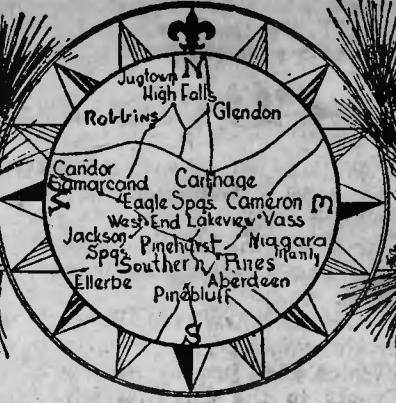
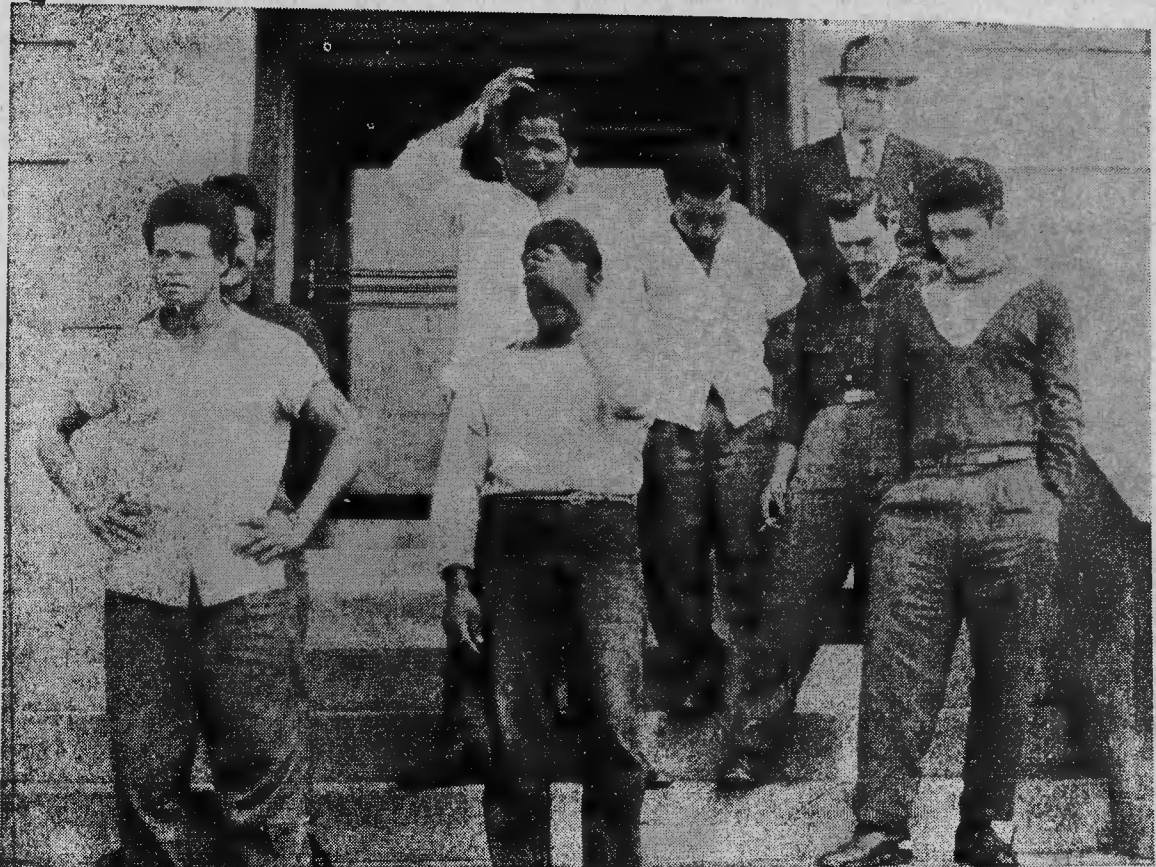


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Seven youths from Puerto Rico are shown on their way to jail after receiving six months' sentences in Moore recorders court at Carthage Monday, with Deputy Sheriff A. F. Dees in the background. They will go to first offenders' camp if a fingerprint check supports their claim of no wrongdoing previous to a robbery near Pinebluff Saturday. They were caught within two hours by the State Highway Patrol radio and alertness. (Photo by V. Nicholson)

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W. P. Saunders Heads Red Cross Drive In County

The annual Moore County Red Cross membership campaign will begin Monday, March 7, with a quota of \$15,940 it was announced this week by W. P. Saunders, chairman of the 1955 Committee for Membership and Funds. Gordon Clark of Southern Pines and John A. Tuckerman of Jackson Springs are co-chairmen with Mr. Saunders.

This committee draws attention to the vast amounts of money spent by the Red Cross on the many disasters which occurred last year. They point out that over \$600,000 was spent in North Carolina alone to aid the victims of Hurricane Hazel.

Local chairmen and community quotas are listed as:
Aberdeen, \$1,400; Dr. E. M. Medlin, \$35; Mrs. Henry Addor, Bensalem-Big Oak, \$30; Mrs. J. A. Kelly, Cameron, \$150; Mrs. June Talley, Carthage, \$900; Mrs. J. M. Lane, Clay Road Farms, \$35; C. L. Ragsdale, Eagle Springs, \$110; Mrs. L. E. Falls; Eastwood, \$35; W. J. Sheffield; Eureka, \$25; A. T. Perry; Glendon, \$30; Richard A. Dowd; Hallison, \$55; Mrs. A. L. Poe; Highfalls, \$100; Roland Upchurch; (Continued on Page 8)

TOURNEY SCORES AT A GLANCE

The Moore County basketball tournament, at the Robbins gym, was to continue with semi-finals games Thursday night—Robbins and Highfalls girls and two boys' games—Southern Pines vs. Aberdeen and Farm Life and Westmoore. Finals are set for Saturday night; no games are scheduled for tonight (Friday).

FRIDAY

Girls
Carthage 75, Farm Life 42
Westmoore 60, Cameron 52

Boys
Farm Life 60, Cameron 47

SATURDAY

Girls
Vass-Lakeview 60, Pinehurst 56

Boys
Robbins 65, Vass-Lakeview 48.
Southern Pines 62, West End 47

MONDAY

Girls
West End 63, Southern Pines 62
Highfalls 69, Westmoore 43

Boys
Farm Life 47, Carthage 39

TUESDAY

Girls
Aberdeen 60, Carthage 52

Boys
Westmoore 65, Pinehurst 62
Aberdeen 82, Robbins 52

WEDNESDAY

Girls
Aberdeen 76, West End 61
Robbins 85, Vass-Lakeview 62

Boys
S. Pines 63, Highfalls 44

LARKINS TO SPEAK AT YDC DINNER

John D. Larkins, Jr., N. C. Democratic Party chairman and legislative counsel of Gov. Luther H. Hodges, will address Young Democrats of Moore County when they gather at the Carthage Hotel for a dinner meeting Wednesday, March 9, it was announced this week by Voit Gilmore of Southern Pines, county YDC president.

The dinner is set for 7 p. m., with a preceding social hour at 6:30. Tickets are available from Lamont Brown, Paul Butler and Mr. Gilmore, all of Southern Pines.

Thomas Family Is Helped, Plan Save Toward New Home

Mrs. Purvis Thomas and family of Vass, who have been staying with relatives in the community since their home with practically all their belongings burned on Saturday night two weeks ago, are hoping to get settled this week in a farm house in the community.

Much kindness has been shown the family in their distress, and they appreciate it greatly. Clothing and many articles of furniture have been given them, also donations of money from various sources. All of the money that can be spared from immediate needs, Mrs. Thomas is placing in a fund to help replace the home. Several churches, the local school, and other groups have collected items and cash.

The family's unfortunate position was brought before the 464th Communications Squadron, Pope Air Force Base, by O. L. Roy L. Harrison, Captain Roland J. Rosenberger, Communications Squadron commander, and Airman Harrison took a voluntary contribution last Friday. The squadron, one of the smallest in number of personnel assigned at Pope, donated \$65 which was sent to Mrs. Thomas.

Captain Rosenberger stated, "We recognized this as a very needy case and just wanted to do something to help the family get back on its feet. This is typical of the generosity of the Communications Squadron which recently contributed 106 per cent to the March of Dimes on the basis of \$1 per man assigned."

Mrs. Thomas, at the sudden accidental death of her husband less than four years ago, was left with eight children, the youngest about a month old; tragedy struck again last October 29 when the second oldest child, 14, was accidentally killed by a shotgun blast. The oldest daughter has since married, and she and her husband were living with Mrs. Thomas. The other children range in age from three and a half to 13; boys 6 and 13, girls 3 1-2, 9 and twins 11.

7 Puerto Ricans Get 6 Months In Snatch-Run Case

With one of seven Puerto Rican youths acting as interpreter translating into Spanish the words of Judge J. Vance Rowe and Solicitor W. Lamont Brown, Moore County Recorders Court at Carthage witnessed something new in a courtroom scene Monday when the seven, aged 18 to 25, were sentenced to six months in the North Carolina first offenders' camp for a Saturday snatch-and-run robbery.

Four of the seven could speak no English at all. Only one, Jony Diaz, understood the language well enough to translate for the others.

The seven, traveling in a car with Florida plates, robbed A. M. Batchelor of about \$20 at his service station on US Highway 1 just north of Pinebluff and led just north of Pinebluff and led 85-mile an hour chase into Hoke County, shook him off at McCain and were arrested by State Highway Patrolman J. H. Millard of Fayetteville as they stopped for gas west of Raeford within two hours of the theft.

At first, through Diaz, all pleaded not guilty, and it looked as though each was going to claim he was one of the quartet who stayed in the car, while the rest followed Batchelor into the station for change, snatched his money and ran.

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THE PRESIDENT WEARS SIZE 12

Ike Thanks Local Girl For Gift of Socks

Jean Nolen Bushby, seventh grader at the Southern Pines schools, likes Ike—and Ike has good reason also to like Jean. Because of Jean, the President of the United States has a very fine and fancy pair of socks in which to pursue his favorite sport—golf.

Twelve-year-old Jean has something, too—a letter signed "Dwight D. Eisenhower," thanking her for the beautiful socks. It is by way of being her most cherished possession.

It occurred to Jean last November that the President might like a pair of socks. Jean loves to knit, and thought she'd enjoy knitting him some for golf. But what size? She sat right down and wrote to him to find out—acting, incidentally, as a splendid goodwill ambassador for her home town and one-girl Chamber of Commerce.

Requesting information as to his sock size, Jean added information of her own—that since he liked to play golf, he ought to know that the best golf courses in the whole country are right here at Southern Pines and Pinehurst, eight of them.

Eisenhower's private secretary wrote back: "Dear Jean—Your (Continued on Page 8)

Work Begins On Construction Of Catholic School

Elementary Unit Of Notre Dame To Be On Ashe Street

Preliminary work began this week for a school building at the corner of Connecticut Ave. and Ashe Street, to which the elementary section of Notre Dame Academy is expected to move at the beginning of the school year next fall.

A building permit issued by the Town to the Most Rev. Vincent J. Waters, bishop of the Catholic Diocese of Raleigh, lists estimated value of the structure at \$75,000.

Plans approved by Building Inspector W. J. Wilson call for four classrooms, an assembly room and kitchen and other facilities. Proposed future construction would add four more classrooms at a later date.

The one-story masonry structure in a modern style will face on Ashe St. The Catholic Diocese of Raleigh for some time has owned the entire frontage on the west side of Ashe St., between Connecticut and Vermont Aves. St. Anthony's Catholic Church, at the corner of Vermont and Ashe, is on property that adjoins the school site.

It is understood that plans call for future construction of living quarters for sisters who teach in the school, this building to face Connecticut Ave. The church property runs west almost to the location of the Boy Scout hut in the middle of the block, between Ashe and Broad Sts.

Clearing of the lot and staking out of foundation lines have been going on this week.

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ROBBINS TO GIVE HOSPITAL \$1,000

Robbins Mills, Inc. will give \$1,000 to the Moore County Hospital building fund, it was announced this week by Mrs. John E. Dixon, member of the board of directors, and Frank Roberts, vice-president.

The textile firm has plants at Robbins and Aberdeen in Moore County and at Raeford and Red Springs.

Over \$100,000 is sought in the current building fund drive which was touched off by a gift of \$50,000 by Mr. and Mrs. H. Arnold Jackson of Pinehurst, for construction of an emergency department in memory of their two sons killed in accidents.

If the local fund is raised, some \$200,000 in state and Federal funds will be made available to carry out a \$300,000 renovation project that will include a new children's section and other major improvements at the hospital in Pinehurst.

Proposal To Buy Highland Pines Inn May Hold USAF School Here

Purchase With Local, Federal Funds Planned

A Pentagon conference in Washington last Friday has produced a proposal that may—if local cooperation is adequate—keep the USAF Air-Ground Operations School at the Highland Pines Inn.

The proposal, still in the formative stage, would call for purchase of the Inn property with a combination of local and federal funds and deeding it to the government, preferably with a proviso that it would be returned to community ownership should the government cease to use it for the school or other purposes.

Taking part in the Washington conference were Mayor L. T. Clark, Town Attorney W. Lamont Brown, Charles Stitzer, head of the Stitzer Hotel Co., which is owner of the Highland Pines Inn; a representative of Howarth and Howarth, Philadelphia auditors for the hotel firm; John Lang, secretary of Congressman C. B. Deane; and Franklin G. Floete, assistant secretary of defense, in whose Pentagon office the meeting was held.

Forming the background for the conference is the already announced move of the Air-Ground School to Keesler Field, Biloxi, Miss., in line with a directive that all military installations in the nation are to be moved as soon as possible to government-owned property. The school is at the Highland Pines Inn under a lease that is to expire June 30, but can be terminated at any time on 60 days' notice.

Local participants in the conference were optimistic that the proposal could become a reality—if community support in funds to supplement government money in purchase of the Inn property is forthcoming.

Mayor Clark and Harry K. Smyth, Chamber of Commerce president, conferred on the proposal this week and are in process of appointing a committee to present a definite proposition to the community.

Pending formation of this committee and further conferences with government officials and the hotel executive, exact amounts of money involved are not known, but the local men who took part in the conference appear confident that a proposition within the capabilities of the community would be accepted by the Department of Defense.

Since it was made known several months ago that the Air-Ground School was slated to leave Southern Pines, for economy reasons in line with the policy of locating military installations on government property, various efforts have been made to forestall the departure or look to a plan that might keep the installation here. The school has a monthly payroll of about \$90,000. It has consistently participated in civic affairs and is tied to the town by many links of personal friendships and common interest.

Raymond Cameron Returns To Home

Raymond Cameron, who was burned in a gasoline explosion here last November 3, was brought home by ambulance Monday from Memorial Hospital in Chapel Hill, to which he was transferred from Moore County Hospital shortly after the accident which claimed the life of his cousin, Alec Cameron.

After undergoing a series of 15 skin grafting operations, Mr. Cameron is now able to be up some each day and to walk around in the house.

His wife, also his aunt, Miss Pearl McMillan of Aberdeen, were with him during his stay in the hospital, while relatives cared for the Cameron children. The family is now reunited at their home, Pineywoods Cottage, in Pinedene. Mr. Cameron is the son of Mrs. Estelle Cameron of Mayflower Apartments, Southern Pines.



PRESENTATION—Mrs. Michael Walsh presents to D. W. Winkelman the Moore County Hounds championship trophy, at the Hunter Trials last Saturday afternoon, for his Little Trip, shown here, winner of two classes in the trials.

(Photo by Humphrey)

Little Trip Wins Two Classes To Take Championship At Hunter Trials

Jimmie Thomas Hurt In Spill; Big Crowd Sees Colorful Event

Little Trip, owned by D. W. Winkelman of Lakelawn Farms, winner of two classes in the hunter trials held Saturday afternoon at the Scotts Corner trial grounds, was awarded the Moore County Hounds championship trophy. There was no reserve champion.

Six classes were run off on the picturesque up-hill-and-down-dale course, including the championship class composed of first and second place winners of the other hunter classes. Judges were Robert Fairburn, MFH Spring Valley Hounds, Mendham, N. J., and D. D. Odell, Malvern, Pa.

There were four spills, only one resulting in injury. Jimmie Thomas of New York City, riding Mileaway Farms' Unusual, was thrown when his horse fell at a tricky jump on the long course in the open hunter class. He was

taken to Moore County Hospital suffering from shock and a leg injury.

Large Gallery

The large gallery of spectators enjoyed the panorama of the two-mile course, the spectacle of the horses being put through their paces and the springlike weather.

Taking part in the event were three previous champions of the hunter trials, Lakelawn Farms' Renown and Haymarket and Vernon Valley Farms' Times Square. Also drawing much interest were Mrs. C. E. Adams' veteran Rufugio, only horse in the United States to have started and finished in the Grand National at Aintree, and Battlewick, son of Battlewick, only American horse ever to win at Aintree. Riding Refugio was F. D. (Ginny) Moss was Battlewick's rider.

Trophies and ribbons were awarded in each class. In most there were both a challenge and permanent trophy for the winner. Mrs. Michael G. Walsh awarded the trophy to the champion, Dennis Crotty was announcer.

Winners Listed

The winners:
First Season Hunters: 1, Reward, owned by Mileaway Farms, Ed Daniels up; 2, Falcon, owned by Mileaway Farms, Mrs. Henry Wheeler up; 3, Happy Town, owned by Vernon Valley Farms, Percy Knott up; 4, Miss Louanna, (Continued on Page 8)

Cub Scout Show Slated Saturday

The second annual Craft, Hobby and Pet Show of Cub Scout Pack 73—scheduled for 1:30 to 5 p. m. Saturday at the Straka Building on N. E. Broad St.—will include dogs, parakeets, fish, stamp collections, model planes, cars and ships, bird houses and many other items. Cubmaster Paul Ward said this week.

Advance ticket sales are going well, the Cubmaster said, and predicted a large crowd on hand to see the show. Refreshments will be available.

Pets in the show must be owned by the Cubs or their families and craft articles must be at least 50 per cent made by the Cub himself.



JEAN BUSHBY . . . Shows Letter From Ike