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Shoplifter Ring Believed Smashed By Moore Arrests Group Filches Goods Worth \$170 At Vass Store: All In Jail

A bold and clever ring of shoplifters-replete with aliases, slick methods and a leader boasting the colorful nickname "Black Diamond"-has been broken up with the arrest in Mocre County of three Negro men and three Negro women. All are held under heavy bonds in the jail at Carthage.

Extensive and wide-ranging in its operations, the ring had been disposing of stolen property in Durham "for months," according to Detective Captain W. E. Gates of that city's police department who came to Carthage after apprehension of the gang Saturday. Clothing believed to have been stolen by the group had been disposed of in Durham pawn shops, stripped of all identifying marks, but police there who had the gang under surveillance had before been unable to obtain proof of their illegal activities.

So familiar were Durham officers with the men and women arrested in Moore County that, from false names given here by those arrested, their true identity was established a few minutes after a call to Durham by the sheriff's department.

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Five of the six were arrested Saturday by Highway Patrolman E. A. Hight when caught red handed with \$170 worth of clothing lifted less than an hour previously from the ladies' dress shop of Mrs. Bertie Stewart at



AT ARMORY SITE-Major Gen. Claude Bowers, commanding general of North Carolina's 30th Infantry Division, is shown (center, with glasses) conferring with National Guard officers and local officials at the proposed site for the Southern Pines armory. With General Bowers, from left to right, are Major Paul Dickson, tank battalion S-3; Captain William Staton and Captain Roger Hall, of the division staff; Lt. Col. Clarence Shimer, division administrative officer, Lt. Col. William Lamont, battalion commander, General Bowers, Mayor Voit Gilmore of South-

ern Pines, Captain Willjam J. Wilson, local company commander, H. Clifton Blue, Moore County's state representative, Lt. Col. William J. Logan, Regular Army advisor, Harry H. Pethick, Southern Pines town councilman, and Major Thomas B. Lester, battalion executive officer. The occasion was a recent command inspection of the local tank company by the Division Commander. While the official report of the inspection has not yet been received, General Bowers was generous in his praise for the local company. (Photo by Hemmer)

Armory Fund Request Rejected

Hopes for a new armory for funds would certainly be consid-present, we are number two on Vass. In their car also were found the local National Guard tank ered favorably next year. the local National Guard tank company were upset by the an-announcement today the Moore County Board of Commissioners 17 men's suits later identified as taken from Belk's and possibly other Sanford stores, adding a new set of charges the gang has County Board of Commissioners naturally disappointed in their Wilson went on to say that he to face in Lee County, as well as is unable to grant the request for decision. Unfortunately, we may had no definite plan for future those for which they were arrest-local matching funds. Capt. W. J. not be in a position to get an action on the project, other than Wilson, local unit commander, armory next year. These armories to seek advice and suggestions said he had received word from are constructed according to a set from interested state and local the county commissioners that schedule throughout the state. At officials. while they were all very much interested in the proposed armory, they had been unable to find 'Operation Impact' Program Starts; the money to insure the construc-

Council Appoints 7-Member Group To Launch Promotion For College

M.C. McDonald, 43, **Instantly Killed** In Truck Accident

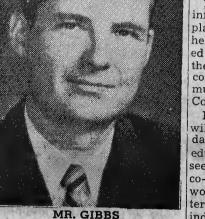
Moses Currie McDonald, Jr., 43, of West End, a leading landowner, merchant and industrialist of the Sandhills, was killed Monday morning when his truck, driven by a Negro employe, left the road and overturned about two miles from West End on the new Carthage Road.

McDonald was going to the county seat to his business, the McDonald Brothers Supply Co., with his employe, Malcolm Lewis, 31, at the wheel. Lewis told officers that an approaching car forced him from the road on the right. He swerved then to the left, and lost control of the vehicle which overturned on the left side of the road. The driver was thrown clear of the truck as it overturned and it fell on McDonald, who was Associated With believed instantly killed. Constable Oscar Bailey of West

End, one of the first persons to reach the scene of the wreck, said that he felt for McDonald's pulse and found none, when he arrived at the scene.

Bystanders lifted the truck to from beneath the vehicle. According to a widely circulated account of the wreck, the body was removed only after parts of the but this was not true.

Lewis, examined at Moore County Hospital, was found to have suffered only bruises. Charged with careless and reck-College in 1952, receiving an A.B.



Allen R. Gibbs

S. Pines Church Allen Roger Gibbs, formerly field secretary and assistant direc-

tor of admissions of Elon College, will be in charge of the choirs and allow the body to - be removed Church School of the Church of Dr. W. C. Timmons, pastor.

Mr. Gibbs will also be in active truck had been cut with a torch, charge of the church during the absence of the minister, who will

Tentative **Offer Boyd** Land Told

The town council concluded an informal conference on town planning Wednesday afternoon, held in connection with a proposed public works program, with the appointment of a "nucleus" committee to initiate the community effort in the Presbyterian College merger.

Information that the Synod will in July receive a recommendation to consolidate three institutions, and educational seek a new site for the four-year co-educational college which would result, has stirred much interest and a desire for action to induce the college to locate here. Nominations for the committee were made from lists prepared by Voit Gilmore and other councilmen, also from the floor. The list grew rather large until a suggestion of Councilman Walter E. Blue was unanimously approved that only seven persons be named at first, to form a small working group which can be expanded later as the need is seen. **Burney Chairman**

A. L. Burney was appointed Wide Fellowship, beginning July chairman, with Voit Gilmore, W. 1, it was announced this week by E. Blue, Harry K. Smyth, W. La-

MAYOR TO SPEAK

Mayor Voit Gilmore will discuss "all that is known up to date" on the Presbyterian College merger proposal in a less driving causing an accident degree and a first-class High broadcast from Radio Station School certificate as teacher in WEEB at 6 p. m. tomorrow (Friday). The mayor said tothe Fall, Mr. Gibbs will be a day that he had been receiving so many requests for information and that there is apparently so much confusion about the proposal that he been the popular baritone soloist would go on the air to discuss of the Elon College choir, appearall the facts of the situation ing throughout the Southern Conas now known. as 1 St Mrs. Gibbs was formerly Miss

Tennis Tourney Finals May Be Delayed By Rain

Thursday will be a big nightsession. weather permitting—in the

Moore County Closed Tennis

Friday night. Some of them may 000 as the local contribution to conducted along with the Moore said that contributions to the fund have to go over until Saturday, the \$100,000 project. Gordon Cameron, chairman of safety campaign. said Harry Lee Brown, Jr., tournament chairman.

Entries included 16 for men's plained that the lateness of the paign originates with the Tactisingles (including two girls), 16 request, coupled with an unusual- cal Air Command, of which the for women's singles, eight men's ly large school construction bud- Air Ground School is a unit, and doubles teams and eight mixed get already tentatively approved, has been used effectively to cut Down And Live effort this year,

Moore County Closed tourna- ficers that although it was not has not had a single automotive ment, sponsored each June since possible to appropriate any funds accident. 1949 by the Sandhill Tennis as- for armory construction this year, sociation.

As of this morning, only one expressed his enthusiasm for the finalist had emerged-Kenneth project, and felt that a request for Tew, who defeated Harry Lee Brown, Jr., 6-2, 1-6, 6-1, and will PILOT EDITOR OVERSEAS meet the winner of a match be-

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ADULT SOFTBALL LEAGUE RESULTS

June 16 Games USAFAGOS 15, Col. Furn. 3 Holliday's 22, Jokers 11

> June 21 Games Jokers 17, CP&L 5 Laymen 21, Lions 9

STANDINGS

Team USAF Air-Ground School 2 N.C. Catholic Laymen Holliday's Chicks Hill Top Jokers **Colonial Furniture** Carolina Power & Light So. Pines Lions Club

COMING GAMES Tonight, June 23 7:30-Holliday's vs USAFAGOS 9:30-Col. Furn. vs. Lions

Tuesday, June 28 7:30-USAFAGOS vs Jokers 9:30-Holliday's vs CP&L

tion of the new building. The Slow Down And Live' Funds Sought commissioners met at Carthage Wednesday in a special budget

Local National Guard officers ducted successfully by the Air of the \$2,000 voluntary fund that by the pastor, the Rev. H. L. Yan-Championships, which have been had asked for \$7,500, in accord- Ground Operations School in is being collected in Moore Coun- cey, Jr., with burial following in proceeding slowly on account of ance with the armory appropri-rain. account of ation bill enacted by the General mers, gets off to a new start to-Live traffic safety campaign.

Showers Monday, Tuesday and Assembly. After the original re-Wednesday night have delayed quest was submitted, it was found school commandant, Brigadier tired Army officer who is the the schedule but there are still that the State Armory Commis-General Daniel W. Jenkins. This Southern Pines representative on hopes that the finals can be held sion would require a total of \$10,- year's safety campaign is being the county advisory committee,

County "Slow Down and Live" may be sent to him or to Police Chief C. E. Newton. All money the county commissioners, ex- The "Operation Impact" camgoes for posters, car stickers and other publicity material to push the campaign, General Hill said. As all 48 states are in the Slow

doubles teams and chint index get under the set of the This is the seventh annual Cameron told the local Guard of- Impact" in past years the AGOS said, but it is expected here soon and the Moore County advisory committee plans to have the drive well under way before the July 4

each of the commissioners had Won 1954 Award holiday. In outlining the plan today

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Letter From The Netherlands

(Mrs. James Boyd, editor of The Pilot, recently flew to the Netherlands. Her impressions of the nation and some interesting experiences there are related in the following letter.)

there during the war and that's Holland looks just like Holland. where I went three years ago. Club Championship That's the first thing you think. And I'd hoped perhaps to see As you fly in over the flat fields, Dunkirk and the tragic beaches

the dark red-brown villages, their bays, the whole thing seeming alskyline, with, here and there, the so dangerously vulnerable. windmills lazily turning.

England in an hour and twenty

traffic accident problem." minutes. Most of it above a heavy The campaign will be worth layer of clouds so that we didn't even know when we were over the Channel. I had hoped to get dent in Moore County.

Two Carters fought it out for there are the straight canals of that coast; though, actually I the Southern Pines Country Club crossing the land in every direc- think our flight was too far golf championship, recently comtion, cutting it into squares and North for that. But we saw noth-pleted. Jack Carter beat Joe Car-And, when, later, you drive dotted with water, with the sea First flight — Chi First flight - Chick Holliday ing of the commission. down the straight roads, there are running in, in long estuaries and defeated R. N. Page, 4 and 3. Second-H. G. Crissman de-

gabled houses clustered on the most under water already. And feated Tom Grant, 4 and 2. Third-C. N. Page defeated We came in over Amsterdam. Harry Pethick, 2-up.

Holland seems at least half The town looked like one of those Fourth-Dave Ginsburg defeatwater when you fly over it. Our paper cut-out toy towns, all so ed C. Townshend, 2 and 1. Convair made the crossing from neat and trim and everything Fifth-W. P. Saunders defeat-(Continued on page 7) ed M. Johnson, 2-up.

ng in death, he was placed in Moore County jail Monday in the public schools. Beginning in default of \$500 bond.

In a hearing before Judge J. member of the faculty of the Vance Rowe in Moore County Re- Southern Pines Schools. Throughcorders Court Tuesday, no prob- out his college career, and since able cause was found on the his graduation, Mr. Gibbs has charges and Lewis was freed.

Official investigation for the accident report was made by Highway Patrolman C. G. Wimberly of vention in many church and col-Aberdeen and Coroner Ralph G. lege programs. Steed of Robbins.

Funeral services for McDonald "Operation Impact," the traffic The Southern Pines community were held Tuesday at West End safety campaign that was con- has been asked to contribute \$300 Presbyterian Church, conducted were held Tuesday at West End Allen, five, and Margie Bess, two. They will reside at 155 East Massachusetts Avenue.

He was born on the McDonald **Pastor Plans Vacation** homeplace near West End Janu-On July 2, Dr. and Mrs. Timary 20, 1912 ,the son of M. C. Mc-(Continued on page 8) Donald and Lillie Currie McDon-

ald, descendants of Scottish pio-Women's Softball neer families. He was graduated **Teams Organizing** from Jackson Springs High School and, in 1931, from Davidson College.

He and his brother, Allen, carried on the mercantile business founded at West End by their (Continued on Page 8) and Sunday, at 5:30 p.m.

Collins Takes First Round Tourney Match or more local teams.

Playing in the championship flight of the Carolinas Amateur Recalling that he had served on golf tournament at Charlotte several women's civic or club or-Wednesday, James Collins of ganizations. What the teams will ing the last four and a half years Southern Pines defeated Billy be called, when the first game of his active service in the armed Womack of Charlotte 7 and 5, in will be played and other details forces, General Hill said he is his first round matchs The win were undecided as practice began held with any of the college au-"completely sold on the Slow was the second most decisive re- this week. Down And Live campaign as a corded in the flight Wednesday.

Interested girls and women are means of approach to the terrific The 17-year-old local golfer is the asked to call Mrs. Ike Woodell, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Col- 2-4623, who is organizing the new lins. activity.

No Meeting Yet Called For 15-Man **Moore Schools Study Commission**

W. D. Sabiston, temporary Moore County Administrative chairman of a Public School Unit as they are established as Study Commission named last separate city school units.

week by the Moore County board are, in addition to Mr. Sabiston: of education to investigate the R. O. Taylor, and C. C. McCaskill, oblongs, as the hedgerows do the ing at all until we started down ter, 1-up, in an 18-hole match. problem of integration of white Carthage; W. E. Alexander, C. J. gentle English countryside and through the clouds. When we Flight winners were announced and Negro pupils in schools of the Andrews, and Huey Davis of Robthe highways do our own wide came out, there was that flat this week as follows by Roy Grin-Moore County system, said today bins; L. B. McKeithen, Cameron; that he had not yet called a meet- John McCrummen, Vass; W. E. Horne and Charles Brown, Car-The 15-man group, which in- thage, Route 3; W. S. Taylor and cludes four Negroes, will make H. L. Bryant, Aberdeen; T. Clyde recommendations as to how the Auman, West End; Herbert Bost, problem should be approached in Eagle Springs; Gurney Wilson,

Moore County. It will study only Highfalls; and L. O. Green, schools of the county system. The Steeds. white and Negro schools of the R. O. Taylor, Huey Davis,

Southern Pines and Pinehurst Charles Brown and H. L. Bryant districts are not included in the are the Negro members.

Betty Crafton, of Danville, Va., Mrs. Valerie Nicholson complelege of that city. Mr. and Mrs. Gibbs have two children, Hugh ting the group.

It was emphasized that the work of the committee would be only tentative at first, pending acceptance or rejection by the Synod of the consolidation proposal. However, the seven will serve as key persons to receive suggestions from the interested public and do preliminary work toward a presentation of the community advantages. Boyd Offer Noted

Practice sessions for women James Boyd, Jr., who was pressoftball players began this week, ent at the meeting, confirmed with the ladies scheduled to work that Mrs. James Boyd, his mother, out on the elementary school play- had made a tentative offer of a ground daily, except Saturday considerable tract of land, subject Launched as another activity in the municipal summer recreation lege. The offer has been made to program, the ladies' softball pro- Dr. Marshall Woodson, president ject looks toward setting up two of Flora Macdonald college, to be passed on to the Synod. He said Teams may be sponsored by he was not at liberty to be more specific about the offer, and stressed that it was only tentative, as no discussions have been

thorities or Synod representatives (Continued on Page 8)

LIGHTNING

Two sharp cracks of lightning scared Southern Pines citizens out of their wits and set fire to a television set in the Belvedere hotel, climaxing a brief electrical storm about 1:30 p.m. today.

The console television was in the first-floor apartment of Arthur C. Reed, hotel proprietor. It was plugged in but not turned on. After the lightning flash it spurted smoke, and the interior of the console was found to be on fire. Reed dragged it to the terrace where, when the fire truck arrived, the flames were quickly smothered in foam.

The lightning knocked Radio Station WEEB off the air for about 15 minutes.

Other damage, if any, occasioned by the bolts was not immediately known to The Pilot.

safety committees and boards dur-

side that Tom Howerton and I have often talked about. He was Jack Carter Wins

a glimpse of the Norfolk country

while, he said, if it saves only one life or prevents one crippling acci-