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## Bids Opened On By-Pass Project Total \$734,979

### Items Don't Include Paving; Five Major Structures Planned

Members of the State Highway Commission, including Eighth Division Commissioner Forrest Lockey of Aberdeen, met at Raleigh this morning to review low bids opened Tuesday on the No. 1 highway by-pass project here, as well as other highway projects over the state.

It was not possible for The Pilot to learn before it went to press whether or not bids for the local work were accepted, but there was no reason to think, prior to the meeting, that they would not be found satisfactory.

On the by-pass project bids were asked on grading and structures and moving buildings along the 5.19 miles route, about two miles of which are within the city limits.

The paving contract for the double lane parkway-type highway will be let at a later date.

Low bids opened Monday were: Grading—Dickerson, Inc., of Monroe, \$337,815.90.

Structures—Blythe Brothers Co. of Charlotte, \$389,233.90.

Moving buildings—J. K. Cecil and Son, of Lexington, \$7,930.04.

The total of these three bids is \$734,979.84.

This figure does not include the cost of paving, nor the cost of right of way acquisition. Rights of way are now being acquired, one-third of the cost of which, for the property within the city limits, is to be borne by the town. The town's bill for rights of way will be reduced by the fact that considerable property along the route is owned by the town and the rights of way on some private property has been given to the town. Exact cost of the right of way, in all and for the town, has not yet been determined.

The by-pass route, leaving No. 1 highway on the north, between Manly and Skyline, crosses Midland Road (double road to Pinehurst) near the junction of Route 10.

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## Two More Polio Cases Reported; All Cases Light

Two more young polio patients were taken from Moore County last weekend to N. C. Memorial Hospital at Chapel Hill. This brought the total of cases for the year to 10, of which nine broke out in the 12-day period from August 8 to August 20.

One of the new cases, Roy Stanley Ritter, 15-year-old son of Charles W. Ritter, is from the West End, Route 1, section, in which four children became ill in two days last week.

The other reported this week by Paul C. Butler, chairman of the Moore County polio chapter, is Charles Lester Garner, Jr., age 5, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Garner of Carthage, Route 3.

The Ritter boy's sickness began Friday and the Garner child's Saturday.

Two of the patients taken to Chapel Hill last week, taken ill on consecutive days, were sister and brother, though this did not appear on the report at the time. They were Carol Ann Black, 13, (Continued on page 8)

## BLUE KNIGHTS' 1955 SCHEDULE

The 1955 football schedule of the Southern Pines High School Blue Knights:

- Sept. 9—Maxton, here
- Sept. 16—West End, here.
- Sept. 23—Laurel Hill, there.
- Sept. 30—Red Springs, here.
- Oct. 7—Curry, here.
- Oct. 14—Aberdeen, here.
- Oct. 21—Carthage, here.
- Oct. 28—Pinehurst, there.

The October 7 contest with Curry High School of Greensboro will be the annual homecoming game. All home games will be played at night on Memorial Field. All games are on Fridays.



## VFW Honors Pony League Players With Steak Dinner

Members of Southern Pines Pony League team were feted Tuesday night with a steak dinner at Holliday's Coffee Shop by their sponsor, the John Boyd post, VFW.

Shown above are, seated, left to right, Bill Seymour, "Loosie" McDonald, Coach "Red" Smith, Post Commander Harry Klabbatz (behind candle flame), Coach Fred Hall, Jesse Williford, "Butch" Ryder, "Junior" Caddell and Kenny Holliday, bat boy; standing, same order, first row, Melva Ray Hall,

"Chuck" Weatherspoon, John Van Benschoten, Bobby Watkins and Jimmy Caldwell; back row, Johnny Ormsby and Dickie McInnis. Absent Ikey Woodell, "Woody" Woodruff and George Little.

John Van Benschoten was elected most valuable player by the team, and is shown with his prize, a handsome pen and pencil set.

Holding their "booby" prizes of balls and bats, donated by W. B. Holliday, are "Chuck" Weatherspoon, who won his for worst bunting, and Bobby Watkins, for smallest number of hits. Bobby

hit only three times but scored a home run each time.

After dinner the boys were guests of Bob Dutton at the Sunrise Theatre for the show.

The team, finishing its second season, placed second in the Moore County Pony League and contributed three members—Van Benschoten, Williford and McInnis—to the All-Star Team which reached the Eastern District playoff, when they bowed to Durham.

County teams were Aberdeen, Southern Pines, Robbins and Carthage, which finished in that order. (Photo by V. Nicholson)

## \$53,245 Sought By Girl For Injuries In Auto Accident

Damages of \$53,245 are being sought by a Pinehurst girl for injuries she states resulted from an automobile wreck of last April 10.

Ella Marie Kennedy, 18, through "next friend" Alex Kennedy because she is a minor, is suing Lloyd E. Filer, owner of the Jaguar sport coupe involved in the wreck, and George M. Ray, its driver at the time.

Miss Kennedy says that, when driving on Highway 22 near St. Joseph of the Pines Hospital, Ray was speeding at 60 miles an hour when she asked him to slow down, as the road was tricky and there were sharp curves ahead, but instead of heeding her injunction he speeded up to 90 miles an hour. On a sharp left curve he lost control of the car, which skidded from one side to the other for a total of 126 feet and overturned, throwing her out, the complaint states.

Since then, she says, she has been at Moore County hospital, N. C. Memorial hospital and confined to her bed at home, suffering from extensive internal injuries, unable to sit up and requiring constant attention; that she believes her injuries to some extent are and will be permanent; that she will be unable to work for an indefinite time in the future, and that doctors have advised her that, as a result of her injuries, she will never be able to bear children.

Miss Kennedy, a senior at Pinehurst High school last year, won the 1952 "Miss Moore County" beauty title. The defendants, in Army service stationed at Fort Bragg, are both from Oregon.

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## Frye To Succeed Isaacs At School

Thad L. Frye of Carthage was elected principal of Carthage High School Wednesday night, to succeed Lloyd S. Isaacs who has resigned to become director of professional services with the North Carolina Education Association.

Mr. Frye is a native of Carthage and a graduate of the high school there. Mr. Isaacs, who had held the principal's post four years, came to Carthage from Robbins where he had been a teacher and coach. He and his family plan to move to Raleigh soon.

## FOR FLOOD VICTIMS

### Appeal Made By Red Cross In Disaster

Garland McPherson, chairman of the Moore County Red Cross, said today that a nation wide appeal is being made for disaster victims of the Northeast flood areas.

"The Red Cross has already allocated two million dollars to the area and it is felt that an additional five to eight millions will be necessary. This information was included in messages received from E. Roland Harriman, Chairman of the National Red Cross," said Mr. McPherson.

Considerable sums have been received by the local chapter. Checks should be mailed to the office in Southern Pines.

It was explained that the large demands made upon the National Disaster Fund have reduced cash to low levels and that the special drive was absolutely necessary. "Thousands of people are be-

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## Eight Moore Men Among 356 Backers Of N. C. Patriots

Eight residents of Moore County, including a State senator and four town officials, are among the incorporators for Patriots of North Carolina, Inc., a non-stock and non-profit organization that filed its charter with Secretary of State Thad Eure at Raleigh Monday.

The Moore County signers of the charter are listed as: Robert N. Page, Jr., Aberdeen businessman.

J. Ellis Fields, Pinehurst businessman.

State Sen. J. Hawley Poole, West End farmer and peach grower.

M. B. Pleasants, Aberdeen businessman and member of the town board of commissioners.

W. E. Blue, Southern Pines businessman and member of the town council.

Dr. E. M. Medlin, Aberdeen dentist and mayor of that com-

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## County Schools To Open Sept. 1; Busses Given Safety Inspection

### Schools Here Plan To Open Wed., Sept. 7

Schools of the Moore County system will open Thursday morning of next week, September 1, Supt. H. Lee Thomas reminds parents and students.

The county schools are all those in Moore County except schools in the Southern Pines and Pinehurst districts which are organized as city school units.

The Pinehurst schools, including the Academy Heights Negro school in Taylortown, will, however, also open on Thursday of next week.

Southern Pines schools, including the Negro schools in West Southern Pines, will open Wednesday of the following week, September 7. Complete details of the local school openings will appear in The Pilot next week.

Children entering all of the schools in the first grade must have reached their sixth birthday by October 16, according to a revision of the school entrance law authorized by the State Board of Education. This means that if a child becomes six before or on October 16, he or she can enter school this year.

All Schools Segregated

All Moore County schools—in the county, in Southern Pines district and in Pinehurst district—are planning to operate on a racially segregated basis for the coming school year. The Southern Pines and Pinehurst school trustees have directed that pupils in these districts attend the same schools they did last year. The county schools will operate on a segregated basis because of crowded conditions and impossibility of receiving transfers at any of the schools, it has been previously announced. Supt. Thomas said Wednesday that no applications for transfers had been received.

Supt. Thomas said that the county's fleet of school busses, all of which have been given a safety inspection by State Highway Patrolmen, will be delivered to schools around the county on Monday. Each bus will carry on the back a "Slow Down and Live" sign distributed in connection with the nation-wide traffic safety drive in which Moore County is participating through a county-wide committee.

Principals of all schools in the county system have been asked to meet in the Carthage High School auditorium Friday at 10 a. m., Mr. Thomas said.

County schools anticipate an increased enrollment, Supt. Thomas said. All teachers' positions have been filled, he reported. School buildings are in better

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SINGLES FINALISTS—Holding their trophies, these players in last week's Sandhill Invitational tennis tournament are, left to right, Sam Daniel of Gastonia and Audrey West Brown of Southern Pines, runners-up in men's and women's singles; and the singles winners, Evelyn Cowan of Covington, Ga., with the Sandhill Championship trophy, and Bill Umstaedter of Abbeville, S. C., with the W. M. Storey Memorial trophy which he received, having won it three times. See complete story of the tournament on page 8. (Photo by V. Nicholson)

## New Four-Ball Golf Tournament For Moore County Players Gets Started

Qualifying play began Sunday, to extend through September 3, for the first annual Moore County Four-Ball golf tournament, sponsored by the Southern Pines Country Club.

Match play will begin Sunday, September 4.

The tournament is open to all Moore County residents and all members of Country Clubs in this

county, whether or not they reside in Moore, said Harry Davis of Carthage, tournament chairman.

With the Pine Needles and Pinehurst Country Clubs cooperating with the Southern Pines Country Club, letters are being sent out to members, inviting them to take part in the tournament.

Match play over the Southern Pines Country Club course is expected to last several weeks. Partners taking part in the event may be two men, two women or a man and woman.

Players may register at the Southern Pines Country Club. There is a fee of \$3 per person. Golfers having difficulty finding a partner are asked to get in touch with Roy Grinnell, pro at the club, who will make every effort to find needed partners for single players.

There will be trophy awards in all flights.

Mr. Davis said the club is sponsoring the event to promote golf throughout the county and to give Moore county golfers and members of all clubs in this county an opportunity to participate in a tournament that is strictly their own. He cited the wide interest in golf among many permanent residents of the county and those from neighboring counties who belong to Sandhills clubs.

"We plan to make the tournament an annual affair," he said, speaking for the club officials, "and we urge Moore County golfers to enter and help get it off to a good start."

"SOME LOOKS' BACK  
"Some Looks At Books," popular book review column by Miss Lockie Parker of Southern Pines, appears today in The Pilot after an absence of several weeks while Miss Parker was on vacation. The column appears in its customary spot on page 3 and will continue weekly.

LICENSE BUREAU TO  
BE CLOSED 1 WEEK

The auto license bureau at the Chamber of Commerce office in the Southland Hotel will be closed for one week beginning Monday, August 29, and will reopen at 9 a. m. Tuesday, September 6.

All persons wishing to purchase license plates during this period can obtain them at license bureaus in Raeford, Rockingham or Sanford, said Miss Alice Baxter, Chamber of Commerce secretary who operates the license bureau for the Carolina Motor Club.



COURTROOM SCENE—Willie Junior Smith of Pinehurst (far right) stands to hear his sentence from Judge Susie Sharp in Moore Superior Court last week. He was sentenced to 18 months and two years on the roads for shooting his alleged girl friend, Queen Esther Hardy, of West Southern Pines, and Sgt. Glenn S. Wilson, a Fort Bragg paratrooper. At the hospital where he took the wounded girl, Smith was himself shot by Officer H. V. Chandler, Jr., of Southern Pines, who acted in self-defense. For his trial Smith was brought in from the roads

where he is already serving six months for the assault on the policeman. Seated in courtroom, left to right, are: Chief C. E. Newton and Sgt. Chandler of the Southern Pines police department; District Solicitor M. G. Boyette of Carthage; Sergeant Wilson; Defense Attorney H. F. Seawell, Jr. of Carthage (standing), and the defendant. The photo, made with film that does not require use of flash bulbs, was taken from outside the courtroom without the knowledge of the judge or of any of the persons shown.