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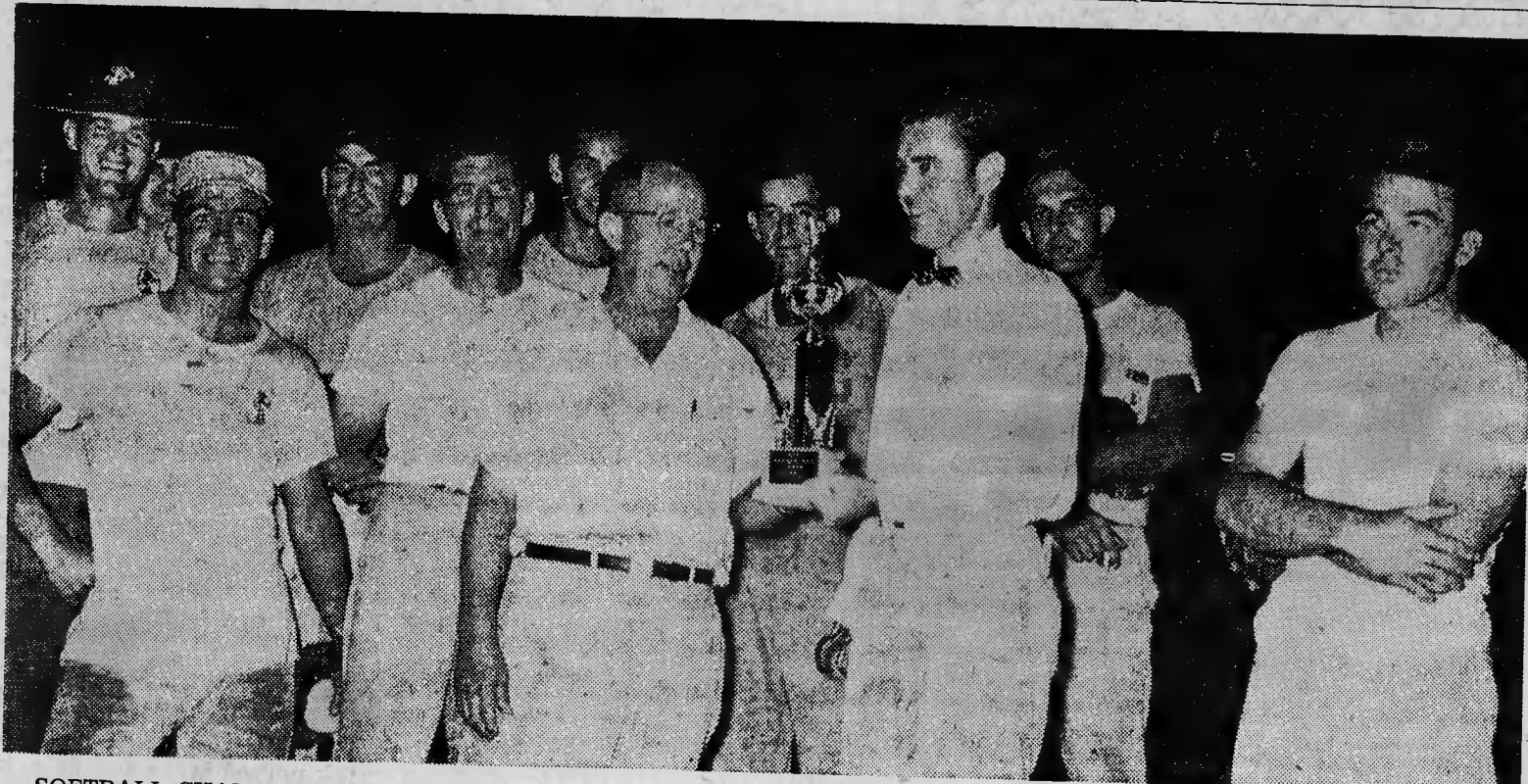
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SOFTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP CUP was presented to Charles Horton, manager of the winning Carolina Power and Light team following the game Monday night with National Guard, which CP&L won, 16-10. Morris Johnson, commissioner of the league,

made the presentation. Others in the photo are, from left, Coy Bowers, Jimmy Groover, George McNeill, Pat Blue, Ted Klingenschmidt, Ralph Leach, Johnson, Jake DeBerry, Horton, Holly Sisk and Billy Marks. (Pilot photo)

## CP&L Tops Guard For Championship Of Softball Loop

Carolina Power and Light Company's softball team defeated National Guard twice straight in finals of the annual summer adult softball league and succeeded in the disbanded USAFAGOS 'Airmen as champions.

Jake DeBerry, acknowledged as the top pitcher in the loop, was the deciding factor in CPL's showing, holding the Guard to a few hits per game.

Score in the first game was 16-8; Monday night, before a large crowd, the entire CP&L team racked up several hits to gain a 16-10 triumph.

Dick Kobleur was the loser for the Guard in both games.

In Monday night's game Johnny Watkins, Jack Barron and Bill Wilson led the hitting for the Guard, with Barron getting a long triple in the sixth, scoring three runners, to liven up the game for a short while.

Irie Leonard, who directed the summer recreation program, said today that funds collected at the softball games would be used to help pay for a set of bleachers for the field.

He added that the softball league had been the most successful since its inauguration three years ago. The rest of the program was also successful, he added.

## SYLVIA NOT TO PLAY

### Sam Daniel Leads Field In Annual Sandhills Invitational Tennis Meet

Big, black-haired Sam Daniel of Leaksville, current North Carolina men's singles champion, will bid for his fourth successive crown in the Sandhill Invitational opens at 2 p.m. today on the municipal courts. He has been runner-up for the past three years.

Daniel, a veteran tournament winner of North and South Carolina, is No. 1 seed in the men's

singles event, according to seedings announced Wednesday night by Malcolm Clark, tournament director.

Jack Warmath of Greensboro is No. 2, Norman Jarrard of Chapel Hill No. 3, and Tommy Holder of Charlotte No. 4.

Warmath and Daniel will also form the No. 1 doubles team, Jarrard and Bob Bortner of Richmond, Va., as No. 2.

Disappointments were met with in the lineup in that Del Sylvia and John Tapley can't make it, Sylvia, who last week won his third straight Eastern Carolina championship at Raleigh, had personal conflicts, and Tapley is still suffering from a sprained ankle encountered in the Eastern Carolina play.

In women's singles, Evelyn Cowan and Louise Fowler of Covington, Ga., are seeded No. 1 and 2 respectively, also composing the No. 1 doubles team. This team has for several years been top-ranked in the South, and Miss Cowan, who won the Sandhill in 1955, is second-ranked singles player.

Drawing byes in first-round matches will be Daniel, Jarrard, C. R. Council of Raleigh, Gil Stacy of Charlotte, Richard Makepeace of Sanford, Charles Lambeth of Thomasville, Ray Schilling and Harry Lee Brown, Jr., of Southern Pines.

PAIRINGS  
Men's Singles  
Jerry Robinson, Raleigh, vs. Harry Watson, Aberdeen; Lt. John Lynch, Ft. Bragg, vs. Frank DeCosta, Southern Pines; A. M. Jordan, Jr., Chapel Hill, vs. Lemuel Tew, Southern Pines; Norris

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## Ku Klux Klan Says It Will Hold Rally Near Here Friday

An unsigned notice was distributed in Southern Pines yesterday announcing a rally and cross burning which will be staged by the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan between Aberdeen and Southern Pines Friday night.

The notice, mailed in Southern Pines Tuesday night, said the meeting would be held at 8:30 and that the "Grand Wizard" would speak on the subject: "Why I Believe in Segregation." The "Grand Wizard" was not identified by name.

No specific meeting place was announced other than "between Aberdeen and Southern Pines on Highway 1."

Sheriff C. J. McDonald said he had also received the announcement but expressed some amazement that the organization would schedule a meeting in this area.

"I don't know of a single Klan member in this county and, as far as I can remember, there has never been a Klan rally in the county," he said.

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## New Director Of Nursing Service At Moore Hospital

Mrs. Alice Stallings has accepted the position of Director of Nursing Service in Moore Memorial Hospital, Administrator Thomas Howerton announced this week.

She succeeds Mrs. Margaret Moser who resigned effective July 1. Mrs. Stallings assumed the new position August 15.

She received her professional nursing training in Parkview Hospital, Rocky Mount, and her B. S. Degree in Nursing Education at Mary Mansie College, Toledo, Ohio. She came to Moore County from a responsible position with Riverside Hospital in Toledo.

Howerton also announced that the hospital is starting a refresher course for licensed practical nurses in this area to be directed by Mrs. Stallings. A schedule of classes will be announced later.

Also, an in-service training program for nurses' aides and orderlies is soon to be launched, Howerton said.

## Hundreds Attend Opening Of New Robbins Factory

Moore County's newest industry, and perhaps the newest in the entire state, got an official sendoff and a warm welcome from Gov. Luther Hodges Saturday as officials of Seating, Inc., of Robbins, opened the doors of their new plant to the public.

Garland McPherson of Southern Pines, president of the company which will manufacture a new type industrial chair, was host to more than 200 people who came to admire the new product and accord it a welcome to the industrial picture in Moore County. Among the guests were W. P. Saunders, head of the Department of Conservation and Development, who brought greetings from Gov. Hodges, and others who are prominent in the state government.

The new firm is located in the former Robbins Community Building. In the past six weeks workmen have been busily constructing a 330-foot assembly line and installing equipment which will be used to turn out about 400 chairs each day when production gets into full swing.

Already, McPherson said, the firm had started filling a rather large order for a prominent North Carolina industrial concern and others are being received daily.

The opening of the new industry will give Robbins four major industries, with several other smaller ones. It will add approximately 23 people to the industrial pay-

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## Judge Dismisses Charges In Carnal Knowledge Case

### Defendant Had Denied Molesting Four-Year Old

A four-year-old girl pointed a finger in Moore County Superior Court Wednesday to identify a husky 30-year-old farm worker as the man she said had taken her into some woods on her father's farm and molested her.

The little girl was Wanda Jean Gillis, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Gillis of near Aberdeen. The man she accused was William Carl Willis, being tried on charges of having carnal knowledge of a child.

Her testimony could hardly be heard and involved mostly nods and shakes of the head. She was prompted by District Solicitor M. G. Boyette and defense counsel H. F. Seawell, Jr., who had to couch their questions several times in what could best be described as baby talk.

Only shakes of the head, however, were drawn from her by questions as to whether she knew the nature of an oath, or what it means to place one's hand on the Bible in court procedure.

Her testimony was admitted over strenuous defense objections and, when all evidence was in, Judge W. H. S. Burgwyn indicated he would dismiss the case.

"It is plain she does not know the nature of an oath," he told the jury in dismissing the case. "In the event you should return a verdict of guilty, I would have no choice but to set your verdict aside."

Though corroborative evidence was given by the girl's parents and two brother, who are nine and 11, she was the only witness to give substantive evidence and Judge Burgwyn said the matter was too serious to rest on her account of the crime.

In truth, said Judge Burgwyn, the crime was a "horrible one," worse than second degree murder and could carry a penalty up to 60 years in prison.

The jurist said he found no fault with the parents of the child for bringing the prosecution.

"I commend them for it," he said, "for they did it in the belief they were protecting their home."

Another factor against the case was the fact that the child did not inform her parents of the alleged incident until two weeks after it was supposed to have happened, on April 17.

She and her brothers had accepted (Continued on page 8)

## Council Sets Public Hearing In September On Diagonal Parking

### Broad Part of New Hampshire Not Affected

Diagonal parking, a matter that has been the subject of several discussions by previous Town Councils, was brought up again this week and the Council called a public hearing for September to allow citizens to express their opinions.

This time the Council will discuss doing away with that type of parking on all streets in town except Broad and a small strip on New Hampshire Avenue.

The new parkway was the springboard for the latest request that diagonal parking be declared illegal in the interest of safety.

Manager Louis Scheipers read to the Council a letter he had received from T. G. Poindexter, chief engineer for the Highway Division in this area, expressing concern with the traffic patterns on Pennsylvania Avenue, particularly that stretch from the bridge

to Ashe Street.

Scheipers said the previous council had been informed by the Highway Commission that diagonal parking should be banned on Pennsylvania Avenue from the parkway to Broad Street once the parkway was open. (Some members of the previous council agreed that such a plan was in the public interest and privately thought such regulations should be made.)

The Highway Commission mentioned only Pennsylvania Avenue in its communication with Scheipers and Councilman J. B. Tollison moved that a public hearing be called on the matter. John Ruggles, who was attending the meeting, however, urged the Council to include New Hampshire Avenue in the motion and it was amended to include it. Also included was the section in front of the ABC store on Connecticut Avenue.

Scheipers reminded the Council that, some years ago, a poll had been taken by the Council which indicated that the majority of citizens wanted to retain diagonal parking.

At present it is permitted on certain portions of Pennsylvania, New Hampshire and Connecticut Avenues, and on Broad Street in several areas.

Police have marked off parallel parking plans for Pennsylvania Avenue where it was widened from Bennett Street to the bridge.

The public hearing will be held at the regular meeting of the Council the second Tuesday in September.

## CLEAN-UP

Mayor Walter Blue has proclaimed the week of August 26-31 as clean-up week in Southern Pines. The declaration was made to coincide with a current "anti-litterbug" drive being conducted throughout the state.

"In many respects," Mayor Blue said, "September 1 marks the beginning of the year in Southern Pines, with all our winter residents returning and schools preparing to open. If we clean up our yards and public parkways before then, I am sure we will all be doing our town a great service."

Town work forces were directed by Mayor Blue to begin cleaning up various public areas at once.

## Local Schools To Open September 5; Teachers Named

Southern Pines city schools will open Thursday, September 5, it has been announced by A. C. Dawson, superintendent.

The opening is one day later than in previous years, Dawson said, to allow teachers an extra day at workshops and faculty meetings. Teachers will be paid for the extra day.

Dawson told members of the school board last week that a number of improvements had been made during the summer, primarily in the West Southern Pines school. He said the interior of the West Southern Pines gymnasium had received fresh paint and that completion of the cafeteria is hoped for prior to the school opening date.

In East Southern Pines, the two outside all-weather paved play areas have been completed. Costs for the project were borne by the East Southern Pines PTA and the town's Recreation Commission.

Grass has been planted behind the elementary school building and paved walks, paid for partially by the 1957 graduation class, are presently being constructed from the high school to the gymnasium.

Several vacancies exist still on the West Southern Pines faculty but, Dawson said, all teachers have been employed in East Southern Pines.

The teacher list: (East Southern Pines elementary)—first grade, Miss Mary Jane Prillaman, Miss Tirzah Ison and Mrs. Ralph Foushee; second grade, Miss Carolyn Chester, Mrs. A. C. Dawson, and Miss Katharine Childs; third grade, Miss Peggy Joyce Blue, Mrs. Edna Wicker, and Miss Pete Dana; fourth grade, Miss Margaret Lou Frye, Mrs. Charles Cole, and Mrs. Joe Jenkins; fifth grade, Mrs. Marsden Farrow, Miss Barbara Elliott, and Miss Wilma Grey Blue; sixth

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## Putnam Man Being Tried On Murder Charges Today

M. J. Hinson of the Putnam community pleaded not guilty to a manslaughter charge late Wednesday afternoon in Moore superior court at Carthage, and the selection of a jury got under way. Prospects were that the case would take up all or most of Thursday. Special Judge W. H. S. Burgwyn is presiding.

J. W. Hoyle of Sanford, is counsel for the short, grey-haired defendant, a textile worker whom a coroner's jury last January ordered held for investigation of murder. He admitted to police the firing of the shot which killed Mrs. Nancy Frye Seawell, wife of Henry (Penn) Seawell, his neighbor. Hinson said he mistook Mrs. Seawell, whom he did not personally know, for a prowler when she came to his home in the middle of the night.

Clement Barrett is private prosecutor, assisting Solicitor M. G. Boyette in the case, which for public interest throughout the county is the highlight of this week's term. Seated with the Solicitor at the inquest seven months ago was H. F. Seawell, Jr., brother of the slain woman's husband and prominent Carthage attorney. Whether or not he plans to assist in the prosecution was not determined yesterday.

Except for two or three cases, the term had followed a more or less routine course during the first part of the week.

Two carnival workers, John Elmo Mosely and Robert William Walker, on facing forgery charges, were revealed to have left a trail of bad checks across the State. Mosely pleaded guilty to uttering a worthless check in C. M. Kivett's store in West End where the two had arrived with a carnival. Walker pleaded not guilty and Kivett's testimony showed he had waited in the car while Mosely cashed the check.

Residents of Randolph and Montgomery counties who had issued warrants against the pair were waiting in the courtroom to testify against them.

Judge Burgwyn gave Mosely 18 months on the roads and not pressed the charge against Walker in view of the fact that the FBI had also filed a claim, charged

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## FACES CHARGES FRIDAY

### Youthful Hitch-hiker Asks Wrong Person For Lift, Captured Here

Seventeen-year-old Army private Raymond Anderson hitchhiked two rides Saturday and on both occasions exhibited an amazing lack of judgment.

The first time, he beat up the motorist who befriended him and took his car.

The second time, he crawled into a car driven by a deputy sheriff out looking for him.

Anderson, who is a member of the Airborne Corps at Fort Bragg, came into Moore County with a bang. In the few minutes he was here, he managed to run up charges of speeding 100 miles per hour, reckless driving, assault with a deadly weapon, and failure to stop for an officer's siren. He will be tried in Recorder's Court in Aberdeen Friday.

Later, it is understood, he will be taken to Laurinburg and tried for assault and robbery.

He told officers here after he was apprehended by Deputy Sheriff A. F. Dees that he was thumbing a ride to Charlotte Saturday afternoon and was picked up by Julius Butler of Laurinburg. Butler has told officers in Scotland County that the youth forced him out of the car after beating him.

Anderson then high-tailed it for Moore County, arriving just

in time to be caught going over a "whammy" being maintained on US 1 South of Aberdeen by State Highway Patrolman C. G. Wimberly. His speed was clocked at 70 and Patrolman Wimberly arrested him.

Wimberly ordered the young soldier to follow him to Aberdeen where he was to be booked and given a hearing. When Wimberly turned off US 1 to the City Hall, Anderson kept on going, straight up US 1 toward Southern Pines.

Wimberly gave chase and clocked him at 100 miles per hour, a speed that is extremely dangerous on the heavily congested highway. Anderson made a wrong turn at the entrance to the new parkway and got into the wrong lane. Wimberly, still pursuing him, tried several times to get him to stop but Anderson, instead of stopping, tried to force the patrol car off the road.

Near the Morganton Road overpass, Anderson ditched the car and headed for the woods. Wimberly radioed for more help and asked that bloodhounds be sent to the heavily wooded area near Mt. Hope Cemetery.

It was while he was waiting for more officers that he heard over his car radio that Anderson

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