

Many Residents Oppose Cutting Midland Trees

Sandhills area people don't want the trees in the center of Midland Road to be cut. That's the conclusion to be drawn from many calls to Mayor John S. Ruggles and from letters and calls to The Pilot, this week. Last week, the mayor asked The Pilot to publish a suggestion that had been made to him: that the trees be cut, to help prevent such accidents as the one in which two local young men were killed early last week, when their car struck a tree in the center section. He said he'd welcome comments and The Pilot invited readers to express their opinions in letters to the editor.

"The result," Mayor Ruggles said today, "was as I expected. Sentiment is predominately for not cutting the trees. In fact, I was surprised that as many as two persons did say they would like to see the trees cut down. Of course, I myself want to keep the trees."

The Pilot received no letter favoring getting rid of the trees but did get a number of letters from persons who want to keep them. Several of these, with The Pilot's own editorial, appear on page 2.

Other letters received by The Pilot, too late for printing in "The Public Speaking" on the editorial page, which goes to press Tuesday, follow:

From S. B. Richardson, South-
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Public Can Help Post Office With Yule Mail Rush

Expressing appreciation for the public's cooperation in sending Christmas mail early, Postmaster J. W. Causey today asked that all cards and packages for distant destinations be mailed by December 10, that local packages be in the mail by December 15 and that local cards be mailed at least a week before Christmas, to insure timely delivery and efficient handling.

He also asked that Christmas seals and stickers be put on the back of packages and envelopes and pointed out that transparent cellophane tape placed over address labels on packages will insure that the label is not defaced or lost.

The local post office has so far not been authorized to stay open any extra hours, said the postmaster. No extra employees are being taken on for the "Christmas rush," but regular employees are working overtime.

The volume of mail, incoming and outgoing, is heavy and increasing every day.

MONEY PROBLEM

Is there some Canadian winter resident or visitor who would be willing to trade U. S. money for a number of Canadian coins that have been dropped into The Pilot's self-service newspaper vending machine? The Pilot does not have enough of these coins to redeem them at a bank.

Farmers to Vote on Market Quotas

Moore County tobacco, cotton and peanut producers will go to the polls on Tuesday, December 12, to vote in an important referendum.

Producers will vote on whether programs of price support and marketing quotas will continue on tobacco and cotton for the next three years: 1962, 1963 and 1964. They will also vote on whether to continue assessments for the support of Tobacco Associates and the North Carolina Peanut Growers Association.

Tobacco growers will decide whether to continue marketing quotas with a high level of price supports and a penalty assessed against non-compliers; or whether they want no marketing quotas, with no penalty on non-compliers and no price support on the 1962 crop. If marketing quotas are disapproved, there will be another referendum next year on marketing quotas for the following three years.



WRECK SCENE—Havoc wrought by a truck when it struck an Aberdeen and Rockfish railroad train yesterday is partially shown in this photo. The truck is in left background. Railroad cars were derailed, some cars lost their wheels and a long section of track was torn up. (V. Nicholson photo)

ON ABERDEEN & ROCKFISH RAILROAD

Train Wrecked When Hit By Truck

A truck struck an Aberdeen & Rockfish train broadside at a rural road crossing two miles southeast of Aberdeen Wednesday at 9:15 a. m., derailing seven cars and sending the truck driver and a companion to the hospital. Some 400 feet of track were ripped up.

None of the train's crew of five

Robert Gavin to Speak Wednesday

Robert L. Gavin of Sanford, Republican candidate for governor of North Carolina in last year's election, will be guest speaker Wednesday night of next week when the Men of Emmanuel Episcopal Church have their monthly dinner meeting in the church's parish hall.

Mr. Gavin, an attorney who waged a vigorous if unsuccessful campaign for the state's highest office, will speak on the relationship of politics and religion.

Interested persons who are not members of the Men of Emmanuel are invited to attend, up to the capacity of the parish hall. Those wanting to attend the dinner, which begins at 7 p. m., are asked to make reservations by calling Leonard Muddimer at the church office on Friday or Monday afternoon. Persons who wish to come only for the speaking should plan to arrive about 7:45 p. m.

THE WEATHER

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

	Max	Min
December 1	67	36
December 2	66	38
December 3	67	37
December 4	67	40
December 5	63	53
December 6	63	39

men was hurt. At Moore Memorial Hospital, it was reported that Walter Rogers, 27, driver of the truck, and David Rogers, 17, did not show signs of serious injury. Both are Negroes, employed by the McNair Seed Co. of Laurinburg.

The truck was one of two owned by McNair Farms heading toward Route 211 from Laurinburg on their way to Vass to pick up a load of shavings. The driver of the second truck saw the collision and took the injured men to the hospital. The front end of

their six-wheeled panel truck was demolished.

The accident occurred within sight of 211, as the southbound freight passed the crossing on a straight stretch of track between open fields. The truck hit the rear end of the 50-foot-long engine, knocking off its back trucks and causing the airbrake to function, though the engine itself remained upright.

Behind the engine, though, two coal cars and two tank cars piled up, one of the coal cars spilling

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PTA to Hear Band, Glee Club Monday

The annual Christmas program of the school band and glee club will be presented at the December meeting of the East Southern Pines Parent-Teacher Association at 8 p. m. Monday.

Both the band and the glee

club, each under direction of William McAdams, will present a varied program that will feature Christmas music.

Mrs. Albert Grove, PTA president, urges all parents to attend. The PTA has a membership of more than 500.

McPhaul Re-elected District Chairman

Scout Leaders Honored For Year's Work

Men and women scouters of the Moore district, more than 800 strong, crowded into the National Guard Armory Friday night to eat "potluck" supper at gaily decorated tables, hear an account of fine progress during the year just ending, install new officers and chairmen for 1962 and applaud a brilliant and erudite address by one of the State's top educators, Dr. Marcus E. Hobbs.

John A. McPhaul of Southern Pines was installed as district chairman for his second term. In his progress report for 1961, he noted that Moore had made a healthy contribution to the forward march which has made the 12-district Oconeechee Council one of the top councils of the nation. With 14 units added during the past year, Moore (with McCain in Hoke county also included in the district) now has a total of 80 units, serving more than 1,350 boys. This number is expected to reach 1,450 by the year's end—"Yet," said McPhaul, "we can do better, and we will."

He noted that still only one of four eligible boys in the district is a member.

Progress has been made in camping and participation in other activities, in leadership training—48 leaders were trained last year—and on other Scouting fronts.

Presiding over the district's annual "Recognition Dinner" was R. M. Cushman of Southern Pines and Aberdeen as banquet chairman. Conducting the installation was Wallace Wood, who has recently come to Raleigh from Atlanta, Ga., to become the new Oconeechee executive. He will succeed John Shutt January 1 when Shutt will go to a National Council post.

1962 Officers Installed along with Chairman McPhaul were vice chairmen Jim Perkinson and Ted Taws of Southern Pines, Edward McCarty of Aberdeen, Richard Self

3 Registrars of Vital Statistics Named For County

The county commissioners have appointed three registrars of vital statistics.

This move apparently concludes a series of actions that saw the registrations of births and deaths, county-wide, turned over to the county health department, on recommendation of the State Board of Health, and then taken from that department, after Dr. J. D. Willcox, county health officer, said that his office was not prepared to handle the task and that he did not want to have anything to do with it.

As matters stand now, these are the registrars:

Mrs. Margaret B. Mattocks of Southern Pines, for McNeill, Sandhill, Mineral Springs and Little River townships. (Reportedly 90 per cent or more of the birth and death registrations in the county are handled by her, because her territory includes the county's two hospitals.)

Edward B. (Moss) Frye of Carthage, Greenwood and Deep River Townships.

Mrs. E. W. Hunsucker of Robbins, for Sheffield, Ritter and Bensalem townships.

Physicians turn birth and death certificates over to registrars of vital statistics who make copies for permanent files in Carthage and Raleigh.

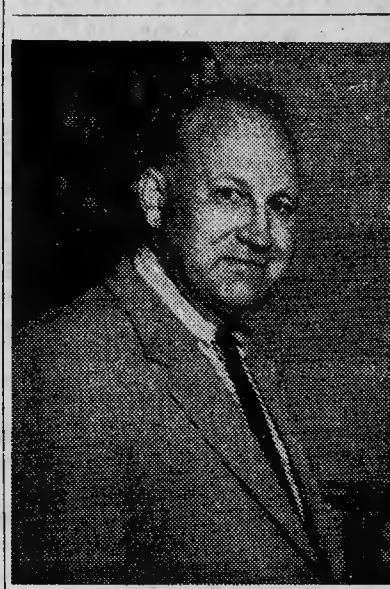
LIGHTS GO UP!

Twenty-four large Christmas lighting devices for the business section were installed on power poles this week and about half of them were turned on for the first time Wednesday night.

Twelve of the decorations are five-foot-tall "English lantern" devices, with glowing simulated candles. The other dozen are "scroll and bell" decorations, with tinsel and several light bulbs, that are even larger.

Thomas Ruggles, president of the Jaycees who sponsored a fund drive to buy the lights, said that response to the lights has been good. He again expressed appreciation to all who had contributed to the fund.

VFW Makes Appeal for Needy's Cheer Baskets



W. LAMONT BROWN

Brown Will Head Bar Association In Coming Year

W. Lamont Brown was elected president of the Moore County Bar Association Tuesday night, succeeding R. F. Hoke Pollock. Both are Southern Pines residents.

Other officers elected by the attorneys of the county for the coming year are: M. G. Boyette of Carthage, vice-president; Lawrence McN Johnson of Aberdeen, secretary-treasurer; and three members of the executive committee, Mr. Pollock, Robert N. Page III of Aberdeen and W. D. Sabiston of Carthage.

The attorneys met at Dante's Restaurant for their dinner and business session.

Reviewing accomplishments of the Bar Association during the past year, the attorneys noted:

That, at the Association's request, a telephone had been installed by the county commissioners in the hall adjoining the courtroom in Carthage, for the convenience of judges and lawyers.

A photocopy machine, recommended by the Association, has been put into operation in the register of deeds office at Carthage, proving a time-saver in making certified copies of certain papers.

An act of the General Assembly, recommended by the Association, gives the county commissioners authority to change the charges for filing various types of papers in the register of deeds office, although the commissioners have not yet exercised this right. (See item elsewhere in today's Pilot, indicating that the

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Kiwanis Will Hear Jonas Friday; Cup Award Set Dec. 15

Congressman Charles R. Jonas of Lincoln, North Carolina's only Republican representative, will be the speaker at a meeting of the Sandhills Kiwanis Club, to be held at the Pinehurst Country Club at 12:15 p. m. Friday.

The Friday meeting replaces the regular Wednesday luncheon meeting of the club this week. There will be no Wednesday meeting next week either, because on Friday night of next week, December 15, the club will hold its annual Ladies Night, occasion for the awarding of its Builders Cup, for civic service, to some outstanding citizen of the county.

The regular Wednesday luncheon schedule will be resumed December 20.

DAVID REAPPOINTED

J. Douglas David of Pinebluff was reappointed Monday by the county commissioners as county tax collector for the coming year. The commissioners accepted his tax settlement showing 97.03 per cent of 1960 taxes collected to December 4, for a total of \$826,351.19.

John Boyd Post, Veterans of Foreign Wars, has begun its Christmas cheer basket program, placing barrels for food donations in grocery stores of the community this week.

Harry Chatfield, chairman, said that the post this year is not undertaking to repair and distribute toys and other non-food items, but will concentrate its efforts on the baskets.

Cash donations are always needed, he pointed out, to supplement grocery store collections. Checks should be made payable to "VFW Christmas Cheer Fund" and sent to Mr. Chatfield, Box 272, Southern Pines.

Last year the post distributed about 75 large food baskets to needy families. Most of the families aided were on a list supplied by the county welfare department which coordinates Christmas giving over the county with its list of certified needy families.

Commissioners Look With Favor On Ag Building

Meeting in Carthage Monday, the county commissioners gave tentative approval to a plan to construct an agriculture building in the county seat, eliminating former plans to include space for the county library and a large auditorium in the structure.

The building, which would house all the agricultural agency offices at Carthage, has been under discussion for several years. Plans were drawn early this year for a building that would cost about \$230,000 which the commissioners decided was more than they could put into the project. The county has about \$95,000 on hand, drawing three per cent interest, earmarked for the building.

Pressure for a decision was put on the board Monday by a delegation of some 50 Moore County Farm Bureau members who crowded into the small meeting room. Their spokesman, Bureau President S. R. Ransdell, Jr., of Aberdeen, Route 1, told the commissioners that the Farm Bureau does not oppose a county library but that "we need this building now." He said that many farmers can't visit agricultural agency

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County Has New Negro Home Agent

Mrs. Amelia Capeheart began work Friday as Negro home economics agent for Moore County, filling a post that has been vacant since the resignation of Mrs. Eva Crawford in September.

Mrs. Capeheart, a widow, is a native of Orange County and has over 20 years experience in Extension Service work.

At their meeting Monday, the county commissioners authorized the employment of a secretary for her office, on a trial basis.

Since the resignation of Mrs. Crawford, the county council of Negro Home Demonstration clubs has been keeping the home economics program in operation.

Mrs. Capeheart was interviewed by the commissioners in a special meeting last month.

Tickets Sell Well For Opera Friday, Saturday

Students in the East Southern Pines Junior High School are putting finishing touches on their production of "Amahl and the Night Visitors," a one-act opera which they will present Friday and Saturday nights in Weaver Auditorium at 8 p. m.

Tickets for the event have been selling well, the school reports.

PLAY SCHEDULED

Theatre in the Pines will present a comedy, "The Late Christopher Bean," at the Pinehurst Playhouse December 14, 15 and 16. Details and a rehearsal scene photo, page 18.



AWARD—Among Scout leaders honored at the Moore District's recognition dinner was Frank Wilson, scoutmaster of Troop 864, Manly, who was designated the outstanding scoutmaster in the district during the past year. He is pictured with his son, Tommy, a member of the troop, and holds the certificate he received. On wall in the background is a portion of a large chart showing the administrative organization of Scouting in the district. (Humphrey photo)