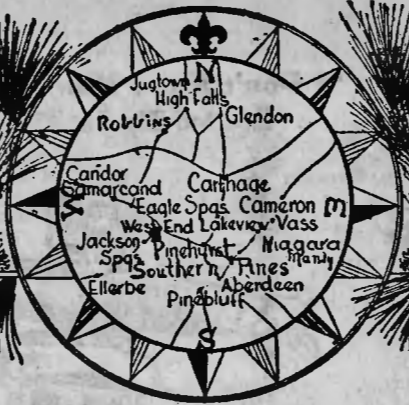


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Board Names Lee Superintendent Of County Schools

Was Principal At Aberdeen For 13 Years

Robert E. Lee, Aberdeen school principal for the past nine years, has been named Superintendent of Moore County Schools succeeding H. Lee Thomas, who has resigned effective July 1.

Mr. Lee was named to the position by the Board of Education last Friday night. He was chosen from 23 applicants by the county board following several screening sessions, including personal interviews after the field was reduced to a small number.

Most of the applicants were from other counties and a large portion of them were already superintendents of city systems or county systems which, in several instances, were larger than Moore.

The final vote was taken at McCain Sanatorium where one member of the board, Roland Upchurch of Highfalls, is a patient.

Lee, it is reported, will take a salary cut to accept the superintendency but with prospects of advancement. His salary will be based on number of years in the job, the number of students in the system, and the type certificate he holds. Mr. Thomas currently makes in excess of \$8,000 but it is understood Mr. Lee will make less than that.

Lee is a graduate of Elon College and holds a Master's Degree from the University of North Carolina.

He went to Aberdeen in 1946 as a coach and under his tutelage Aberdeen teams won several county championships and the girls' basketball team was state champion for several years.

He was named elementary principal in 1948, continuing as high school coach, and in 1950 he was elected principal of the school.

Three years later the school won accreditation and membership in the Southern Association of Secondary Schools and Colleges.

Since 1950 the school has seen much progress and expansion of the physical plant, starting with completion of the new elementary building and gymnasium already under construction when Lee became principal. In 1952 the agricultural building was added, and in 1956 the elementary building grew with the addition of a four-classroom unit, and enlargement and improvement of the cafeteria.

A new auditorium was added to the school plant in 1957, and in 1958 the athletic field was rebuilt and enlarged for 11-man football. A lighting system was also modernized.

Under Lee the school has inaugurated a guidance program which school officials throughout the county claim has produced spectacular results and opened the way to much progress. New courses have been added at the school from time to time, including art, music, Latin, French and world geography.

Lee, the son of a Methodist minister, was born in Franklin, Va., and lived in a number of places before graduating from high school in Maxton. From there he went to Elon and the



ROBERT E. LEE



MIDGET BASEBALL LEAGUE got off to a good start Monday afternoon when Mayor Robert Ewing tossed out the first ball to the outstretched hands of some 30 youngsters, members of two of the four teams in the league. The other two teams played a later game. (Pilot photo)

Senior Play At High School To Be Held Tomorrow

Members of the senior class at Southern Pines High School will present their annual play tomorrow (Friday) night in Weaver Auditorium.

The time, previously announced as 8 p. m., will be 8:15.

The play is entitled "Professor, How Could You?" and is a comedy in three acts. It concerns a professor, about to become a dean of a college, who faces the problem of choosing a wife, the meddling "help" provided by his associates, and the rather hilarious results of his final selection.

Members of the cast are: Gordon Mitchell, Betty Foushee, Steve Smith, Toby Hicks, Barbara Bodine, John Marcum, Betty Jo Loudermilk, Arden Fobes, Emmaday Collins and Glen Marcum.

The play is under the direction of Miss Hazel Askew, faculty advisor.

Friend Injured Vass Youth Killed In Auto Accident Tuesday Night; Funeral Held Today

A 16-year-old Vass boy, Charles Vernon Scarborough, was killed and his companion, Lewis Ring, 15, of Lakeview, was injured about 9:45 Tuesday night when the car Scarborough was operating went out of control on a road near Vass, hit a tree and was demolished.

Young Scarborough was a part-time employee of the A&P Supermarket here. He had assisted in the produce market for the past five weeks.

State Highway Patrolman Robert R. Samuels, who investigated the accident, said that Scarborough was apparently killed instantly in the accident, which occurred on the old Vass-Lakeview Road.

He said that the entire front end of the 1952 Plymouth telescoped against the tree, driving the left front wheel back under the dashboard.

The only eye-witness, Ring, re-

Large Crowd At Opening Game Of New Midget League

The Yanks tied the Cards and the Dodgers defeated the Braves Monday afternoon in opening games of the Midget Baseball League.

The games, played at Tom O'Neil's field on Midland Road, attracted an unusually large number of spectators.

Sixty boys between the ages of eight and twelve played in the two games, both tight right up to the wire.

After Mayor Robert Ewing threw out the first ball to signify the opening of the league schedule, the Yanks and the Cards took the field. The game was a thriller and wound up in a 5-5 tie. Batteries were Pete Buchan, Pete Pottle and Johnny Rowe, pitching for the Yanks, and Windy Winters and Joe Kimball catching. For the Cards Dennis Morgan and Al Michael were the pitchers and Sammy Ferguson was behind the plate.

The game, limited to a one-hour playing time, will be played at a later date to break the tie.

In the second game the Dodgers took an early lead but had to fight off a rally by the Braves to win 9-6.

For the Dodgers Mac Fowler and Jimmy Pate were on the mound with Davis Baker behind the plate. For the Braves Joe Davis and Henry Deberry pitched and Webb was the catcher.

SVA Nurse Scholarships Awarded



SVA NURSES SCHOLARSHIPS were awarded Saturday to these two girls, seniors at West End. At left is Cassie Myrick Gibson and at right, Carolyn Thomas. They were selected from a field of five candidates for the scholarships, valued at almost \$1,000 each. They will enter High Point Memorial Hospital's School of Nursing in the fall term. (Pilot photo)

Two members of the West End High School senior class, Cassie Gibson and Carolyn Williams, were named winners Saturday of the Sandhills Veterans Association nursing scholarships for this year.

They will enter High Point Memorial Hospital's school of nursing in the fall for the regular three year term. Under the terms of the scholarship awards, they will return to Moore County after graduation for a minimum of one year of practice.

There are already three SVA sponsored trainees at the High Point Hospital, and 10 have graduated over the years and returned to this county to practice.

Meeting in the Nurses Home the scholarship committee screened five candidates for the two scholarships, valued at almost \$1,000 each. In addition to the winners, others who were considered were Leona Callicutt, a senior at Elise High School in Robbings, and Sherrie Upole and Sarah Joyce, both of West End. Miss Callicutt was named alternate.

The selection committee was composed of General R. B. Hill of Southern Pines, who was, until his retirement several years ago, one of the Army's highest ranking physicians; Dr. William Hollister, of the Pinehurst Surgical Clinic; Joseph Sandlin, controller of Amerotron Corporation; Mrs. James Boyd, editor of The Pilot; Miss Juanita Pickard, Director of Nursing at Moore Memorial Hospital; and Robert Ewing and Ralph Chandler, members of the sponsoring SVA.

Miss Gibson, who is valedictorian of her class, is the 17-year-old daughter of B. C. Myrick of West End and the foster daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Scarborough of Vass.

"Aggressor" Troops To Take Town Next Week

Officials Plan Full Cooperation In Army Maneuver

Southern Pines will be "invaded" by aggressor troops next week and all normal functions of government, communications and business will, theoretically, be stopped.

"Theoretically," however, is the key word. According to a team of Army officers who came here Tuesday night to explain this community's role in the joint Army-Air Force maneuver which begins tomorrow, Southern Pines will be used simply as a training aid and, unless you're on the lookout, chances are you won't even know a maneuver is in progress.

Enemy troops will "capture"

SONIC BOOMS

Residents of this area will experience some loud noise and bright lights next week during Exercise Dark Cloud Pine Cone II.

The Air Force, in support of 82nd Airborne Division troops, will make use of a "sonic boom" to indicate air attack on troops. In addition, aerial photographs will be made at night with the help of flares dropped from specially equipped aircraft.

The sonic boom is about five times louder than thunder. Fort Bragg officials said the noise would be "aimed" at the military reservation but some might escape to this area.

The flares, one official said here this week, will probably light up the entire county. The flares will be much the same as photographers flash, except the period of time and it will be rather high in the sky.

Get Ready For D-Day, Folks

To those who went through the war in this section, maneuvers are no new experience. The sight of khaki-clad figures striding about town brings a warmth to the heart as the mind recollects so many pleasant experiences and good friendships made in the days of the early-Forties before the last war.

Southern Pines opened its door and its heart to the troops then and will do so once more.

And will, without doubt, enter with zest into the excitement to come—as much as it is allowed to enter.

At the school, the other night, when Colonel Bethancourt was briefing the audience on what to expect, you could sense a good deal of tension: even though the audience was discouragingly small. When he said that Southern Pines would be captured and the town office seized, an alien flag run up, this newspaper's presses taken over, everybody sat up. You could sort of hear folks mutter: "Hey! Look here! What do WE do... just sit there?"

Even though you knew it was all "theoretical," it was uncomfortable. And that feeling of uncomfortableness was increased when those three "Aggressors" marched stiffly on to the stage to

Patch Reelected PTA President For Coming Year

Charles S. (Buster) Patch, Jr., was reelected president of the East Southern Pines Parent-Teacher Association, at the final meeting of the organization for this school year, in Weaver Auditorium Monday night.

Other officers who were reelected are: Mrs. Ralph Chandler, first vice-president; Mrs. Robert Leland, secretary; and W. S. Thomason, treasurer.

Miss Mary Jane Prillaman was elected second vice-president, succeeding Mrs. Howard Broughton. Both are faculty members.

Recognition was given to Mrs. Don Traylor for her work as PTA program chairman during the past school year.

John Porter expressed the appreciation of the faculty for the PTA's assistance to the school.

Monday's meeting was a business session only. Pupils of the elementary school, on the preceding Monday night had presented the entertainment program for May, a series of dances and musical features directed by Miss Mary Logan, supervisor of Southern Pines schools.

The new officers will serve for the 1959-'60 school year.

Graduation Plans At Local School Are Announced

Commencement exercises at Southern Pines High School begin Sunday, May 31, when Dr. Bernard Boyd, head of the Department of Religion at the University of North Carolina, delivers the baccalaureate sermon at the Church of Wide Fellowship.

The program begins at 8:15. There are 33 candidates for graduation at the school this year. Diplomas will be presented at exercises June 3 in Weaver Auditorium at 8:15. The commencement speaker is Dr. Arthur D. Wenger, president of Atlantic Christian College in Wilson.

The Awards Day program, when scholarships and other awards are announced, will be held in Weaver Auditorium at 10:30 June 3.

Dr. A. C. Dawson, school superintendent, said that the class of 33 seniors was originally supposed to have been 42, but nine students moved away at the close of the term last year or at some time during the current year.

Next year's senior class, he said, numbers about 70.

TEAM WANTED

Anyone interested in forming a softball team?

Another one is needed. Irie Leonard, head of the summer recreation program here, said this morning, in order to have a six-team league.

Five teams are already signed up: Lions Club, Moose Lodge, Veterans of Foreign Wars Post, Manly Presbyterian Church, and the Galloping Ghosts.

Carolina Power & Light Company and the Church of Wide Fellowship dropped out this season. Both had fielded strong teams in the past.

Players or managers interested in forming a team are requested to contact Leonard at OX5-3372.

League play begins June 9.