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MANGLED WRECKAGE — Four persons were thrown from this convertible Sunday afternoon when it crashed into the woods between Southern Pines and Pinehurst, killing two and injuring two. That's the front of the automobile at left, though it was headed toward the right when it left the road, striking trees and turning around. (V. Nicholson photo)

MISS COOK, 19, AMONG VICTIMS

3 Killed in Highway Accidents

Two accidents in the Southern Pines area within four days, during the past week, caused the first three traffic fatalities of 1961 in Moore County.

A freak accident on US 1 midway between Southern Pines and Aberdeen last Thursday night cost the life of a 19-year-old Carthage girl, Melanie Jean Cook,

Superior Court To Try to Settle Old Civil Cases

A one-day "clean-up calendar" will mark the opening Monday of the regular civil term of Moore County Superior Court, with Judge L. Richardson Preyer of Greensboro, presiding. It will be followed Tuesday by uncontested divorces and one motion with 14 cases then set for trial from Monday through Thursday.

Judge Preyer is a nephew of Allan T. Preyer of Bethesda Road, near Southern Pines. There will be no term of Moore Recorder's Court held while the Superior Court is using the courtroom. The upcoming term will be held Saturday instead of Monday, with the next one set for Monday, February 6.

The clean-up calendar consists of 21 civil cases which have been docketed for more than two years. Lawyers in the cases have been notified to present causes why they should be continued on the docket, otherwise, they will be non-suited or otherwise disposed of by Judge Preyer.

Seven uncontested divorces on grounds of two years' separation are calendared for action with 11 minutes allotted for each, though others may be added before court convenes. These listed are: Carol Tucker Caldwell vs Frank Caldwell, Bertha Smith vs Charlie Smith, Betty Flinchum Long vs Ralph C. Long, William Ralph Moss vs Rose Ann Moss, Prentiss Gillispie vs Virginia Gillispie, Donald Ray Brewer vs Barbara Thomas Brewer, Charlie C. Lockwood vs Maggie Lee McD. Lockwood.

Edwards, Mayor Of Vass, Resigns

A G. Edwards, Jr., who would have completed his fourth consecutive term as mayor of Vass in May, resigned, effective at the close of last week's meeting. Hugh McLean, mayor pro tem, will complete the term. Mr. Edwards, who submitted his resignation in December, resigned "for business and personal reasons."

Other members of the Town Board are Commissioners Ed Boggs, Roby Futrell, J. A. McRae and James E. Hudson. Mrs. Irene Mullinix is town clerk. Mr. Edwards, with the support of the board, has rendered fine service to the town. Much street hard-surfacing has been done during the past eight years, and the town is said to be in excellent financial condition.

Service Award of Jaycees Goes to David A. Drexel

Opportunity Awaits Young Man of New Ideas, Says Gilmore

Members of the Southern Pines Junior Chamber of Commerce and their employers as guests at the annual "Bosses' Night" banquet in the Hollywood Hotel, last night saw David A. Drexel receive their Distinguished Service Award as the community's outstanding young man of 1960 and heard the featured speaker, Voit Gilmore, call for fresh ideas and creative thinking in a time when "young men are stirring with great new ideas."

Members and guests were welcomed by Dr. Joe Currie, Jr., president, and George Morrison. Howard Broughton was toastmaster, introducing Mr. Gilmore, local businessman and a member of the N. C. Board of Conservation and Development.

The Distinguished Service Award, a metal plaque mounted on wood, was presented to Mr. Drexel by W. Lamont Brown, chairman of a committee who chose the recipient from names put in nomination by the public. The recipient was kept secret, even from Mr. Drexel himself, until announced at the program last night.

Mr. Brown explained that while the award was made for community service during 1960, the committee took into consideration activities in former years leading up to 1960 achievements.

Mr. Drexel's award was for Boy Scout leadership, and activity on behalf of St. Joseph of the Pines Hospital and St. Anthony's Catholic Church, Mr. Brown said.

Five years of "devoted and loyal" work in Scouting were climaxed in December with presentation to Mr. Drexel of the Silver Beaver award for distinguished service to boyhood, highest award of the Oconee Council, the Boy Scout administrative organization covering 12 counties.

During five years, Mr. Drexel was responsible for organizing 10 Scouting units. He has been district camping chairman, member of troop committee, chairman of leadership training committee (training 129 adult Scouting leaders) and a Scoutmaster and has

Optician Office To Open Feb. 1

The Lockerman Dispensing Optician office in The Pines Realty building at 117 W. Pennsylvania Ave. will open February 1, it was announced this week.

The new local business will be operated by Ernest C. Lockerman who recently sold a similar business he had operated in Charlotte for more than 12 years.

The office space, formerly occupied by the Vogue Beauty Shop, has been completely remodeled and redecored.

Mr. and Mrs. Lockerman, who plan to move here from Charlotte, were in Southern Pines Tuesday, making preparations for their opening.

Further details will be announced prior to the opening.

EDUCATOR REPORTS ON RUSSIAN TRIP

Weaver Sees Soviet Challenge to U. S. Education

Education in the Soviet Union—strong in some respects, weak in others—offers a crucial challenge to the United States, Phillip Weaver, superintendent of Greensboro schools and a former Southern Pines superintendent, told the East Southern Pines Parent - Teacher Association Monday night.

Meeting in Weaver Auditorium—which is named for the speaker in tribute to his service to the schools of Southern Pines, parents and teachers listened with interest to the educator's description of a trip he took in the Soviet Union last fall with a group of 21 American school superintendents. The tour was sponsored by the National Education Association and the American Association of School Administrators. At the conclusion of the talk, Mr. Weaver

showed color photo slides of schools, students and other scenes in the Soviet Union, Denmark, Finland, Poland and Germany.

Despite the fact that Mr. Weaver said a trip to the "vast and mysterious land" that is the Soviet Union leaves the observer more ignorant than before he went, he reached this conclusion: Education in the Soviet Union is designed to provide a physical, strong nation dedicated to the Communist morality.

"They put first things first—material things. Our education must take into consideration our ideals of liberty, justice and equal opportunity. We can have the kind of education we demand and pay for—and we get what we pay for and only that.

"We are competing for the survival of our way of life. The Russians think they can beat us

Opposition in 2 Districts Stops Plan to Consolidate High Schools



Gene Cunningham, Nancy O'Callaghan Win in 8-Mile Point-to-Point Race

Mrs. W. O. Moss, secretary of the Moore County Hounds, stands between the winners in Saturday's fourth annual running of the event which took place in the rain with 18 entries.

At left is Gene Cunningham of Warrenton, Va., and Southern Pines, winner in the senior division, riding Rapid Creed, owned by Miss Mary Swan Sprague of Savannah, Ga. The junior winner,

Theatre Group's Next Production To Be Announced

Name of the next production of the Theatre in the Pines, local community theatre group, and tryout dates for parts in the cast will be announced at a meeting to be held in the town hall's courtroom, Thursday, January 26, at 8 p.m. The public is invited.

The production is planned for some time in March. Persons interested in any phase of theatrical work are urged to attend next week's meeting.

The steering committee of the group met Monday to receive final reports on the December production of the Theatre in the Pines and set a date for the general meeting.

Members of the steering committee include Dan Harvat, Mrs. A. N. Derouin, Mrs. John McPhaul, Mrs. Karl Stuart, and two new members, Tom Connolly and Mrs. Watt Smith.

CHIEF NEWTON HOME

Police Chief C. E. Newton returned home Tuesday after six days in St. Joseph's Hospital where he was treated for flu. He expects to return to duty before the end of the week.

Lack of News

There is little news, as we know it, in the official government newspapers and the English language "Moscow News."

The educators attended ballet and symphony concerts in magnificent buildings, always with a full house in attendance at reasonable prices, yet everywhere in the Soviet Union there was dirt, mud and filth.

The people are exceptionally honest, will not take money left in hotel rooms—yet their government is based on "the technique of the big lie."

People are friendly. They say they like you, but not the "capitalists and imperialists who run the United States." Yet the iron

The plan to consolidate Robbins, Highfalls and Westmore high schools effective next September, through use of existing facilities at Robbins, has been abandoned by the Moore County board of education in view of strong sentiment against the plan in two of the districts.

Supt. Robert E. Lee said the action was taken by the board at a special meeting at Carthage Friday night, as "the decision could not be postponed if we were to be ready by September, and the board felt we could not have a successful program unless the people in all three districts favored it."

At recent public meetings in the three districts, Robbins people voted 5-to-1 for the plan but Highfalls went 2-to-1 and Westmore nearly 4-to-1 against it.

Nearly everyone favored the principle of consolidation, but it was the location of the consolidated high school at Robbins which earned the Highfalls and Westmore opposition, even though it would mean improved education next year, with an estimated saving up to \$600,000 to the county.

Another Site

They were overwhelmingly in favor of building a new school plant at a central site despite the fact this would have to be submitted to the people in a county-wide bond issue vote, for something over \$1,000,000, which might not pass and in any event would mean several years of waiting.

"We are now looking forward to the building of a new school, despite the difficulties in the way," the superintendent said.

He said the three district school committees had been asked to hold a joint meeting as soon as possible, to discuss possible sites and to make recommendations to the county board.

He expressed the disappointment of the board, and his own personal regret, that Highfalls and Westmore had not gone along with the plan.

"We had felt it was an ideal opportunity to get the consolidation program for the entire county under way, starting out where it was most needed. Consolidation is bound to come, for this is a thing we must do. But this will mean throwing the whole schedule several years behind, so that no child now in high school is apt to receive its benefits."

Many difficulties are foreseen in the way of the countywide votes which will be necessary for three, possibly four, "super high schools" to be built in consolidating the county system.

However, he said, there are hopes that state and federal school (Continued on page 9)

Jan. 31 Set as Final Deadline For Tax Listing

Mrs. Estelle Wicker of Carthage, county tax supervisor, reminded the public this week that real and personal property must be listed for taxes by January 31. There will be no extension of listing time, she said, and persons failing to list will be penalized.

January 31 also will mark another tax deadline. Penalties will be added to town and county taxes for 1960 which are not paid by that date.

Property owned on January 1, including automobiles, must be listed, Mrs. Wicker said.

Robert MacDonald To Play Jan. 28

Robert MacDonald, pianist-who is a native Tar Heel, will appear at Weaver Auditorium, Saturday, January 28, in a concert sponsored by the Southern Pines Rotary Club. The concert will begin at 8 p.m.

Mr. MacDonald, 30 years old, who will play in Carnegie Hall in New York City on February 3, will present here a varied program of classic and popular music.

Tickets for the event will go on sale Friday and can be obtained from any member of the Rotary Club or at any of the town's drug stores and the Citizens Bank and Trust Co.

Mrs. D. J. Blue of Route 3, Carthage, is listing McNeill township property outside Southern Pines.

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