

## Carthage Man Seriously Injured in One of 5 Weekend Traffic Mishaps

Five traffic accidents—four one-car accidents and a car-truck collision—were reported over the weekend in Moore County by Cpl. J. A. McColman of the State Highway Patrol.

Not included is a sixth accident that took the life of Sam Comer, 69, prominent farmer of Route 2, Vass, which is reported elsewhere in today's Pilot.

Three of the one-car wrecks were attributed by the investigating patrolmen to cars hitting icy spots and running off the road, though road conditions were not considered a factor in the most serious of the five accidents, one in which Joe Leon Collier, 30, of Carthage, was seriously injured when his 1957 Ford convertible ran off the Carthage Fabrics Co. road, about two and a half miles south of Carthage. The car overturned down an embankment, throwing out Collier, its only occupant.

Patrolman H. A. Hight, Jr., found the car with wheels up in the mud, and Collier lying nearby, face down in mud and water, bleeding from a bad gash on the back of his neck.

Though not unconscious, he was dazed and unable to lift himself, and his life was probably saved by the patrolman's promptness in reaching the scene. He was badly cut and bruised on his face and body. He was taken to Moore Memorial Hospital, and investi-

gation of the accident is continuing pending improvement in his condition. The car was practically demolished.

### Skid On Ice

Three accidents occurred on Saturday morning as cars hit icy spots and skidded off the road. No personal injury was reported, but damage to the car was considerable in each case.

Benjamin Rufus Marley, 35, of Robbins, driving a 1956 Ford station wagon, went off the right side on NC 705, a half-mile south of Robbins, and hit a tree.

Ellis Howard Williams, 25, Carthage Route 1, skidded into the ditch on the right-hand side of NC 27, five miles west of Carthage, in his 1957 Ford Tudor.

John Francis Crosland, Negro, 23, of Laurinburg Route 1, driving a 1951 Ford two-door on 15-501 seven miles east of Carthage, skidded off on the left shoulder and overturned.

### Car Hits Truck

Before the storm, a car-truck collision was reported at the intersection of Morganton Road and US 15, near Southern Pines, Friday afternoon. David Campbell, 36, Negro, of Southern Pines was cited for failing to yield right of way after his 1954 Olds struck a 1952 Chevrolet truck, which then overturned. Isaac Thomas Bibey of Carthage, Route 3, was driver of the truck, which was owned by the Riley Paving Co., of Carthage.



**DRESSED UP**—The "Southern Pines" greeting and directional sign at the north end of the No. 1 highway parkway has been dressed up with landscaping—shrubs planted along its base by the Roy Kelly Landscape Service, on direction of the Town's Resort and Advertising Committee. Meeting recently, the committee discussed the winter advertising program in northern newspapers and nationally circulated magazines and this week reminded the public that the com-

mittee's work required private contributions from business firms to make it possible, along with an appropriation from the Town. George Pottle is chairman of the committee. Other members are Mrs. Warren Bell, Ward Hill, James D. Hobbs, Morris Johnson and George H. Leonard, Jr. This large billboard-size sign, and another like it on No. 1, between Southern Pines and Aberdeen, for north-bound traffic to see, were erected by the committee.

## County High School Cage Tournery Finals to Start at Robbins Tonight

By ROBERT F. BARKER

The Moore County high school basketball tournament got off to a big start Friday night at the Pinehurst gym. Games were scheduled for Saturday night but bad weather caused this series of games to be called off until Monday night. Wednesday night was the last night of action at Pinehurst.

The finals are to be played at Robbins. These games will take place Thursday, Friday, and Saturday unless some team has to play four consecutive nights—if this is the case, the championship game will be played on Monday at 7:30 p. m.

- Friday Games**  
West End girls 42, Westmoore 37.  
Cameron boys 47, Pinehurst 33.  
Aberdeen girls 55, Southern Pines 46.
- Monday Games**  
Farm Life boys 43, Highfalls 42.  
Farm Life girls 45, Vass 44.  
Westmoore boys 56, West End 46.
- Tuesday Games**  
Cameron girls 45, Highfalls 42.  
Robbins boys 45 (3 min. overtime), Aberdeen 42.  
Aberdeen girls 43, Pinehurst 33.
- Wednesday Games**  
Robbins girls 53, Farm Life 34.  
Southern Pines boys 46, Westmoore 35.  
Carthage boys 74, Farm Life 41.

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## Home Demonstration Club News

### Westmoore Club

The Westmoore Home Demonstration Club met recently at the home of Mrs. Wade Hare. There were 12 present, including one new member.

Mrs. Hare and Mrs. Clyde Comer had charge of devotions, after which Mrs. Comer presented an interesting program on the topic, "A Food Plan for Good Nutrition," urging members to use the basic four foods daily.

It was decided that the club would set aside the month of February as Home Safety Month, and each member pledged to check her home to remove poisons and other dangerous articles, including plastic bags, to places which are out of reach of small children. Members also decided to check homes in regard to other unsafe practices, and many such practices were brought out in a discussion.

After the business session, the recreation chairman, Mrs. Hussey, led in some games and the hostess served sandwiches, cola and assorted tidbits.—By Mrs. Jamie Loy, member of Westmoore Club.

### Manly-Southern Pines Club

The Manly-Southern Pines Home Demonstration Club met Wednesday night, January 21, at the home of Mrs. G. L. Culler at Manly.

The club had postponed its Christmas party until January because of the many other engagements during the holiday season. The home of the hostess was attractively decorated in the Christmas theme and gifts were exchanged. Devotions, led by Mrs. D. E. McDonald, were based on the Christmas story as taken from Luke. A demonstration on "Attitudes are Important" was led by Miss Flora McDonald.

There were thirteen members and one visitor present. The hostess and Mrs. Arthur Thomas served refreshments.—By Mrs. Catherine Monroe, publicity chairman.

### Rainbow Club

The Rainbow Home Demon-

stration Club met in February at the home of Mrs. Lacy McRae in Vass with Mrs. Margaret Williams as co-hostess. Thirteen members answered the roll call. Devotions were led by Mrs. McRae. Mrs. Williams and Mrs. McRae gave the lesson on "The Family Food Supply."

As soon as the weather breaks every one will be doing some garden work. We do not think that any club can boast of more bountiful gardens that some of our members produce each year, another example of interested club women carrying out the many things that have been taught us in club work. We really take club work seriously.

Several of our members were out with the flu bug but several were back after a stay in the hospital.

The dining room was the center of attention with the table covered with packages done in red and white to be given to the secret pals for Valentine. The refreshments carried out the Valentine motif. The meeting closed with a song.

The March meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. Edgar Oldham.—Mrs. Olivia P. Griffin, publicity chairman.

### Manly-Southern Pines Club

The Manly-Southern Pines Home Demonstration Club met Monday night in the home of Mrs. Arthur Thomas in Pinehurst.

The demonstration "The Family Food Supply" was led by the Food Leader, Mrs. Mildred P. Miller of Pinehurst. The demonstration emphasized the importance of the right foods consumed in the proper amounts daily.

There were 12 members and two visitors present.

The hostess' home was attractively decorated in the Valentine theme and the refreshments, in the same theme, were lovely as well as delicious.

The March meeting will be held in the home of Mrs. Eleanor Edwards in Southern Pines. By Kathryn C. Monroe, publicity chairman.

## West Southern Pines School News

### Ellerbe Edges Jackets

Last Friday night, the West Southern Pines cagers were downed by Mineral Springs School of Ellerbe 47-44.

The local five rallied to within



three points of the visitors, but were cut short of a victory by time.

### County Tournament Starts

The local girls will swing into action tonight (Thursday) against an improved six of Aberdeen. West Southern Pines girls make their bid to recapture the championship honors which were lost last season at the hands of Pinckney High of Carthage.

The local boys are slated to play Carthage which has several veteran cagers who returned from last year's squad.

The upset-minded Yellow Jackets will be counting on John Rich, James Gillis and several others to hold on to the honors which were received when W.S.P. won the championship last year in the 1959 dribble derby.

## Sam Comer, Route 2, Vass, Killed When Car Hits Parked Truck Near Carthage

Moore county tallied its first fatality of the weekend ice storm with the death Monday evening of Sam Comer, 69, well-known farmer of Route 2, Vass and father of 16 living children, in a car-truck collision on the Union Church Road.

Mr. Comer's car struck the rear end of a truck which had been parked on the shoulder of the road about one and a half miles east of Carthage, by a phone crew repairing damaged lines. The accident occurred at 6:45 p.m.

Members of the crew who were working along the opposite side of the road, told the investigating State Highway Patrolmen, Cpl. J. A. McColman and T. S. Clark, that a flashing red signal light was operating on the truck. They said Mr. Comer was meeting another car at that point, and that the other car did not stop. The elderly man, driving alone, swerved to avoid it and his 1959 English Ford struck the left rear of the truck.

Mr. Comer was driving from the direction of Carthage toward his home in the Lobelia section. That area near the Union Church Road was one of the most heavily damaged in the county during the ice storm when numbers of telephone poles were pulled down by the weight of the ice.

The truck was owned by the Anderson Telephone Construction Co. of Greensboro, and with its crew was operating under contract to the United Telephone Co. of the Carolinas to help with repairs.

Mr. Comer, a native of Reidsville, had lived in Moore about 40 years.

Surviving are his wife, the former Bertha Dixon of Reidsville; seven daughters, Mrs. Katherine Crotts of Trinity; Mrs. Carrie Gresson, Mrs. Ann Brooks and Mrs. Havoline Gschwind, all of Greensboro; Mrs. Zelma Stanley and Mrs. Faye Salmon of Carthage, and Mrs. Mildred Frazier of Newport News, Va.; nine sons, Johnny, of Vass; Sammy, of Climax; Robert, of Greensboro; Boyd with the Army, Broadus and Charlie with the Air Force; Wesley of San Francisco, Calif., and Barney, of the home; four bro-

thers, George, Bob and Buck of near Reidsville and Governor, of Goldsboro; and four sisters, Mrs. Sallie Jones, Mrs. Ludie Roberts and Mrs. Lillian Stuart, all of Reidsville, and Mrs. Grace Paschal of High Point.

Funeral services for Mr. Comer were held this morning at the Holly Grove Baptist Church near Carthage, conducted by the pastor, the Rev. W. C. Tuttle. Burial was at 2:30 this afternoon at the Pleasantville Baptist Church, Reidsville.

## Highland Pines Site Lots Placed On Market Here

The eight-acre Highland Pines Inn site on Weymouth Heights has been divided into seven residential lots and is now on the market, it was announced this week by Resort Realty Co., exclusive agents for the property.

The lots are being sold by the Stitzer Hotel Co., of which Charles Stitzer of Atlantic City, N. J., is president. The company owned the hotel that burned a few years ago while under lease to the Air Force's Air-Ground Operations School.

James Hartshorne, now handling the property for Resort Realty, is the former resident manager of the hotel under the Stitzer ownership.

### CARD OF THANKS

We wish to thank each of our friends and neighbors for the many thoughtful kindnesses shown us at the tragic death of our loved one, Mrs. Nancy Thurman Kimball. Every expression of sympathy including flowers and cards is deeply appreciated.

The Family

Purpose of a soil test is to get information on the lime status and fertility level of the soil.

## Lefroys Sell to Howells, Purchase E. C. Evans Home

Mr. and Mrs. W. Calvin Howell have purchased the home of Mr. and Mrs. Henry C. Lefroy at 435 E. New Hampshire Ave. and Mr. and Mrs. Lefroy have bought the former home of Edward C. Evans, Jr., at 105 W. May St.

The Lefroys, who make their permanent home in Georgetown, Ontario, Canada, have been spending winters in Southern Pines for the past six years.

Mr. and Mrs. Howell and family have lived in Southern Pines for several years. Mr. Howell is a partner in Hayes, Howell & Associates, local architectural firm. The Howells plan to move into their new home about March 1. Scott Realty Company was the agent for both sales.

### CARD OF THANKS

To our friends and neighbors — your many kindnesses, the floral remembrances, and expressions of sympathy during our recent bereavement were all deeply and sincerely appreciated. We are grateful to each of you.

Mrs. W. E. Crain and Family

## 44 Play in Tin Whistles Event

The 56th annual Flag Contest for Tin Whistles club members played on Number Three Course at Pinehurst produced the following class results:

Each of the seven lots has street frontage—two on Valley Road, three on Massachusetts Ave. and two on Highland Road.

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Tar Heel farmers averaged about 400 pounds of lint cotton per acre in 1959. This is 76 pounds more than the 1948-57 average.



**SERVICE DURING DRILL** — Chaplain (1st Lt.) Charles Maness of McCain conducts a church service in a sunny classroom at the National Guard armory during an all-day Sunday

drill of the local company. Photo shows only a portion of the group attending. See story starting on front page and other photos on front and page "A." (Pilot photo)

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