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Trio Sentenced To 5-10 Years In ABC Robbery

Attempt Made To Implicate Clerk As Accomplice

Three young Fort Bragg paratroopers were convicted and sentenced in Superior Court Tuesday to Central Prison for not less than five nor more than ten years for the robbery of \$4,447 from a Pinehurst ABC store clerk in March.

The three—Theodore Wuschke, of Mansfield, Mass., and Michael G. Yasso and Anthony Leli, both of New York City—pleaded guilty to charges of taking the money from C. R. "Tom" Black, Jr., store clerk, as he was on his way to the bank to deposit it.

A surprising turn of events came when Wuschke, on taking the stand to relate the background of the planned holdup, tried to implicate Black as a confederate. Wuschke, who admitted the robbery was his brainchild, said that he had talked to Black in November of 1954 about the possibilities of taking the money and that Black had agreed it would be possible.

Black, Wuschke testified, was (Continued on Page 8)

Scout Camporee Set For Week-End; Visitors Invited

Some 2,000 scouts, members of troops throughout the 12 counties that make up Oconeechee Council, and their scoutmasters will attend the annual camporee at McArthur Lake near Southern Pines beginning tomorrow (Friday).

This is the first time that a camporee has ever been held at the lake, located on the Southern Pines-Pope AFB road and owned by the Army.

In addition to the various camping demonstrations that are planned, the 82nd Airborne Division of Fort Bragg will demonstrate the technique of building a pontoon bridge across the lake.

The Airborne band will also perform. Brig. Gen. Pearson Menoher, Moore District Boy Scout chairman, and camporee chief, said this week that all scouts and explorers in the Oconeechee Council have been invited to the three-day camporee.

Highlight of the camporee will be a campfire ceremony Saturday night featuring the Order of the Arrow dance team conducting an OA Tap-Out. Members of the organization (Continued on Page 8)

Registration Is Continuing

Registration for the Democratic primary, which will be held May 26, continues this Saturday and next Saturday.

Sam Riddle of Carthage, chairman of the Board of Elections, said this week that the various registrars have the books at the voting places in each precinct on the two Saturdays left, but that prospective voters may, if necessary, go to the homes or businesses of the registrars during the week to register.

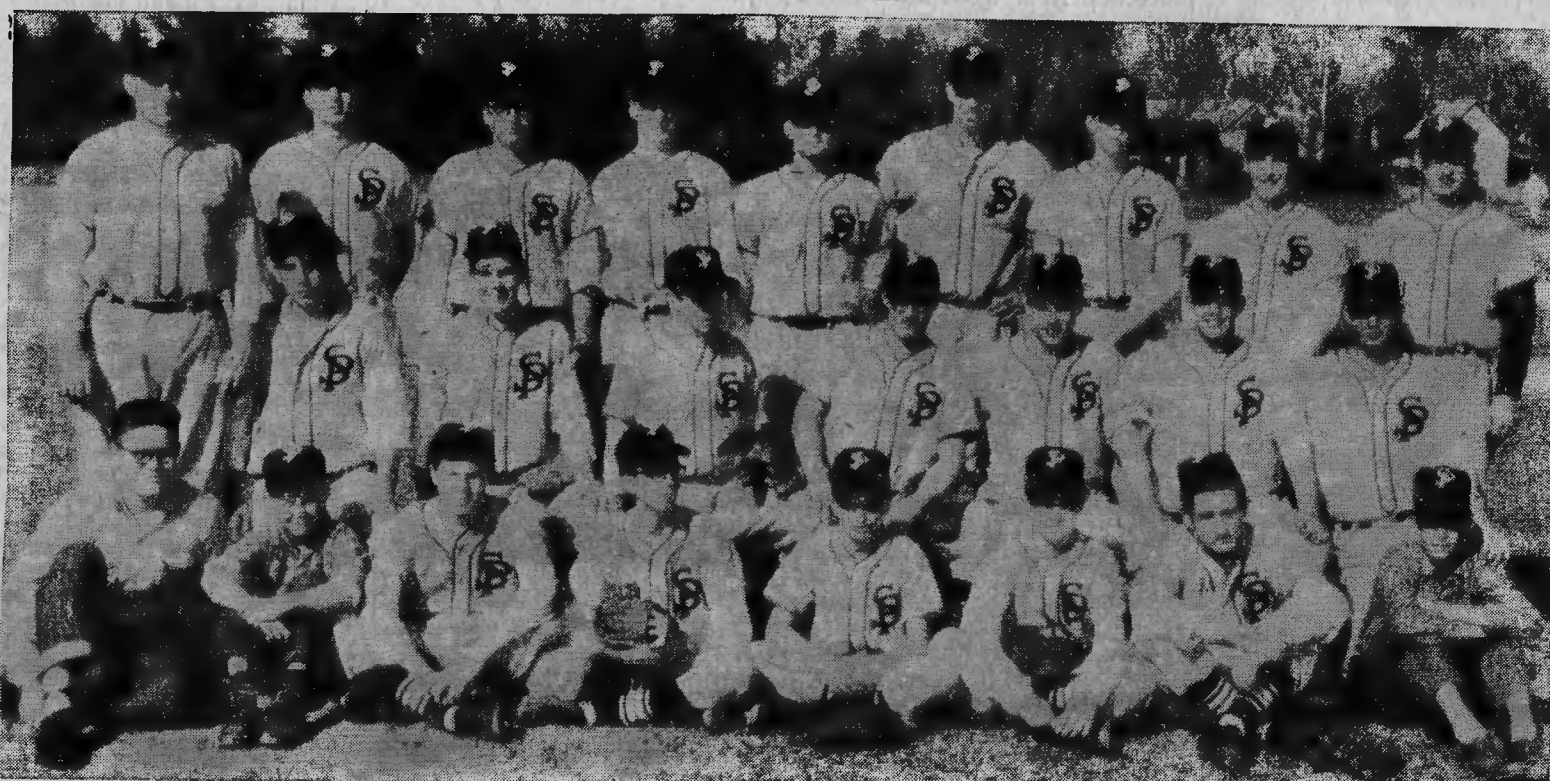
A person seeking to register must have lived in North Carolina one year, or will have done so by the date of the general election in November, and in the precinct for at least 30 days prior to the election.

Precinct Meets Slated Saturday

Democratic committee precinct meetings will be held throughout the county Saturday at 2 p. m. W. Lamont Brown, chairman of the Moore County Democratic Executive Committee, reminded precinct officials today.

At the meetings, which will be held at precinct voting places, new committee chairmen and other officers for the coming year will be elected.

A complete list of committee chairmen and officers was printed in last week's issue of The Pilot.



UNDEFEATED TO DATE, the Southern Pines Blue Knights are entering district playoffs tomorrow (Friday) in early elimination rounds of District 4—Class A competition. The team has gone through 13 straight games this year without a defeat. Pictured, first row, left to right, are David McCallum, scorekeeper, Eddie McKenzie, co-manager, Dickie McInnis, George Reams, Phillip Morgan, Charles Weatherspoon, Thomas Whatley, and

Tommy Reams, co-manager. Second row, left to right, Coach Irie Leonard, Peter Winkelman, John McConnell, Hill Boswell, Kenneth Creech, Billy Hamel, Bobby Cline, and Bobby Parker. Third row, same order, Tony Parker, John van Benschoten, Johnny Watkins, Bill Marley, Roger Verhoeff, Steve Smith, Lynn van Benschoten, and assistant coach W. A. Leonard. (Photo by Humphrey)

IN PLAYOFFS

Southern Pines will play Mt. Gilead at Memorial Field at 3:30 Friday in the District 4—Eastern Division baseball playoffs, Coach Irie Leonard said today.

Whether or not the Blue Knights, undefeated to date in 13 games, compete in the county baseball tournament depends on the outcome of the district playoffs. If Southern Pines is still in the playoffs by May 14, they will be considered champions and the winner of the annual county tournament will be considered runner-up, so far as county competition is concerned.

If the Blue Knights defeat Mt. Gilead, also undefeated to date, they will meet the winner of the Chatham County-Lee County game which is being played Friday also.

Mt. Gilead, Montgomery County champions, defeated Badin, Stanly County champions, earlier in the district pairings.

District 4 is composed of 14 counties.

Young Musicians Of County Will Join In Concert

Nineteen Moore County young people will appear in the seventh annual Young Musicians Concert, to be presented by the Sandhills Music Association at the Pinehurst Country Club Friday, May 12, at 8 p. m.

The concert, traditionally the concluding program of the Music Association each season, will feature performances by pupils of 18 Moore County music teachers, along with one student in a Moore County school who has an out-of-county teacher and two Moore County young people who are outstanding music students in colleges they are now attending.

Dr. Charles Phillips of Southern Pines will be master of ceremonies. Serving on the program committee are Miss Mary Logan, supervisor of Moore County schools; Mrs. Norris Hodgkins, Jr., and Mrs. Ralph Chandler, Jr.

Nearly every music teacher in the county—some of whom are associated with the public schools and some of whom teach privately—will each present one or more pupils in the concert.

Insurance Women To Meet At Mid Pines

Members of the North Carolina Association of Insurance Women will gather from over the State at the Mid Pines Club for a three-day convention to open Friday.

The meeting will be the 13th annual convention of the organization which has met in Southern Pines on several former occasions.

MRS. NICHOLSON CHARGES CONSPIRACY

Daly, 2 Women Employees Sued For \$50,000, But Can't Be Found Here

Mrs. Valerie Nicholson, complaining witness in the criminal libel trial of Vincent J. Daly in Carthage last week, has filed notice that a \$50,000 damage suit for conspiracy is to be instituted against Daly and his two employees, Miss Edwina Hallman and Mrs. Martha Dixon Underwood.

In Southern Pines to serve summonses on the three defendants Saturday, Deputy Sheriff A. F. Dees was unable to locate any of them. All are believed to have left town.

Daly, who practiced here as a psychologist for about three years,

was convicted on the libel charge last week and was sentenced to a year in prison, suspended on payment of a \$500 fine and the court costs.

P. H. Wilson of Carthage, attorney for Mrs. Nicholson, said that C. C. Kennedy, clerk of court, had granted a 20-day extension from Monday, April 30, in filing the complaint. While not specifically revealing the allegations that will be in the damage suit complaint, the attorney said it would detail a series of alleged offenses covering a period of weeks.

Daly was convicted of circulating four North Carolina newspapers with defamatory matter about Mrs. Nicholson, including the assertion that she had threatened to write a newspaper story that would "ruin" him if he did not give her \$1,500.

Miss Hallman and Mrs. Underwood (Continued on Page 8)

Cancer Campaign Progress Noted

Collections in the annual cancer fund drive in Moore County reached \$1,348 this week, according to Dr. William Nicol of Carthage, county chairman.

The county goal is \$3,100, less than had been previously announced.

Dr. Nicol said that, because of the lateness in starting this year, the drive will be carried over throughout the month of May.

Mrs. J. S. Milliken, Southern Pines chairman, said today that \$621 of a goal of \$700 has been reached to date.

Since it is not possible to reach all prospective donors with letters, Mrs. Milliken suggested that anyone desiring to make a contribution to mail it to her at Box 55, Southern Pines.

Police Crack Down On Noisy Mufflers

A concerted campaign to rid Southern Pines of loud mufflers on automobiles has resulted in at least 15 arrests to date, Chief C. E. Newton reported this morning. Mufflers which produce a loud and disturbing noise are considered improper equipment for automobiles, Chief Newton said, and automobile owners who insist on using them will be arrested and subject to a fine.

Chief Newton said car owners will also be forced to remove so-called "gutted" mufflers.

Clinton Sercy Is Moore's 9th Road Fatality of Year

Roger Clinton Sercy, 36-year-old farmer of Route 1, Carthage, became Moore County's ninth highway fatality of the year when he died in Moore County Hospital Wednesday afternoon of injuries sustained when his truck turned over Tuesday.

The last death was that of a three-year-old boy, Bobby Haskins Coe, on April 4, when he darted in front of a truck on a highway near Carthage and was killed instantly.

Sercy, who was to have been in Superior Court Tuesday on charges of violation of the prohibition laws and a second offense of driving drunk, ran his car off the Union Church Road near Union Church. The car side-swiped a bridge and turned over several times before landing upright about 500 feet away.

Sercy was thrown clear of the wreckage. According to State Highway Patrolman E. G. Shomaker, who investigated the accident, Sercy was probably driving at a high speed. He said that Willie Pack, (Continued on Page 8)

COUNCIL TO MEET

Regular monthly meeting of the Southern Pines town council will be held at town hall at 8 p. m., Tuesday, May 8. Council is expected to discuss, among other business, appointment of an architect for the new municipal center to be built with bond issue funds.

Gas Agreement Signed With Engineering Firm

Survey To Be Made of Local Requirements

In a special meeting Wednesday, the town council authorized City Manager Tom E. Cunningham to enter into an agreement with Porter Barry and Associates, of Baton Rouge, La., natural gas engineering specialists, in anticipation of possible future natural gas service to this area.

Under the proposed agreement, the Porter Barry firm will make an engineering report on construction of a natural gas distribution system in Southern Pines—at no cost to the town. This will provide information that must be presented to the Federal Power Commission and the North Carolina Utilities Commission.

Under such an agreement, if a municipality does not build a gas distribution system, the report will cost it nothing. If a town does build a system, however, the agreement gives Porter Barry an engineering contract at a standard fee of six per cent of the cost.

Cooperating With Aberdeen Councilmen and Mr. Cunningham conferred last night with members of the Aberdeen board of commissioners who signed a similar agreement with Porter Barry. Efforts are being made, said the manager, to coordinate planning for natural gas distribution in Southern Pines and Aberdeen.

Other Eastern North Carolina towns that have signed agreements with the Louisiana engineering firm, said Mr. Cunningham, include Albemarle, Dunn, Farmville, Laurinburg, Lumberton, Raeford, Roseboro and Wilson.

Companies Competing The North Carolina Natural Gas Corporation has obtained a certificate from the State Utilities Commission authorizing it to serve approximately 25 communities in the eastern half of the state, including Southern Pines and Aberdeen.

A competitor company, Trans-Carolina Pipe Line Corporation, has applied to the Federal Power Commission, for authority to serve the same towns and a group of towns in South Carolina. Since it organized itself as an interstate operator, Trans-Carolina does not need a State Utilities Commission certificate, and North Carolina Natural does not need an FPC certificate. (Continued on page 8)

District Meeting Of Rotarians To Be Here May 11

Incoming presidents, secretaries, treasurers and directors of 33 Rotary clubs in the 281st district of Rotary International are expected in Southern Pines for an all-day meeting Friday of next week, May 11.

With the Southern Pines Rotary Club as host, the gathering will feature a morning workshop-lecture session, a luncheon and a golf tournament in the afternoon. Garland Pierce of the local club is chairman of a committee on arrangements.

Chief purpose of the meeting will be to give instruction to the incoming officers from over the district. Registration will take place at Weaver Auditorium, where the morning session will be held, with E. W. Freeze, Jr., of Randleman conducting the workshop-lecture.

The address of welcome will be given by J. B. Perkinson, president of the Southern Pines club. Presiding will be Arnold Schiffman of Greensboro, district governor. The incoming district governor, who is expected to attend, is Dr. Mark Lindsey of Hamlet. All delegates will have luncheon at the Southern Pines Country Club at 12:15, the place and hour of the regular meeting of the local club. Principal speaker at that time will be Dr. Clyde Milner of Guilford College.

The 281st district includes Rotary Clubs from Southern Pines westward to the foot of the mountains.

AIR MAIL ENDS

With discontinuance of seasonal service by Piedmont Airlines at the Southern Pines-Pinehurst (Knollwood) airport Monday, direct air mail service in and out of Southern Pines has ceased until fall, it was pointed out this week by Postmaster Garland Pierce.

Plans For Howard Johnson Structure Received Locally

Plans for the motor lodge portion of the Howard Johnson project on No. 1 highway, between Southern Pines and Aberdeen, were delivered here this week by Rufus Nims of Miami, Fla., architect for Howard Johnson developments.

Voit Gilmore, an officer in each of the three corporations that have been formed in connection with the motor lodge and restaurant project, said that bids will be taken as soon as possible with the expectation that work may get started in June.

The half-million dollar project was announced in January. Officers of the corporations are Mr. Gilmore, Charles P. Cole and A. L. Folley. One corporation will own the property and buildings, one will operate the restaurant and one will operate the motor lodge.

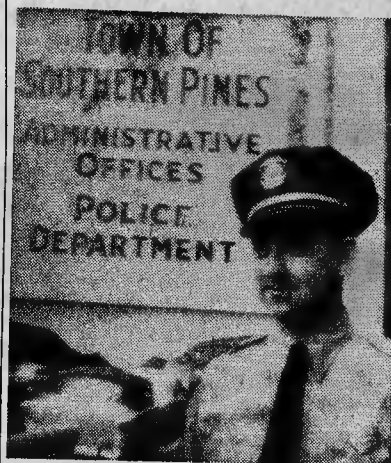
The site, opposite the Starview Drive-in Theatre on the west side of the highway at the former sand pit location, was purchased from the Esso Standard Oil Co. Esso is expected to construct a service station adjacent to the Howard Johnson facilities.

Fishing Access Area Now Open

A boat ramp and parking lot, at the Deep River fishing access area was opened to the public yesterday.

Constructed by the State Wildlife Resources Commission at a cost of \$2,500, the facility is located about 400 yards upstream from Carabonton, on the Moore County side of the river.

There is no charge for the use of the ramp and parking lot which were built by the State as a service to fishermen.



EARL SEAWELL

New Policeman Goes On Duty

Earl Seawell, a veteran of both World War 2 and the Korean action, has joined the Southern Pines police force, effective May 1.

The new officer, a native of Rockingham, replaces Leslie Horne, who resigned recently to accept a similar position in Wake Forest.

Seawell saw action in the South Pacific during World War 2 when he was in the Army. When the Korean conflict broke out, he reenlisted in the Navy.

He is presently living in Aberdeen with his wife and daughter, where he has been assistant manager of the Western Auto store, but plans to move to Southern Pines as soon as he can obtain a house.



PINE NEEDLES SENIORS WINNER—Benjamin Krafft, Jr., of Southern Pines, beams as he is presented the Pine Needles Seniors Invitational Tournament championship trophy by Warren and Peggy Kirk Bell, owners and operators of Pine Needles Country Club. Krafft, who also won the North-South Seniors earlier this year, won the tournament, which will be held annually in the future, by nine strokes over his nearest competitor. See story, page 11. (Photo by Humphrey)