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## Moore Industrial Plants Close Down For Holidays

Moore County industries plan to close over the Christmas week-end and most have already had Christmas parties for employees or children of employees. A summary of their Christmas holiday plans follows.

In Southern Pines, Trimble Products will close its plant Thursday, Friday and Saturday. Its office force will work part of Thursday and close until Monday, December 28.

Fletcher Southern closed today

## Dock G. Smith, Jr., Robbins, Elected President Of YDC

Dock G. Smith, Jr., young Robbins attorney, was named president of the Moore County YDC at delayed elections held at a supper meeting of the club at the Carthage Hotel, Monday night.

Smith, elected by acclamation, moved to Robbins from Raleigh three years and three months ago. A native of Princeton, he graduated from East Carolina College and the University of North Carolina law school. He is married to the former Peggy Smith of Angier and they have three young children. He has been serving as first vice-president of the YDC during the term just ending.

Also elected were Mrs. Waisel Deese of Carthage, first vice-president; Frank McNeill of Aberdeen, second vice-president; Jack Barron of Southern Pines, third vice-president; Sam Poole of Southern Pines, treasurer; and Jerry Cole of West End, treasurer.

By motion unanimously passed, the club expanded the number of directors from three to five, to include automatically the outgoing president, in this case Mrs. Carolyn Blue of Eagle Springs.

Elected directors to serve with her were her husband, Harold Blue of Eagle Springs; Elvin Jackson and Earl Barber, of Carthage; and DeWitt Purvis of Highfalls.

The election had been postponed from early fall because of the campaign then in progress, and since the election, because of various conflicts causing delay. About 30 members were present.

Mrs. Blue, presiding, thanked the members for their cooperation during her two terms in an office from which she is now stepping up to the post of State

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## Carolyn Blue Will Honored Jan. 4 With YDC Dinner

Mrs. Carolyn Blue of Eagle Springs, national committeewoman-elect of the Young Democratic Clubs of North Carolina, will be honored at a Moore County YDC dinner at Howard Johnson's Restaurant on Monday, January 4, at 7 p.m.

The incoming State YDC President, George Miller of Durham, has accepted the invitation to be principal speaker of the evening, according to State Senator-elect Voit Gilmore of Southern Pines who is in charge of arrangements for the event.

"We are proud of Carolyn Blue and her opportunity to give Moore County two years of distinguished service on the national political scene," Gilmore said. "Everyone is invited to attend this informal, dutch treat dinner to help Carolyn begin her national service with our good wishes."

Mrs. Blue, the wife of Harold Blue and mother of three, won election to the national committeewoman post at the State YDC convention earlier this year.

State political leaders are being invited to the dinner and county YDC club members are also expected. Tickets are \$2 each.

TB SEAL REMINDER

Reminder letters are going out to persons who have received Christmas seals from the Moore County Tuberculosis Association and have not yet contributed to the fund to fight TB. J. W. Jenkins of Southern Pines, county seal chairman, urges that all contributions be sent in as soon as possible.

(Wednesday) at 3 p.m. and will reopen Monday morning.

Carolina Soap and Candle Makers closed its operation last Friday, December 18, and will resume production on January 4. A skeleton force is being maintained during this period.

Smithson of Southern Pines, Inc., will close Thursday, December 24, at noon and will resume work Monday, December 28.

Proctor-Silex Corporation will close Thursday and will reopen January 4, for production. Between Christmas and New Year's the company's annual inventory will be taken.

In Aberdeen A & M Karagheusan, the Gulistan Carpet Division of J. P. Stevens & Co., will close Thursday and Friday and reopen Monday morning, December 28.

The Amerotron Company will close at noon Thursday and open Monday morning. Plants at Red Springs and Robbins will close at 8 a.m. Thursday and will resume operation with the third shift Sunday at midnight.

The Aberdeen Hosiery Mill is shutting down Wednesday at 4 p.m. and will begin operating Monday morning.

The Carthage Fabrics Corporation will close Thursday at the end of the second shift and will reopen with the third shift Sunday night.

Pinebluff Products will close at 2 p.m. Thursday and a party for employees will follow. Production in this plant will resume (Continued on Page 8)

## Driver Training Course For Young People Scheduled

A two-day driver education course for teenagers who are not taking driver training in a high school course will be conducted at the National Guard armory here on Wednesday and Thursday of next week, December 30 and 31, from 9 am to 1 pm each day.

Worth McDonald of Carthage, driver education representative of the Department of Motor Vehicles, who will be the instructor, said that the course is set in vacation time so that it can be attended by young people who are home from schools they attend elsewhere.

To take the course, a student must be at least 15 years, nine months of age and not over 18. No young person can get a driver's license unless a school course or this course is taken.

Students must register in advance with a State driver's license examiner, presenting a birth certificate.

In this area, a driver's license examiner will be at Aberdeen Monday and Tuesday of next week and at Carthage Monday. The regular Thursday and Friday hours of examiners are cancelled this week because of Christmas.

The State's course to be given next week qualifies a young person to get a license but does not assure the reduction in liability insurance rates, as does the longer high school driver training program.

## TWO RECEIVE MINOR INJURIES

## 2nd Wreck In Week Occurs At Same E. Conn. Ave. Location; Man Arrested

Two Fort Bragg servicemen received minor injuries at 5:15 Tuesday afternoon when the 1963 Chevy II in which they were riding—the car later proved to have been stolen—left E. Connecticut Ave. Extension on the same curve where five young men were injured last week and where numerous accidents have taken place in the past.

The curve, partly in and partly out of the city limits, is in front of the home of Lt. Col. and Mrs. Leon H. Baker who again, as with past accidents, summoned police.

Chief Earl S. Seawell, who investigated, said that town police took jurisdiction because tire skid marks extending for 309 feet started inside the city limits. Last week's wreck was turned

We Wish You  
A Merry Christmas  
And  
A Happy New Year

The Staff of The Pilot

## FATHER-SON EVENT SET NEXT DAY

## Junior Golf Tourney Slated Monday

The 17th annual Donald J. Ross Junior Golf Tournament, held at Pinehurst each December in memory of the famed golf course architect, will be played on all five 18-hole courses at the Pinehurst Country Club, Monday, December 28.

The 7th Father & Son Holiday Tournament is set for the following day, for junior golfers playing in the DJR Junior tourney, and their fathers.

Advance entries are requested but not required. Ambitious young golfers may arrive, present club credentials and enter on the spot. Participating boys usually come from a wide area of North and South Carolina.

Staged to encourage competition among players under 18, this is a free event with no entry fee and no greens fees. With over 300 entries last year, the tournament is divided into three classes. Class A (boys 15-17) will play Number Two and Number Five courses, with lowest handicap players drawing the Number Two. Class B (boys 11-15) will play Number One and Number Three courses, while Class C (boys under 11) play nine holes only on Number Four Course.

Twenty-one prizes are given, including the championship, taken from low gross on the Number Two Course, four prizes for each age class, with first, second, third and fourth low gross on each course.

## 2 Fatalities Recorded In Highway Accidents

Traffic accidents occurring Friday and Saturday of last week took the lives of two Moore County residents, sounding a note of tragedy as the Christmas holiday season opened. The serious injury of a young man who was home on leave from the Army, in one of the two fatal mishaps, added to the sadness of the events.

## Heavy Trucks Hit, Girl, 16, Killed; Young Man Hurt

Astor Colon Key, 49, of Robbins, Rt. 2, died Saturday morning at Moore Memorial Hospital of injuries sustained in a collision of two heavy trucks, shortly after noon, Friday.

The wreck occurred on NC 27 about five miles west of Carthage when Key, driving toward the county seat, made a left turn and was struck by the second truck, coming along behind him. The impact knocked Key's truck off the highway and partly down an embankment. It was loaded with coal from a Robbins fuel company, which he was delivering.

The other truck overturned down the embankment, spilling (Continued on Page 8)

## Holiday Closing Schedules Vary; Pilot Out Early

Much of Southern Pines and this area will have a long week-end Christmas holiday.

Practically all stores, businesses, offices and public services will be closed on Christmas Day (Friday), with some remaining closed on Saturday as well.

An exception, for businesses, are the three large food supermarkets serving this area, all of which will be open Saturday.

The Pilot is publishing Wednesday, one day ahead of normal schedule, and will remain closed until Monday.

Separate stories today detail the closing plans of the local post office and of industrial plants over the county.

The offices at town hall and the town-owned Southern Pines Library will close at noon Thursday to reopen Monday, as will county offices at Carthage.

The town's Friday garbage collection route will be skipped but collection will be made on this route on Saturday.

Local schools have been out since Tuesday, with students slated to return to classes on Monday, January 4.

ABC stores in Southern Pines and Pinehurst will both be closed Christmas Day, but will both be open Saturday. However, employees will get a holiday next week, when the Southern Pines store will be closed Monday and the Pinehurst store will be closed Tuesday.

## CHURCH EVENTS

A complete round-up of Christmas season church services and events in Southern Pines appeared in last week's Pilot. For lack of space, it is not being repeated and no further announcement of these events is being made in The Pilot today.

## LIBRARY DECORATED

Christmas decorations at the Southern Pines Library were put up this season, as in past years, by a committee of the Southern Pines Garden Club. Mrs. Allan T. Preyer was the committee chairman.

## DONATIONS NEEDED NOW, SAYS PRESIDENT

## Mid-Town Fire Protection Plans Progressing; Meeting Set Jan. 13

Volunteer workers will be calling soon on residents of the area between Southern Pines and Aberdeen, seeking information needed to plan the proposed operations of the Mid-Town Fire Protective Association, Alton Scott, president of the association, said this week.

"It will be a great help to our progress if people give the information called for," he said. The Association, chartered recently, proposes setting up a legally organized fire protection district, with its own equipment and volunteers, covering a three-mile wide area which runs up to the stoplight at the corner of S.W. Broad St. and Morganton

## Contract Approved By Commissioners For School Survey

Meeting in special session at Carthage, Tuesday morning, the board of county commissioners authorized the drafting of a contract for a professional survey to help them reach a decision on school consolidation in the southern part of the county.

The contract is with Educational Research Service, Inc., of White Plains, N. Y., whose president, Dr. Francis G. Cornell, met with the board Tuesday. It specifies that the survey is not to cost more than \$3,500.

Work is expected to begin January 2, with expectation that a report will be submitted by February 15.

Cooperating with the commissioners on the project, as what one of the board members called an "unofficial committee," have been Albert Tufts, president of Pinehurst, Inc., A. B. Hardee, developer of Whispering Pines, and Ward Hill of Southern Pines. Others from around the county have been added to this group, the commissioner said.

## Food Baskets To Be Distributed By VFW Thursday

Members of John Boyd Post, Veterans of Foreign Wars, will be delivering between 80 and 90 "Christmas Cheer" food baskets, along with toys for needy families with children, in this area Thursday afternoon.

Hubert M. Cameron, post commander and chairman of the Cheer program which is conducted in cooperation with the Moore County Welfare Department, said that the post is spending about \$450 for food items, which were bought wholesale, to go in the baskets. He said that contributions to help finance the program have been coming in well but that more are needed. Checks should be made to "VFW Christmas Cheer Fund" and sent to the post here.

The toys distributed by the VFW are new, small toys. It had been previously announced that the post would not be giving toys this year, but Commander Cameron said that meant that the post would not be distributing larger items like bikes and wagons, or repairing old toys.

The Jaycees and the police department have a separate Christmas gift program in which toys and larger items are being received and repaired, at the police station, for distribution to needy families with children.

## Mrs. Friesen To Become Postmaster At Highfalls

Mrs. Mildred Upchurch Friesen will be installed December 28 as acting postmaster of the Highfalls Post Office, it was announced this week by J. Elvin Jackson of Carthage, chairman of the Moore County Democratic executive committee.

Mrs. Friesen has been the assistant at the Highfalls Post Office for the past 11 years and will take the place of the retiring postmaster, Mrs. Lillian P. Davis.

## 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 WEEB studios on Midland Road.

	Max.	Min.
December 17	57	38
December 18	46	33
December 19	40	17
December 20	48	22
December 21	38	33
December 22	45	27

Commissioner W. S. Taylor of Aberdeen told The Pilot that the commissioners have full confidence in the competence and impartiality of the survey group which is nationally known.

They will take all aspects of the consolidation problem into consideration, Taylor said—geographical location, taxes, costs and so forth. All points of view will be looked at, he stressed.

Dr. Cornell is a native of Red Springs who has been in the educational survey field for many years. His firm did the survey that led to the consolidation of Presbyterian educational institutions into St. Andrews College at Laurinburg, and has done other work in North Carolina.

"We may or may not accept the survey results," Taylor said, "but we have great hopes that this survey will help the commissioners and all three boards of education in the county come to a satisfactory agreement on what is best to be done."

As matters stand now:—The Aberdeen and West End High schools of the county school system are slated to consolidate in a school to be built at a site on the Pinehurst-Airport road.

The boards of education of the separate Southern Pines and Pinehurst administrative units have announced their intention to seek an election by the voters of the two districts on the merger of the districts and construction of a new high school, somewhere between the two towns, with Negro students from the Academy Heights school at Taylortown to attend West Southern Pines High School.

Other proposals by persons who are not satisfied with these two plans include: Southern Pines and Pinehurst to join the county school system and use a single school, with Aberdeen and West End; Southern Pines to remain independent and Pinehurst to join West End and Aberdeen of the county school system; Southern Pines, Pinehurst, with Aberdeen and possibly West End, too, to join in a single independent administrative unit, with West End and Aberdeen Districts leaving the county school system.

All Negro high schools of the county system have previously been consolidated into the Berkeley School at Aberdeen and the Pinckney School at Carthage.

Southern Pines and Pinehurst Districts each have their separate Negro high schools.

The survey will take racial aspects of consolidation into consideration, Commissioner Taylor said.

## Postmaster Thanks Public; Office To Be Closed 2 Days

Postmaster Morris Johnson this week thanked the public for cooperation he said has made possible the successful handling of the greatest volume of Christmas mail ever to pass through the local post office.

"In good shape" was his reply to a query Tuesday on how the handling of holiday mail was progressing.

The post office will provide no city delivery and no window service on either Friday (Christmas Day) or Saturday, Mr. Johnson said, except that on Saturday special delivery mail and perishable articles will be delivered and the postmaster's door will be open, for the public to pick up parcels, between 9:30 and 11:30 a.m.