

IN VIETNAM—Sgt. Norman G. Dean III (right) of Southern Pines, in Vietnam with the Army's Special Forces, is shown in this photo made in February with Sgt. James Hughes, his best friend, whose death in combat in March Sgt. Dean immediately avenged, though wounded himself, in a burst of action that is expected to win him the Silver Star.

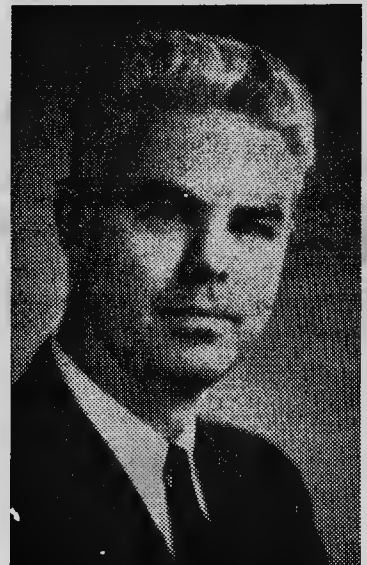
Sgt. Norman Dean Is Cited For Gallantry

A member of the Army Special Forces, who trained at Fort Bragg and whose family lives here, has been recommended to receive the Silver Star, in Vietnam.

The Silver Star is the Army's third highest combat decoration and is always given for "gallantry in action." Sgt. Norman G. Dean III, who has been in the Army nearly three years and in Vietnam since last September, told what happened in a letter to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Norman G. Dean, Jr. who live just out of Southern Pines on the Carthage road. He said that when his best friend, Sgt. James Hughes, was killed by a Viet Cong sniper, he in turn shot the sniper and attacked and wiped out a machine gun bunker with grenades, killing two more of the enemy.

Just before the heroic action ("seems like I got mad," he wrote his parents), Dean himself was wounded. A bullet striking his carbine filled his face and arm with wood splinters and he thought he had lost an eye, there was so much blood in it.

As related in the sergeant's letter, he and two other Army men were the only Americans fighting along with a company



DR. EUGENE OWENS
PUBLIC INVITED

Dr. Owens To Preach At Four Easter Services

Ministers of three other local churches will take part in three of the four Easter Revival services scheduled at the First Baptist Church, Friday through Sunday, with Dr. Eugene Owens of Wake Forest, an outstanding preacher and teacher of preachers, delivering the sermons. Congregations of all Southern Pines churches and the general public are invited, said the Rev. John Stone, pastor of the host church.

The three evening services, all at 7:30, and the guest ministers who will read the Scripture lesson and lead in prayer.

Services Set On Good Friday, At Easter Sunrise

In addition to a series of community preaching services at the First Baptist Church over the Easter weekend, as noted in a story above, several other community services, to which the public is invited, will be held in Southern Pines and the Sandhills.

FILING DEADLINE

The filing deadline for candidates for county offices is April 15. Sam C. Riddle of Carthage, chairman of the county board of elections, was out of town this week, attending a meeting of elections officials, and news of new filings in the past week, if any, could not be obtained.

HEARINGS HELD ON PLANNING PROJECTS

Dr. Dougherty Sworn In As Town Council Member

The Southern Pines town council in special session Tuesday night welcomed a new councilman, and conducted a public hearing on two phases of its comprehensive community planning project. Dr. R. J. Dougherty was sworn in to complete the unexpired term of Lee K. Smithson, resigned. A native of Hinton, Okla., and graduate of the University of Oklahoma School of Medicine, he moved here first in 1952, left within three months for a four-year tour of duty with the Army, and since 1956 has been in general medical practice here

with offices at both Vass and Southern Pines. The council had expected to take action at the meeting on recommendations of the Planning Board in regard to the proposed extraterritorial zoning ordinance, but Mayor Norris L. Hodgkins, Jr., presiding, reported that no recommendations had yet been received. The Planning Board, after meeting that afternoon, had scheduled another meeting for Friday and it was expected that recommendations would be ready for consideration and public hearing some

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IN CAROLINAS

Camp Easter Benefits From Golf Dollars

Golfers over North and South Carolina this week are paying \$1 each time they play, with all the money going to Camp Easter in the Pines here, for its building and equipment campaign. Backed by both the professional and amateur golfing groups (PGA & CGA), "Camp Easter Golf Week"—as designated by Gov. Dan K. Moore—appeared to be a rousing success.

All golfers donating to the project are eligible for a reward—a special scroll to be given them if their scores—after full regular handicap is subtracted—equal or better that of the winner of this week's Masters Tournament, at Augusta, Ga.

About 250 golf clubs in the two states are cooperating in the project which is sponsored by the Friends of Camp Easter, a group of Sandhills who set out several months ago to raise funds for the camp that serves North Carolina's handicapped children and adults. The camp is owned and operated by the N. C. Society for Crippled Children

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Coffman of 'Golf World' Is Winner

Ron Coffman, associate editor of Golf World magazine, published here, won the Bob Harlow trophy Monday when he carded a 76 in the annual golf tournament of the Golf Writers Association of America, at the Dunes Golf and Beach Club, Myrtle Beach, S. C.

Coffman, 29, a resident of Whispering Pines, fittingly copped the trophy as the founder of Golf World (Bob Harlow) was being posthumously honored at Augusta, Ga. (story below). The late Mr. Harlow founded the writers' tournament.

A native of Bloomington, Ill., Coffman has been with Golf World since June of last year.

Harlow Wins Posthumous Award From National Golf Writers Group

The memory of Robert E. Harlow, founder of Golf World magazine, who died in 1954 after a distinguished career in sports writing and publishing, was honored at Augusta, Ga., yesterday by presentation to his widow, Mrs. Lillian Harlow, of the 1965 William D. Richardson Trophy, awarded annually, for outstanding contribution to golf, by the Golf Writers Association of America.

It was the first posthumous awarding of the trophy. Mrs. Harlow continues as publisher of the weekly golf magazine which she and her husband worked together in launching at Pinehurst in 1947 when he was also publisher of the Pinehurst Outlook, a lively weekly newspaper he edited for several years.

Golf World, which has a growing, world-wide circulation, recently moved its offices and printing plant from Pinehurst to Southern Pines. The presentation to Mrs. Harlow was made by Lincoln A. Werden of The New York Times, chairman of the golf writers national board, during the writers' 21st national meeting in the tournament building of the Augusta National Country Club.



THE LATE BOB HARLOW (Hemmer photo)

There were 10 candidates for whom 450 national ballots were cast. The late Mr. Harlow received 166 votes.

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DRAMA FESTIVAL

W. E. Watson, 'Sandpipers' Given Awards

The Sandpipers, student dramatic club of Sandhills Community College, won an award for "distinguished" production at the North Carolina State Drama Festival held in Chapel Hill last Friday. The Betty Smith award was presented to the playwright, William E. Watson, English instructor on the faculty of the college.

Sixty North Carolina colleges and high schools participated in the festival. Eight of the drama groups received awards for "distinguished" productions and five were rated "excellent."

Entitled "Prologue," Mr. Watson's one-act play is an allegory symbolically relating "time since the beginning," and the setting is the interior of a theater. The three characters, "Stage Director," "A Boy" and "A Girl" were portrayed.

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GARDEN TOUR SET WEDNESDAY

Hundreds of visitors, along with many Sandhills residents, are expected to make the rounds of notably attractive homes and gardens in the Southern Pines area, when the annual tour sponsored by the Southern Pines Garden Club is held on Wednesday of next week, April 13.

Full details, including a list of the places to be visited, appear on Page 1, Section 2, along with two photos typical of the places to be seen. Proceeds of the tour are being used by the club for town beautification projects.

Student Draft Test Applications Ready

Applications that college students or high school seniors expecting to go to college must file to take the Selective Service College Qualification test are available at Moore County's Local Board No. 64 office in Carthage, Bill Dalrymple of Carthage, board chairman, has announced.

The test will be used to help determine the draft status of all college students—whether they will retain or receive the "Class II-S" student draft exemption.

Examinations will be given at 37 locations in North Carolina on May 14, May 21 and June 3. Applications to take the test must be mailed to the testing agency in Chicago not later than April 23, it was stated.

BLOSSOM SHOW OPENS ANNUAL DRAMA

Peaches: Problems and Progress

By VALERIE NICHOLSON
During the past two weeks, hundreds of visitors drove into the Sandhills to witness one of North Carolina's most alluring springtime sights—the peach orchards in full bloom. In splashes of delicate pink, they rim the ridges and color the hillsides of farms in the "peach triangle," an area roughly bounded by Candor in Montgomery County, Ellerbe in Richmond and West End in Moore. These are the main peach-growing counties, with some good-sized orchards also in Anson and Scotland, and one or two each in Lee and Hoke.

The orchards, however,

3,000 - Acre Timber Loss Estimated In Moore County After Woods Fires



Soldiers and Civilians Fight Fire South of Aberdeen

On a tinder-dry weekend in which hundreds of forest fires sprang up all over North and South Carolina, Moore County was one of this State's hottest spots.

Starting last Thursday and continuing through Tuesday about a dozen separate fires blazed up from end to end of the county, racing before high fitful winds, sometimes "tree-topping" through the forests and destroying seven homes and a small church, along with eight or 10 tobacco barns and numerous farm outbuildings.

N.C. Forest Service crews worked as long as 48 hours without rest or sleep, aided by all the county's fire departments, rescue squads, hundreds of soldiers from Fort Bragg, the State Highway Patrol and other officers, and volunteers, raising the number of firefighters into the thousands.

Unofficial acreage count in Moore, computed by a spotter plane pilot Tuesday, was close to 3,000 acres of timber loss.

The largest fire, in the Pinebluff-Aberdeen area, ran over 2,600 acres in an erratic course, a quarter-mile to a half-mile wide, from near Pinebluff, skirting the edge of Aberdeen and along NC 211 nearly to the Hoke County line.

Starting Friday about 2 pm near the old Pinebluff lake site, it raced into the area between US 15-501 (Laurinburg

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Fire Peril In Woods Continues

If rain doesn't fall in the next few days, it is likely that Easter weekend will be as bad for forest fires in this area as last weekend was, said District Forester James A. Pippin of Rockingham, Tuesday. Scattered showers Sunday night, amounting in some places to only a few drops, provided only temporary relief and the woods are still highly inflammable, he said.

Despite the fact the State Forest Service has ended the suspension of burning permits, Pippin urged extreme caution on the part of everyone.

Red Cross Wants To Know Property Loss

Persons suffering serious loss of dwelling, buildings or personal property in last weekend's woods fires were urged today to come to the Moore County chapter Red Cross office on S. W. Broad St. here, on Friday of this week, to report their losses, so that it can be determined whether disaster aid may be forthcoming.

Chapter officials issued a statement of thanks this week to all volunteers who helped in any way in connection with the fires. Coffee, milk and sandwiches were distributed by the Red Cross to firefighters, Friday afternoon and night.

Radio Network Equipment For Moore Approved

The Moore County commissioners, in regular session Monday, made several advance commitments of funds from the 1966-67 budget, so that plans now under way can go forward and several pressing matters be attended to. Payment will in no instance be made before July 1.

On a presentation by Col. A. M. Koster of Southern Pines, county director of civil defense, they approved the purchase and installation of a countywide radio network, coordinating existing communications systems for more effective use in man-made or national disasters.

Tied together as needed would be radio communications of the Sheriff's office, town police departments, State Highway Patrol, N. C. Forest Service, rescue squad units, power and telephone trucks and the entire system of fire protection now operating in Moore, including the

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EASTER CLOSINGS

Banks of the area, county offices in Carthage, town offices here and many businesses will be closed for a holiday on April 11—Easter Monday.

The day is not a holiday for post offices and all will conduct business as usual. Schools here let out for spring vacation at the end of classes today (Wednesday) and the students will go back Tuesday morning, April 12.

AREA I SCHOOL VOTE CANCELLED

The Area 1 special school tax election, which had been set for April 23, will not be held. By resolution presented Monday to the county commissioners, the Moore County board of education asked that its petition for the election be withdrawn and the voting date cancelled.

Jere McKeithen, board chairman, told the commissioners that the board had deemed it best to postpone the election for at least another year.



JACK S. YOUNTS
Younts Named To NAB Board

Jack S. Younts of Southern Pines took office last week as a member of the board of directors of the National Association of Broadcasters as the NAB ended its 44th annual convention at the Conrad Hilton Hotel in Chicago. He was present for the installation which took place just before Mr. Younts and his wife, who accompanied him to the convention, left to return to

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Man, 77, Dies, Niece Is Hurt In Truck Wreck

An elderly man who had been known as a careful, even over-cautious driver, disregarded caution Sunday afternoon to speed in his pickup truck, which went out of control and overturned, hurling the driver to his death.

State Trooper R.R. Samuels said that Richard William Wall, 77, Negro, of Eagle Springs Route 1, was killed in the accident on NC 211, two miles north of the NC 705 intersection.

Judy Smith, 23, niece of the dead man, was also thrown from the truck and seriously injured.

In view of Wall's reputation as a "slow" driver, Coroner W.K. Carpenter ordered an autopsy to see if a heart attack could have caused the wreck and fatality. No heart ailment was

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Board Will Review Tax Matters Tuesday

The Moore County commissioners, required under a new law to sit on Monday, April 4, as a board of equalization and review, did so briefly Monday, then adjourned to reconvene at 10 am Tuesday, April 12.

At that time anyone with county tax matters to be presented for possible adjustment or revision is asked to come before the board and make his presentation.

A county advertisement appearing in today's Pilot incorrectly lists only the April 4 date.

GOLF CLINIC SET

Of interest to both men and women golfers will be the golf clinic and demonstration to be held by 14 outstanding women professional golfers in the courtyard adjoining the Mary Lena Faulk building on W. Pennsylvania Ave. at 4 pm Saturday. Details are in a news item and ad, elsewhere in today's Pilot.

Mobile Homes Company Expects To Employ 125 At New Plant In Manly

Plans for construction and operation at Manly, of a plant producing mobile homes, classrooms and other mobile structures have been announced by Fred L. Taylor of Vass who has long been prominent in lumber and other businesses in this area.

Located at the intersection of Old No. 1 highway and Rt. 2, west of the Seaboard railroad tracks, the plant will utilize a building already partially constructed at the site and will add others for approximately 35,000 square feet of floor space. Cost was estimated at \$125,000.

The plant is expected to employ 125 and have an annual payroll of \$800,000 and an annual volume of business estimated at \$4,800,000, the announcement said. Production is slated to start in August.

Mr. Taylor owns and operates the Troy Lumber Company and Taylor Mobile Homes, a subsidiary of the lumber firm, also at Troy. The building at Manly is being built by Sandhills Lumber

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 WEEB, on Midland Road.

	Max.	Min.
March 30	70	34
March 31	59	40
April 1	84	33
April 2	61	44
April 3	73	33
April 4	67	55
April 5	59	29