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Holiday Closing Schedules Listed; Food Stores To Be Open Saturday

Business will generally come to a halt Friday in Southern Pines and throughout the county, in observance of Christmas Day. Some stores and offices will remain closed until Monday.

Food stores are expected to be open Saturday, while some, if not all, dry goods and clothing stores will stay closed through Saturday. Drug stores will close Friday and open Saturday.

With the Pilot being published Wednesday afternoon, the Pilot office and news department will be closed until Monday.

The Citizens Bank and Trust Co. in Southern Pines will be closed Friday and Saturday, as will the Carolina Bank at Pinehurst and its branches in Aberdeen, Carthage and Vass.

The OK Bowl will close only on Christmas Day and again on New Year's Day, Col. George Garde,

manager, said this morning.

Postmaster Max Rush, reporting the biggest Christmas season ever experienced here in mail volume and receipts, said that the post office will be closed all day Christmas Day and New Year's Day. The post office will follow its usual Saturday schedule this week—open to 12:30 p.m.

Special delivery items and Christmas packages will be delivered on Christmas Day, Mr. Rush said. Everything mailed on Thursday will be processed before the post office staff leaves Thursday night, he noted.

Town Manager Louis Scheipers, Jr., said that town offices will close at noon Thursday and will not reopen until Monday. Town employees received an across-the-board Christmas bonus of \$31.54, as authorized by the town council under a new bonus system proposed this year.

The regular Friday garbage collection on the west side of town will be made on Saturday. None of the town employees, except policemen on duty, will work on Christmas Day.

The Southern Pines Library will be closed Friday and Saturday.

Offices in the courthouse at Carthage will be closed Thursday, Friday and Saturday.

Austin To Draw Plans For Easter Seal Camp Here

E. J. Austin, local architect, has been commissioned to design buildings for the Easter Seal camp to be located near Southern Pines by the North Carolina Society for Crippled Children and Adults.

The building committee for the camp, of which I. Preston Wrenn of Charlotte is chairman, plans a meeting here soon, it was learned this week, Mr. Austin said that he did not yet know exactly what the camp's requirements in buildings would be.

It has been announced previously that, although the project is called a "camp", buildings at the site would be of a permanent type and that tentative plans of the Society look toward year-around usage of the facilities.

The 70-acre tract bought for the camp is about a half mile from the city limits, north of Knollwood, the former property of Mr. and Mrs. Winston H. Anderson.

Mr. Austin said he expected to have plans ready about April 1. The local architect is currently supervising reconstruction and renovation of the former county home, between Southern Pines and Carthage. He said the work there is about two-thirds completed.

The building will be leased by the county to private operators as a boarding home for the aged, under supervision of the county Welfare Department.

Hayes Firm Gets Large Contracts; Bank Plans Done

Thomas T. Hayes, Jr., and Associates, local architectural firm, has been commissioned to design a \$57,000 field house and also athletic field improvements to cost \$91,500 at A. & T. College, Greensboro.

The work is part of a \$976,000 construction and improvement program at the college.

A spokesman for the Hayes firm said this week that plans have been completed for the building that will house the new branch of the Carolina Bank at West End. Bids on construction of the building will be taken in January, it was stated.

Culvert Installed On S. W. Broad St.

A temporary culvert was installed this week by the State Highway department on S. W. Broad St., in an attempt to improve drainage conditions at and near the location of the new A. & P. store building which is nearing completion.

The town will share with the state the cost of a full-scale drainage project on S. W. Broad St., but is not able to participate financially during the current fiscal year. Curb, gutter and paving work will also be done by the state.

Red Cross Plans Course In Care Of Injured Persons

The Moore County Chapter of the American Red Cross has completed arrangements for a school to begin about the middle of January for training interested citizens in the nursing care of injured persons in the home.

Anyone interested in taking this course should notify the office of the local chapter at Southern Pines before January 10.

Classes will be conducted twice each week for a total of seven two-hour classes. The course will be designed to take care of the increasing demand for some type of training in the care of the sick and injured in the home. Persons having such training would also be valuable in case of some emergency, Red Cross officials pointed out.

In addition to the training for nursing care of the sick and injured in the home, the local chapter is now making plans for a nurses' aid course, which will consist of 15 two-hour periods. More detailed announcement of this course will be made.

Youngsters Love New 'Whirl' Given To Town By The Jaycees

The "whirl" playground device presented to the Town by the Jaycees Saturday morning has been amply endorsed since then by the supreme authority in such matters—the children themselves. Observers around the park block say they seem to love it and that it has been kept spinning daily.

Despite the presence of the school band, the majorettes and free lollipops, there was only a small group of children at the park Saturday morning—but this group at once showed their enthusiasm for the spinning platform.

Probable reason for the small attendance was a temperature near the freezing mark.

Mayor Robert S. Ewing and Paul Boroughs, Jaycee president, braved the chill with coats off for the formal presentation scene in which Mr. Boroughs turned the whirl over to the Town with explanation that it is only the first of several pieces of playground equipment the Jaycees plan to provide as funds become available from their various money-making projects.

The "whirl" on which the youngsters have been having fun is a metal platform 10 feet in diameter, colorfully painted, with metal tubing projections the riders can hold to or lean against.

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THIS GREETING from The Pilot—drawn by Glen Rounds, Southern Pines artist and teller of tales—poses a question: what's this mean old fox looking at, sitting there under that typically Roundsian fractured moon? Santa Claus? The Moore County Hounds in the distance? Somebody coming to rescue his scattered Christmas edition of The Pilot? More likely it's the old fox's dinner. Watch out, Bre'r Rabbit! Got his mind on something, all right, just as we at The Pilot have, except that we know exactly what we want to say to all our readers: "Merry Christmas!"

Mills, Stutts Appointed Inspectors

The duties formerly performed by the town's public safety director have been divided between two other town officials, Manager Louis Scheipers, Jr., announced this week.

The public safety post had been vacant since the resignation of Mark L. (Mike) Whitesell in November.

Mr. Scheipers said that Ralph Mills, superintendent of water purification, has taken over the jobs of building inspector and electrical inspector.

Joel Stutts, superintendent of water distribution, is now also plumbing inspector and gas inspector.

These duties—with the exception of those of the gas inspector,

a post that has been created since the resignation of Mr. Whitesell—were all formerly performed by the public safety director, along with a few other minor jobs such as administration of the town's weed control ordinance.

Mr. Scheipers said that the salaries of the two Water Department officials have been raised to compensate them for the extra duties. They will check in at town hall twice a day, he said, to see if there are any inspection or building applications.

Mr. Scheipers said he felt that the processing of building and inspection applications would move as smoothly and quickly under the new system as under the former method.

Investigation Of Fire Shows No Negligence

A full investigation has been conducted into the tragic fire which on the night of November 28 destroyed the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Singletary at Midway and took the lives of their three young children, according to Deputy Sheriff J. A. Lawrence.

He said expert help was called in on the investigation which was conducted intensively over a period of about 10 days, and which, he said, "fully substantiated the story of Mary Singletary, the mother, as told at the time of the fire, and revealed that

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Cheer Baskets To Be Distributed To Many

Two Nominated From Moore Co. For Scholarships

Robert Edward Woodruff of Southern Pines and Larry Gene Kennedy of Robbins, high school seniors, are Moore County's nominees for Morehead scholarships at the University of North Carolina.

Henry L. Graves of Southern Pines, chairman of the county's Morehead Scholarship Committee, said that the two nominees were chosen from a group of eight applicants who all had outstanding records in scholarship, character and leadership potential.

Other members of the scholarship committee are Charles P. Cole of Southern Pines and Robert E. Lee of Carthage, superintendent of the county school system.

Woodruff is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred D. Woodruff, 765 S. Ashe St. Kennedy's parents are Mr. and Mrs. Edgar C. Kennedy of Robbins.

The nominees from Moore County will go before a district committee who will interview nominees from a number of counties. Those chosen in districts over the state will then face a final elimination that will pick the 38 students to receive the scholarships to be given to students entering the University in the fall of 1960.

Each scholarship provides \$1,250 per year for four years—a total of \$5,000. The scholarships are given by the John Motley Morehead Foundation.

Nominees who are not chosen in county, district and final selections are in favorable positions to obtain other scholarships given through the University.

Howard Williams of Robbins
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Members of the John Boyd Post, Veterans of Foreign Wars, were to deliver about 70 Christmas Cheer baskets to needy families of the Southern Pines area Wednesday night.

Harry Chatfield, chairman of the project for the post, said that most of the deliveries will be in town, with a few in Niagara and other nearby areas.

All the baskets will contain assorted food items and a number going to families with children will include toys, books or other donated articles. A few lucky children will get bicycles or tricycles given to the VFW for distribution.

Post members in station wagons and cars will distribute the baskets according to route laid out on a map prepared by Fred Hall, Jr.

The VFW distribution includes food contributed by school children in their "White Christmas" canned good donations and some items from other sources. Mr. Chatfield said that financial donations are still welcome, to help the post pay for the many food items that had to be bought to fill the baskets.

The local program is part of a county-wide effort to help the needy at Christmas time. The county welfare department provides sponsoring organizations in every community of the county with names of genuinely needy persons to whom the baskets are given.

Many At Party

Between 250 and 300 children attended the Christmas party at the VFW post home Sunday afternoon.

Red Smith was in charge of the program which included rides on ponies and a town fire truck. Resident Fireman Frank Kaylor operated the truck and Gerald Ritter brought the ponies which are owned by Mrs. Verdie Caddell. Inside the post home, Santa Claus distributed gifts and candy.

Hospitals Observe Christmas Season

The Christmas season opened at St. Joseph's Hospital Sunday December 20 with carol singing.

Visitors enjoyed the decorations and a Nativity scene in the Rotunda, standing 10 feet in height. For 11 years the Sisters of St. Francis have erected it and in the past many have enjoyed the simplicity and originality of this scene.

Each floor of the hospital is traditionally decorated and the public is invited to visit. The decorations will remain until after January 6.

During the evenings, the hospital has been visited by carol singers from schools, churches and Scout troops. The patients have enjoyed this and have expressed their appreciation.

On Tuesday, December 22, the employees were honored at their annual Christmas Party. Carols were played as "Santa" (Pat Dougherty) presented gifts to the employees and guests.

Highlighting the occasion was "The Christmas Story," presented by Jeffrey Capel, a second grader from Our Lady Of Victory School, son of Mr. and Mrs. Felton Capel. The social hour followed.

Refreshments, including hot chocolate, Christmas cookies, punch and cake were served by the Sisters.

"Santa" remained for the social hour then hurried away, exclaiming "Merry Christmas to all!"

Informal Horse Show Set Sunday

The 23rd annual Informal Horse Show will be held at the Carolina Hotel ring, in Pinehurst, Sunday, December 27, starting at 1:30 p.m.

There will be three horsemanship classes, three hunter classes and one pair of hacks.

Young riders will begin to earn point totals for which awards will be given at the end of the Spring season.

In addition to the annual Christmas party which will be held Friday morning at Moore Memorial Hospital, the Woman's Auxiliary members have brought a holiday atmosphere to the hospital with decorations.

Nine Christmas trees, furnished by the Auxiliary, are placed at various places throughout the building—one on the outside roof above the lobby shines brightly with its many-colored lights and brilliant decorations, and another large one greets persons entering the lobby.

The Aberdeen Home and Garpital has been visited by carol singers from schools, churches and Scout troops. The patients have enjoyed this and have expressed their appreciation.

The party comes Friday morning at 10:30. Mrs. L. Paget Rigby of Pinehurst, Auxiliary president, who is in charge of the affair, will be on hand with Santa Claus and his helpers to give presents to all the patients and employees.

Santa, who will be played by Norris Hodgkins of Southern Pines, will make his rounds to music furnished by Tom Shockley, Russell Powell, Buster Doyle and Bob Strouse, all of Southern Pines.

Christmas Carols for the patients were sung on Monday evening by the Girl Scouts from Southern Pines, and on Tuesday evening, the Sandhills Baptist Association Singers entertained with a musical program.

Open House was held Tuesday at the Nurses Home from 7 to 10 p.m. for the employees and their families, members of the Auxiliary, the Medical Staff and Board of Directors.

On Monday evening, Negro employees had their annual party, which was held at the Town Hill Club in Southern Pines. Arrangements for the affair were made by Thomas Ross, Essie Mae McCray and Sam and Alice Person.



APPRECIATION — Paul Boroughs, right, president of the Jaycees, receives a handshake and words of thanks and appreciation from Mayor Robert S. Ewing, as Mr. Boroughs formally presented a playground "whirl"—on which a group of children is playing in the background—to the Town Saturday morning. (Pilot Photo)