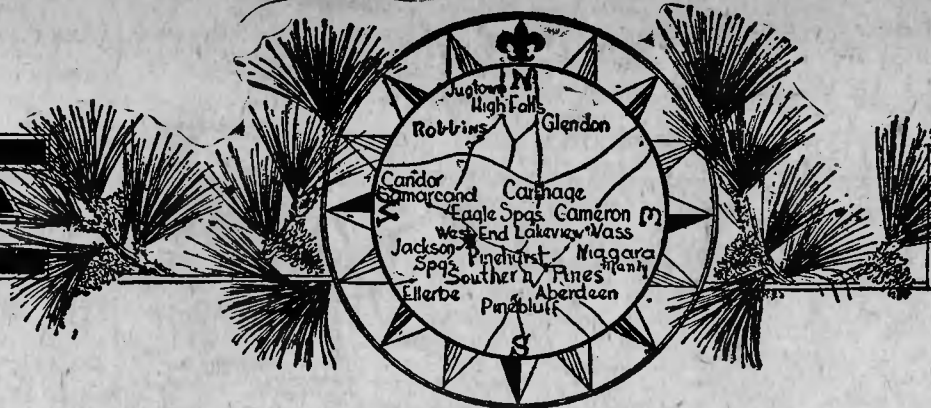


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PRICE TEN CENTS

COUPLE STEALS \$100

Police Investigating Racket Pulled At Episcopal Church Here Sunday

Southern Pines police officers continued their investigation today in what appears to be one of the slickest rackets ever pulled in this area.

Sunday morning, they reported, a well dressed couple and a little girl about four years old, went to Emmanuel Church and before they left, they had lifted \$100 and other articles from pockets and clothing of members of the choir and the minister, Rev. Martin Caldwell.

Chief Newton related the story this way:

The couple and the little girl first went to the front door of the church soon after the regular 11 o'clock service started and questioned the ushers about the service. From their conversation, the ushers reported, they were apparently looking for someone.

Later, in the basement of the church, the couple talked with Mrs. Jeanette Pitts, who keeps the nursery, and told her they were new members and that the little girl had become restless. They were just showing her around the church to overcome the restlessness, they said, and Mrs. Pitts went back to the nursery.

Mrs. Pitts asked if she might look after the little girl but the couple declined the offer.

Later, when church was over, Mrs. Arthur Eakins, the organist, discovered that two billfolds she had in her pocketbook and \$70 was missing. Also missing, she said, were her driver's license, gasoline courtesy card and other personal papers.

Mr. Caldwell had \$30 stolen from his coat pocket and several other articles belonging to other members of the choir had been taken.

Chief Newton said a couple bearing the same description went to the Baptist Church in Aberdeen about 30 minutes later and several people had reported articles taken.

New School Board To Hold Initial Meeting Tonight

The recently named Southern Pines School Board will hold its first meeting tonight in the office of A. C. Dawson, school superintendent and secretary of the board, and will be sworn into their new positions.

Dawson said there was little more on the agenda other than some routine matters. Applications from several prospective teachers for next year will be discussed.

All five of the members who were appointed by the Town Council about three weeks ago have accepted the office. They are John Howarth, chairman of the old board, Dr. Vida McLeod, Harry Menzel, Norris Hodgkins, Sr., and Prentiss I. York.

INSURANCE AGENTS MEET
The Moore County Insurance Agents Association, Inc., held a luncheon meeting today at Howard Johnson's for the election of officers.

REPORTS STILL INCOMPLETE

Maternal Welfare Tag Day Sales Top \$1,000 Mark; \$617 Raised Here

Despite the rain, which in many localities caused postponement of the Moore County Maternal Welfare drive from May 11 to the following Saturday, the tag day sale to raise funds for the care of needy mothers and babies came well over the amount raised last year.

With the Robbins Community Chest and one or two smaller areas not yet heard from, the total is confidently expected to top the thousand dollar mark.

By towns (with chairmen noted in parentheses) the scores run as follows:

Aberdeen, (Mrs. Talbot Johnson, co-chairman of the county committee) \$116.92.

Plans Submitted To County For New Agriculture Bldg.

Preliminary plans for a new agricultural building to be located in Carthage were presented to the Board of County Commissioners at the regular monthly meeting Monday but no action was taken.

The plans, drawn by Thomas T. Hayes, Jr., Southern Pines architect, encompass some 17,200 square feet of floor space. Included is an 80' by 40' feet auditorium, a library, and office space for the various agricultural agencies in the county.

The auditorium would have a seating capacity of 400 people.

There have been, over the past few years, many requests made by farmers in the county for such a building. Last year the Moore County Farm Bureau, composed of some 500 farm families, officially endorsed the proposal to the county commissioners, saying at the time that the facilities were urgently needed to bring together all the agricultural agencies in the county for more efficiency of operation.

The commissioners appropriated \$25,000 as the beginning of a fund in the current budget but the amount was reduced to less than \$10,000 when \$10,000 was used to purchase a fire truck for rural use, some \$6,000 was used to purchase property for the building in Carthage, and several other smaller amounts were taken for related uses.

The commissioners did not discuss the building with Hayes Monday because John Currie, a member of the board who is serving on the planning committee for the building, was not in town.

Other members of the committee are Walter Fields, office manager of the ASC; Fleet Allen, county farm agent; Miss Flora McDonald, home agent; W. B. Hill, Farmer's Home Administration; and W. K. Keller, Soil Conservation. (Continued on page 8)

Thruway Work Is Slowed By Rains; July 1 Completion

Heavy rains are still hampering completion of the new thruway, officials said this morning, and revised estimates of the completion date have been set at "before July 1."

T. E. Poindexter, 8th division engineer, said this morning that the road is, for the most part, completed. Contractors were concentrating on the South end of the project which has an overhead bridge and numerous approaches.

The heavy rains have caused a number of bad washes on banks and will make the clean-up job more difficult, Poindexter said.

The original completion date was June 1 but the rain that fell May 11, officially measured at more than six inches, caused at least a two week delay.



1957 GRADUATES, 38 of them, received their diplomas from Norris Hodgkins, Sr., member of the Southern Pines school board, at annual exercises at the school Tuesday night. School authorities said the class was one of the largest and, as always, "the best" that had ever attended the school. Graduating were Richard Betha, Lillian Bullock, James Bowden, Donald Brown, Carolyn Bryant, John Chappell, James Chiricos, Lillian Clark, Kenneth Creech, Ray Daeke, David Dresser, William Hamel,

Elizabeth Jean Haney, David E. Hannon, Patricia Hobbs, Joan Howarth, Herman Lanzo Martin, Lucy McDaniel, Howard Morgan, John Morgan, Cornelia Ann Morris, James Morrison, Robert Parker, Tony Parker, Cathryn Pollard, Richard Renegar, David Riddle, Samuel Self, Opal Jean Smith, Lynn van Benschoten, Thomas Vann, Anike Verhoeff, Roger Verhoeff, Donald Walter, Charles Watkins, Ruth M. Williams, Virginia Woodell, and John Whitley. (Photo by Emerson Humphrey)

Memorial Plaque To June Phillips On View At School

A handsome walnut plaque, hung as a memorial to the late June Phillips, is now on view in the lobby of Southern Pines High School, complete with the names of six seniors who won high honors at the school this year.

The plaque, which has spaces for honor students the next 10 years, was made available through funds collected at Carolina Power and Light Company, where Phillips was employed at the time of his death several years ago, and through funds of the school.

Phillips' principal interest in life was the furtherance of school activities, particularly athletic events.

Names inscribed this year were John Chappell, best all-round senior; valedictorian, Anike Verhoeff; salutatorian, Joan Howarth; James Morrison, improvement; Lillian Clark, service; and Ray Daeke, citizenship.

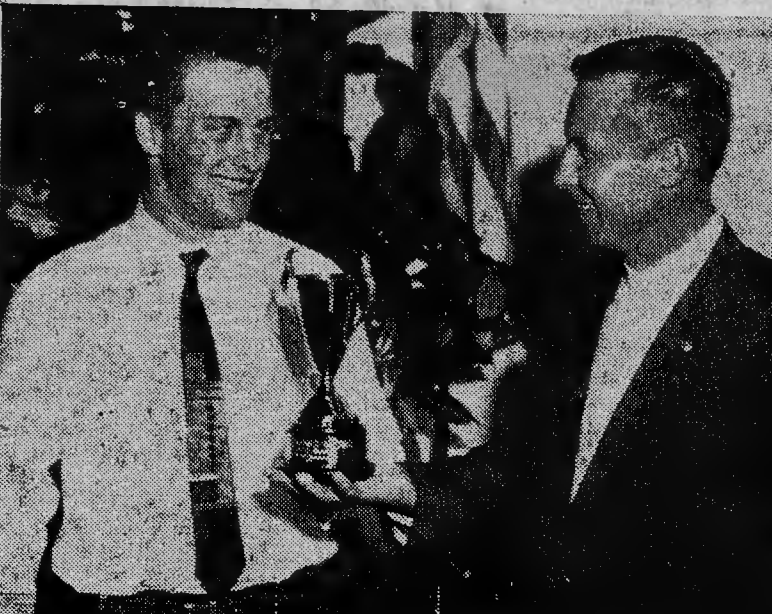
Musical Program Set June 15 By College Students

Five young musicians, all college students of this county, will present a varied program Saturday, June 15, at Weymouth, home of Mrs. James Boyd, under the auspices of the Sandhills Music Association.

The students usually appear as a part of the regular Young People's Concert, but members of the association decided this year to have a separate concert.

Those appearing on the program will be Mary Joe Davis, pianist, of West End, who received her Master's degree from Yale University in June; Harold Collins, Jr., of Southern Pines, pianist who attends Duke University; Margaret Grimm of Carthage, piano student at Meredith College; Mary Louise McDonald, also of Carthage, voice student at Penn Hall in Pennsylvania; and Joan Bertrand of Pinehurst, pianist.

Members of the Music Association and the public have been invited to attend the program, which begins at 8:15.



MOST VALUABLE PLAYER award for the 1957 baseball season at Southern Pines High School was presented to Lynn van Benschoten at the annual awards day program Tuesday. Don Traylor, president of the Lions Club, donors of the trophy, is shown presenting the award. (Emerson Humphrey photo)

SENIORS GIVE SCHOOL SIDEWALK

Large Group of Seniors Honored Tuesday At Awards Day Program

The annual honors and awards day program, when seniors are recognized for achievements during their school days, was held Tuesday morning at Weaver Auditorium.

Short talks were given by Anike Verhoeff and Joan Howarth, valedictorian and salutatorian, and by patrons of the school.

It was announced at the meeting that the annual senior class gift would be in the form of a check to be used in constructing a new walkway at the school. A. C. Dawson, superintendent, accepted the gift and offered the school's thanks.

The Beta Club also made its annual presentation to the school, this year in the form of a pair of silver bon-bon dishes to be used for social functions of the faculty and students.

The Future Homemakers of America club presented the school with a silver tray to be used at teas and other social functions. A similar gift was given the school by Miss Pat Archbell's seventh grade class.

Processional music was played by Mrs. Ina Bullock. Scripture and prayer was led by Thomas Vann, and Anike Verhoeff and John van Benschoten made the traditional transfer of cap and gown.

Here are the awards and honors winners:

James S. Milliken Memorial Award (\$50 cash) for best all-around senior, presented to John Chappell.

American Legion Citizenship Medal for best citizen of senior class, to Ray Daeke.

Rotary Club Improvement Cup, for the high school student showing the most improvement, to James Morrison.

Southern Pines School Service Award, for the student giving the most unselfish service to the school throughout his student days, to Lillian Clark.

Charlotte Erson Music Plaque, to the outstanding member of the Glee Club, to Ginger Woodell.

Babe Ruth Sportsmanship Awards, to the senior boy and girl who show the most sportsmanship, awarded to Patti Hobbs and Tony Parker.

Danforth Foundation Awards, given to the senior boy and girl who show qualities of physical,

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52 Eligible For Prizes In Farm Income Contest

Fifty two farmers have entered the first annual "Farm Income Contest," sponsored jointly in this county by the Raleigh News and Observer and The Pilot, it was announced this week by F. D. Allen, county farm agent.

Deadline for entering the contest was Friday.

The 52 entered will thus qualify Moore County for the large awards made available. More than \$500 in prizes may be won by any individual farmer in addition to local prizes.

Allen said that most of the farmers had indicated they would plant new types of crops—ranging from corn for brooms to new varieties of berries—in efforts to increase their incomes in the face of decreased tobacco allotments.

"Though this contest is designed primarily to encourage farmers to increase their incomes, everyone will eventually benefit," Allen said. With the county now suffering from the loss of several industries, some of which employed farmers who were attempting to supplement their incomes with factory jobs, the contest should prove the necessary boost to assist in raising the income.

Farmers who have entered are required to keep a record of new developments, improvements, and other day-to-day operations on their farms. The contest closes December 1.

Allen released the following list of those entered:

Lendo Seawell, Route 1, West End; Melvin Thomas, Cameron; Jack Flinchum, Route 1, Carthage; Willie Almond, Robbins; Charlie Brown, Route 3, Carthage; Henry Frye, Route 2, Carthage; Mrs. Katie Ferguson and Warren G. Matthews, Route 3, Carthage; Jerome Gunther, Route 2, Carthage; E. L. McNair, Route 3, Carthage; Jordan Ritter, Route 1, Carthage; George L. Shamburger, Route 1, Robbins; Dorothy McDonald, Jackson Springs; J. C. Stanley, Route 2, Carthage; Walter Kidd, Route 1, Robbins.

Neal Douglas, Route 1, Cameron; Harold Dowd, Route 1, Car-

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Phone Company Plans Extended Area Call System

Completion Is Seen By August

The first part of United Telephone Company's program to improve telephone service in Southern Pines will begin next week, according to Ed Smail, the company's commercial superintendent.

Workmen arrived this week to begin installing a 200-line addition to present equipment. Other equipment will be added for the complete extended area service. Smail said the system should be in operation by the middle of August, and users may dial Pinehurst and Aberdeen direct.

Subsequent with the new service, he said, rates would be increased. Customers will notice the increases in their September bills.

The second part of the expanded service, referred to as the inter-toll dialing system, is due for completion in December. No starting date has been set at present.

Inter-toll dialing will allow local operators to dial other places directly without the use of operators in other towns, Smail said, and should speed up long distance calls considerably.

The company is also constructing an addition to the present office building on S. W. Broad Street to be used for office space.

Tentative Welfare Budget In County Set At \$110,000

A tentative budget that calls for an outlay of some \$118,000 for the county's welfare program was submitted by Mrs. Walter Cole, superintendent, to the Board of Commissioners at their regular meeting Monday.

The budget represents an increase of about \$13,000 over last year. About half that amount, Mrs. Cole said, would be used for salary increases in keeping with a state Merit Council policy, and the hiring of two additional case workers and a stenographer.

The commissioners are presently hearing requests from all county agencies for funds for the coming year. Gordon Cameron, chairman, said at the meeting that, as has happened every year in his memory, the requests are far larger than the funds that will be collected by the county.

Mrs. Cole's budget calls for \$8,088 for salary and travel of a case worker for the blind, also salaries for five caseworkers in the overall program, herself, and three stenographers.

She requested \$12,500, an increase of some \$3,000 over last year, for the general assistance (outside poor) fund. There was also a request for \$1,180 increase from last year in the fund for Aid to Permanently and Totally Disabled.

Most of the other departments remained the same.

The commissioners scheduled a meeting June 12 with the welfare board to go over the budget and arrive at the amount that will finally be appropriated.

9 Will Graduate At St. Anthony's

Graduation exercises at St. Anthony's parochial school will be held Sunday, according to Father Francis A. McCarthy, pastor.

Nine students are scheduled to receive diplomas in the exercises which will be held during the 8 o'clock Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. Father McCarthy will offer the Mass and address the graduates.

Sister Catherine Bernard, Superior of St. Anthony's school, said the following would receive diplomas:

Morris Lee Baxley, Paul John Chavez, Paul John Chiricos, Philip Edward Pitanides, Roger Wayne Hall, John Dally Scott, Ann Marie Cook, Lynia Ann Owens and Gail Teresa Tucker.