

Judge Lectures Youths Charged With Woods Fires

Lester McCaskill, 21, of Pinebluff and Scott Robson, 19, of Southern Pines received a stern lecture from Judge J. G. Farrell in Aberdeen Recorders Court Friday, along with a penalty for each of \$25 including costs on conviction of throwing firecrackers and starting forest fires.

Because of a high possible penalty, Judge Farrell could have bound over the defendants to Superior Court, but instead took jurisdiction, continuing prayer for judgment along with the fine and costs, because of the circumstantial nature of the evidence.

The case involved only two fires started in Moore County the afternoon of October 26. The young men had admitted tossing out "cherrybombs" from their car as they drove through Scotland, Hoke and Moore Counties. Several fires were started, one of them destroying the Lumber River Bridge on the Hoke-Scotland line. Hoke County warrants have been served on the youths charging them with the bridge fire. They were not tried at Aberdeen on this charge.

In the Aberdeen court, defense counsel H. F. Seawell, Jr., of Carthage noted that the defendants, though pleading not guilty to the charge, had admitted throwing the firecrackers shortly before woods fires started near Addor and at Pinebluff; also that he himself had little doubt the firecrackers started the conflagrations. But under the law, he added, it must be considered that this was not proof.

Mrs. Jimmy Lee of Addor had testified for the State that she saw the boys throw firecrackers onto her yard, starting a blaze in some papers which she ran to stamp out. A short time later, Pinebluff firemen and Forest Service crews were called out to two larger fires.

Judge Farrell reproached the youths, "You are not adolescents any longer but grown men, and should act the part. It is time for you to grow up and become responsible citizens. This was 'kid stuff'—inexcusable and dangerous."

"The State has passed laws against pyrotechnics for good reasons—not only the grave loss of life and limb they have caused, but much costly property damage. No one ever means to do any harm with firecrackers—they are always 'just having fun,' but their fun is dangerous and can be very destructive."

FORUM

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 ples contributing \$50 or more, or single contributors of \$25 or more; and "annual members," made up of couples contributing \$30 or single contributors of \$15. Forum meetings are limited to these voluntary contributor-members and their dinner guests on the evening of performance.

Season Schedule
 Captain Shearwood has announced the following schedule of programs for the 1961-62 Forum season:

Dec. 14—Shearen Elebash, nationally known humorist at the piano.

Dec. 28—John Jay, ski authority, with his colored film, "Olympic Holiday."

Jan. 11—The Southern Aristocrats, leading southern barber-shop quartet.

Jan. 25—Santha Rama Rau, famous journalist and author, speaks on "India and the World Scene."

Feb. 8—Dance Drama Group, four male and four female dancers in a diversified program to be presented in the ballroom of the Carolina Hotel.

Feb. 22—Cleveland Amory, famous society historian, speaks on "Who Killed Society?"

March 8—Whittemore and Lowe, outstanding piano duo, in recital.

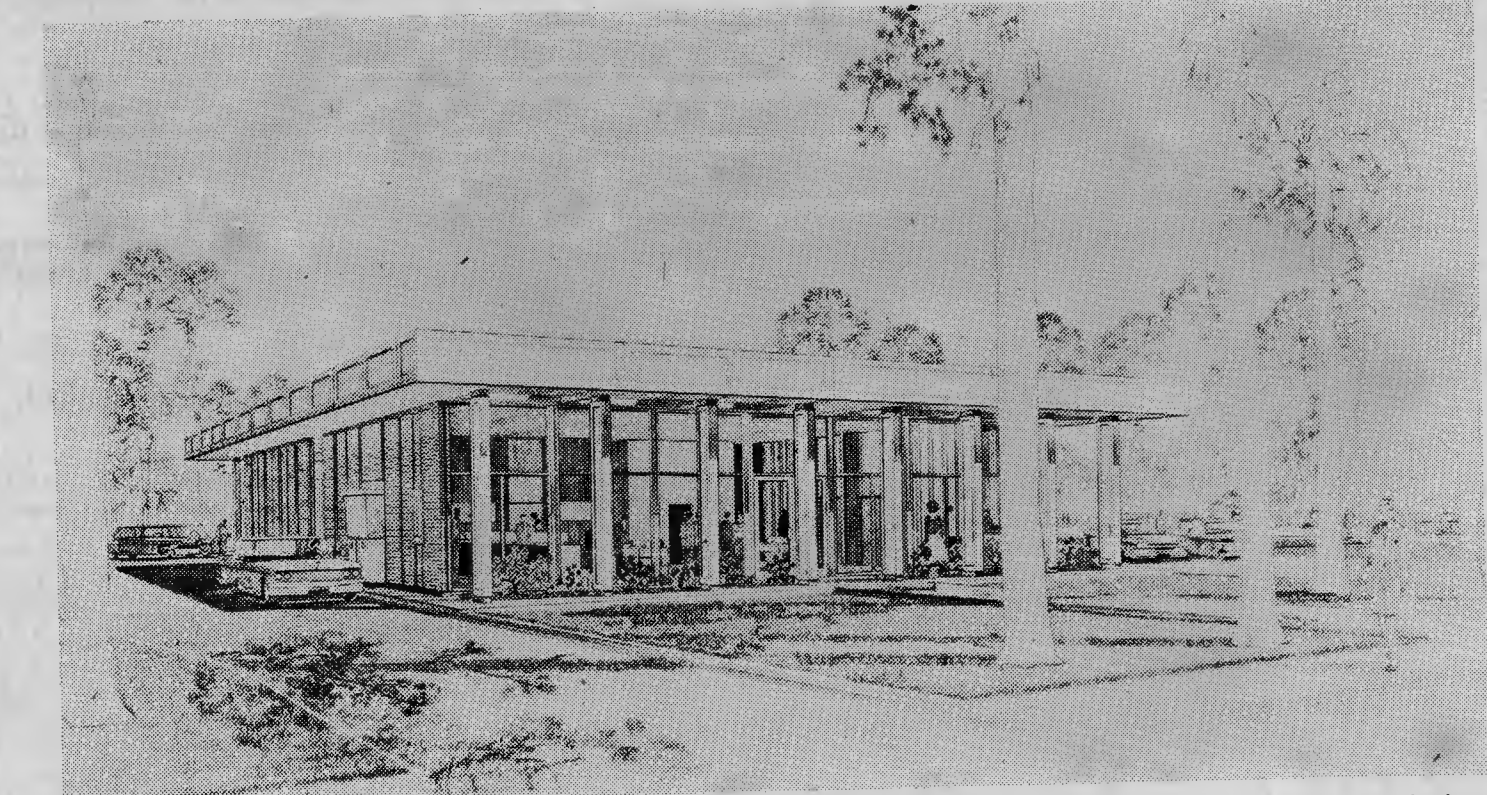
March 22—Capt. Irving Johnson, with his unusual travel and adventure film "Trade Wind Islands," the story of the Brigantine Yankee's last voyage around the world.

April 5—Musical program to be announced.

Applications for membership and requests for further information may be sent to The Pinehurst Forum, P. O. Box 31, Pinehurst, N. C.

STRONG WIND

If it hadn't been for a strong wind, the Pilgrims might have celebrated Thanksgiving in New York. They probably expected to settle somewhere near the Hudson River. The wind and the shoals off Cape Cod forced them to turn north.



CITIZENS BANK BRANCH—Completion is expected early in 1962 of the modern "drive-in" branch bank of the Citizens Bank and Trust Co. of Southern Pines, shown here in a drawing from Hayes, Howell and Associates of Southern Pines, architects. Construction began October 1 on the 3,000 square foot structure at the corner of S. W. Broad St. and Wisconsin Ave. L. P. Cox and Company of Sanford is the contractor. Outside construction features are glass front and cast stone and brick exterior. Interior features include terrazzo floors, walnut panel-

ing, luminous ceiling and heat pump weather conditioning. The branch bank will provide complete safe deposit service, with modern boxes of all sizes, private coupon booths and conference room. There will be two private offices for confidential transactions. In addition to the drive-in tellers' windows, servicing persons in cars, there will be inside tellers' service, featuring "continuous counters." Parking space will be provided for 18 cars, with adequate room for expansion.

Support For Patrolman

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with the court was first rate. Since then, however, the morale of the Patrol in Moore had reached "the lowest ebb I have ever seen," with little or no cooperation from the leaders, he said. "I did not even meet Sgt. Jones for many months, and have met Cpl. Morlice only within the past few weeks." The situation had so disturbed him, he said, that he had discussed it with Patrol authorities in Raleigh.

Police Chief Earl Seawell of Southern Pines said that Sgt. Jones had visited him seldom, and when he came lately "it was only to discuss the Rosy affair, to ask me what I knew of Alex Rosy and so forth."

Swaim, longest-serving of Moore patrolmen with 13 years' service in the county, related that his orders from Jones had been only to "make more arrests."

"I told him when I saw an arrest to make, I made it, but I wasn't going to make arrests that weren't there. I invited him to ride with me and see. He rode with me one whole day and we found no arrests to make."

As to whether he had "criticized Jones," Swaim said he certainly did, in general conversations with other patrolmen and that others had criticized Jones to him. Sergeant Jones and Corporal Morlice were not present at the Tuesday hearing.

Land Transaction

In the "Rosy transaction," a tract of 3.35 acres with 282 feet frontage on US 1 in Pinebluff had been transferred by Alex Rosy, Jr., of Aberdeen to Swaim June 14. The action had followed an accident of March 2 in which Rosy's car had been involved with Swaim's which at that time was being driven by Swaim's 17-year-old daughter. No arrest had been made, and wasn't made actually until September 20, after the Patrol's investigation began. Swaim had been able to show no check nor bill of sale for the land.

At the time of the accident, Rosy was on probation for another case in court and the inference has been made that Rosy had bribed Swaim with a gift of valuable land to refrain from making the arrest. The inference was reportedly communicated to the Highway Patrol in an anonymous letter, although this was mentioned Tuesday.

Swaim's testimony, backed by an affidavit from Rosy, who is now in the Veterans Hospital at Fayetteville, also by testimony of Rosy's sister, Mrs. Johnnie Marks of Aberdeen, and other citizens, was that the patrolman had been trying to buy the land since early in 1960 and Rosy had promised to sell it to him. When finally he agreed to go through with the sale, Swaim said he paid him in cash. He procured a bill of sale later, it was stated.

As to the arrest, Swaim said he had told Rosy, who asked him what the charges would be, that he did not know, as Patrolman Hight and Shomaker were investigating the wreck but he was "sure hit-run would be one of the charges."

Paid in Cash
 not mentioned Tuesday.

"I never discussed the accident with him one way or another after that," said Swaim Tuesday.

He said he was accustomed to paying in cash, not only with money from his Patrol checks but money he made buying and selling bird dogs, and money made

by his wife teaching music at the Aberdeen school and playing the organ for the First Baptist church; that he and his wife used their money interchangeably and didn't keep any books; and that he had at that time just sold a bird dog to J. W. Hamer of Little Rock, S. C., for \$200, which was in his pocket with other funds. An affidavit from Hamer, substantiating the sale, was presented.

Mayor E. H. Mills of Pinebluff testified that the price of \$100 per acre Swaim said he paid was fair, and comparable with other land of that section, though Mills and also K. G. Deaton, Pinebluff police officer and streets and water superintendent, said they "wouldn't have paid that much for it." Deaton said he was present at talks between Swaim and Rosy regarding the pending sale, during the year preceding the accident.

Mrs. Marks, sister of Rosy, noted that she was "positive Mr. Swaim paid for the land as, in our family, we don't give anything away"; that Rosy had gone to a veterans' hospital the day after the accident, and that she personally had asked the patrolmen, Hight and Shomaker, who came to the house with Swaim and Probation Officer Cecil Shoaf, not to make the arrest until after her brother came back from the hospital. Shoaf had arranged for his admission there.

Several Testify
 Speaking up strongly for Swaim as a "first-rate officer, honest, fearless and impartial," also as a good citizen of his county and community were Solicitor Brown, Sheriff W. B. Kelly (a former Patrol sergeant under whom Swaim had worked as a young trooper), Aberdeen Recorder J. G. Farrell, Deputy Sheriff J. A. Lawrence, Southern Pines Chief Earl Seawell, Pinebluff Mayor Mills and Police Officer Deaton and the Rev. Dan Norman, pastor of the Eureka Presbyterian Church.

A letter was read also from Moore Recorder J. Vance Rowe, and numerous other letters were presented to be made a part of the record, also petitions from Aberdeen, Pinebluff, Eagle Springs, Highfalls, Carthage, West End, Robbins, Robbins vicinity, Pinehurst and two from Southern Pines.

BANK
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 now listed at \$54 per share, will be made available for local purchase, it was stated.

An investigator of the office of the Comptroller of the Currency, from Washington, D. C., was here two days in July. He was taken on a tour of the area by members of the steering committee, to check industrial, business and agricultural resources, and the next day made inquiries at random in the community, without identifying himself.

The new bank will have a drive-in window, off-street parking and many other facilities including trust department, estate management, safety deposit boxes and installment loan department. Southern National has made a specialty of farm and timber management.

The Welch building space now occupied by the offices of Dr. P. J. Chester will be utilized by the bank, in addition to the space formerly occupied by the Welch Gift Shop. The offices of Dr. J. S. Hiatt, Jr., are also in the building

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ing purchased by the bank, but will not be used by the bank. The building will be remodeled to provide the main entrance into about the center of its Broad St. frontage. A vault will be constructed. The full basement under the building will be used for the bookkeeping department, lounge and directors room. The drive-in window will be at the rear. There will be a separate installment payment office.

Cost of the property and the various alterations and improvements will run to a total of about \$130,000. W. T. Huntley, Jr., is chairman of the building committee.

Resort Realty and Insurance Company was agent for the building purchase.

Mr. McLean, whose home is at Lumberton, is known throughout this area and the state for his civic, political and religious activities, as well as his career in business and banking. He is chairman of the board of trustees of the new St. Andrews College, Laurinburg. He has long been a Presbyterian lay leader. When State Senator Cutlar Moore of Robeson County resigned in June to accept a federal position, Mr. McLean was appointed to succeed him in the post.

SOMETHING TO DO

"Something to do . . .
 "It's absurd just to sit around and talk about nuclear disarmament, when the need is so critical and the time so short if we expect to have action."

"Give the young something to do, and give them a definite objective, a target date, and help them take the offensive in this war for peace. There is nothing wrong with students today—just those who teach them."
 —J. B. PRIESTLEY

Older farm workers find it easier to qualify for social security benefits because of recent changes in the social security law.

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made. The ordinance will not go into effect until January 1 when citizens begin to list their property for taxes. At that time, they will list dogs, giving also, for a special town dog registration, the breed color and other information about dogs, in addition to the male and female distinction already required in listing dogs for county taxes.

The council decided not to issue separate license tags but to make the county's tag serve also as a town tag, so that numbers on both the county and town lists of dogs will be the same.

Town Manager Bud Rainey and Councilman Felton Capel suggested that paperwork could be avoided and the registration of dogs simplified if the special town index of dogs with full description could be eliminated, but Mr. Brown said the law would not be legally enforceable without the full information called for to include in notices sent to dog owners whose animals are picked up.

Police have not hitherto had authority to pick up a dog and have had to call the county dog warden, Hardy Barber of Carthage, when a complaint is received. Now police will be able to pick up dogs, but, the council decided, the town will use the county pound facilities and the warden will be called to transport animals from here to Carthage.

Owners of an animal picked up will have to pay a \$5 fee for picking the dog up and another \$5 fee for impounding, as well as \$1.50 per day maintenance charge to get their dogs back.

However, it is anticipated that police holding a licensed dog here would call the owner before impounding it, thus eliminating, if the owner reclaims the dog, part of the fee and making a trip

GET PRISON TERMS

Men Who Robbed Country Club at Pinehurst Tried

Two Negro men from Brooklyn, N. Y., one of whom had formerly lived in Southern Pines, drew 18-to-24 - month prison sentences Wednesday in Moore County Superior Court for the larceny of a quantity of golf balls and sports jackets from the Pinehurst Country Club pro shop September 27.

Another Negro and a Puerto Rican who were part of the quartet driving down from Brooklyn were acquitted by the jury which found the other pair guilty. However, they were jailed to await return to Weldon where warrants had been issued for all four on breaking and entering and larceny charges.

Robert Lee Hunter, who moved from West Southern Pines to Brooklyn several years ago, and Louis Cheeks, owner of the car in which the four drove south shortly before the Pinehurst robbery, were sentenced by Judge Q. K. Nimocks, who had previously instructed the jury to disregard breaking-and-entering charges against them. The receiving-and-larceny charges stood, as when apprehended they had the stolen items with them, but evidence of breaking-and-entering was presumptive and it appeared possible a fifth man—identity unknown—was involved.

Ninety-nine golf balls and 16 men's and women's windbreaker jackets, total value about \$400, were reported stolen from the pro shop and the theft was under investigation when word came from Weldon police that the four had been picked up there with such items in their possession. They had been temporarily released, while the parked car and contents were held. When Chief Deputy Sheriff H. H. Grimm and other Moore officers arrived at Weldon, they found only Cheeks and Reed. The other two had run off shortly after a store break-in there, the local officers were told by Weldon police. A piccolo had been broken open and a large amount of change was taken. In the rear of Cheeks' car they had found a bag of change stashed away.

Driving south on NS 301, the Moore officers caught up with Hunter and Rivera, plodding along afoot. Driving on past, Grimm crossed over and drove back on the lane facing the wanted men, stopping quickly when he reached them, to catch them by surprise.

Cornered, they rejoined Reed and Rivera in the officers' car to be returned to Carthage and jail. Of the pro shop loot, 78 golf balls and four windbreakers were recovered.

Taking the stand Wednesday, Cheeks said Hunter and an unknown man had sold him two of the jackets for \$10, and that he had taken golf balls from the stranger in lieu of change from his \$20 bill. He and Rivera, who also testified, claimed they hadn't known where the stuff came from, and Rivera convinced the jury that he and Reed had been innocent bystanders throughout the whole affair. Hunter and Reed did not testify.

CAROUSEL

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 time in the Carousel, teamed with Bob Davies of Gettysburg, Pa. Wally Sezma of Wilmington, Del., four times Delaware amateur champion, is one of the entries.

A new champion team is in prospect for the mixed division, as last year's winners, Harry Chatfield and Mrs. Pearson Menoher, both of Southern Pines, will not play together this year.

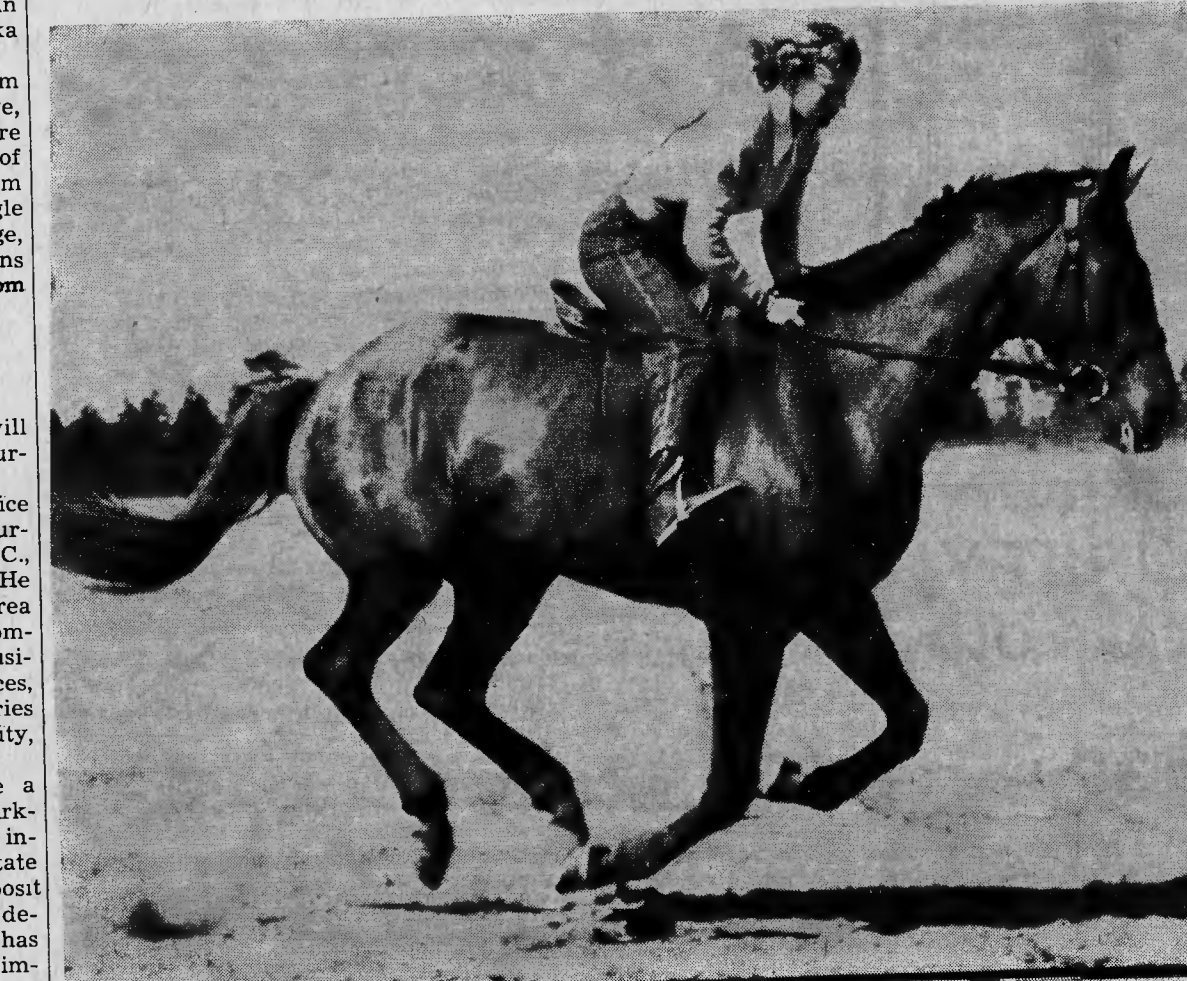
Mrs. Menoher will team with Barney Avery of Southern Pines in the current tournament, while Chatfield is teamed with Will Wiggs, also a local golfer, in the men's division.

The public is invited to watch any of the matches, especially the Sunday championship rounds. Charles Marcum of Whispering Pines, golf pro who works with a golf equipment company, will, as in past years, be the tournament director. Jerry Daeke is assistant tournament chairman, in charge of dance ticket sales.

Tom Ruggles, Jaycee president, is trophy chairman and has aided in the registration of players. Entrants in the tourney are staying at various hotels and motels of the Sandhills.

George Hodgkins heads a committee that is decorating the armory for the Saturday night dance.

Pulpwood produced in the South as raw material for the pulp and paper industry totaled \$471,020,000 in value during 1960. An all-time high, the figure was 4 per cent greater than the total for 1959.



OUTSTANDING RIDER—Mrs. Joan Walsh Hogan, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. M. G. Walsh of Stonebrook Farm, whose accomplishments in the recent National Horse Show were related in a story last week, is pictured here several years ago, before her marriage, riding Gift of Gold, a horse owned by the late Mrs. Simon T. Patterson of Pittsburgh, Pa. Schooled by Mrs. Hogan, at Stonebrook Farm, Gift of Gold won several races here and twice won the Carolina Cup at Camden.

(Humphrey photo)

Goals Announced For County-Wide 4-H Club Project

The Moore County 4-H Club Development Fund drive is in progress throughout the county and will continue through the second week in December.

The county goal of \$5,000 has been broken down into town and community goals, with a chairman for each town and community: Highfalls, \$100, Terry Seawell; West End, \$500, Billy Johnson; Aberdeen, \$500, Lee Buchan; Carthage, \$500, Mrs. Clinton Campbell; Glendon, \$100, Carr Paschal and Richard Dowd; Eagle Springs, \$100, Lynn Martin; Westmore, \$100, Dan Danlan.

Also: Pinehurst \$500, Dr. Emily Tufts; Robbins, \$500, Mr. and Mrs. Thurman Maness; Southern Pines, \$500, Mrs. W. G. Ferguson; Vass, \$100, John Baker; and Pinebluff, \$100, Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Thompson.

The total goal for towns and communities is \$3,700. The remainder of the \$5,000 will come from sale of county license plates by 4-H Club members.

George Ross of Jackson Springs, Fund chairman, pointed out that this program of support for 4-H Clubs is in those areas which are not supported by tax funds. The money donated will be used for camps, recognition, scholarships, and the inter-annual farm program.

The Moore County drive is part of a state-wide effort to raise \$1 million for benefit of rural youth.