

Sandhill Regional Library Founded Effective Sept. 1

The Sandhill Regional Library, comprising the Moore County Library, the Montgomery County Library and the Rockingham-Richmond County Library, will be established effective Saturday, September 1, by joint contract of the three boards of county commissioners, the Rockingham town board and the boards of the three participating libraries.

The new regional library will go into operation with a budget of slightly more than \$25,000 for the year, and Miss Hollis Haney, certified librarian, as director.

All three will continue to operate locally as before, under their local names, with staffs and local tax budgets as before, and the three bookmobiles operating as before. But they will be joined "at the top," administratively and for joint purchasing and services, meaning improved service and greater economies for all.

Regional Board Administration of the Sandhill Library is in the hands of a nine-member board

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Columbus County Editor Injured In US 1 Collision

Mrs. Evelyn Leonard, 46, women's editor of the Columbus County News published at Chadbourn, was seriously injured in an accident Saturday night when the car her husband was driving was involved in a collision on US Highway 1 near here.

State Trooper J. F. Cardwell said the small British-made car driven by Deland Leonard, 49, turned directly from the northbound lane in front of a southbound car driven by Kermit Littleton, 26, of Aberdeen, at the intersection of US 1 and 15-501, just north of Howard Johnson's.

The three occupants of the Leonard car were all taken to Moore Memorial hospital, and Mrs. Leonard, who received severe head injuries, was later carried to N. C. Memorial hospital at Chapel Hill. Leonard was less seriously hurt and a young boy, Jimmy Martin, 13, of Tabor City received only minor hurts. Littleton was uninjured.

Both cars were badly damaged. Leonard's little Anglia "extensively," though Cardwell said it was probably repairable. The trooper said that Leonard will be charged with improper turn, causing accident and personal injury.

Reward Offered For Return Of Papers Missing In Bizarre Car-Theft Case

A reward is being offered for the return of some personal papers, lost last week in one of the most bizarre auto theft cases ever to come to the attention of local police.

The stolen car was quickly recovered, but missing were the personal papers of the owner, Charles Harper, also several hundred dollars' worth of custom-made tools and helicopter parts removed from the trunk.

Last Friday morning Harper, who lives at the corner of Connecticut Avenue Extension and Highland Road, just at the city limits, found that his 1958 Cadillac had been pushed to the edge of his property, where it got hung on a curb.

Missing was his 1958 Mercury, in the trunk of which were stored special tools and aluminum parts for his Brantley helicopter, with which he regularly flies three states as distributor for the Brantley concern.

Local police were notified and Chief Earl Seawell put out the alarm on the stolen car via State Highway Patrol radio. He was quickly informed that the Mercury had been found at Fayetteville, hidden amid tall corn in a cornfield where Negro neighbors

had spotted it.

Harper, picking up his car, and finding it badly damaged underneath, found the aluminum parts and most of the tools—"all the shiny pieces"—missing.

Also missing—and this Harper said he minded most of all—was a black leather folder, described as "old and beat-up," in which he kept his personal papers: driver's license and car registration, pilot's license, credit cards, checkbooks imprinted with his name, etc.

Harper said he usually carried the folder with him but had been loading the helicopter parts in the car while wearing a knit shirt without pockets, so for convenience had put the folder in the glove compartment.

He has notified his bank, the credit-card concerns and is in process of notifying the FAA, while taking steps toward securing duplicates of most of the papers, but very much wants the folder back and will give a reward to anyone returning it, the amount to be governed by how good a condition it is in and how many papers are left inside.

He said he thought that, finding no cash, the thieves might have thrown the folder away and someone might find and, he hopes, return it.

Chief Seawell said a number of fingerprints were found on the Cadillac, which the thieves apparently tried to steal also but couldn't get it to the road. Some footprints were also found. He said the indications are the thieves are small-sized persons, maybe young boys in their teens.

AD CORRECTION
A correction on the price of fryers in the Colonial Stores ad on Page 15 came in too late, as the page had already been run.
Readers are asked to note that "Fryers, 27c" is correct, instead of "Fryers, 29c."



OFF FOR ALASKA. Caught in the midst of their packing the other day, the Morgans were photographed with items they'll use on the 8,000-mile camping trip. From left, kneeling, Gene, 12, with bow and arrow, his still and movie cameras about his neck; Debbie, six, with "Princess," their 11-year-old cocker spaniel who's been along on all their family outings. Standing—Walter, 14, with rod and reel; Mrs. Morgan with nested stewpots and frying pan, about her neck a pair of the red wool mittens she's knitted for all; David, 10, with his harmonica, and behind him, Brigi, 15, with snowshoes; at right, Mr. Morgan with his shotgun for protection. In foreground, sleeping bag and sack of personal gear (each has his own, initialed) and in background, the car, and trailer carrying aluminum boat. (Photo by V. Nicholson)

Morgans Prepare For 8,000-Mile, 40-Day Camping Trip To Alaska

Plenty Tobacco, Good Prices Seen On Moore Marts' Opening

Tobacco was abundant, prices reported good and the chant of the auctioneer a sweet golden song as the Carthage and Aberdeen markets opened this morning.

First sale at Carthage was at McConnell's Warehouse, second at the Victory, alternating on sale days thereafter.

At Aberdeen, Hardee's had the first sale, New Aberdeen the second and Planters the third, to rotate on ensuing sale days.

Full sets of buyers were on hand. The opening of the Middle Belt markets was postponed from Monday in order to secure them.

While The Pilot's prestime precluded getting definite figures on opening sales, several warehousemen reported that "the growers seemed happy" and very little tobacco was going to the government (which happens when buyers don't bid enough).

Comparative prices with last year were also impossible, as the first day initiated a five-day experiment sales period for untied tobacco.

This is the tobacco from the lower part of the plant which usually doesn't bring enough to pay for the labor of hand-tying, and for which there have not, until this year, been price supports. With a \$6 support price this year, the untied sales are proving satisfactory to some, while being criticized by others.

Not enough untied tobacco came in for the first sales to take up the whole sales period, at either Carthage or Aberdeen, and at both places tied tobacco was ready to be sold, when the untied was gone.

The markets, through which much of Moore county's \$5,500,000 crop is sold, along with quantities from other counties, will be operating during the next two or three months.

O'Neal Outlines Campaign Plans For Commissioner

Wallace W. O'Neal, Republican candidate for Moore County commissioner, announced his campaign plans Tuesday evening at Republican headquarters here.

The Pinehurst man outlined (Continued on Page 5)

Scott Agency Sold To Hobbs; Health Reasons Cited

Sale of the Scott Insurance and Realty Co. by Joseph I. Scott to J. D. Hobbs, effective September 1, was announced today by the two principals.

The business, located in the Stevens Building, 118 N. W. Broad St., will continue as before for the present, its name, location and staff unchanged, said Hobbs, who also owns the Resort Insurance Agency in the Mackenzie Building, and the Sandhills Insurance Agency at Pinehurst.

The announcement was made after full agreement had been reached, though last-minute details were being worked out and (Continued on Page 8)

Highfalls Poultry Show Will Stress 4-H Exhibits, Sale

The annual Highfalls Poultry show, to be held Saturday morning at the Highfalls school, will stress the work of 4-H members with poultry projects, with exhibits and sales of their finest pullets.

Formerly known as the Highfalls Poultry and Egg show, with prizes for all producers in several categories of both poultry and eggs, this time the emphasis is on youthful producers.

Eliminated also is the "Poultry Queen" beauty contest which was a feature for several years. The beauty contest will be among the pullets, with good sales as their reward.

Pullets will be entered starting at 9:30 a.m., with judging to be held at 10. From 11 to 11:45, the public will visit and inspect the exhibits. Recognition of the 4-H producers will take place at 11:45 a.m. and at noon the sale of the exhibits will begin.

F. D. Allen, county agricultural agent, and C. S. "Pete" Lewis, Jr., assistant in charge of 4-H boys' work, invite the public to attend and exercise their privilege of buying some of the finest pullets to be offered on any market.

Also cooperating in the show and in extending the invitation are Miss Flora McDonald, county home economics agent, and her assistant Miss Mary Braswell, in charge of 4-H girls' work.

Largest Enrollment In History Is Foreseen Tuesday In Local Schools

22 Moore Schools Report Enrollment On Opening Day

Opening-day enrollment of 22 out of 25 high and elementary schools in the Moore County system totaled 6,033, according to Supt. Robert E. Lee.

Not reporting by Thursday afternoon were Westmoore high and elementary, and Davis elementary schools.

Those reporting (high school listed first, elementary second) were: Aberdeen, 599, 224; Carthage, 225, 476; Elise (Robbins), 421, 561; Farm Life, 80, 212; Pinckney, 239, 515; Cameron, 137, 290; Vass-Lakeview, 129, 348; West End, 155, 221; Highfalls, 103, 289; Berkeley, 69, 350; Eagle Springs elementary, 136; Vineland elementary, 254.

Total opening-day enrollment last year was 6,370, while 10 years ago—in 1952—it was 4,546.

The county schools opened Wednesday for a half-day of pupil-teacher orientation, and today (Thursday) swung into their regular schedule.



DR. LAKE
Dr. Lake, New Presbyterian Minister, Here

Dr. Julian Lake, new pastor of Brownson Memorial Presbyterian church, is undertaking his new duties as of September 1, and will conduct the morning worship service Sunday, delivering his first sermon as pastor to his congregation.

Dr. Lake, who comes to the Southern Pines church from the First Presbyterian church of Winston-Salem, moved with his family into the Manse August 15, then taking his vacation prior to starting his new work.

He comes to this community with many years of experience, preceded by a reputation as one of the State's most distinguished and honored pastors.

While changing pastorates, he is retaining his trusteeships of St. Andrews College, Davidson College and Union Theological Seminary at Richmond, Va.

Born in Atlanta, Ga., he attended the University School for Boys there, later earning his A. B. degree at Davidson and his B. D. degree at Union Theological Seminary. After several years of active ministry, he was awarded the honorary degree of Doctor of Divinity by Davidson.

He has served the Warrenton (Va.) church, the Oakland Avenue church of Rock Hill, S. C., the First Church of Bristol, Tenn., and the First Church of Winston-Salem.

His call to the local church was (Continued on Page 8)

Commissioners Plan Bond Vote For 2 Buildings

The Moore County commissioners, in special session last week, started the ball rolling toward a \$250,000 bond election to build an Agricultural Building, with space for the Moore County library, also for the welfare department.

They authorized the forwarding of an application to the Local Government Commission for permission to hold the election and issue the bonds, if approved.

The Agricultural - Library building, to cost \$175,000, would be built on a site purchased three years ago by the county with this purpose in mind. The welfare building would be built next to the Moore County Health Center, on land also owned by the county. Its cost of \$75,000 would eventually be repaid by federal funds paid to the county as rent.

Present plans are, if permission is granted in time, to hold the bond election on the same day as the general election November 6, thus saving the county some \$3,000 in election costs.

Don't Be a Labor Day Statistic!

Monday, Labor Day, will be a general holiday for all governmental offices, schools, banks, post offices, libraries and all but essential businesses.

The last long holiday weekend of the summer is expected to bring a record number of travelers onto the highways.

The State Highway Patrol will work hard to keep it a happy holiday, with the minimum toll of death and disaster. They will be out in full force from 6 p.m. Friday through midnight Monday, working against the probabilities estimated by the N. C. State Motor Club at 25 fatalities.

Last year's toll for the 78-hour period was 23 killed and 236 injured in a total of 678 accidents.

Motorists are cautioned to observe all rules of highway safety and courtesy. Don't cause, or become, a 1962 statistic!

BOOSTERS' BARBECUE
A barbecue will be held Wednesday from 6 to 8 p.m. at the Southern Pines Country Club, sponsored by the Blue Knights Boosters club. A cordial invitation is extended the general public to attend and help boost the Knights.

Teacher List Completed, All In Readiness

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First-day enrollment last year was 1,521, including 886 at East Southern Pines, 550 at West Southern Pines, in both high and elementary schools. This grew to a membership of 1,700 before the end of school.

The expected increase will continue a trend which over the past decade has caused the schools to burst their seams, and necessitated much new construction. In 1952 total first-day enrollment was 811, including 517 in East Southern Pines, 294 on the West side.

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The construction has been divided into four units, for construction as funds become available under the county's "pay-as-you-go" plan. With only \$81,500 allotted by the county commissioners in the current budget, to be added to reserve funds from last year, contracts could be let in July only on the first unit instead of the first two or three.

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Funeral services were held Wednesday afternoon at the Village Chapel, conducted by the rector, Bishop Louis C. Melcher, assisted by the Rev. Martin Caldwell of Emmanuel Episcopal church, Southern Pines. Burial was in Mt. Hope cemetery.

He was an accountant, heading his own office, which he opened in Pinehurst in 1921, and had operated continuously since that time.

He gave faithful service to Moore Memorial hospital over a period of more than 30 years, serving as secretary to the board of directors and treasurer of the corporation from approximately the time of its establishment in 1929.

He was president of the Pinehurst Religious association, a director of the Carolina Bank and past department vice-commander of the American Legion.

In 1938 he was awarded the Builders Cup "for outstanding service" by the Sandhills Kiwanis club, of which he was a past president, and a director at the time of his death.

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