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LIVING NATIVITY scene by the young people of Brownson Memorial Presbyterian Church was displayed in front of the church Saturday, Sunday and Monday night. The display, which

was made by the children, attracted widespread attention. Organ music and chimes were played in the background throughout the length of the exhibit. (Photo by V. Nicholson)

## No Holiday Traffic Deaths

Moore County automobile drivers, heeding grim warnings to be careful over the long Christmas holiday period, came out practically unscathed. There was only one accident of any consequence in which a driver was hurt, and that to a small extent. Robert Richardson, 21, of Fort Bragg, crashed his car into a concrete railroad sign at the Niagara railroad crossing. The concrete pillar which contained a warning signal, was completely uprooted from the ground, and Richardson's car came to rest on the tracks.

State Highway Patrolman R. S. Samuels said that Richardson apparently came around a curve on the wrong side of the road. He was taken to a hospital and treated for cuts and bruises on the head. He will be charged with exceeding the speed limit and operating on the wrong side of the road. Elsewhere in the county officers reported that traffic, though heavy at some periods, was comparatively quiet throughout the holiday. Thirty-one persons lost their lives in highway accidents in other sections of the state.

## Local Group To Confer With Ervin On AFM Move



WILLIAM D. CAMPBELL

### W. D. Campbell Is New Int'l Scout Commissioner

William D. Campbell of Southern Pines has been elected the official representative of 4,300,000 members of the Boy Scouts of America to the International Bureau of Scouts in England. Mr. Campbell succeeds the late Thomas B. Watson, Sr., head of the International Business Machines Corp. Recently he had held the job of national camping chairman and national field operation chairman in the National Council, and served in 1954 as president of the Occaneechee Council. One other honor was recently bestowed on Mr. Campbell, who has long interested himself in Scout work. He will be in charge of the presentation of the highest Occaneechee Council award for service to boyhood, the Silver Beaver, at the annual council dinner at the University of North Carolina January 17.

### Deane Pledges Efforts To Keep Air School Here

The Air Force has once again announced its intention of moving the Air-Ground School from Southern Pines to Keesler Air Force Base, Miss., in early spring. The announcement, made last Saturday by Air Force headquarters, has caused a flurry of activity by Southern Pines civic leaders, city officials, Rep. Charles B. Deane and Senator Sam Ervin to keep the school here beyond the removal date set by the Air Force. Deane, who has been instrumental twice before in keeping the school here after announced intentions of moving it, said this week that "the factors are no different now than before. I personally believe that it would be a profitable move for the Air Force. There is no better environment than Southern Pines and the facilities are absolutely superb." Deane further commented that Southern Pines "deserves to have it (the school) continued there. The cost is rock bottom. I hope we can find some answers to give to the Air Force."

### READY FOR ADOPTION

## New Charter Would Make Us A Full Fledged City, Committee Reports

Final touches to the new charter for Southern Pines have been completed, members of the city council were told at a special meeting Thursday night, and the charter is ready for presentation at the next session of the General Assembly. Adoption of the charter would mean—and to some extent in the official sense of the word—that Southern Pines is no longer a town. It is now a full-fledged city within the legally accepted definition of "city."

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City attorney W. Lamont Brown told the Council that cities are generally regarded as places with populations of more than 5,000. The designation of "city" usually carries more prestige in municipal government circles, he added. The charter, which has been under preparation by a group composed of Brown, J. Vance Rowe, Jr., Dean S. Dorman, and Tom Cunningham is a complete revision of the old charter that was first adopted in the 1880's when Southern Pines was first organized. Only once, in the early 30's, has the charter been amended and revised to any considerable degree. Four salient features stand out in the new charter, though much of it has been revised and brought up to date. In addition to making a city, rather than a town, of Southern Pines, the charter is now up to date on schools. It provides for a seven member Board of Education rather than the present system of a five-man Board of Trustees; it broadens the provisions

## Social Security Payments To Be Increased Jan. 1

Moore County workers as well as every salaried person throughout the nation will begin paying more social security taxes as of January 1. Call it a pay cut or call it a nest egg for old age, social security taxes will come out of one's weekly or monthly earnings. The worker's tax will be advanced one quarter of one percent—up from two, to two and one quarter per cent. Simultaneously, employers' taxes will be advanced the same margin to the same total amount. Pamphlets are being mailed by the Internal Revenue Service to employers of three types of labor—general business, farm and domestic. The pamphlets carry complete instructions and explanations of the Social Security act provisions.

### ANNOUNCED INTENTIONS

## Council Plans Acquisition Of Property For Park Development

The Town Council, acting in its announced intention of establishing at least two neighborhood parks during its tenure in office, last night took another step towards acquiring property for such a park in West Southern Pines. The Council, voting on a motion made by Harry Pethick, authorized the Mayor and the Town Clerk to negotiate for the acquisition of

## Training Show Is Scheduled Sunday At Pinehurst Ring

The last horse show of the current year of the Mid-South Training Shows will be held at the Carolina Ring in Pinehurst Sunday at 1:30 with a large entry expected. The show, a longtime event for Pinehurst during the Christmas-New Year's Eve holiday, is also expected to draw many visitors as a number of children's classes events will be held that will count on the point system for the championship of the year. James W. Tufts said this morning that classes were scheduled as follows: beginner's horsemanship, working hunters, intermediate horsemanship, green hunters, advanced horsemanship "B", open jumping, pair of bridle path hacks, and advanced horsemanship "A". No judges for the event have been announced yet. One show, held December 2, generated much interest in the events and officials are hoping this Sunday for a large turnout.

## Poor Brakes Are Blamed For Wreck That Killed Two

Poor brakes that had to be pumped to make them work have been blamed by officials as the cause of a wreck at Robbins crossroads last week that took the lives of two people. Ralph G. Steed, county coroner, conducted a lengthy investigation and exonerated W. C. Hildreth of Pageland, S. C., driver of the truck into which the old auto smashed, killing John Henry and Margaret Smith, Negroes of Eagle Springs, Route 1.

## License Plates To Go On Sale; Hours Of Business Given

New license tags will go on sale next Wednesday, January 2, according to Mrs. S. D. Fobes, who manages the license bureau here. Automobile and truck owners have until February 15 to display the new plates. For the first two weeks the licenses are on sale, the bureau, located in the Chamber of Commerce office on East Pennsylvania Ave., will remain open from 9 to 4 p.m., closing at noon on Wednesday and Saturday. The bureau will also be closed during the lunch period (1 to 2) during that time. Beginning January 14, the bureau will stay open during the lunch hour and Saturday mornings. During the last week of the sale the office will also be open on Wednesday, February 13. The bureau has been instructed, according to Mrs. Fobes, that checks are not acceptable at the branch offices. Those wishing to purchase plates by check may send directly to Raleigh. Mrs. Elizabeth Montz will be in the office to assist Mrs. Fobes with the distribution of the plates, and Alice Baxter, who formerly managed the bureau, will assist on Saturday mornings. The bureau here has the plates on hand with the first number out of this office ZP4501. Mrs. Fobes suggested this morning that dealers who had several transfers should leave them with the office so they could be processed at slack times, thus avoiding holding up other customers.

## Review Of News Headlines In 1956

What happened in Southern Pines and the rest of the Sandhills in 1956? Checking through back issues of The Pilot, many things, some big and some small, made headlines. Here is a brief summary of those stories which, for the most part, are told in their headlines.

**JANUARY 5**  
New Year gets off to a bright start with announcement that 17 communities in county have organizations to support Presbyterian College Campaign. . . approximately \$250,000 already subscribed. . . hunt season gets underway as horses from stables throughout the country begin arriving daily. . . six new directors chosen for Chamber of Commerce. . . State Utilities Commission authorizes United Telephone Company to provide extended scope service between Southern Pines and Pinehurst and between Southern Pines and Aberdeen. . . final touches being put on new construction at high school.

**JANUARY 12**  
Plans made to construct \$500,000 Howard Johnsons Motor Lodge and Restaurant on US Highway 1 South. . . college campaign funds stand at \$266,000. . . Eddie Ray, six-year old son of Sgt. and Mrs. R. R. Ray injured when knocked down by school bus. . . Harold Fowler re-elected chief of volunteer fire department. . . Gen. George C. Marshall celebrates 75th birthday with letter from Dr. Albert Schweitzer. . . two more accept appointment

**JANUARY 19**  
Woods fire between Aberdeen and Pinehurst destroys 22 acres. . . Mark King elected president of Chamber of Commerce. . . college funds reach \$342,000. . . A. H. Graham tells local officials future of Highway 1 is "Extremely promising". . . Clarendon Gardens acquires Holly Tree Nurseries. . . local residents got ready for a bond election that calls for expenditures of \$450,000.

**JANUARY 26**  
Mrs. Ernest Ives' book, "My Brother Adlai" published. Ernest Bruce becomes first 1956 road fatality in county, but four more killed in single accident within 48 hours. . . \$25,000 damage suit against two Moore County Hospital staff physicians is non-suit in Superior Court. . . Pilot wins two first place awards in N. C. Press Association contests.

**FEBRUARY 2**  
Voters OK three of four bond proposals with cost of \$400,000. Rev. Martin Caldwell new rector at Emmanuel Church. . . college fund stands at \$456,000 as local committee makes bid for location. . . Phyllis Garzik chosen as Girl Scout representative to national round-up in Michigan. . . Historical Association is presented old cemetery near House in Horse-shoe. . . Sheriff C. J. McDonald given handsome pistol by colleagues. . . Richard Tufts named president of PGA. . . \$436,000 improvement program begins at Moore County Hospital. . . annual Seal Sale drive goes over quota

**FEBRUARY 9**  
Town loses in bid for Presbyterian College. . . Hunter Trials date set. . . A. C. Dawson to head Library Association. . . J. D. Ives named 1956 Red Cross membership and fund chairman. Mrs. Ernest Ives donates \$5,000 towards restoration of Alston House. . . grand jury reports county facilities in good condition. . .

**FEBRUARY 16**  
Public meeting planned to discuss center site. . . J. T. Allen, 35, killed in plane crash near Knollwood Airport. . . construction during 1956 reported at over half million dollars. . . Raleigh contractor begins 10 new houses near Knollwood Apartments. . . work on Methodist Church on Midland Road begins. . . public makes last minute rush to buy '56 tags. . . Robert L. Huffines and L. V. Sutton trade arguments on power costs. . . Sam Richardson celebrates 50 years in Sandhills.

**FEBRUARY 23**  
Little Trip, owner by D. W. Winkelman, wins 24th annual Hunter Trials. . . Chamber of Commerce plans move to Graves Building. . . Air Force officials agree to reassess any plans for moving Air Ground School when lease expires. . . barber's raise price of haircut to dollar. . . National Guard holds open house. . . A. C. Dawson elected Rotary president. . . Stevenson for President club organized. . . Blue Knights win in county cage tournament. . . girls lose. . .

**FEBRUARY 23**  
Broadus Smith named head of Band Boosters. . .

## March 31 Is Date Set For Toll-Free Telephone Service

Extended area telephone service between Southern Pines and Aberdeen and Southern Pines and Pinehurst will probably be instituted March 31, The Pilot learned this morning from Ed Small, commercial superintendent of the United Telephone Company here. The date had originally been set by the company last January as "sometime in the last quarter of 1956 or the first quarter of 1957." Small said this morning that it was originally planned by the company to have the new system in operation last November 17 but that delays in equipment manufacturing had held up the changeover. The company then set a target date of January 31 for the "handover," which is the date the manufacturer's installation crews hand over the new system, but the manufacturer again met with difficulties and had to put off delivery of the equipment. Small said there was some possibility that the new service would be installed March 15. Under the new set-up Southern Pines will have as its exchange letters "OXford" and Pinehurst will have "CYpress." Aberdeen, which converted last spring, uses "Windsor." Small said that the company was extremely anxious to proceed with the toll-free service and that every effort was being made to hurry-up the work. The change-over will cost the telephone company close to a quarter of a million dollars.

## Man In Hospital After Bloody Bout Wednesday Night

Ervin Lambert, possessor of a long criminal record, was in St. Joseph's Hospital this morning recovering from severe wounds received in what one officer described as the "bloodiest fight I've even seen" late Wednesday afternoon. Lambert, whose wounds required almost 40 stitches to close, claimed to officers that Doug Garner, of the Robbins area, was his assailant. Garner denied to officers he had cut Lambert, although he did not deny he had been fighting with him. The fight happened at the Charlie Kennedy home near Robbins and was the result of a "falling out" between the two, officers said. Deputy sheriff D. B. Cranford, who is investigating, said the house where the fight occurred looked as though someone had been killing hogs inside. Lambert had made his way to Robbins after the fight, badly bleeding, and informed the officers there of his condition. He was rushed to the hospital. Lambert has served time for a number of charges, including second degree murder. Garner also has a lengthy record.

## TB SEALS

Incomplete returns of the annual TB Seals Sale drive for Southern Pines were announced this morning at slightly more than \$1,000 by Jerry Rhoades, chairman. Complete returns will be announced next week.

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