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U. L. Spence, 86, Dean of Moore County Bar, Succumbs; Rites Scheduled Today

Brilliant Attorney Active Until Heart Attack Last Sunday

Union Lee Spence, 86, died Wednesday afternoon at Moore County Hospital. He was dean of the Moore County Bar and the oldest practicing attorney in the county at the time of his death.

Born in Stanly County, the son of Daniel and Margaret Spence, he was educated at Oak Ridge Institute and the Law School of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

Mr. Spence taught school for a number of years and began the practice of law in Troy. In 1894, he moved to Carthage where he had a notable career. He was a past president of the Moore County Bar.

From 1903 until 1931, Mr.

Spence served in the General Assembly as both senator and representative. In 1935, he was again elected to the State Senate.

Funeral services will be held this (Friday) morning at 11 o'clock from the Carthage Methodist Church. The Rev. George Blount, pastor, will officiate. Burial will be in Cross Hill Cemetery at Carthage.

Mr. Spence is survived by his wife, the former Mary Worthy of Carthage; one daughter, Mrs. Maxwell F. Gardner of Alexandria, Va.; a son, U. L. Spence, Jr., of Wilmington; and several grandchildren.

Mr. Spence was a senior partner of the law firm, Spence and Boyette, at Carthage, with M. B. Boyette who is Superior Court solicitor for the 13th District.

Retaining his competence and brilliance as an attorney to the end of his life, Mr. Spence was throughout his career an eager student of the law. He was noted for his ability to grasp the salient points of a legal situation and summarize them with clarity and effectiveness in whatever case he was involved. While Mr. Spence commanded universal respect, he was nevertheless a friendly man who enjoyed a joke and was easily approachable.

Tall and slim, he had an erect bearing and moved quickly and vigorously, even in his later years. In a term of Superior Court at Carthage a few weeks ago, Mr. Spence made what one experienced Moore County attorney called one of the most brilliant speeches he had ever heard in a courtroom.

Mr. Spence suffered a heart attack Sunday and was taken to Moore County Hospital where he appeared to rally but suffered another attack Tuesday. He survived the second attack, but succumbed Wednesday. Cause of death was given as coronary thrombosis.

It is expected that the Moore County courthouse at Carthage will be closed during the funeral service today.

Active pallbearers will be Eugene Stewart, Wilbur Currie, James Pleasants, C. M. Patterson, Joe Allen and Charles Sinclair, Jr.

Designated as honorary pallbearers are members of the Moore County Bar and out-of-county attorneys attending the services; also Clyde Shaw, Sheriff C. J. McDonald, Colin Spencer, Sr., C. C. Kennedy, Wilton Brown, Charlie Jenkins, W. P. Saunders, Dr. F. H. Underwood, Dr. R. L. Felton, Dr. Charles T. Grier, Dr. J. S. Hiatt, Jr., and Robert T. Cagle.

Over 100 Attend CAP Gathering

Over 100 persons, including members of the Pinehurst-Southern Pines Civil Air Patrol squadron, gathered at the airport Tuesday night to welcome Major Upsher, commander of Group II, CAP, Greensboro District, Major Littleton and Major Jordan. A large number of interested visitors attended the meeting.

A feature of the evening was an exhibition by the Greensboro CAP cadet drill team composed of boys in the 14-21 age group eligible for CAP cadet membership, under the direction of Cadet Capt. John Carroll. The cadet training program of the local squadron is being organized.

Surveys For New Route From Here To Raleigh Reported By Sanford Herald

Surveys are being made for a direct route from Southern Pines to Raleigh which would by-pass Sanford but go through Broadway, the Sanford Herald said Wednesday.

Sanford's Mayor E. W. Fields was quoted as saying he had heard the surveys were being made but had been informed "these will not mean anything."

Forrest Lockey, of Aberdeen, Eighth Division highway commissioner, said he had not heard of any such surveys being made but that they could be carried out under orders from Raleigh without his knowledge.

It was reported the route being surveyed would start at Southern Pines and follow a



Last Performance At Old School

The stage at the old Southern Pines High School, shown above with its surrounding auditorium completely removed, is the scene of a farewell performance where many classes have graduated and many dramatic scenes have been portrayed. The last act for the old stage is played by wreckers of the Star Lumber Co., of Chicago, Ill., who are

rapidly tearing down the school to make way for a proposed wing of the new high school. The whole section, where a man is visible here on the roof tearing off boards, is now down. The chimney beyond the man is that of the power plant in the first unit of the new high school building that is being built next door to the old structure. (Pilot Staff Photo)

Younts Appointed C. of C. Director; Replaces Cosgrove

Jack S. Younts, WEBB president and general manager, has accepted appointment as a director of the Southern Pines Chamber of Commerce, it was announced this week by Mrs. Valerie Nicholson, president.

Mr. Younts succeeds Frank H. Cosgrove, resigned, both as a director and chairman of the Chamber's golf committee. The committee was organized to coordinate plans for a hoped-for fall event, employing all three local courses.

Mr. Cosgrove resigned recently because his business as manager of the Mid Pines Club here, and also of a summer resort hotel in Massachusetts, prevented his being present.

Carthage Sets Big Celebration, Program Monday

By W. PAUL BLACKMAN

Everything is being readied for the 15th annual Fourth of July celebration to be held at Carthage on Monday, July 5, under the sponsorship of the Carthage Junior Chamber of Commerce.

An exciting program has been arranged, one that the Jaycees hope will keep the large crowd expected for the celebration entertained every minute of their stay.

Jaycee President Clinton Campbell said this week that everything is being done to give the people of Moore and surrounding counties a full day of fun and frolic during their visit to Carthage for the celebration.

O. D. Wallace, Jr., is chairman (Continued on page 8)

Fred McLean To Face Trial For Double Attack

One of the most spectacular incidents of violence, short of murder, that has occurred in Moore County in years was outlined in records court at Carthage Monday when a preliminary hearing was held for Fred McLean, Aberdeen white man.

Probable cause was found by Judge J. Vance Rowe on two charges of assault with a deadly weapon with intent to kill and McLean was bound over for trial in Moore County Superior Court. Bond was set at \$750 in one case and \$500 in the other.

McLean, the State charges, attacked Floyd Seals of Aberdeen while Seals was sitting in the Aberdeen Theatre, next to McLean's wife, using a leaf from an automobile spring as a weapon. According to testimony at the hearing, McLean stunned Seals with one blow of the spring leaf and opened a gash over his eye, that later required 28 stitches, with another. Then, it was testified, McLean followed. (Continued on page 5)

Hyde, Plunkett Buy 'Outlook'

The Pinehurst Outlook, which was founded in 1896, was purchased this week from the Pinehurst Printing Company by a new corporation headed by William C. Plunkett, of Hartwellville, Vt., and Nelson C. Hyde, of Pinehurst.

Mr. Plunkett is a textile industrialist with offices in North Adams, Mass., and a winter residence in Pinehurst. Mr. Hyde, former chief of the Washington Bureau of the Philadelphia (Pa.) Evening Bulletin, has been editor of the Outlook for the past three years. Before going to Washington he owned and published The Pilot in Southern Pines.

The owners of the Pinehurst Printing Company, Thomas W. Paul S. and J. H. Wilson, brothers, and John W. Jones, all formerly of Laurinburg, have recently acquired the weekly papers in St. Pauls and Red Springs, in addition to publishing the Nashville Graphic. They will continue to operate The Pinehurst Printing Company.

Country Club Sets July 4 Tournament

The public is invited to participate in a Fourth of July golf tournament at the Southern Pines Country Club, opening Saturday and running through Monday. Ladies and men can take part on payment of a small entry fee.

The tournament features 36 holes of medal play and participants can play any time during the three days.

Annexation Request From Country Club Section Withdrawn Suddenly

Armory Here 19th On List Of Priority

Southern Pines is 19th on a list of North Carolina towns and cities in which National Guard armories are to be built, it was revealed last week after a meeting of the state armory commission in Raleigh.

Armories are built jointly by the state and federal governments, the state putting up 25 per cent of the money and the federal government paying the rest.

In the current building program, contracts have been awarded for construction of 13 armories, some of which have been completed. State funds are available for another four armories, accounting for 17 on the list. Next comes Clinton in 18th place and Southern Pines in 19th. The list made public by the commission runs up to 26.

A step taken by the commission makes it possible for a town or city to obtain an armory before State funds are available. The commission approved a proposal by Charlotte that the armory be built now with privately collected funds which would be paid back when the state and federal money is appropriated. Charlotte is 25th on the priority list.

With Southern Pines in 19th position, it is not likely that such a procedure would be attempted here, although the possibility for it remains. A site off the old Southern Pines-Pinehurst road, where the National Guard garage is located, has been chosen for the armory location.

No Outside Area Yet All Signed For Fire Service

The town's new fire service law, forbidding volunteers to answer alarms out of the city limits unless the owner of property to be protected has paid a fire service charge, went into effect Thursday. City Manager Tom E. Cunningham said that in the Sunnyside area all but one property owner had signed contracts with the town. In the Weymouth Heights area, all but about 10 have signed, he said.

Unless town fire protection is given all property in a well-defined area, outside the limits, property in such an area is subject to higher fire insurance rates. Local insurance agents have been informed by the North Carolina Insurance Rating Bureau of Raleigh that classifications must be changed effective July 1. Specifically rated properties, the Bureau said, will be re-rated as soon as possible.

It is up to the Rating Bureau, agents pointed out, to determine what is a "recognized, well-defined suburban area" in which property owners can receive better rates if all sign fire protection contracts with the town. Fire protection costs 25 cents per \$100 of property valuation, paid annually in advance to the town.

Bookmobile Will Stop West Side

The bookmobile of the Moore County Library will stop on Thursday, July 8, from 4:30 to 4:50 p. m., at the corner of West Pennsylvania Ave. and Gaines St., (stoplight), for the benefit of any adults who may wish to borrow books. Children accompanied by adults or children whose parents will sign application cards for them will also be issued books.

A stop was made at the Pennsylvania Avenue stoplight corner Thursday of last week, but no one met the bookmobile, although post cards had been mailed to some adults who had expressed interest in reading during the summer.

Mrs. Dorothy H. Avery, librarian-secretary of the Moore County Library Board, said that bookmobile service has been available to Negroes since the system went into operation. Everyone who enjoys books is welcome to use bookmobile facilities, she said.

104 IS OFFICIAL HEAT FOR SUNDAY

Last Sunday's official temperature of 104 degrees on the Weather Bureau thermometer, as reported by Mrs. T. A. Kelley, observer, may have been a record for June, a quick scanning of Mrs. Kelley's records shows.

Only higher temperature found in records of recent years was 106 in July of 1940 when there was a string of nine days with temperatures over 100. In July, 1952, a temperature of 103 was recorded by Mrs. Kelley.

Sunday's heat was the talk of this area early this week. Temperatures dropped considerably early this week, affording a few cooler days, but yesterday (Thursday) was hot, tempered by a pleasant breeze.

Pastor of Newly Formed Church Is Lions Club Speaker

The Southern Pines Lions Club, holding their final bi-monthly meeting in June last Friday night at the Southern Pines Country Club with President Dave Gamble presiding, heard a talk by the Rev. E. E. Whitley, pastor of the newly organized Methodist Church, S. B. Richardson was appointed to represent the club on a steering committee being formed by other civic organizations to formulate plans for a special public affair to be announced at an early date.

Don Traylor gave a full report of the State Lions Convention, held in Raleigh June 10 through the 13, to which he and Bill Benson were the local club's official delegates and they were both in attendance. Following this report Walter Harper gave a report concerning the activities of Little League baseball team and urged that more Lions support their team by coming out to the ball games. Harper also stated that the local team had just won their fourth game of the season giving them a 500 percentage for the season. Also the team has two new coaches for the balance of the season headed by Coach Irie Leonard and assisted by Coach C. L. Dutton. The Little League's next home game will be July 12, with Carthage furnishing the opposition.

Program Chairman C. S. Patch, Jr., made the introduction of the guest speaker, the Rev. Mr. Whitley formerly of Burlington, who is under an assignment of the North Carolina Conference's Board of Missions and Church Extension to build and organize the first Methodist Church here. He gave a brief summary of the steps taken in the course of building a church and the tasks of organizing a congregation. He spoke appreciation to the town officials for being permitted to use their property site on South May Street as a temporary church.

Upon adjourning the meeting, there was formed a volunteer group of Lions to meet Tuesday evening at 5:45 p. m. in front of (Continued on page 5)

GUARD UNIT RETURNS

Members of the Southern Pines National Guard battery, which draws its membership from throughout the county, returned Sunday from two weeks at Camp Stewart, Ga., where they took part in their annual encampment. Members reported a successful test of their firing abilities and a rigorous but enjoyable camp schedule.

TO ATTEND CAMP

Some 35 boys of Scout Troop 224 will go to Camp Durant near Raleigh next week, leaving at noon Sunday from the First Baptist Church and returning Saturday evening. Russell Simons, Scoutmaster, will accompany the group. The big, well-equipped camp north of Raleigh off No. 1 highway is a gathering place for all Scouts from the 12-county Oconeechee Council.

Agreement Is Reached About Golfrest Water

Gathering at town hall Tuesday night for a public hearing on annexation of the Southern Pines Country Club and three adjoining residential properties, the council found with surprise that their problem had been settled at 4 p. m. Tuesday when the request for annexation had been withdrawn.

Reporting the unexpected development to the council, City Manager Tom E. Cunningham said that the Elks Club, owner of the Country Club property, and two of the three private property owners were reported to him as having concurred in the request to kill the proposal.

Cunningham said that reasons for the action had not been given to him.

Attorney Harry Fullenwider, an official in the Elks organization, rose to thank the council for their consideration in receiving a petition for the request several weeks ago and advertising and calling the hearing. He asked that the town send the bill for legal advertising to the Elks.

Fullenwider presented no explanation for the request to withdraw the annexation petition. "I hope we can come back some other time and iron out the lines more smoothly," he said.

Mayor L. T. Clark said that he had heard it reported that he, the mayor, was opposed to annexation of the Country Club and the other property involved and that he hoped this report had had nothing to do with the action taken Tuesday afternoon.

"I would like to have it understood that I am not opposed to anything before it has come to the council and been discussed," the mayor stated.

Present for the meeting were Mayor Clark and Councilmen W. E. Blue, Voit Gilmre and C. S. Patch, Jr. Councilman Joe O'Callaghan was reported as having sickness in his home and being ill himself and therefore could not attend.

Although the meeting had been called primarily for the annexation hearing, the council had several items to consider, held over from the regular meeting June 15. Sunday Fishing Okayed

On motion by Gilmre, seconded by Patch, the regulation prohibiting Sunday fishing at the water works lake was lifted, so that such fishing can now take place. Regardless of the day of the week, annual or special daily visitors' permits must be obtained at town hall. On the suggestion of Patch, made at the last meeting, cost of a daily permit for non-resident visitors, who must be accompanied by some one holding an annual permit, was reduced from \$2 to \$1. Annual permits cost \$5 for residents of the town and \$10 for non-residents.

On motion of Councilman Patch, seconded by Councilman Blue, the Pine Needles Country Club was granted approval for an "on premises" beer and wine license, subject to the required check by the police department and to an investigation as to how many sales outlets the club plans and whether or not more than one license will be required. Since the annexation of the Knollwood area, the club is now within the town limits and so is eligible to apply for a beer and wine license.

While several names were brought up by council members for consideration in appointing two alternate members to the zoning board of adjustment, and possibly also to the zoning board, no action was taken Tuesday night, pending the suggestion of other (Continued on page 8)

CLINIC DATE CHANGED

The date of the Orthopedic Clinic held quarterly in the Health Center in Carthage has been changed from the second Tuesday to the fourth Tuesday. Therefore, the next Orthopedic Clinic will be held Tuesday afternoon, July 27, beginning at 1 p. m., conducted by Dr. Hugh A. Thompson, it was announced this week by Dr. J. W. Wilcox, county health officer.