

## Fred Taylor Elected SADA President, Ward Hill Secretary, at Troy Meeting

### Moore Communities Receive Awards for Development Work

The Sandhills Area Development association closed its first official year and enthusiastically undertook the second at the annual meeting held Tuesday night in the auditorium of the Troy High School.

New officers, one from each of the four participating counties, were elected by acclamation. The new president, Fred M. Taylor, prominent lumberman of Troy, was unable to be present. First

vice-president is Neal Cadieu, newspaper editor and publisher, of Rockingham; second vice-president, M. W. Harris, Jr., banker, of Sanford, and secretary-treasurer, W. Ward Hill, manager of the Southern Pines office of the Carolina Power & Light Co.

In reports of area chairmen of the four divisions—agriculture, industry, community development, travel and recreation—that of H. W. Dozier of Troy, community development chairman, was a major highlight. It consisted of announcement of the winners in the year-long community development contest with the presentation of checks as prizes.

Fifteen communities had been organized for the contest, said Chairman Dozier, who took over last spring when Reuben DuBose of Troy moved out of the area. Winning communities from each county were divided into farm and non-farm groups, with four in the former, three in the latter (Montgomery county has no entrant in this group). Dozier presented checks to representatives of the following communities:

Farm — first, Mr. Pleasant (Richmond county), \$100; second, Onville-Thicketty Creek (Montgomery), \$75; third, Pocket (Lee), \$50; fourth, Lamms Grove (Moore), \$25.

Non-farm — first, Cordova (Richmond), \$100; second, Northview (Lee), \$75; third, Glendon (Moore), \$50.

Area judges visited the four counties to select the local winners. (Continued on page 8)

## Football Banquet Set Friday Night; Tucker to Speak

George Tucker, head coach of the Elon College football team, will be the speaker at the annual football testimonial banquet for East Southern Pines High School players and cheer leaders, sponsored by Southern Pines Elks, at the Southern Pines Country Club at 7:30 p.m. Friday.

Trophies given annually will be presented to players not announced until the presentations—the Most Valuable Player award, from the John Boyd Post, Veterans of Foreign Wars, and the Most Improved Player award, from the Elks.

Head Coach Billy Megginson and Assistant John Williams, Jr., will be recognized.

Gene Blackwelder, in charge of the event for the Elks, said that persons who would like to attend the banquet can get tickets from him at Tate Hardware and Electric Co.

Mr. Tucker has just ended a successful first season of coaching at Elon where his backfield coach and assistant is Gary Mattocks of Southern Pines.

Mr. Tucker came to Elon after serving as line coach at East Carolina College and Davidson College, two years of coaching at Wingate Junior College and a year as coach at Lancaster, S. C. High School. He is a 1954 graduate of East Carolina College.

## Reeves Re-Named To Ports Position

Governor-elect Terry Sanford said at Fayetteville Monday that he plans to reappoint John M. Reeves of Pinehurst, chairman of the State Ports authority.

Mr. Reeves a retired business executive, is a native of Surry County. He has lived at Pinehurst several years, since his retirement.

Mr. Sanford said Mr. Reeves has done an outstanding job in furnishing leadership for the Ports Authority. He said that both Mr. Reeves, and D. Leon Williams, director of the Authority, who also will be reappointed, had agreed to continue their service.

Mr. Reeves has been active in civic and community work in the Sandhills and at his former places of residence in New York and New Jersey.

## VOIT GILMORE IN ANTARCTICA

### 'From Civilization to the Ice Age'

Voit Gilmore of Southern Pines who visited the Arctic and Antarctic in 1958, is en route to the South Pole as an observer with the Navy's Operation Deep Freeze. He has written this trip report especially for The Pilot.

By VOIT GILMORE

McMurdo Sound, Antarctica, November 19—With 50 amazing personalities, I've just completed the world's most amazing airline run.

It's the Christchurch-McMurdo shuttle, the 2,100-mile air bridge between civilization and the ice age. There is no "alternate airport" on this run—once we passed USS Wilhoite, the half-way picket ship, we were committed to land at McMurdo, come blizzard,

white-out or fair skies. We made it. But we rolled to a stop beside a \$2 million Constellation loaded with valuable scientific gear, which crashed two weeks ago and is a total loss.

Our polar camp is atop Ross Island and overlooks the 30-foot-thick ice of Ross Sea on which bulldozers have scraped a runway for wheeled aircraft. Lighter planes on skis shuttle supplies from here to the U. S. scientific stations—South Pole, Byrd and Hallett. (Little America, imperiled by cracking glacier ice, is abandoned.)

For a week men and supplies have been piling up at Christchurch. Bad weather and broken communications halted flights. Now the logjam is broken and 10 monster Globemasters out of (Continued on page 17)



**SCOUTS HELP NEEDY** — These Boy Scouts of Troop 223, sponsored by the Men's Class of Brownson Memorial Presbyterian Church, helped distribute food boxes to 10 needy families before Thanksgiving last week. Pictured, left to right, are: Tommy Perry, Jeff Donovan, Billy Bodine, Charles Phillips and Robbie Robbins. The food was collected in donation boxes placed at the A & P and Colonial stores and in a house-to-house collection by Sgt. J. F. Adams, Scoutmaster, and boys of the troop. To share their appreciation for the generosity of all who helped the project, the Scouts of Troop 223 are making Saturday of this week "Courtesy Day" when they will be downtown looking for opportunities to help people. (Pilot photo)

## 'Light Up the Sky' Opens Tonight

(Photo on page 8)

The 13-member cast of the Theatre in the Pines' first production, Moss Hart's comedy, "Light Up the Sky," staged their dress rehearsal Monday night, preparing for Thursday night's opening of a three-night run of the play in Weaver Auditorium.

Following six weeks of rehearsals under the direction of Richard L. Castle of Fort Bragg, "Light Up the Sky" will be seen Thursday, Friday and Saturday nights of this week, with curtain time at 8:15 p.m. Tickets are on sale at Steed Realty, Courts and Co., Studio Book Shop and Mid Pines Club, all in Southern Pines; Larry's Men's Shop, Pinehurst; and Bryan Drug Co. and Craig Drug Co. in Aberdeen.

Monday night's rehearsal was

received enthusiastically by a small invited audience of friends of the company and the press.

The community theatre group's presentation climaxes six months of planning and organization. Built around a nucleus of several persons with considerable experience in the theatre, Theatre in the Pines has welcomed volunteer assistance from many other persons in the Sandhills.

The cast, which is composed of residents of Southern Pines, Pinehurst, Aberdeen and Carthage, includes Mrs. Cedric Millspaugh, Mrs. William Frantz, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. Paul B. Borroughs, Jr., N. Archie McLeod, Jr., Miss Betty McCaskill, Dan Harvat, Tom Connolly, David Sedberry, George Morrison, Harry McStravick, Robert E. Strouse and Mrs. Frank P. Smith.

## Library-Conference Room Given to St. Joseph's

A library and conference room has been donated to St. Joseph of the Pines Hospital by Mrs. George Matheson of Southern Pines in memory of her husband, the late Dr. George Matheson, it was announced today by the hospital management.

Using part of the lobby space, the room was built and new equipment was added through the generosity of Mrs. Matheson, the announcement said.

Included in the gift is a large portrait of Dr. Matheson, painted by Mrs. Matheson's father. It hangs in the library portion of the room.

The announcement noted that Mrs. Matheson first became interested in St. Joseph's when her husband was a patient there and often spoke highly of the hospital.

The room has been equipped with medical books, encyclopedias and magazines.

Other improvements made by the hospital over the course of several months were listed, including a new laboratory, record room for doctors, waiting room for x-ray and laboratory patients, two treatment rooms, snack bar and linen room.

A new drug room is being built and several rooms are being painted and redecorated. The rotunda on the main floor has been redecorated with furniture and plants. A new generator, for emergency electric power, is ready to be installed.



**IN NEW ROOM** — Here is a view of the library and conference room given to St. Joseph of the Pines Hospital by Mrs. George Matheson of Southern Pines in memory of her late husband. The room was constructed by partitioning off a portion of the lobby area of the hospital. The portrait of Dr. Matheson that was also given can be seen at the far end of the room. Included in the project were renovation of furniture, binding of medical journals, and additional books, furnishings and plants, as well as the construction work. (Humphrey photo)

## Highway Patrol Launches Drive to Cut Traffic Toll

Moore County highway patrolmen will join in a state-wide effort to cut December's normally high traffic accident toll.

As North Carolina traffic deaths for 1960 reached 1,057 on Monday, as compared to 1,056 to the same date last year, the Highway Patrol was planning a "special emphasis program" designed to try to keep this year's toll under last year's by a variety of enforcement procedures.

The program was announced by Col. D. T. Lambert, patrol commander and Major C. Raymond Williams, director of the Enforcement Division.

Cooperating in this area will be the top patrol officers for the Moore-Lee-Chatham district, Sgt. J. S. Jones and Cpl. C. W. Moricle, of Siler City, and the five patrolmen stationed in Moore County, Pfc. E. G. Shomaker of Southern Pines, Pfc. J. F. Swaim of Pinebluff, Pfc. R. R. Samuels of Aberdeen, Pfc. T. S. Clark of Robbins and Pfc. H. A. Hight, Jr., of Carthage.

Pfc. Hight, in informing The Pilot of the program, cited these figures to show the menace of traffic accidents in December:

A total of 124 traffic accidents deaths in the state in December, 1959—greatest number for any one month since 1955.

Thirteen persons killed on Christmas Day, 1959.

A total of 39 persons killed in the five-day period, December 24 through 28, last year.

## First Aid Kits To Be Sold Saturday

Boy Scouts of local troop No. 1 will sell first aid kits Saturday in front of the post office to raise funds for needed camping gear. The kits, made by a well known national manufacturer, will range in price from \$1.50 to \$15 and will sell at the current price in retail stores, with the troop retaining the normal retail profit.

David Sedberry, scoutmaster of the troop, said that it has been estimated that 80 per cent of American homes lack proper first aid supplies. The "Be Prepared for Accidents" campaign Saturday will afford an opportunity for householders to make a selection from a variety of first aid kits, he said.

Troop No. 1 is sponsored by Emmanuel Episcopal Church.

## Home for Aging Plans Announced Here Today

### Campaign for \$350,000 To Be Conducted

County officials elected November 8 will be sworn in for their terms at the courthouse in Carthage Monday morning.

After the oath-taking, the county commissioners will convene for their regular December meeting. They are L. R. Reynolds, Tom Monroe, John M. Currie, J. M. Pleasants and W. S. Taylor.

Also to be sworn in are Judge J. Vance Rowe and Solicitor W. Lamont Brown, of Moore County Recorder's Court, and members of the county board of education: James Culbertson, T. Roy Phillips, Jere McKeithen, R. H. Upchurch and W. H. Matthews.

Charles McLeod will be sworn in as county surveyor.

## Local Young Man, Seriously Hurt in Wreck, Improving

John Van Benschoten, local young man who is a third year student at Elon College, was reported out of danger last night at N. C. Memorial Hospital, Chapel Hill, where he is undergoing treatment for serious injuries received in a traffic accident near Graham about 8 p.m. Sunday.

He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Chester Van Benschoten who have a farm near Niagara. His brother, Lynn, who lives at home and is employed at the Style Mart Store, saw John last night and talked with him.

Also injured in the accident was Chuck Ward, son of Major and Mrs. Paul S. Ward, 145 Valley Road. He was treated and released at Memorial Hospital, Chapel Hill, having facial lacerations that required 43 stitches and damage to his teeth.

Van Benschoten suffered a concussion and head lacerations, a broken collar bone and lacerations and bruises of his knees. He did not regain consciousness after the accident until Monday afternoon.

The accident took place near Graham on Route 87, when a car entered the highway at a crossroads without stopping at a stop sign and the automobile driven by Van Benschoten, with Ward as passenger, struck the other car.

As reported by Lynn Van Benschoten, after he talked with his brother, the impact threw both of the young men forward and sideways and to the left. Van Benschoten was thrown from the vehicle. He told his brother he did not remember anything after he saw lights suddenly appear in front of the car he was driving. Ward apparently struck the windshield and rear view mirror, causing the severe facial lacerations. He went on to Elon College, after receiving treatment in Chapel Hill.

Lynn Van Benschoten said he did not have the names of the persons in the other automobile but that he had been told the driver, who received only scratches, had been charged with going through a stop sign and also with operating a motor vehicle without a valid operator's license. A passenger in the other car suffered facial cuts and abrasions.

The local young men had left Southern Pines about 6:30 p.m. to return to Elon College after a weekend at their homes. Both are graduates of Southern Pines High School.

Lynn Van Benschoten said that his family was notified of the accident at 11:15 p.m. Sunday and that he and his father went immediately to Chapel Hill.

## ATTEND DEDICATION

James M. Pleasants of Southern Pines, representing the Moore County board of commissioners, and Harry H. Pethick, representing the Southern Pines town council, attended ceremonies at Chapel Hill Wednesday in connection with dedication of the Joseph Palmer Knapp building at the Institute of Government.

Ketchum, Inc., a professional fund raising organization, has been retained by the Home and will begin a campaign for a minimum of \$350,000 immediately after Christmas. It is estimated that the initial capital outlay for the first unit of construction will come to over half a million dollars. St. Peter's Episcopal Church Foundation in Charlotte has given \$50,000 for the construction of an infirmary and has set aside other funds for equipping it.

Asbury Associates, architects, of Charlotte, have been engaged and are already at work designing the buildings. The first unit will care for about 50 residents. The eventual capacity of the Home will be about 150. There will be both single rooms and apartments.

The Rt. Rev. Richard H. Baker, D. D., Bishop of North Carolina, presided at the meeting and introduced H. T. Cosby, who is president of the directors. It was announced that Norman A. Coker, retired president of the Duke Power Company and chairman of the board of Trustees of Duke University, will be chairman of the fund drive. Mr. Coker also addressed the group at luncheon.

Three Southern Pines residents are included on the executive committee of the Home. They are Norris L. Hodgkins, Mrs. R. E. Rhodes, and Mrs. Lloyd P. Tate. The Rev. Martin Caldwell, rector of Emmanuel Church, is vice-president.

The Home will be located on a 14-acre tract which faces on North Ridge Street between Maine and Rhode Island Avenues. It is expected that ground will be broken within three months.

## Convention Will Bring 500 Here In May of 1961

The annual convention of the North Carolina Optimist Clubs is expected to bring some 500 persons to Southern Pines May 11-13, 1961, it was announced this week through the town's Advertising Committee which, with Town Manager Louis Scheipers, Jr., has been making arrangements for the convention.

The gathering will be probably the largest convention ever held here, Mr. Scheipers said. Headquarters will be at the Hollywood Hotel but the visitors are expected to be housed in various other local hotels and motels.

The group will include North Carolina members of Optimist Clubs—a men's civic club organization—and their wives.

Tentative plans for the program include an oratorical contest for high school students in Weaver Auditorium, a street dance to which the public would be invited and a banquet and dance at the National Guard armory.

Mr. Scheipers said that arrangements which are being made by the Optimist Clubs to have the banquet catered make possible holding the convention in Southern Pines. A bottleneck in having a large convention here, he said, has been facilities to serve a banquet to a group of 500 or more persons.

Welcome signs for local business establishments to display will be provided by the Advertising Committee.