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## CRASH CLAIMS TWO LIVES

### Speedometer On Death Car Stuck At 95 Miles Per Hour, Patrolman Says

One of Moore county's worst highway tragedies occurred near Robbins about noon Sunday when a car and pickup truck collided at a rural road intersection, causing injuries which proved fatal to two persons and left three young brothers in serious condition. The State Highway Patrol said the speedometer of the sedan was found jammed at 95 miles per hour.

June L. Callicut, 44, a farmer of Robbins, Route 2, died en route or soon after arrival at Montgomery Memorial Hospital at Troy, where all the injured were taken. He was a passenger in his car, a 1955 Chevrolet two-door sedan, which was being driven by his son Kenneth, 17, at the time of the crash.

Tuesday morning Walter "Tex" Graham, 17, driver of the Chevrolet pickup, died at the Montgomery hospital. He was also of Robbins Route 2.

At first termed "critically hurt," Kenneth Callicut and his little brother, Lloyd, aged four, were reported today off the critical list, though still at the hospital. Harold Callicut, 11, was still believed in critical condition at Bowman Gray Hospital, Winston-Salem, where he was rushed Sunday afternoon.

The two younger Callicut boys were in the back seat of the sedan. All were said to have received severe facial lacerations, with many other injuries.

"Terrific Speed" Indicated  
Cpl. M. S. Parvin, who investigated the wreck, assisted by State Highway Patrolman E. G. Shomaker, said the condition of the vehicles indicated that there had been "terrific speed." The speedometer of the sedan was wedged at 95 miles per hour so tightly he could not dislodge the needle with his pencil.

No eye witnesses could be found and neither driver could be questioned. Condition of the vehicles was such it could not be immediately determined what had happened. However, said Corporal Parvin, it was found that Graham had been driving along a dirt road which came out at the intersection with the rural paved road, leading from Star to NC 705 about eight miles northwest of Robbins. There were no brake marks whatsoever, indicating that neither driver saw the other until the vehicle struck.

The first performance will be at 4 p. m., Sunday, December 18, in the Church of Wide Fellowship; the second at 8 p. m., Wednesday, December 21, in Brownson Memorial Presbyterian Church. Both are open to the public, free of charge.

Represented in the chorus will be the choirs of Brownson Memorial, Church of Wide Fellowship, Emmanuel Episcopal Church, the First Baptist Church and the Southern Pines Methodist Church. Soloists will be announced.

Rehearsals are now going on, under direction of Mrs. Norris L. Hodgkins, Jr., and Roger Gibbs. Organists are Mrs. Wilbur Currie and Mrs. L. D. McDonald.

Today's announcement noted that it is hoped the presentation of Christmas music by combined choirs will become an annual event.

## Year-Old Child Fatally Burned

Larry Lucas, son of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Lucas, of Southern Pines, died Saturday at St. Joseph of the Pines Hospital of burns suffered at his home the day before.

The little boy, who had celebrated his first birthday Thursday, pulled over an electric percolator by grasping the wire cord. The scalding liquid spilled over the greater portion of his body.

Gravestone services were held Monday at 3 p. m. at Mt. Hope Cemetery, conducted by Dr. W. C. Timmons, pastor of the Church of Wide Fellowship.

Surviving besides his parents are two brothers, Preston and David Albert, and one sister, Brenda, of the home; his maternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Cheatham of Southern Pines; and his paternal grandmother, Mrs. Rittie Lucas of Aberdeen, Route 1.

## SAUNDERS TO BE SWORN IN DEC. 15

W. P. Saunders of Southern Pines will be sworn in as director of the North Carolina Department of Conservation and Development at 10 a. m. Thursday of next week, December 15, at Raleigh. He was appointed to the post recently by Gov. Luther M. Hodges.

William H. Bobbitt, associate justice of the State Supreme Court and a classmate of Mr. Saunders at the University of North Carolina, will administer the oath to the local man, in the Governor's office.

The ceremony is open to the public and friends of Mr. Saunders are invited to attend.



MOST VALUABLE—Johnny Watkins, left, of the Blue Knights, receives from Harry Klabbatz, commander of John Boyd Post, VFW, the James Milliken memorial trophy given each year by the post to the "most valuable" player on the Southern Pines High School football team. (Photo by Humphrey)

## AT ELKS DINNER

### Johnny Watkins Wins Top Award; Players Honored

The 1955 football season—which brought them a second successive state six-man football championship—was climaxed for the Blue Knights of Southern Pines School when they were entertained by the Elks at the Southern Pines Country Club Saturday evening.

Attending the traditional annual banquet session, in addition to squad members, were Coaches Irie Leonard and W. A. Leonard, assistant cheerleaders, members of the host lodge and friends and admirers of the team. C. N. Page was chairman of the banquet committee for the Elks.

Highlights of the program were the awards—topped by the James Milliken memorial award given annually by John Boyd Post, Veterans of Foreign Wars, and going (Continued on page 8)

## Pine Needles To Stage New Senior Tourney In April

A new golf tournament for the Sandhills, promising to become a major event of the season, was announced this week by Mr. and Mrs. Warren E. Bell, owners of the Pine Needles Golf Course and Country Club.

Plans are being made, they revealed, for the first annual Pine Needles Senior Invitational tournament, with the tentative dates set April 26-29. It will be a 54-hole medal play event, with a two-ball tournament slated for the opening day.

Invitations will be sent to all eligible senior golfers over the nation, but the field will be limited to 120 players, it was stated.

Details will be announced as the time of the tournament approaches.

## PTA CHRISTMAS PROGRAM DEC. 15

A Christmas program, with all music departments of the schools represented, will be given at the regular meeting of the Southern Pines Parent-Teacher Association to be held in Weaver Auditorium at 8 p. m. Thursday, December 15. Leaders for the program will be Mrs. Norris Hodgkins, Jr., and Roger Gibbs.

## Basketball Gets Started; Teams To Play Here Friday

The Southern Pines High School girls and Blue Knights will play their first home and conference basketball games at the local gym Friday night, facing visitors from Carthage.

In non-conference openers for the season Tuesday night against Rohanen High School at Rockingham, the Southern Pines teams both won—the girls, 55-33, and the boys, 71-44. Anike Verhoef, with 19 points, and Patti Britt, with 18, were top scorers for the girls. Johnny Watkins, 24, and Roger Verhoef, 16, led the scoring for the Blue Knights. Defensive stand-outs for Southern Pines girls were Betty Jo Britt and Jacques Davenport, and for the boys, Watkins, Verhoef, (Continued on page 8)

## PHONE HEARING

Public hearing on application of the United Telephone Company of the Carolinas to put into effect "extended area" or toll-free service between Southern Pines and Pinehurst and Southern Pines and Aberdeen will be held at 2:30 p. m. Monday in the hearing room of the N. C. Utilities Commission at Raleigh. The hearing includes consideration of proposed rate increases made necessary by the change, ranging from 50 cents to \$2.25 per month in Southern Pines.

## Hospitality Arranged For College Inspection; County Leaders Named

The Moore County College committee this week completed its list of community chairmen, extending to full countywide proportions the current campaign to secure the new Presbyterian college.

Several of the chairmen were named a few weeks ago, and some have already inaugurated their community drives.

With a full list now of 19 representatives, liaison will be set up with the endowment fund committee in Southern Pines, headquarters of the drive, and each will be given information and assistance in setting up his or her own organization.

The list was announced today as follows by A. L. Burney, countywide College Committee chairman:

Aberdeen, H. Clifton Blue; Addor, Mrs. Henry Addor; Pinebluff, E. H. Mills; Southern Pines, James Boyd, Jr.; Manly, L. F. Garvin; Niagara, Walter C. Morgan; Lakeview, J. E. Causey; Vass, Aubrey C. Keith; Cameron, Leighton B. McKeithen; Eureka, T. H. Lingerfeldt; Carthage, C. J. McDonald; Eastwood, J. W. Sheffield; Pinehurst, Albert S. Tufts; West End, J. Hawley Poole; Jackson Springs, Edgar Graham; Eagle Springs, Howard R. Harrison; Glendon, Miss Alma Edwards; Highfalls, Harold F. Rickman; Robbins, W. P. Schumacher.

In Southern Pines, a canvass of business and residential districts is under way, with some 65 men and women as volunteer workers. Reports are to be made at a meeting of the endowment fund committee next Monday.

## Surratt Named To New Hospital Post

Thomas M. Surratt, a native of Salisbury who is now living in Southern Pines, has been named credit manager for Moore County Hospital, Thomas R. Howerton, administrator of the hospital, announced this week.

Mr. Surratt will assist in all office work at the hospital, the administrator said, with emphasis on credit and collections. He was business manager of Pinebluff Sanitarium in the years 1951-53 and for the past two years has been assistant administrator of the Chatham Hospital, Siler City.

His wife is the former Ann Parker, daughter of Mrs. R. N. Parker of S. Ashe St. The Surratts have two small children.

## COUNCIL TO MEET

Public hearing on a proposed business area zoning ordinance, including the area along the new by-pass right of way and other areas in town, will be held by the town council when it gathers for its regular session at 8 p. m. Tuesday in town hall. Also under discussion will be a report suggesting various changes in parking regulations. Persons directly affected have been invited to attend.



DR. JOHN MCSWEEN

## Retired Pastor To Speak At Ladies Night of Kiwanis

The Rev. Dr. John McSween, retired Presbyterian clergyman and educator, of Clinton, S. C., will be the speaker at the annual Ladies Night meeting of the Sandhills Kiwanis Club, to be held at the Mid Pines Club Friday night of next week.

Dr. McSween made such a spiritual, entertaining and humorous talk before the club at one of its regular meetings during the past year that he was invited to return for the one gathering of the year when wives and feminine guests are included. At this meeting also, the Sandhills Builders Club is awarded each year to an outstanding citizen of the community.

A graduate of Davidson College (Continued on page 8)

## Moore To Receive \$240,830 In Funds

Moore County will receive \$240,830.73 in State funds for school construction, it was announced this week.

The amount represents the county's share in a \$25 million State school bond issue which was divided according to a complicated formula worked out by the State Board of Education.

Amounts for Southern Pines and Pinehurst city school units, on a per pupil basis, are included in the overall figure for Moore County, but these amounts have not yet been announced.

## Local Congregation Approves \$10,000 Annual Gift If College Locates Here

The congregation of Brownson Memorial Presbyterian church in a business session Sunday, following the morning service, authorized its officers to offer \$10,000 per year as continuing income for the new Presbyterian college, should the decision be made by the trustees to locate it in Southern Pines.

The church has already budgeted a \$3,000 initial gift for the college, to be made in 1956, regardless of location. The \$10,000 annual income would not start until 1957.

The officers have not yet met to act on the authorization, and until they do, the offer remains tentative.

The resolution came from the

Southern Pines and the Sandhills, bidding strongly for the new consolidated Presbyterian college, will have their first inspection as a potential site next Thursday, with the visit of a five-man committee of the college board of trustees.

Local hospitality and a tour of Southern Pines, Aberdeen and Pinehurst are being arranged by a local committee headed by Amos C. Dawson, superintendent of schools.

Expected to join the trustee committee here, on an unofficial visit, are W. H. Neal of Winston-Salem and Halbert Jones of Laurinburg, chairman and vice-chairman respectively of the board of trustees.

The visitors have been invited to come the day before, play golf if they desire at the Mid Pines Club, and to be guests for dinner and to spend the night at Mid Pines. It is anticipated that several, if not all, will accept this invitation.

They will attend the Wednesday evening service at Brownson Memorial Presbyterian church, where Dr. Roy E. Watts, pastor of the First Presbyterian church in High Point, chairman of the visiting committee, has been asked to deliver the sermon.

The official program will start at 10 a. m. Thursday with a briefing meeting at the Hollywood hotel. Each guest will be provided with a packet containing the local campaign brochure, maps and other material containing the "basic information" they have already requested.

They will then visit the Weymouth Woods, a large acreage which is being offered as a campus site by the Boyd family. After a thorough inspection of the site, they will return to the Hollywood for lunch.

Other members of the Moore County College Committee, in addition to those on the reception group, will join them for lunch and the ensuing events.

A bus will be provided for the afternoon tour, which will start with a trip to Knollwood Airport and a flight over Moore County by chartered plane.

On the bus the group will then tour the Sandhills, picking up Chairman H. Clifton Blue at Aberdeen, and Chairman Albert S. Tufts at Pinehurst.

Business and residential areas of all three towns, also schools, recreational facilities, hotels, hospitals, historic landmarks and other places and points of interest will be fully covered on the tour. At the same time the local report (Continued on page 8)



FATHER AND SON PAIRS IN ELKS—Initiation of three young men, among others, into the Southern Pines Elks lodge last Thursday night brought to seven the father and son pairs who are members of the lodge. All seven of the pairs are pictured here, illustrating a situation that is believed to be a record for the local lodge and perhaps for other lodges of comparable size.

At the rear of the group stands Lawrence J. Ryder, exalted ruler of the lodge. Ranged on the steps of the Country Club ballroom, each son in front of his father, are, left to right: W. S. Bushby and Ned Bushby; Joe Montesanti, Sr. and Joe, Jr.; W. A.

Lewis and Bill Lewis; James Besley, Sr., and James, Jr.; Dr. L. M. Daniels and L. M., Jr.; C. N. Page and Andy; and G. D. Kimbrell and Dale Kimbrell.

Dale Kimbrell, James Besley, Jr., and Andrew Page are the three sons initiated last week. Others in the initiation class who were taken into the lodge at that time are J. D. Fleming and Peter Bauer of Pinehurst, Gustaf Lundin of Laurinburg and, from Southern Pines: Frank Roberts, E. H. Hines, Jr., Nathaniel Stewart, Ira D. Buck, Dr. J. Watson Smith and John Hunnemann. (Photo by Humphrey)

## Commissioners Name E. T. McKeithen Moore Historian, R. E. Wicker Assistant

Edwin T. McKeithen of Aberdeen was formally designated Moore County historian by resolution of the county commissioners at their regular session in Carthage Monday.

The resolution names R. E. Wicker of Pinehurst as assistant county historian and directs that Clerk of Court C. C. Kennedy provide in his vault a book in which matters the historians deem worthy of preservation can be recorded free of charge.

Neither of the appointments

carries any monetary compensation.

The commissioners voted unanimously on the resolution after J. Talbot Johnson of Aberdeen suggested that such action be taken, in view of the rich historical background of the county and the need for many items of county history to be preserved "before it is too late."

The county has had no officially designated historian since the death of Mr. Johnson's father, J. McN. Johnson, in 1930, the Aberdeen man pointed out.