

## Criminal Court Term For County Begins On Monday

**Murder, Rape  
Cases Before  
Grand Jury**

One murder case, one in which manslaughter is charged and four where rape is the charge are among two dozen warrants for bills which will go before the Grand Jury at the August term of criminal court beginning in Carthage Monday morning.

Judge Hubert E. Olive of Lexington is presiding and M. G. Boyette of Carthage, district solicitor, will prosecute the docket. The murder charge is against Donston Gales. He pleaded self-defense at a preliminary hearing into the fatal shooting of his wife, Bertha, at their home near Pinehurst the night of June 7. He has been at liberty under \$7,500 bond.

The manslaughter charge was lodged against Carl James Michael following the death of his passenger, David Wilton Powers, 18, in an accident several weeks ago near Carthage. Officers at the time said it appeared as though automobile racing was involved.

Two of the attempted rape cases involve Negro men and white women. In the case against Clarence Edward Small, 17, who is also charged with first degree burglary, he will face charges of climbing into the bedroom window of the two teenage daughters of Mr. and Mrs. M. H. Tillman at their home near Carthage on NC Highway 27.

He has admitted the entry which took place June 19. Mrs. Audrey Whitaker of Southern Pines has accused Raymond McIver, 24-year-old Negro, of entering her home at Pinebluffs and making an assault on her last April 29. Arrested by Southern Pines police, McIver flatly denied the charge.

One attempted rape case, in which Emory McAllister, alias M. B. McAllister, is accused by Nora Anderson, allegedly occurred at Vass some three years ago. His whereabouts since then were (Continued on page 5)

## Third Person Is Arrested In Theft Of Valuable Tires

The last of three Robeson County Indians sought in connection with a \$1,500 tire robbery at Eagle Springs last June, was caught by officers after a chase last Friday night. All three are now in Moore County jail in default of \$5,000 bond each, awaiting grand jury action at next week's term of criminal court.

Rubith Locklear, alias Rupert, Rufus and a few other names, was caught by officers from Moore and Robeson on a rural road near St. Pauls. All four Moore county deputies—Grimm, Edwards, Lawrence and Marley, with Landon Hussey, jailer—were on the scene, on information Locklear was headed that way. Five cars in all converged upon him. Locklear leaped from his own car, headed afoot down the road directly into the headlights of Deputy Grimm's car and was caught by Hussey as he tried to make it past.

Already jailed were a woman, Isenore Locklear, 39, and Lee Guster Lowery, 34. The woman had been arrested and her car seized June 20 near a wooded spot in Montgomery county, where officers had located and were watching over the cache of 53 new truck and auto tires stolen the night before from Quality Oil Co. at Eagle Springs. The two men seen to jump from the car eluded the officers.

Lowery was taken into custody for the Moore sheriff's department June 29, by the chief of police of his home town of Maxton, who saw him on the street. Both men have long criminal records and reputation, mostly for liquor and rumrunning, officers said.

Sheriffs' departments of Moore, Montgomery and Robeson cooperated in the intensive investigation which resulted in the jailing of the trio.

## PLAY BEGINS MONDAY

### Tennis To Take Spotlight In Town Next Week; Daniels Defends Title

#### FOOTBALL PRACTICE

Coach Jim Walser issued a call this week to all prospective members of the high school football team for this fall to report to Memorial Field Saturday afternoon for the opening practice session. Walser said that daily practices would begin Monday in preparation for the opening game September 4.

## Annual County Golf Tournament Is Now Underway

Pairings for the annual Moore County golf tournament were announced earlier this week. First rounds of the tournament, of which Bill Woodward is defending champion, must be completed by 1 o'clock August 16, which is Sunday.

Here are the pairings: championship flight—Bill Woodward vs Will Wiggs; Davis Worsham vs Charles Rose; Joe Carter vs J. Hufford; Pete Tufts vs Carlos Frye; Henson Maples vs Bill Thraikill; Bill Sledge vs Glenn Crissman; Bill Wilson vs Tommy Currie; and Hollie Sisk vs J. H. McCaskill.

Losers of the first round in the championship flight will make up the first flight.

Second flight—Joe Montesanti, Jr., vs Tom Shockley; Jack Carter vs Harry Davis; Ed Comer vs George Short; Bill Purcell vs O. T. Parks.

Third flight—Louis Honeycutt vs Dr. E. M. Medlin; North Lewis vs Topper Parks; Bob Strauss vs Jim Prim; and Harry Chatfield vs Don Mangum.

Fourth flight—Boyd Starnes vs E. J. Austin; R. H. Johnson vs W. F. Thrower; Jim Besley vs Al Brezinski; and Leonard Jones vs Don Murray.

Fifth flight—W. M. Puckett vs T. I. Wilson; Glenn Lassiter vs H. L. Williams; Bill VonCanon vs Bud Rainey; Leonard Yearley vs Frank Edwards.

Sixth flight—Fred Pollard vs R. W. McLeod; Walter Robertson vs Harold Collins; Earl Pickett vs Dave Ginsburg; Bobby Von Canon vs Henry Turner.

Seventh flight—William R. Taylor vs Frank Trotter.

Next week is "tennis week" in Southern Pines.

Two tournaments, attracting some of the top players in the State, are scheduled for the local courts and the public is welcome to attend.

Sam Daniel of Leaksville, long a high ranker among State tennis players, will try for his third consecutive championship in the Men's Singles division of the 11th annual Sandhill Senior Invitational. Opening rounds in the senior event begin Thursday, August 20.

The junior division of the tournament begins Monday.

Daniels will get stiff competition from Bobby Green, a medical student at Duke University, local enthusiasts believe. Green, whose home is in Palm Beach, Fla., defeated Malcolm Clark this past Sunday in the Eastern Carolina Tennis Association men's singles finals. He subdued Clark, who is from Southern Pines and is the defending ECTA champion, in straight sets, 6-1, 6-0, 6-2.

Green, who is basically a baseline worker, was the winner of the Atlantic Coast Conference singles title in 1956.

Clark, a graduate student at the University of North Carolina, will be unable to make the local tournament because of examinations.

Jack Warmath of Greensboro and Daniels will team again this year to defend their doubles championship. Two other doubles teams are entered: A. M. Jordan, Sr., and A. M. Jordan, Jr., and J. D. Memory with Ted Sharpless. One piece of bad news met the tournament committee this week. Mrs. Raymond Jones of Fort Bragg, who has made quite a name for herself in the State in the past two years, has not indicated whether she will enter or not. Actually, the tournament committee has been unable to contact her and believes she might have moved from Fort Bragg. Mrs. Jones is a former women's champion of France.

Last year's runner-up, Joanne Cooper of Charlotte, will be on hand for the tournament, however, as will Mildred Greubl of Southern Pines, top local player on the distaff side. Miss Cooper won last year's girl's singles title and is eligible to play in that division again this year. That phase of the week-long competition begins Monday. In the 15-and-under girls division Gay Williams of Charlotte has indicated that she will defend her title.

Top players for the Junior (Continued on page 5)

## Delegation From W. Southern Pines Asks Negro Police

**'Incidents' Are  
Cited As Reasons  
For This Request**

West Southern Pines civic leaders renewed their long standing plea for a Negro policeman at the regular meeting of the Town Council Tuesday night.

But the Council, though not in complete accord on its reasons, turned down the request and, for all practical purposes, told the leaders that they might just as well quit bringing the subject up in the future, at least before the Council.

Mayor Robert Ewing brought the matter to the Council's attention by reading a letter from six citizens of West Southern Pines in which it was stated that the need for a Negro policeman was greater than ever.

"Certain incidents" were cited as the reason, though the incidents were not spelled out. "Tensions" was also a word used.

Mayor Ewing, speaking firmly, said that such a letter would not help to solve problems unless the incidents, if indeed there were any, were identified.

"If something like this is going on," he said, "we want facts, figures, dates and so forth. I can't put much faith in a letter of this sort."

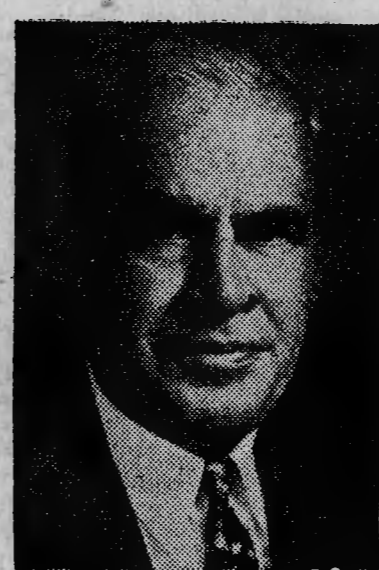
He called on several Negro citizens present to cite such incidents if they knew of any. T. R. Goins, one of the acknowledged leaders of West Southern Pines, said he couldn't give any himself but still thought that the addition of a Negro to the force "was for the best interests of all citizens of the town."

Councilman Felton Capel said he had heard of several incidents and cited one as the "attitude of policemen speaking in unkind terms to West Southern Pines residents." He said that not long ago Ralph Medlin, a member of the force who was killed several weeks ago after threatening several people with a gun, came into (Continued on page 5)

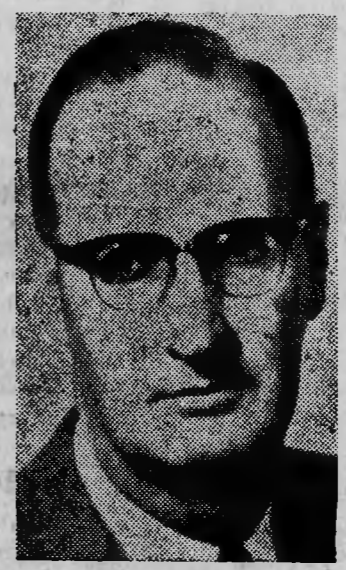
## BAND PRACTICE

William McAdams, the new band director at East Southern Pines schools, has asked all members and prospective members of the band to report for the opening practice meeting Monday morning at 9 o'clock. The meeting, he said, will be held in the band room at the high school.

## Governor Hodges To Speak Here At Civic Club Tribute To Dawson



GOVERNOR HODGES



DR. A. C. DAWSON

## Event Set For September 4 At High School

Dr. Amos Dawson, until recently the superintendent of the Southern Pines school system, will be honored at a dinner and joint meeting of local civic clubs and other organizations September 4.

Governor Luther Hodges will be the principal speaker.

The occasion, actually a two-pronged event featuring a dinner and a public meeting to follow, will be held at the high school. The dinner will begin in the school cafeteria at 6:30 and the public meeting will be held in Weaver Auditorium at 8 o'clock.

Dr. Walter Sargent of the Rotary Club is chairman of a joint committee from the civic clubs which is sponsoring the event. He said that there will be only 250 tickets for the banquet and that most of them would go to members of the various clubs. A few others will be available to the general public and may be obtained from either Norris Hodgkins, Jr., or Johnnie Hall.

Eight groups will have representatives at the dinner to laud the work Dr. Dawson accomplished here before resigning about two months ago to become Executive Director of the North Carolina Education Association. The groups are Rotary, Sandhills Kiwanis, the Lions Club, the Parent-Teacher's Association, the school faculty, the Ministerial Association, the Board of Education, and town government.

The tickets for the banquet are \$2.50 each. Those who purchase them will be offered preferred seating arrangements in Weaver Auditorium for the Governor's address.

That portion of the program is open to the public and there is, of course, no charge.

Governor Hodges has visited the Sandhills several times in the past few years, once for the dedication of the A. & M. Karagheusian plant in Aberdeen, and another time for a meeting of the Board of Conservation and Development. He has also been here on occasion to enjoy golf.

Dr. Dawson and his family have recently purchased a home in Raleigh where he makes his headquarters. The fact that Governor Hodges will come here to speak at a testimonial dinner for him has caused some to speculate that the event will give the Governor an opportunity to speak about education in the State.

Also planned for the banquet program is the presentation of a gift to the Dawsons.

## Sleeping Pills Caused Death Of Mrs. Janice Hobson, Coroner Rules

### Fritz Gerrish, Steward At Elks Lodge, Succumbs

Fritz Gerrish, 58, died Tuesday at St. Joseph's Hospital following a short illness.

Mr. Gerrish, a native of Germany, has been living in Southern Pines since 1951. He was employed by the Elks Lodge as a steward and was extremely well liked. He took an active interest in affairs of the lodge and frequently contributed his time to public activities of that organization.

He came to the United States in 1927 from Germany and made his home in New Britain, Conn., where he owned and operated two restaurants, both considered highly successful. His knowledge of restaurant operations was frequently called on by officials of the Elks Lodge here.

Funeral services were held this afternoon at the Church of Wide Fellowship with the pastor, the Rev. Carl Wallace, in charge. Graveside services were conducted by the Elks Lodge at Mount Hope Cemetery.

Mr. Gerrish is survived by his wife, Elizabeth; one son, Fred, who is with the Air Force in Homestead, Fla.; one grandson, and one brother, Paul, of New Britain, Conn.

Mrs. Janice Figgitt Hobson, 50, of Pinehurst, died at her home July 10 from an overdose of sleeping pills, Coroner Ralph Steed has ruled.

The ruling was announced this week by Steed, who said he had been holding off an official ruling until an investigation by the State Bureau of Investigation had been completed.

Mrs. Hobson's body was found on a sun porch of her home near the No. 2 course in Pinehurst.

Parts of the official ruling are as follows: "Despite mysterious circumstances, there was no evidence of violence on the body other than a mouth wound insufficient to have caused death. Because of unusual aspects which developed, the SBI (State Bureau of Investigation) was called in, and an autopsy revealed a large quantity of barbiturates had been taken internally."

"Bloodstains found in the home came from a wound on the woman's lips inflicted by Hobson who admitted to officers he had struck his wife with a rolled-up (Continued on page 5)

## Mrs. Carl Holt Takes Own Life With Plastic Bag

Death by suffocation was the verdict of a coroner's jury in the death of Mrs. Thelma Kelly Holt, 58, well-known businesswoman of this community, who was found early Friday on the floor of her garage, her head encased in a plastic bag. The death was termed a suicide.

An autopsy and inquest determined that Mrs. Holt had been dead some six or seven hours when found by her husband, Carl E. Holt, at 8:10 a. m. according to Coroner Ralph G. Steed. Holt said his wife had gone to bed about 10:40 Thursday night, and he had followed soon after. She apparently arose soon after midnight and dressed to commit the act. Steed said the body was fully clothed, the plastic garment bag was tucked in about her neck to make it airtight, and that the rest of the bag was under her body.

Declining health was assigned as the reason for her act. Steed said she was reported to have been in "a very nervous condition" for about two years, and had been depressed.

Mrs. Holt, who was widely known and very popular in Southern Pines, was the manager of Mack's Five and Ten Cent Store for some 25 years. She was a native of Jonesboro, the daughter of Flynn and Delia McNeill Kelly.

Funeral services were held Sunday at 3 p. m. at Shallow Well Christian church near Sanford, conducted by the pastor, the Rev. Max Vestal, with burial in the church cemetery.

Surviving are her husband; two sisters, Mrs. L. T. Sloan and Mrs. O. T. Brown, Sanford, Rt. 7, and three brothers, Paul Kelly, Sanford; Marvin Kelly, Sanford, Rt. 7, and B. B. Kelly, Kershaw, S. C.

## New Industrial Committee Named By Mayor Ewing

A six-man committee to promote Southern Pines as a place for selected industry was named by Mayor Robert Ewing at the regular Town Council meeting Tuesday night.

Five of the members have been on the committee during the past year; the other, Councilman James Hobbs, was a new appointee.

The five reappointed were Norris Hodgkins, Jr., Ward Hill, W. Harry Fullenwider, John C. Ostrom and Jack Woytens.

Hodgkins and Hill are also members of the county's industrial Development committee.

## ANNUAL PICNIC

The annual picnic in the town park for children will be held Friday afternoon at 5 o'clock, according to Nancy Jo Traylor, who has been directing the playground program this summer. She said that all children were invited to enjoy hot dogs, soft drinks and cookies.



VIEW OF ANOTHER A&P THAT RESEMBLES THE ONE TO BE CONSTRUCTED HERE

## A&P Plans Construction Of New Supermarket Here

The A&P Food Stores announced today the construction of a new super market on W. Broad Street, which will replace the present location on Pennsylvania Avenue. The announcement said the investment in property, building, equipment and stock will be in excess of \$200,000.

The building itself will contain in excess of 13,000 square feet, and the parking area will accommodate about 149 cars for A&P customers.

It will be located across from W. P. Still Oldsmobile and will go through to Bennett Street.

The structure will be one story of concrete and brick, with an antique red brick front, featuring the early American style. The exterior will be most attractive; and the interior of the building will be provided with the latest innovations in retail grocery facilities, providing the convenience, comfort and price savings of many individual stores under

one roof. In addition, fluorescent lighting and pastel toned ceilings and walls provide a pleasant atmosphere for shoppers. Five check-out stands will speed the flow of traffic through the store.

"Among the outstanding features of the new super market will be the completely modern meat department, self-service produce cases, self-service frosted food cabinets and air-conditioning for year-round shopping comfort," said J. A. Zeigler, General Superintendent in charge of

A&P's Operation in the Carolinas. "With few exceptions, the new store will be completely self-service throughout, and will be so designed as to make the busy housewives' shopping easier, quicker and more convenient," he added.

Construction probably will be completed in time for occupancy early next year.

This development was cited as another evidence of the A&P organization's faith in the future growth of Southern Pines.