

## Work Going On Continuously To Place Plant

A meeting of the Bues Development Corporation North Carolina State agency to which the Saydhilldevelopment Corporation has filed for first mortgage financing a proposed industrial building here is expected in the near future, perhaps making possible an announcement of whether the financing is available in this source.

Such was the information given today by officials of a local group which is attempting to place a first mortgage on the building for the construction of a building for Mozer Laces, a New Jersey firm that has stated it would like to set up a manufacturing plant here.

Over \$150,000 has been pledged by individuals of this area for second mortgage financing on the proposed \$350,000 structure. The local group, of which Herbert S. Ewing is president, will build the structure, under proposed plan, and lease it to Mozer Laces. "Continuous work is going on," said an official of the group today. "We are trying to deal strictly with facts and do not want to cloud the issue with assumptions in our announcements. When all information available, it will be presented."

## SPHS Cagers To Play Carthage; Alumni Win

Southern Pines High School basketball teams, defeated by alumni aggregations in the traditional holiday contest Monday night, set back in rear season harness, Friday night when they meet Carthage boys' girls in the local gym.

Carthage girls, defending Moore County champs, are undefeated this season. Carthage boys have lost one contest and are among the stronger teams in the county. For the first time, number of years Monday night alumni girls won, though in a game, 50-46, and having to upon the school team for a set of players to fill in the absences.

The high school bout up a good scrap against a bigger and bigger alumni team. The score was 50-42.

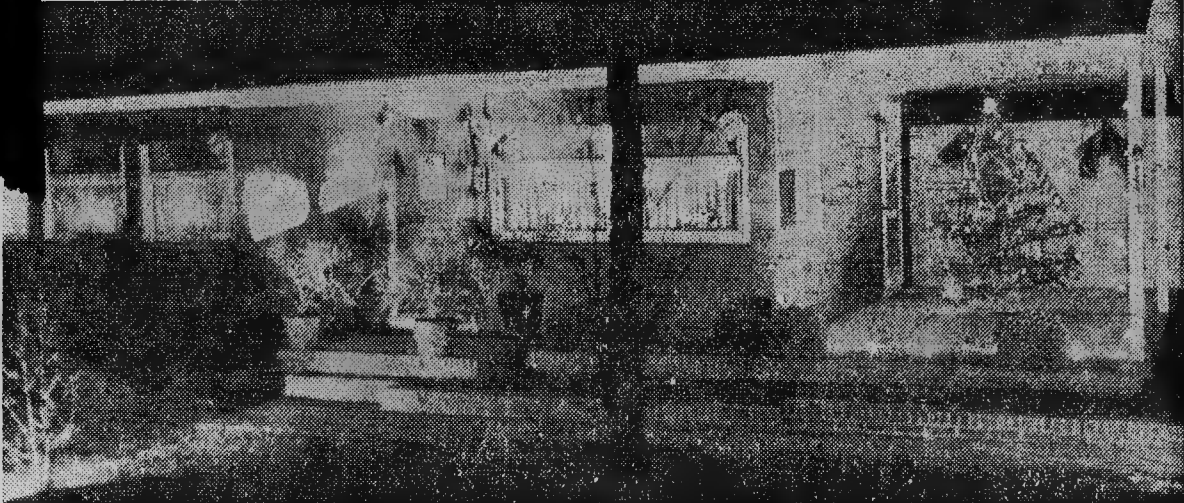
A good crowd came to the occasion to see the opportunity to see other alumni and form in school friends.

The alumni boys fielded an exceptionally large squad. Their first team, with each player's scoring, was: Tom Parr 8, Bobby Parker 8, Roy Vhoeff 6, James Humphreys 4, Johnny Watkins 11. Subs: Bill Marley 2, Julian Pleasants 4, By Hamel, David Bailey, Gy Mattocks, Steve Choate, Jamt Clins, Jimmy Townsend 6, by Page 6.

Everett Cushman, who has been on a scoring spree the past four games, dropped 22 for the high school boys. Other team members, with scoring, were: Jimmy Caldwell 6, Seymour 1, Jesse Williford 4, Roger Woodruff. Subs: We Davenport 1, Steve Smith and Jimmy (Continued on page 8)

## COMING GAMES

Upcoming Moore County high school basketball games have been scheduled as follows: Jan. 3—Southern Pines at Asheville; Pinebluff at Asheville; Pinebluff at Carthage; Pinebluff at Rocky Mount; Pinebluff at High Point; Western at Western.



## Ramsey Home Wins Decorations Contest

After touring Southern Pines for three consecutive nights, December 26 through December 28, the judging committee for the Jaycees Christmas Decorating Contest chose the Glenn Ramsey residence, 345 Crestview Road, as winner.

The committee, headed by Emory M. Watson and Alvin Adcox, reported: "The Ramsey home was beautifully decorated and lighted; uti-

lizing a lighted Santa, sleigh, and reindeer; candles in each window; porch centered with a Christmas tree, nicely lighted and framed by string of lights around the porch; the front door was decorated with pine boughs around a centerpiece, which was illuminated by a hidden spotlight; in addition, the Ramsey display was further enhanced by the playing of Christmas carols from a concealed amplifier." Having won this contest, the

Ramsey home will represent Southern Pines in General Electric's nationwide Christmas Decorating Contest. Total prize money in this contest is \$5,000. For winning the local contest, the Ramseys will be awarded a natural color photo of their display, an 11x14 framed photo by Emerson Humphrey. Lloyd Prime, 210 Valley Road, and Bill Bushby, 235 East Mass. Ave., were runners-up in the contest. —Photo by Humphrey

## C. OF C. MOVES

The Chamber of Commerce office has moved from the Graves building around the corner to 123 N. E. Broad St., location formerly occupied by H. M. Smith Opticians, near the intersection of Pennsylvania Ave. and N. E. Broad St. The telephone number remains unchanged.

## Motorists Stand In Line For Car Tags Here Today

Residents of this area turned out in large numbers this morning to purchase 1958 State motor vehicle license plates at the Chamber of Commerce office in its new location at 123 N. E. Broad St.

A line of up to 50 persons could be found outside the door most of the morning as early birds wasted no time in getting the plates they need until February 15 to purchase. The line stretched back through the building into the police station and town offices.

Yellow "FS-1" certificates of insurance were much in evidence, as plates can't be bought without this certification that the applicant is covered by auto liability insurance.

Only exception to this requirement is the posting of a \$15,000 surety bond or \$11,000 cash bond. Better have an extra dollar handy, too, as this is the charge, new this year, that must be paid when plates are bought to help finance the state's school driver training program.

Southern Pines town tags, which all vehicle owners living within the town limits must buy, are available along with the state plates.

Hours at the Chamber of Commerce office for the license sales are 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. The office is closed on Wednesday and Saturday afternoons. Mrs. S. D. Fobes, Chamber of Commerce secretary, is in charge of the license bureau for the Motor Vehicle Department.

## Ad Valorem Tax Listing Begins

Tax listing began today in several of the larger townships of Moore County, but some lists in the smaller townships will not get started for a few days, reports Mrs. Estelle Wicker, county auditor, who is in charge of the tax listing procedure.

All property owners must list real and personal property for taxes, during the month of January.

Mrs. Irene Mullinix, who lists in-town Southern Pines property in McNeill township, was at work today in the Piedmont Electric Co. store on N. E. Broad St., and will continue there daily.

Mrs. Don J. Blue is the lister for out-of-town property in McNeill Township.

## WOULD ASBESTOS SUITS HAVE HELPED?

### Death of Woman In Fire Couldn't Have Been Prevented, Says Chief

The life of Mrs. Patricia Ann Sullivan, 35, who died on Christmas morning as the result of a fire in the small dwelling she rented just south of Southern Pines, could not have been saved if the local fire department had been equipped with special heat-resistant clothing, Fire Chief Harold Fowler has told The Pilot.

The question as to whether rescue of the woman might have been possible is raised in a letter

appearing on the editorial page of today's Pilot.

Chief Fowler said that the heat in the house, which had been converted into a dwelling from adjacent former motor court units, was so intense that glass was melting out of windows in the room in which the body of Mrs. Sullivan was found. Immediately on their arrival, firemen began to throw water into the house from the booster line on the truck, before a large line had been connected to a hydrant.

"I am positive she could not have been alive," Chief Fowler said. "When I arrived I could see into the room in which the body lay, through another room in the end of the house that was not burning. She never had been burned by flames but it would be more correct to say that she had been roasted by the intense heat. When we opened the door to the room that was not on fire, the rug in that room was so hot it burned our hands."

"Mrs. Sullivan was on her back on the floor, unclothed, which would lead me to believe she had not been trying to crawl from the room," Chief Fowler related. "Otherwise she would probably have been found face-down. Her life could not have been saved if firemen had been able to enter immediately."

The chief noted that in his many years with the fire department, there had been three deaths in connection with fires and in none of these would heat-resistant or protective clothing have aided in rescue efforts.

"Deaths like that almost always occur before any alarm is turned in or firemen reach the scene," Chief Fowler said. "I do not mean to say that asbestos suits are not good things to have," he asserted, "but that is expensive equipment which a small fire department does not buy as long as it needs other more important equipment." (Continued on Page 8)

## March of Dimes Starts; Kickoff Dinner Scheduled

Moore County's March of Dimes, the annual campaign of the National Association for Infantile Paralysis, gets started today under direction of Frank McCaskill of Pinehurst, to continue through January.

Mr. McCaskill heads the drive in his own community. In Southern Pines, Paul C. Butler is in charge. Mr. Butler, who has directed the campaign here for many years, is also the state-wide March of Dimes chairman this year.

Community chairmen will meet at the Carthage Hotel Friday night for their traditional kickoff dinner. Solicitation will be by personal calls, mail and containers in public places. The county quota is \$7,500, the same as last year.

Continuing financial needs of the National Foundation, for further research and rehabilitation work, are stressed in this year's drive—along with urgent recommendations that all children and young people take the Salk vaccine for prevention of paralytic polio.

"The pledge," said the chairman, "is that no polio patient, new or old, shall suffer for lack of help." (Continued on page 8)

## 1957 Reviewed In News Headlines

As 1958 begins, The Pilot reviews its headlines of 1957, summing up the top news events of the year just ended, in Southern Pines and Moore County:

January 3—The new Southern Pines Methodist Church will have its official opening Sunday.

Building permits ran to an all-time high in 1957: \$659,326.

John L. Sharpe and L. Daniel Beck now with police force. Linwood Moon injured when car is struck by train in Aberdeen.

January 10—Local leaders prepare for a conference with Air Force officials in Washington, in attempt to keep the USAF Air-Ground Operations School in Southern Pines. Little River Township of Hoke County petitions to become part of Moore.

Pinehurst Warehouses building burns with loss estimated at \$70,000. Citizens and council debate adoption of a new town charter, with discussion centering on proposal for a seven-member school board. Young Addor girl, Alice Benymon, will appear on national television show.

January 17—Air Force Secretary Donald Quarles agrees to review Air-Ground School move.

Southern Pines board of education adopts policy on school discipline. Inquest set in fatal shooting of Mrs. Nancy Fry Seawell of Putnam. State Elks association votes not to take Notre Dame property for boy's camp. Civic Club observes 50th anniversary.

January 24—Highland Pines Inn destroyed by fire. Gen. Jenkins says Air-Ground School

## Cline Leaving Top Post With Phone Company

Vern E. Larson To Succeed Local Man As Vice-President

John E. Cline of 565 S. Valley Road has resigned as vice-president of the United Telephone Company of the Carolinas, it has been announced by the company's board of directors.

A veteran of 36 years in the telephone business, Mr. Cline came to Southern Pines in 1942 as a consultant and stayed to become vice-president of the United company, with executive supervision over operations of the company in North and South Carolina.

Reached at his home today, Mr. Cline said he resigned "to look after long-delayed personal affairs." He said he and Mrs. Cline expect to maintain their home here, but will leave soon for Florida to spend some time. The Clines have a son, Bobby, who is a student at Duke University. They have had a home in Florida for a couple of years.

To succeed Mr. Cline it was announced that Vern E. Larson has been elected at a recent meeting of the board of directors. Mr. Larson has served in Minnesota in many and varied fields of the telephone industry from 1926 to 1950. Since February, 1950, he has served on the board of directors and as vice president and general manager of the United Telephone Company of New Jersey, an affiliated sister company of the Carolina Company here. He will hold similar positions in the Carolinas. He is expected to arrive here in about a week.

Mr. Larson has taken an active part in community activities in New Jersey, serving as chairman of the Sussex County Planning Board and as head of communication. (Continued on Page 8)

## 20,728 Acres Acquired In Township Addition



### Little River Leaves Hoke, Now In Moore

Moore County took a 20,728-acre jump in growth yesterday as Little River township of Hoke County became a part of Moore, under an arrangement authorized by the General Assembly after it had been approved by the boards of commissioners of both counties involved.

The transfer, which originated in requests of residents of the area, was made in the interest of government efficiency. Little River township has been cut off from the Hoke County seat at Raeford since the Fort Bragg reservation was established some 40 years ago.

The annexation adds property valued at around \$700,000 to Moore County which will bring in up to \$94,500 in taxes. Property in Little River will be listed in Moore County for 1958, but the tax revenue will not be appropriated until the 1958-59 budget is approved next June, effective July 1.

County Commissioner J. M. Pleasants of Southern Pines, who now represents McNeill township on the county board (though elected in county-wide voting) will be the Little River representative. The new township has been assigned the number, "District 4."

Little River children are now and have been attending the Vass school of the Moore County system.

## Big Drop In Permits To Build Noted

Construction in Southern Pines was off more than two-thirds in 1957, as compared to 1956, according to a record of building permits issued by the town.

According to records in the office of William J. Wilson, safety supervisor and building inspector, the total estimated value of construction as given in building permit applications ran to \$219,296 in 1957, as compared to \$671,926 in 1956.

Building permits are required for new construction, major repairs and alterations anywhere in the town limits. Biggest valuation in the 1957 permit was the \$68,000 estimate on the Pine Needles Country Club lodges. Highest valuation for a private dwelling was \$15,000 on the Robert Balboni residence on Riding Lane, off Inwood.

Indicative of the drop in construction this year is the fact that only one permit was issued for a new building. Riding in Lineberry's car, a 1949 Ford, Charles Honeycutt of Raeford who had stopped for a red light at the corner of Massachusetts Ave. and May St. She was heading north on May, about 7:45 a.m.

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## COUNTY QUIET ON NEW YEAR'S

### Two Traffic Accidents, Break-In Investigated Over Holidays Here

A quiet New Year's Eve and holiday season in general were reported today by Police Chief Ed Newton of Southern Pines and the Moore County sheriff's department at Carthage.

No arrest was made by local police on New Year's Eve, but a Negro serviceman, Lafayette D. Long of Pope Air Force base was arrested the following morning in connection with a traffic accident. Chief Newton said the car's brakes were faulty and charged Long with driving with improper equipment resulting in an accident. Also charged was the owner of the car, also a Negro serviceman, Eddie L. Britt, for permitting Long's alleged violation.

Long ran the 1953 Buick into the rear of a car driven by Miss Ellen Bruce Currie of Raeford who had stopped for a red light at the corner of Massachusetts Ave. and May St. She was heading north on May, about 7:45 a.m.

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