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## CORONER'S INQUEST HELD MONDAY

### Frye Cleared Of Blame In Death Of Policeman Killed In Hospital

A coroner's jury Monday night exonerated Pinehurst police officer Rudolph Frye of any blame in the fatal shooting of Ralph Earl Medlin, Southern Pines policeman, the night of July 20 in a corridor at Moore Memorial Hospital.

After an inquest that lasted some two and a half hours the jury of six men took only about two minutes to decide that Frye had acted in self-defense.

The inquest was called by Moore County coroner Ralph Steed and held in the hospital. A dozen witnesses gave detailed accounts, including officers and hospital personnel, and Mrs. Dorothy Clippard, who was seized in her room at the hospital and was being used by Medlin as a shield when he was fatally shot.

Several officers testified that Frye, who was standing in the corridor outside Mrs. Clippard's room when Medlin emerged, had ordered Medlin to surrender and drop his gun. When he refused and started firing wildly, Frye shot three times, once in warning and then twice in the body. The last shot, which struck Medlin in the head, was the cause of death.

The coroner's jury was composed of Max Forrest and Bryan Poe of Southern Pines, Baxter Wiseman and L. B. Creath of Pinehurst, and Russ Coble and Lewis Harrington of Aberdeen. Creath served as foreman.

The only question they were called on to answer was: Was there any criminal negligence on the part of Rudolph Frye in the fatal shooting of Ralph Earl Medlin? Their answer was no.

W. Lamont Brown, Solicitor of Moore Recorder's Court, conducted the questioning of witnesses.

## J. Hawley Poole Injured Monday In Car Accident

J. Hawley Poole, prominent farmer of West End and a former State Senator, was injured along with two others when his pickup truck collided with a car near West End Monday.

State Highway Patrolman Ed Shomaker said he was still investigating the accident which occurred at the intersection of NC 211 and the Samarcan Road.

He said that James Green, driver of the car, and Izzetta Barber, who was riding in Mr. Poole's car, were injured seriously and are at Moore Memorial Hospital. Mr. Poole, who suffered injuries of his arm, is also injured. Several others who were involved in the accident were released from the hospital after first aid treatment. No charges have been made, Shomaker said.

## Seminarians Will Make Religious Census Of Town

Reverend Francis M. Smith, Pastor of St. Anthony's Church, said today that Catholic seminarians will call on every home in Southern Pines during the next week—August 10 to 15.

These door-to-door calls, he said, will enable officials at St. Anthony's Church to get the parish records completely up-to-date as well as to make a religious survey of the area.

Just last month the theological students were at the former Pine Needles Country Club building, now used by St. Joseph's Hospital, taking an extra course in Latin to aid them in their studies. Since then, they have taken religious surveys in Wilson and Greenville. A group which earlier took census in Rocky Mount is now taking Latin and staying at the GOLFERY at St. Joseph's Hospital.

The group who will take the Southern Pines survey will stay at Maryhurst Retreat House in Pinehurst.

All the seminarians, except James Forsyth who is from Southern Pines, will leave for their homes all over the country on August 15. This fall they will enter seminaries in many parts of the country.

## Football Players Asked To Meet With New Coach

Jim Walsler, new principal and football coach at Southern Pines High School, will have his first meeting with prospective members of the squad tomorrow (Friday) night.

He has called a meeting in his office for 7 o'clock and urges all boys who were on the squad last year and those who plan to play this year to be there.

Walsler said today that he had held several discussions with Irie Leonard, whom he is replacing, about prospects for the season. They talked, he said, about individual squad members and their capabilities and also about opponents.

Walsler said today that the talks had been of tremendous value.

First game for the Blue Knights, Cape Fear Conference champions and runners-up in Class A competition last year, will be September 4 when they go to Raeford, a newcomer to the schedule and one of four AA opponents on the schedule. The second game is against Laurinburg, also a newcomer and another AA opponent. That game will be played at Memorial Field September 11.

Walsler has announced the opening of practice sessions for August 15, a Saturday. Ordinarily, he said, he would have waited until Monday but he needed as much time with the team as possible.

In the meantime he urged as many players as possible to work out whenever they get an opportunity so that they may report to the opening practice session in good condition.

## Demonstration Of Self Improvement Course Set Monday

A demonstration of the Dale Carnegie course in self improvement will be held in the Council Chamber of the Municipal Center Monday night, according to members of the Junior Chamber of Commerce, sponsors of a 14-week course to be held here.

The demonstration will begin at 7:30 and, Jaycees said, there is no obligation.

The regular course begins August 17 in a location still to be announced. Ernest Wall of Greensboro will conduct the course.



LITTLE LEAGUERS of Southern Pines had a rough season this year with not a single victory in 18 games. Undaunted by the poor showing, they chalked it up to experience. Shown here with their able coach, C. L. Dutton, at right, are Danny Crowley, Eddie Dutton, Earl

Pitts, Ronnie Brown, Tommy Richardson on the front row, and Larry Daugherty, Harold Bruce, Paul Grootman, Lynn Daeke, and Joe Junkin in back row. Not present for picture were Mike Ward, Buddy Garner and Randy Boroughs. (Humphrey photo)

## County Library, In Year-End Report, Says Circulation Showing Increase

A circulation increase of some 3,402 books over the previous year was noted by the Moore County Library Board in its annual report to the County Commissioners Monday.

W. Stuart Evans, board chair-

## New Assistant Home Agent Named By Commissioners

Mrs. Nancy Currie, assistant home agent for Moore County in charge of 4-H Club work, has resigned effective September 1.

The Board of County Commissioners, meeting Monday, named Mrs. Elizabeth Clark Barringer of Carthage to succeed her.

Mrs. Currie, whose husband is J. E. Currie of the Sandhills Veterinary Hospital, has been a member of Miss Flora McDonald's staff since 1957. She was commended by the Commissioners for her work.

Mrs. Barringer is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harris W. Clark of Jackson Springs. She is married to John M. Barringer, a pharmacist in Carthage.

She is a graduate of West End High School, Flora Macdonald College (in June of this year) and studied home economics.

In her new job she will assist Miss McDonald in several phases of county home demonstration work and will be in charge of the 4-H program for girls in the county.

man, said in his report that "since the library moved into its own quarters in Carthage, it seems to have assumed its true identity for Moore County people as a county service agency."

With an initial circulation of 32 books on the day the library opened in Carthage January 19, Evans noted that circulation was averaging 118 each Monday in June.

The library collection grew by a total of 1,655 books during the year, he said, which brings the total collection to 18,834.

"The collection continues to grow slowly but steadily," he pointed out, "toward the goal of one book per person in the county. In addition to the collection, we have tried to strike a balance between meeting the demand for books of current interest and building toward a sound, well-balanced collection of permanent value."

Other statistics in the report: a total of 1,410 volumes were lent from the main library, and 21,526 through the bookmobile. There were also 1,266 volumes loaned to public libraries.

Four public libraries in the county have received supplementary book collections during the year, including Robbins, Pinebluff, Carthage and Southern Pines.

In addition to Evans, other members of the library board are Archie Kelly, Mrs. J. L. McGraw, Mrs. A. P. Phillips, Miss Alma Edwards and Mrs. L. T. Avery. Miss Hollis Haney is librarian.



JOE WARREN

## Joe Warren Is Named Manager Of Radio Station

After 12 years with radio station WEEB here Joe Warren, vice president, sales manager and chief engineer, has resigned to accept the position of general manager of WAKN in Aiken, S. C.

Principal stockholder in the Aiken station is John Mare of Southern Pines.

Warren, who is a native of Fleetwood, Westchester County, N. Y., majored in engineering at Clemson College. After discharge from the Army in World War 2 he joined the news and special events department of the American Broadcasting Company in New York.

Included in his assignments was coverage of the United Nations. He left ABC in 1947 to help establish WEEB.

## Nicholson Plans Teaching Post At East Carolina

Edward Nicholson, graduate student majoring in psychology at Eastern Carolina College at Greenville, will be an instructor in the psychology department during the coming academic year, teaching a freshman course.

He graduated at State College with a B. S. degree in industrial engineering in June, and immediately started work at ECC on his master's degree in psychology, with a view toward entering the field of industrial psychology and personnel work.

The son of Mr. and Mrs. S. O. Nicholson of 170 East New York avenue, he is a 1950 graduate of Southern Pines High School and a veteran of four and a half years with the U. S. Marine Corps, from which he was discharged as a staff sergeant.

He is one of two local graduate students who will be on the ECC faculty this year, as Gary Matlocks' last week accepted the post of assistant coach.

## Local Schools Reopen For New Term Sept. 21

### ASSIGNMENT PLAN

The Board of Education is publishing in today's issue of The Pilot a resolution adopted earlier this week in which pupil assignments are made for the coming school year.

Under the resolution all students who attended school here last year and expect to return this year are assigned to the same schools they attended. Others are being assigned by the Superintendent.

Parents who wish to have a change made in the assignments have 10 days to make written application for a change.

The resolution is on page 9.

## Telephone Firm Picks Bigbee As Commercial Supt.

John M. Bigbee, who has been assistant commercial superintendent of the United Telephone Company of the Carolinas for the past nine months, has been promoted to commercial superintendent.

He succeeds E. W. Small, who was elected assistant general manager of the firm earlier this year.

Bigbee has been in the telephone industry all his adult life, working in various exchanges owned by his family, and for United. He attended the University of South Carolina and received a degree in electrical engineering.

After service in the Navy during World War 1, he was local manager of several offices owned by independent companies. He joined United in April, 1952, as central office equipment supervisor in the Beaufort, S. C., district of the company.

He came here last October as assistant commercial superintendent. He and his wife, who live at 470 E. Indiana Avenue, have three daughters. They are members of the First Baptist Church, and Mr. Bigbee is also a Mason and a past president of the Beaufort Water Festival, now an annual affair drawing visitors from many Southern states.

## Industry Hunters Report Good Year; Commissioners Name New Committee

Moore County's Industrial Development Committee, in a year-end report made to the Board of County Commissioners this week, pointed to a year of progress in which almost \$500,000 was invested in new industrial plants and machinery in the county.

Robert S. Ewing of Southern Pines, outgoing chairman of the committee, cited his associates as "one of the finest, hard-working group of men that I have ever been privileged to work with."

In citing accomplishments of the committee for the year he said:

"In one year, with expenditures of \$2,424 against an appropriation from the county of \$5,000, the committee has helped to secure four new industries with an anticipated employment of 250 to 300. Two are constructing new buildings with a value of about \$450,000 and a third is doubling the present size for an additional value of about \$35,000.

"The brochure has been brought up to date with new information and additional pictures.

"The committee organized and sponsored Industry Appreciation dinner meetings throughout the county for the benefit of our existing industries.

"The chairman was sent to Philadelphia to take part in the industry hunting trip with the Governor and the Board of Conservation and Development.

"Numerous contacts, both personal and through correspondence, were made with industrial prospects outside the State and

## Three Vacancies On Staff At East Southern Pines

Southern Pines schools will open Wednesday, September 2, according to Superintendent Luther Adams.

The opening, one of the earliest in history, was decided on because the School Board felt that to wait until after Labor Day, which is September 7, would have thrown the closing date too far into the summer.

Mr. Adams, beginning his first year in the new job, said that on the opening day, which he termed a "teacher-pupil orientation day," pupils would report to the school for assignments to rooms and classes, receive textbooks and supplies, review the daily schedule and have an assignment of lessons.

The first full day will be on Thursday.

Teachers will report on Monday for discussions with the superintendent and other officials of the school policies and philosophies, rating systems, schedules, and to receive textbooks and supplies.

The State Legislature in the last session allotted three days additional work to the teachers, two of which are prior to the opening of school and one at the close of the term.

Mr. Adams said he did not know when the closing day would be nor just how vacation periods would work out. He hoped to have that information within the next few days, however.

The East Southern Pines schools, he said, are without a high school mathematics teacher, a junior high school science teacher and an elementary teacher.

John Porter, the science teacher, recently resigned to join Western Electric.

Mrs. M. L. Palmer of Manly, who was employed in the cafeteria at the school last year, has been named manager succeeding Mrs. W. A. Leonard who is moving to Greensboro with her husband who has accepted a position with an insurance company.



ADULT SOFTBALL LEAGUE champions in regular league play was the team known as the Galloping Ghosts, sponsored by Tom O'Neil. Pictured here are Irie Leonard, at left, director

of the summer recreation program; Jimmy Hobbs, member of the Town Council; and Joel Stutts, player-manager of the Ghosts. (Humphrey photo)