THE PILOT

Formal
openings of two Town Center business places, with gifts and special events, are set this week. See Page 4, Sec. 3 for full details.

Plan to
give blood for hospital patients at next collections: Pinehurst, May 16, and Aberdeen, May 17. Your help may save a life!

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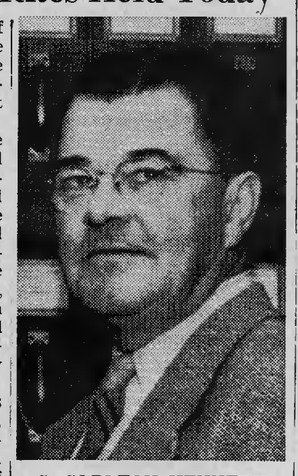
C. C. Kennedy, County Court Clerk, Succumbs At 61; Rites Held Today

C. Carlton Kennedy, 61, of Carthage, clerk of Moore County Superior Court since 1950, died Monday at St. Joseph's Hospital after a short illness.

The courthouse in Carthage was closed for the funeral hour this (Wednesday) afternoon, when services were held at his church, the Carthage Methodist, followed by burial in Cross Hill Cemetery at Carthage. Officiating were the pastor, the Rev. Paul Boone, assisted by the Rev. Melvin Williamson of Summer Hill Baptist Church and H.F. Seawell, Jr., Carthage attorney and lay preacher.

Mr. Kennedy had a serious illness about 15 months ago, from which he had apparently entirely recovered, though complaining occasionally of not feeling well. Despite some pain, he was on the job in the courtroom every day during last week's criminal term. Stricken Saturday afternoon, he was rushed to the hospital where his condition rapidly became critical.

Though he had lived in Aberdeen, Pinehurst and Southern Pines, also in New York City as a banker, the "courthouse square" was his natural habitat. As a boy he had helped build the courthouse where later he held office unopposed for nearly 16 years. His father owned and operated the Carthage Hotel on the square for 20 years, and his mother still lives there.



C. CARLTON KENNEDY

He had filed for renomination for his fifth term as clerk and was again without opposi-

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OFFICE TO OPEN THURSDAY

Mrs. Beck Appointed Acting Clerk

Mrs. Bessie M. Beck, assistant clerk of Moore County Superior Court, was appointed Tuesday as acting clerk, to fill out the unexpired term of the late C. Carlton Kennedy. She was sworn in at the courthouse this (Wednesday) afternoon, by Judge J. Vance Rowe. The office, closed since Monday afternoon, will be reopened for service Thursday morning.

The appointment was made by Resident Judge John D. McConnell of Southern Pines, who came home immediately Monday on receipt of the death message at Greensboro, where he is holding court. He returned to Greensboro after securing Mrs. Beck's acceptance.

"I am sure that with Mrs. Beck in charge, the high standards of the clerk's office will continue to be maintained," Judge McConnell said. "She is throughly conversant with all its routines and competent

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Committee Will Pick Candidate For Clerk Post

The choice of a candidate to replace the late C. Carlton Kennedy, clerk of Moore Superior Court, on the Democratic ballot is expected to be made by the County Democratic Executive Committee at the biennial county convention Saturday, May 14,

J. Elvin Jackson, Moore Democratic chairman, said since there is no contest for the office, no candidate's name will appear on the May 28 primary ballot and it is not necessary to select a replacement for ballot printing purposes at this time.

There is no clerk of court race in prospect for November, either, but the full list of candidates will be offered by both parties, including those unopposed as well as opposed.

3 Courses Set For Summer In Driver Training

Three sessions of the required driver education course for students wishing to be licensed before they are 18 will be offered this summer at East Southern Pines High School.

The courses will begin June 6, June 27, and July 25, and will require approximately three weeks to complete.

The course includes 30 hours of classroom instruction and six hours of driving under supervision. Boys and girls who will be 16 before December 1, 1968, are eligible to take the course. Priority in choice of sessions will be based on age.

Young people who live in the Southern Pines school district but do not attend the public schools should contact David Page or Ralph Foushee if they want to take the course.

PTA To See Fashion Show, Have Election

The East Southern Pines Parent - Teacher Association will meet May 16 when the Home Economics department under the direction of Miss Gay Whitlow will present a fashion show. There will also be an election of officers.

The meeting will be at 8 pm in Weaver Auditorium.

Ross Found Innocent In Smith Death

Alexander (Pee Wee) Ross, 18, of Jackson Hamlet, was acquitted Friday in Moore Superior Court of first-degree murder in the June, 1965, slaying of Mrs. Lexie Smith of Pinehurst.

John Thomas Ferguson, also 18, who pleaded guilty to the first-degree murder charge last August and received a life sentence, was a key witness in the defense.

Judge Robert M. Gambill, charging the jury, in the trial at Carthage, said that since the murder was committed in the course of a robbery no degree other than first was possible under the statute. If the verdict was guilty, they could recommend life imprisonment as alternative to death. Aiding and abetting, should it be established, would be considered as equal to actual murder.

Ross, taking the stand in his defense, convinced the jury that, though he accompanied Ferguson on the jaunt which ended in robbery and murder, had not known Ferguson's intentions, did not enter either of the two places that were robbed and had no knowledge of what went on inside either of them.

Ferguson, brought from

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Braeburn Hall Is Sold To Greenes; Shop Announced

Braeburn Hall Motor Lodge, has been sold to interests identified with the James C. Greene family of Raleigh. The principal future use of the property, located on Highway 1, South, will be as an art and antiques shop known as Sara Greene Antiques, said an announcement from Mr. Greene.

An Open House is set for 1 pm, Sunday, May 8. Collectors and dealers are expected from many locations in the Carolinas and the public is invited.

The property was sold by Reid A. Page who bought it several years ago from Mrs. Arthur W. Atherton who, with

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Court, County Board Adjourn After Death

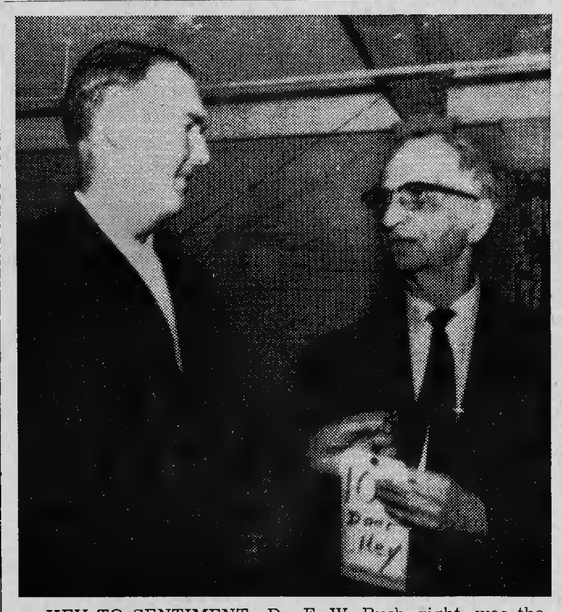
Moore County Recorders Court at Carthage adjourned Monday in respect to the memory of C. Carlton Kennedy, clerk of court, when word of his death was received in mid-afternoon.

Motion for the memorial adjournment was made by H. F. Seawell, senior member of the Moore County Bar present, and a lifelong friend of the deceased. With concurrence of W. Lamont Brown, solicitor, the motion was granted by Judge J. Vance Rowe.

Also adjourning, on news of Mr. Kennedy's death, was the board of county commissioners who first authorized the drawing up of a memorial resolution, the text of which has not yet been released.

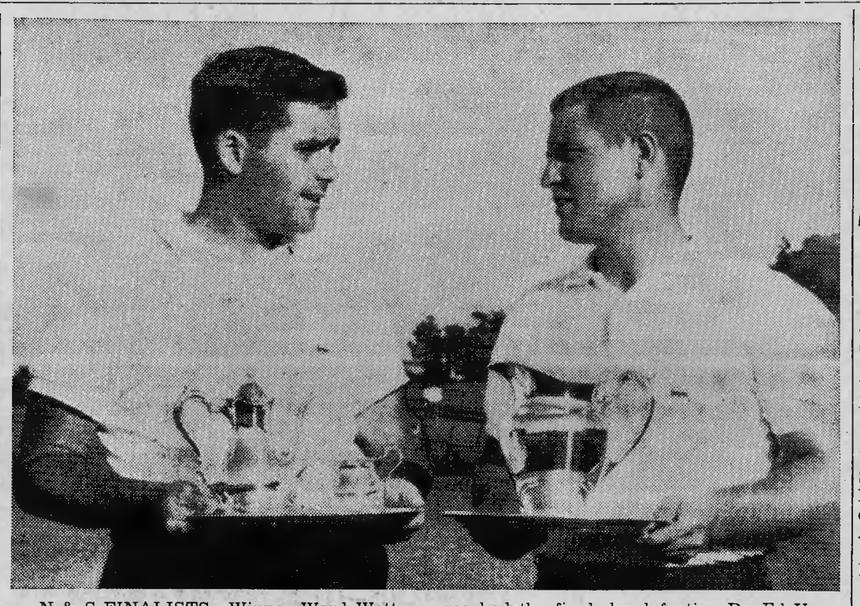
VISITING SCHOOLS

Mrs. Dan K. Moore, wife of North Carolina's governor, today visited the Leonard Training School at McCain, where she had lunch and addressed a student assembly, and the Morrison Training School at Hoffman where she toured the the school plant and talked with counselors. Both are state correctional institutions for Negro boys.



KEY TO SENTIMENT—Dr. E. W. Bush, right, was the high bidder on the first item offered for auction at the Hollywood Hotel Saturday—the key to the front door. Above, he receives his purchase from John Pottle, co-owner of the gracious hostelry soon to be torn down after 53 years as a landmark in Southern Pines life. Bid in at $20, the key has a sentimental value far higher, Dr. Bush said. He saw the hotel built, has been a close friend of the Pottle family which owned it for three generations and was on the committee which chose its name in 1913. Since the 1930's, Dr. Bush's home has been on the same block, adjoining the Hollywood property. The auction of furnishings and fixtures drew a large crowd, and, with Clem Long, Auctioneers, of Dayton, Ohio, at the helm moved on at a rapid clip, with some 500 items disposed of in six and a half hours. A garden apartment and town house development will be built by the Pottle brothers on the site.

(V. Nicholson photo)



N & S FINALISTS—Winner Ward Wettlaufer of Atlanta, Ga., left, and the man he beat Saturday in the 66th men's North and South Amateur golf tournament at Pinehurst—Marion Heck of Fort Meyers, Fla., and Columbiana, Ohio, hold their trophies. Wettlaufer, a former Walker Cup player, won 4 and 2 in the 36-hole title match. He reached the finals by defeating Dr. Ed Upgraff of Tucson, Ariz., 1-up. Heck won his finals berth when he beat Gary Cowan of Kitchener, Ontario, Canada, former Canadian Amateur champion, 2 and 1. A field of 128 began match play in the Sandhills golf classic Monday of last week.

(Hemmer photo)

ABC Trials Postponed To Court Session On May 24

The special session of Moore Recorder's Court set for Tuesday of this week, for trial of 15 persons arrested in recent ABC raids, has been postponed for three weeks, to Tuesday, May 24.

W. Lamont Brown of Southern Pines, county solicitor, said he had requested the postponement as he had not had time to study the warrants or investigate circumstances of the arrests. Judge J. Vance Rowe granted the delay.

The defendants are under bond for trial on various counts of prohibition law violation, following raids made by State and county ABC personnel and county officers on six Sandhills clubs Friday night, April 22.

The charges involve alleged over-the-bar sales of taxpaid whiskey, whiskey by the bottle and also beer in two places unlicensed to sell it.

Places raided were the Mid Pines Club, Pine Needles Country Club and VFW Post Home, all in Southern Pines; and the Southern Pines Elks Lodge, Dunes Club and Whispering Pines Country Club, near Southern Pines, but out of the town limits.

Western Union Office Moved To Graves Building

The West Union branch office has been moved from the Jefferson Inn, its location of the past several years, to the Graves Building at 115 East Pennsylvania Ave., with Mrs. Barbara Strother Whitaker as manager.

New hours were announced this week by Mrs. Whitaker as follows: weekdays, 7 am to 7 pm; Sundays, 1 to 4 pm.

Mrs. Whitaker is manager also of the Telephone Answering Service, which she started last October and which she has moved from E. New Hampshire Ave., in order to combine the two operations. They have been successfully combined in a number of other places, according to information from Western Union. Miss Sara Peacock of Sanford has been employed to assist in maintaining the 12-hour-a-

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Banks To Be Closed On Tuesday, May 10

All banks in Moore County will be closed Tuesday, May 10, in observance of Confederate Memorial Day.

No other closings on that day—a state but not a federal holiday—have been announced. The post office and all town and county offices will be open as usual.

McPhaul Now On Staff Of First Securities Here

Effective May 1, John A. (Jack) McPhaul of Southern Pines joined The First Securities Corporation, 135 W. New Hampshire Ave. as a registered representative and permanent addition to the staff, it was announced today by Charles F. Jones of Durham, head of First Securities and A. E. Rhinehart, manager of the Southern Pines office of the brokerage firm.

First Securities recently took over Eastman Dillon Union Securities & Co. at the same address.

Mr. McPhaul has been in the brokerage business since 1951, beginning with Courts

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Local Precinct Meetings Listed

Local Democratic precinct chairmen are urging a good turnout at the biennial precinct meetings, to be held Saturday here as over Moore County and throughout the State

Times and regular places of local precinct meetings, with the chairmen, are listed below:

North Southern Pines, E. O. Brogden, 2 pm, firehouse; South Southern Pines, Bryan

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FELL OR JUMPED FROM MOVING CAR

Trooper Exonerated In Death Of Arrested Man, Roy F. McNeill, 27

State Highway Patrolman F. R. Wicker, stationed in Southern Pines, was exonerated by a coroner's jury Saturday night in the death of a man who fell or jumped from the patrol car after having been arrested for drunken driving, last Friday.

The jury's verdict was that Roy Franklin McNeill, 27, of Vass had come to his death by his own hand, due to his carelessness in opening the car door.

At the inquest, held in the Southern Pines council chamber with Coroner W. K. Carpenter presiding, Wicker said he had arrested McNeill on the Union Church Road, about one mile from Vass, and helped him from his pickup truck into the unmarked patrol car.

On the way to the Southern Pines police station, Wicker said, McNeill argued vigorously against being taken there, trying to persuade the trooper to let him go or to lessen the charges. About a half-mile below Lakeview, the trooper said, McNeill suddenly remarked, "I'm getting out of here," turned quickly and opened the car door.

On hearing the door handle crack, Wicker said he looked, to see his passenger lunge out.

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Public Hearing On Zoning Law Slated Friday

A public hearing on a proposed new comprehensive Southern Pines zoning ordinance that covers both the in-town area and the mile-wide perimeter belt in which the town has zoning authority, will be held in the municipal building at 7:30 pm Friday, May 6.

The ordinance, with some changes from the original, was approved by the Planning Board and is being passed along to the council which can adopt it, with or without further changes.

The ordinance was prepared by Donald Bradley of Southern Pines, professional planner who is working on various aspects of town planning here, through a contract with the State Department of Conservation and Development.

It sets up 12 different zoning categories in which land use and, in some cases, construc-

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NO 'TAG DAY' WILL BE HELD

"No tag day" for the maternal welfare program that is now administered by the Moore Memorial Hospital Auxiliary is being held this year, it was announced this week.

The program aided 20 mothers during the past year, the announcement said, making available the free maternity bed at Moore Memorial.

Contributions to the continuing maternal welfare program are welcome, it was stated, and may be sent to the Auxiliary, in care of the hospital, marked for this special use.

No Clue Found To Girl , 15, Missing Since Last Week

Despite the investigation of several possible leads, no trace has been found of Barbara Jean Nixon, 15, West Southern Pines girl who disappeared Wednesday night of last week, April 27, Police Chief Earl S. Seawell said this morning.

A 10th grade student at West Southern Pines High School, she is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry E. Nixon of 1028 W. New Hampshire Ave. Her mother is employed as an aide at Moore Memorial Hospital in Pinehurst. The family has lived in Southern Pines about four years.

The girl's disappearance has been broadcast state-wide on the Highway Patrol radio network and has been reported to the State Bureau of Investigation for publication in the SBI's weekly bulletin for law enforcement personnel.

Chief Seawell said that Barbara Jean was listed as missing by her parents, between 10 and 11 pm last Wednesday. She had left home earlier that day, while wearing pink Bermuda shorts, a dark blue flowered blouse, white sweater and sneakers.

Barbara Jean is five feet, four inches tall and weighs 135 pounds. Her nickname is "Bunny."

About 9 pm, the investigation ascertained, she had gone to the Carolina Hotel at Pinehurst and had talked to Pearl-

BARBARA JEAN NIXON

ie Mae Brown Carter who is employed at the hotel. Reported wet from rain that was falling that night, the girl had borrowed a light blue flowered dress from her friend.

That is the last time she was seen, so far as the investigation has been able to determine, Chief Seawell said.

Anyone who has seen her or knows where she is or might be is asked to get in touch with the Southern Pines Police Department or with her parents.

HERE ON SATURDAY

Big Leaguers, Others To Meet In Benefit Game

All signs point to enthusiastic public response to the all-day program to be staged here Saturday by Southern Pines Elks Lodge 1692 in connection with the lodge's fund-raising campaign for additional spectator bleachers at Memorial Field.

On the public program are a chicken supper at the Country Club cook-out area (4 to 7 pm and dinners also served to be taken out) and an exhibition baseball game at Memorial Field, 8 pm, with several visiting former Major League players teaming with former Peach Belt leaguers to take on East Southern Pines High School's baseball squad and faculty members.

Goal of this East Southern Pines School bleacher fund is

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Harrison Hurt In Car Mishap

Bob Harrison, purchasing agent of St. Joseph's Hospital, who makes his home at the hospital here, suffered injuries when he lost control of his car near Pinehurst Saturday night. The injuries proved not serious and he was back at work Monday morning.

Harrison said he dozed off at the wheel on NC 5, near the NC 211 intersection, woke to find himself on the wrong side of the road and was thrown around when he braked down suddenly. Locking the car, he caught a ride to the hospital with some passersby.

Officers, finding the bloodied car later, ascertaining its owner, and, finding he had a bad cut on the face and a puncture wound in the chest, thought he might have been the victim of an attack. Harrison said he wasn't sure how he got the wounds, as the incident "happened very fast" but believes he bumped against chromework and was struck by objects in the car.

ON WEST SIDE

Children Will Register May 12

Children who will enter the first grade at the West Southern Pines School later this year will be registered in the first grade rooms at the school Thursday, May 12, starting at 8:30 am, H. A. Wilson principal, announces.

Parents or responsible close relatives are asked to accommany the children to the school.

Birth certificates and records of disease innoculations should be presented. County Health Department personnel will be on hand to make physical examinations.

First grade classes will not attend school that day, to make room for the registration.

LITTLE LEAGUE DAY

Festivities opening the local Little League baseball season have been scheduled for Saturday, May 14, with a downtown parade at 10 am, a party for mothers in the afternoon at the home of Mrs. Calvin Howell and the first games starting at 7 pm. Full details will be announced next week. Little League players will begin a candy sale around town on Saturday of this week to help finance league expenses.

WITH HAYES-HOWELL & ASSOCIATES

Montague Heads New Engineering Section Of Architectural Firm

Thomas T. Hayes, Jr., and W. Calvin Howell, partners in the Southern Pines architectural firm of Hayes-Howell & Associates, have announced the association of Bobby L. Montague with their firm, as head of a new engineering section. The firm will now become a combination architectural-engineering office with consulting engineering services available to other architectural firms or individuals.

Formerly with the Central Division office of Carolina Power & Light Co., here, as a heating and cooling specialist, Mr. Montague began his work with the architectural firm on Monday.

A registered professional engineer and a member of the American Society of Heating, Refrigerating, and Air Conditioning Engineers, Mr. Montague has a wide background in the mechanical and electrical fields. He graduated second in his class at North Carolina State University where he earned his degree in Heating and Air Conditioning. As a cadet officer, he was a member of the Scabbard and Blade national honorary military society.

BOBBY L. MONTAGUE

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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.
April 27	83	59
April 28	59	52
April 29	66	51
April 30	74	57
May 1	85	62
May 2	59	5[illegible]
May 3	75	4[illegible]