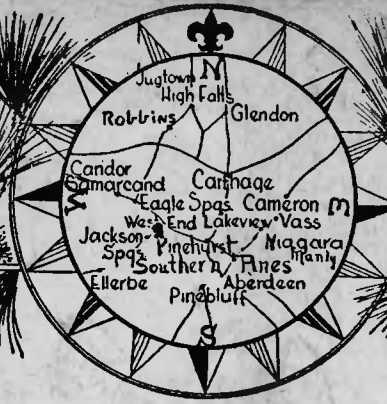


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PRICE TEN CENTS



FOR THE NEEDY—All records for local Christmas cheer giving were broken last week when 115 baskets of food and other gifts were distributed in the Southern Pines area, the gifts going to families certified as needy by the county welfare department. Coordinated by the John Boyd Post, Veterans of Foreign Wars, the cheer program received help in money and food items from many local organizations and individuals, including the active assistance of Alexander Graham VFW post in West Southern Pines. VFW committee members are pictured here with a few of the baskets at the Straka Building where they were packed for delivery. Gifts included four bicycles, 14 tricycles and seven children's wagons. Fred Hall, Jr., headed the committee in charge. (Photo V. Nicholson)

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General Holiday To Be Observed Here Next Monday

Most stores and offices in Southern Pines and this area are expected to close for a holiday Monday, January 2, since New Year's Day falls on Sunday.

The Citizens Bank and Trust Company here and other banks of the county will be closed. The post office will follow a regular holiday schedule—no city delivery, windows closed all day, mail distributed to boxes and outgoing mail dispatched as usual.

The town office will be closed Monday, said City Manager Tom E. Cunningham, and there will be no garbage collection. An attempt will be made to collect from all businesses and residences on Tuesday.

The courthouse in Carthage will close at noon, Saturday, and reopen Tuesday morning. Regular meeting of the board of county commissioners and the regular session of Moore County Recorder's Court will be held Tuesday.

The Southern Pines Library will be closed Monday.

Schools Open Tuesday

Christmas holidays for students in the schools of East and West Southern Pines will end when they return to a regular schedule Tuesday morning.

Tax Listing To Begin Next Week In 9 Townships Of Moore County

List Takers Appointed By County Board

Listing of real and personal property for 1956 county and town taxes will begin throughout Moore County next week, to continue through the month of January.

Mrs. Estelle T. Wicker, county tax supervisor, has announced the nine township tax list takers who were appointed by the county commissioners. By townships, they are:

McNeill—Mrs. Irene F. Mullinix, Vass.
Sandhill — Mrs. Adelaide Schnell, Pinebluff.
Mineral Springs—Mrs. David H. Wilson, West End.
Carthage—Mrs. R. W. Pleasants, Carthage.
Greenwood—J. A. Shaw, Camron.
Sheffield—Mrs. L. B. Bowman, Robbins.

Deep River—J. M. Campbell, Star Route, Carthage.
Bensalem—Mrs. Nina C. Monroe, Route 1, Biscoe.
Ritter—Miss Alice Ritter, Carthage, Route 1.

Cards announcing locations at which the list takers may be seen at various times have been posted in public places throughout the county. Most of Southern Pines is in McNeill township, but a small portion of the town and the Country Club, Pinedene and other areas on the south are in Sandhill township.

Mrs. Mullinix, listing for McNeill township, will be at the town hall here January 9-13 and January 16-20. Her full schedule is listed elsewhere in today's paper, as is the schedule of Mrs. Schnell for Sandhill township.



AT ELKS PARTY—These five "elves"—something new this year at the annual Elks Christmas party for children held last Wednesday—were credited with much of the success of the biggest and best of the parties held yet—attended by some 450 youngsters and many adults from Southern Pines and this area. Santa Claus (John E. Cline) was, of course, the center of attention. The elves are, left to right, Philip Guin, Robert Rader, David Prim, Carole Anne Prim and Bobby Madigan. Their costumes were made by Mrs. James W. Prim, Jr., mother of David and Carole Anne. Santa entered the Country Club, where the party was held, with the elves dancing around him. The elves guided children around the party, helped them feel at home and took turns taking youngsters in a back room where "Night Before Christmas" slides were shown. They helped give out fruit, balloons, hot chocolate and cookies. (Photo by Humphrey)

Mayors, Officials To Discuss Plans For No. 1 Highway

State Highway officials and the mayors of all towns and cities on No. 1 highway in North Carolina have been invited to meet in Southern Pines January 18 to discuss long-range plans for making No. 1 a first class modern highway throughout the state.

Expected are A. H. Graham, chairman of the State Highway and Public Works Commission; Forrest Lockett of Aberdeen, Eighth Division highway commissioner; and Donnie A. Sorrell, Fifth Division highway commissioner. The luncheon meeting is planned for the Mid Pines Club. Plans for the meeting took shape in view of the fact that the entire length of No. 1 highway in North Carolina lies within the fifth and eighth divisions, offering an opportunity for coordinated planning on a scale not possible before realignment of highway divisions created the present situation.

The proposal was brought before the town council in November by Mayor Voit Gilmore and (Continued on Page 8)

Public Invited To Watch Night Service

The Watch Night Service at the Church of Wide Fellowship will be held from 11:30 p.m. to 12 midnight, Saturday, with a brief devotional service conducted by the minister, Dr. W. C. Timmons. The public is invited.

Preceding the service in the sanctuary, various recreational and social activities will be conducted in the Fellowship Hall. Young people, especially, will be welcomed to these activities, beginning at 9 p.m., Dr. Timmons said.

Deane To Leave For Washington

Congressman C. B. Deane will return to Washington from Rockingham on January 2, for the second session of the 84th Congress which will convene on January 3.

Mr. Deane's office address will remain the same, Room 209, Old House Office Building, the telephone number being National 8-3120, Extension 626. After office hours, he can be reached at his apartment in the Methodist Building across the street from the Capitol. His apartment telephone is Lincoln 7-1487.

'High Power' Saved Man, 71, Burned When Night Fire Destroys Home

Carson McLaughlin, 71, well-known blacksmith of the Sandhills, was injured in a fire that destroyed his home Tuesday night.

Taken to St. Joseph's Hospital, McLaughlin was treated for third degree burns and shock. His condition was reported yesterday to be good.

The McLaughlin fire, one of the most destructive of the year, broke out on one of the coldest nights of the old year, too. Sounding off at twelve minutes before midnight, the siren sent fire trucks racing down West New Hampshire Avenue to the corner of Saylor Street, by the new by-laws. (Continued on Page 8)

Used Tire Tool

Whitaker told the law enforcement officers who arrested Ashburn—he was apprehended with his girl near Olivia—that Ashburn had agreed to drive him to Mt. Airy where Whitaker had a sister. But Ashburn told him he would have to stop at Horseshoe Bridge in Deep River to meet someone. After he pulled off the road, Ashburn reached for a tire tool and began beating Whitaker. He later robbed him of a gold watch and \$250 and pushed him off a steep bank into the frigid river waters. Ashburn has admitted he did this. Whitaker told a Sanford Herald reporter, Luther Carter, this story of what happened after Ashburn stopped at the bridge: "He hit me several times in the car. I got out and he came out (Continued on Page 10)

New Parking Law To Take Effect

Effective Monday, parking on the west side of Bennett St., between New York and Connecticut Aves., will be prohibited at all times.

The action was taken at the town council in the December meeting, on recommendation of City Manager Tom E. Cunningham and Police Chief C. E. New-ton.

St. Anthony's PTA Sets Meeting Jan. 5

On January 5 at 8 p.m., at St. Anthony's School auditorium, there will be a meeting of all parents interested in St. Anthony's Parent Teacher Association.

A nominating committee will submit a slate of permanent officers. Election and installation of officers will take place. A social period will follow the business meeting.



HAPPY TWINS—Marie Hurst (right) with her new limbs, "the best Christmas present of all," and Barbara, who is just as proud and happy as her sister, are pictured at their home on Christmas day. The eight-year-old girls are daughters of Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Hurst. Community interest was first turned on the twins last March when—led by the Elks Lodge—civic, fraternal and veterans' organizations, together with five church groups, staged a chicken supper that, with other contributions, netted over \$1,000 to help with the costs of Marie's long hospitalization for a rare disease that resulted in the loss of both feet. The twins received a special welcome last week at the Elks Christmas party for children, which has been publicized for years by a photo of them with "Santa" John E. Cline, taken at one of the Elks Christmas events when they were toddlers. (Photo by V. Nicholson)

DECISION TO LEAVE REVERSED

License Bureau To Operate Here

The Chamber of Commerce will conduct the sale of new state motor vehicles licenses for 1956, as in the past.

The new plates will go on sale Tuesday morning at the Chamber of Commerce in the Southland Hotel. Sales will be 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., except Wednesday and Saturdays, when the closing will be at 12 noon.

It was announced last week that no sale would be held here at this time, as Miss Alice Baxter, the only person available trained to handle the sale, was leaving to go to another position. However, through cooperation of Miss Baxter and her new employer, T. T. Hayes, architect, she will remain at her post for the six weeks' rush sale preceding the deadline, February 15.

She will be assisted, starting Thursday, by Mrs. S. D. (Bannie) Robes, who will stay on as the (Continued on page 8)

Mrs. Fobes Named New Secretary At Chamber Office

Chamber of Commerce members who have not marked their ballots, and returned them to the Chamber office, are reminded that they should be mailed by this weekend.

The ballots for election of eight new directors were mailed to all members last week. They will be tallied by the board in regular (Continued on Page 8)

Booklet Marks 50th Anniversary Of Local Bank

"Fifty Years of Banking Service" is the name of a booklet mailed this week to some 2,500 customers of the Citizens Bank and Trust Co., also numerous other friends of the bank and the town.

It marks the conclusion of the 50th anniversary year of the local banking institution, reviewing its growth during the "first half century."

Chartered by special act in 1905, the bank started with 35 subscribers and \$10,000 worth of stock. Now its latest report shows resources of more than \$4,000,000.

Articles in the book show this same steady growth reflected in the growth of the town and the county. It is illustrated with photographs of Southern Pines, old and new, also of the entire staff of the bank.

The booklet was prepared under supervision of N. L. Hodgkins, who came to the bank as cashier in 1935, and has been president since 1940.

THE HAPPIEST CHRISTMAS EVER

Twins Together For Holidays

It was the happiest Christmas ever for Marie and Barbara Hurst, aged eight and a half. At their pretty home at 360 East New Jersey avenue, the twin daughters of Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Hurst played joyfully with their toys—dolls, tea sets, shiny little kitchen utensils and all sorts of games—while their three little brothers frolicked about.

Every now and then one or the other of the little girls would scramble to her feet in the lively fashion of children the world over—and unless you looked very closely, you could hardly have told there was any difference.

A Big Difference
For Marie, there was a big difference. Her feet weren't the ones she was born with. They were new, artificial, carefully hand-made—rushed through by a sympathetic manufacturer so she could be walking by Christmas. They came two weeks early, and—determined to walk on Christmas Day—the little girl, who lost her feet months ago because of a rare disease, practiced hard, and she succeeded.

Her moment of triumph came early Christmas morning, when, at St. Anthony's Catholic church, she walked up onto the altar, head bowed in prayer, and received from Father Peter Denges the blessed water of her First Holy Communion.

She was steadied by her father on one side, her mother on the other. Even so, she was a little shaky—as much from excitement and happiness as because of the new feet. As she turned with radiant face, to walk back down the aisle, friends all over the church saw the little white-veiled figure through a sudden mist of tears.

Goes To School
Her twin, Barbara, received her First Holy Communion last May. At that time Marie was still at N. C. Memorial Hospital at Chapel Hill, fighting for her life. (Continued on page 10)

MAYOR SPEAKS TO SOUTHERN PINES

Happy New Year To All!

Let's make 1956 the "Year of Good Feelings!" Our town is at its best when everyone is pulling together on worthwhile projects. Right off, we have the Presbyterian College challenge, with an excellent chance to be chosen in March as the site for this class-A four-year, coeducational school.

The "mess" of clearing right-of-way for the U.S. One by-pass will be behind us in 1956 and this impressive new limited-access thruway will move well along toward completion. The town administration is watching carefully to take advantage of every opportunity to beautify the new route, and the highway department promises full cooperation to make this a model road, well engineered and well landscaped.

The renewed program to be "good neighbors" to USAFAGOS begun in 1955 will continue in 1956. We appreciate the wonderful personnel attached to the school and will continue in every way possible to prove our appreciation of their being in Southern Pines.

Our hospitality likewise will go to the fine new group of Amerotron families who came to Southern Pines in 1955, and to others yet to come. Their presence adds greatly to our community and we welcome them warmly.

As always, Southern Pines attracted other newcomers during 1955 and all the town wishes to make them welcome. There is a tradition that our new citizens immediately start taking active roles in community life. There is a place for every one.

We can be thankful that 1955 saw a strengthening of religious life, including the start of the new Methodist church, and a minimum of crime and disasters. The new Catholic school and enlargements to the public schools advanced our desires for improved education.

Sometimes we are so close to our blessings that we lose sight of them. Recently the Presbyterian trustees, inspecting Southern Pines as a possible college site, reminded us that we are one of the prettiest, most charming, most friendly towns to be found. That will continue to be true during 1956. It will be a good year to appreciate all we have, to be even more neighborly and to enjoy a year full of good feelings.

VOIT GILMORE, Mayor.