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## Three Convicted In Large Scale Carthage Robbery

### Cousins From Carteret County All Plead Guilty

A 17-year-old boy who once won a television contest playing a guitar against 600 other candidates, confessed in Moore Superior Court Tuesday to the theft of a guitar and other merchandise from a Carthage shopping center several months ago.

Kenneth Brown of near Newport, in Carteret county, pleaded guilty, with his first cousins, Willie Brown, 18, and Edward N. Brown, 27, to breaking and entering and grand larceny in the theft of more than \$2,000 worth of merchandise from Lowe's Shopping Center. Included in the loot was a guitar (not the same one used in the contest), rings, silverware, watches, and sports equipment.

The trio was arrested about two weeks after the robbery March 20 after they had made a trip to Texas and subsequent return to their home in Carteret. About one-third of the loot had been recovered in places from this state to Texas, according to Deputy Sheriff A. F. Dees, who was one of the principal investigators of the case.

In court Tuesday young Brown's mother appeared in his defense and said he had always been a "good boy." His attorney, W. D. Sabiston of Carthage, brought up his performance in winning the television contest.

Testimony indicated that Kenneth, along with his cousins, was wanted for break-ins in three other counties. Judge J. A. Rousseau, pronouncing sentence for Kenneth, said: "They will surely sentence him in those other counties if I don't here and there he won't rate as a first offender. I'm going to try to give him a sentence which may be the other judges will think is enough."

Kenneth received 12 months in prison to be served at a first-offender's camp, with three to five years suspended under five years' probation. Edward Brown drew three to six years in prison and Willie Brown, out on parole with three more years to serve on a larceny sentence, drew five to seven years to run concurrently.

Judge Rousseau later said he was considering putting Kenneth on probation, because of his age.

## Von Canon Trial Ordered Continued

Two cases against James Richard VonCanon of West End, arising from a fatal automobile accident and scheduled for trial in Moore criminal court Wednesday, were continued to the August term.

W. D. Sabiston, defense attorney, secured a continuance Tuesday when he told Judge J. A. Rousseau, presiding, that his presence was required in connection with another case in federal court in Greensboro. Solicitor M. G. Boyette recommended the continuance as he said, "We would hardly have time to reach trial before Thursday, and it isn't the kind of case to start so late in the week. I understand both sides have many witnesses, a good many coming from out of town."

The current term, he said, should pretty well clear the docket and "we'll be in good shape to try the cases in August."

Two deaths resulted from the accident last August 31 in which young VonCanon, then 19, was indicted.

## 9th Young Musicians Concert Set May 10

The Ninth annual Young Musicians Concert, sponsored by the Sandhills Music Association, will be held in the Pinehurst school auditorium May 10, with some 17 students from most of the county schools taking part.

Dr. William F. Hollister is master of ceremonies of the concert and will introduce the students.

The program committee for the concert, expected to be one of the best since the series was inaugurated, consists of Mrs. Thomas Howerton, Mrs. H. G. Poole, Mrs. James Boyd and Mrs. Norris Hodgkins, Jr.



CLARENDON GARDENS in Pinehurst, which has 20 acres fairly bursting with azalea blooms, has been attracting hundreds of visitors from across the state in the past few days. The above picture, made by photographer Emerson Humphrey, is of a view across the five acre lake, a

part of the gardens. Visitors may see a number of varieties of blooms and learn new ways of establishing gardens. The showplace is open from nine to five each weekday, and from one to five on Sundays.

## CITES RISING COSTS AS REASON

### Library Association To Ask Town To Take Over Operation Of Library

The Southern Pines Library Association, faced with rising costs of operation, will go before the Town Council at its next meeting and ask that the library be taken over by the town as a "free, public library."

The decision was made at the annual meeting of the association last week.

Actually, officials of the association said, demands for library service are showing a steady increase but a lack of funds has prevented the purchase of many books, that were desirable. And with the county unit planning to move out in the near future, that would also cut down on income which amounts to almost \$1,000 annually for maintenance of its facilities here.

The town already owns the building and is responsible for its upkeep. The association, however, pays the librarian and purchases new books.

At the meeting last week it was reported by Mrs. Stanley Lambourne, the librarian, that circulation has increased 1,000 since

## BOOSTERS CLUB

Election of new officers and a rundown on prospects for the coming football season are on the agenda, and hamburger is on the menu, for the annual meeting of the Blue Knights Boosters Club, scheduled for Monday night at the Southern Pines Country Club. The meeting will be held at 7:30 at the outdoor grill, according to C. N. Page, president. Members and their invited guests will hear Irie Leonard talk about the football program for the year and will witness the presentation of a check by the Boosters to high school authorities for use in the athletic program.

## Historical Assn. Votes \$100 For McKeithen Fund

The Moore County Historical Association, holding its annual meeting at the Shaw House last Friday, voted to give \$100 to a scholarship fund at Davidson College that has been established as a memorial to the late Superior Court Judge W. A. Leland McKeithen.

The association also adopted a resolution of respect to Judge McKeithen, who was one of the founders and the first president of the organization. He had also served as a vice president and a member of the Board of Directors.

Another resolution was adopted in memory of the late Lacy Alston of Pittsboro, a member of the family that lived in the Alston House. His widow attended the meeting last week and was appointed to the Board of Directors of the Alston House.

Named to the Board of Directors for the association were the following:

Aberdeen, J. Talbot Johnson, E. T. McKeithen and H. Clifton Blue; Cameron, Mrs. Warren C. Ferguson and Miss Mary Thomas; Carthage, Sheriff C. J. McDonald, Wilbur Currie and Colin Spencer; Eagle Springs, George Maurice; Glendon, Mrs. June Harrington; Jackson Springs, George Ross; Pinehurst, Mrs. Albert Tufts and Mrs. A. P. Thompson; Southern Pines, Mrs. Ernest Ives, Mrs. James Boyd, Mrs. L. T. Avery, Mrs. Katherine McColl, Mrs. George Heintish, and Norris Hodgkins, Jr.

Honorary directors, a new designation for directors who are unable to attend many meetings, are William D. Campbell of Southern Pines, Clyde Shaw of Carthage, and Rennie Wicker of Pinehurst.

A number of reports were made, including one that showed the association made a net profit of \$900 (Continued on page 5)

## Lace Plant Bid Rejected By Mozur; To Seek New Bids Within 10 Days

### Action Follows Conference Here Over Weekend

Officials of the Southern Pines Development Corporation were advised this week that negotiations between Southern Laces, Inc., and a Greensboro contracting firm for the construction of a \$360,000 lace plant near here have been terminated.

Charles Mozur, president of the lace firm, notified local officials in a letter dated Monday that he was rejecting the bid of C. M. Guest and Sons of Greensboro but would invite new bids for the plant. Mozur and Guest met here this past weekend for possible signing of contracts but, it has been learned, about \$5,000 stood between them.

Mozur wrote his architect in Durham to receive new bids for the plant, some time within the next 10 days. "Time is of essence," he said, referring to the fact that the \$175,000 commitment from the North Carolina Business Development Corporation expires November 7 of this year. That is the date, incidentally, when a building must be completed. The architect, George Latimer, has said all along that the building could be completed in six months, a time period that would fall within the November deadline.

Officials of the local development corporation said this week that they had been assured the project would be started. Breakdown in the negotiations, they said, was "strictly a matter between Mozur and the contractor. We have done our part—raising the \$180,000 that was required locally—and can only hope that new bids will be within the budget set by Mozur and his advisors. If so, of course, the building will be started soon.

Actually, the original estimate of the cost of the building was \$351,000. It was that figure that was used when local officials requested the Business Development Corporation to make a loan (first mortgage) of \$175,000.

It is reported, however, that Guest's bid was \$383,200.

## W. O. Spence Is Elected President Of Local Lions

W. O. (Bill) Spence has been elected president of the Southern Pines Lions Club for the coming year, succeeding Murray Clark.

Spence, a 49-year-old native of Raleigh, moved to Southern Pines four and a half years ago. He attended N. C. State College and majored in chemical engineering.

At present, Spence is sanitary engineer in charge of water treatment at Fort Bragg, a position he has held for the past 17 years. He previously held a similar position in Sanford for 11 years.

Chosen to serve with him were the following officers: Joe Carter, first vice president; Charles Cole, second vice president; Dock Clayton, third vice president; Bill Johnson, secretary; C. H. Bowman, treasurer; Ed Willis, tail twister; C. L. Worsham, Jr., lion tamer; Calvin Howell and Harvey Horne, new directors; and Willis Rush and Herman Shaw, old directors.

## Summer Softball To Be Discussed Tuesday

All men interested in organizing softball teams for the summer recreation program here have been requested to meet with Irie Leonard, director of the program, at the Town Hall office Tuesday night at 7:30.

Leonard said that plans for the program would be revealed at that time and that preliminary steps toward organizing the softball league would be started.

Organizations who are interested in fielding a team are also requested to have a representative present at the meeting.

## Chamber of Commerce Plans Open Meeting On One-Hour Parking Law

An open meeting, sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce, will be held Tuesday night in Weaver Auditorium to discuss what appears to be dissatisfaction on the part of many merchants with the one-hour parking ordinance which went into effect this morning.

An opportunity will be afforded to all who attend to voice their opinion—either pro or con—on the ordinance, according to Joe Scott, Chamber president.

The ordinance, which limits parking in the business area to one hour (it formerly was two hours) has drawn the ire of many businessmen. A public hearing

was held by the Council April 8 but there was no objection at that time to the one hour phase of the ordinance.

Recommendations for the one hour limit stemmed from a report of the Planning Board, which was requested by the Council in December. The Board made its report in March, and recommended elimination of the two-hour limit and some diagonal parking.

Town Manager Louis Scheipers said this morning that he had several complaints earlier from people who said they felt the one hour limit "would not work."

## County Democrats To Hold Annual Meeting May 10

Moore County Democrats will gather in the courthouse in Carthage a week from Saturday to organize for the year, hear reports of previous activities, and elect a chairman of the Executive Committee.

W. Lamont Brown of Southern Pines, present chairman, said the meeting would be held at 3 o'clock. One of the highlights, he said, was the traditional practice of allowing all Democratic candidates in the May 31 primary

## Maternal Welfare Tag Day Is May 10

Tag Day for the Maternal Welfare League will be held May 10, the Saturday before Mother's Day, according to Mrs. Talbot Johnson of Aberdeen and Mrs. James Boyd of Southern Pines, co-chairmen.

Proceeds from the tag sales will be used principally for free maternity service at Moore Memorial Hospital for special welfare cases.

Last year collections, which are made throughout the county, amounted to almost \$1,000. This year, according to the co-chairmen, the drive will be conducted in the usual manner: volunteer workers will set up shop on streets in towns throughout the county and distribute small tags, proclaiming those who receive them as donors to the project, one of the most worthy in the county during the course of the year.

## Homew'd Gardens Open This Week

The beautiful Homewood Gardens in Knollwood will be the place to go this weekend. They will be open to the public, for the benefit of the Moore Memorial Hospital Auxiliary, from 2:30 to 5 p. m. Saturday, Sunday and Monday.

The azaleas in many gorgeous hues and many other flowering shrubs have reached their height of bloom. The gardens have been greatly expanded of recent years by their owners, Mr. and Mrs. Denison K. Bullens, and are rated among the prime beauty spots of the Sandhills section. Beautifully landscaped, they cover several acres surrounding the Bullens home on Crest Road, itself an architectural showplace, almost an exact reproduction of Westover, famed historic plantation home on the James River near Richmond, Va.

Mr. and Mrs. Bullens traditionally allow the gardens to be opened on one day in each spring season, for the benefit of the Auxiliary. This year for the first time the one day has been extended to three afternoons, to coincide with the North Carolina Dental Society convention at Pinehurst.

## CANCER DRIVE

Approximately \$500, half the goal, has been raised in the Cancer Fund drive here, according to Mrs. James Milliken, chairman.

The drive, she said, got off to a late start and because of that, it will run into May. She urged all who wish to donate to mail contributions to her.



MID SOUTH HORSE SHOW winners were awarded handsome trophies at the conclusion of the final show of the season Sunday at Mrs. Mary Doyle's ring on Young's Road. Pictured above, the children are, from left, Elaine Beard, winner of the

beginner's class, receiving her trophy from Mrs. Peter Spencer; Julia McMillan, winner of "Intermediate B," receiving her trophy from George Leonard; Francis Dwight, winner of "Intermediate

A," receiving his trophy from Mrs. Jack Younts; and Pinky Doyle, winner of the advanced class, who received her award from Mrs. George Leonard. (Emerson Humphrey photos.)