

**Jane Owen,** Moore County girl living in France, doesn't agree with the natives about killing tame rabbits. See letter, page 9.

**How to** boost the tourist industry is of interest to everybody in the Sandhills. Some ideas on this subject: page 2.

## Work Begins at New Holiday Inn Site; Cottages Moved, Ground Broken Today

Work began this week at the site of the proposed Holiday Inn motel, restaurant and other facilities on the former Southern Pines Cottages property, No. 1 highway, south.

Since the project was announced in June by Gordon Simpson of Sanford as a half-million-dollar installation, the estimated cost of the entire project has risen to \$600,000.

E. L. Wynn of Richmond, Va., owner of the Wynn Construction Co., contractors for the job, has joined Mr. Simpson in a 50-50 partnership in ownership of the installation. Mr. Simpson and his wife, Mrs. Jeanne Simpson, will be active operators of the motel and restaurant. They formerly owned and operated the Southern

Pines Cottages which they bought from Mr. and Mrs. Frank DeCosta in January, 1960. Mr. Simpson is quality control manager with the Roberts Company, Sanford manufacturing firm. The Simpsons, who have five daughters, expect to move later to Southern Pines.

Mr. Wynn, who was in Southern Pines this week as work began at the site, said that completion is expected in about five months. The contractor, who is experienced in motel construction, owns several truck terminals, between Ohio and Alabama, all with motel facilities. He owns a motel near Petersburg, Va., and has a part interest in a motel at Tallahassee, Fla., and another at Clearwater, Fla.

The Holiday Inn franchise, on which agreement was reached in June, is expected to be signed next week. The franchise means that the owners will have the use of the Holiday Inn name and that the facilities must meet certain construction and other specifications. The Holiday Inn franchise has been granted to some 200 motels and restaurants in 37 states. Holiday Inn has been in operation for the past nine years.

Local plans call for a 66-room motel, a restaurant with three dining rooms, a swimming pool and other facilities. As at most Holiday Inn installations, provision is made for a service station at the site, but further details on this aspect of the project are unavailable at this time.

Financing of the project has been arranged through El-Ways, Inc., Richmond finance and mortgage company, Mr. Simpson and Mr. Wynn said yesterday. Grover P. Snow is the architect.

Here with Mr. Wynn this week is Merrill Itner of Richmond, superintendent of construction for the Wynn company, who will remain here throughout the work. Mr. Wynn will be "in and out" as the work progresses, he said.

Mr. Simpson and Mr. Wynn said yesterday they hope to build several more motels within a 100-mile radius of the Sandhills.

Ground was to be broken today for sections of both the motel and restaurant buildings.

During the past three days all of the seven cottages scattered over the property have been sold and moved by the buyers. Sale of the cottages was handled by Kennedy and Co., Pinchurst real estate firm, with Richard James in charge. The larger restaurant building, formerly occupied as a home by the deCostas, will be moved to a new location not yet determined last night.

In addition to facilities formerly announced, Mr. Simpson said that plans are being made to include a beauty shop in the new installation, probably to be operated by some local person. As with all Holiday Inn motels, there will be a dog kennel, with free food for the dogs. Babysitters and a physician will be on call.

Mr. Wynn said that all possible construction materials will be purchased locally.

## Business School To Open Session Tuesday, Sept. 5

The second year of the Southern Pines Community Business School will begin on Tuesday night, September 5, at 7:30 p. m. at the Southern Pines High School. Miss Martha Brookshire of Robbins is the director. She succeeds E. H. Cooper of High-falls, who is now in Chadburn.

Due to the anticipated increased enrollment, one or two additional instructors are required. Qualified instructors should contact Miss Brookshire at once.

Courses will be conducted in beginner's typing, advanced typing, bookkeeping and shorthand—subject to the demand of the students.

The Southern Pines Community Business School is sponsored by the Southern Pines Industrial Committee. Norris L. Hodgkins, Jr. is chairman. Last Spring 116 students were enrolled in a similar school.

The first meeting will be an organization meeting to determine the number of students, courses to be conducted and the days of the week that classes will be held.

Applications of students should be submitted to Miss Brookshire, Box 150, Southern Pines, prior to September 5.

Purpose of the school is to increase the supply of qualified secretarial and other business personnel for businesses and industries now operating in this area or those that might want to come here.

## Students in Moore Schools Register Wed., August 30

Approximately 7,000 high school and elementary students in schools of the Moore County system will report to their various schools on Wednesday, August 30 at 8:30 a. m.

Under the new "quality education" program this will be teacher-pupil orientation day. At this time all pupils will report to the school for assignment to rooms and classes; for the issuance and procurement of textbooks and supplies; for a review of the daily schedule; and for assignment of lessons.

School buses will operate on this day, but students will return home when the above activities are completed. On August 31 there will be a full day of school as students will have secured textbooks and assignments the previous day. High school textbook rental fee will be \$4.50 for this year. Other high school fees and elementary fees will vary.

Under the present plan, the minimum school day for all teachers and principals will include 30 minutes before the opening of school and thirty minutes after the closing of school, unless teachers are excused for any county in-service education program. This extra time before and after school can be utilized for parent-teacher conferences as well as teacher preparation and planning.



**SUMMER SCENE**—Cool and refreshing is this spot below the dam at Thagards Lake, with the old mill house visible in the background. The quiet scene contrasts with bustling activity throughout the Whispering Pines residential development, north of Southern Pines, which includes historic Thagards Lake and the newly constructed Spring Valley Lake, with some 500 acres of total water area. Thirty-seven houses have been constructed at Whispering Pines and the owner and developer, A. B. Hardee, is building about six houses per month. An 18-hole golf course and new clubhouse will

open in October and construction of a shopping center is planned for next Spring. Mr. Hardee sees an eventual development of 500 homes. Avery Beck, formerly with Kinston Country Club is pro at the new club, with Linwood Harmon, who was at the Carolina Country Club, Raleigh, for 10 years, as greens superintendent. The clubhouse was designed by Hayes, Howell and Associates of Southern Pines and is being built by L. P. Cox of Sanford. Ellis Maples, Moore County native, designed the golf course. (Humphrey photo)

## PROFITABLE SELLING SEASON EXPECTED

### Tobacco Markets to Open Aug. 31

With other markets of the Middle Belt, tobacco markets at Aberdeen and Carthage will open on Thursday of next week, August 31.

While auction sales of the golden leaf will begin Thursday, all warehouses will be open earlier in the week to receive tobacco from farmers.

Three warehouses will be in operation at Aberdeen: Planters, operated by W. Fentress Phillips; Hardee's, operated by Hugh T. Hardee, Sr., and Yank Howell; and Aberdeen Warehouse, operated by J. R. (Tom) Faulkner and George Mabe.

At Carthage, sales will be conducted at two warehouses: McConnell Warehouse, operated by D. T. Bailey and Earl Innis, of Reidsville; and Victory, operated by G. Hoover Carter.

The McConnell warehouse was sold to Bailey and Innis last year by the Comer family, with E. L. Comer of Carthage retaining an interest in it.

All warehouses will be closed on Labor Day, September 4. Sales will continue daily except Saturday and Sunday.

## SHERIFF WARNS LEAF FARMERS

With tobacco curing in full swing and tobacco markets at Aberdeen and Carthage due to open next Thursday, Sheriff W. B. Kelly issued two warnings to farmers this week.

1. Keep your cured tobacco locked up. Nearly every year thieves take tobacco from pack houses, though no theft has been reported thus far this year.

2. Watch out for "flim-flam-mers" around tobacco markets. Efforts to defraud leaf growers of their hard-earned cash, by some trick or method of deceit, never cease.

"Beware!" says the sheriff.

## Dr. Anderson Has New Dental Office

George D. Anderson, Jr., Aberdeen native who graduated from the University of North Carolina Dental School in June and passed the state examination in July, has moved to Southern Pines and is practicing dentistry here with his offices located in the Causey Building on S. W. Broad street. Anderson is married to the former Carolyn Bennett of Wadesboro, and they have a two-year-old daughter. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. George D. Anderson of Aberdeen.

## THE WEATHER

Maximum and minimum temperatures for each day of the past week were recorded as follows by the U. S. Weather Bureau observation station at the WEEB radio studios on Midland Road:

	Max.	Min.
August 17	89	60
August 18	85	64
August 19	75	65
August 20	72	64
August 21	84	62
August 22	84	66
August 23	87	67

## Little League Starts Drive For Ball Park

### New Students at High School Must Register

New students entering any of the grades of East Southern Pines High School are asked to register at the office of Principal Glenn L. Cox before September 1.

This request applies only to students who have moved to Southern Pines or have not previously registered. Young people who have completed the eighth grade here this year have already registered, Mr. Cox said.

The office is open each day except Saturday and Sunday, from 9 a. m. to noon and from 1 to 5 p. m.

All local schools will open September 5.

## Aberdeen Boy, 13, Found Dead; Rites Scheduled Friday

A 13-year-old Aberdeen boy hanged himself yesterday about 1 p. m., after his mother had sent him to his room as punishment for disobeying her in climbing up on a garage.

Whether the death of James L. Lambert, known as "Butch," was accidental or intended could not be determined, and Acting Coroner T. W. Prickett of Carthage in a preliminary ruling said only that it was caused by strangulation.

Graveside funeral services will be held at 3 p. m. Friday at Old Bethesda Cemetery, conducted by the Rev. Brooks Patten, pastor of Page Memorial Methodist Church, and Dr. W. C. Neill, pastor of Bethesda Presbyterian Church, both of Aberdeen.

Surviving are the parents, Mr. and Mrs. James J. Lambert; a sister, Judith Elaine; two brothers, Jerald Wayne and Jeffery Lynn, all of the home; the maternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Loman Hill of McColl, S. C., and the paternal grandmother, Mrs. Bessie Jackson of Lakedale, S. C.

The Lambert family occupies an apartment on Main St. in Aberdeen, in a building that formerly housed the offices of the late Dr. Alex McLeod. The father, formerly a collector for an insurance company, is unemployed.

Shortly after the boy had been sent to his room, his father arrived home for lunch and Mrs. Lambert went to get her son. She opened the door and saw his body hanging from the ceiling. Screaming, she seized him in her arms, pulled him down and loosened the belt which was about his neck.

The parents carried him outdoors and help came at once, but artificial respiration, the use of oxygen by ambulance attendants and of a resuscitator for about 30 minutes failed to revive the lad.

Mrs. Lambert was treated for (Continued on page 8)

## Poe Elected As Precinct Chairman

Bryan Poe was elected chairman of the Southern Pines Democratic precinct committee Wednesday night, replacing the late Judge D. E. Bailey.

Morris Johnson was elected to membership on the committee for the unexpired term. Both elections were made by acclamation.

It was the committee's first meeting since the death of Judge Bailey last May, and a memorial resolution in his honor was adopted.

Mrs. Hilda Ruggles, who as vice chairman became acting chairman on Judge Bailey's death, presided until the election of the permanent chairman. The meeting was held at the home of Mrs. Valerie Nicholson, secretary.

Long concerned over the size of the county's largest precinct and over the separation of many members of the Southern Pines community by precinct lines drawn many years ago, the committee went on record as favoring extending the boundaries of the precinct to coincide with the



BRYAN POE

## Ponzer to Head Engineering Group



JOHN L. PONZER

The election of John L. Ponzer of Southern Pines as 1961-62 chairman of Tar Heel Section of The Illuminating Engineering Society was announced at New York City at the end of a two-day meeting of the Society's Council in the Barbizon Plaza Hotel last week.

The new officers for the Illuminating Engineering Society (IES), world-wide representative body of the lighting profession and recognized authority on lighting standards, will begin their term October 1.

Mr. Ponzer is industrial power engineer, Carolina Power & Light Co., Southern Pines. He is a native of Arkansas and received his technical training at N. C. State College, Raleigh. He has been active in the lighting profession for several years, having served on the IES board of managers and received state, regional and national recognition for his contributions and accomplishments.

A goal of \$7,000 has been set by the board of directors of the Southern Pines Little League, in a drive to raise funds for construction of an official Little League baseball park across from the National Guard armory on Morganton Road.

The fund drive was announced by Dr. W. F. Hollister, chairman of the League's board, after a meeting of the directors Monday night.

The campaign will include canvassing for donations, which will start soon, and benefit events. Tentatively planned are a chicken supper at the Southern Pines Country Club (Elks Club), Wednesday, October 4, and a dance some time this Fall, with proceeds going toward the park fund.

Donald S. Denoff, chairman of the board's finance committee, said that the completed park would be used for Little League baseball only and that the board plans to do "a complete job."

Plans call for lights to enable night play, a fence around the park and another fence between spectators and the infield so that players only will be on the field, for the safety of other children and to prevent confusion. Advertising space will be sold on the outfield fence, to help pay for the cost of the facilities.

Also planned are proper bleachers topped with a press box for press and radio coverage of games; a concession stand and toilet facilities.

A company representative to give professional advice on lighting equipment was expected here this week to confer with members of the board.

Grading has been completed at the site and the infield was being sodded this week. Mr. Denoff said that the completed park will probably offer the only official Little League field with grass infield in the state.

Full compliance with all Little League regulations will enable local Little League teams to take part in district, state and national playoffs, depending on their ability.

Location of an official Little League park here means that playoff contests could be held here, it was pointed out.

It is expected that considerable material and labor will be donated as the project progresses, Mr. Denoff said. Persons interested in helping with services or materials are asked to get in touch with Dr. Hollister.

Grading operations by several heavy equipment owners were either donated or provided at cost. Fuel for the machines was donated by two oil dealers.

The park site, 400 feet square, was leased for \$1 per year from the Town of Southern Pines, after approval of the lease by the town council.

Donation checks should be made to Southern Pines Little League and mailed to Shirley O. Wooster, Jr., Country Club Drive, who is secretary and treasurer of the organization. Mr. Wooster is associated with Hayes, Howell and Associates, local architectural firm.

For the past two years, the Southern Pines Little League has consisted of eight teams, allowing participation of up to 100 boys in the program. It is expected that this system of wide participation will be continued, with an all-star team chosen to represent Southern Pines in playoff contests with out-of-town teams.

A parking area and practice field on the site are planned.

## No Time Set For Patch's Closing

No time limit has been set on closing Patch's Department Store, Charles S. Patch said today.

Signs on the window of the store advertise a "going out of business sale," but, said Mr. Patch, he cannot say now exactly when the store will close its doors.

Patch's Tog Shop, men's furnishings store, has moved out of the Patch Building into the former Hayes Book Shop location.