

### Three Indians Convicted On Tire Stealing Charges

Three Robeson County Indians, two men and a woman, drew prison sentences Wednesday in Moore Superior Court in a case which Judge Hubert E. Olive agreed with the defense attorney was "most unusual."

The three, Ruphs or Rupert Locklear, 43, Lee G. Lowrey, 34, and the woman, Isenore Locklear, 38, pleaded guilty to the theft of \$1,500 worth of new nylon truck and auto tires from the Quality Oil Co. at Eagle Springs. The men were sentenced to serve two to three years in State's Prison, the woman 12 to 18 months in the Women's Division.

Wesley C. Watts of Lumberton, defense counsel, said that "while our Indians get into many different kinds of trouble, it is very seldom one of them commits larceny." He concurred with State's witness Sheriff W. B. Kelly's expressed opinion that "someone else is behind this."

Sheriff Sam B. Smitherman of Montgomery County was on hand to serve as a witness if needed. It was through cooperation of his department, Sheriff Kelly said, the tires were recovered from a wooded hideout and the woman arrested near Troy. The two men were apprehended later with the help of the Robeson County Sheriff's department and Maxton police. The break-in and theft represented a "big operation," said Sheriff Kelly.

### Scout Program At Church Of Wide Fellowship Today

Three "roundtables" for adult leaders and Scouts will be held at the Church of Wide Fellowship tonight at 7:45, according to Dr. J. C. Grier, Jr., district commissioner.

The roundtables are as follows: Cub leaders, discussion of hobbies and pets, led by Paul Ward; Scout leaders, discussion of "show and try," led by J. D. Ives; Explorer leaders, discussion of personal grooming, led by J. G. Farrell.

There is also to be a report on the World Jamboree recently concluded in the Philippines by Woodrow Eldridge of Carthage.

### Fire Damages In First Half Of Year Reported Low

Moore County Forest Ranger Travis Wicker this week released figures on the damage done by forest fires in Moore County during the period of the six months from January 1 through June 30, 1959.

There were 24 fires by the following causes: debris burning, 3; incendiary, 3; lumbering, 1; smoker, 9; and miscellaneous, 8.

These fires burned upon 713 acres, of which 645 acres was forest land and 68 acres was open land. Damage was totaled at \$2,990, of which \$2,854 was for forest land, and \$136 was for open land. These damage figures were based on a State-wide damage appraisal system used by the North Carolina Forest Service.

Moore County has a total of 338,200 acres of woodland, and forest fires burned on approximately 19 percent of the above figure.



OPENING FOOTBALL PRACTICE was held Saturday when about 20 boys reported to head coach Jim Walser. He is shown here handing out instructions as assistant Gerald Ellen, to his

right listens in. The team, which plays its first game September 4, is working out daily at Memorial Field. (Humphrey photo)

### Blue Knights To Miss Watkins This Year; Enters Virginia Prep School

The Southern Pines Blue Knights, Cape Fear Conference champions, will be without the services of one of its star performers of last year when the season opens September.

Bobby Watkins, a sparkplug on the team that went all the way to the finals of the State Class A championship before suffering defeat, has decided to enter a prep school in Virginia for his last year of high school football.

Watkins, who doubled at quarterback and halfback and who earned the praise of former coach Irie Leonard as one of the top players he has ever coached, will enter Frederick Military Academy in September. He said he plans to play football there. He will be a scholarship student and, though only a high school senior, will play on a team that has college freshmen and sophomores.

Decision to go to the Virginia school was made a few weeks ago, Bobby said today.

"I just think that everything will be better in every respect for me up there. I will go to college later and hope to study law eventually. Playing football and going to the high school here is something I'll miss but I'm looking forward to going to Frederick."

Last year Watkins was one of the leading pointmakers in the State, scoring 15 touchdowns as the Knights rolled over 12 opponents before losing to Andrews 33-9 on a cold night in Asheville. He scored one touchdown in games against Hope Mills, Chadbourn, Fairmont, Aberdeen, Mt.



BOBBY WATKINS

Olive, LaGrange and Edenton. The one against Edenton was especially important since the Knights emerged victors by the slim margin of 7-6.

Watkins hit his high spots of the season against St. Pauls and Shallotte, when he scored three touchdowns in each game, and against Rohanen, when he made two.

He was given an honorable mention by the Raleigh News & Observer's sports staff for its State Class A All-Star team.

In addition to playing football he was also a mainstay on the baseball team, doubling on pitching and catching assignments.

### Suitcase Theft Results In Long Prison Term For Cameron Negro

Charlie Jethroe Jackson, Negro, of Cameron, drew the longest sentence of the first day of Moore Superior Court Monday when Judge Hubert E. Olive handed him not less than seven nor more than 10 years in prison for stealing a suitcase from the baggage room of the Aberdeen railroad station.

The suitcase, belonging to Mrs. Lillian Farrar of Route 2, Aberdeen, and valued at more than \$100, was Exhibit A in the case. Mrs. Farrar, who had a baby Sunday night, could not be present as a witness, but Alvin Gibson, special agent, and J. E. Lucas, assistant supervisor, with the Seaboard Air Line, were, also Aberdeen Police Chief Lamar Smith.

Gibson told of the break-in, which had been accomplished by a strong pull on a sliding door which broke the hasp of the

lock, and the month-long investigation of the theft. The suitcase was found in Jackson's home under his bed, with most of the clothes it had contained hidden in an outhouse. Jackson had admitted the theft, and showed how he had done it, Gibson said.

However, the defendant took the stand to dispute various parts of his testimony, not even ending his argument when Solicitor M. G. Boyette read out his record of 20 years of theft convictions in many places. Some of these—including two at Raleigh for which he drew five-year prison terms—Jackson claimed he "didn't remember."

### UNSEED

(Continued from page 1) David Meschan of Winston-Salem and Ray Stallings.

Some 50 young people started play Monday and Tuesday in the 11th annual Junior Sandhills, sponsored by the Sandhills Tennis association in cooperation with the summer recreation program. Mrs. Dorothy McMillan, STA president, and David Drexel, tournament chairman, were assisted by Norris L. Hodgkins, Jr., Mrs. Judy Leonard and others in staging the highly successful event.

In junior girls' singles, Joanne Cooper of Charlotte successfully defended her title against an unseeded newcomer to the local courts, Dasha Morgan of Asheville. The score was 6-1, 6-1. Joanne defeated Shirley Holliday of Belton, S. C., 6-1, 6-4, while Dasha ousted the No. 2 seed, Gay Williams of Charlotte, 6-4, 6-3 in semifinals.

Gay beat Shirley Holliday to retain her crown as girls' singles champ.

Doubles play saw Stanley Coker and David Morgan of Asheville win for junior boys, against Donny Dial and Fred Craft from South Carolina, 6-3, 6-2; while in the boys' event, Jim Causey and Jim Sloan, of Clinton, S. C., teamed to defeat David Meschan of Winston-Salem and Ray Stallings of Goldsboro, 6-3, 6-2.

### State Accepts Lesser Plea From 16-Year-Old On Burglary Charges

A plea of second degree burglary, accepted by the State, may have saved the life of Clarence Edward Steele, alias Small, Wednesday in Moore Superior Court.

The Negro youth, who his lawyer said is only 16, had been indicted for first degree burglary, a capital offense, also attempted rape. Judge Hubert E. Olive commented that "on the evidence I would have had no choice but to send him to the gas chamber." Ten to 15 years in prison was the sentence.

Gaynelle Tillman, pretty 15-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. M. H. Tillman of near Carthage, told of waking about midnight to see the youth in the bedroom which she was sharing with her 14-year-old sister Christine. She said, "When we woke and screamed he came over and laid across the bed and started slapping us."

Mrs. Tillman, whose husband is an invalid, came rushing as the girls continued to scream, and Steele fled through a front window of which he had unlatched the screen.

Sheriff W. B. Kelly testified he traced the intruder to his home a mile or so away, where the boy was found asleep. Steele at first denied, then admitted, the break-in. His feet fitted bare footprints found at several places under windows of the Tillman home.

P. H. Wilson, court-appointed defense attorney, said his inquiries had satisfied him the boy was mentally retarded and had no idea of the gravity of the crime which he had committed. He added, "There is no evidence he intended to commit rape, and

in fact we don't know what he had in mind and the probability is he doesn't either." He said Steele told him he didn't know what he was doing in the Tillman house, and that "when the girls started screaming he realized he was in the wrong place, and all he wanted to do was get away from there."

Steele was indicted under the name of Small, which Wilson said was his stepfather's name, not his own. Solicitor M. G. Boyette said he would amend the bill to show the correct name.

### FAVORITES

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Davis; Comer vs Purcell.

Third flight—Medlin vs Topper Parks; Strauss vs Chatfield.

Fourth flight—Austin vs Thrower; Brezinski vs Jones.

Fifth flight—Puckett vs Laster; Rainey vs Yearby.

Sixth flight—Pollard vs Collins; Pickett vs VonCanon.

Seventh flight—Trotter vs Wells.

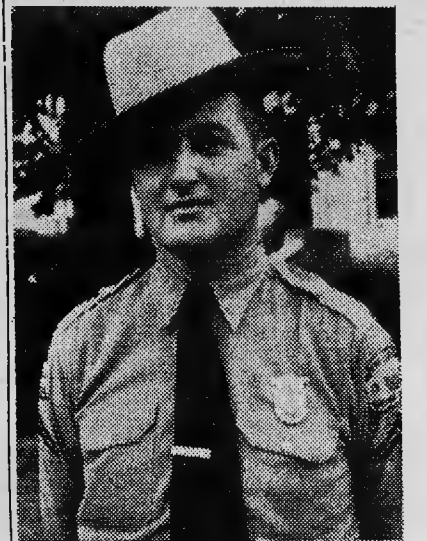
### T. L. Campbell Ill In Florida Hospital

T. L. Campbell, formerly of Southern Pines, is ill in a Florida hospital, it was learned today by The Pilot.

Mr. Campbell, well known here, became ill while visiting his daughter, Mrs. Frances Hatch in Miami.

He is confined to the Veterans Hospital in Coral Gables.

### Highway Patrol Officer To Head Membership Drive



CPL. J. A. MCCOLMAN

Cpl. J. A. McColman of the State Highway Patrol has accepted appointment as membership drive chairman for Moore County representing the North Carolina State Employees Association.

Cpl. Colman, who lives in Carthage and heads up the Patrol activities in this county, plans to contact all state employees in the county in the next few months as part of his new duties. Moore County is one of 19 of Area IV of NCSEA.

His appointment was announced by Avar P. Sproul of the North Carolina Sanatorium at McCain, chairman of the membership committee of Area IV.

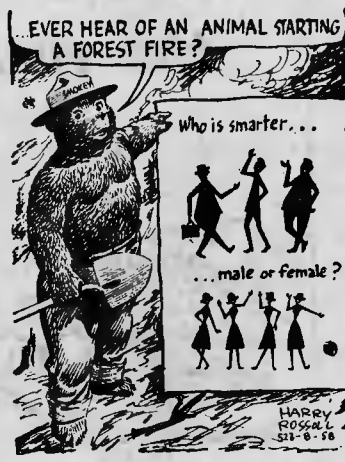
### SHOP WITH PILOT ADS

### GEN. FISHER

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action. Born in Atlanta, Georgia, General Fisher is married to the former Dorothy Douglas of Scranton, Pa., daughter of the late Colonel John N. Douglas, Army Air Corps. Their son William Douglas Fisher, recently graduated from Princeton University. Their daughter Ann is married to Air Force pilot Lieutenant William J. Danaher.

The General's home is Southern Pines, where his mother, Mrs. Elinor S. Fisher resides.



Nine out of ten forest fires are man-caused.



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### ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

Sealed proposals will be received by the Moore County Board of Commissioners, Carthage, North Carolina, in the Commissioners' Room, on the second floor of the Court House, Carthage, North Carolina, until 2:00 P. M., E. S. T., Monday, August 31, 1959, and immediately thereafter publicly opened and read for the furnishing of labor, materials and equipment entering into the construction hereinafter specified. Installation of new boiler and oil tank, air conditioning system of 60 tons, by means of duct, air handling units and etc., electric distribution system. Separate bids invited on each of the three phases of installation.

Complete Plans, Specifications and Contract Documents can be obtained at the County Auditor's Office, Carthage, North Carolina or office of Leonard H. Owen, Consulting Engineer, 101 Oberlin Road, Raleigh, North Carolina.

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