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Drag Racing Near Here Gets Fines For Three Boys; County's First Case

Patrolman Unable To Identify One Who Started Race

The first recorded incidence of "drag racing" in Moore County was brought to light in Moore Recorder's Court Monday when three 17-year-old youths, Paul Muse of Aberdeen, and Jim McCall and John Leon Seymour of Southern Pines, faced charges of participating in the new "sport."

Following lengthy testimony Muse and McCall were convicted and drew fines and suspended sentences. Seymour was acquitted of the drag racing charges but was convicted of following too closely.

According to testimony the racing—described by a witness as "starting from a dead standstill and stopping, the object of which is to determine which car has the greatest acceleration"—occurred Saturday night, June 16.

Patrolman C. G. Wimberly, the arresting officer, testified he was parked on Dogwood Drive, near the intersection with old US Highway 1 between Aberdeen and Southern Pines, and saw two cars lined up abreast and another close behind. Someone, he said, shouted, "One, two, three—go!" and all three cars took off down the straight stretch.

Wimberly said he was there because of numerous complaints from people in the area that had been made for at least 30 days. All, he said, had complained of the racing, most of which was confined to the late hours at night.

After the cars started Wimberly said he followed behind them with siren going full blast. After getting them all stopped he arrested the drivers of the three cars—Muse, McCall and Seymour. Muse, he said, was in the lead car and "apparently had won the race, if they were having one, and I think they were."

There were passengers in each car, Wimberly said.

On the stand Muse and McCall both said it was their first time at (Continued on page 5)

Large Still Near Cameron Captured Over Past Weekend

One of the largest stills to be seized in this area in some time was a 150-gallon submarine-type copper outfit destroyed Saturday morning by Moore County officers, assisted by an ATU special agent, in a wooded section between Cameron and Vass.

The officers, after locating the still Friday, returned early Saturday morning to catch it in full operation. They arrested on the site an operator, Julius Browder, 49, and later a second operator, Neill Morris, 45, also Joe Morris, 21, termed a part owner and supplier of the illicit distillery business.

The three men, all of whom live on Cameron, Route 1—within a few hundred yards of the still—made bond of \$500 each before U. S. Commissioner J. A. Lang at Carthage, for their appearance at the September term of Federal Court in Rockingham.

Destroyed along with the still were three barrels of fresh mash, six empty barrels, also tubs, pails and other equipment, along with eight gallons of new-made whiskey just run into a washtub.

Taking part in the raid were Moore County ABC Officers C. A. McCallum, John K. Sharpe and Kieth Marks, also Constable Lester F. Woods of Cameron and ATU special agent Nifong of the Rockingham office.



COUNTY AGENT Fleet Allen talks to Thomas Hall, newly appointed assistant agent, on the outlook for agriculture in Moore County. Allen succeeded E. H. Garrison, who recently resigned after more than a quarter century work with farmers in the county. He had been assistant agent for a number of years and had been instrumental in the development of the broiler industry in the county, now amounting to some 16 million dollars annually. Hall, who graduated from N. C. State College this spring, is a specialist in horticulture and agronomy. He foresees tremendous potential for fruit production in the county. (Pilot photo)

Jaycees Formally Organized; To Hold Charter Night Here July 13

"Charter Night" for the newly organized Southern Pines Junior Chamber of Commerce will be held at the Country Club Friday night, July 13, it was announced today following a meeting of the board of directors.

The club, which already has a membership of about 35, was formally organized and officers elected at a meeting last Friday night in the high school library. A number of Jaycee officials from Aberdeen attended along with Tuck Guder of Charlotte, vice-president of district four, the district that Southern Pines will become a part of.

Jim Baird, who had been serving as temporary president, was elected president.

Other officers include Arstin Sauls, first vice-president, Dave Drexel, second vice-president, Vance Derby, secretary, and Grady Wright, treasurer.

The five man board of directors is composed of George Wilcox, Lynn Ledden, John Langford, Jim Pruett and Bill Shore.

At the charter night program it is expected that a number of state officials of the Jaycees will join various civic leaders in Southern Pines for the program.

Young men between the ages of 21 and 36 who are interested in joining the club are asked to contact any of the above named officers prior to the charter night program.

Temperature Goes Up, Up, Up; High Of 98 On Monday

Highest official temperature recorded this week was 98 Monday but unofficial reports have put the temperature at well over 100 in some parts of the Sandhills.

At WEEB, where the US Weather Bureau maintains an official recording station, the temperature soared to 98 Monday, 95 Tuesday, and 97 Wednesday. The readings were made at 5 p. m.

Unofficially, it was reported by one downtown merchant in Southern Pines that the mercury reached 104 Monday and was over 100 Tuesday and Wednesday, all readings in the middle of the afternoon.

Even if the merchant's thermometers were slightly off, it would be hard to disagree with the fact that it's been mighty hot.

Services Held For Mrs. Brown, Wife Of Former Rector

Tragedy struck the home of the Rev. Dr. F. Craig Hill Brown of New Haven, Conn., this past weekend, bringing sorrow to all Sandhills friends.

On Saturday, Helen Walker Brown, his wife, took her own life, apparently despondent as the result of a long and wearing illness.

Dr. Brown was rector of Emmanuel Episcopal Church in Southern Pines for almost 19 years, 1930-1949. He is now on the faculty of the Berkeley Divinity School at New Haven.

Adding to the tragedy was the fact that Dr. Brown was away, having gone to New Hampshire with two other clergymen to visit a close friend and former member of his teaching staff.

The outing had been planned for some time, according to information received from Dr. Brown, but Mrs. Brown's ill health prevented her going. She urged her husband to go without her and he consented. It was the first time in their married life, he said, that he had left on a pleasure trip without her.

The death was discovered by Dr. Brown's companions on the trip—the Rev. Dr. Lansing Hicks, a fellow faculty member at the divinity school, and the Rev. Dr. Richard Wilmer, chaplain of Yale University at New Haven.

Returning from the trip Sunday evening, the day before Dr. Brown was to return, they called the Brown home but received no answer. When there was still no answer Monday morning, they became alarmed, went to the home and found it securely locked. Entrance, with the aid of a police officer, confirmed their worst fears.

There was evidence that careful preparations had been made. A note to her husband and other details showed that Mrs. Brown had done everything possible to ease the shock of discovery. The time of death was established as (Continued on Page 5)



Ivey Hall Wins Second Place In Poster Contest

Ivey Hall, Jr., 13-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Ivey Hall of Southern Pines, has been awarded second place in the statewide "Poppy Poster" contest sponsored by the American Legion Auxiliary, it was announced this week.

Ivey, who recently completed the sixth grade at Southern Pines Elementary School, won the contest held here in April.

His poster will be entered in the national contest in Los Angeles this fall. (Continued on Page 5)

Negro Drowns In Farm Pond Near Robbins Sunday

A 30-year-old Negro farmer, Holly Smith, drowned in Vaughan's Pond, midway between Pinehurst and Robbins on the Mt. Carmel Road, early Sunday afternoon. It was the first incident of death due to drowning in the county this year.

Coroner Ralph G. Steed officially listed the death as due to accidental drowning.

Steed said he was called to the pond between 12:30 and 1 p. m. Sunday afternoon and was at first under the impression that the man had been pulled from the pond and needed artificial resuscitation. When he arrived at the pond a few minutes later with the resuscitator, however, he discovered the man had been under water for some time.

Volunteer firemen from Southern Pines used grappling hooks and searched for the body for about three hours. Steed finally called in Hoyt Greene of Robbins, a textile worker who had had some experience as a professional diver.

Greene located the body on the bottom of the lake in about 12 feet of water. He said the dead man had a firm grip on a root at the time.

Steed said his investigation revealed that Smith had gone swimming with several others. One member of the swimming party later said that Smith "couldn't swim good."

The body was located about 6:30 p. m.

Steed said that Smith worked on the farm where the pond is located. He lived just a few hundred yards away.

Planning Board Makes 'No Business' Proposal For Zoning Of Bypass



MISS JEANNE SAUNDERS Miss Saunders To Assume Duties At Baptist Church

Miss Jeanne Saunders of Bessemer City, a recent graduate of Furman University, will join the staff of the First Baptist Church here July 1 as Director of Music and Christian Education, it was announced today by the Rev. Hoke Coon, pastor of the church.

Miss Saunders, a cum laude graduate, majored in music and minored in religious education at Furman. In addition to being an honor student, she was elected to "Who's Who in American Colleges and Universities," was chosen the outstanding girl student at Furman in her senior year, and held many student posts.

At recent commencement exercises, she was awarded the coveted Sullivan Award.

During her senior year, Miss Saunders conducted three choirs in the First Baptist Church of Greenville, S. C.

She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. M. T. Saunders of Bessemer City.

Emmanuel Church Has New Air-Conditioner

Installation of an air-conditioning system in Emmanuel Episcopal Church was completed this morning and will be ready for use Sunday, it was announced today by church officials.

The system, first in any Sandhills church was approved by the Board of Vestry last week. The parish house is not included in the new system.

No Increase In County Taxes Seen

Though nothing official has been announced, the Moore County tax rate for 1957 will probably remain the same, \$1.35 per \$100 property valuation.

The County Board of Commissioners, wrestling with numerous requests that far exceed the amount expected to be taken in during the year, has been whittling at the budget for almost two months now and will probably adopt the 1957 budget at its regular monthly meeting Monday.

In addition to the \$1.35 rate, which is basic for the county, Southern Pines residents pay an added 50 cents for schools, Aberdeen and Pinehurst residents pay 30 cents, also for schools, and West End residents pay 10 cents for fire protection. All rates are based on \$100 property valuations.

If the commissioners do not adopt the budget Monday it is expected they will call a special meeting later in the week.

Carthage To Celebrate 4th

The business section of Carthage has been decked out in flags and patriotic bunting in preparation for the eighteenth annual Fourth of July celebration, sponsored by the Junior Chamber of Commerce there.

Featured attraction for the all-day celebration will be the second running of the Soap Box Derby, which has attracted a record 22 entries. The first place winner will win a trip to Charlotte next year for the races there and other prizes.

According to the Jaycee committee in charge, interest among the youngsters is running high. They have spent long weeks building their own cars; many are making test runs on Carthage side streets as final preparations.

Edwin Caddell of Carthage, winner of the '55 race, is in Charlotte this week competing in the state races. Should he come out on top, he would win a trip to Akron, Ohio, for the national races.

Taking part in the Derby from Southern Pines are Kenneth Morton, sponsored by Southern Pines Motor Company, and Kenneth Holliday and Norman McKenzie, both sponsored by the Elks Club.

The Derby in Carthage will be held from 9:30 to 12.

Another attraction of the day will be the grand parade, which will feature this year a musical group from Donaldson Air Force

Six-Point Program For Long Range Development Urged

A six-point program for zoning along the new US Highway 1 bypass was informally recommended to the Town Council by Don Case, chairman of the planning board, at a special joint meeting of the Council and the board Thursday night.

The meeting, held in the library, was attended by a large crowd. The planning board's recommendations would not allow any business to be located anywhere along the two-mile stretch of the five-mile bypass that falls within the city limits. That, apparently, was the strongest point of the entire recommendation, which Case said had come as the result of long and careful consideration.

He outlined the recommendations as follows:

- (1) No business from city limit to city limit.
- (2) Rigid control by the town of signs and sign locations along the bypass.
- (3) Push a beautification program in cooperation with state officials.
- (4) A good lighting system along the bypass, particularly at the several interchanges.
- (5) Establishment of an information booth at some point along the bypass.
- (6) No picnicking to be allowed on the bypass except where adjacent property owners agree.

A meeting of the planning board Monday night produced a formal recommendation of the program.

At last week's council meeting Case was called on by Mayor Gilmore to make a brief review of the board's thinking on the bypass to date. The request, Mayor Gilmore said, was being made because of an apparent misunderstanding that the board had already, at a past date, made recommendations to the effect that certain portions of the bypass should be zoned for business. (Such a recommendation had been made several months ago and was published in the paper but was withdrawn after Council had considered the recommendations and decided to await further work on the bypass before making any final decisions as to ultimate zoning regulations.)

Case said that the present zoning setup for the property along the bypass falls into three areas: Residential I, Residential II, and Residential III. The Residential III zoning, he pointed out, was made to accommodate Mid-Pines Club when it was taken into the city and merely served to zone something that was already there.

After Case made his recommendations, outlined in the six-point program, he said it was the feeling of the other members of the board that such recommendations served as a means of "not burning bridges behind us."

That meant, he said, that if the board zoned for business now, the town would find it impossible in the future to ever zone the property (Continued on Page 5)

Elks Club Sending 12 Boys To Camp

There is room for six or seven more boys in the Southern Pines contingent leaving for a two-weeks camping session at the Elks Club Camp in Hendersonville the last week in July, it was announced today by Lawrence J. Ryder, chairman of the Elks camp committee.

The local Elks Club annually sends a group of 12 boys to the camp. This year, Ryder said, the six or seven other boys may be able to go providing sufficient funds are available. "It costs \$40 to send a boy to the camp for two weeks," he pointed out, adding that the Elks Club pays for 12 boys.

If anyone would like to help send more boys they may do so by forwarding a check to the Camp Fund of the Southern Pines Elks Club.

The camp will be held two weeks, the last week in July and the first week in August.