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Escape Serious Injuries In Car Accident Tuesday

Crash Into Trees Leaves Car In Demolished State

Two young men narrowly escaped serious injury here Tuesday night when the car they were riding in went out of control on S. May Street and crashed into several trees and a telephone pole.

Police sergeant Earl Seawell, who investigated the accident, listed the two as Gilbert Harbert, who lives on W. New Hampshire Avenue, and Thomas Mattocks, who lives at the Gertrude Apartments.

Harbert, the driver of the 1955 Ford convertible, was charged with careless and reckless driving.

Seawell said his investigation showed that the car, traveling north on May Street, had just left the overhead bridge at the edge of town and was apparently going at a high rate of speed when it left the road, sideswiped a tree, went on and hit two more, uprooting them, and finally came to rest against a telephone pole.

Harbert told Sgt. Seawell that he was forced off the road by an oncoming car and had no alternative but to swerve to avoid a collision. The other car, he said, kept on going.

It was just beginning to sprinkle at the time and the road was getting a little wet.

Both men were taken to St. Joseph's Hospital and given dispensary treatment and released.

Both Seawell and C. D. May, who operates a garage and auto body repair shop nearby, said the wrecked car was as bad as they had ever seen for no one to have been more seriously injured.

The car was considered a total wreck. Both doors were bashed in as were the fenders and the engine.

Harbert has only recently been released from the Army. Mattocks is employed in the composing room at The Pilot.

Assisting Seawell in the investigation was Officer Harold Stamper.

Leonard Resigns School Job For Insurance Career

W. A. Leonard, mathematics teacher at Southern Pines High School since 1949, has resigned his position to join an insurance firm in Greensboro, he told The Pilot today.

His wife, who has been manager of the cafeteria at the school for several years, has also resigned.

Leonard said that he was resigning because the insurance position represented a "better opportunity for my family in the future and I could not afford to turn it down."

He will take up his new position in the actuarial department of the Jefferson Standard Life Insurance Company, one of the largest firms of its kind in the South, the first week in August.

Leonard came here in 1949 from Catawba College. It was his first position and, in addition to teaching, he was assigned duties as assistant coach in several sports. He has been head basketball coach for the past seven years and has also assisted with the football and baseball teams.

He attended several sessions of summer school at the University of North Carolina and was awarded his Master's Degree in mathematics and education in 1953. In 1957 he attended the University for six weeks on a grant from the National Science Foundation.

A charter member of the Methodist Church here, he has served the church as treasurer, chairman of its Official Board, and, for the past two years, as lay leader.

He is a past president of the Moore County Educo Club, an organization composed of most men teachers in the county, and is currently the president of the

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SAME RATE SINCE 1951

County Tax Rate Remains At \$1.35; County Valuation Up Half Million

Moore County's budget for the next fiscal year is a record \$1,206,023, according to a summary of the budget estimated published today.

The tax rate of \$1.35, in effect since 1951, remains the same. The new fiscal year started yesterday.

Except for an increase of \$46,935 in general funds to operate the county, and a decrease in capital outlay for the school, there is little change from the estimate of a year ago. The school outlay this year was \$275,000, down \$87,000 from last year.

Included in the new budget, details of which are not available and will not be until it is adopted by the County Commissioners in the next few days, is an item of \$32,000 for air conditioning of the courthouse. The County Commissioners have asked bids on the project.

Property valuation in the county was upped from \$46,500,000 to an even \$47,000,000, despite the return of a part of Little River Township to Hoke County. The Commissioners also set up a \$15,000 fund to pay for a re-valuation of the county which will be required by 1963. It is estimated that more than \$50,000 will be required for the job.

Included in the budget under capital outlay for schools was \$90,000 for the Southern Pines system, not nearly enough to construct "Phase C" at the high school but enough, one commissioner said, to get a good start on it.

There was also an appropriation of \$45,000 for the Pinehurst administrative unit. The funds are earmarked for work at Academy Heights School.

Honor 1,000th Scout On Active Duty In County

John Dillon, member of Boy Scout Troop 877, Southern Pines, was honored at a ceremony in the Church of Wide Fellowship last Thursday night as the 1,000th boy in the active program in the county.

His selection, according to District Commissioner J. E. Sandlin, was made strictly by registration of the boys at Council headquarters in Raleigh.

Young Dillon received a complete uniform from the Moose Lodge, a knapsack from Collins Department Stores, and a sleeping bag from adult leaders. Members of his troop, sponsored by the Methodist church, were presented tickets to the Sunrise Theatre.

Sandlin reported that in the past 18 months not a single unit has been dropped, total membership has increased from 570 to 1,012. He said also that the number of units had doubled, from 29 to 58, and that more than 60 per cent of the adult leaders have undergone advanced training. The number of adults participating has risen from 224 to 485.



PHILIPPINES BOUND for the 10th International Scout Jamboree are these three Scouts from Moore County. Left to right they are John McMillan of Southern Pines, David Drex-

New Highway For Upper Part Of County Announced

Would Tie Carthage To Highway 64 By Way Of Goldston

The State Highway Commission last week approved a secondary road from the Carthage area toward Goldston and Chatham County.

Though designated a "secondary road," the project will probably fall into the classification of a secondary and a primary road. It links the northeast corner with Carthage and Highway 64.

The road has been sought by people from Carthage and the rest of the upper end of the county for several years. A number of requests, both formal and informal, have been placed before the county commissioners, and that agency had in turn made the same request of the State Highway Commission.

Surveying has been completed for several sections, though how much could not be learned today, and some other preliminary work has been completed.

State Highway Director W. F. Babcock said actual construction of the road would not get underway until 1960 or 1961.

The action taken Thursday gave the go-ahead to location and design engineers to begin preliminary work leading to the eventual construction. A more detailed cost analysis is expected to be given the Commission in the next 60 days.

Three Scouts Off Monday For World Jamboree In East

Three Boy Scouts of Moore County—two of them from Southern Pines—leave Monday night on the first leg of a trip that will take them to the 10th World Jamboree in the Philippines and eventually to Japan and other points in the Orient.

The three are David Drexel and John McMillan of Southern Pines and Woodrow Eldridge of Carthage. They will leave here by train for Atlanta and will join Scouts from three other states—South Carolina, Georgia and Florida—to form the nucleus of Troop 1 of the United States. There will be six troops from this country attending the Jamboree, each having 33 boys and three adults.

Drexel has been named Scoutmaster of Troop 1, of which Eldridge is a member. McMillan has joined Troop 2.

From Atlanta the trio will fly to San Francisco and will take three days of training at nearby Hamilton Air Force Base in preparation for their encampment in the Philippines.

From California they fly to Hawaii for a day of sightseeing (Continued on page 8)

Heat Grips Area; Rain Tuesday Pushes Crop Loss Estimate Down

But Hail, High Winds Cause Heavy Damages

Almost an inch of rain fell here Tuesday night breaking a heat wave that had sent temperatures soaring above the 100 mark for four straight days.

The rain and subsequent dropping of temperatures caused farmers the most relief, since it had been forecast they would lose close to a million dollars worth of tobacco and other crops if the dry spell wasn't broken.

Accompanying the rain, which hit about dark Tuesday night and continued, on and off, until the early morning hours, was hail and high winds in some parts of the county.

Heavy individual losses were reported by some farmers, particularly in the lower end of the county. Hail and wind damage was reported heaviest in the Lakeview and Thagard's Pond communities.

Fleet Allen, county farm agent, said prior to the storm that some farmers were in the worst condition they had been in for many years. He said a million dollar loss could be experienced without relief from the drought. Following Tuesday's rain, Allen downgraded his estimate 50 per cent.

On Monday he said: "The tobacco is the hardest hit of any crop in the county. We could lose around one million dollars worth if it doesn't rain in the next few days. Our farmers are irrigating as fast as they can but with the high temperature the yield decreases every day."

"Corn has also been hit very hard by this long hot dry spell. The early corn has suffered the worst damage, but the late corn will still make a good yield if we get rain."

"Peaches that are ripening now are not getting the size they would if we could have some rain. The later peaches, such as the Elbertas, have not suffered as great as the early varieties. The orchards that have been irrigated still look good. The late peaches should be good quality if rain comes."

"Pastures have suffered badly, too. We had the best pastures early this summer we had ever had. Many of these beautiful pastures have dried up until they would burn over now if set fire."

In Southern Pines power was off in several places and CP&L crews worked until 3:30 a. m. Wednesday getting them back in (Continued on page 8)

JULY 4 CLOSING

Banks, the post office, town offices, county offices and many business establishments will be closed for the July 4 holiday Saturday.

Son Of Baptist Minister Drowns In Pond; Pinehurst VFD Efforts Fail

Kenneth Max Gilmore, 16, drowned accidentally Monday afternoon in a farm pond on the West End road about a mile from Pinehurst.

The youngster, who would have been a senior at Pinehurst High School next year, was the son of the Rev. Max A. and Margaret Gilmore of Murdocksville Road.

Curtis McKenzie, chief of the Pinehurst Volunteer Fire Department, which was on the scene in a matter of seven or eight minutes after the tragedy was reported, said he was told the youngster had developed cramps in about six feet of water. He was swimming with his younger brother and sister. Mrs. Walter Morgan, who was nearby, made an attempt to reach him but was unable to.

Mrs. Morgan's husband is the owner of the pond.

Pinehurst VFD members Ralph Hosner, Peter Tufts, Ellis Fields, Billy McKenzie, Bevans Cameron

HOT! HOT! HOT!

Official temperatures for the past 11 days as recorded by the U. S. Weather Station at WEEB, were as follows:

	High	Low
June 21	89	65
June 22	92	69
June 23	95	68
June 24	92	65
June 25	90	71
June 26	97	69
June 27	101	69
June 28	100	66
June 29	101	69
June 30	103	75
July 1	96	67

Lee Takes Over As Superintendent Of County's Schools

Robert E. Lee, former principal of the Aberdeen school system, was sworn in Tuesday night as new superintendent of the county system replacing H. Lee Thomas, who resigned effective June 30.

The oath of office was administered by C. C. Kennedy, Clerk of Court.

Preceding the ceremony the Rev. B. E. Dotson, Carthage Presbyterian minister, spoke briefly and urged the new superintendent to administer his new leadership with courage. The Rev. C. A. Kirby, Jr., Baptist minister in Carthage, also spoke.

Lee said at the meeting that he had two projects he wished to get started on immediately: a new testing program and curriculum study, and more thorough study of super high schools for the county. He was in favor of both, he said.

Lee announced that O. Edison Powers, principal of the Highfalls school, has been employed as guidance director for the county system and will begin studies at Chapel Hill immediately to equip him for the new duties. He will work primarily in the testing and curriculum study field.

The Federal government will pay one-half his salary with the money coming from the National Defense Education Act.

Regarding the super high schools, recommended to the county by a study group about a month ago, Lee said: "We want to start working with the people in the communities but we don't want to move any faster than they want to, or is necessary to insure a sound program."

Lee said he would retain the same office personnel as Mr. Thomas had. They are Mrs. Gladys T. Warren of Cameron, Mrs. Grier Gilmore of Carthage, and Miss Ruth McIntosh of Lakeview.

He has moved his family to Carthage and is occupying the Kelly Baker home opposite the grammar school.

SANDHILLS ICEBERG

Best hot weather story of the week, as reported by Robert Farrell, proprietor of an ice and fuel company here:

A local swimming pool owner came in, he said and purchased a one hundred pound block of ice.

"Need it for my swimming pool," he mumbled as he drove off.

Farrell said he had sold ice for many purposes, some of them a bit strange. But never, never for a swimming pool.

Jugtown Hearing Date Still Not Set, Lawyers Say

A date for a hearing to determine whether a restraining order prohibiting the operation of Jugtown Pottery has still not been set, according to attorneys in the case.

The hearing had been scheduled for June 20 before Judge Donald Phillips in Rockingham but was postponed because lawyers and judges were holding their annual convention that day in Blowing Rock.

At issue in the hearing is the matter of a restraining order issued by Judge Reid Thompson several weeks ago prohibiting the Jacobs and Juliana Busbee's Jugtown, Inc., from operating the pottery. The order had been requested by Jugtown, Inc., a group of North Carolinians who have formed in an attempt to operate the pottery as it has been since its founding more than 40 years ago.

The other party, of which the principal figures are John Mare of Southern Pines and Mrs. Busbee, maintain their desire is the same. The corporation has a deed from Mrs. Busbee, granted earlier this year, giving it the right to operate the pottery.

The other group also has a deed, it alleges, which was given by Mrs. Busbee several months before the one signed earlier this year, in which the same right was granted.

Mrs. Busbee now has pending in the Clerk of Superior Court's office a petition seeking to have a Mrs. Louise Jordan discharged as her court-appointed next (Continued on Page 8)

Apex Man Joins Police Force;

Wright Resigns

Charles Allen Wilson of Apex has joined the Southern Pines police force replacing Jerry Wright, who resigned July 1 to enter private business, according to Chief C. E. Newton.

Wilson, who is 28, is the fourth new man to join the force in the past six months.

A native of Apex, he attended high school there and served in the Army for two years.

Wright, who joined the force in July, 1954, was the oldest man, outside Chief Newton, in point of seniority. He has purchased a filling station on old US Highway 1 just South of town.

Replacing him as Sergeant will be Luther Beck.

Chief Newton, plagued with the duty of training new men almost monthly only to see them leave in a few months to either go into private business or join another force, said yesterday that there probably would be another change coming up in about two weeks when another of his men will leave to enter private business. He said a replacement had already been contacted and had indicated he would accept employment here.

Police officers were recently granted a pay increase, along with other town employees, but Chief Newton said he was of the impression that the pay was still not enough to insure a high degree of permanency on the force. The other sergeant on the force is Earl Seawell.

el, also of Southern Pines, and Woodrow Eldridge of Carthage. They will visit Hawaii, the Philippines, and points in Asia before returning the first of August.