

Parishes Unite In Campaign For Convent, School

Members of the Catholic parishes of St. Anthony's, Southern Pines, and Sacred Heart, Pinehurst, are uniting this week in a debt retirement campaign which was initiated with a dinner at the Pine Needles Country Club Tuesday night.

David A. Drexel of Southern Pines is general chairman for the campaign, which has as its goal the retirement of \$75,000 of the debt on the new parochial school and convent, with pledges to be paid off within the next three years.

Total debt on the buildings is \$205,000. The campaign is aimed not only at reduction of the principal but of interest now standing at \$7,255 per year.

About 130 members of the two parishes attended the dinner. Speakers included Chairman Drexel; Mrs. Curtis Townshend, who spoke on history and development of the parishes; John F. Hunnemann, on their needs; Allen Peters of Pinehurst, on meeting the needs; Stephen Van Camp, on the making and meeting of the pledges; Father Peter M. Denges and Father John Brown.

Canvass This Week

Canvassers, who will see the parishioners this week, are headed by Stephen Van Camp, teams committee chairman. They include C. H. Bowman, Dr. Raymond Daugherty, Ralph Gacom, J. F. Hunnemann, Col. Arthur Lambert, Joe Montesanti, Philip Nardo and Allen Peters.

Mr. Peters was chairman in charge of arrangements for the dinner, and Mrs. Curtis Townshend headed the hostesses, each of whom headed a table and procured the attendance of a group of guests. The hostesses were Mrs. J. G. de Berry, Mrs. Awilda Mann, Mrs. F. L. Owens, Miss Dwyer, Mrs. Ralph Gacom, Mrs. Voit Gilmore, Mrs. J. F. Hunnemann, Mrs. Francis L. Owens, Miss Barbara Poole, Mrs. J. V. Rowe, Mrs. W. J. Wilson, Mrs. Stephen Van Camp.

50 Persons Will Attend Girl Scout Conference Here

The Regional Camping Conference of Girl Scouts of U. S. A. for North Carolina, South Carolina and Georgia will be held Monday and Tuesday at the Southern Pines Country Club.

The Central Carolina Girl Scout Council, composed of the counties of Lee, Moore, Harnett and Chatham will be serving as the hostess council. Staff for the two day event will be members of the National Staff from the Regional office in Atlanta, Ga. Headquarters for the conference will be the Southland Hotel in Southern Pines.

Around 50 people from the three-state area are expected to attend the conference.

Committees in charge of arrangements for the conference are composed of Mrs. Audrey Kennedy, Southern Pines, council president; Mrs. Grady Johnson, Lillington, first vice-president; Mrs. Sam Schwartz, Sanford, secretary; Mrs. C. J. Harrington, Sanford, treasurer; Mrs. J. M. Caddell, Sanford, staff and office chairman; Mrs. M. S. Whitted, Jr., Sanford, public relations chairman; Mrs. George Leonard, Southern Pines, chairman; Mrs. W. P. Davis, membership nominating chairman; and Mrs. Mildred Merrill, Southern Pines, publicity chairman.

An informal coffee hour will be held at the Country Club closing the first day's session honoring the visitors to this Council.

Venezuelan Air Force Officer At Air-Ground School

Lt. Col. Antonio J. Mendoza of the Venezuelan Air Force is attending the USAF Air Ground Operations School specialist course. He has been in the United States since July, 1955, and has previously attended the Air Command and Staff College at Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala.

Lieutenant Colonel Mendoza has visited the United States previously as a member of the Venezuelan general staff, by official invitation. He said that he is grateful for the opportunity to return for the training available to foreign officers. He feels that the quality of the courses and hospitality accorded are a great asset to the improvement of relations between peoples of different origin and nations, in world affairs.

Defendant Appeals Sentence To Roads For Speeding Over 110 Miles Per Hour

Race From Officers Extended 15 Miles Into Scotland Co.

For speeding over 110 miles per hour during a chase by two State Highway patrolmen, Everett (Billy) Linens, 26, of Siler City, was sentenced to four months on the roads in Moore County Recorders Court at Carthage Monday.

Although he had pleaded guilty to the charge, the defendant appealed the judge's verdict to Superior Court and bond was set at \$750. The judge provided for no suspended sentence on payment of a fine, stating that he would like to fine Linens \$1,000, in view of the evidence presented by the patrolmen. The actual sentence was six months on the roads, reduced to four by Judge Rowe in view of the defendant's humble attitude in court.

This attitude, patrolmen told reporters, contrasted with his cocky assertion at the time of his arrest that his 1952 Oldsmobile sedan, fitted with "headers" and twin exhausts, could do 130 miles per hour and that, if the motor hadn't been missing, he would have outrun the officers. Patrolmen E. A. Samuels and C. G. Wimberly.

Patrolman Samuels said that during the chase his patrol car registered 117 miles per hour and quoted Linens as saying his car had hit 118. The charge, however, was speeding "in excess of 110."

Linens, a married man with two children, was accompanied during the chase Wednesday night of last week, by another young man and a 16-year-old girl, officers said.

Patrolman Samuels described the chase as follows: The two officers, each in his patrol car, noticed Linens came through Aberdeen at high speed on Highway 15-501 and chased him some 15 miles into Scotland County on the highway to Laurinburg.

At this point Linens pulled off the road suddenly stopping so quickly that Patrolman Samuels, leading the chase some distance ahead of Patrolman Wimberly whose car had developed motor trouble, shot by him.

Linens, however, had to back once, to get the long auto turned around in the highway, while the patrolman swung his shorter vehicle around in one turn and pulled up with his car in front of the Oldsmobile. Then Linens slammed his automobile into the side of the patrol car, head on, doing damage estimated at \$113 to the patrol vehicle and smashing one headlight and doing other minor damage to the Oldsmobile.

Patrolman Wimberly, who was in radio communication with Patrolman Samuels, arrived at the scene soon and Linens was taken before a magistrate in Aberdeen, making \$500 bond.

A hair-raising aspect of the incident was related by Patrolman Samuels who said that not long before the chase ended he heard a slapping sound that made him think the fender apron was coming off his car. As he was turning around at the end of the chase, a front tire blew out. Examination of the tire later showed that it had become so hot at the terrific speed that the rubber had come loose from the fabric and most of it had been thrown off. It was the rubber that had caused the noise the patrolman heard.

Other cases heard Monday, listing defendant, charge and disposition of case, are:

Junior Ritter, West End, careless and reckless driving on school grounds, \$35 and costs; Thomas Julian Manegs, Robbins, speeding 76, State accepts plea of guilty of speeding 75, \$35 and costs, driver's license to be suspended; John Francis Boggs, Vass, speeding 85, 60 days or \$85 and costs, driver's license to be suspended; Malcolm David McCollum, Jr., Southern Pines, careless and reckless driving, accident, \$25 and costs; Thomas Benton Bolton, Carthage, speeding, driving without lights at night, no valid registration card, 60 days or \$50 and costs; Virgil Ray Brown, Southern Pines, speeding 86, 60 days or \$90 and costs, driver's license to be suspended; Frances Underwood Hill, Carthage, Route 2, allowing unlicensed person to operate motor vehicle, judgment continued on payment of costs on condition that she doesn't allow boy to drive until he obtains license; Donald D. Walter, Southern Pines, speeding 66, \$10 and costs; Richard R. Seawell, Fort Bragg, careless and reckless driving, accident with personal injury, possession of tax-paid liquor with seal broken, judgment continued on payment of \$35 fine and costs (sheriff ordered to destroy one-half pint of vodka).

Lemuel Markus Johnson, Aberdeen, route, drunken driving, careless and reckless driving, accident with property damage and injury, possession of illicit whiskey, three months or \$100 and costs and pay medical expenses of those hurt who were riding with defendant—because of defendant's

health, term on roads was changed to 30 days in jail to work in and around the jail; Alfred Montgomery Lightner, Pope AFB, driving without operator's license (required to wear glasses when driving), judgment continued on payment of costs and on condition that he comply in the future with terms and conditions of his license; Evans Alex McRae, Aberdeen, speeding 65, improper muffler, \$25, to included costs; Willie McLean, Aberdeen, breaking and entering residence in night time, with intent to commit felony, assault with deadly weapon, defendant pleaded not guilty, probable cause found on burglary charge, bound to Superior Court for trial bond set at \$2,500; Frank Dorich Coore, Lakeview, drunken driving, careless and reckless driving, pleaded not guilty but offered plea, which was accepted by the State, of guilty of public drunkenness and careless and reckless driving, \$25 and costs.

Ruth Boggs Woodell, Aberdeen, careless and reckless driving, \$25 and costs; Billy Maples, Aberdeen, driving without operator's license, careless and reckless driving, pleaded guilty of former charge, not guilty of latter, found guilty of aiding and abetting in careless and reckless driving, \$25 and costs; Nezzo Buddy Worthy, Pinehurst, possession of whiskey for sale, pleaded guilty to possession but not for sale (Ezekiel Ross, Pinehurst, in companion case, pleaded guilty to aiding and abetting in possession of whiskey for sale and transporting illicit whiskey), both found guilty as charged on all counts, three months on roads for each, suspended for two years on payment of \$50 fine each and costs and on condition they not violate prohibition laws for two years; Myrtle Cole, Aberdeen, possession of illicit whiskey for sale, pleaded not guilty, found guilty, three months in jail or \$25 and costs and not violate prohibition laws in next two years; Crafton Thomas Dawkins, Candor, Route 2, speeding 50 in 35-mile zone, \$5 and costs.

Jesse Willard, Robbins, assault with deadly weapon (iron poker), pleaded not guilty, found guilty of simple assault—Howard Sheffield, Carthage, Route 1, in companion case, was charged with trespass, using vile and profane language in public place and assault with deadly weapon (butt of rifle), pleaded not guilty. Sheffield found guilty of assault and battery, judgment continued for both defendants on payment of the costs, one-third by Willard and two-thirds by Sheffield, and on condition of good behavior toward each other for the next 12 months; Walton L. Sheppard, Norman, drunken driving, trespass, pleaded not guilty, found not guilty of drunken driving, guilty of trespass, judgment continued on payment of costs—Sheppard, in another case, charged with abandoning and failing to support wife and children, carrying concealed weapon and assault, pleaded not guilty, found guilty on all counts, six months on roads or \$50 and costs and pay to the clerk of court \$15 per week for support of wife and children, until further order of the court.

Mary McCrimmon, Aberdeen, possession of illicit whiskey for sale, pleaded not guilty, found guilty of aiding and abetting her daughter, Lucile, in possession of illicit whiskey, 30 days in jail or pay one-third costs—jointly charged in this case was Elbert Williams, Aberdeen, possession of whiskey for sale, pleaded not guilty, found guilty of aiding and abetting Lucile Williams in possession of whiskey—Lucile Williams, Aberdeen, also charged with possession of whiskey for sale, pleaded guilty—each sentenced to 30 days (man on roads, woman in jail) or pay \$25 fine each and two-thirds of the costs; Pvt. Daniel Compean, Fort Bragg, careless and reckless driving, accident with property damage and serious personal injury, found guilty of exceeding safe driving speed around a curve, causing accident and serious property damage and injury, three months on roads, suspended on payment of costs and payment of hospital bills of two injured persons who were riding in other auto; Jack Walker, Jr., Fort Bragg, driving without operator's license and with improper muffler, \$10 and costs; James William Furr, Vass, drunken driving, pleaded not guilty, found guilty, 60 days or \$100 and costs, driver's license to be revoked for 12 months, appeal to Superior Court entered, bond set at \$200.

OPEN FORUM

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schools; George H. Leonard, Jr., local businessman, and possibly others.

There will be no formal panel discussion, and comments from visitors will be encouraged.

The League itself has taken no stand on the bond issues and its members, says the announcement of the forum, will be there to gain information and make up their own minds.

The meeting will open with a 15-minute motion picture, "Ticket To Freedom," narrated by Edwin R. Murrow, which presents a four-point program of effective citizenship.

COLLEGE

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rious Moore County communities:

	Amt.	No. Con.
Aberdeen	\$ 30,670	49
Addor	1,100	13
Cameron	no report	
Candor	1,380	10
Carthage	8,080	28
Eagle Springs	1,525	18
Eastwood	no report	
Fireka	no report	
Glendon	380	5
Highfalls	3,100	9
Jackson Springs	1,885	25
Lakeview	3,805	12
Manly	no report	
Niagara	2,310	16
Parkwood	3,000	2
Pinebluff	no report	
Pinehurst	42,005	23
Robbins	7,198	101
Roseland	no report	
Southern Pines	222,052	284
Vass	2,300	6
West End	2,375	8
County at large	10,000	1
Total	\$342,165	610

GARDENS

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tiiculturist who has assisted his brother in the winter season for the past 10 years, will also work with Clarendon Gardens, as will the entire staff of Holly Tree Nurseries. Mr. Howe's announcement stated. Mr. and Mrs. Jules Morell have an apartment in Southern Pines.

"The combination of these two organizations will make one of the largest companies in this business in North Carolina," Mr. Howe said. "The same high quality work will be maintained and the complete field of plant materials and landscaping service will be covered."

The facilities of Clarendon Gardens and Nursery now comprise a total of 30 acres of landscape material. Mr. Howe said, with all related equipment to conduct a complete landscaping and garden service. The acreage of scenic landscaping at the Gardens site off Linden Road, out of Pinehurst, surrounds a five-acre lake and features the slogan, "America's Hollywood."

Mr. Morell, who has been active in the Sandhills for the past 30 years, said that it is his ambition to enlarge the famous Holly Arboretum at Clarendon Gardens and to otherwise develop the Gardens. The Holly Arboretum was established by Mr. Howe at Mr. Morell's suggestion about eight years ago. He is recognized as an authority on broad-leaved evergreens.

During his 50 years as a horticulturist, Mr. Morell, who was born in Germany, has worked in his native land, in England, in other European nations, in Egypt, and at various places in the United States.

He came to Southern Pines first to supervise landscaping at the Highland Pines Inn, returning as a permanent seasonal resident some years later. Mr. and Mrs. Morell spend their summers at Peace Dale, R. I.

Mr. Morell graduated from a college of horticulture in Germany and gained practical experience in nurseries there and in England where he was with the famous Kew Gardens for about five years, studying and working with experts. He spent three years in Egypt and was one of the men associated with landscaping the gardens of the famous Mena House, a hotel near the Pyramids, which later was the headquarters for several international conferences.

In this country he conducted a nursery and landscaping service at Harrisburg, Pa., and later joined the Bobbink and Atkins Nurseries at Rutherford, N. J.

After coming to the Sandhills, Mr. Morell supervised the landscaping of many of the largest and handsomest estates in this area, as well as many other properties. Through the years, he has continued to supervise landscape work at numerous estates.

He has introduced to this area many new species of plants. He was the first to introduce the Japanese holly. He keeps in touch with gardens and seedsmen and has done experimental work with seeds in cooperation with the U. S. government. He has a fine collection of color photographs of botanical subjects and his photos, as well as articles on horticulture, have appeared in professional publications.

"I am a plantsman above all else," he said recently. "It is my hobby to introduce plants. Many failed, but many also survived."

Over the years Mr. Morell has done much volunteer work for the town of Southern Pines and has always been interested in beautifying the town. He helped super-

vice the planting that now screens the railroad tracks that run through the business section. With the late Alfred Yeomans, he mapped out a tree-planting scheme for the entire town, certain kinds of trees on certain streets, but the plan was never adopted and followed. He has been responsible, however, for much effective planting in town and for years has been consulted by town officials as to the care and cutting of trees on town property. He is currently cooperating with the Southern Pines Garden Club on a landscaping plan around the new high school.

Organizations of which Mr. Morell is a member include the Holly Society of America, the Camellia Society of America, the Massachusetts Horticultural Society, the North Carolina Association of Nurserymen and the Society of Southern Nurserymen.

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again be one of the nation's best. "Once we have the roads, the tourists will come," he said. "It is an axiom of this business that, when these facilities are provided, they are used."

He was presented by Mayor Gilmore as "one of the great North Carolinians of all time, a leader for many years in the fight for better highways, now heading a highway building program of a scope to stagger the imagination."

To Chairman Graham, Commissioners Lockey and Sorrell and Director Saunders he made the first presentations of a special Southern Pines honor and appropriate local version of the "keys to the city." Each received a golf club with suitable inscription on the head.

John L. Ponzer, iKwanis president, conducted the luncheon meeting.

DOES THE TOWN

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lend itself to other public uses.

All this would probably be under one roof or in adjoining or grouped buildings. The site, council recognizes, should be centrally located and should provide adequate off-street parking.

To judge from talk about the proposal at town hall, the council would favor a one-story building, or at least one in which all offices patronized by the public would be easily accessible on the ground floor. It would be the problem of the architect to get all that the council would like to put in this municipal center arranged in the most economical and efficient manner.

Extreme Contrast

The contrast between what is envisioned in these proposals and what the town has now in the way of municipal offices, safeguarding of records and police and fire department facilities is extreme; in fact, some of the proposed facilities—ones regarded as essential in any community the size of Southern Pines—are altogether lacking.

Notable among such lacks is a jail. It costs the town about \$1,000 per year, the city manager estimates, for Southern Pines to take arrested persons to the Carthage jail—not to mention removing on these almost nightly and daily trips a police car and two officers from the town for an hour or more at a time. At night, especially, such absences of officers and equipment are a threat to public safety.

A vault for town records is another essential whose present lack gives town officials the jitters when they think about the matter.

Maps of the water, sewer and street systems, engineering drawings and other records reposing in files at the half-century-old private residence that has, with the greatest inefficiency and difficulty, been pressed into service as town hall and police station, could not be replaced for the \$100,000 in the proposed bond issue, it is estimated. And many other records are continuously subjected to a fire hazard that few owners of a private business would tolerate.

A Long List

To a reporter inspecting facilities in the administrative, police and fire departments, the list of existing dangers, difficulties and inefficiencies is interminable.

The town hall is fantastically expensive to maintain. The furnace burns more than 30 gallons of fuel oil daily in the winter, but its occupants are not always comfortable on cold days. It needs painting; chimneys and porches need repairs; some offices are bigger than needed, some are too small; much of the floor space is unused and practically unusable; there are no public toilets and grossly inadequate employee toilet facilities; lighting is bad. And so on.

The police station is on the second floor—up winding steep stairs that have the officers and the public puffing daily, having already negotiated the steps up

to the high front porch. There is no adequate space for interrogation, storage or communications facilities in the police department.

The fire station on New Hampshire Ave. is too small for the equipment now housed in it and provides no space for proper storage of hose and ladders, no meeting or training place for firemen, and even lacks parking facilities for volunteers who rush to the station to ride the truck at the time of an alarm. Two pieces of equipment are stored in a wooden shed at the rear, including a pumper which must be drained of water to prevent damage in freezing weather.

The fire station needs repairs. The piping in it must soon be replaced. The building, located on a grade, off a one-way street, is poorly located to serve its purpose, firemen say.

If the fire station were combined with the proposed town hall and police station facilities, there would be marked economies in heating, lighting, telephone service and administration—to such an extent that the savings, believes the city manager, would go a long way in paying for it. The present fire station location if sold and privately owned, would go back on the tax books at a valuation of at least \$15,000, bringing in some \$250 per year to both the town and county in taxes.

So pressing are the needs at the present town hall location that, if bonds for a new municipal building are not approved, a considerable sum of money will have to be spent to make it even passably serviceable. Yet it seems inevitable that this money will be a great extent wasted as the old dwelling can't for very long even pretend to serve the needs of a growing town. As with all the bond proposals, growth of the town, in the recent past and expected in the next 15 or 20 years, is a basic reason for the work that proposed funds would do.

The matter of the town's pride in its public buildings is a potent argument for approval of this particular bond proposal, in the minds of some citizens. Any town that prides itself on the impression it makes on the public—especially a resort town—should present to the public at its town hall a less ravaged face than is possible with the old remodeled home now in use, they believe.

With such adequate public buildings as the library, post office, schools and auditorium, it is poor policy, they say, to inflict such an inefficient and unsightly building as the town hall on visitors, not to mention ourselves.

COMMITTEES

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James Hartshorne; publicity, Mrs. Valerie Nicholson; community welfare, W. B. (Chick) Holliday; and community progress, John C. Ostrom.

Each chairman is requested to appoint his own committee associates from the general membership, Mr. King said.

Mr. King's statement follows: "With a feeling of humility and appreciation, I thank the members of the Southern Pines Chamber of Commerce for the privilege of serving as president for the year 1956."

"The committees and their chairmen, we can be confident, will be a great force in the advancement of the Chamber this year."

"Two new committees have been created. The Community Welfare Committee is expected to concern itself with matters relative to parking, zoning, traffic and similar items as they influence commerce and trade."

"The new Community Progress Committee is visualized as a liaison between the commercial life of the community and youth, as represented by Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, PTA, the proposed college and similar activities."

"The Chamber of Commerce cannot be an expanding, potent factor in the business life of the area without the active support of all business interests. Therefore, it solicits and welcomes the immediate renewal of annual memberships of previous members and the addition of new members who have not been an active part of this effort in the past. As the Chamber grows and expands its influence, the small dues are an unusually small investment for the steadily increasing advantages of an active Chamber of Commerce in Southern Pines."

"The Chamber now has several active contacts in process aimed at providing increased permanent payrolls for this area. That will increase trade."

"We are actively associated with the US Highway 1 Association and other efforts to promote Southern Pines. Last summer we succeeded in bringing the Horseshoe Caravan here for an outstanding convention and community enterprise. The 2nd Annual Golf Caravan drew great interest to our town and it will be run again this year. All these activi-

ties increase trade.

"Over 20,000 pamphlets have been printed for nationwide distribution to bring people here. We sold 2,000 license plates in two weeks alone. All this activity requires capital, so we look forward to another year of increasing membership and even greater advancements."

MARK J. KING

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speech by King thanking him for his service of the past year and noting its accomplishments.

Jerry V. Healy, retiring treasurer, reported that the audit of 1955 books has not been completed, so he could not present an official annual report. However, the unofficial figures showed that the Chamber started its new fiscal year with a balance of \$507.22. Payment of bills and salaries had left a current balance of \$347.35.

He said the Chamber operated at a deficit last year, and came out with the nice balance only because it had started the year 1955 with one somewhat larger. The 1955 income totaled \$5,794.90, while expenses were \$5,935.90.

Mr. Healy reported on the formation of the new North Carolina Travel Council, which he attended Monday at Raleigh as representative of the Chamber. Others in the Southern Pines delegation were Mayor Gilmore, Mrs. Mattie Belle Holtzclaw and Mrs. Frank Cosgrove.

He and Mrs. Holtzclaw both expressed the view that the Travel Council will fill a great need in fusing the efforts of Chambers of Commerce and similar organizations with those of private industry and tourist-related businesses all over the State, for promotion of tourist travel in North Carolina and improvement of recreational and tourist facilities.

WOODS FIRE

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fire away from their campsites. A group of Southern Pines Explorers, older boys aiding the adult leaders in the simulated search for survivors of a crashed airplane, also was camped in the area but they managed to save their equipment.

The camping area was near Cagle's Lake, off the road that runs from Pinebluff to the old sandpit where it intersects with Highway 15-501-211. The fire burned a relatively narrow swath from the campsite southeast to this road, driven by a strong breeze out of the northwest.

Breaking out about 12:30 p.m., soon after the exercise started and most of the boys had left the campsite to search for "survivors," the fire was brought under control by 3:30 p.m. Leaders, troop committee members and all the Scouts helped fight the fire.

Members of Troop 73 of Southern Pines and David Drexel of Southern Pines, camping and activities chairman for Moore District, who planned the exercise in cooperation with the Civil Air Patrol, stayed in the area until all dark to guard against a recurrence of the fire and bury in sand a slab pile that had been burning.

The exercise had been planned as one of the most elaborate that Scouts of this district had ever had. For the purpose Mr. Drexel had procured the use of a small plane, a PT-19, which was placed at an angle, standing on its nose, in woods back of the old Chapin peach orchards now owned by Earl Auman. At noon a gun went off and smoke bombs placed near the plane started pouring forth smoke as a Civil Air Patrol plane circled the area.

This was the signal for the approximately 60 Scouts of a half-dozen units, with a dozen adult leaders, who were camping in the woods, to fan out all over search areas which had been previously designated on maps. Some were to follow the smoke signals to the simulated wreck, others to set up communications and others to search for "bodies" or survivors (dummies previously placed at strategic points). Rescue work was to be performed.

Brig. Gen. Pearson Menoher of Southern Pines, Moore District Scout chairman, was at the simulated plane crash to observe the maneuver and was waiting there for Scouts to find the plane, when the fire was discovered. It was General Menoher—who drove out of the area in his jeep over rough terrain—who summoned the Forest Service personnel, when informed of the fire by Mr. Drexel, using the nearest telephone on the highway.

Mr. Drexel, also driving over the maneuver area in a jeep, had discovered the blaze in the camping area and relayed the appeal for the Forest Service to General Menoher.

The Pinehurst Fire Department sent a small truck to aid the Scouts and Forest Service. Aberdeen and Pinebluff volunteer firemen were alerted and were standing by ready to go to the area.

Forest Warden Wicker said that the fire could have been a very dangerous blaze, had it jumped the road from the sandpit to Pinebluff and swept east from there toward Aberdeen.