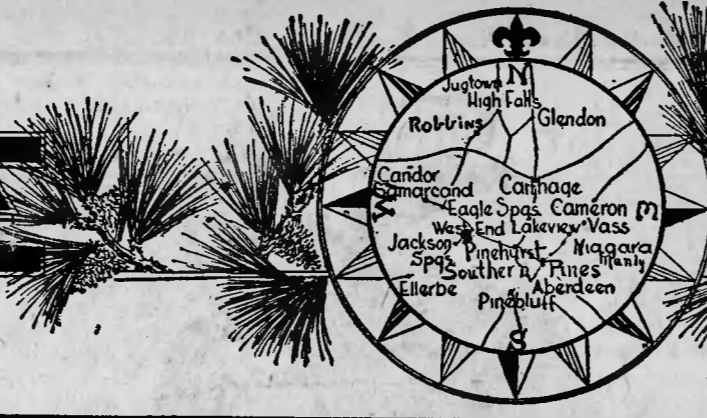


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## UNDERCOVER AGENT TESTIFIES

### More Liquor Cases Tried Tuesday; Fines, Suspended Sentences Ordered

Nineteen more defendants, charged with 44 counts of violating the prohibition laws, were in Moore County Recorder's Court at a special session Tuesday.

The defendants were the last of more than 50 that had been arrested in sweeping raids by county and state ABC officers June 9. The others were tried June 14, with most receiving road sentences, suspended on payment of fines.

Only two of the defendants

tried Tuesday appealed the convictions: Letha Rowan Harris and Myrtle Cole, both sentenced to six months in Women's Division of Central Prison.

The two gave notice of appeal to Superior Court, which begins August 6, and Judge J. Vance Rowe set bond at \$350 for each. Bessie Prescott, who had been convicted on similar charges previously, objected strenuously to a special SBI undercover agent's method of obtaining evidence and expressed her objections on the witness stand. Such methods were not fair, she contended, and she shouldn't be convicted.

Judge Rowe, noting that she had a total of seven counts lodged against her, gave her 18 months in Central Prison and ordered her to serve the previous suspended sentence concurrently.

Here are the defendants and sentences imposed:

Tonzie Akins, Aberdeen, two counts, 60 days on roads, suspended two years on payment of \$50 and costs and on condition he refrain from violating prohibition laws during that period.

Alphus Stubbs and Clara Jane Stubbs, Carthage, two counts, 12 months as to Alphus, suspended five years on payment of \$250 and costs, and not violate prohibition laws during that period; and 60 days in jail as to Clara Jane Stubbs, suspended two years on payment of fine of \$25 and costs.

Whit Hines, Southern Pines, two counts, six months on roads, suspended for three years on payment of \$150 and costs.

Gertrude Gillis, Southern Pines, (Continued on Page 5)

## Contract Awarded For Demolition Of Old Town Hall

Town officials have awarded a contract to John Ferguson of Aberdeen to tear down the old Town Hall building on South East Broad Street, it was announced today by Manager Tom Cunningham.

Ferguson, who said he would start demolition some time this week if weather permitted, has 90 days to carry out the contract.

The contract carried no money stipulations; Ferguson is doing the job for the material he can salvage.

## Circus Trains Pass Through

People who saw it said it was one of the saddest things they had ever witnessed.

They were talking about the Ringling Brothers circus trains that came through Southern Pines in three different sections Wednesday.

The people on the train had long faces. The train, they knew, was taking them back to winter headquarters in Sarasota where, it is understood, the circus will be dismantled. Poor attendance, bad weather, and a long history of bad luck had forced the circus to give up its annual tour of the country.

There were several boys and girls standing along Broad Street when the first section of the train passed through about 8:30 yesterday morning. Nothing but trucks and heavy equipment on the flatcars . . . equipment that was being sent to Sarasota to get ready to dismantle the rest of the "Big Top."

To them, another freight train. Later trains, one about 6:15 and another about 6:45 in the evening, carried animals, portable seats and cages.

It was a sad day. Sad, that is, for people who had once awaited eagerly for the circus to come to town.

Others, youngsters who have been subsisting on a steady diet of Ed Sullivan and other TV performers, couldn't quite get the feeling.

They just didn't know.

## Pinebluff Phone Company Secures Government Loan

Congressman Charles B. Deane of the Eighth North Carolina District announced Tuesday that REA Headquarters in Washington, D. C., has approved a loan application submitted by the Pinebluff Telephone Company, for \$132,000.00.

The loan, Deane said, will enable the Pinebluff Telephone Company to provide modern dial service for 160 of its present subscribers and to extend telephone service to 158 additional farm families, now without telephone service, in the counties of Moore, Hoke, Richmond and Scotland.

The president of the Pinebluff Telephone Company is Mrs. A. G. Wallace of Pinebluff.

In announcing the REA loan approval Deane said, "It pleases me very much to report that the REA has approved the loan application of the Pinebluff Telephone Company for sufficient funds to extend telephone facilities to many farm families in the Sandhill section of North Carolina that have needed these facilities for a long time.

"This is another example of the growing effort to provide our farm families with modern conveniences that will improve their standard of living and afford them equal facilities with those of city dwellers. During my period of service in Congress, I have exerted my best efforts to improve the living conditions and facilities of our rural people."

## Governor Reveals Education Bills At Press Meeting

Governor Hodges made public at Raleigh Saturday the steps he and his Advisory Committee plan to recommend that the Legislature and the people take in order to "preserve public schools and help preserve the public peace."

The Pilot was represented at the conference.

The Governor and Tom Pearsall, chairman of the N. C. Advisory Committee on Education, held statewide news conferences simultaneously at Raleigh and in Asheville. There they and their associates presented copies of suggested bills to be submitted to the Legislature in a special session starting Monday. Then they answered questions.

The gist of the school preservation plan would provide attendance expense grants, formerly referred to as tuition grants, to citizens who do not want their children to go to school with a member of the opposite race, and allow a local school unit to suspend operation of its schools, upon majority public vote, if the situation is considered intolerable.

If the Legislature approves, the people of North Carolina may vote on these questions. At the news conference Governor Hodges named Saturday, September 8 as a likely election date.

Holding of the news conference followed conferences with legislators in four convenient places in the state. These sessions were harmonious, it was reported, and led to several changes in the proposed legislation.

Five bills were released at Saturday's conferences.

Here, briefly, is what the suggested bills would do:

1. Provide for a public vote on the question of amending the State constitution to permit the General Assembly to provide local option and education expense grants. A local option unit is defined as "Any county or city school administrative unit, or any convenient and reasonable territorial subdivision within an administrative unit which includes within its boundaries one or more public schools."

The statewide vote would decide whether permission would be given the General Assembly to authorize upon majority vote of its voters, to suspend or authorize the suspension of the operation of (Continued on Page 5)

## Moore Scouts To Make Good Will Tour Around Cuba

The first Oconeechee Council International Good Will tour begins Monday as 90 boys and 14 adult leaders leave for Havana, Cuba, and two weeks of sight-seeing.

Going from Moore District will be the following scouts: Kent Kelly, John Chappell, Jimmy McDonald, Jack Carter, Al Butler, and Jimmy Parker, all from Southern Pines, and the following from Pinehurst: Johnny Grier, Bobby Tufts, Albert Sneed, Carter Burwell, and Ralph Gilliland.

The adult leader from Moore District will be Billy McKenzie, of Pinehurst, scoutmaster of Troop 7.

They will leave Southern Pines by chartered bus at 9:30 Monday morning, from the high school. Two other buses from this council will join them at Sumter, S. C., and all are scheduled to spend the night at Jacksonville Naval Air Station.

There will be sight-seeing at Jacksonville and Miami, from which they will go by boat to Havana harbor, join a day-long Cuban scout camporee, and go to Candler Methodist College in Havana for the night.

After eight days in Cuba, the group will return via Miami, Fort Myers, Tampa, Silver Springs and Ocala, Fla., and arrive from Georgia Sunday afternoon, August 5.

The scouts will be guests of the Boy Scouts of Cuba. During part of the visit, each will be the guest of a Cuban Scout.

Headquarters will be at Candler College.

## Jaycees To Hold Charter Night Program Friday

Presentation of its charter and official recognition as the 109th member of the North Carolina Junior Chamber of Commerce will be presented to the recently organized Southern Pines chapter Friday night at the Country Club.

Jim Baird, local president, said today that upwards of 100 people, including state Jaycee officials and civic club leaders in this area, will attend the "Charter Night" program, which begins with a banquet at 7 p.m.

Scheduled to attend the program are Bob Cox of Chapel Hill, state Jaycee president; Tuck Guder, district vice-president of the district in which Southern Pines is located; John Googe of Winston-Salem, national Jaycee director; Red Gurganus, past state president, and several other state officials.

Also scheduled to attend are John Ponzer, president of the Sandhills Kiwanis Club, Mark King, president of the Southern Pines Chamber of Commerce, A. C. Dawson, president of the Southern Pines Rotary Club, Don Traylor, president of the Lions Club, a number of Jaycees who formerly belonged to a Southern Pines chapter, and members of the Carthage and Aberdeen clubs.

Baird reminded local members once again today that they must get in touch with him or a member of the Charter Night committee in order to secure reservations for the banquet. It is essential to know, he said, before 10 a.m. Friday.

Charlie Clapp, announcer at radio station WEBB, will serve as toastmaster at the program.

## County Commissioners Get Request For Rural Fire Protection System

### Delegation Asks Initial Funds For Three Fire Units

Rural fire protection for Moore County came in for a two-hour discussion between the Board of Commissioners and interested citizens groups at a meeting held in the courthouse Monday night.

Such protection, it was pointed out by W. R. Kennedy, mayor of Robbins and leader of a group seeking to convince the commissioners of the need, had been requested before, but never with any results.

Attending the meeting were officials of about a dozen county towns and members of volunteer fire departments in those towns or communities.

Kennedy, accompanied by

Ralph Steed of Robbins, presented to the commissioners a proposal that would, if looked on favorably by the commissioners, do much to alleviate what he called a "severe and critical problem facing the rural people of this county."

Proposals

Under the proposal the commissioners would appropriate this year sufficient funds to purchase three fire fighting units, and additional funds each succeeding year until enough units had been purchased to insure adequate protection. Kennedy said that probably nine or ten units would be enough.

The units would be housed in local fire departments, Kennedy said, and would be serviced by the various towns. In return for such service the towns would use the units to supplement their own protection.

Kennedy also proposed that all fire chiefs in the county be appointed as a committee to select the type equipment which should be purchased, and that a committee of mayors be appointed to determine details of the location and other procedures to be used in administering the fire program.

County Responsible

Southern Pines officials at the meeting—Mayor Voit Gilmore, Manager Tom Cunningham, and City Clerk Louis Scheipers, Jr.—were in agreement that the county should take the responsibility of providing rural fire protection.

Gilmore reminded the commissioners that it was their responsibility to safeguard rural areas against fire, and, he added, such protection has been lacking. He told the commissioners that a plan of "subsidy," in which the commissioners would allocate certain money to each town on an annual basis to fight rural fires would be acceptable to Southern Pines.

At present, he pointed out, Southern Pines has a property valuation of some \$7 million, which is provided excellent fire protection. In addition, he said, another \$1 million in property on the outskirts of Southern Pines is protected by the Southern Pines fire department on a fee basis.

The total \$8 million in property valuation represents almost 20 percent of the county's total valuation, he pointed out, so that on any "subsidy" arrangement, Southern Pines would receive at least 20 percent of any funds set up for rural fire protection.

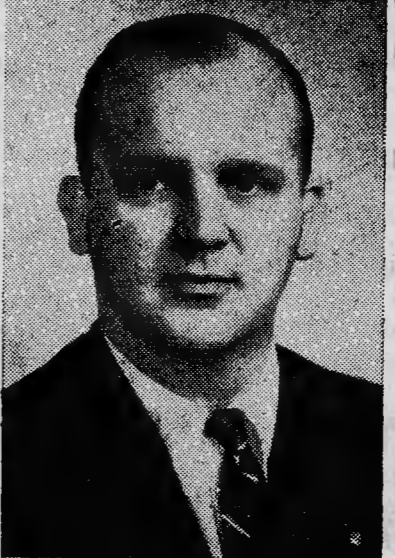
Other towns, he pointed out, should receive the same treatment.

Gilmore agreed with Kennedy and the other spokesmen that rural fire protection was urgently needed. He said that it was extremely difficult for people in Southern Pines to be in a position of having to sit by and watch a neighbor's house burn, but that under present regulations of the state's fire control board, that was the policy that had to be followed unless people in designated areas pay a fee for the protection.

All the officials at the meeting said that rural fire protection plans are working in other counties. Kennedy said the commissioners would not be able to find a single person in the county "against rural fire protection," even those in towns.

Budget Difficulties

Chairman Gordon Cameron of (Continued on Page 5)



DR. MARK LINDSEY

## Rotary's District Governor To Make Annual Visit Here

The Rotary Club of Southern Pines will be host at the regular Friday meeting to Dr. Mark Lindsey, Governor of the 281st district of Rotary International, who is now making his annual official visits to each of the 33 clubs in the central district of the state.

Dr. Lindsey will address the local club and will later confer with A. C. Dawson, president, James Hartshorne, secretary, and various committee chairmen on administration and service activities.

Dr. Lindsey is a surgeon in Hamlet and is a member and past president of the Hamlet Rotary Club. He was elected district governor of Rotary International for the 1956-57 fiscal year at Rotary's 47th annual convention in Philadelphia last June.

## Sgt. Chandler Resigns From Local Police

The resignation of Sgt. H. V. Chandler, Jr., of the Southern Pines police department was announced today by Chief C. E. Newton.

Sgt. Chandler, who has been with the local department since December, 1953, will take a position as chief of the police department of Ayden, North Carolina, later this month.

A former special agent of the North Carolina Alcoholic Beverage Control Board, Sgt. Chandler has been living with his wife and two children, Brenda, 15, and Jerry, 13, at 275 W. New Hampshire Ave.

Chief Newton indicated today that a promotion to fill Sgt. Chandler's position would be made from within the present personnel of the local department.

For the present, he said, Officer Malcolm Stout is serving as acting sergeant.

He commended Sgt. Chandler for the excellent work he had performed here during the past three years and said Sgt. Chandler had done much to improve police work during that period.

Parents and friends of the scouts are invited.

## Court of Honor Planned Monday

Boy Scouts of the Moore District of Oconeechee Council will hold a Court of Honor Monday at 8 p.m. in the high school auditorium at Robbins, according to Frank McNeill, advancement chairman.

Mayors of several towns in the county will present the awards. One Eagle Scout award is also scheduled.

Parents and friends of the scouts are invited.

## French Government Decorates Local Woman

Almost 12 years have passed since Nazi troops, determined to conquer the world for a mad Adolph Hitler, invaded France and placed a steel grip of occupation on the country.

The occupation brought to a halt all work by charitable and other service organizations throughout the world that had been sending help to the war-stricken country.

Among the organizations whose work was halted was "Les Amities Feminines de la France," (Feminine Friendship for France) an organization which had, for some years, been sending a steady stream of cases filled with warm clothing, sweaters and blankets for babies and children.

Last week the founder of "Les Amities Feminines de la France," Mrs. L. Henry Pierre Delarue of Southern Pines, was informed by the French consulate in Washington that France had remembered her work and had bestowed upon her the "Médaille de la Reconnaissance Française," an acknowledgment of gratitude.

Mrs. Delarue, with her husband, a former chief reception officer of the French Line, came to Southern Pines for a vacation in 1949. They had left New York for a brief period while their apartment was being painted and planned to stay here just a short time.

But after one day here they decided to stay and said farewell to New York.

Mrs. Delarue, an inveterate admirer of anything French, was returning from one of her periodic trips to France in 1938 when the idea struck her to organize a group of women—they were all on board the ship—to promote friendship and understanding between France and the United States, and



MRS. L. HENRY PIERRE DELARUE

to provide a means of exchanging cultural interests between American and French women.

Eight women joined the group. In 1939, when war was more than a threat, the group decided to direct their energies towards war relief.

For the next five years Mrs. Delarue worked tirelessly to help France. She and members of her organization staged dozens of benefit shows—teas, luncheons, French art shows—to raise funds to carry on their work.

Once, there were seven ships, including the famed Normandie,

docked in the New York harbor. The ships were unable to return to France and the crews, their pay stopped, were restless with boredom and lacked many of the essentials of a reasonably comfortable living.

Mrs. Delarue and members of "Les Amities Feminines" promptly moved in and started raising money to help the French sailors. They also encouraged athletics to relieve the boredom, furnishing necessary equipment and prizes, and staged innumerable other affairs that were of great assistance to the stranded sailors.

Today, Mr. and Mrs. Delarue, who live in a house on Morganton road well furnished with antiques, are planning a trip to France next spring. "This will be the first time either has visited since they were married."

Mr. Delarue, an accomplished amateur chef who does all the cooking in the Delarue home, is a native of France and has crossed the Atlantic 301 times. The proposed trip next spring has, he admits, generated more excitement in him than any of the others.