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## Oil Company Buys Big Tract Between S. Pines, Aberdeen

To Build Station,  
Offer Other Parts  
Of Land For Sale

One of the largest real estate transactions involving undeveloped land in the history of Moore County was completed Tuesday with the purchase by Esso Standard Oil Co. of a tract of about 186 acres, with a 1,700-foot frontage on US Highway 1 between Southern Pines and Aberdeen, for the price of \$67,720.

In completing the deal with owners W. T. Huntley and D. I. Allred, of Southern Pines, Esso Standard got in just under the deadline, having taken an option on the land for three months on March 1, with an extension for 30 days granted May 1.

The transaction was handled by L. T. Clark, Southern Pines real estate dealer, with officials of Esso Standard at Charlotte headed by Herbert Dowd, manager of the North Carolina division of the company.

The tract extends more than a mile west of US 1, all the way to Aberdeen Creek, across from the drive-in theatre, at a location where it is anticipated US Highway 15-501 will be extended from Pinehurst to intersect with US 1.

Clark said Esso Standard plans to build a "super-service station" on part of the land, occupying a 300-foot frontage, the site to be determined after it is known where the highway intersection will be.

The rest of the land will then be offered for sale, under heavy restrictions, to enterprises which are deemed suitable for high-type development of the area. The restrictions are to be worked out by Clark in cooperation with Esso Standard officials, and he will handle all sales and development.

The highway frontage will be used for commercial development, while it is anticipated that the portion of the tract toward Aberdeen Creek will become a residential subdivision. The tract includes the former site of the Hole-in-One golf range which is at the northeast corner of the property, fronting on the highway. The 1,700 feet frontage on Highway 1 extends south from there.

There are no structures at present on the tract except a small office for a sand company which is marketing sand on a contract basis. The contract has been transferred from the former owners to Esso Standard.

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## Softball League Play Opens 14th

Play in the newly organized Adult Softball League will start Tuesday, June 14, Irie Leonard, summer recreation director, said today. Regularly scheduled games will continue through July 26, with two games played each night at Memorial Field, the first at 7:30 and the second at 9:30.

Sponsored by the Town Recreation Department, the League includes teams representing the USAF Air-Ground Operation School, Carolina Power and Light Co., Southern Pines Lions Club, N. C. Catholic Laymen's Association, Colonial Furniture Co., "Holiday's Chicks" and "Hill Top Jokers."

The regular summer recreation program, with varied activities for all ages of young people, will open Monday, June 13, to run through August 19, Leonard said.

## Commissioners To Convene On Monday

Reports from county departments on budget needs in the fiscal year starting July 1 will be heard by the county commissioners when they gather for their regular meeting in the courthouse at Carthage Monday. Preliminary work on making up a new county budget has begun.

## 25 To Receive Diplomas Tuesday; Other Commencement Events Set

Twenty-five members of the Class of 1955 at Southern Pines High School will receive diplomas Tuesday when graduation exercises will be conducted in Weaver Auditorium at 8:15 p. m.

Students to graduate are: Patricia Ann Blasko, Norma Ruth Bowles, Patricia Janet Woodell Campbell, Donald Taylor Cheatnam, James McLeod Holliday Collins, Jerry Dean Daeke, Wilene Catherine Davis, Kathryn Ann Dwight, Donald Ray Haney, Gilbert Carlyle Harbort, Elizabeth Anita Harriss, Martina Frances Harriss, Shirley Ann Calcutt Holder.

Also: James Harry Menzel, Betty Lou Morris, Dorothy Elizabeth Newton, Garland Frank Pierce, Paul Laurence Propst, John Robert Ramsey, Jean Charlotte Safford, William James Sessors, Jr., Emery Smith III, Anthony Gerald Spinello, Lelmore Kenneth Tew, Rodney Buell Whiting.

The school band, under direction of Lynn H. Ledden, will play the processional and recessional, as well as two other selections, during the program.

Dr. Herbert V. Carson, chairman of the division of religion and philosophy at Queen's College, Charlotte, will deliver the commencement address. He will be introduced by John M. Howarth, chairman of the school board of trustees.

The Rev. C. V. Covell, rector of Emmanuel Episcopal Church, will speak the invocation. Benediction will be pronounced by Father Peter M. Denges of St. Anthony's Catholic Church.

**Honor Graduates**  
Norma Ruth Bowles, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gurnie L. Bowles of Niagara, is the first honor graduate, or valedictorian, of the class. Patricia Janet Woodell Campbell, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Isaac A. Woodell of 145 E. Illinois Ave., is the second honor graduate, or salutatorian.

Listed as other honor graduates are Dorothy Elizabeth Newton, Wilene Catherine Davis and Elizabeth Anita Harriss, the latter two having spent two years as students in Southern Pines High School. Honor graduates must have a general average of 90 or above for each year in which they are in high school.

Marshals, who are chosen on a basis of scholarship from other high school classes, are: Bobby Cline, chief; Bill Marley, John Seymour, David McCallum, Barbara Williams, Frances Nall, Thomas Vann, Joan Howarth, Anike Verhoef, Beth Turner and Mary Louise McDonald.

The Senior Class Mothers Club will entertain seniors, juniors, alumni and faculty with a dance at the Country Club after the graduation ceremonies.

This year's commencement exercises are dedicated to the loving memory of June Alton Phillips, whose death occurred in the past year, "for his many years of devoted and unselfish service to the boys and girls of Southern Pines High School."

The alumni of the Southern Pines High School are invited to march with the graduating class. Those who wish to march are asked to meet with Miss Aline



TOP HONOR GRADS—With Weaver Auditorium, where they will receive their diplomas, in the background, the valedictorian and salutatorian of the Class of 1955 at Southern Pines High School are pictured here. At left is Norma Ruth Bowles, first honor graduate, and at right "Patti" Woodell Campbell, second honor graduate. (Photo by Humphrey

Todd by 8 p. m. Tuesday, in the school cafeteria.

### Baccalaureate Sermon

Events of the finals will begin at 8:15 p. m. Sunday in the Church of Wide Fellowship when Dr. Kenneth Goodson, superintendent of the Winston-Salem District of the Methodist Church, will deliver the commencement sermon. Dr. W. C. Timmons, pastor of the church, will deliver the invocation.

Scripture reading will be by the Rev. David Hoke Coon, pastor of the First Baptist Church. The Rev. Robert L. Bame, pastor of the Southern Pines Methodist Church will pronounce the benediction.

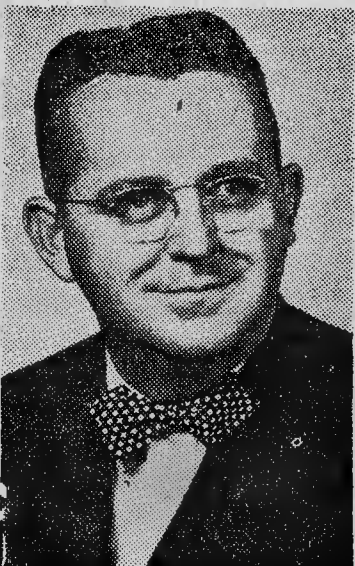
The school choir will sing two selections during the program. Mrs. L. D. McDonald will be at the organ for processional and recessional and to accompany singing of hymns.

### Class Night

Second event on the finals program will be Class Night, with "Drums of Death," a mystery play, to be presented by the Senior class Monday at 8:15 p. m. in Weaver Auditorium. There will be a small admission charge.

The cast of the play includes: Sally Michelson, Emory Smith, Rod Whiting, Dorothy Newton, Pat Blasko, Tina Harriss, Jean Safford, John Chappell, Jimmy McDonald and Elizabeth Harriss.

## Commencement Speakers



DR. KENNETH GOODSON



DR. H. V. CARSON

## Post Office Has New Panel Truck

Special delivery service will be expedited and faster parcel post delivery made possible by the recent addition of a one-half ton panel delivery truck to the vehicle fleet of the Southern Pines post office, Postmaster Garland Pierce said today.

The postmaster also pointed out that a new commemorative three-cent stamp, whose subject is the armed forces reserve, is now on sale at the post office.

## Mrs. Abraham, 96, Oldest Resident Of Town, Succumbs

Funeral services were held Tuesday afternoon at the Church of Wide Fellowship for Mrs. Grace K. Abraham, 96, who died Sunday night at Moore County Hospital, Pinehurst. She was the town's oldest resident in point of age and had made her home here since 1912.

Officiating were Dr. W. C. Timmons, pastor of the church, and the Rev. C. V. Covell, rector of Emmanuel Episcopal Church. Burial was in the family plot at the Methodist Cemetery, Damascus, Pa., today (Thursday).

Mrs. Abraham had been in the hospital for the past two weeks, following a fall. About 25 years ago, she broke her hip, but had remained active, although she used crutches.

Born at Equinunk, Pa., September 5, 1858, Mrs. Abraham was the daughter of David and Sylvia Erisack Kellam. She was educated at Prompton Academy, Prompton, Pa. On April 22, 1884, she was married to George Clymer Abraham and they lived in Pennsylvania before moving to Southern Pines.

Three of their five children survive: Mrs. Clarence M. Peck of Binghamton, N. Y.; and Mrs. Harry H. Pethick and Mrs. Norris L. Hodgkins, of Southern Pines. A daughter, Grace, died in infancy, and a son, Clinton D. Abraham, was killed in an automobile accident at Toronto, Canada, in 1920. Seven grandchildren and 16 great-grandchildren also survive.

George C. Abraham, who had a successful career in the mercantile and lumbering business before coming to Southern Pines, died at Moore County Hospital March 29, 1941, at the age of 81. He was a director of the Citizens Bank and Trust Co. from 1927 until his death and had been (Continued on Page 8)

## \$250,000 Bond Issue For Recreation Asked

### Clark Backed For State Post

Friends in the Sandhills and other parts of the State are promoting the cause of Lloyd T. Clark, local funeral director, real estate dealer and member of the town council, for appointment by Governor Hodges to the office of State Burial Commissioner.

A delegation of nine went to Raleigh Friday morning to see Governor Hodges and endorse Clark for the post.

While the Governor listened sympathetically, and himself spoke words of warm praise for the local man, he told the group that Clark's candidacy came "a little late," and another candidate, who was in the field immediately when the office was vacated, was well in the lead. The appointment is expected to be made some time this week.

The Governor told the visitors that they "could tell him little about Mr. Clark," as he had known and admired him for a good many years and knew him to be an outstanding man, well qualified for the post.

Letters in behalf of Mr. Clark have gone to the Governor from a large number of local persons, representing business and professional men and women and civic and political leaders of town and county, as well as from others throughout the State.

Visiting Governor Hodges Monday were W. Lamont Brown, chairman of the Moore County Democratic committee; W. Ward Hill, Southern Pines precinct chairman; Rep. H. Clifton Blue of Aberdeen; D. A. Blue, Jr., Brig. Gen. Pearson Menoher, W. B. Holliday, Johnnie A. Hall, J. B. Perkinson and Mrs. Valerie Nicholson.

## Burns, Spence Portraits Unveiled

With impressive ceremony, portraits of two deceased members of the Moore County Bar were unveiled on the courtroom wall at Carthage Wednesday night.

The portrait of Robert L. "Bobby" Burns, former county attorney and State Senator, who died in 1927, was unveiled by his little granddaughter, Linda Mae Burns, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Burns of Carthage.

The portrait of U. L. Spence, member of both the House and the Senate on several occasions and dean of the Moore County Bar when he died June 30, 1954, was unveiled by his 10-year-old grandson, Max Gardner, Jr., of Alexandria, Va.

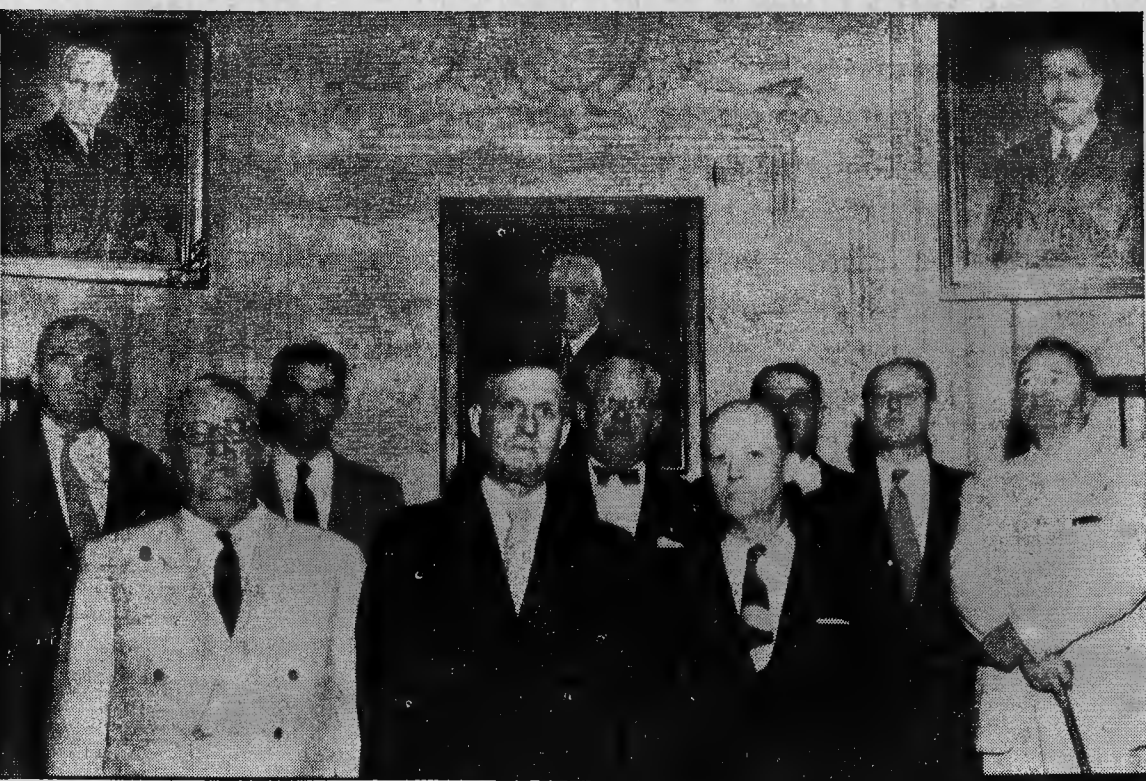
Judge Allen H. Gwyn of Reidsville, current presiding judge of the district, presided over the occasion, which was designated as a

special term of court, and J. Talbot Johnson, president of the Moore County Bar association, served as master of ceremonies.

Members of the families of both Burns and Spence, with a considerable gathering from over the county, including many who had been friends of both men, were present.

The term was opened by Sheriff McDonald in his usual manner, and the court stenographer was present to record the event in minutes which Judge Gwyn ordered to be placed on the court records as a permanent memorial.

Outstanding among the legal and judicial luminaries present was Associate Justice R. Hunt Parker of the State Supreme Court, who had driven from his (Continued on Page 8)



TAKING PART in the special term of Moore Superior Court, at which portraits of R. L. Burns and U. L. Spence were unveiled, were, from left, front row, Resident Judge F. Don Phillips, Associate Supreme Court Justice R. Hunt Parker and Presiding Judge Allen H. Gwyn; back row, members of the Moore County Bar John D. McConnell, Judge J. Vance Rowe, J. Talbot Johnson (president), W. D. Sabiston,

M. G. Boyette, H. F. Seawell, Jr. Portrait in center is that of Judge W. J. Adams, hung in a previous special ceremony September 7, 1951. Portraits of Spence (upper left) and Burns (upper right) are superimposed on the photograph. In actuality, they are hung high on the wall, far to each side out of camera range.

(Photo by V. Nicholson)