A JOINT MEETING of Wildlife Clubs of Moore, Chatham and Lee counties attracted one of the season's biggest turnouts at Vass earlier this week. Highlight of the meeting was a talk by Turner Battle of Rocky Mount, president of the State Wildlife Federation. Pictured here, left to right, are Sgt. Kirk Flanigan, chief ranger of the Fort Bragg Military Reservation; Blake Stewart of Siler City, president of the Chatham County club; E. B. Keith of Sanford, president of the Lee County club; Battle; and T. Clyde Auman of West End, president of the Moore County club. (Emerson Humphrey photo)

Help A Needy Family Christmas

At Christmas-time, The Pilot publishes the stories of some of the families, listed on the rolls of the Moore County Department of Public Welfare, who are in dire need of help. Many of those on the rolls have been already spoken for by various organizations here and throughout the county, but there are, it seems, generally a few left over.

Below are listed three families and some of their troubles. These, to date, have not been "taken" by any group and The Pilot tenders a special plea that they may not be overlooked this Christmas. Donations may be sent to the Moore County Department of Public Welfare, Carthage. A choice of family may be indicated by one of the three letters (A, B, C) and the words **PILOT FUND.**

Here are the three tales of hardship and of courage.

(A) Courage That Deserves Help

The father of this family is comparatively young, in his late thirties. He has always been a self-supporting citizen, well-accepted in his community. Until illness came, he was a regular church worker, member of clubs and active in the community. Then, eight years ago, the dread disease multiple sclerosis struck him down.

Then the family struggle began. The father, even though he had to drag himself to work, kept on for two more years at the job his employers had arranged for him, at which he could sit down. Finally, five years ago, he became totally paralyzed, but still he refused to give up and take to his bed. His church supplied a wheel chair which he could operate; church members bought a television set to cheer the weary hours when he must be alone at home.

For the home remains. During all the hard times, that has been his wife's and his deepest hope: that they could keep the home together. Wife and children have stood by, sharing the burdens.

The wife, although suffering from gall bladder trouble, has done sewing and baking and has gotten some money from this, as well as doing the housework. She has kept the three children, a boy 13, and girls 10 and 11, in public school; they attend church and live as normal a life as possible. She has a big heart and has even been a foster mother for children temporarily without a home.

The family receives a small grant from the welfare department. This is a minimum budget and the department can only meet 75 per cent of it. These children have parents of whom they are proud, as they are truly parents, although not wealthy, and have set good examples. The children are studious and interested in their school work and helping in jobs after school and during vacation. These five years of helping this family stay together is building strong, intelligent, industrious men and women of tomorrow.

But—no Christmas? Surely that would be a great pity.

(B) Pretty Tough Going

A mother of seven children, in her thirties, is ill with internal cancer. Hospitalized for treatment, she is now home again and up, but unable to do house work, at least until she has regained her strength somewhat.

The father of the family is a laborer, earning around $150 a month. And the seven children are: Boys: 16, 13, 11 and 8; the two girls are a 12-year old and the baby, ten months.

This is a good staunch family that has gotten by until lately, but this serious illness of the mother makes it tough going. The Welfare department is providing for a housekeeper and paid for the hospitalization, but that uses all available funds. There will be no Christmas for this little group unless help comes from kind friends of those in need.

(C) Will Santa Come?

This mother moved to her present home with her seven children only a short time ago. So her sad plight is hardly known by the neighbors who would, normally, be doing their bit to help.

The situation is this: the husband has been, for the second time, sent to the State Hospital for mental derangement. In fact, that is why the mother moved herself and the children here: she was afraid that he would kill her. Understandably, the children have been frightened and emotionally upset: they attend school, but are having a difficult time of it; two are under medical treatment. They range from 15 to four years of age: the boys 14, 10, 8 and 4 and the three girls, aged 15, 12 and 7.

This family is living on the $100 a month received from the Welfare department. It provides only the barest of necessities: no extras. And no Christmas unless someone will help.

But, says the staff worker, "These children keep right on hoping Santa Claus will come by their way."

Blue Knights And Laurinburg Divide In Non-Loop Games

The Southern Pines Blue Knights will meet perhaps their stiffest competition of the basketball season tomorrow (Friday) night when they play Robbins on the local court.

To date, neither the Robbins girls or boys have been defeated in four games. The girls, defending county champions for the past two years, have been particularly impressive and observers say the boys' squad is the most powerful in recent years.

Coach W. A. Leonard said this morning, however, that the Southern Pines girls have an excellent chance of winning their half of the games, basing his prediction on the excellent showing they made Tuesday night in a 70-49 rout of Laurinburg.

In that game the girls scored almost at will and probably could have made the score even larger had the first team been kept in for the duration of the game.

The boys, incidentally, lost to Laurinburg 62-45, although big Roger Verhoeff was top scorer for the night with 20 points.

A tip-off supper has been scheduled at the high school cafeteria prior to the games under sponsorship of the Boosters Club. Tickets may still be secured from Boosters, members of the basketball squads, or at Tate's Hardware Store.

Laurinurg Game

Laurinburg, a AA school, took a 29-18 halftime lead in the boys game and were never overcome. In addition to Verhoeff's 20 points, Tony Parker and Bobby Parker scored six each, Everett Cushman got five and Billy Hamel got four.

Lytch had 17 and Schwartz had 14 for Laurinburg.

In the girls' game Southern Pines took an early lead, building it up to 36-24 at halftime, and coasted in for the victory.

Anike Verhoeff was high scorer with 26 points, closely followed by Patti Britt with 20 and Lillian Bullock with 16. Jane Peele topped the scoring for Laurinburg with 20 points, followed by C. Jones with 18.

PILOT ADVERTISING PAYS

Wildlife Club Has Enthusiastic Meeting As Federation Head Speaks

In one of the most interesting meetings held during the current year, members of the Moore County Wildlife Club heard first-hand and detailed reports Tuesday night on what the North Carolina Wildlife Federation is doing this year.

Turner Battle of Rocky Mount, president of the state group, addresed 52 members of the combined wildlife clubs of Moore, Lee and Chatham counties at a supper meeting at the Dixie Inn in Vass. He also conducted an informal question and answer period and explained many of the federation's policies and long range plans.

Clyde Auman, president of the Moore County club, presided. Reports from the various members indicated the club is now in good financial shape and has a membership of 78, of which 37 are farmers.

A wood duck nest box committee, which has ben working on a project to provide nest boxes on the county ponds with the eventual hope that more ducks would be attracted to the area, was instructed to report its progress at the January meeting. Members of the committee are Ralph Mills, chairman, Ed Starnes, Eugene McDonald, M. M. Poole and W. O. Spence.

Auman advised the legislative committee to investigate any forthcoming legisaltion which may affect the sportsmen in this state and report back at the next meeting. That committee is composed of Dr. George Heinitsh, Ralph Mills and W. C. Ruffin.

He also asked Gen. R. B. Hill to act as chairman of a committee to make a special study of the federal license laws that are now in effect and to determine any possible bearings they had on military personnel. Following the completion of such a study, Auman pointed out, the results should be handed over to the legislative committee for their recommendations as to further disposition.

Guests at the meeting included E. B. Keith, president of the Lee County club, and three of his members; Blake Stewart, president of the Chatham County club; and Col. C. C. Turner, Major L. G. Matthews and Sgt. Kirk Flanigan, all of Fort Bragg.

COUNCIL

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state, and quite probably other states, have parking meters. The probable reason for this is that resort towns are shooting for a low property tax," he said.

Several members of the Council said they had been approached at various times since citizens had learned a study was being made and that sentiments were divided. One councilman, W. E. Blue, said he had talked to a number of people and that "maybe 60 per cent are for, the others against." He suggested that the Council give the matter more study.

The other members voiced similar suggestions.

Town Charter

W. Lamont Brown, town attorney, reported to the Council that the new charter was ready to be presented for approval. (A summary of the charter will be printed in the Pilot next week).

Brown said a number of changes had been made from the old charter and that it had been tightened up in a number of places. One such change, he noted, would an increase in the present school board of from five to seven members.

Public Parks

Council also discussed the possibility of establishing two parks of a playground nature sometime in the near future and heard reports from Cunningham on two prospective locations. One would be in West Southern Pines; the other in East Southern Pines.

The parks would be in addition to the one already in use (the so-called Town Park where the new municipal building will be constructed).

Curb and Gutter

Council also heard from Cunningham that a six-months backlog had developed in the number of petitions for curb and guttering projects in the town.

It was decided to take petitions from here out and file them as received. Firm prices that individual property owners must pay will not be quoted in the future either, Council decided, since it would be impractical to guess what construction costs would be six months in the future.

A resolution was adopted to install curbing and guttering on East New Jersey Avenue between May and Ridge Street.

In one other item of business, Council approved a resolution to re-zone a portion of the property on South West Broad Street and Bennett Street. The land was purchased by a Raleigh businessman several months ago for future development.

CHRISTMAS

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for children in the high school and elementary school. In West Southern Pines, the children will be let out Friday at noon.

Students in both will be back at their desks January 2.

A number of special church services have been planned, a complete listing of which will appear in The Pilot next week.

Christmas lights, which were strung over the streets in Southern Pines early last week, have been burning brightly every night. The 50-foot magnolia at the corner of Pennsylvania Ave. and Broad Street, lighted by the Southern Pines Garden Club, has been drawing much comment.

STEVENS

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as had originally been promised by Thomas Howerton, who helped to arrange the program.

Silver trays were presented to J. Talbot Johnson of Aberdeen, the third president of the club, and to Ponzer. Joh[illegible] duced with the re[illegible] "wouldn't be fi[illegible] party of this [illegible] words from [illegible] the club ha[illegible] early days [illegible] often th[illegible] sible to [illegible] said.

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ORCHIDS

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do, they insist) in accordance with simple instructions.

The greenhouses, located just off Midland Road, were started back in the 1920's by Judge and Mrs. W. A. Way as a hobby. The hobby soon got bigger than their house would permit and they built greenhouses adjoining their residence. Later, because of the continuing growth of the hobby, which of necessity became a business, more greenhouses—there are at present a total of 18—were built in the present location.

Some of the original plants are in the greenhouses today.

After Judge Way's death in 1948 Mrs. Way carried on until her health prevented her devoting the necessary time and attention to it, and it was sold in 1952 to Mr. and Mrs. Karl A. Bridges of Charlotte, who had been enthusiastic amateur orchid growers for many years. After the purchase they added their small, but very fine, collection with the Way's commercial and botanical stock.

They have continued adding, by purchasing and intensive propagation, with the result that Carolina Orchids now has the largest collection of top quality plants in this section of the country. The collection now numbers from 70 to 75 thousand plants and includes some 10,000 varieties.

The Bridges have won many awards at international, national and regional orchid shows.

TAYLOR

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rectors must take seriously and remedy as soon as possible."

In the administrator's report which followed, Mr. Howerton spent much time outlining plans for handling the problem of visitors, one, which he said, "plagues all hospitals." He acknowledged that it was indeed serious here and must be controlled.

Appointments to Staff

Elected chairman of the Medical Staff for 1957 was Dr. Philip P. Green, Southern Pines, to succeed Dr. R. M. McMillan, Southern Pines. Dr. Green is the hospital's pathologist, a former Colonel in the Army Medical Corps. Dr. J. P. Bowen, Aberdeen, was elected vice chairman, and Dr. William F. Hollister, Southern Pines, secretary-treasurer.

Named to the active staff, in addition to the officers, were Dr. McMillan; Dr. H. Morris Caddell, Aberdeen; Dr. R. L. Felton, Car- [illegible] C. Grier, M. W. [illegible] aroe, M. T. Pishko [illegible] s, Pinehurst; Drs. [illegible] Vida McLeod, H. [illegible] C. A. S. Phillips, [illegible]

[illegible] members: Dr. D. [illegible] st. and Dr. A. A. [illegible] Consulting staff: [illegible] itsh, W. Harrell [illegible] ce Warlick and [illegible] Southern Pines; [illegible] Hewitt, McCain; [illegible] Kemp and Fred [illegible] uff; Drs. E. M. [illegible] R. VanderVoort, [illegible]

[illegible] aff comprises Dr. [illegible] William McDuf- [illegible] rs. P. J. Chester, [illegible] en, Southern Pines; [illegible] r and J. W. Willcox, Carthage; Drs. Hilton Haines and T. B. Henry, Rockingham; Drs. W. L. Howell and W. H. Parsons, Ellerbe; Drs. Robert S. Jones, Riley M. Jordan, R. A. Matheson, R. L. Murray and A. L. O'Briant, Raeford; Dr. F. L. Owens, Pinehurst, and Mrs. M. E. Street, Jr., Glendon.

Members of the present Board of Directors, re-elected for another year are Arch L. Barnes, Wilbur H. Currie and H. G. Poole, Carthage; Mrs. James Boyd, Ralph L. Chandler, Jr., Mrs. Alwin L. Folley, Voit Gilmore, Norris L. Hodgkins and Harry H. Pethick, Southern Pines; John M. Currie, Highfalls; Paul Dana, Mrs. Dixon, H. Arnold Jackson, John F. Taylor and Richard Tufts, Pinehurst; J. B. Edwards, Dr. E. M. Medlin, Mrs. H. A. Page, Jr., J. E. Parker, and Jack Taylor, Aberdeen; E. H. Mills, Pinebluff; Alan A. McDonald, A. McDonald, West End; E. Marvin Ritter, Robbins, and C. L. Tyson, Vass.

The members of the directorate dined in the staff dining room of the hospital before the annual meeting in the Nurses' Home.

Cucumber Station At Vass Planned For Coming Year

An announcement of interest to farmers in Moore and adjoining counties is that plans have been made to operate a cucumber grading and weighing station in Vass this year. Such a station was operated for three years prior to 1954, and many farmers planted cucumbers as an early season money crop.

H. D. Jackson of Vass Route 2, who managed the station in past years, is promoting the project and persons wishing more information may contact him. He has been successful in getting lined up with the Cates pickle firm in Faison, who handled the cucumbers the other three years the plant was operated.

H. M. Smith Firm Observing 10th Year This Week

H. M. Smith Opticians Company of Southern Pines is celebrating its 10th anniversary this week.

Started in 1946 as the first optical service in the Sandhills, the company has grown until it now serves most of the surrounding counties.

Illustrative of its growth is the fact that in its first year the company had three pieces of equipment; today it has 15 pieces of the most advanced known to the optical field.

Johnnie Hall and Joe Carter, who manage the business, said that it had grown until it is now considered one of the largest in the state. The late H. M. Smith of Fayetteville founded the company.

Since its opening in 1946 the company has moved three times. Ironically, the last move was back to the place where the firm maintained its first quarters, on North East Broad Street in the building formerly occupied by WEEB studios.

A&P Employees Will Get Christmas Bonus

Employees of The Great Atlantic & Pacific Tea Company throughout the country will share more than $2,500,000 in pre-holiday compensation this year it was announced today by Ralph W. Burger, president of the food chain.

Every employee with as much as six months' service will receive a part of the annual fund voted by the company's board of directors. Distribution is scheduled for December 17.

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and Miss Elizabeth Thompson, decorator of note, who will advise on that phase of the work. Miss Thompson spent last night at the Maurice home in Eagle Springs.

The group partook of a picnic lunch, on the grounds.

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