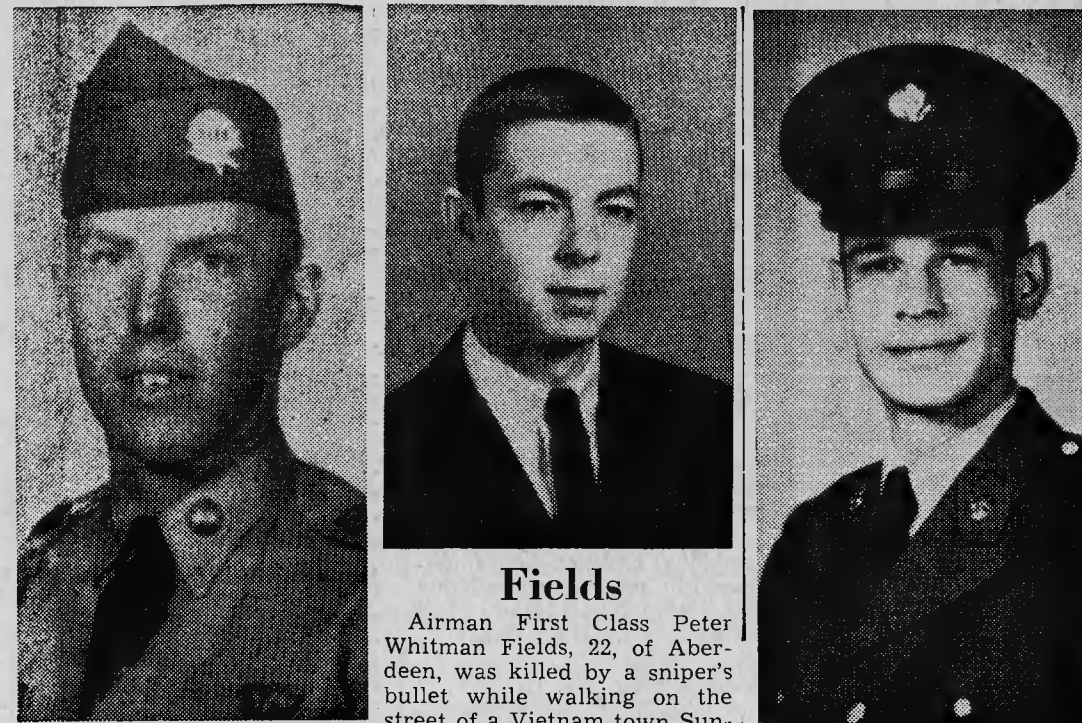


Want a free train ride? Ever see a whole business block built indoors? See Page 1, Section 3, if interested.

Tornadoes
pose a threat to North Carolina. Do you know what to do if you meet one? See Page 6, Section 3.

Vietnam Combat Takes Lives Of Three Men From Sandhills Area



Smith
Staff Sgt. Marshall Ray Smith, 30, son of Master Sergeant and Mrs. Joe L. Smith, 530 E. Delaware Ave., was killed in combat action in Vietnam February 23, his parents were informed by a War Department telegram arriving here last Friday morning.

Sergeant Smith, a member of the 12th Cavalry, 1st Air Cavalry Division, suffered a fatal wound on the right side of his head "when struck by hostile automatic weapons fire," the message said.

The sergeant's wife and their four young children live near Los Angeles, Calif., and she had been separately informed of her husband's death. Funeral and burial will be at Westminster, California on a (Continued on Page 6)

Fields
Airman First Class Peter Whitman Fields, 22, of Aberdeen, was killed by a sniper's bullet while walking on the street of a Vietnam town Sunday afternoon, according to a War Department message reaching his brother, Franklin Fields of Aberdeen, on Monday.

The body will be sent back to the Sandhills for a military funeral, with burial in Arabia Cemetery in Hoke County, but dates of the body's arrival and of the services were not known today.

Airman Fields, who grew up in the Aberdeen community and was a 1961 graduate of Aberdeen High School, enlisted in the Air Force in 1962. He had spent several months in Formosa, and had returned to the United States before he was assigned to Vietnam only about two months ago.

He was the son of the late Douglas and Joella Jones Fields of the Aberdeen community (Continued on Page 6)

Marosites
The third Vietnam casualty for the Sandhills within a week was Specialist First Class Bruce Marosites, 28, of West End, Route 1.

Word came Wednesday night to his wife, Mrs. Louise Spangler Marosites, that her husband had been killed in action that same day.

A native of Michigan, he had been stationed at Fort Bragg, was discharged there, worked there three years as a civilian employee, then re-enlisted and continued to serve on the post till he was recently shipped out.

He was a member of Our Saviour Lutheran Church in Southern Pines.

Surviving, besides his wife, are two young sons, Bret (Continued on Page 8)

One-Car Wreck Takes Life Of C. E. Williams

Charles Edward Williams, 33, of Cameron, Route 1 was killed Saturday afternoon when his car went off a rural paved road near Cameron and overturned twice in a plowed field.

State Trooper R. R. Samuels said Williams, traveling alone, was eastbound on a road connecting Highway 27 with US 1 when he lost control on a curve. The car was demolished.

Coroner W. K. Carpenter, ruled the death accidental, and attributed it to high speed.

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

Williams had come from New Jersey about a month before to stay with his stepfather and mother, Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Caddell, at their home on Cameron, Route 1. Surviving in addition to the parents are a wife, the former Eleanor Smith; a son, Charles, Jr.; six half-sisters, Mrs. Coy Brooks and Misses Carolyn, Linda, Glenda and Kathy Caddell, all of Cameron, Route 1, and Mrs. Worley Moore of Robbins; and two half-brothers, Joseph C. Caddell of Sanford and Larry Frank Caddell of Cameron, Route 1.

3 Young Children, 2 Adults Burn To Death In Night Blaze On West Side



FIRE BLACKENED RUINS — Behind tree, at left, may be glimpsed the small back porch from which a door opened into the two-room apartment where five persons died. Mrs. Helen Murphy is shown standing at front of house, where her bedroom was located in another apartment, and remnants of front porch over which she and her husband escaped. At right, tumbled icebox shows where her kitchen was. Also in photo, are her dog "Butch" and neighbor's dog "Ginger," whose howling, she said, woke them just in time. (V. Nicholson photo)

Five persons, including three young children died Sunday in a pre-dawn blaze which destroyed a small frame house in West Southern Pines. Two other persons barely escaped with their lives. It was the worst home fire disaster in Moore County history.

The dead, all in a two-room back apartment at 560 1/2 South Gaines St., were Charles Wells, 33, an employee of the Sandhills Furniture Co. at West End; his young children Charles Andre, aged three, Jean Marie, four, and Andrea Renee, six; and a woman visitor, Iva Lee Funderburke, 39, of 640 South Mechanic St.

The children's mother, Mrs. Jean Wells, separated from her husband and living about four blocks away at 342 South Gaines St., told police their father came about 6 pm Saturday to take them to spend the night with him, as he frequently did.

Occupying the front apartment of two rooms in the Gaines St. House, which sat at the back of a lot behind other homes facing the street, were Mrs. Helen Murphy and her husband, Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Murphy.

What Happened
According to the investigation conducted by Sgt. L. D. Beck of the local police, Fire Chief Pete Rapatas and Coroner W. K. Carpenter, with Police Chief Earl S. Seawell, Mrs. Helen Murphy awakened about 4 am, smelt smoke and saw flames all over the wall. She woke her husband and, grabbing some clothes and the television set, they ran out just as the room collapsed behind them. The investigating officers reconstructed what happened as follows:

Murphy ran to the back porch entrance of Wells' apartment, shouting a warning for everyone to clear out. He opened the door to find that room also filled with smoke and flame. He said Wells answered him two or three times, saying, "I'm coming."

Thinking they had come out behind him, Murphy ran with his wife toward the street calling for help and wakening the neighbors. At a nearby house he called the fire department and within a few minutes the truck was there, with firemen fighting the blaze which by then engulfed the house.

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AS TUFTED CARPET MAKING EXPANDS

Gulistan's Yarn Producing Work Will Be Gradually Discontinued

Announcement was made this week by G. E. Paules, vice president of manufacturing, Gulistan Carpet Division of J. P. Stevens & Co., Inc., that in order to prepare for future expansion of tufted carpet manufacturing at the Aberdeen Plant, the company finds it necessary to discontinue its Aberdeen yarn-producing work which will be gradually curtailed over the next few months, he said.

J. Cecil Beith, Aberdeen manager, stated that he was confident a large number of the personnel affected would be re-assigned over a period of time to other vacancies within the plant. Those who cannot be absorbed immediately, he said, will be called back as vacancies occur elsewhere in the plant.

School Make-up Days Announced

Meeting Wednesday night, the Southern Pines board of education decided that the four school days lost to bad weather this winter would be made up by taking three days from the spring vacation and adding one day at the end of the school year.

This means, said Supt. J. W. Jenkins this morning, that the vacation will run April 7-11, inclusive, and that the last day of school will be Thursday, June 2.

The changes apply to both East and West Southern Pines school.

Graduation day for West Side seniors will be June 2, Mr. Jenkins said, and June 3 in East Southern Pines.

Council Winds Up '30-Day Job' After 19 Years

Clyde Council finally wound up his 30-day job with The Pilot, for which he went to work as advertising manager in 1947, continuing in that post for 19 years.

It was the second 30-day job which lasted a bit longer than that. He first came to Southern Pines in 1924, transferred by the CP&L, to spend one month "helping out"—a job that lasted 14 years. Later, when offered the position at The Pilot, he said no, "but I'll be glad to help out for 30 days till you get someone."

During the past year or so, he has been working part-time, as he is also a JP and keeps regular hours in the afternoon at the police station. Now he has taken on the job of night radio dispatcher.

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Mrs. Ilene Webb On Advertising Staff Of 'Pilot'

Mrs. Ilene Webb has joined the advertising staff of The Pilot and has moved here from Reidsville, with a son, Bruce, 13. They are living at 260 N. May St.

Another son, Tony, 16, is remaining at Reidsville to complete this school year there and will join his mother here.

A native of Reidsville, Mrs. Webb was assistant to the advertising manager of The Pilot.

ON TV SHOW
Mrs. Mark Liddell of Southern Pines will appear on the Peggy Mann television show, Friday, March 4, at 1 pm, in an interview dealing with Camp Easter in the Pines here, of which she is coordinator and director for the 1966 season of camping for handicapped persons. Mrs. Liddell taped the program in Raleigh this (Thursday) morning.

A. R. Laubscher, Vass, Retires; Grissom Named

A. R. Laubscher, who served the town of Vass in various capacities for 37 years—most recently as chief of police—retired last week on his 65th birthday.

He was honored with a resolution of appreciation adopted by the town board and a community reception. Details of both appear in another story elsewhere in today's Pilot.

Appointed by the board to succeed him as chief is James R. Grissom who had been night policeman at Vass. Frank Hewitt was named to the night's officer's position.

Program To Feature Fletcher Southern

Fletcher Southern, Inc., textile machinery parts manufacturer, on the Carthage road, will be the subject of Bob Farrington's "Profile series" broadcast on Radio Station WPTF, Raleigh, at 6:15 pm, Sunday.

The 15-minute program is one of a long series covering the work of North Carolina industries. Other plants in this area have appeared on the series previously.

Edward T. Taws, Jr. of Southern Pines is president of Fletcher Southern.

Board Approves Plans For Nurse Training Course

The North Carolina State Board of Nursing has granted provisional accreditation to the Department of Nursing, Sandhills Community College, to operate an Associate Degree Nursing Program beginning with the fall term.

Such accreditation is the procedure necessary for every new school of nursing to be established in the state, the only type of accreditation given a beginning nursing program.

In making the announcement of the approval of the (Continued on Page 8)

Mrs. Koster In Public Relations Post At College

Mrs. Alfred M. Koster of Southern Pines has joined the staff of Sandhills Community College to write press releases and publicity, Dr. Raymond A. Stone, president, has announced.

Mrs. Koster holds BA and MA degrees in psychology and English from the University of South Dakota and began her career in journalism while in high school. She has held editorial positions on publications in Indianapolis, New York and other cities and has done feature work for the Washington Evening Star, the Richmond Times Dispatch, the Philadelphia Enquirer, the Louisville (Continued on Page 8)

CIVIL TERM OF COURT TO OPEN

The regular civil term of Moore County Superior Court will open Monday with Special Judge H. L. Riddle, Jr., presiding.

Nine divorce cases, an annulment proceeding and motions in several pending suits are on the first day's calendar, along with 4 cases listed for trial. Six or seven cases each are also listed for Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday.

Town Agency, Businesses In Various Moves

Related changes in personnel and locations, involving a town agency and various businesses, are taking place this week.

The Town's Information Center has moved from the town-owned building at the corner of E. Pennsylvania Ave. and S. E. Broad St. to the residence on the town-owned former Campbell estate on E. Connecticut Ave. The location is marked by a sign across the street.

Now in charge of the Information Center is Col. A. M. Koster who continues as Moore County Civil Defense director, moving the C. D. office, also formerly in the Information Center building, (Continued on Page 6)

Mrs. Rounds On Regional Library Staff, Part-Time

Mrs. Glen Rounds of Southern Pines has accepted a part-time position as assistant director of the Sandhill Regional Library and began work this week, reports D. W. Hurley of Biscoe, chairman of the board of trustees.

Mrs. Rounds, a University of North Carolina graduate in Library Science, will work with Director Mrs. Eugenia R. Babylon throughout the region of Moore, Montgomery and Richmond Counties. She was children's librarian for several years in the New York Public Library and has worked in the libraries of Moore County. She organized the new Given Memorial Library in Pinehurst recently.

In her new post, she plans to first concentrate on the study and build-up of the (Continued on Page 8)

Land Bought For Trash Disposal

A deed was filed Wednesday at Carthage conveying 91.51 acres of the Chapin Orchard properties in Sandhill township from Luther Cagle to Moore County, to be used for sanitary garbage disposal facilities. Stamps in the deed indicated a sale price of \$14,000.

The county commissioners several months ago authorized E. Floyd Dunn, county sanitarian, to seek out land in the lower part of the county, suitable for such a purpose.

This will be Moore's first county-owned garbage disposal ground, with others planned later to serve people in different parts of the county.

Girls' Team Of Pinehurst, West End Boys Win

Moore County teams copped both boys' and girls' championship trophies in the Sandhills Conference Class A basketball tournament that wound up at Pinehurst, Monday night.

Pinehurst girls upset Ellerbe's lassies who had racked up 51 straight wins against conference opponents, to take the girls' trophy with a 29-20 win. Lynn Dunlop sunk 12 points for Pinehurst and Helen Wilson 10 for Ellerbe, to lead the scoring.

West End boys won their 29th straight game to defeat Pinehurst's boys, 38-27. Top scorers were Pete Garner, 18, for West End, and Kemper Fitch, 10, for Pinehurst.

Roger Paschal coaches the Pinehurst teams.

District Tournament
West End and Pinehurst boys now advance to the District (Continued on Page 7)

3 Men Arrested, Others Sought In Many Robberies Here & Elsewhere

Three men have been arrested, others are being sought and numerous warrants are being issued in connection with a series of robberies—several of them in Moore County—during the past five and a half months.

The robberies, including many of quality clothing stores all over North Carolina, ran from \$3,000 up to \$30,000 in amounts and the total may soar above \$250,000. Several in other states may be tied in also.

Winding Trail
The winding trail which led to the breaking of the case this week began in Moore County in January, following two robberies of Louise Garner's Country Club Fashions; (one of them unsuccessful); one of the pro shop of the Country Club of North Carolina; and one of the Men's Room apparel store in Southern Pines.

The trail led Chief Deputy Sheriff H. H. Grimm and SBI Agent Gary Griffith along hundreds of miles, to a half-dozen different cities, causing many sleepless nights and involving along the way police departments of Lumberton, Wilmington, Greensboro, Durham, Raleigh and Richmond, Va., also the sheriff's office in Brunswick County, where SBI agents and also the FBI.

Grimm, to whom other of (Continued on Page 6)

Paper Pick-Up Set For Sunday

Those Jaycees are at it again! Collecting paper, that is.

Starting Sunday afternoon at 1:30, and continuing till 5, they'll be touring the town and nearby areas—from Pee Dee Road to Bethesda Road and from Knollwood to Holiday Inn—picking up bundles they're asking people to put at the curbside.

The paper will be sold to help finance Jaycees community service projects.

There's only one rule: all paper must be tied in bundles, please, says Hal Reeves, Jr., chairman for the project. Otherwise, it's too hard to handle and blows out of the truck.

AS NEWS CORRESPONDENT

Senator Gilmore In South Vietnam

Cong engagements during the past week.

Gilmore is scheduled to fly with Air Force strike missions north of Da Nang and to accompany forward air bombardment control planes.

This week Gilmore flew with actor Robert Mitchum to the aircraft carrier Kitty Hawk for a two-day inspection of naval surface and air military operations. Mitchum is visiting troops as part of the USO entertainment program.

TRACK MEET SCORES
The Southern Pines High School track team came in second yesterday, with 72 points, in a three-school meet held here. Topping the scoring was Carolina Military Academy of Maxton, 87 points. Coming in third was Charlotte Catholic High of Charlotte, 37. A feature on the local track team, along with the season schedule of meets, appears on page 7.

COUNTY HEALTH DIRECTOR

Dr. Siege Now Full-Time In Post

Dr. Alfred G. Siege, who is retiring as a colonel with over 20 years of service in the Army Medical Corps, on Tuesday began full-time work as Moore County health director.

With offices in the Health Center at Carthage, Dr. Siege will supervise the county health department's medical clinics; school, occupational, maternal and child health programs; preventive medicine; environmental health work with water supplies and disposal systems; and other public health activities.

Dr. Siege and his wife, the former Sara Jean Charlton of Fort Lee, N. J. have a home in Sandhurst, off E. Indiana Ave. extension. Three of their five children are at home and two are away at college. The family attends St. Anthony's Catholic Church.

Born in New York City, Dr. Siege has called Stratford, Conn., home, for most of his life. He received his MD degree at New York Medical College and trained at Duke University School of Medicine, Durham, and the Walter Reed Institute of Research. He was resident in Public Health with the State Department of Public Health, Berkeley, Calif.

A member of Phi Beta Kappa, he is a member of the American Medical Association, a diplomate of the National Board of Medical Examiners, a fellow of the American Public Health Association and is (Continued on Page 6)



DR. ALFRED G. SIEGE

THE WEATHER

Maximum and minimum temperatures for each day of the past week were recorded as follows at the US Weather Bureau observation station, at WEBB, on Midland Road.

	Max.	Min.
February 24	39	33
February 25	53	33
February 26	53	30
February 27	47	28
February 28	63	38
March 1	62	45
March 2	69	30