



LOCAL GIRL WINS—Miss Jacque Davenport of Southern Pines, right, is pictured at Carthage Monday after she was designated "Miss Moore County, 1954." With her is Jimmie Ann Garner of Robbins, runner-up. (Photo by V. Nicholson)

Jacque Davenport Chosen Miss Moore County During Program At Carthage

15 Girls Compete In Beauty Contest, Each Gets Applause

A tall, slender, brown-eyed miss of 16, Jacque Davenport of Southern Pines, won the beauty crown and title of "Miss Moore County 1954" in the beauty contest at Monday's July Fourth celebration at Carthage.

A sparkling brunette, Jimmie Ann Garner of Robbins, was runner-up in the contest, in which 15 young girls from all parts of the county took part.

The gold crown was placed on Queen Jacque's short honey-brown hair by last year's queen, blonde Marie Kennedy of Pinehurst.

The winner was sponsored by

Safety Awards Distributed To School Drivers

Safety award certificates are in the process of being distributed in Moore County to school bus drivers who successfully completed the 1953-'54 term by conforming to prescribed safety rules and regulations.

The awards are presented annually by the Safety Division, N. C. Department of Motor Vehicles, and the N. C. State Automobile Association, the South's largest motor club.

Qualified drivers in this state travel some 220,000 miles daily to haul more than 400,000 school children.

Congratulations were offered the winners by John G. Frazier Jr., president of the automobile association, and Edward Scheidt, Commissioner of Motor Vehicles.

Winners in Moore County include: Jerry Adams, Joseph Laton, Claude Barber, Hugh Dorcie Madison, Jr., Ira McLeod, William Stancil, Robert Thomas, Charlie Gore, John Barnes Dowd, Bobbie Lee Dowd, Jessie Mae Brower, John Henry Jones, John Curtis Williams, Robert Barrett.

Also: Fred Jones, James Leggett, Paul Alston, Betty Martin, Elizabeth Williams, Otis Boroughs, Franklin Farmer, Otis Patterson, Hubert Covington, Lee Curtis Walden, Charlie Oldham, Earle Brady, Bobby Ritter, Bert Seawell, Charles Russell, Billy Maness, Edwina Burns, Horace Ritter, Crissie Rouse, H. B. Moore Jr., Laura Ann Butler.

Southern Pines By-Pass Surveys For No. 1 Slated

Western Route Is Reported Favored By State Officials

Surveys for a by-pass to carry U. S. No. 1 highway around Southern Pines have been authorized by the State Highway Commission, it was announced this week in Raleigh.

Forrest Lockett of Aberdeen, 8th Division highway commissioner, called the proposal a "routine, exploratory survey" like others that are being made along the route of No. 1 in North Carolina, "in line with the overall plan to improve No. 1 as much as we can." Mr. Lockett said he thought the surveys would start in the very near future, but explained that survey crews are not under the control of the division office and work directly out of the Highway Department at Raleigh.

This week's announcement said that studies would be made of by-pass routes on both the eastern and western sides of Southern Pines, but that "tentative plans call for the route to lie on the western side."

The western side plan, it was explained, would permit the by-pass to serve N. C. Routes 2 and 22, as well as No. 1. No. 2 is the Midland "double" road from Southern Pines to Pinehurst. Route 22 leaves No. 1 at Manly, running west to Midland Road and then turning north off Midland Road to run past St. Joseph of the Pines hospital toward Carthage.

Dr. Phillips New Staff Member At Moore Hospital

The addition of Dr. Charles A. Spears Phillips, urologist, to the staff of Moore County Hospital was announced this week by Thomas B. Howerton, administrator.

This gives the hospital a new service, and one which has been badly needed for a long time, the administrator said. Hitherto patients needing this service have had to be referred to other hospitals 50 to 75 miles away.

Dr. Phillips will restrict his practice to his specialty, and will be associated with Drs. Hollister, Pishko and Monroe, with offices at the hospital.

He is a former resident of Moore County. A native of Bonlee, in neighboring Chatham county, he moved with his family to Southern Pines in 1932 and graduated at Southern Pines High school in 1938.

He won his B. S. degree in 1942 at the University of North Carolina, where he was a member of Phi Beta Kappa. He took two years of medicine at Carolina—all that were provided at that time—and graduated in 1947 from the medical school of Northwestern University, Chicago. He then served 33 months with the U. S. (Continued on Page 5)

Scout Troop 224 Enjoys Hard-Earned Week At Camp Durant

Thirty-three Southern Pines Boy Scouts are having a big time at Camp Durant this week, enjoying it all the more because they earned it themselves by hard work over a total period of about six months.

All the boys are members of Troop 224 except one, a "visitor" from Troop 73. The group at camp constitutes practically the entire membership of the troop.

Under the guidance of their scoutmaster, Russell Simons, the boys of 224 carried the News and Observer for three months last fall and three months in the spring, paying all expenses connected with the job and banking the profits for camp. They took turns at the early-rising job, also helping with the collecting.

Mr. Simons went out every morning, with the boys, taking no pay, though he kept the route going as a private enterprise during the three winter months in order to hold it for the troop. With heavy schoolwork and short daylight hours, it was thought (Continued on Page 5)

Farewell For Gen. Gross Set Tonight

Brig. Gen. William M. Gross, who for the past three years has commanded the USAF Air-Ground School at the Highland Pines Inn, will be honored today (Friday) at the Southern Pines Country Club, prior to his leaving early next week to become deputy commander of the 12th Air Force at Ramstein, Germany.

General and Mrs. Gross and USAFAGOS officers and their wives will be guests at an informal fried chicken supper at the Elks Club's outdoor barbecue facilities on the Country Club grounds at 7 p. m.

Between 5:30 and 6:30 p. m., the Southern Pines Elks Club will entertain informally for Gen. and Mrs. Gross as well as Air-Ground School officers and their wives, in the Country Club, prior to the outdoor gathering.

The public can obtain tickets for the outdoor supper. Tickets may be obtained at the Country Club or from any member of the steering committee for the event whose members are: Sam Richardson for the Lions Club; Garland Pierce for the Elks; Herbert Cameron and June Phillips for the Rotary Club; Louis Scheipers Jr., for the Veterans of Foreign Wars, Shields Cameron for the American Legion and Earl Parker for the Chamber of Commerce.

All the civic or fraternal organizations represented on the committee are combining their efforts in planning the farewell event for General Gross.

David Gamble, president of the Lions Club, will preside at a program to accompany the outdoor supper, and will introduce the guests. The Rev. C. K. Ligon, pastor of Brownson Memorial Presbyterian Church and American Legion chaplain, will deliver the invocation.

The regular Friday noon luncheon meeting of the Rotary Club will not be held today, as club members will meet with other service club members at the evening event.

Details of the program tonight



GENERAL GROSS

have not been announced, but the event will include expressions of appreciation for General Gross's service to the community and cooperation in community endeavors of the Air-Ground School under his command. A resolution adopted by the town council will be presented to him.

It was almost exactly three years ago that General Gross was assigned to head the Air-Ground School which had moved to the Highland Pines Inn from Pope Air Force Base in June, 1951. Formerly assistant chief of staff of the Tactical Air Command, General Gross was promoted from colonel to brigadier general coinciding with his taking command here.

General Gross has been in military service since 1927 and is a 1934 graduate of the U. S. Military Academy at West Point. He had a distinguished record in World War II, commanding the First Combat Bomb Wing of the Eighth Air Force in England and himself taking part in 22 combat bombing missions over Europe in B-17 "Flying Fortresses."

Under the command of General Gross, the Air-Ground School has been on a basis of full cooperation with the civilian community. The town, in turn, has recognized the important place of the school (Continued on page 5)

Gen. Jenkins To Take Post Here Monday

Brig. Gen. Daniel W. Jenkins will assume command of the USAF Air-Ground School Monday, succeeding Brig. Gen. William M. Gross who will leave Southern Pines early next week.

General Jenkins comes here from Ramstein, Germany, where he was deputy commander of the 12th Air Force. General Gross will succeed him in this position.

General and Mrs. Jenkins and their young daughter have arrived in Southern Pines and are staying at the Charlton Court Motel, No. 1 highway, south, while they are looking for permanent living quarters.

Observer Corps To Be Recognized

The Southern Pines and other Moore County units of the Ground Observer Corps will be recognized Wednesday of next week, along with units throughout the nation, as "Ground Observer Corps Day" is marked.

Harry Chatfield heads the Southern Pines unit. David Drexel of Southern Pines is county chairman. Other units have been set up at Aberdeen, Vass, West End, Carthage and Robbins. More than 20 persons are working with the Southern Pines unit.

The national day of recognition was set by the U. S. Air Force and its Air Defense Command under which the Observer Corps operates.

Council To Meet Tuesday, Set Policy On Water Lines Outside City Limits

Proposal To Enlarge Council Slated For Further Discussion

Having reached an agreement last week with Newland Phillips about extension of water lines in the Golfcrest development outside the city limits, the town council, at its regular meeting to be held Tuesday night of next week in town hall at 8 p. m., will discuss

Holiday Week-End Safe In County; Patrolmen Busy

While traffic accidents took a toll of 14 lives over North Carolina during the long July 4 week-end, Moore County had a normal or less than normal accident record.

In addition to two or three minor traffic mishaps that involved only small property damage, the only accident that was reported to the State Highway Patrol was a freak collision that sent two people to the hospital for emergency treatment.

On a side road off the Eastwood-West End highway the two cars ran together head-on, both vehicles held in their tracks by the deep sandy ruts in which they each were travelling.

Cpl. M. S. Parvin, patrol chief in Moore County, said that he investigated the wreck but could make no indictments because it occurred on a private road. He (Continued on Page 5)

Postal Receipts Here Rise 10%

Receipts at the Southern Pines post office showed a 10.6 per cent increase in the first six months of 1954, as compared with the same period of 1953, Postmaster Garland A. Pierce said this week.

The 1954 receipts amount to \$35,528.64. This is \$3,412.23 more than was taken in at the post office in the first six months of 1953.

Postal receipts are considered a good index of business activity.

Tentative County Tax Rate \$1.35

Resolutions On Spence, Saunders Passed By Board

Devoting a large part of their regular July meeting to work on the 1954-'55 budget, the county commissioners adopted a tentative budget that sets the tax rate at \$1.35 per \$100 of property valuation—the same rate as during the past fiscal year which ended June 30.

The board went into executive session with Auditor John C. Muse of Sanford to work out final details of the budget. After the meeting ended, Chairman G. M. Cameron said the tax rate had been tentatively fixed at \$1.35, pending final adoption of the budget in August.

The board chairman said also that requirements listed in the budget are slightly less than last year's. Miss Maida Jenkins, county accountant and tax supervisor, said this week that the new budget is based on an estimated property valuation of \$40,000,000. This is the same figure used in the budget estimate for the 1953-'54 fiscal year. Increased valuation from listing of new construction, she said, is offset in this year's tax assessments by a decline in personal property listings.

Miss Jenkins pointed out that there had been little new construction by business and industry to be listed for taxes this year. Residential construction has been largely in McNeill, Sandhill and Sheffield townships. Robbins is in Sheffield.

Special school taxes raise the county tax rate in Southern Pines school district to \$1.63. These taxes are collected by the county for use in the Southern Pines school district.

After publication, the budget will lie open for 20 days for public inspection. Changes are rarely made in the budget between tentative and final adoption.

County Home Problem

Mr. Cameron said that the commissioners are continuing to study the county home problem and that the press and public will be informed when some decision is made. The board is faced with the question of whether to continue to operate the county home on the present basis which, during the past year required an appropriation of \$12,500 for payment of operators, maintenance costs and other expenses; or to convert the institution to a privately-operated licensed boarding home; or to discontinue its use in any welfare capacity and sell or lease the building for another purpose.

Resolutions

The commissioners authorized the county attorney, M. G. Boyette, to prepare resolutions of respect and sympathy in regard to the death last week of U. L. Spence, 86-year-old Carthage attorney, and also to prepare a resolution expressing the board's appreciation of services to the county by W. P. Saunders of Southern Pines who recently resigned as executive vice-president of Robbins Mills, Inc., which has plants at Robbins and Aberdeen. Texts of the resolutions were not immediately available, pending their completion by the county attorney. Spence and Boyette, the firm of which Mr. Spence was senior partner, has handled the county's legal business for some time and Mr. Spence had worked closely with county officials during his (Continued on Page 5)



OFF TO CAMP—Members of Boy Scout Troop 224 and Scoutmaster Russell Simons are pictured here as they gathered Sunday at the First Baptist Church, their sponsoring institution, before leaving for a week at Camp Durant near Raleigh. They are, left to right: first row, Stuart Simons, Tommy Johnston, Butch May, Jimmy Tew, George Little, Melva Roy Hall, Vinson Gilmore, Lee Garvin, Richard Lockett, Bobby Wicker; second row, Charles Weatherspoon, Wayne Davenport, Tony Simons, Pat Calcult, Bobby Watkins, Ike Woodell, Jimmy Parker, Jimmy Caldwell, Larry McDonald, Jimmy Carter (from Troop 73), Donald Barber, Norwood McDonald, Robert Woodruff; third row, Scoutmaster Simons, Dick McInnis, Skipper Spence, Jesse Williford, John Van Benschoten, Bill Seymour, Ted Ward, Thomas Vann and Richard Bettea, Explorer Scout attached to Troop 224. (Photo by V. Nicholson)