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## Map Shows Route Highway By-Pass; Details Lacking

### Intersection Plans Not Yet Complete, Reports Engineer

The proposed No. 1 highway by-pass, a map of which is posted in the courthouse at Carthage, going from south to north, leaves No. 1 highway six-tenths of a mile south of the town limits, bearing left off the present route of the highway to cut off a small corner from the Fairway Motor Court property, passing through the location of the old Sugg home which would be removed, and heading north through Pinedene to pass close to the east side of Mount Hope Cemetery.

Crossing Morganton Road, the proposed by-pass route goes north along the approximate location of Saylor St., and continues to follow the McDeed's Creek ravine to the W. P. Davis property. It passes close to the Mid Pines Lake, on the east, crosses Midland Road, crosses the Seaboard Air Line railroad west of the Rowe pecan orchard and re-enters the present route of No. 1 highway about 900 feet south of the road that runs from No. 1 to Niagara, south of "Skyline."

The proposed right of way is 260 feet wide throughout, a dual lane highway, with center division, and the length of the by-pass route is about five and a half miles.

The map was posted in the courthouse at Carthage December 22. Protests in regard to the route, says a statement posted with the map, must be made in writing to the State Highway Commission at Raleigh within 30 days.

**Planning Stage**

T. G. Poindexter of Aberdeen, Eighth Division highway engineer, said this week that the by-pass is still in the planning stage and that details of intersections and access roads have not been worked out. He also said that no accurate figure could yet be given for cost of the project, as this would be determined by the number and kind of grade separations and other factors not yet fully worked out.

It has been generally understood that plans called for grade separations at the Pennsylvania Avenue and Midland Road intersections, with overpasses carrying the crossing roads over the by-pass and with access allowed between the by-pass and the two crossing roads at these points.

Mr. Poindexter said that details of plans at these intersections would be worked out later after the bridge department is called in to furnish plans.

**'Controlled Access' Planned**

The division engineer said also that tentative plans call for "frontage" or "service" roads that would parallel the two lanes of the highway and from which access could be obtained to the by-pass itself "at designated points." Whether such points are contemplated other than the Pennsylvania Avenue and Midland Road intersections was not revealed, as the engineer said this feature of the project is still in the planning stage.

The frontage or service roads would be for the use of property owners adjoining the highway right of way and would serve the present east-west avenues in the developed portions of the town. East-west avenues that now cross

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**Julian Pleasants Is House Page**

Julian McIver Pleasants, 16-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. James M. Pleasants, 160 N. Ridge St., has been appointed a page in the House for the session of the General Assembly that opened at Raleigh Wednesday. The appointment was made by Rep. Larry I. Moore of Wilson County, speaker of the House, and the local youth was on hand to take over his duties immediately, having gone to Raleigh with his father Tuesday.

A Junior in Southern Pines High School, Julian will live at the YMCA in Raleigh, with other pages in House and Senate, and will be required to devote regular periods to study. Southern

Pines school officials cooperated in allowing the local youth to accept the post in Raleigh. He has a high scholastic standing.

Julian's appointment was the first as page to be made in Moore County since C. A. (Tony) Huntley of Aberdeen served as chief page in the Senate during the 1941 session of the Assembly. Huntley had previously served as a Senate page for the regular sessions of 1935, 1937, 1939 and the special sessions of 1936 and 1938.

Huntley, who still lives at Aberdeen, said this week that it is his understanding that he was the first from Moore to serve as a page in the General Assembly.



**LEADING FIGHT AGAINST POLIO**—Some of the community chairmen and chapter officials, attending the dinner meeting Monday night at Carthage which kicked off the January March of Dimes drive in Moore County, are pictured here. Front row, from left—H. Clifton Blue, Aberdeen, campaign co-director; C. H. Bowman, Southern Pines, chapter treasurer; J. Frank McCaskill, campaign co-director and presiding officer at the meeting; Mrs. Philip Mathew, Pinebluff; Mrs. Kimes Blake, Jackson

## Polio Drive Leaders Accept Quota of \$7,560 In Campaign Now Beginning

### Butler Re-elected Chapter Chairman; 'Victory In Sight'

With victory almost in sight after 17 years, now dependent on a great gamble—the nationwide testing of the Salk vaccine—the 1955 March of Dimes will be the most crucial in history, Moore County community chairmen in the polio campaign learned Monday night.

Enthusiastically they accepted their share in the gamble, along with quotas totaling \$7,560 for the county, at the March of Dimes kickoff dinner held at the Carthage Hotel.

The dinner not only initiated the campaign to be held during January, but served as the annual meeting of the Moore County chapter, National Infantile Paralysis Foundation.

**Officers Re-elected**

Re-elected by acclamation were Paul C. Butler, Southern Pines chairman; Ralph G. Steed, Robbins, vice-chairman; Mrs. Eldon S. Adams, Carthage, secretary and C. H. Bowman, Southern Pines, treasurer.

Frank H. McCaskill, Pinehurst co-director of the 1955 drive with H. Clifton Blue of Aberdeen, presided. Campaign plans were mapped out and the story of the chapter's work of the past year was revealed in annual reports.

Effectiveness of the Salk vaccine, which won a Nobel prize for its discoverer and may provide the long-sought immunity against polio, will not be known for several months, Chairman Butler told the group. But the fight goes

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### MAGAZINES WANTED

Making a plea for used magazines to be distributed by bookmobile in rural areas, Mrs. Dorothy Avery, county librarian, said this week:

"If you are through with some magazines and would like to get them out of the way, the Library will be glad to have them and will pass them on and you can be assured they will be appreciated. We would prefer 1954 issues but can use all kinds and our stock is extremely low at present. They may be left at the library in Southern Pines."

**4-H COUNCIL TO MEET**

Officers for the coming year will be elected at a meeting of the County Council of Moore 4-H Clubs, to be held in the Home Demonstration office at Carthage at 10:30 a. m. Saturday. Amaury Xavier, young man from Brazil who is visiting at the Clyde Auman farm, West End, this month, has been invited to attend the meeting.

Spring; Dr. J. W. Willcox, county health officer and a chapter director. Faces seen behind them are, from left, those of W. D. Sabiston, Carthage (co-chairman with Mrs. Sabiston); Monroe Chappell, Vass; Paul C. Butler, chapter chairman (also Southern Pines drive chairman); J. F. Sinclair, West End; Ray Burns, Aberdeen; Mrs. June Harrington, Glendon; Miss Fay Bradshaw, county health nurse; Mrs. Pete Phillips, Cameron; T. H. Lingerfelt, Farm Life, and Howard L. Kennedy, Westmoore.

## Patrolmen Work 18 Hours Daily During Holidays



PAUL BUTLER

## Naval Reserve Unit In Process Of Organizing

Organization of a Naval Reserve Unit for this area has begun, reports James I. Lawson of Southern Pines, Naval Reserve assign who is leading an effort to establish such a unit here.

Needing a minimum of 15 persons to organize, the proposed unit this week had 14 qualified Naval Reserve members signed up, with early prospect of gaining the single additional necessary member, as well as a number of others, Lawson said.

He reported many telephone calls expressing interest in the project, in addition to the 14 persons who have returned to him cards giving necessary information as to their Navy status. Southern Pines, Pinehurst, Aberdeen and Vass are represented on the preliminary list of members, he said.

**Meeting To Be Called**

Names turned in have been sent to the Sixth Naval District Headquarters at Charleston, S. C. for checking as to Navy status—the first step in the organizing procedure. When this has been completed, the group will be called together to choose meeting nights and select a commanding officer and administrative clerk.

The commanding officer of a Composite Company can be any officer of any rank. Selection is left to prospective company members.

For the purpose of organizing, (Continued on page 8)

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## Coroner Reports Drop In Violent Deaths In Moore

**1954 Record Shows Traffic Fatalities, Homicides Decline**

Deaths requiring coroner investigations in Moore county during 1954 totaled 38, nine fewer than in 1953, according to the annual report prepared this week by Coroner Ralph G. Steed of Robbins as commissioner.

Natural causes, determined in each case by a physician, totaled 13, as compared with 20 the year before.

Traffic fatalities numbered 10, a reduction from the previous year's 12. Five took place on highways in the county, five in towns—three in Southern Pines and two in Aberdeen. One of the Southern Pines deaths was that of a pedestrian who was struck by an automobile.

A reduction was also noted in the homicides, of which there were four in 1954, five in 1953.

Other cases were listed as follows: acute alcoholism, 3; suicides, 2; drowning, 2; accidental gunshot, 1; burned to death, 1; exposure, 1; unknown, 1.

The "unknown" case was that of a Negro man from another state, visiting in the county, who was found dead. Without reference to the recent criticisms leveled at North Carolina's coroner system, Coroner Steed let it be known that an autopsy was performed by a pathologist, and a further study made by a toxicologist at Duke Hospital. Their combined efforts failed to determine a cause.

## 'Freedom' Subject Of LWV Sessions

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## Columbus Boychoir To Sing Here Tonight

The Columbus Boychoir will appear at Weaver Auditorium tonight (Friday) at 8:30 p. m., as a presentation in the concert series of the Sandhill Music Association.

Travelling in their own "schoolhouse on wheels" (a large bus) especially fitted with desks at each seat and a piano for rehearsals, the talented boys will present a unique concert program from Palestrina to Gershwin, including folk songs, Negro spirituals, Latin motets and "boogie-woogie." They will appear under the leadership of Herbert Huffman, founder and director of the Columbus Boychoir School.

Originally established in Columbus, Ohio, the school opened its doors in 1940 with 30 students which has now grown to over 70, representing all the states and Canada.

In 1943, one of the large American concert agencies became interested in the Boychoir and their enthusiasm led to a New York debut concert. Also, in the summer of that year, the school opened its camp for musical boys at Chautauqua, N. Y. Since then, the Boychoir has toured through 400 cities and appeared on radio, records and television shows. They have motion picture appearances in "The Boychoir" and "The Boychoir Sings."

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Work on both buildings is expected to start soon after contracts are let, with completion of both in time for use at the beginning of the school year in September.

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## COURT OF HONOR SET JANUARY 24

The January court of honor for the Moore District, Boy Scouts, will be held Monday evening, January 24, at the Community Church in Pinehurst. Lawrence M. Johnson of Aberdeen, advancement chairman, calls attention to the date, as through an error this date has been announced through the Council office as January 10. The court of honor will be important, as it will be the time for awarding the Storey Memorial Trophy, following a year-long competition among all troops of the district.

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## 'New Year Baby' Born On Tuesday

Moore County had to wait until 2:01 p. m. Tuesday for its first 1955 baby. A son was born at that hour to Mr. and Mrs. John Richard Cagle of West End, route, at Moore County Hospital.

First birth of the new year at St. Joseph's Hospital was a son to Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Ward of Southern Pines at 5:50 a. m. Thursday.

Two babies whose mothers are from Hoke County were born before the Cagle boy, but they don't count in the traditional Moore County listing.