

The county commissioners had a busy day Monday. Reports from their meeting, page 8.

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**Graduates**  
of East and West Southern Pines Schools are named, pictured on page 20.

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MISS FLORA McDONALD

**MRS. HUBBARD APPOINTED TO POST**

## 'Miss Flora' To Retire June 30 After 30 Years As Moore Co. Home Agent

The resignation of Miss Flora McDonald of Carthage, who has headed Moore County's State-Federal Extension Service program for women and girls during the past 30 years, was accepted with regret by the county commissioners Monday and Mrs. Jean McKinnon Hubbard of Mt. Gilead was appointed as her successor.

"Miss Flora"—who has played a key role in improving rural living conditions over the three decades of her service—started work with the county July 1, 1933, as home demonstration agent. Recently, the title has been changed to home economics agent.

She will retire June 30. Mrs. Hubbard, who is associate home

economics agent for Montgomery County, will begin her work in Moore August 1. During July, the assistant Moore agent, Mrs. Mary Braswell Mooney, who was married Sunday to Charles Mooney, will carry on the program, assisted by community leaders in the county's 20 Home Demonstration Clubs which have a membership of 450 women.

Expressing warm personal regard and praise for the work of Miss Flora, when she appeared before them Monday—with County Extension Chairman Fleet Allen, to introduce Mrs. Hubbard—the commissioners directed that a formal resolution of appreciation for her services be drawn up by County Attorney M. G. Boy-

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## McCullen Named Assistant Agent

Garland Dan McCullen, who graduated Saturday from the N. C. State College School of Agriculture, was appointed Monday by the Moore County commissioners as the new assistant agricultural extension agent.

He was presented by F. D. Allen, Moore County extension chairman, and succeeds C. E. "Pete" Lewis, who left May 1 to continue his studies. McCullen will work with Allen and Bennie Fulcher, assistant agent in charge of forestry, throughout the county, and will have charge of the boys' 4-H work.

McCullen, 23, son of Mr. and Mrs. Stacy McCullen of Faison, Route 1, was reared on their Sampson County farm and grad-

uated from Hobbs High School. He worked his way through State College, serving as an attendant at the State Hospital at Raleigh during five years of studies. He has been married for a year and a half to the former Lois Johnson of Walstonburg. They have taken an apartment at the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Lambert in Carthage.

At their May meeting, the commissioners had officially commended Mr. Lewis "for the splendid work he has done in the county." At that time, the board went on record as wishing him much success, noting on the record, "We feel that the work he has done will bear fruit for years to come."

**EAST AND WEST SOUTHERN PINES**

## Training For Student Drivers Slated

Plans were announced today by Supt. Luther A. Adams for the state-approved driver training program for students in the Southern Pines schools.

To participate, a student's 16th birthday must fall on or before July 1 of next year, 1964.

Registration for the East Southern Pines program will be held Monday, June 10, at 9 a. m. in the high school's multi-purpose room. Ralph Foushee of the Junior High

School faculty will be the instructor.

In West Southern Pines, where J. C. Hasty of the faculty will be the instructor, registration will take place at 8 a. m., Monday, June 17, in the old high school building.

Two complete driver training courses are planned during the summer, enabling students to fit the training into employment or vacation plans. Each course will consist of 30 hours of classroom work and six hours behind the wheel.

Attendance requirements are strict, Mr. Adams reminded parents and students. Three absences from the daily instruction Monday through Friday, disqualifies a student for that course, he said.

Automobiles driven by graduates of an approved driver training course are granted lower insurance rates than those driven by non-graduates. Driver training is financed by a \$1 charge paid annually by all purchasers of vehicle license plates in North Carolina.

Automobiles for this year's courses in both East and West Southern Pines are being provided by Wicks Chevrolet Co., Aberdeen.

## Negro Policeman To Be Added To Local Department

In a special meeting Tuesday night, the town council authorized F. F. Rainey, town manager, to make provision in the 1963-64 budget for an additional member of the police department and the use of a police vehicle for patrol duty. The new budget becomes effective July 1.

Rainey said this week that he expects to employ a Negro to fill the post, in line with several informal discussions held by council members and with requests to the council from organizations and individuals in West Southern Pines.

The motion approved by the council Tuesday night did not specify that a Negro be employed. Mayor W. Morris Johnson, who offered the motion, explained later that, under the council-manager form of government, the council puts full authority in hiring and firing all employees in the hands of the manager.

Rainey said that another police car would be purchased and that the Negro officer will have the use of a police vehicle with radio. He will be assisted in his work in West Southern Pines by other members of the department, when needed, the manager said.

In adopting the motion Tuesday night, all council members were aware, they said, that the manager plans to employ a Negro for the new job.

Councilman Felton Capel of West Southern Pines has advocated employment of a Negro policeman since he began his service on the council four years ago. He said such an officer could be particularly valuable in the prevention of juvenile delinquency and expressed the hope he

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## Birds Make Home In Traffic Signal Light

A number of persons have called The Pilot this week to point out that a pair of birds have built a nest, now containing young fledglings, in the tubular shield on the west side of the traffic signal hanging over the intersection of N. May St. and E. Connecticut Ave.

The birds seem unimpressed by the regular flashing on and off of the green light that forms the back wall of their precarious home, or by the traffic passing in both directions beneath it.

**COUNCIL MEET CHANGED**

Mayor W. Morris Johnson announced this morning that the regular June meeting of the Southern Pines town council is being changed from Tuesday, June 11, to Tuesday, June 18, at 8 p. m. in the municipal building.

## School Tax Rate To Be Lowered; Supplement Paid

At its regular meeting Wednesday night of next week, the Southern Pines board of education is expected to recommend lowering the 50 cents per \$100 of property valuation tax rate for the special supplementary school tax levied in the Southern Pines administrative district.

Supt. Luther A. Adams said this week he could not name the exact rate which would be named but said that it is expected the board will set the rate to bring in around the same amount of money (about \$65,000) that the current rate has brought.

The rate change is necessary because of an increase in the real property valuations throughout the county, after a professional appraisal. The county collects the special school tax, along with its regular taxes, and remits the proceeds to the school district.

The board of education has no authority to set the special tax rate—this is done by the county commissioners—but the commissioners have agreed to accept the recommendation of the education board.

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## Fire Damages Local Pharmacy Monday Morning

Fire, which broke out early Monday morning in the Broad Street Pharmacy of Joe Montasanti, Jr., produced terrific heat and dangerous black fumes.

Full extent of the extensive damage done to the contents is as yet undeterminable.

The only thing that seemed clear—though not stated—was the source of the blaze. From the scorched and half-burnt state of the cigar counter, it seemed pretty certain that the fire must have started there.

The fire was discovered by Mrs. Carrie Covington at 6:30 as she

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## Two Boys Break Legs In Baseball

Two boys in this area each broke a leg playing baseball this week.

In a Babe Ruth League game at Memorial Field Wednesday night, Gary West broke a leg in three places sliding into a base.

The Southern Pines team was playing Westmore. Ronnie Currie of Pinehurst broke a leg in two places when his spikes caught in home plate after making a home run, with the bases loaded, in a Pony League game with Aberdeen. Pinehurst won the contest.

## 36 Seniors Will Receive Diplomas In Graduation Exercises Tonight



AWARDS WINNER—Ralph C. Hendren, right, president of the graduating class of Southern Pines High School, is pictured as he received two of the several awards accorded him in the Honors and Awards Exercises held for the class Monday afternoon. Here, he receives from W. E. Blackwelder savings bonds given as district and state Elks Youth Leadership awards. The Milliken Memorial Award, top honor given here annually, went to Hendren, as well as others noted in the accompanying story.

(Humphrey photo)

**HENDREN GIVEN MILLIKEN AWARD**

## Many Students Accorded Honors

Presentation of the Milliken Memorial Award to Ralph C. Hendren, by Supt. Luther A. Adams, topped the list of awards made to Southern Pines High School seniors in a program in Weaver Auditorium Monday afternoon.

Given by Mrs. James Milliken in memory of her late husband, Dr. Milliken and of his son, James Milliken, Jr., the award goes annually to the senior judged outstanding in both academic and extra-curricular activity.

Hendren also won the Balfour Honor Key, presented by Miss Pauline Miller of the faculty; the School Service Award, for unselfish service to the school, presented by Principal Glenn Cox; and district and state awards in the Elks Youth Leadership Contest (\$25 and \$100 bonds), presented by W. E. Blackwelder.

As president of the graduating class, Hendren was on the other side of a presentation when he gave to the school, as the class gift, an electric clock and scoreboard for athletic contests at Memorial Field. The gift was accepted by Mr. Adams. As presi-

Thirty-six members of the Class of 1963 at Southern Pines High School are scheduled to receive their diplomas in commencement exercises to be held tonight (Thursday) in Weaver Auditorium at 8:15 p. m.

Members of the class are named and pictured elsewhere in today's Pilot.

Jean Dianne Fields is the first honor graduate (valedictorian) and Joseph Spurgeon Hiatt III is the second honor graduate (salutatorian). Both have parts on the program.

Other honor graduates, who have maintained a 90 or above average for the four years in high school, are: Lorraine Reba Beith, Ralph Connolly Hendren, Judith Annette Jones, James Lawson Ritchie IV and Dana Faye Tyson.

Dr. Amos C. Dawson, Jr., of Raleigh, executive secretary of the North Carolina Education Association and former Southern Pines school superintendent, principal and teacher, over the course of 22 years, will deliver the commencement address. He will be introduced by Luther A. Adams, superintendent.

Diplomas will be presented by N. L. Hodgkins, chairman of the board of education. J. E. Sandlin, vice chairman of the board, will bring greetings to the graduating class. The seniors will be presented for diplomas by Glenn L. Cox, high school principal.

The invocation will be given by the Rev. Carl Wallace, pastor of the United Church of Christ. The benediction will be pronounced by Father Francis M. Smith, pastor of St. Anthony's Catholic Church. The high school band will play the processional, recessional and one other selection during the program.

On Sunday night, in Weaver Auditorium the seniors heard the commencement sermon preached by the Rev. Maynard Mangum, pastor of the First Baptist Church.

Honors and Awards exercises, as reported in another story, were held Monday afternoon.

## 'Strive For Excellence,' Speaker Tells West Southern Pines School Graduates

Diplomas were presented last night to 28 members of the graduating class of West Southern Pines High School, in the 34th annual commencement exercises held by the school.

The graduates heard an inspiring address by Dr. Mary M. Townes, associate professor of Biology at North Carolina College, Durham, who is a graduate of the local school and a native of the Southern Pines community. She was introduced by H. A. Wilson, principal.

The speaker challenged the graduates to "strive for excellence in every aspect of life . . .

"Stand tall, smile tall, live tall and think tall," she said.

"You have to prepare yourself. The world is not waiting for you with open arms. You have to put both hands forward and push . . ."

**Mrs. Saunders Honored**

A special feature of the program was recognition of Mrs. O. J. Saunders who has completed 35 years of service as a teacher in the West Southern Pines School. In a surprise ceremony, she was presented a silver bowl by N. L. Hodgkins, chairman of the board of education, who praised her long and valuable service here.

Songs by the school glee club opened and closed the program and the group sang twice during the proceedings.

Members of the graduating class and the valedictorian and salutatorian—Henry Andrew Wilson, Jr. and Barnell David Flowers, III—are named and pictured elsewhere in today's Pilot.

Diplomas were presented by P. I. York, member of the Southern Pines board of education.

N. L. Hodgkins, board of education chairman, and Luther A. Adams, local schools superintendent, spoke briefly during the program.

The Rev. T. L. Parsons, pastor of Spaulding Chapel A. M. E. Zion Church, Pinehurst, delivered

the invocation.

In baccalaureate exercises held at the school Sunday afternoon, the Rev. E. S. Hardge, Jr., pastor of Trinity A. M. E. Zion Church of Southern Pines, delivered the sermon, "Courage—The Road That Leads To Success."

He told the audience that "God has set before each man life and death, blessing and curse; therefore choose life. In making major decisions we need courage to look ourselves in the eye, courage to hope for better things and courage to have faith in God," he said.

## Sandlin Appointed Police Patrolman

Jack Sandlin has been named a patrolman with the local police department to fill a vacancy on the force, it was announced this week by Chief Earl S. Seawell.

A native of Kentucky, Sandlin comes here from Laurinburg where he had been a member of the police department for four years. Recently he has been working with a trailer manufacturing company at Maxton.

Sandlin and his wife, the former Ola E. Snelling of Laurinburg, are moving their trailer home to Southern Pines. They have two young children.

**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
May 30	82	60
May 31	81	61
June 1	80	56
June 2	70	54
June 3	81	62
June 4	87	61
June 5	85	61



MEMORIAL PLAQUE — Pictured at last Thursday's Memorial Day presentation to the Town by the Rotary Club of a bronze plaque "To honor the citizens of Southern Pines who served and sacrificed in past wars," are, left to right: The Rev. Carl Wallace, club president, who made the presentation and offered a prayer of dedication; E. Earl Hubbard, co-chairman of the Rotary project; Mayor Pro Tem Norris L. Hodgkins, Jr., who accepted the gift on behalf of the town; and Harvey Scherr, Rotary committee member. Wording on the plaque noted its purpose, as quoted above, and includes the lines: "May we nourish in peace their spirit of patriotism." (Humphrey photo)