



FOOTBALL AWARD—Garland F. Pierce, left, son of Mr. and Mrs. Garland A. Pierce, receives from National Guard Warrant Officer Lennox Forsyth the James S. Milliken Memorial trophy given annually by the John Boyd Post, Veterans of Foreign Wars, to the outstanding Senior football player on the Southern Pines High School squad. Pierce also was chosen honorary captain by team members. The award was made at the annual Elks banquet for the squad last Friday night in the Country Club. For another picture and detailed story, including other awards, see page 22. (Photo by Humphrey)

Club Sponsors Guidance For Moore Students

Vocational Choice To Be Subject of Sessions Today

The annual Vocational Guidance Day sponsored by the Sandhills Kiwanis Club is being conducted today (Friday) at the Southern Pines High School, with between 300 and 400 Junior and Senior students from 11 high schools of Moore County taking part.

Starting at 9:30 a. m., groups of the students will hear some 25 business and professional men and women of the county talk about their vocations. The sessions will last until 12:15 p. m. and then the students will have lunch in the school cafeteria.

In announcing plans for the event, J. Graves Vann, chairman of the Kiwanis Club's Vocational Guidance Committee, said the program is sponsored by the club to help high school boys and girls make a choice of vocation, so that they can better plan their college studies or other future training. Students will have the opportunity to attend several different guidance sessions during the morning, allowing them to receive information on a number of careers in which they are interested.

A. C. Dawson, Southern Pines school superintendent, is cooperating with the club. The day will open with an assembly in Weaver Auditorium on the school campus, with T. Roy Phillips of Carthage as speaker. A Kiwanis Club member, he is also a member of the county board of education and has been prominent in activities for young people.

In addition to Mr. Vann, members of the committee for the event are: Ralph Chandler, Jr., Hoke Pollock, Dr. Robert VanderVoort, Tom Cunningham, John Ruggles, J. D. Hobbs, Gordon Clark, Ben Wicks, Norris Hodgkins, Jr., B. U. Richardson and Paul Von Cannon.

Membership in the Sandhills Kiwanis Club is county-wide.

Joanne Harris, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Barrett Harris, a senior at Eastern Carolina College at Greenville, will be here with a member of the BCC faculty to represent the college at the Vocational Guidance clinic. Her selection for this appearance is an honor.

Gymkhana Set At 'Pickridge'

Second in a series of gymkhanas for children and young people will be held Sunday, starting at 1:30 p. m., at the riding ring in charge of Mrs. Mary Doyle at "Pickridge," the estate of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Collins on Youngs Road.

Classes have been announced as: beginners' horsemanship, headline, intermediate, advanced horsemanship, bridle path hack, green hunters and handy working hunters.

Emmady Collins, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Collins, will serve refreshments after the riding events.

playing host to Elise High from Robbins.

Coach Dub Leonard thinks the girls' game will be one of the outstanding of the home season. The Elise girls are one of Moore county's ace teams this year, and are ranked right alongside Aberdeen's Devillettes, a team of statewide prestige. Right now the local high girls are somewhat of a question mark, although they won their first start of the new season from Farm Life 53 to 40.

At the close of the basketball season this past spring, many observers predicted that the Southern Pines girls would be the team to beat in the '54-55 season—but definitely.

Dorothy Newton, a junior and All-County, was burning up the nets with a scoring average of better than 30 points a game, and Tony Martin, a freshman guard was a bright star with even greater promise for the coming season. The Southern Pines bench had some depth, and reserves for a basketball squad is more important to a team's success than a like number in football. Basketball coaches are not quite as chary about prospects as their brethren of football, and Coach Leonard, a natural optimist, admitted without pressure or leading questions that the "outlook was good."

But before practice started for the new season Tony Martin's family moved from town and then Dorothy Newton failed to show up for practice because of a back injury. Two girls don't make a basketball season or a team for that matter, but "it do help".

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Builders Cup To Be Awarded

The Builder's Cup, award of the Sandhills Kiwanis Club for outstanding civic service in the county, will be presented tonight (Friday) to an undisclosed recipient as highlight of the club's annual ladies night meeting.

Starting with a dinner at the Mid Pines Club at 7 p. m., the program will include the cup presentation and a talk by Carl Goerch of Raleigh, co-publisher of "The State" magazine and radio commentator. Dancing will conclude the evening.

Women Voters Slate Meetings Next Week

Visitors are welcome at unit meetings of the League of Women Voters to be held next week—on Tuesday at 10 a. m. in the home of Mrs. Russell Simons and on Friday at 3 p. m. in the home of Mrs. Harry Pethick. The subject for discussion will be separation of the North Carolina prison system from the highway department.

High School Boys, Girls Will Play First Home Basketball Games Tonight

Robbins Visitors Expected To Provide Tough Competition

Southern Pines High boys' and girls' basketball teams open their home basketball season here tonight (Friday) in the big gym,

'God Bless You' Says Letter of Needy Family

Typical of many responses received last year to the Christmas Cheer program of the John Boyd Post, Veterans of Foreign Wars, is this letter from one family given a food basket:

"We are indeed grateful for the basket of good things we received at Christmas time. Without it there would have been very little for the kiddies at our house. We wish to express our thanks to you by saying, "God bless everyone in such a wonderful organization."

Fred Hall, chairman of the VFW project, pointed out this week that the county Welfare Department does not itself give needy families anything at Christmas, but it does furnish to sponsoring local organizations—here, the VFW—a list of families its investigations have shown are most needy and deserving. The post is currently preparing its Christmas Cheer program, receiving toys for painting and repair at the Post Home and making ready barrels to be placed in grocery stores for contributions of food items.

Cash donations are also needed as food given is never enough to fill the 70 or more bushel baskets which are prepared.

Persons who give to the VFW program can be sure, the chairman said, that their contributions are reaching genuinely needy families, as certified by the county Welfare Department.

Year-Old Baby Dies In Blaze

The year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Elliott, Negro tenant farmers on a farm owned by George Blue near Vass, was burned to death Tuesday in a flash fire of undetermined origin that destroyed the dwelling and all the family's personal belongings.

The child's mother, who attempted to rescue the baby from the flaming home, was badly burned and is a patient at St. Joseph of the Pines Hospital.

It was reported that the mother had gone to a nearby spring to do washing, leaving the baby in the house, when she noticed smoke pouring from the dwelling. Flames burst out when she opened the door.



J. F. McCASKILL TO HEAD POLIO DRIVE

J. Frank McCaskill of Pinehurst will serve as campaign chairman of the 1955 March of Dimes to be held in Moore County in January, with H. Clifton Blue of Aberdeen as chairman. It was announced this week by Paul C. Butler of Southern Pines, National Infantile Paralysis Foundation chapter chairman.

The appointment of McCaskill to head the drive was made on request of Blue, who has served as chairman for the past 11 years. Since he is also Moore County's representative in the General Assembly, Blue said he felt he could not give the polio drive his best efforts while having to stay in Raleigh most of the time. He will assist the new chairman while at home on weekends.

Most of the March of Dimes community chairmen have served in this capacity for a number of years, and are expected to continue this work in the 1955 organization. Quotas and plans for the drive will be announced by January 1, the new chairman said.

Alston Gun, Clock To Be Presented For Old Dwelling

Speaking to members of the Moore County Historical Association at the Southern Pines Library Tuesday evening, D. Lacy Alston of Pittsboro—a great nephew of Col. Phillip Alston, Revolutionary War patriot who owned the "House in the Horseshoe" in Deep River Township—revealed that he will give a gun and a clock from among his family heirlooms to go in the house permanently when restoration work there is completed.

The gun, he said, was originally the property of his great-grandfather, Joseph John Alston, a brother of the patriot Colonel Phillip. The clock was owned by the Chatham County man's grandfather, Gideon Alston, a nephew of the colonel.

As guest of the Association, Mr. Alston was introduced by J. Talbot Johnson of Aberdeen, after the president, Mrs. Ernest L. Ives of Southern Pines, had outlined details of the restoration needs and said that she had already begun work on the old house—slated to become a state historic site if the General Assembly appropriates the funds—by removing wallpaper to reveal the wide

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\$50,000 Given To Moore County Hospital By Mr. and Mrs. Jackson

Gift To Speed \$300,000 Plan For Expansion

A memorial gift of \$50,000 is being made to Moore County Hospital by Mr. and Mrs. H. Arnold Jackson of Pinehurst, to be used primarily for the establishment of a new emergency service, it was announced Thursday by Thomas R. Howerton, hospital administrator.

The gift has inspired hopes that an improvement program covering several departments, which has been "on paper" for some time with little prospect of early fulfillment, may now be carried out with the aid of public subscriptions and the N. C. Medical Care Commission, Howerton said.

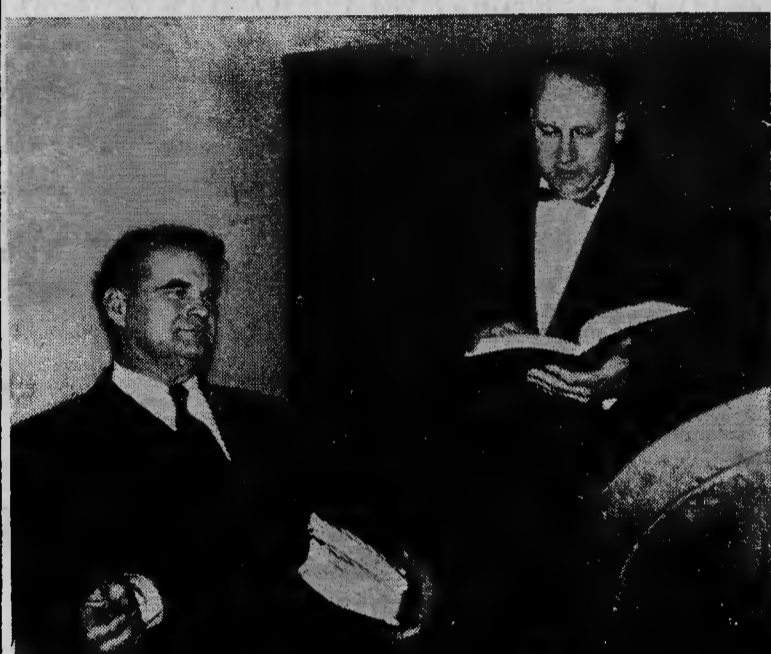
News of the Jacksons' generous donation, and the plans it has touched off, were revealed at a press conference held Thursday morning in Southern Pines. Mr. Jackson was present.

While he and Mrs. Jackson were seeking no personal publicity, he said, he wanted the public to know why the gift was being made, and why they hoped others would do likewise, matching, or surpassing, their donation.

The gift is being made in memory of their two sons, their only children, both of whom lost their lives in tragic accidents within recent years.

Considering the plight of others needing emergency care, they had noticed that the hospital's facilities for accident cases were "hopelessly inadequate—crowded and dismal."

The overall improvement program will include also expansion and modernization of the children's ward. This, too, he said, (Continued on Page 8)



TWO DECADES—Judge J. Vance Rowe, left, who has completed 20 years as judge of Moore County Records Court, is pictured here with W. Lamont Brown, the court's solicitor. Recognition for his two decades of service was given the judge in court at Carthage Monday.

Knollwood Zone Proposal Hearing Slated Tuesday

Public hearing on a proposed amendment to the town zoning ordinance, covering the Knollwood area annexed earlier this year, will be held when the town council meets for its regular monthly session at 8 p. m. Tuesday in town hall.

The amendment was prepared by the Zoning Board, with cooperation of City Manager Tom E. Cunningham and Attorney W. Lamont Brown. The Zoning Board unanimously recommends its adoption.

A feature of the amendment is creation of a new type of zoning district covering hotels, clubs, hospitals, golf courses and similar facilities such as those located in the Knollwood area. In addition, the amendment would require a size of at least 1,200 square feet for living areas of buildings to be built in the "Residence 1" district in which a large portion of the area is located.

Younts Named To Executive Group In Safety Drive

Jack S. Younts of Southern Pines, president and general manager of Radio Station WEEB, was selected Friday of last week as one of nine members of an executive committee that will be a working group with power to act for the larger citizen group of Governor Luther Hodges' newly created state-wide Traffic Safety Council.

Selection of the executive committee was made at the end of a meeting in Raleigh Friday attended by some 400 representatives of civic organizations, radio, press, and other groups, to attack the critical highway safety problem. Traffic accidents have taken more than 1,000 lives per year for the past eight years, the gathering was told by Ed Scheidt, Motor Vehicle Commissioner. The Governor, Highway Chairman A. H. Graham and others addressed the session. A number of persons from this area attended.

Capt. David L. Callaway of the USAF Air-Ground school was at the meeting as representative for Brig. Gen. Daniel W. Jenkins who was invited but was unable to attend. Mrs. Graham Culbreth attended as representative of the N. C. Pharmaceutical Association Auxiliary.

Mr. Younts was formerly a member of the Governor's Traffic Safety Council which was formed several years ago.

BUSINESS HOURS
Correcting an error in an advertisement in last week's Pilot, the Broad Street Pharmacy's business hours are announced as 9 a. m. to 9 p. m. each week-day.

Judge Lauded By Commissioners, Other Attorneys

Judge J. Vance Rowe, whose home is in Aberdeen and whose law offices are in Southern Pines, was honored Monday in a resolution adopted by the board of county commissioners and also by impromptu tributes paid to him by attorneys at Carthage—the occasion being his completion of 20 years as judge of Moore County Records Court.

Judge Rowe, along with other elected county officials, was sworn in Monday for a new two-year term as Records Court judge, marking the end also of 20 consecutive years on the bench in Carthage.

The resolution, which recognizes Judge Rowe's diligence, courage, dignity, kindness and mercy and which praises him for outstanding and noble service, as well as expressing the gratitude and appreciation of the county governing board, was read in open court by J. Talbot Johnson, Aberdeen attorney and one of the veteran members of the Moore County Bar.

Other lawyers and county officials present then rose to add their personal tributes to the commissioners' resolution, including: M. G. Boyette of Carthage, 13th District Superior Court solicitor; W. Clement Barrett and H. F. Seawell, Jr., of Carthage; Allen W. Brown of Robbins; W. Lamont Brown of Southern Pines, who was sworn in Monday for another term as Records Court solicitor; John McConnell of Southern Pines and Pinehurst; Sheriff C. J. McDonald and Clerk of Court C. C. Kennedy.

The resolution is signed by G. M. Cameron, chairman of the board of commissioners and Board Members Lyndon R. Reynolds, John M. Currie, T. R. Monroe and J. M. Pleasants.

Full text of the resolution follows: (Continued on Page 8)

16 DEGREES ON TUESDAY LOWEST

Tuesday's reading of 16 degrees above zero was the lowest minimum temperature of the past week's cold snap recorded on the official Weather Bureau thermometer at town hall.

Minimum temperatures Friday through Wednesday were: 25, 25, 36, 27, 16 and 24. Rain and rising temperatures were noted Thursday morning, although more cold and clearing weather were predicted for today (Friday).

While Monday did not have the lowest minimum reading of the week, it was probably the most unpleasant day, overcast and windy, without the sharp rise in temperature toward noon that is usually experienced here.

Chief Asks All To Help 'S-D Day'

Chief of Police C. E. Newton has asked for help.

"Yes, I'm asking for help," Chief Newton said. "I am asking every driver and pedestrian in Southern Pines to help reduce traffic accidents to a minimum—zero, if we can—on Wednesday, December 15, S-D Day (Safe Driving Day)."

"I am asking every man, woman and child who uses the streets to accept full personal responsibility for observing the letter and spirit of all traffic regulations."

"S-D Day is being observed all over the country. It is sponsored by the President's Action Committee for Traffic Safety and hundreds of local, state and national organizations to demonstrate that traffic accidents can be reduced materially if we all pitch in. We're going to give S-D Day our full support in Southern

Pines, but it's a program in which we must all participate.

"Police drivers and civilian employees of the Police Department are being urged to set a good example on S-D Day. They are being asked to exercise particular caution in their driving and walking on that day. We want to show the people of Southern Pines that we also practice what we preach."

"During an average week this time of year we have about four traffic accidents of all types. These accidents don't have to happen, and they wouldn't happen if every citizen would drive and walk as he would have every one else drive and walk."

"Remember S-D Day, and then make every day your Safe Driving Day," Chief Newton concluded.

Proclamation Issued
A proclamation for S-D Day has

been issued by Mayor Lloyd T. Clark and appears on page 2 of today's Pilot. The Day was proclaimed in North Carolina by Governor Hodges November 16.

Radio Station WEEB here announced that a special S-D Day broadcast would be given at 1:15 p. m. Tuesday, as part of a state-wide hookup.

Automobile dealers here and elsewhere in the state are designating Tuesday and Wednesday as "special safety check days" when a free mechanical inspection will be given to car owners requesting it. Brakes, steering lights, tires and windshield wipers will be checked.

Pedestrian safety also is stressed and all walkers are urged to take extra care on S-D Day as an example of what could be accomplished in pedestrian safety every day of the year.