

Mrs. Jane Towne, Winter Resident Dies in New York

Mrs. Jane Holabird Towne, 79, a resident of Southern Pines for a large portion of each year since 1929, died this morning at her apartment in New York City where she was spending the summer.

Funeral plans were not complete at The Pilot's press time, but a service is to be held Saturday in the Chapel of the Church of Heavenly Rest in New York, with burial in Graceland Cemetery, Chicago, Ill.

Mrs. Towne's son, Augur, whose apartment at 243 E. 17th St., in New York, is within a few blocks of where his mother lived, told The Pilot by telephone this morning that Mrs. Towne had been in declining health for several weeks and took a rapid turn for the worse early today, before she could be taken to a hospital. He and a granddaughter of Mrs. Towne, Miss Jane Carey of Washington, D. C., were with her when she died.

Miss Carey is the daughter of Mrs. Towne's daughter, Laura, (Mrs. Calvert Carey) who died in 1933. Mrs. Towne's immediate survivors other than her son, are three granddaughters and five great-grandchildren.

Born in Chicago, August 17, 1882, Mrs. Towne was the daughter of the distinguished architect, William Holabird, and Mrs. Holabird. She had lived at Evanston, Ill., and Washington, D. C., before coming to Southern Pines. Her home here is at 540 Morganton Road.

Interested for many years in social service work, Mrs. Towne was one of the founders of a well known adoption agency, the Cradle Society, at Evanston. She was one of the original group working in this area with the Maternal Welfare Committee which was founded nearly 30 years ago.

Afflicted with deafness for many years, she was a member and regional official of the American Hearing Society and was active in its work. She was an active member of Emmanuel Episcopal Church here.

For many years Mrs. Towne was a member of the Book Committee of the Southern Pines Library. She read widely and, in recent years had contributed occasional book reviews to Miss Locke-Parker's "Looking at Books" column in The Pilot. She was held in affectionate regard by a wide circle of friends in the Sandhills.

In recent years, Mrs. Towne had spent her summers in New York City where her son, an architect, practices his profession. She had formerly been a summer resident of Chicago and Washington.

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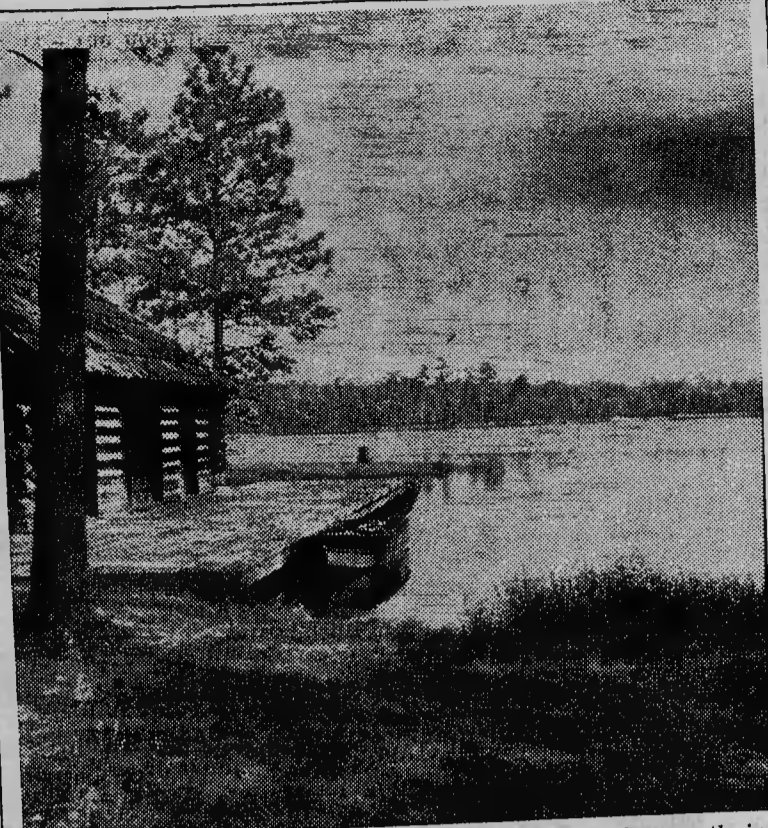
He will be elected. The representatives from North Carolina's 100 counties elect the Speaker they wish the day after convening, in this case February 5. However, since it is known that well over two-thirds of the membership have already given Blue their endorsement, no problem seems likely.

Urged by a considerable group of friends among the membership, Blue consented a year ago to seek the Speakership "if re-nominated and re-elected," as he said it would be "presumptuous" to campaign for Speaker before he was sure of being returned to the House.

When the April filing deadline left him unopposed in both the primary and general election, his work began in earnest and in the past few weeks he has crossed and criss-crossed the State, meeting with House members. While the primary cut down a few, it brought in others to Blue's advantage, and he has had the assistance of influential friends in all counties in making contacts and spreading good will. Reports showed his candidacy to be on a steady upgrade.

Blue's 1963 term will be his ninth from Moore, which first sent him to the House in 1947. He has had opposition several times since, but scored decisive wins. His rise in the state's governing body has been impressive and in 1959 he served as chairman of the weighty Finance Committee of the House, carrying with it two years' service on the State Advisory Budget Commission.

During this busy year, the 52-year-old newspaper publisher (Sandhill Citizen and Robbins Record) is also serving as president of the North Carolina Press association, and was chairman of the 1962 Easter Seal campaign of the State Society for Crippled Children and Adults.



BOATHOUSE AND LAKE—The camera is facing south in this photo, showing the chinked-log boathouse on the north shore of Watson's Lake, near the large cottage on the property. Old-fashioned split shakes form the roof of the boathouse. Large pine trees can be seen in the distance. Across the lake and to the right, out of the camera's range, is proposed location of a private clubhouse to be built by a purchasing group that now has the property under option. Details in story on front page. (Pilot photo)

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stop her car. She said he dismounted, slapped and hit her, banged the car door against her legs, and, when she got a tire tool out of the back of her car to fight him off, snatched it from her and threw it away. When she screamed and started blowing the horn for help, she said he snatched the horn button off the car and threw it away too. She said "he was like a wild man," and when she finally got away she went toward the Adams house, and Adams came and sent her home with an employee driving.

She said she went then to the Southern Pines police station with her husband to swear out a warrant, then to Moore Memorial Hospital.

Dr. Charles Phillips testified he gave her emergency treatment, that she had suffered superficial contusions and abrasions on the nose, chest and shin, and that when later she complained of pains gave her X-rays but no further injury was disclosed.

Moss on the stand denied that he had assaulted Mrs. Pitts or touched her in any way except to grab the tire tool from her after she had hit him with it, causing a cut on his arm which had to have four stitches.

He said he was out on his pony exercising some 10-months-old pups of the Moore County pack, and that two of the pups had gotten in the deep ruts of the road directly in front of Mrs. Pitts' car. He said that she was moving slowly but he was afraid she did not see the pups. He said everything he did from that point on was to keep the pups from being hurt and to get the idea across to Mrs. Pitts.

He said he asked her, "Lady, give me just three seconds to get the pups out of your way," and that she answered, "You get out of my way right now or I'll kill you and your horse and your dogs," and when he tried to explain she backed up her car and turned around. By then, he said, the pups had run around her cars and were in front of it again and he was forced to stop her again, whereupon she started screaming, ran around and got the tire tool out of her car, hit him on the arm with it, and he snatched it from her and threw it away. She continued to scream, he said, and started sounding the horn. He admitted grabbing the horn button off and throwing it away.

Mrs. Pitts testified that at one point Moss claimed to be a "sheriff" and showed her a badge to that effect. It was brought out by questions of both the solicitor and Defense Counsel W. D. Sabiston that the defendant, a large property owner who has worked over the years with law enforcement officers and in fire prevention and control, has been appointed a special deputy (unpaid) attached to the sheriff's department, with countywide authority, and carries an official badge.

Dooley Adams was in court but was not called by either side, answering some questions, however, asked by the judge as to Mrs. Pitts' condition. He said she showed evidence of a nosebleed.

Called by the State, Mrs. Pitts' 15-year-old son Earl testified as to his mother's arrival home, and Police Chief Earl Seawell said she was upset and crying in the police station, and showed him where the horn button had been ripped from her steering wheel.

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being organized, Mr. Megginson said, and will be announced next week.

Here are highlights of the recreation schedules:

East Southern Pines
Children in the first through fourth grades will take part in the town park program directed by Miss Fobes who is a Southern Pines High School graduate and a rising senior at Greensboro College where she is majoring in Christian Education.

In connection with this phase of the program, Mr. Megginson especially asked parents not to send children under first grade age to the park without adult supervision. The program is not set up to permit the park playground director to supervise children under first grade age, he said.

Activities at the park, Miss Fobes said, will be morning (9 to 12) arts and crafts, group games and croquet; and afternoon—story hour at 2 p. m. and, 3-5, badminton, horseshoes, volley ball and hopscotch.

At Memorial Field, for the 5th-grade-and-up group, activities will include ping pong, archery, horseshoes, croquet, volleyball and badminton.

On Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings, at 9:30, the school activities bus will leave from Memorial Field, to take the 5th-grade-and-up youngsters to Aberdeen Lake for supervised swimming sessions, returning to Memorial Field between 11:30 and 12.

On Tuesday and Thursday mornings from 9:30 to 12, Mr. Megginson or Mr. Williams will give tennis instruction at the municipal courts on the park block.

Another activity is Pony League baseball which is sponsored by the John Boyd Post, Veterans of Foreign Wars and coached by Mr. Williams, playing games each Tuesday and Thursday afternoon, in a league with teams from other towns of this area. The team, as reported in another story in today's Pilot, has won two games and lost none, so far this season.

West Southern Pines
In West Southern Pines, recreation activity will be concentrated at the school from 10 a. m. to about 4 p. m. each day, moving then to the "city lot" at the corner of Stephens St. and W. Michigan Ave.

The arts and crafts period will run from 10 a. m. to 1 p. m. Other activities on the program have been announced as:

10 a. m.—softball, baseball for small boys, croquet and tennis.
11 a. m.—story hour, volleyball, horseshoes baseball for small boys, roller skating and tennis.
12 noon to 2 p. m.—ping pong, checkers, shuffleboard, horseshoes and tennis.
2 to 4 p. m.—basketball in the school gymnasium.
4 to 6 p. m. (at city lot)—softball (Miss Steele in charge) and baseball for adults (Mr. Wynn in charge), also tennis.

About 80 per cent of all VA hospital mental patients returned to their communities are under VA social work supervision for some time after they leave the hospital.

The yearly number of VA mental patients recovering and leaving the hospital to return to their communities has nearly tripled within less than ten years and shows a steady increase.

Officer Injured, Car Damaged in Pursuit of Boy

Pursuit of a car by local police Sunday night wound up with the police car wrecked, one officer injured and the capture of the wanted driver near the Hoke County line by a State Highway Patrolman.

The driver turned out to be a scared 15-year-old boy, a resident of Hoke County, who had yielded to an impulse to take a car from the lot of his father's service station and go for a spin.

By Tuesday of this week, no charges had been brought against the boy whose age classifies him as a juvenile. For this reason, his name was not released for publication.

The car, weaving along Bennett street, caught the eye of Sgt. L. D. Beck and Patrolman A. J. Benner who were cruising on night duty. As they approached the car got up speed and led them up East New York avenue behind the school. It circled the home of Supt. Luther Adams, at the end of the dead-end street, where the police car brought up against a tree.

The officers sent out a radio alert via the State Highway Patrol, and Trooper R. R. Samuels picked up the car on Bethesda Road, pursued it to U S 1, along old U S 1 to Aberdeen and then out the Raeford road, cutting off on a rural road near the county line where the pursued car ran into a ditch and stopped.

The youthful driver, termed "a good boy" and regular Sunday School attendant, had been supposed to be with friends in Southern Pines but said he went back to his father's service station on US 1 after his father had gone home for the night.

Patrolman Benner was treated at St. Joseph's hospital for a neck injury. Some \$400 damage was done to the police car, according to Chief Seawell.

1962 Peach Crop Seen Under 1961, But Quality Fine

Based on reports from growers as of June 1, North Carolina peach production is forecast at 1-250,000 bushels, the same forecast as last month, but 250,000 bushels or 17 per cent less than was produced in 1961, according to the N. C. Crop Reporting Service.

This year's peach prospects are below last year due to mid-April frost damage in low areas and to unseasonably heavy death loss of bearing trees from disease. Losses were only partially overcome by an increase from young orchards coming into production this season.

In the commercial counties of the Sandhills area, the crop is in good condition. Harvest is now under way on the early maturing varieties, and quality of the crop is fine, said the Reporting Service.

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Qualities. A large part of the state has been subjected to a federal shelter survey, assessing the shelter value of public and private buildings offering protection.

A unique aspect of Civil Defense was noted by General Griffin as applicable here. A well-organized CD program in the Sandhills, he said, would be a "drawing card" for this resort area, encouraging visitors to stop here.

A film illustrating various Civil Defense procedures was shown following General Griffin's talk. Public officials had been invited to the meeting. Among those attending were H. Clifton Blue, Moore County representative in the General Assembly; J. M. Pleasant of Southern Pines and W. S. Taylor of Aberdeen, members of the board of county commissioners; and Mayor Earl Freeman, Police Chief Dees and other officials, of Aberdeen. No members of the Southern Pines town council or other local officials were present.

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tion. Coroner Ralph G. Steed plans an inquest to be held later in the week.

Funeral services for Sullivan were held Wednesday afternoon at Bethlehem Baptist Church, conducted by the pastor, the Rev. Ernest Poston, with burial in the church cemetery.

Surviving are his wife, the former Rozelle Fry; three sisters, Mrs. Addie Lee McKenzie, Mrs. Dorothy E. Sheffield and Mrs. Mary P. McKenzie, all of Pinehurst; and two brothers, Charlie Sullivan of Carthage, Route 3, and Archie Sullivan of Pinehurst.

\$25 Reward Set For Information About Lost Man

A \$25 reward has been offered by relatives and friends for information leading to location of mentally retarded Negro man who is missing from the home of a sister, Mrs. Shirley Gibson with whom he lived in Jackson Hamlet, between Aberdeen and Pinehurst.

Money for the reward and for other expenses of the search for Williams was raised by donations made in West Southern Pines churches Sunday. Williams lived in Southern Pines for many years, moving to Jackson Hamlet about three years ago. He is widely known here.

Numerous leads in the mystery of his disappearance have been followed up by family and friends, all of them proving to be unproductive. Though mentally retarded, Williams is considered harmless.

Williams disappeared Sunday, May 27, dressed for church in a blue coat, light pants, white shirt, blue tie, gray hat and black shoes. He is described as about five feet, six inches in height, weighing about 150 pounds and having a dark complexion. He had not been known previously to stray from his neighborhood.

Persons having information should get in touch with the sheriff's department in Carthage, police departments in any Moore County town or James Livingstone, 1182 W. New Hampshire Ave., Southern Pines, Telephone 692-6172.

In 1940, U. S. agriculture used about 50 basic farm chemicals. Today it uses more than 200—in some 45 to 50 thousand commercial applications.

Bynum Clan Holds Annual Reunion at Skyvue Lodge Near Sanford, Sunday

The annual Bynum reunion was held Sunday at Skyvue Lodge near Sanford, summer place of Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Keith of Sanford.

Seventy-two persons were registered, coming from Virginia, South Carolina and various parts of North Carolina. Dinner was spread on long tables set up in the breezeway.

John Cameron of Asheboro presided over the business session, during which suggestions for future meetings were discussed and officers elected, as follows: Frank Bynum of Darlington, S. C., president and Joe B. Cameron of Manly, vice president. Bessie Cameron Smith of Vass was made

permanent secretary several years ago.

"Senior clan member" prizes went to Mrs. Mary M. Patterson of Manly and J. M. McDonald of Hamlet; to the person traveling the greatest distance to attend, Mrs. Bertie C. Cox of Alexandria, Va.; youngest child present, Annette Derr, Richmond, Va.; other prizes went to Diane and Skipper Kerr. A gift was presented to Mr. and Mrs. Keith as host and hostess.

Group singing with Harold Thompson of Jacksonville playing his electric guitar was enjoyed.

The Keiths have issued a standing invitation to the clan to hold the annual meetings at Skyvue.

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