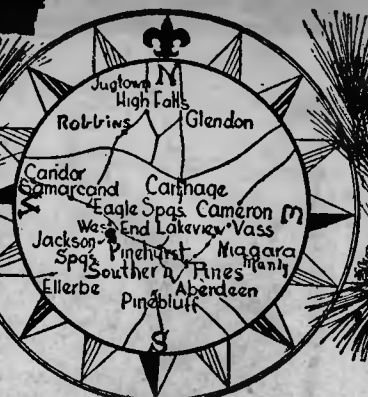


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## Local Man Takes Own Life In Jail After Being Booked On Murder Charge

### Edward York, Marjorie McCrimmon Principals In Tragedy Last Week

Edward York, 65, sexton of Emmanuel Episcopal Church in Southern Pines, hanged himself in the Moore County jail some time early Friday morning after being booked for the murder of Marjorie McCrimmon, cook in a Southern Pines home.

## March 26-31 Proclaimed As Clean-Up Week

Next week, March 26-31, will be clean-up week in Southern Pines, sponsored by two garden clubs, with the cooperation of the town sanitary department and state highway officials. The program is emphasized in view of the annual Homes and Garden Tour to be held April 12, bringing hundreds of visitors to town.

Proclaimed today by Mayor Voit Gilmore (see proclamation elsewhere in this newspaper), the week enlists the assistance of all citizens in beautification of the town by cleaning and improving yards, gardens and parkways, removing unsightly and objectionable debris, cleaning vacant lots and painting and repairing and otherwise improving the appearance of private property.

Cooperating clubs are the Southern Pines Garden Club of which Mrs. R. E. Rhodes is president, and the Civic Garden Club of which Mrs. Frank Hale is president.

## Mercury Drops To 26 Wednesday; Peach Crop Safe

Freezing weather for five straight days has failed to cause any appreciable damage to the Sandhills peach crop, peach growers have reported.

Peach growers said that because of the heavy blooming the crop could stand a hard freeze now better than it could later when the blooms drop off and the tiny peaches begin to take shape.

Temperatures recorded in Southern Pines this week have been just past the freezing point for five days. Last night, Wednesday, it reached 35 in Southern Pines, but was lower in the rural areas, though probably not much lower.

Low readings for the Southern Pines station, located at radio station WEBB, from last Saturday through Wednesday night are: Saturday, 32; Sunday, 30; Monday, 31; Tuesday, 30; Wednesday, 26.

## DEANE OPPOSED FOR CONGRESS

### Primary Filing Deadline Three Weeks Away, But No County Candidates Yet

With just three weeks left before the filing deadline April 14, no candidates for county offices have paid filing fees, according to Sam C. Riddle, chairman of the board of elections.

There has been some talk that the present Board of Commissioners will seek re-election, but board members would not comment themselves when asked about the rumors Monday. Most observers believe the five members of the board—Chairman Gordon M. Cameron, James M. Pleasants, John M. Currie, Tom R. Monroe, and L. R. Reynolds—will seek re-election.

Other candidates to be nominated include those for board of education, judge of Recorder's Court, solicitor of Recorder's Court, surveyor, coroner, and representative to the General Assembly.

his belt over a plumbing pipe in his cell and slid or jumped off a sink. His death was attributed to strangulation.

He had been booked for murder by Deputy Sheriff A. F. Dees and had been placed in jail about 2 a. m.

**Different Versions**  
The events leading up to the fatal shooting some time Thursday night, which apparently happened at Oakland Park, a Negro recreation area near Lakeview, will probably never be known. York gave several versions to police officers.

According to Officer Leslie Horne of the Southern Pines Police department, York said he took Marjorie to St. Joseph of the Pines Hospital a little after 11 p. m. Thursday night. He and Robert T. Yonts, also a member of the Southern Pines Police Department, questioned York a few minutes and were at first told by the elderly Negro that he had found her body. Five minutes later, he confessed the shooting, adding that he felt if he hadn't shot her, she would have shot him. He said the shooting probably occurred between 10 and 10:30 p. m. Thursday night following an argument over a loan.

**Made Loans**  
York told officers he had made a series of loans to the woman, who was in her 30's, and that she owed him in excess of \$100.

The loans, he said, had been made to help the woman add an extension to her house. She had signed IOUs for some of them. (Continued on page 8)

## Mrs. Avery, County Librarian, Resigns Effective April 30

Mrs. Dorothy H. Avery, who has been librarian of the Moore County Library for the past 12 years, has resigned effective April 30, it was announced today by W. Stuart Evans, chairman of the library board.

Mrs. Avery will accept a new position as librarian of the Canton Public Library about the middle of May.

Reasons given by Mrs. Avery for her resignation from the county post and acceptance of a position as town librarian include several factors.

Though a town library position is in a lower ranking category than that of county library service, Mrs. Avery stated that there were, in this case, many advantageous factors, not least of which is the substantial raise in salary.

Bookmobile service, and with many fewer books to handle, Mrs. Avery will receive considerably more than the present \$2,700 paid by Moore County.

From her desk in the crowded office of the local building, Mrs. Avery spoke warmly of her work in Moore County and also of the new opportunities that awaited her.

"The Canton Library building is brand new," she said, "and one of the most modern and efficiently designed. The building was built (Continued on page 21)



**CUP PRESENTED**—A visitor from Virginia, Mrs. G. P. Greenhalgh, Jr., (second from left), receives from donors Mr. and Mrs. Dwight W. Winkelman of Southern Pines the Sandhills Cup trophy in the featured race of the Stoneybrook meeting which was won by her Dancing Beacon. Mr. Greenhalgh (left) looks on with interest. In center is Rider Mel Ferral who guided Dancing Beacon to the surprise victory. (Photo by Humphrey)

## Dancing Beacon Stages Upset In Hunt Race Meet

Like the mocking bird that sang loudly between races, near the finish line of the Stoneybrook track Saturday, a crowd of several thousand hunt racing fans forgot a March wind's unseasonal chill as they watched this annual Southern Pines event run off in the relaxed steeplechasing tradition under a brilliant sun.

There were thrills aplenty in the eight-race, four-hour program. The featured Sandhills Cup event—a tough two and one-quarter miles over timber—provided one of the best races and biggest thrills when Dancing Beacon, owned by Mrs. G. P. Greenhalgh, Jr., of Boyce, Va., overtook and passed the favored Erin's Cottage and the strongly bidding Repose to win by three lengths.

Jockey Carlyle Cameron was trying for a sixth consecutive win with Erin's Cottage and had her as much as 10 lengths ahead at the sixth fence, but ended up with third and last place. Mel Ferral rode the winner which was trained by W. B. Cocks. Pat Smithwick piloted Repose, recently sold by Mrs. M. G. Walsh of Southern Pines to Mrs. Russell M. Arundel of Warrenton, Va. (Continued on page 21)

## Court of Honor Scheduled Monday

Moore District Boy Scouts will hold a court of honor Monday at the courthouse in Carthage, starting at 7:30 p. m. Various awards and advancements are scheduled.

Several Moore County lawyers have been invited to present the awards. Among those expected are M. G. Boyette, J. Vance Rowe, Jr., E. O. Brogden, Jr., Fay Neville and Lamont Brown.

Explorer Post 936 of Carthage will conduct the opening and closing ceremonies.

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**Recalls Biggest Job**  
"I've been in the bridge building business 34 years. Back in 1937 I was a foreman on the

## Work Starting At Site of Colonial's New Supermarket

### Plans For Building Call For Latest In Modern Construction

Work has begun at the site of a large new Colonial Supermarket to be built at the corner of East Broad Street and Connecticut Avenue.

A. C. Edens, vice-president of Colonial Stores, said this week that the new store will be of an entirely new design developed by Colonial in association with one of the nation's leading store designers, and will be "ultra-modern" throughout. Opening of the new store is expected "some time in the late summer," Mr. Edens said.

The new store will contain approximately 12,000 square feet of space, with many new innovations and parking space for about 125 cars, it was stated.

Mr. Edens, in commenting on the new store, said that it is the culmination of months of intensive planning and research.

"We believe that this new store will serve a real need, and we are incorporating in it every new advancement in modern supermarket development. We are keeping pace with the growth of Southern Pines, and we sincerely believe that this new store will be a distinct credit to Colonial and to the town."

Other facts revealed about the proposed building are:  
The store will be completely air-conditioned, with the latest advance-design fixtures in roomy, well-lighted interiors. The meat department will be completely self-service, as well as other departments. Speedy belt-conveyor check-outs will be used.

Foods will be scientifically arranged. (Continued on page 8)

## Heart Fund Drive To End April 1

Mrs. E. Nolley Jackson of Southern Pines, chairman of the 1956 Moore County Heart Fund drive, said today that the current campaign would close April 1.

She urged people who have not contributed to do so at their earliest convenience. She said checks should be sent to Mrs. Garland McPherson in Southern Pines.

To date \$1,947 has been raised. (Continued on page 20)

## \$100,000 Armory Be Built This Year For National Guard

### Clearing Work Underway

According to information received this week from the Adjutant General, construction of the Southern Pines National Guard Armory should start early this summer.

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The Federal government bears 75 per cent of the cost of armory construction. The remaining 25 per cent is split into 15 per cent from the state and 10 per cent from the county.

The county commissioners have tentatively approved an appropriation of about \$10,000 in the 1956-'57 budget for armory construction.

Appearing before the town council last week, National Guard officers asked for a town appropriation of \$2,500 to help buy equipment for the building and \$300 annual appropriation for maintenance purposes. The council authorized City Manager Tom E. Cunningham to place these items tentatively in his budget for the fiscal year starting July 1.

Details of financing cannot be worked out until contracts are let and the exact share to be paid by the county is known.

First step in setting up the project will be a visit by an engineer from the Adjutant General's Department, who will lay out a plot plan to be forwarded to the National Guard Bureau in Washington for approval. As soon as the approved plans are returned by the Bureau, State authorities will proceed to advertise for bids. General Manning estimated a time necessary to complete the preliminary steps through the letting of bids—which would take about three and a half months—setting the date for starting construction (Continued on page 8)

## Famed Chorale To Sing Friday At Auditorium Here

A varied program, including works by Palestrina, Mozart, Brahms and Gershwin, will be sung Friday night by the Roger Wagner Chorale at Weaver Auditorium, in a concert sponsored by the Sandhills Music Association.

Starting at 8:30 p. m., the famed choral group—consisting of 24 voices, evenly divided between men and women, and their Paris-born director—will combine its talents with the duo-pianists Melvin Stecher and Norman Horowitz.

The chorale is on its first nationwide tour, although it is in its tenth year. It originated as a city-sponsored group known as the Los Angeles Concert Chorale and has made many professional appearances. It was invited to take part in the Coronation Festivities program in London and sang in the Royal Festival Hall there, making also several other appearances in Europe.

The son of an organist-composer, Mr. Wagner studied organ and served in the French Army in World War 2. Since 1945, he has been a naturalized American citizen.

Folk songs, excerpts from "Porgy and Bess" by Gershwin, excerpts from Mozart's Idomeneo, (Continued on page 20)

## Newton Elected President of Moore Officers' Group

Chief of Police Charles E. Newton of Southern Pines was elected president of the Moore County Law Enforcement Officers Association at a meeting held in Carthage Monday night.

Chief Newton, who has been with the Southern Pines police force since 1931, succeeds C. J. McDonald, sheriff of the county. The meeting marked the end of the first year of the association.

Cpl. M. S. Parvin of the State Highway Patrol was elected vice-president. Re-elected were Coroner Ralph G. Steed of Robbins, secretary, and Bob Yates, chief of the Aberdeen police force, treasurer.

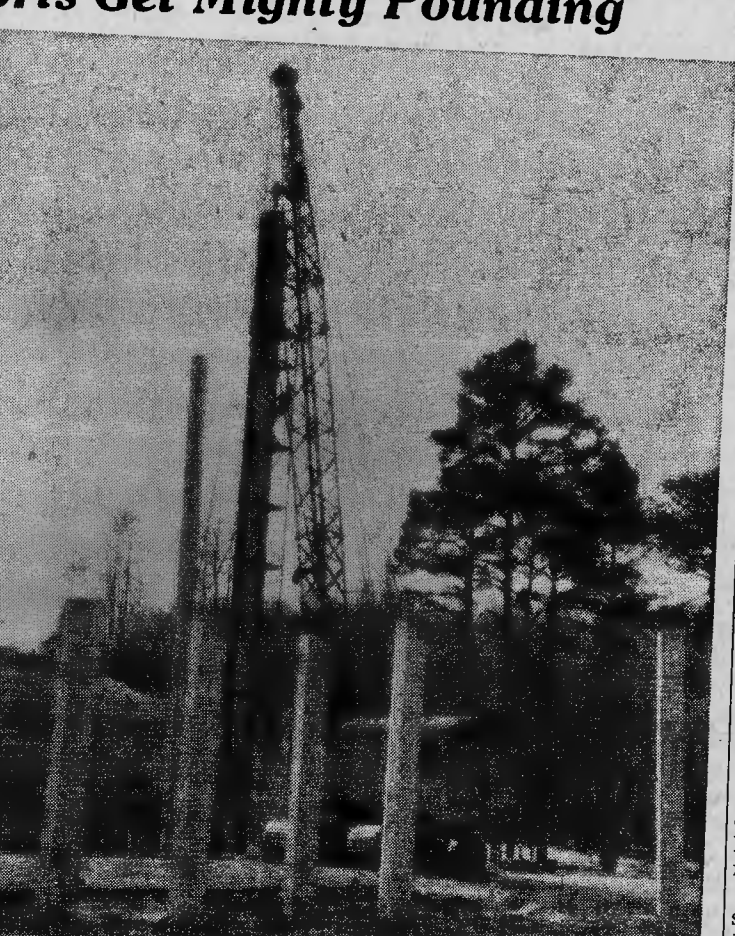
SBI Agent J. A. Lowdermilk was elected to fill a vacancy on the board of directors caused by the resignation of Cpl. Parvin.

Other directors, all of whom were re-elected, are ABC Officer John Sharpe of West End, and E. R. Kerns, Carthage police chief. As outgoing president, Sheriff McDonald becomes an ex-officio member of the board.

Sheriff McDonald, who has been sheriff of Moore County since 1926, thanked all the members for their cooperation during the past year, and noted that all law agencies in the county were a closely knit group.

Chief Newton, who was made head of the Southern Pines police force in 1940, is well known in law enforcement work throughout the state. The association gave him a unanimous vote for the new office.

The meeting was held at the Carthage American Legion hut. Chicken stew and coffee, prepared by Deputy Sheriff A. F. Dees and Cpl. Parvin, was served.



**NINE-TON STEAM HAMMER USED**  
**Bridge Supports Get Mighty Pounding**

For the benefit of "sidewalk superintendents" who haven't found the time, or a parking place, to watch the new bridge under construction on Midland Road, or, as it actually will be, over Midland Road, The Pilot recently sought a progress report and any other information that might be pertinent.

The bridge will carry the dual-lane No. 1 highway thru-way or "by-pass" over Midland Road which, incidentally, is one of the oldest dual lane highways in the state, having been constructed more than 20 years ago.

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## EASTER CANTATA

An Easter cantata, "The Seven Last Words of Christ," by Theodore Dubois, will be held at the Church of Wide Fellowship Sunday at 4 p. m.

The cantata will celebrate Palm Sunday, which is the Sunday before Easter.

Soloists for the cantata are Mrs. Harry Chatfield, Jr., soprano, Paul Wiggins, tenor, Joe Cameron, tenor, and Roger Gibbs, baritone.

The cantata will be directed by Roger Gibbs. Mrs. L. D. McDonald is organist.

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