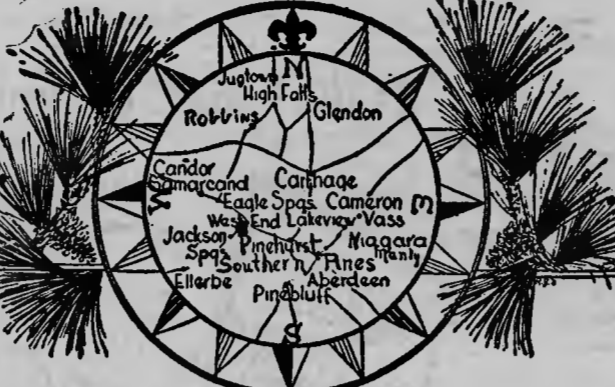


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## It's Clear Sailing For Rep. Blue as Speaker of House

Clear sailing ahead is indicated this week for Rep. H. Clifton Blue of Aberdeen on his way to the most important milestone yet in his political career.

The Speakership of the 1963 House seemed virtually within his grasp when, on Wednesday morning, his only opponent withdrew.

Rep. Tom Woodard of Wilson, the other participant in the contest which has waxed more intense within the past few weeks, phoned Blue to announce that he was quitting. "We just don't have the votes," he said.

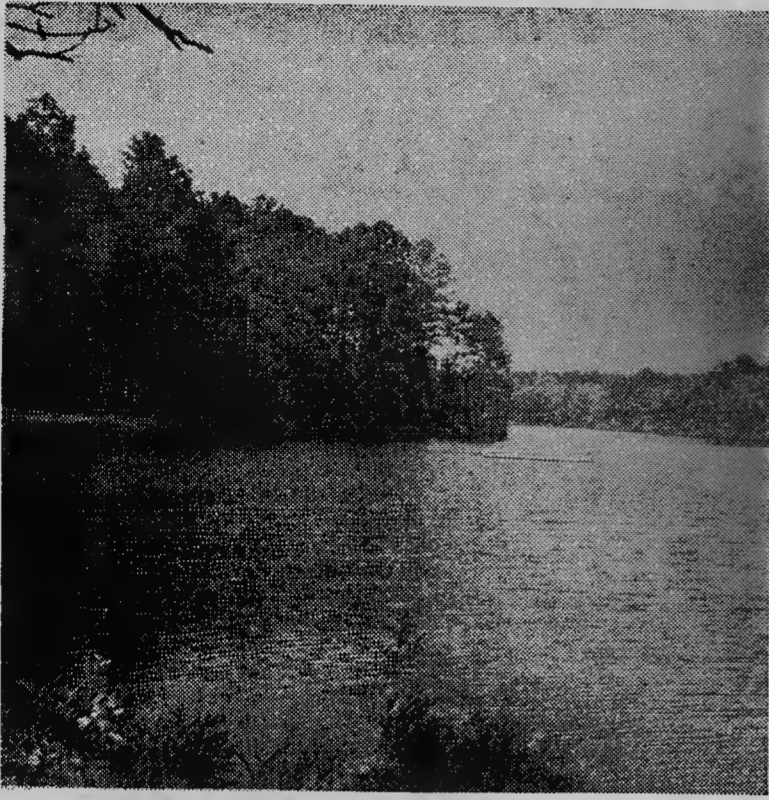
Woodard, an old friend as well as opponent, pledged support to the Moore representative, who responded with a cordial statement as follows:

"I appreciate Tom Woodard's candid and forthright statement withdrawing as a candidate for Speaker of the 1963 House. He was an honorable, able and worthy opponent. I appreciate his assurance of support and corporation and look forward to working with a united House membership, if elected in February.

"I deeply appreciate the untiring efforts of my supporters in the contest during the past several months, and feel that I could not have had a more faithful or energetic group working with me."

Governor Sanford at a press conference Wednesday expressed his approval, noting that he was "satisfied Mr. Blue will make an outstanding Speaker."

Blue, however, pointed out that there is no absolute certainty (Continued on Page 8)



ON WATSON PROPERTY—The forest-bordered tranquility of Watson's Lake, on the large tract that is under option for purchase by a group of private developers, is shown in the left-hand photo. The swimming area on the north shore of the lake is at left. Beyond the float is one arm of the large lake that runs to the northeast. The picture was taken from a small



point of land that juts out from the boathouse location on the north shore. At right above, is a large sign erected by the option holders at the site of their proposed private clubhouse on high, wooded ground overlooking the lake's southwest shore. (Pilot photos)

## Over Thousand Acres Under Options For Private Development

A much-rumored large real estate transaction and development project received its first public recognition Tuesday night when a discussion of possible town water service to the John Warren Watson estate property, between Southern Pines and Pinehurst, was docketed for the regular town council meeting.

Town Manager F. F. (Bud) Rainey read to the council a letter from a Raleigh representative of a "group buying the Watson property," asking for an appearance before the council Tuesday night to discuss possible town water service there.

The manager told the council that the representative was unable to appear as scheduled, so no action was taken Tuesday.

Though the letter did not go into details, it is known that the 898-acre Watson property, as well as several adjoining tracts totaling more than 200 acres, are under option to a large group of North Carolina business and professional men who propose to build a private country club and golf course there and to develop home sites for members of the group.

The Watson property, known as "Sunny Sands," went on the market, with Biddle & Co. of Pinehurst as exclusive agents, following Mr. Watson's death several months ago. The price at that time was listed as \$450,000 for the main tract and \$16,000 for additional tracts.

Price involved in the current option has not been revealed but the option is known to cover the entire 898 acres, not simply the main lake tract. The property contains fine stands of large pine and other timber.

The option was taken in April for 90 days, with a privilege of extension to October 1. Because of the numerous members in the purchasing group and efforts to obtain adjoining acreage, it is reasonable to suppose that the options will not be exercised in the near future.

There seems, however, to be no doubt that the purchase will go through. Visitors to the property report clearing and surveying operations going on and a large sign, "Club House Site," has been erected on high ground overlooking the southwest shore of the lake.

The purchase would include the large rustic "cottage" and a boathouse located north of the main body of the lake, near the swimming beach and picnic grounds that have for several years been open to the use of approved "members" who also can have fishing rights.

There has been no official announcement of details of the new project either from any spokesman for the group or from the Pinehurst agents.

## Dr. Lake Accepts Call as Pastor For Local Church

After 15 months without a pastor the congregation of Brownson Memorial Presbyterian Church voted Sunday to issue a call to the Rev. Julian Lake, D. D., pastor of the First Presbyterian Church of Winston-Salem. Dr. Lake has accepted the call.

A pulpit committee composed of Mrs. Claude Reams, Mrs. R. M. McMillan, Gen. R. B. Hill, Huston Black and Lamont Brown has been seeking a pastor since early 1961 when Dr. Cheves Ligon, then pastor, announced his resignation to accept the secretaryship of the Fayetteville Presbytery.

A graduate of Davidson College in 1928, Dr. Lake received his Bachelor of Divinity degree from Union Theological Seminary in 1931. He has also received an honorary Doctor of Divinity degree from Davidson College in 1945.

He has served as pastor of Presbyterian churches in Warrenton, Va., Rock Hill, S. C., Bristol, Tenn., and Winston-Salem.

His wife is the former Elizabeth Gilmour, whose father was for many years pastor of the First Presbyterian Church in Wilmington and Spartanburg, S. C.

They have four children, a son now associated with the International Business Machines Corporation; a daughter, now married and living in Richmond, Va.; another son, who is entering Davidson College this fall; and a second daughter, who is 13, and will enter school in Southern Pines in the fall.

Dr. Lake has indicated that he will be available to preach his first sermon here August 19.

## Town Recreation Program to Have Many Activities

The summer municipal recreation program, with a wide variety of activity for children and young people, will begin Friday, Town Manager F. F. (Bud) Rainey has announced.

Bill Megginson, high school coach, is director of the entire program, assisted in East Southern Pines by John Williams, school coach and physical education instructor, who will supervise play and athletic activities for older children at Memorial Field, and by Miss Arden Fobes, supervisor of the program for younger children on the town park block.

In West Southern Pines, Joe Wynn, high school coach, will direct the program, with Miss Cora Steele as assistant.

The entire town program will run through August 15, Monday through Friday each week. The East Southern Pines hours are from 9 a. m. to noon and from 2 to 5 p. m. In West Southern Pines, activities run more or less continuously from 10 a. m. to 6 p. m.

The adult softball program in East Southern Pines, which is a part of the recreation program, is (Continued on Page 8)

## Tennis Here Sunday

The men's team of the Sandhill Tennis Association will play a match with Chapel Hill on the municipal courts here at 2 p. m. Sunday. There is no admission charge. The public is invited. George Little is the local team captain.

## GENERAL GRIFFIN SPEAKS HERE

Civil defense is a vital part of the total defense of the nation—more valuable than any other defense in a nuclear attack—Major Gen. Edward F. Griffin, State Civil Defense director, told a group of about 50 persons meeting in the multi-purpose room of the high school Monday night.

Without Civil Defense preparation, General Griffin said, there could be 80 million casualties in a nuclear attack on the United States. With preparation, casualties would be "a mere fraction" of that number. Ninety-five percent of the American people can withstand nuclear attack if properly prepared, he averred.

Col. Jack H. Tribble of Aberdeen, commander of the 3230th Army Reserve unit, sponsor of the general's appearance here, presided and welcomed those attending. General Griffin was introduced by Col. R. F. Hoke Pollock of the 3230th who cited the speaker's distinction in three fields of endeavor—as an attorney, as the World War II commander of the 113th Field Artillery and as director of Civil Defense in North Carolina since 1954.

General Griffin, he said, is a past president of the National Association of Civil Defense Directors and in 1960 was advisor to the NATO Council on Civil Defense.

Radioactive fallout, carried by

## Civil Defense Preparedness Could Save Many Lives In Nuclear Attack

winds for long distances from the site of a nuclear explosion, would cause the greatest number of casualties in a nuclear attack, General Griffin said. North Carolina, he pointed out, is surrounded by important targets, making fallout the primary threat to the state.

Even in heavy fallout, he said, 48 hours in a shelter will save lives—and, for persons not actually at the place of a nuclear explosion, there would be one to several hours to get in shelter, before the radio-active particles, carried aloft by an explosion, settle to the earth again.

He cited as five life-saving rules: know the warning signals, know and be a part of a local emergency plan, know first aid to save lives when professional medical care is not available, know the "Conelrad" emergency radio frequencies (640 and 1240) and construct a home fallout shelter, to contain two weeks supply of food, a battery radio and medical supplies.

North Carolina, General Griffin said, has CD directors in all its 100 counties and 270 municipal directors. The state has 7,000 radiological detection instruments, and over 33,000 trained operators for them (15,000 operators are needed). Available in North Carolina are 35 emergency, 200-bed hospital units and emergency medical supplies for 70,000 cases. (Continued on Page 8)

## Army Warns About Live Firing Area

Live firing is being conducted in the vicinity of Camp Mackall and the Sandhill Wildlife Area, residents and visitors to those areas were warned by the Army this week.

The firing will continue through June 25.

Barricades are erected or guards are on roads that are closed, the announcement said. All persons are requested to comply with warning signs and instructions of guards.

The following roads are closed during the firing period: Gardner Farm Lane, Strosberg Lane and Old Rifle Range Road, including Scotland Lake Lane and the Angling Fire Lane.

## 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 W E B studios on Midland Road.

	Max.	Min.
June 7	84	61
June 8	83	56
June 9	85	60
June 10	85	55
June 11	86	58
June 12	84	67
June 13	80	67

## Moss Acquitted On Charges of Beating Woman

W. O. Moss of Mile-Away Farms, at Manly, well known horseman and joint master of Moore County Hounds, was acquitted in Southern Pines Recorder's Court Wednesday of an assault charge brought by Mrs. Jeannette G. Pitts of Manly.

In addition to the charge of assault on a female, Solicitor Howard Broughton had the warrant amended to add "resulting in painful injuries and causing complainant to flee from a place where she had a right to be."

Mrs. Pitts testified to a brutal beating she said had been administered by Moss without provocation on the evening of May 28, but Moss denied nearly every particular, giving testimony in almost exact contradiction. Judge Harry Fullenwider ruled that the evidence was such as to leave "reasonable doubt" of a criminal act.

Before rendering his verdict, the judge recessed court for about 10 minutes while he re-read his 16 pages of notes taken during the trial of two and a half hours.

Both principals are longtime residents of the Manly area, having lived there about 30 years, but said they had not known each other before the incident of May 28. Mrs. Pitts said she knew Moss "by sight" but had not previously spoken to him.

Mrs. Pitts testified that she was going to babysit at the home of Dooley Adams, another well-known horseman of the area, and that on a dirt road between the Stonebrook and Gay Tate estates, Moss, riding a horse, blocked the road, forcing her to

## BY HIT-RUN DRIVER

## Young Man Killed on Street Here

Paul Spencer Smith, 23-year-old married man and father of two young children, of Carthage, Rt. 3, was killed by a hit-run driver on North May street about 10:30 p. m. Saturday.

Walking along the edge of the street in the 800 block, he was struck and tossed some 85 feet nearly into an intersection. With neck broken, leg broken and other injuries, he was dead on arrival at St. Joseph's Hospital.

While no one apparently saw the actual impact, according to Police Chief Earl Seawell, nearby residents hearing it rushed out in time to see a car stop, then start up again and speed on its north-bound way.

With only a few shattered fragments of a broken headlight for clues, local police have worked intensively on the case ever since. Appeals for information concerning many leads have come in. Each one has been followed but the search has been fruitless so far, except for turning up one stolen car, hidden in the woods near Eastwood, missing from Fort Bragg since May 6.

Service stations and garages in the vicinity and Fort Bragg have been alerted to look out for a car with damaged right front and broken headlight.

Smith, a truckdriver, is survived by his wife, the former Treva Hunt, and children Carl James and Janet Fay, of the home, also his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Smith of Carthage, Route 3.

Other survivors include five sisters, Mrs. Mack Callahan of Vass, Mrs. Ted Waddell and Mrs. James Yow of Albemarle, Mrs. Paul Garner of Carthage Route 3 and Mrs. C. E. Hardy of Cameron, Route 1; one brother, Bill, of the home, and his maternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Chrisman, of Sanford, Route 6.

Funeral services were held Monday afternoon at Yates-Thagard Baptist church, with the pastor, the Rev. Ed Dupree, assisting the Rev. Billy Metters of Red Branch Baptist Church. Burial was in Rocky Fork Christian Church Cemetery near Sanford.

## 2 BLOODMOBILE VISITS SLATED

The Red Cross Bloodmobile will visit Moore county twice next week. Tuesday at West End and Wednesday at Aberdeen.

At West End, the unit will be stationed at the school gym from 12 noon to 4:30 p. m. At Aberdeen, where the Jaycoes are sponsoring the visit, it will be at the school cafeteria from 9 a. m. to 2:30 p. m. with a quota of 125 pints.

Blood donors old and new are badly needed, and those from neighbor communities are invited to attend at one place or another, donate blood and build up their credits against future need. Local doctors and nurses will assist the Bloodmobile staff, and local volunteers will be in attendance.

## Federal Agent Patch Attacked At Fayetteville

Richard M. Patch, Southern Pines native who is a federal undercover narcotics agent, has had many narrow escapes—one of the narrowest Wednesday morning at Fayetteville.

The 30-year-old agent got into his car, parked in a narrow alleyway in a slum area, to be grabbed from behind by someone who had apparently hidden in the back seat. Slugged, he managed to grab his pistol and fire, just as he was stabbed in the shoulder by an ice-pick.

The attacker fled and it was some time before Patch could get help. Taken to Cape Fear Valley hospital, he was later reported "in satisfactory condition."

Cumberland Sheriff W. G. Clark said he had put all his deputies on the case which is "complicated by the fact that we don't know if it was a simple robbery attempt, or the outgrowth of one of his cases."

The 30-year-old agent, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Patch, lives in Greensboro, attached to the narcotics division of the U. S. Treasury Department. A notable disguise artist, he has been active in many major cases, including several recent ones in the Fort Bragg area.

## Mrs. Steed Heads Realtors' Board

In elections held recently by the Southern Pines Board of Realtors, Mrs. Julia Steed was named president to succeed Lt. Col. F. M. Smith.

J. I. Scott was elected vice president, the office that Mrs. Steed had held for the past year. G. H. Leonard, Jr., was chosen as secretary-treasurer, succeeding Mr. Scott.

All officers will serve for the coming year.

Mrs. Steed, first woman to be president of the realtors, is the wife of J. N. Steed, division superintendent of Carolina Power & Light Co. She is active in civic affairs, served on the board of the Chamber of Commerce, when there was a Chamber here, and is a member of Brownson Memorial Presbyterian Church.

The Steeds have three children: J. N. Steed III, a graduate of The Citadel who is a teacher at Hoffman; Suzanne, who will graduate from St. Andrews College in August; and Judith, a student in Southern Pines.

## Witness Jailed, Others Queried In Fatal Stabbing

One material witness has been jailed and others are being questioned in a homicide of Monday night which Sheriff W. B. Kelly described as "one of the most confusing crimes I can remember being handled by this department."

Death of a stab wound is June Sullivan, 55, instantly killed by a butcher knife which pierced his right chest while he was in the back yard of his home on US 15-501 about two miles south of Carthage.

There were several witnesses to the stabbing but, said the sheriff, "all of them were drinking and they all deny having stabbed him or knowing who did." The witnesses include Frank Yow, of Carthage, who was found still in the yard when officers arrived there about 9 p. m., and is being held. Two or three other men had already left for home.

Mrs. Sullivan who was in the kitchen at the time, said she did not know what happened in the yard.

Chief Deputy Sheriff H. H. Grimm is heading the investigation. (Continued on Page 8)

## TWO SPORTS PROGRAM BENEFIT DANCES TO TAKE PLACE IN AREA FRIDAY NIGHT

Party-minded couples in the Sandhills have their choice of two gala dances, with live music and other features, tomorrow (Friday) night. Both of the events will be staged for benefit of popular athletic programs and both, despite the conflict in date, promise to be well attended.

**Spring Ball Park Ball**

At the National Guard Armory here, Bob Smith's Orchestra from Fayetteville will play from 9 to 1, for the Spring Ball Park Ball, a fund-raising event for the local Little League baseball program in which more than 100 boys are taking part.

Funds to complete the official Little League ball park on Morganton Road is the program's chief current need. Bill Smith at Jackson Motors is chairman of the event.

A set of ladies' golf clubs, with bag, will be given away during the dance and five cases of Coca Cola will be given as a door prize. Numerous adults connected with the Little League program are selling tickets or tickets may be obtained at the door.

**Tennis Ball**

The Tennis Ball at the Pinehurst Country Club, running from 9:30 to 1:30, will have music by the Frank Jefferson Orchestra from Raleigh. Sponsors are the Sandhill Tennis Association and the Pinehurst Tennis Club, both of which draw membership and support from throughout the Sandhills. Both programs will benefit from the proceeds.

Tickets in Southern Pines are available from Mrs. Norris Hodgkins, Jr., Mrs. Ted Taws and Mrs. William Bonsal III, in Pinehurst from Mrs. Joel Hufford, Mrs. Francis Owens and Mrs. Peter Tufts. Tickets may also be obtained at the door.

Table reservations may be made through Mrs. Bonsal in Southern Pines and Wallace O'Neal in Pinehurst.

There will be entertainment at 11 p. m.