

Young People Waive Hearing, Remain In Jail

Quartet Arrested Here Facing Grand Jury In November

The four young people arrested here last week in connection with a break-in and robbery at the rectory of St. Anthony's Catholic Church are all in jail at Carthage today, awaiting grand jury action at the November term of Moore County Superior Court.

They are: Joseph Pius Rallo, who has given ages from 18 to 23, refuses to give the name of any friend or relative and is charged with doing the actual breaking in at the rectory, not only last week but previously on August 11 when a hitherto unexplained robbery took place there.

John A. Henshaw, 18, a native of Massachusetts, lately of Miami, Fla., who refused to give his family's address and who is charged with aiding and abetting in last week's break-in.

Mrs. Charlene Mirone, 17, whose husband, Joe Mirone left the wandering party of young law-breakers after a quarrel with her in August and was then arrested for auto larceny in New York state. She has a mother in California and a father in St. Louis, Miami, Fla., is her last permanent address. She's charged with aiding and abetting in both the August 11 and last week's break-ins.

Beda Marie Nolan, 18, Miami, who is charged with aiding and abetting in last week's break-in. Her mother, Mrs. Geraldine Voight, and step-father live in Miami. Her mother was here for a hearing in the case Wednesday, after being notified by local police Sunday night.

The quartet was taken to Carthage by Southern Pines police Wednesday afternoon after they had waived a hearing before Judge Harry Fullenwider in Southern Pines Recorder's Court Wednesday morning. There are no facilities for keeping prisoners permanently at the jail here, but the young folks had been held here for a week during which Chief C. E. Newton carried on a prolonged interrogation. Signed statements were taken from all four.

Beda Nolan was the only one of the four represented by counsel at Wednesday's hearing. Attorney P. H. Wilson appeared for her but neither she nor any of the others were able to make bond. Bond was set at \$5,000 for Rallo, described as the leader of the little gang, and at \$2,000 for the other three.

When first arrested, Rallo had given his name as Donald Christy of Syracuse, N. Y., and had produced a draft card to prove it. Chief Newton said that a check on this produced the information (Continued on page 8)

'I'm Proud Of My Boys...'

"I can't tell you how proud I am of my boys," Police Chief C. E. Newton said yesterday, after he had delivered to the county jail at Carthage the out-of-state young people arrested in connection with a break-in at the Catholic rectory last week. Having waived hearing here yesterday morning, they'll stay in Carthage for grand jury action in November.

The chief was referring to Sgt. Earl Seawell and Officer Otis Bridges who made the arrests.

"They did an outstanding job," the chief said.

Sergeant Seawell had apprehended the young man who broke into the rectory, while Officer Bridges, on a hunch, had followed the three accomplices and had seen through the lies they told him when he stopped them in their car on Broad Street in front of the bank.

There wasn't anybody around yesterday to praise the tired chief who had spent many hours in the past week interrogating the quartet, sitting fact from fiction, communicating with police departments in other cities, trying to locate the families of the young



EAGLE SCOUT—Mr. and Mrs. C. G. (Bud) Crockett, Jr., of Lakeview stand at left as Mrs. Crockett pins the top-ranking Eagle Scout badge on their son David in an outdoor campfire court of honor ceremony Saturday night. Karl Schweinfurth, Scoutmaster of Troop 810 at Vass, of which David is a member, stands next to him and at right is Sam Garcia, assistant

scoutmaster of the troop, who provided David with a corsage for his mother and a miniature silver eagle for his father, recognizing their efforts in helping him attain Eagle rank. Visible in the background, between David and his mother, is Dr. J. C. Grier, Jr., of Pinehurst, Boy Scout district commissioner. (Photo by Humphrey)

Outdoor Court Of Honor Held At Scout Camp

More than 160 Boy Scouts from Moore County units took part in a "camporee" at Shamrock Farms lake near Pinehurst last weekend. The program included a campfire court of honor Saturday night, with rank advancements and presentation of merit badges to Scouts from the various participating troops.

For over-all excellence at the camporee, which included competition in a number of Scouting skills, Troop 852 of Carthage won first place. A close second, with only three less points than the winner, was Troop 74 of Robbins.

Highest award at the court of honor was an Eagle Scout badge to David Crockett, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. G. (Bud) Crockett of Vass.

Star Rank was presented by Joe Sandlin of Southern Pines, Moore District chairman, to four Scouts of Troop 68, Aberdeen: Sidney Taylor, Sam R. Bell, Gary Thompson and Victor Grose.

Dr. J. D. Ives of Pinebluff, assistant district commissioner, presented First Class awards to Gary Britt, Jimmy Wadsworth and William Harris, all of Troop 74, Robbins.

Second Class awards went to Johnny Burns and J. Robert Matthews of Troop 68, Aberdeen; Jimmy Russell of Troop 74, Robbins; and Stephen Frye of Troop 810, Vass. The presentations were made by Paul Cole of the District Activities Committee.

Dr. J. C. Grier, Jr., of Pinehurst (Continued on page 8)

Kiwanis Will Take 90 Moore County 6th Graders To Bragg On Kids' Day

Schedule of events for this year's observance of Kids' Day at Pope Air Force Base, Saturday, September 26, has been announced. Thousands of boys, girls and their families are expected to attend.

An "open house" and other activities running from 10 a. m. to 3 p. m. will feature the observance co-sponsored by Kiwanis International and the Air Force.

R. S. Ewing of Southern Pines, chairman of the Boys and Girls Committee of the Sandhills Kiwanis Club, said that members of the club plan to take about 90 sixth graders from schools of Moore County to Fort Bragg in the local school activities bus and private cars and station wagons. The group will meet at the Ridge Street side of the school about 8:45 a. m. Saturday.

The club is undertaking to transport only a group already chosen through the schools. However, any child accompanied by an adult can attend the events at Fort Bragg.

The Kiwanis Club usually takes fifth graders, Mr. Ewing said, but sixth graders are being taken this year since last year's Kids' Day was cancelled because of a hurricane threat.

The Fayetteville Kiwanis Club, of which I. H. O'Hanlon is presi-

dent, is arranging selection of an honorary boy "base commander" and a girl "WAF staff director" for the day.

Highlights of the program will include a formation flyover by three 464th Troop Carrier Wing C-123 "Provider" transports at 12:40 p. m., a bundle drop at 12:55, simulated assault landings by C-123s at 1 p. m., and a parachute jump by 20 combat controllers of the 3rd Aerial Port Sq. at 1:10 p. m.

A demonstration by a model airplane club, the "Circle Burners", will be given at 10:15 a. m. and repeated at 1:50 p. m., while last event is a crash fire demonstration at 2:45 p. m.

There will be an Air Force Recruiting Service display at which candy, balloons and other souvenirs, donated by merchants of the Fayetteville area, will be given away. Also to be distributed, according to S-Sgt. Samuel C. Burgen, Air Force recruiter, are pocket size pictures of aircraft and missiles.

A concessionaire plans to make box lunches available for kids at a cost of 25 cents each.

Air Force aircraft scheduled for ground display include Pope's own C-123s as well as big C-123, C-130 and C-119 transports, a T-28 trainer, and a T-33 jet trainer.

IT MIGHT HAVE BEEN IN THE MOVIES ...

But It Happened In Southern Pines

You might see it in the movies, but you wouldn't expect to see it in Southern Pines.

The scene opens with a woman running out into the street on the 200 block of East Vermont Avenue late last Wednesday afternoon and stopping a car driven by Tommy Poe, who is employed at Poe's Service Station. She told him excitedly that somebody was trying to break into the Catholic rectory. She was only passing by—a stranger in town staying here for a while.

Back of Tommy was Yates Poe—who with his brother, Bryan, operate the service station. Tommy was delivering a car to a customer and Yates was coming along to take him back to the station.

Then the woman went back and talked to Yates. Nobody knew quite what to make of her story, but just then they heard a crash as the glass was smashed in the back door of the rectory.

Tommy went to the Alex Morgan house across the street from the rectory and Mrs. Morgan called the police. Meanwhile, Alex Morgan had come out and also on the scene was Roland Frye of the Murdockville Road, near Pinehurst.

Meanwhile all was quiet inside the rectory. Anyone with x-ray eyes would have seen a small, dark, intense, young man, Joseph Pius Rallo, native of New York

City and erstwhile of Miami, Fla., jimmying open a metal strong box with a small screwdriver which he carried for such a purpose and had no doubt used a number of times while robbing—according to his own later estimate—more than 35 Catholic rectories and churches in the At-

lantic seaboard states. He found the strong box empty of money but spotted \$6.10 on a table and snatched it up. Then he heard a commotion outside, the sound of which he didn't like at all. Now fade (as they say in the movie scripts) to Sgt. Earl Seawell (Continued on page 8)



IN JAIL—Pictured here in the town jail are the four young people arrested last week in connection with a break-in and robbery at the Catholic rectory. Left to right, Joseph Pius Rallo who was caught coming out through a window on to the roof; Beda Marie Nolan, Mrs. Charlene Mirone and John A. Henshaw. They are all in the county jail at Carthage now, awaiting grand jury action in November. (Photos by V. Nicholson)

Gilmore Named Head 4-County Progress Effort

Development Group Organized; Many At Local Meeting

The Sandhills Area Development Association, comprising Moore, Lee, Montgomery and Richmond counties, was organized at a meeting of some 600 persons at Weaver auditorium Friday night, and elected Voit Gilmore of Southern Pines as its first president.

The gathering heard Zeb C. Strawn of Charlotte, principal speaker, describe the area association movement as "a tool for human betterment." The new association "will raise the living standards of every man, woman and child in this area," he said.

Strawn is the president of the highly successful 16-county Piedmont Area Development Association, which overlaps the state line to take in five South Carolina counties. He listed some of the achievements of PADA during its 19 months' existence, working in the four main activity fields of agricultural, industrial and community development, and travel and recreation. In the cooperative program "everybody is a winner." It develops leadership, brings thousands together as neighbors, creates opportunities for youth and enriches the lives of all who come in contact with it," Strawn noted with enthusiasm.

Dr. Naomi G. Albanese, dean (Continued on page 8)

Public Hearing Scheduled About Highway Work

The State Highway Commission will hold a public hearing in connection with its two-day meeting in Carthage in October.

Citizens and officials of the Sandhills area will have an opportunity to air their road requests and petitions before the full Commission beginning at 2:30 p. m. on Monday, October 5. The hearing will be held in the courtroom of the Moore County courthouse.

As a means of expediting the hearings and avoiding long waiting periods for those who wish to appear, appointments are being made. Persons wishing to present road requests to the Commission are being asked to write for a definite time appointment. Requests for appointment should be addressed to Sam Beard, public relations officer at the State Highway Commission in Raleigh.

Civic Leaders Join In Patrol's Safety Effort

'Point System' Seen As Help In Cutting Toll

Members of the Highway Patrol and Moore County political and civic leaders joined Friday night in an appeal for safer driving, against a background of mounting highway deaths, and accidents in the county and state.

Addressing a meeting of municipal and county officials, law enforcement officers, ministers,

industrial executives, civic club leaders and others, speakers appealed for the exercise of highway responsibility by citizens, both in their own driving and in urging safe driving by others. The meeting was in the courtroom at Carthage.

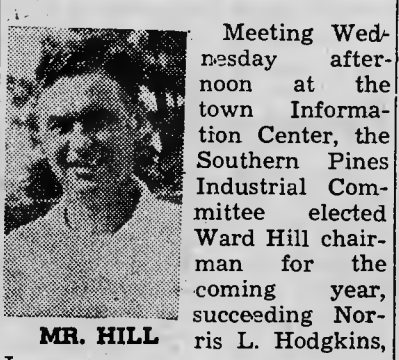
As of last Friday, Moore County had recorded this year nine highway deaths, as compared with six in the same period last year (two more persons were killed in an accident that took place early Saturday morning, a few hours after the meeting). The accident record for the same period showed 175 accidents this year, as compared with 140 last year.

Speakers included Sgt. Victor Aldridge, of Siler City, head of Highway Patrol operations in Moore, Lee and Chatham counties; Senator Wilbur Currie of Carthage and Rep. H. Clifton Blue of Aberdeen, members of the 1959 General Assembly which enacted the "point system" that was explained at the meeting as designed to aid in the identification and control of "problem drivers"; Superior Court Solicitor M. G. Boyette of Carthage; R. F. Hoke Pollock of Southern Pines, president of the Sandhills Kiwanis Club; and two Moore County Patrol members, Cpl. J. A. McCoolman, who heads the Patrol in this county; and Pfc. Henry Hight.

Public indifference to the State's law enforcement program was held by Sergeant Aldridge as the main reason for a 26 per cent increase in North Carolina's traffic fatality record this year, as compared to last year. Only six states in the nation, he said, have a worse fatality record than North Carolina.

The point system, the patrol officer explained, is known as "Operation 4-7-12." On conviction of any one of 18 or more traffic law offenses, a certain number of demerit points is charged to a driver. When the point total reaches four, the driver is sent a warning letter. When it reaches seven, he is invited to appear before a hearing officer and may be allowed to attend a Driver Improvement Clinic operated by the Department of Motor Vehicles. When the point total reaches 12, within two years, the driver's license can be suspended for as much as 60 days.

Ward Hill To Head Industrial Committee



MR. HILL Meeting Wednesday afternoon at the town Information Center, the Southern Pines Industrial Committee elected Ward Hill chairman for the coming year, succeeding Norris L. Hodgkins, Jr.

Mr. Hill, who has been a member of the committee, is local manager for the Carolina Power and Light Co.

Jimmy Hobbs was named to succeed Mayor Robert S. Ewing on the committee as representative of the town council.

Mr. Hodgkins welcomed to membership on the committee William J. Donovan, president of Trimble Products, Inc., and Edward T. Taws, Jr., president of Fletcher Southern, who represent the two new industries moving to Southern Pines in the past year. Mr. Hodgkins said that the town is fortunate to have secured these industries.

Other members of the committee, all reappointed, are Harry Fullenwider, John Ostrom, D. A. Blue, Jr., and Jack Younts.

Two Killed In County's Worst Wreck Of Year

Moore county's worst wreck of the year, killing two people, occurred early Friday morning, within a few hours after a safety meeting held at Carthage to discuss ways of cutting down the mounting highway death toll.

The accident occurred when a heavily loaded tractor-trailer came directly into NC 211, two miles east of Aberdeen, without stopping, and hit a car violently on the left side, flipping it over, said Patrolman R. R. Samuels, investigating.

Listed as instantly killed were two passengers in the car—Belvin Harris, 50, a sawmill worker; and Avery McLaughlin, 40, a farm hand. Both were residents of Route 1, Raeford, near McCain. Samuels quoted the driver of the tractor-trailer, Norman Finch of Binghamton, N. Y., as saying he tried to brake down at the stop sign but the brakes didn't work.

John Henry Davis of Route 1, Raeford, driver of the car, who was taking his neighbors to work near Aberdeen, told the patrolman he saw the headlights of the truck but thought it was going to stop. Davis was taken to a hospital with bruises and abrasions, but was not thought seriously hurt. His light blue 1957 Chevrolet was demolished.

The front of the tractor, owned by an Alabama firm and leased to Meadow Gold Dairies of Durham, was considerably damaged. Neither the driver nor his companion, Robert G. Taylor of Durham, was hurt beyond a bad shaking-up.

Finch has been charged with involuntary manslaughter and is being held in Aberdeen jail, pending a hearing Friday in Aberdeen Recorder's Court.

Motor Carriers, 500-Strong, Set 'Cook-Out' Here

Something new in entertainment will be offered some 500 delegates to the annual convention of the N. C. Motor Carriers Association when they visit the Mile-Away Farm of Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Moss, off the old No. 1 high, north of Southern Pines, Sunday afternoon.

The Association's convention opens Sunday at the Carolina Hotel, Pinehurst, following the annual meeting of the North Carolina Medical Society at the Carolina Friday and Saturday. The Motor Carriers will be at farm hand. Both were residents of Route 1, Raeford, near McCain. Samuels quoted the driver of the tractor-trailer, Norman Finch of Binghamton, N. Y., as saying he tried to brake down at the stop sign but the brakes didn't work.

The Mile-Away Farm visit will feature a "spare-ribs cook-out" and give the delegates an opportunity to see the fine horses stabled there.

Applications To Be Taken

Applications for employment at the new plant of Trimble Products, Inc., will be taken Monday through Saturday mornings of next week (September 28-October 3), at the Employment Security Commission office at the corner of S. E. Broad St. and Pennsylvania Ave., with the exception of Thursday, October 1. Garland Pierce, office manager for the new firm, said that the hours for interviews will be 9 a. m. to 12 noon.

The Trimble plant, now under construction just north of Southern Pines, will manufacture various items of furniture for babies and children.