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Top 1963 News Stories, Developments In Area Business, Building Recalled

What were the "big stories" of 1963 in Moore County? One reporter's list gives first place to the overwhelming bond issue vote of November 5, securing the community college and

improvement of schools, with all the events which led up to it through many months; and next, the great "Pinebluff fire," which on April 4 swept over 25,000 acres of forest and field, destroying several homes and threatening to destroy the village of Pinebluff.

INCLUDING MOORE

Big Dam Project To Benefit Wide Section Of State

Impressive benefits loom for this central North Carolina area as result to final authorization by Congress last week of the \$25 million New Hope Dam project in Chatham County, after years of frustration and delays.

The huge concrete dam to be built where New Hope Creek joins the Haw River backing up a 32,000-acre lake in Chatham, Durham and Wake counties, will be augmented eventually by other dams on Deep River at Randleman, in Chatham, and at Howards Mill in Moore County just this side of the Montgomery County line. The two smaller dams have not yet been formally authorized.

The project is part of an overall water resource development plan for the Cape Fear River basin. The Haw River and Deep River, which crosses northern Moore County, join near Moncure to form the Cape Fear which flows—and often overflows—across the southeastern part of the State.

While flood control is the main reason for harnessing this unruly stream, a vast recreation business, with benefits for all surrounding counties, is envisioned as a direct result. Sen. B. Everett Jordan last week estimated benefits as \$2½ million annually, with \$1 million per year in recreation proceeds for Chatham County alone.

Congress has made the sum of \$280,000 available so work can go forward at once. The plan was envisioned by the late Sen. W. Kerr Scott, who did a great deal of work on it before his death. His successor, Senator Jordan, picked up where Scott left off. The delays came through the opposition of Rep. Harold Cooley, who favored an alternate

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Nominations For 1963's 'Young Man Of Year' Invited

The public is invited to submit nominations for the annual Distinguished Service award made to the outstanding local "Young Man of the Year" by the Southern Pines Junior Chamber of Commerce. Deadline for nominations is January 15, 1964.

Jim Thomason, Jaycee president, said that Don Walter and Mack Ausbon head the committee. They are canvassing churches, businesses, clubs and organizations for suggestions for nominees. Although a nominee need not be a Jaycee, he must be within the Jaycee age limit—35 or less.

Nominations will be submitted to a committee composed of five local citizens who, by reason of their age, are not eligible for the award.

Nomination blanks are available from any Jaycee. The award goes to the young man who has contributed most to the community during the past year, but activities of previous years are also taken into consideration by the committee who picks the winner. The local award winner will be entered in a State contest. The State winner will enter the national competition in which the 10 outstanding young men of the nation are chosen.

Nomination blanks should be mailed to: Southern Pines Jay-P. Saunders, Jack M. Taylor, cees, attention, DSA Committee, C. L. Tyson and Earl Harbour.

CONFUSED? ... Well, So Are We!

Here comes Thursday Pilot on a Monday—a circumstance that may be as confusing to readers as it is to us. Point of the advance publication is that Christmas falls on a Wednesday and we wanted to give merchants a chance to get out their Christmas greetings to the public, as well as to give The Pilot's staff a three-day holiday. We'll all be back on the job Friday, getting ready for the next paper, to be published Thursday, January 2. So, Merry Christmas AND Happy New Year!

We Wish You
A Merry Christmas
And
A Happy New Year

The Staff of The Pilot

Young People On Holiday Reminded Of Driver Course

A driver education course designed especially for young people 16 through 18 years of age who are home on vacation from school or college will be given at the National Guard Armory here Monday and Tuesday of next week, December 30 and 31, the public was reminded today by Worth McDonald of Carthage, driver education representative of the State Department of Motor Vehicles.

The course will be held from 8:30 a. m. to 12:30 p. m. on each of the two days. It is open to any young person, of the ages listed, who has not taken or does not plan to take an official approved driver education course in one of the public schools of the area.

Completion of such a course is mandatory before any one in the 16-18 age group can obtain a driver license, according to a new State law. Persons taking the course must enroll in advance with a State driver license examiner and must present a birth certificate at that time.

The driver license examiner for the lower Moore County area is at the fire station in Aberdeen, each Monday and Tuesday; at the Information Center building in Southern Pines, each Wednesday and Thursday; and at the fire station in Pinehurst, each Friday.

Local Physician To Work In Algeria Next Month With 'Medico' Aid Team

Dr. Clarence B. Foster, local eye surgeon, will be the ophthalmologist with a "Medico" team in Algeria during the month of January, 1964.

Medico is a non-profit organization originally founded through the efforts of Dr. Tom Dooley who saw the great medical needs in Southeast Asia during World War II. Since then, teams of doctors from various medical centers and hospitals throughout the country have been sent by Medico to all parts of the world. They have been active not only in applying their skills directly to the needy but in teaching native physicians how to give better care to the sick.

The surgical team for January will be made up, other than Dr. Foster, of various members of the staff of Geisinger Memorial Hospital, Danville, Pa.

An ophthalmologist has usually been one of the specialists selected to make up a team in these various assignments. There is a great need, in Algeria at the present time, for cataract surgery, according to the announcements of Dr. Foster's assignment. There are many other conditions, needing attention also, chief of which is trachoma with its accompanying distortion of the external visual apparatus, the announcement said.

Mrs. Foster will accompany her husband as secretary and general assistant in the hospital. They were to leave Southern Pines this

ARCHITECTS FOR COLLEGE CHOSEN

The board of trustees of the newly authorized Moore County Community College, meeting last Wednesday night in Carthage, chose Hayes-Howell and Associates of Southern Pines as architects for the \$1 million proposed college plant.

The college will be located on land given by Mrs. C. Louis Meyer, between Pinehurst and the Southern Pines-Pinehurst Airport.

Before making their decision, the trustees interviewed representatives of several architectural firms interested in designing the buildings.

Jaycees Sponsoring School Safety Boys

The Southern Pines Junior Chamber of Commerce has taken over sponsorship of the schoolboy safety patrols at both the East and West Southern Pines Schools, officials of the Jaycees have announced.

Already authorized are expenditures of \$125 for raincoats for the West Side patrol and about \$50 for equipment needed by the East Southern Pines boys.

Recognition of patrol members by cookouts or other such event is planned, the announcement said.

Patrol members guard the safety of children while crossing streets near the schools, in cooperation with the police department.

School Planning Committee Tells Aims, Purposes

Dr. Charles Phillips, chairman of the Citizens Committee for Long-Range School Planning, in a statement issued this week, said that committee members have "expressed shock and dismay" at the way in which the Southern Pines Board of Education conducted a poll of parents last week.

The poll, using questionnaires sent home by school children, asked whether parents favored an independent survey of the school district to help with school planning; and also asked whether they favored joining the county school system.

Results announced last week by Supt. J. W. Jenkins showed 694 "No" answers to the school planning survey question and 327 "Yes" answers, in replies returned through Thursday. The other question—about joining the county school system—showed 864 "No" answers and 116 "Yes."

The poll of parents came the day after the Citizens Committee formally asked the Board of Education, of which Dr. C. C. McLean is chairman, to authorize surveys or consultations—by agencies of the State Department of Public Instruction and by some independent agency—"to determine whether East Southern Pines High School can best serve the community by remaining an independent school or by consolidation with other high schools in the area."

The statement issued this week by Dr. Phillips, a local physician who took the lead in organizing the Citizens Committee, reveals in detail what the Committee requested from the Board of Education.

Committee members were shocked and dismayed, the statement said, because the Board of Education asked parents to vote on issues "about which all of us have had little or no information from the Southern Pines Board of Education," further pointing out that the survey asked for by the Committee "would have produced all of the facts necessary for the citizens to make an intelligent appraisal of what we now have in the way of schools and what would be necessary, if anything, on a long-range plan to improve our schools."

Dr. McLean said last week, after the questionnaire results had been tabulated, that the outcome did not necessarily mean that the Board of Education would abandon any consideration of the survey request.

The full statement made by Dr. Phillips on behalf of the Citizens Committee, follows:

"In order that the public might be intelligently informed concerning our schools, our long range plans and the issues involved, the Citizens Committee for Long Range School Planning met with the Southern Pines Board of Education on Monday night, December 16th, 1963, and made a request for survey or consultation, as outlined below: (Continued on Page 5)

Karagheusian Merger With J. P. Stevens & Co. Revealed Today

The merger of A. & M. Karagheusian, Inc., one of the leading carpet manufacturing companies in the United States, with a plant at Aberdeen, and J. P. Stevens & Co., Inc., one of the nation's largest and most diversified textile

companies, was announced today (Monday).

In their joint announcement, Robert T. Stevens, president of J. P. Stevens and Charles A. Karagheusian, chairman of the board of the Karagheusian firm, said that an agreement has been reached that Stevens stock would be exchanged for Karagheusian stock.

Upon completion of the exchange, Mr. Stevens indicated, the Karagheusian company would be operated as a separate entity, with Steele L. Winterer, current Karagheusian president, continuing in that office.

J. Cecil Beith, plant manager of the Aberdeen Karagheusian facilities, said that the Gulistan Carpet trade name would be retained under the new merger, with the former Karagheusian Company to be known as the Gulistan Carpet Division of J. P. Stevens & Co.

Karagheusian, a company founded in 1897, began operations in Aberdeen in April, 1957. Since then its employment has risen from about 300 to over 500 persons and the plant itself has been expanded by about one third, providing a total of about 320,000 square feet of floor space.

Karagheusian operates other plants at Albany and Statesboro, both in Georgia, and at Freehold, N. J. All are included in the merger transaction.

All the company's carpet products bear the trade name "Gulistan" and are sold nationwide through 3,500 retail outlets. The carpets are of a wide variety, ranging from modestly-priced to the most luxurious custom qualities. Gulistan carpets are widely used in the commercial field by hotels, theatres and other public accommodations.

Mr. Beith said that operations in Aberdeen are expected to continue without change following the merger. The plant will remain here, he said.

J. P. Stevens & Co., Inc., founded in 1813, is one of the most diversified textile companies in the United States. It operates 57 plants manufacturing and processing a broad range of cottons, wools and worsted goods, and fabrics made from many fibres of synthetic origin for nearly every apparel use and in nearly every price range. It employs 38,000 persons and its plants produce fabrics in excess of 800,000,000 yards per year.

Stevens has not heretofore been engaged in the broadloom carpet business.

DOUGALD KELLY III

College Student Killed In Wreck East Of Cameron

A college student home for the holidays was killed and two other young men, with possibly a third, were injured when the car in which they were riding went out of control and overturned several times Sunday at 3 p. m. on NC27, one and one-half miles east of Cameron. All were Negroes.

The car's driver was ordered held on a manslaughter charge.

State Trooper J. F. Cardwell identified the dead youth as Dougald Kelly III, of Carthage, a student at North Carolina College, Durham, and two of the injured as Vinson Cornelius, 22, and Theodis Marks, 27, both of the Cameron community.

Cardwell said a third man, Otho Harrington, Jr., of Cameron had been riding with them, but several hours after the accident he had not been able to locate Harrington and did not know whether he was injured. All had been removed when Cardwell arrived on the scene of the wreck and he located Cornelius, who he said was the driver of the car, at Lee County Hospital, Sanford, and Marks at St. Joseph's Hospital, Southern Pines, both reported seriously but not critically hurt.

The trooper said the car, traveling east at apparently excessive speed, somersaulted off the road on the right, just past a curve, and landed in a field. Coroner W. K. Carpenter ruled that Kelly died of a broken neck, and ordered Cornelius held for grand jury action on a manslaughter charge.

The 1963 Ford two-door convertible, which was demolished, was owned by Joseph Williams of Carthage, who had lent it to Cornelius to take his friends on a holiday outing. They were on their way to Cornelius's home in the country east of Cameron when the accident occurred.

Kiwanis Builder's Cup Award Marks Milestone In Career Of 'Cliff' Blue

The recent award of the Kiwanis Builders Cup to Rep. H. Clifton Blue of Aberdeen marked another milestone in a career in which Moore County people have long taken pride.

It saluted particularly an achievement which, of all the long list, is the one which, so far, is perhaps nearest and dearest to the heart of "Cliff" Blue himself—his successful efforts with others of his county to secure a comprehensive community college for Moore, efforts which will continue in his membership on the newly named board of trustees. Appointed by Governor Sanford to an eight-year term, he was then elected as chairman of the board and will guide the new college in its establishment and operation.

On a wider front, it recognizes his service as Moore's representative for nine terms—first elected in 1946, he is now dean of the House in length of service—and as Speaker of the House during the 1963 term.

It is another sign that his "home folks" are behind him in his undertakings in behalf of the county and State.

Known Everywhere

There is small doubt in their minds that his campaign for lieutenant governor, which is carrying him to all parts of the state these days as he accepts invitations to speak and preside at various events, will be successful. His acquaintance and popularity all over North Carolina have been

well evidenced, and he is known by his first name—even his nickname—everywhere across the State.

In Moore he's "Cliff" to everyone, and "cousin" to many, since he's descended from several lines of pioneer Scots who settled the area before the Revolution, and (Continued on Page 14)

Contracts To Be Let On New Ag Building

At their regular meeting in January, the county commissioners are expected to award contracts for the proposed new agriculture building next to the county health center in Carthage.

The commissioners opened bids in a special session last week but deferred awarding contracts until the January meeting.

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 E B studios on Midland Road.

	Max.	Min.
December 19	39	14
December 20	37	19
December 21	37	12
December 22	36	17
December 23	35	18