entire convention, leaving Wednesday and returning Saturday.

A member of the Society since it was formed in 1947, Mr. Lorenson served on the board of directors one year four years ago. He was executive secretary the next two years and during the past year has been first vice-president.

About 250 persons, including accountants and their families and guests, attended the banquet at which Mr. Lorenson took his oath of office as president Friday night.

Mr. Lorenson is the only officer of the Society from this area. Hoyle Davis of Rockingham was elected to the 16-member board of directors.

James E. Keyes of Washington, D. C., executive director of the National Society of Public Accountants, installed the new officers.

Sandbags From Air Crash Into Chicken House

Full payment of damages has been arranged by military authorities for damage to a chicken house and death of several chickens, when sandbags fell accidentally from a passing helicopter on the property of George Dowdy, Manly Negro, last week.

Eye-witnesses were quoted as saying that what was apparently a box or package of several sandbags fell from the helicopter and "seemed to come apart in the air." They crashed through Dowdy's chicken house and killed several birds.

It was reported that Dowdy's children, or other children of the neighborhood, had come in from the chicken house, where they had been gathering eggs, shortly before the bags hurtled down.

The place is located near the intersection of the Seaboard tracks with the road from Manly to the Midland Road.

Broiler Growers To Meet Tonight

A meeting of Moore County broiler growers will be held in the courthouse at Carthage tonight (Friday) at 8 o'clock.

A letter to growers signed by E. H. Garrison, Jr., farm agent, and F. D. Allen and John A. Dinan, assistant agents, says that the support of every broiler grower in the county is needed to make the meeting a success. Mr. Allen, who is a poultry specialist, termed the meeting the most important ever held in the county about broilers.

Purpose of the meeting, says the letter, is "to work out a good sound program to follow" in order to cut costs to compete with the Georgia and Northern markets.

It is likely that the growers will form an organization, with a board of directors, to work on their problems.

Dr. Mobbs Urges Tighten Controls On Pesticide Use

Aberdeen Physician Appears In Senate Committee Inquiry

Dr. Robert F. Mobbs, Aberdeen physician who has been studying the effects of pesticides on human beings and animals for several years and who advocates stricter legal controls in the use of these substances, testified Wednesday before the Senate Labor and Public Welfare Committee in Washington, D. C.

Testimony offered by the physician at the hearing outlined the need for strengthening the provisions, in a bill now in Congress, to control the residue of pesticides in food products for human consumption.

Before he left for Washington Tuesday night, Dr. Mobbs said that his testimony would consist largely in recommending certain changes in the bill as it now stands in order to afford the public more protection from pesticide residues which he believes may be poisoning people in many of the food products they eat.

It was learned here Thursday that all or part of the hearing in which Dr. Mobbs took part was televised in the Washington area Wednesday night.

On July 14, 1953, Dr. Mobbs testified before the House Interstate and Foreign Commerce Committee on the original form of the bill that was under discussion by the Senate committee this week.

His testimony at that time gained national attention through Drew Pearson who devoted an entire "Merry-Go-Round" syndicated newspaper column to the committee hearing.

At that time, Dr. Mobbs said that reports on insecticide toxicity which have been prepared by doctors and chemists "have been (Continued on Page 8)

Sandhills Peach Outlook Bright

The outlook is good for Sandhills peaches this year, reports Clyde Auman, large grower in the West End area.

While Spring freezes cut the size of the Sandhills crop to an estimated 50 per cent of normal, on the average, quality of the fruit promises to be favorable and the outturn in quantity should lead to good prices.

There will be plenty of peaches for those in this area who want them, Auman said. "Don't let it scare you that I said the crop was cut 50 per cent."

Rain in the past month has increased the size of the fruit, the grower pointed out.

Last week Dixie Reds were being shipped from the Candor area. Golden Jubiles will be ready for shipment about July 1.

METHODIST ORGANIZATION ACTIVITIES CONTINUE

Visiting Minister To Speak Here Nightly

The Rev. Thomas A. Collins of Raleigh, secretary of church extension under the Board of Missions and Church Extension of the North Carolina Conference of the Methodist Church, will conduct services Sunday through Friday night of next week at the Community Center building (former Elks Club) on May St.

The Rev. E. E. Whitley, newly assigned pastor who is organizing a Methodist congregation here, said that the visiting minister will hold the first service Sunday at 8 p. m. and will continue to hold services at the same hour each night through Friday, in connection with formation of a new church here.

At other times during the week, the Rev. Mr. Collins will be with the local pastor in visiting prospective members of the church and in helping in other ways with the current organizational activity.

The Rev. Mr. Collins was appointed last October by Bishop Paul Garber of the North Carolina Conference to help new churches organize in cooperation with what is known as the \$10 Club.

Traffic Safety Program Proclaimed In 5 Towns

Drivers Sign Pledge To Heed Speeding Laws



THE REV. MR. HILL

Interim Pastor To Preach First Sermon Sunday

The Rev. William H. Hill, interim minister at the Church of Wide Fellowship in the absence of Dr. Wofford C. Timmons, will preach Sunday on the topic, "What I Think Jesus Christ Would Do If He Came to Southern Pines."

The Rev. Mr. Hill, who was introduced to the congregation last Sunday by Dr. Timmons, will remain in Southern Pines through Sunday, August 22. Dr. Timmons will return to his pulpit with the morning service August 29.

For the past two months, the visiting minister has been living at Rutherfordton. He formerly was pastor of Immanuel Congregational Church at Dubuque, Iowa, with a membership of nearly 800, where he served for 11 years. The interim minister and his wife are occupying the local church's parsonage, 260 N. Ridge St., during their stay in Southern Pines.

Dr. and Mrs. Timmons left Sunday for New Haven, Conn., where Dr. Timmons has charge of the Pre-Council Spiritual Life Mission of the General Council of the Congregational Christian Churches. He also has charge of the Seminar on Evangelism there.

Dr. Timmons plans to attend the World Council of Churches meeting at Evanston, Ill., in August.

Darst Elected To Church Position

Thomas C. Darst, Jr., was elected senior warden of Emmanuel Episcopal Church during a meeting of the church's vestry Monday night. He replaces Garland A. Pierce who had resigned from this position because of the pressure of his duties as president of the North Carolina Chapter, National Association of Postmasters.

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"Operation Impact', Tactical Air Command's second annual safe driving campaign designed to combat the manpower and monetary losses attributed to motor vehicle accidents involving citizens of this area, is proving effective and is saving lives. The core of the movement is the little pledge of which the windshield star is the sign and symbol. The pledge is that of the car owners who promise: 'We, the undersigned, in order to reduce the loss of life, health and property by accident, do hereby voluntarily pledge that we will obey all speed laws.'"

"This new kind of warfare, the battle against property damage (Continued on page 8)

Car owners in Southern Pines who have pledged themselves to obey all speed laws in an effort to reduce traffic accidents jumped from 62 to 75 during the past week, according to a report from the John Boyd Post, Veterans of Foreign Wars, and the USAF Air-Ground School, joint sponsors of the continuing safety program that is running May 23 through July 10.

But the big push in "Operation Impact" is yet to come.

Mayor Lloyd T. Clark of Southern Pines and mayors in Aberdeen, Vass, Pinehurst and Carthage have issued a proclamation setting the period June 26 through July 5 as "Operation Impact Week"—a time for special attention to traffic safety by the people of this area and a time for voluntary signing the "Operation Impact" pledge.

The full text of this pledge and an endorsement of "Operation Impact" by business firms of this area appear on page 15.

In Southern Pines, the pledge can be signed and a windshield star obtained at the VFW Post Home, across from the post office on New York Ave., or at the Air Ground School in the Highland Pines Inn.

The program was started by the Tactical Air Command, of which the Air Ground School is a unit. It was pushed locally by the School, in cooperation with sponsoring organizations in each of the Sandhills towns. In Southern Pines, this is the second year the program has been held.

Count of motorists who have signed is now: about 150, that is, 100 per cent of all military and civilian personnel, at the Air Ground School; Vass, 129; Aberdeen, 118; Pinehurst, 80; Southern Pines, 75; and Carthage, 68.

Here is Mayor Clark's proclamation:

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Miss Helen Dunlap Honored At FHA District Meeting

Personnel of 21 county FHA offices on Wednesday concluded a two-day district meeting at the Southland Hotel, at which they learned new aspects of their work under recent streamlining procedures, and became acquainted with their new state director, Horace J. Isehower, Catawba County farmer appointed to the post two months ago.

New policy of the Farmers Home Administration places the burden of control and decision in the hands of the county supervisors and their staffs rather than in the state or federal offices. Director Isehower told the more than 50 workers attending the meeting. County and state committees, elected by the farmers, are also to be used much more than they have in the past, and will have new responsibilities.

Certificates and honor pins for meritorious service over long terms of years were awarded Wednesday by Isehower to four county workers, two receiving 20-year certificates and two receiving 10-year certificates. One of the 10-year certificates went to Miss Helen C. Dunlap, county office clerk at Carthage, who joined the staff in 1944 following her graduation from Woman's College, Greensboro.

The Moore County office, of which C. C. Lingerfelt is supervisor, was host to the meeting, which was held here for the third successive year. In charge of the two-day program, with a half-dozen state officials as speakers on various phases of the work, was Dennis H. Sutton of Raleigh, state field representative.

Town Receives Ditch Machine

The town received delivery Wednesday on a hydraulic ditching machine which is expected to speed work and save labor on all kinds of ditching jobs.

The machine was bought from the Ford Motor Co., through the local dealer, Jackson Motors, as low bidder at a price of approximately \$3,800.

City Manager Tom E. Cunningham said that the ditcher would be put to work within the next week on several small water and sewer extension jobs.