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## Stevenson Strength Mounting

Governor Adlai Stevenson, frontrunning candidate for the Democratic nomination for the presidency, has apparently lined up enough delegates for nomination on the first ballot, according to an Associated Press survey made at noon today. The survey indicated that Stevenson, a frequent visitor to Southern Pines, has at least three more than the required 686½ delegate votes to assure him the nomination on the first ballot. Senator John Kennedy, a leading contender for the vice presidential nomination, will place Mr. Stevenson's name in nomination tonight. Governor Luther Hodges has told friends in Raleigh that he will be one of the people to second the nomination. The Associated Press survey broke down North Carolina's delegation in the following manner: Stevenson, 29½; Harriman, 1½; and Symington, ½. The rest are uncommitted.



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## Annual Sandhill Tennis Tourney Is Now Underway

Umstaedter, Daniel Loom As Finalists

Bill Umstaedter of Abbeville, S. C., has been top seeded in the Sandhill Invitational Tennis Tournament, which got underway yesterday on the local courts. Umstaedter, three-time winner of the tournament, will face his old nemesis, Sam Daniel of Gastonia, probably at some stage in the tournament unless big upsets are in the making. Daniel is seeded No. 2. In both 1954 and 1955 the sanctioned tournament of the Sandhill Tennis Association has ended with the two Palmetto natives matched in superb finals, with Umstaedter winning both times. This year the chance of an upset of the champ is seen not only in the presence of the determined Daniel but in several new and promising elements on the long entry list. Seedings were announced by Norris L. Hodgkins, Jr., as follows: Umstaedter, No. 1; Daniel, No. 2; Don Thompson, New York City, currently seeded No. 1 at the University of North Carolina, No. 3; Ken Wagstaff, U. S. Army, No. 4; Bob Farrell, also of the Army, No. 5; Jerry Robinson, Raleigh, No. 6; Jack Womrath, Greensboro, No. 7; and Billy Weathers, Charlotte, No. 8. Wagstaff and Farrell, temporarily at Fort Bragg, have entered with high recommendations that they are "equally as good as the famous Keesler brothers of Charlotte and Davidson." Robinson and Weathers are old-timers here. Womrath a newcomer, will play doubles with Daniel. On the women's side it's a wide-open field as Evelyn Cowan, Covington, Ga., defending champion, is unable to attend. And, also unable to attend, is Audrey West Brown, now Mrs. Harvey Johnson of Graham, a three-time winner of the Sandhill tournament. Seeded No. 1 will be a former Sandhill titlist, Sarah Walters of Charlotte, with a newcomer, Mary Babbitt, Coral Gables, Fla., as No. 2. Mary Lou Jones of Sanford has been seeded No. 3 and Mildred Gruelbi of Southern Pines No. 4. (Continued on Page 8)

## Packed Courtroom Hears Robbins Youth Deny Rape Charges; Says 'Everything Was Mutual'

Girl Sobs As Key Gives His Version Of Date

Jack Key, 22-year-old State College student and former Marine, went on trial for his life in Moore Superior Court this week as the state pressed formal charges that he raped Miss Martha Sue Robinson the night of May 26. Key has denied the charges and his attorneys, W. D. Sabiston and H. F. Seawell, have contended it was a "mutual affair." Miss Robinson, a pretty 22-year-old schoolteacher from Biscoe, said she was "beaten into it, overpowered. I never consented to such a horrible thing." The daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Robinson, she said the alleged offense occurred after Key had brought her to Southern Pines for a movie and then was on the way back to Biscoe. This morning Key took the stand and was questioned at length by both defense and prosecuting attorneys. He admitted being with Miss Robinson and taking her to the Five O'Clock Club in Southern Pines where, he said, "they stayed for some time on the outside." He kissed her there a number of times, and he testified, she said, "Let's don't do that here."



JACK KEY, on trial for his life on charges of raping a Biscoe school teacher in May, sits in the courtroom beside his two attorneys, H. F. Seawell and W. D. Sabiston, as testimony was being given Wednesday afternoon. Key, a Marine Corps veteran and a junior at State College, has been in Moore County jail since the day after the alleged offense occurred. He is pictured here just to the left of the man in the foreground. At the time the picture was made, Miss Martha Sue Robinson, the victim of the alleged offense, was being examined by Attorney Seawell. The courtroom was packed all day in what may turn out to be the most sensational case in many years in the county. (Pilot photo)

## Southern Pines Schools To Open September 5; Teachers Listed

Southern Pines schools will open September 5, it was announced today by A. C. Dawson, superintendent.

On that day, which is a Wednesday, and the next, classes will meet only from 9 a. m. to 12, Mr. Dawson said, primarily for registration and issuing books.

Starting Friday the schools will be on a full-time basis.

Mr. Dawson announced that a number of new teachers would be on the faculty this year.

Miss Carolyn Chester, first grade teacher, who has been on a year's leave of absence in Germany, will be back. She has been teaching in the schools maintained in Germany by the U. S. government for children of armed forces personnel.

Mrs. George Willcox, who taught the second grade part of last year, will be here on a permanent basis.

Mrs. Jane McPhaul, a graduate of Flora Macdonald College, will teach the sixth grade. She is a native of Fayetteville and a former teacher in the Benson School system.

Miss Sally Cowles, a graduate of the University of North Carolina, will replace Mrs. Neva Campbell as librarian. This is Miss Cowles' first position since graduating from the university.

Miss Mary Logan, who has been supervisor of the Moore County schools, will join the Southern Pines faculty as supervisor and will teach music and instruction.

In the high school, Mrs. Joan Ripple, a graduate of Penn State University, will teach English and Spanish. She replaces Mrs. Julia Ann McCracken. Kenneth Miller, a Duke graduate in June, will teach English and Social Studies. He is from Raeford

where his father is a Methodist minister.

One new position has been added, Dawson said. Mrs. Jean Jenkins of Pinehurst will become the third teacher in the fourth grade.

Mr. Dawson said that only one position has not been filled to date—that of an additional teacher. (Continued on Page 5)

## Polio Clinics Are Scheduled

Polio clinics are being held in a number of places throughout the county under the direction of the Moore County Health Department.

Two weeks ago The Pilot was informed by the health department that no clinics had been planned for the county and printed a story to that effect. It was learned last week that a number of clinics were being held, with nurses from the health department administering the shots.

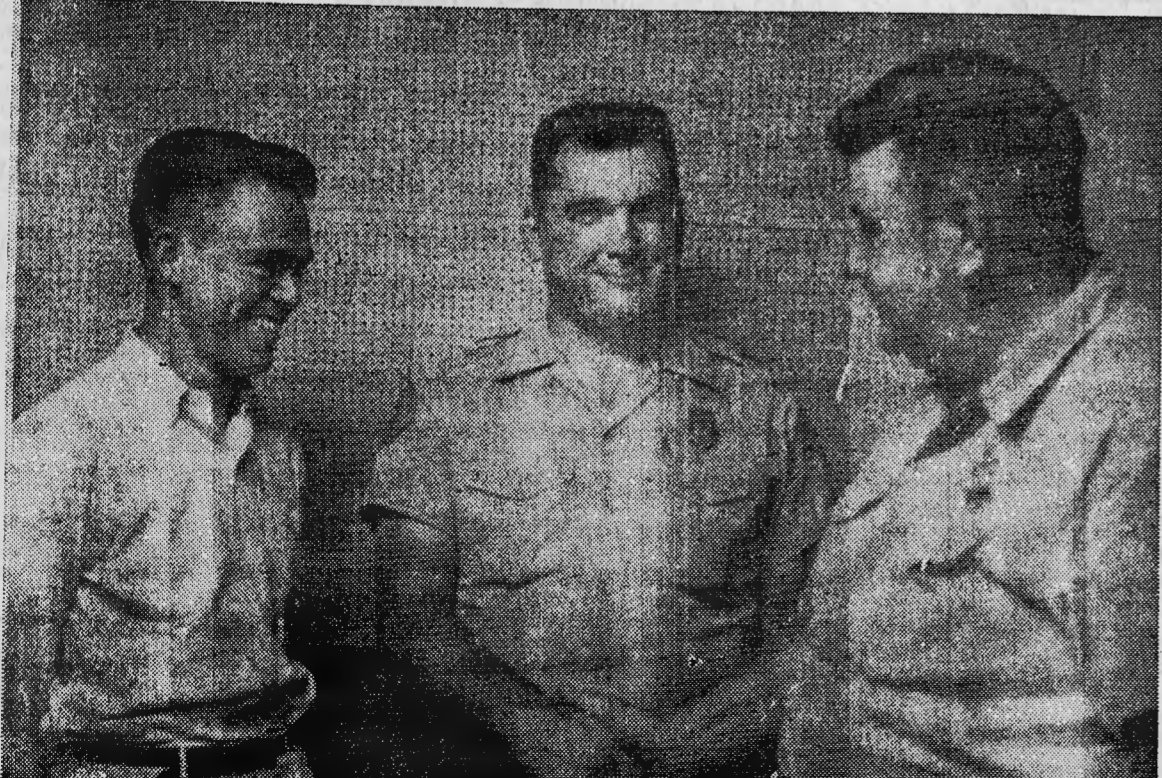
The only clinic in Southern Pines is being held on Wednesdays from 9:30 to 11 a. m. in West Southern Pines.

Other clinics are being held in Aberdeen on Mondays from 2 to 4 p. m., Cameron, Mondays, 2 to 4 p. m., Pinehurst, Wednesdays from 2 to 4 p. m. and Robbins on Thursdays from 2 to 4 p. m.

Children and young people between the ages of one and 19 are eligible for free polio shots as are pregnant mothers.

The Moore County Medical Society, of which Dr. Morris Caddell of Aberdeen is president, is cooperating in the clinics and urging patients to attend them.

There is plenty of vaccine on hand, according to officials in the health department.



MALCOLM STOUT, member of the town police force since January, 1954, was promoted to sergeant effective yesterday. Pictured here being congratulated by Chief C. E. Newton and City Manager Tom Cunningham, Stout will replace Sgt. H. V. Chandler, who resigned last month to accept a position in Ayden. Stout, a Sanford native, is a graduate of Mars Hill College and served in the Army Ordnance for three years. (Pilot photo)

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## Grid Practice Is Scheduled For 3 Weeks By Leonard

Though winners of 23 straight games and undefeated six-man football champions of North Carolina for the past two years, Southern Pines High School was faced this week with the dim prospect that this year may not be a winning one as twice-a-day practice sessions got underway today (Thursday) in preparation for the September 7 opener with Carthage.

Coach Irie Leonard has scheduled the twice-a-day workouts for what may be the roughest season the Blue Knights have ever had. Already there has been some speculation that several of the teams on the eight-game schedule are easily capable of beating the locals.

With the loss of every starter in the backfield and a good part of the line, Coach Leonard and his assistant, W. A. Leonard, are mentally juggling several potential lineups with the untried players at hand. The three returning lettermen that have had the most seasoning are Tony Parker, all-state center, Lynn Van Benschoten, middle-guard, and Kenneth Creech, also a middle-guard.

Gone are six of the first nine from last year, a team that was acclaimed by many sportswriters throughout the state as the "best six-man team" in the state's history. Off to college campuses all over the state (and probably to 11-man football) are Johnny Watkins and Billy Cox, tailbacks; Bobby Cline, quarterback; James Humphrey, wingback; Bill Mar-

## Two Saturdays Left To Register For School Vote

Along with the rest of North Carolina, registration books opened in Moore County last Saturday for registration to vote on the proposed public school law changes.

According to Sam Riddle, chairman of the county Board of Elections, the registration is not a new one. It is for the purpose of registering new voters and those who have changed their residences.

The books will be open again the next two Saturdays, August 18 and 25, Riddle said. Challenge day will be September 1.

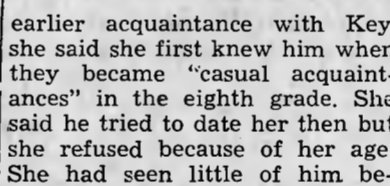
The state-wide vote on the proposed changes to the Constitution will be held September 8.

Voting will decide whether or not the state adopts the so-called Pearsall Plan, which would set up a system of tuition grants and make it possible to close the public schools if "intolerable" situations arise. Voting will also decide whether the 1955 legislative session Constitutional amendments will be ratified.

Voting will be held September 8 at the regular polling places in the county, Riddle said. All persons who are now properly registered may vote in the special election without registering again. For new registration, the books will be open from 9 a. m. to 6 p. m. on the two remaining Saturdays of the registration period.

Voters may also transfer their registration or change party affiliation during the period the books are open, Riddle pointed out.

Here are the four proposed amendments to the state Constitution which voters will decide on: Special Session School Amend-



MARTHA SUE ROBINSON

earlier acquaintance with Key, she said she first knew him when they became "casual acquaintances" in the eighth grade. She said he tried to date her then but she refused because of her age. She had seen little of him be-

tween that time and the time she became a sophomore at Woman's College in Greensboro and he was in the Marine Corps at Parris Island, she said.

During the 1954-55 school year she was home for a holiday "and someone knocked on my door and Jack was there," she testified. On that occasion, she related, they went to a movie in Southern Pines.

In May, 1955, he called her from Parris Island and asked for a date to go to a Sigma Chi fraternity dance at State. After he picked her up in Biscoe and took her to Raleigh, she said, he drove around and finally went to a motel on the outskirts of town. That, she said, was the first time she had reason to believe he was anything but a nice person.

She refused to stay in the motel with him, saying "Jack, you know I'm not going to stay at a motel."

She said he then took her to the home of an uncle and aunt in Cary where she made arrangements to spend the night. Later, they went to the fraternity house.

At the house, she said, Key became highly intoxicated. Earlier in the evening, she related, he had offered her something to drink, after she had asked for ginger ale. "It definitely was not

ginger ale and I refused to drink it," she said.

She refused to go to the dance with him and later drove him to the motor court where she left the car and keys. She went on to Cary, she said.

On May 18, shortly after the frat house episode, Miss Robinson said she received a letter from Key saying he was "deeply hurt" by the sorrow and embarrassment' he had caused her in Raleigh. The letter, which Solicitor M. G. Boyette read in court, said "my intentions, thoughts and actions would have been honorable throughout."

In the letter Key had offered some suggestions to Miss Robinson, among them the admonition to her to "try and be a little more broadminded and understanding and have sympathy." He also advised her, according to the letter, to try to visualize "just what life is." He termed it "hard, fast and cruel."

Miss Robinson's testimony had indicated that she had written Key about three days before the alleged rape, "hoping to see him."

Asked why she had written him after his conduct at the Raleigh dance, Miss Robinson replied, "You don't discard a human being because of one thing (Continued on Page 5)

## Dorsey G. Stutz, Former Mayor, Dies Following Lengthy Illness

Dorsey G. Stutz, former mayor of Southern Pines and long a leading citizen, died at his home at 180 N. Ashe St., Wednesday morning after several months of declining health.

Mr. Stutz, who retired last year after 45 years service with the Seaboard Airline railroad as agent in Southern Pines, was a native of Richmond. He came to Southern Pines in 1910 from Lilesville.

He has held numerous public offices, including the mayoralty of Southern Pines from 1929 until 1941. Prior to that he was a member of the Town Board of Commissioners for 10 years.

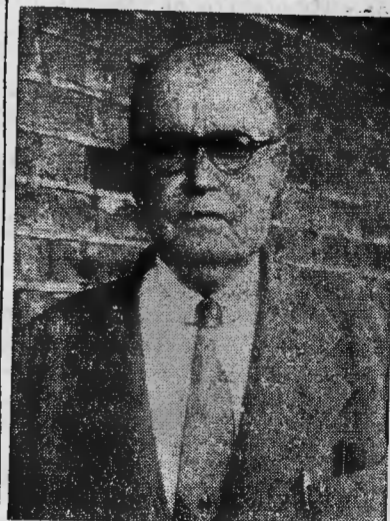
He was at one time, for 14 years, a member of the ABC Board here, and had served as a director of the Building and Loan Association for 10 years. He also was president of the Citizens Bank and Trust Company for four years.

Mr. Stutz, seeing the tremendous possibilities in the peach business early in the century, operated an orchard on Morganton Road during the big peach boom.

Later in life he served as president of the Highland Park Hotel Company, which operated the Highland Pines Hotel. He himself operated the hotel for some time during the last war.

His service with the railroad was one of the longest in the railroad's existence.

He was also a Mason. Survivors include his wife, the former Grace Martin of Weldon, of the home; two daughters, Mrs. Frederick Jackson of Jefferson,



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Maine, and Mrs. Garland Pierce of Southern Pines; one son, Dr. M. Greer Stutz, a commander in the United States Navy stationed at Virginia Beach; six grandchildren; a sister; and two brothers.

Funeral services will be held Friday at 11 a. m. at Emmanuel Episcopal Church with Dr. T. A. Cheatham officiating. Burial will follow in Mt. Hope cemetery.

Active pallbearers are Bryan Poe, Frank Buchan, John Howarth, Charlie Block, J. T. Overton, and H. A. Matthews.

Honorary pallbearers are A. S. Ruggles, Frank Welch, Sam Richardson, H. N. Cameron, E. C. Stevens, Harry Lewis, Charles Patch, C. E. Newton, Alfred Grover and A. G. Edwards.