

Memorial Fund Started For Fire Victims' Kin

Money is being raised for a memorial fund for the families of Ashley Heights youths who were burned in a camping accident last November 19 in Ashley Heights.

Only one of the youths survived. He is Harry Lee Thornburg, 13, of Raeford, Route 3. The others, who died of their

burns, were Clarkson F. Allen, Jack Crissman, Harry Duke Pickler and David Womble. Each was 13. All were schoolmates in Raeford Elementary School.

D. R. Huff, Jr., a leader of the fund-raising project, says the program was started without the knowledge of the five families. He reported it was begun after several people said they wanted to make contributions to help relieve the financial burdens created for the families by the accident.

Contributions can be mailed to Fund for Five, P. O. Box 299, Raeford.

Huff, Ralph Strother and the Rev. Vance Baucum compose a committee that will supervise and administer the memorial fund.

The money will be disbursed to the families in proportion to the amount of the hospital expenses incurred in the treatment of the victims. If the memorial fund exceeds the medical expenses, the surplus will be divided equally among the four families who bore funeral expenses.

Huff is a neighbor of the families. He also is chairman of the Hoke County Board of Education. Baucum is pastor of Shiloh Presbyterian Church.

People in two of the youths' families are members of Shiloh church. Strother is a deacon of Ashley Heights Baptist church. Members of three of the youths' families attend that church.

Maj. Carl Young Dies In Vietnam; Burial Set Here

Major Carl L. Young, 36, whose wife, Mrs. Mary Louise Young and three daughters live in Southern Pines, died at Bien Hoa, Vietnam, December 24, the Army has announced.

According to information reaching the family through personal emissaries from Fort Bragg, Monday morning, Major Young died of heart failure attributed to a complication of illnesses for which he had previously been hospitalized. He had, however, returned to active duty with the 68th Assault Helicopter Company, before his death. He was fatally stricken at night, in his quarters.

The body is expected in Southern Pines within two weeks for burial with military honors in Mount Hope Cemetery.

Mrs. Young is the daughter of Mrs. Colin M. Smith of 570 E. Indiana Ave., where she and her daughters have made their home since Major Young was sent to Vietnam last May. The children are Carla, 9; Shannon, 7; and Tracey, 5.

Major Young had spent several leaves here, was fond of this community and planned to make his home here eventually, Mrs. Smith told The Pilot.

He was a native of Washington, D. C., where his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Young, now live. Also surviving are a brother, Major Robert Young, in Army service at Fort Rucker, Ala., and a sister, Mrs. Alfred Kroeger of New Canaan, Conn.

Going to Vietnam last May with the 1st Air Cavalry Division, Major Young had been in combat about a month when he first became ill. He was hospitalized in Japan for about three months—the first of several periods of hospitalization which alternated with active duty. Just prior to his death, he was back on combat duty, flying in helicopters.

Two tropical diseases and typhoid fever were named as the afflictions for which he had received treatment.

Major Young was a veteran of Navy service in World War II, when he enlisted under the regulation age. A graduate of the University of Maryland, he entered the Army and was commissioned after attending Officer Candidates' School.

He served a year in Korea and at other stations and had been in Germany for a tour of duty from which he returned last March. He held Army Commendation Medals for service in Germany and at Fort Rucker, Ala.

Moore Crime, Violence Took Yule Holiday

Crime and violence also took the three-day Christmas holiday in Moore County, a check with law enforcement officers reported.

Southern Pines Police Chief Earl Seawell reported "one or two" people were arrested for alleged public drunkenness. That constituted the weekend's total of violations of the law in town.

The community also went through the weekend without experiencing a reportable traffic accident.

In the county, the report from Sheriff W. B. Kelly Tuesday morning for the Christmas weekend was "No shooting" (Continued on Page 6)

Tobacco Meeting Slated Monday

The annual Moore County tobacco meeting will be held Monday in the courthouse at Carthage starting at 7:30 pm.

S. D. Hawks, a tobacco specialist at North Carolina State University will discuss tobacco varieties, fertilization, irrigation, diseases, soil fumigation and sucker control and mechanization.

County Extension Chairman F. D. Allen said farmers can bring their individual production problems to the specialist's attention for discussion at the meeting.



FUN ON A DODO — Youngsters play on the nonflying T-33 jet in the Municipal Center Park in Southern Pines. On the ground are Erica Danak, 8, and her brother, Zachary, 10½, of 345 E. Pennsylvania Ave. On the plane are, left to right, Mark Lowstuter 12, of 350 N. Leak St.; David Duffer, 11, of 255 W. Delaware Ave.; and Billy Bright, 11, of 200 N. Ashe St. The town moved the Air Force gift plane last Thursday from the Little League baseball park. It was put there after arriving in the fall. Town Manager F. F. Rainey said last Friday the tail opening will be sealed shut because sharp edges inside cut children crawling through the opening. He also said the plane will be sunk about two feet into the ground and given a fixed ladder for the convenience of the youngsters. (Pilot photo)

Local Schedule For Tax Listing In January Set

Tuesday morning of next week, January 3, will see list-takers at designated places in all of Moore County's townships for the annual listing of real and personal property required by law from all property owners. The listing period runs through February 3.

Names of all the list-takers were published in The Pilot last week and schedules of where they will be and when are being posted in public places like post offices and stores around the county.

Mrs. E. J. Vaughn, who will list property within Southern Pines only, said that she will be at the Municipal Center courtroom daily Monday through Friday, 9 to 1 and 2 to 5, except on Wednesdays when Southern Pines Recorder's Court is in session there. Her Saturday hours will be from 9 am to noon.

She said that she will take a lunch hour from 1 to 2, so that working people will be able to list their property during the noon to 1 lunch hour.

Mrs. Don J. Blue of Route 3, Carthage, is the list-taker for property in McNeill Township outside of Southern Pines.

LICENSE PLATE SALES TO START

The sales of 1967 auto and truck license plates start next Tuesday at 9 am in Aberdeen at Farmers Supply Co., 104 E. Main St.

Mrs. N. A. McGill, license contract agent for the State Department of Motor Vehicles at the Aberdeen branch, said Tuesday the sales hours will be 9 am to 5 pm Mondays through Fridays; and 9 am to noon Saturdays.

Other details will be announced in next week's edition of the Pilot.

Most Places To Be Closed Next Monday

Next weekend will be another long holiday for government employees and most Southern Pines businesses, since the New Year's Day holiday falls on Sunday this year.

Monday will be a school day again for students of the public and private elementary and high schools. Sandhills Community College will resume classes Tuesday morning.

Moore County and Southern Pines municipal government offices, and the county's three state ABC liquor stores will be closed all day Monday.

Town government offices also will be closed all day Saturday, as they were Christmas Eve.

The Southern Pines Post Office will offer no carrier service, except for special delivery mail, on Monday. The Post Office will maintain window service for customers until 12:30 pm Saturday.

The Citizens Bank and Trust Co. and Southern National Bank in Southern Pines also will be closed Monday. Each will be open as usual Saturday until noon.

Charlotte Boy Wins Junior Golf Tourney

A 16-year-old Charlotte boy won the 19th Donald Ross Junior Golf Tournament Tuesday at the Pinehurst Country Club.

He is Davis Williams. Williams shot 73, one over par and finished a stroke ahead of runner-up Ken McDonald of Wilmington, Frank Walters of Florence, S. C., and David Weavil of Winston-Salem. McDonald was awarded second place after a matching of cards.

McDonald shot 38 and 36 for his 74; Walters, 35 and 39; and Weavil, 40 and 34.

Peter Pottle of Southern Pines and Linville shared fifth place with Jay Overton of Sanford, Joe Patton of Morganton and Robert Chapman of Spartanburg, S. C. Each had 75.

The ninth annual Father and Son Holiday Tournament opened today with Junior Golf Tournament competitors and their dads competing.

College's Nurse Training Course Given Approval

Sandhills Community College officials have been notified that the Associate Degree Nursing Program, initiated last fall, has been approved for reasonable assurance of accreditation.

The notification of the approval of the application by the college was received within a few days of the visit here by a committee of the National League for Nursing, the official agency designated by the U. S. Office of Education to accredit schools of nursing throughout the country.

Miss Louise Bryant, consultant on Associate Degree Nurses Education for the N. C. State Department of Community Colleges accompanied the committee during its survey at Sandhills College.

According to Dr. Richard S. Ray, dean of instruction at Sandhills, and Henry I. Rahn, director of technical-vocational education, approval of the two-year nurses program by the National League of Nurses (Continued on Page 6)

McConnell's Condition Is 'Very Good'

Superior Court Judge John D. McConnell of Country Club Drive was reported this morning (Wednesday) in "very good" condition at North Carolina Memorial Hospital in Chapel Hill.

Judge McConnell is under treatment for injuries suffered December 12 in a two-car collision three miles north of Ramseur.

His attending physician said this morning that the judge has "improved progressively" since he was admitted to the Chapel Hill hospital December 14. He was transferred there from Randolph Memorial Hospital in Asheboro.

The physician said Judge McConnell "can get up and around" now and spends much of his time in a wheel chair. Judge McConnell suffered a fracture of the left hip and a fracture of the left knee in the accident.

IN MOORE COUNTY DURING 1966

10 Top News Stories Recalled

What were the 10 top news stories in Moore county in 1966?

Here is one selection, not necessarily in the order of importance:

1—Growth of the Sandhills Community College to take its place among established educational institutions of North Carolina, in its own completed plant, with inaugural and dedicatory rites and recognition of benefactors of Sandhills residents.

2—Termination of the Moore County Schools' consolidation struggle, with superior court first, then Supreme Court, giving the green light on Area III school.

3—Extended Area Service

Industrial, Business, Other Projects Show 1966 Progress

The year 1966 was one of progress for Moore county, with new industries and businesses coming in, expansion of existing plants, educational and recreational achievements and steps taken by county and municipal governments opening the way to further progress in the future.

Housing Authority Gets Convenience Certificate

The Southern Pines Housing Authority's way for acquiring land for its public housing project is clear now.

Authority Executive Director E. R. Hubbard reported Tuesday the State Utilities has issued the organization a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity.

This gives the Housing Authority the right to acquire land and secure it for the public domain. The Housing Authority will buy only vacant land for the sites for the construction of the 100 low-rent units in the public housing project.

The State Utilities Commission order granting the certificate explains that "a housing authority must do these two things before it may institute a proceeding for the taking of property under the right of eminent domain pursuant to the Public Works Domain Law:

— Obtain a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity from the North Carolina Utilities Commission.

— Adopt a resolution declaring that the acquisition of the property described is in the public interest and necessary for public use.

Hubbard said the local Housing Authority will start acquiring property soon for the planned public housing.

The State Utilities Commission issued the certificate in an order dated December 22. A public hearing on the Housing Authority's application for

the certificate was held last November 23 in Raleigh before Utilities Commission Chairman Harry T. Westcott, who presided; and Commissioners Clarence H. Noah and John W. McDevitt.

The application was opposed by C. M. McLaughlin and George Little, both of Southern Pines. They expressed opposition to the site chosen for the local project.

Appearing on behalf of the Housing Authority were Hubbard; E. O. Brogden, Jr., attorney; E. Earl Hubbard, chairman of the Authority's commissioners; Mayor Pro Tem Felton Capel; and Councilman L. D. McDonald.

The order says, following a statement of pertinent information: ". . . It is therefore ordered that a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity be, and the same is hereby, granted to the Southern Pines Housing Authority for the development, construction, maintenance and operation of 100 dwelling units of low-rent housing, as set forth in the application in this docket.

"It is further ordered that this order shall constitute the Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity herein above granted."

The document also orders that copies be transmitted to the Southern Pines mayor, the Housing Authority, attorney of record, and C. A. McLaughlin and George Little.

The order was signed by Mary Laurens Richardson, chief clerk of the State Utilities Commission.

WHEN BAD WEATHER STRIKES

Here's How To Check On Schools

Moore County school officials advised parents and students to listen to radio stations or watch television telecasts when they want to know whether their schools will be closed when bad weather strikes.

"Do not telephone school officials," they advise.

Decisions on whether schools will be closed or remain open are made by school authorities in late afternoon before the day concerned; or early in the morning of the day concerned.

The decisions are made after consultations with the State Highway Department and US Weather Bureau, among other agencies.

The school authorities list these stations covering Moore County which will broadcast or telecast information about school closings:

Radio: WEEB, Southern Pines (990 on the dial); WWP-P, Sanford (105.5 FM, 1050 AM); WPTF, Raleigh (680); WGWR, Asheboro (1260); and WJRM, Troy (1390).

Television: WFMY, Greensboro (Channel 2); WRAL, Raleigh (Channel 5); WTVD, Durham (Channel 11); and WGHP, High Point (Channel 8).

The Moore school authorities said Southern Pines Station WEEB probably will be the first to get information concerning closing and opening of county schools.

If no announcement is made, schools will operate as usual.

Radio stations usually make such announcements more frequently than television stations.

School officials need uninterrupted telephone service while they are trying to get information to decide whether to close schools. This is why they do not want pupils and parents to telephone them for information. Calls tie up the lines and delay the officials' getting the information they need. This in turn delays their decision-making.

Officials ask parents and pupils to get the information about school closings and openings from the broadcasters or from neighbors.

factory of mobile classrooms and other trailer units in July at their new plant near Southern Pines, and by mid-September planned expansion. A smaller industry, Pinehurst Brick Co., started August 1 making handmolded-type brick near Vass.

Existing plants announcing expansion plans were the Gulistan Carpet Division of J. P. Stevens & Co. at Aberdeen; Sandhill Furniture Co., (a division of the Stanley Company of Virginia) at West End; and Carolina Soap & Candle Makers, Southern Pines, which imported a quantity of new machinery and will build a new building to house it.

Through cooperation of five telephone firms, Extended Area Service came to Moore County October 31, with the switching center in a \$500,000 annex built by United Telephone Co. of the Carolinas here.

Sandhills Community College completed a \$2,500,000 plant, added a fourth building (shop and automotive) and a College Residence for its president, and has another classroom building on the drawing boards. Early in December President Raymond A. Stone was inaugurated and formal dedication of the buildings took place.

County school consolidation progressed with acquisition of a 120-acre site and plans under way for the third and last high school, expected to cost \$2.5 million. Construction of a \$225,000 elementary school at Highfalls, replacing one burned in 1955, is under way.

A \$60,000 improvement project (half county funds, half federal) has expanded use of the county-owned airport.

The county opened its first sanitary landfill, the first of five which are planned.

At Carthage, a \$400,000 water pumping and treatment system was completed, helping to bring the new industry (Quality Mills). Robbins is building a new sewage treatment plant and Aberdeen voters approved a \$310,000 bond issue for them.

The county commissioners reapportioned voting districts and, under a new zoning law and board, are proceeding with zoning on a section-by-section basis. They bought a new \$14,000 bookmobile, also their eighth rural fire truck, stationed at Pinebluff.

At Southern Pines, the town council pushed community planning and beautification and enacted a new zoning ordinance, including the one (Continued on Page 6)

AT CARTHAGE

Moore YDC To Hear Highway Chief Jan. 12

Joseph M. Hunt, Jr., chairman of the State Highway Commission will be the guest speaker at a dinner meeting of the Moore County Young Democratic Club on Thursday, January 12 at 7 pm, at the Carthage Hotel in Carthage, according to an announcement by Jerry Cole, club president.

Cole said that tickets for the dinner will be \$2 each and that those wishing to attend could purchase a ticket in advance. Those unable to attend the dinner and wishing to come for the speaking are invited to do so, said Cole.

"I believe that Mr. Hunt will have a message that the people will want to hear," said Cole of West End, who heads the Lee County Unit of the State Prison Department.

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.
Dec. 21	58	24
Dec. 22	61	32
Dec. 23	55	37
Dec. 24	41	26
Dec. 25	41	14
Dec. 26	48	13
Dec. 27	49	22

ON COUNTY HIGHWAYS, TOWN STREETS

1966 Accidents Took 15 Lives

In 51 weeks of 1966, Moore county's auto fatality toll added up to 15 persons—neither the worst nor the best record of recent years.

They died in 12 accidents, one of which took three lives, another two. The victims included two children, seven other young people under 21, one young father and one mother of seven.

Ten fatalities are listed by the State Highway Patrol as taking place in the county, on rural roads or highways, while three were in the city limits of Southern Pines and one in Aberdeen. One, occurring in a car-train collision at Vass, was on private property and has no official county or municipal listing.

Two of the dead were pedestrians, while three others—in what was surely the county's most mysterious and sensational of accidents—were struck while lying on a highway side by side.

Seven were driving their cars, five of these dying in one-car wrecks, one in the collision with the train and only one in collision with another car.

US 1, on which many highway fatalities have occurred in former years, was this year the scene of only one, a pedestrian's death. The Vass-Cameron area was the worst hit, with five of the 12 fatal wrecks—four on rural paved roads, one on a private road. NC 211 and NC 705 figure in two each.

Ages of the victims ranged from three to 77. In just one accident was mechanical failure—bad brakes—seen as the most likely cause. High speed was assigned as the cause in three accidents, guessed in three or four others. Inquests cleared the drivers in the two pedestrian deaths, and the driver striking the three youths in the road was held by coroner's ruling not at fault.

An inquest is yet to be held in the head-on collision.

At least seven persons were seriously injured in the accidents, to be added to the long list of those sustaining minor to critical hurts in non-fatal wrecks throughout the year.

The 51-week death toll: January 8—Raymond Darrell Brown, 19, Robbins, in one-car wreck on NC 705 just off 211; brake trouble believed cause.

January 14—Roy William Webster, 30, West End, Rt. 1, and Billy Joe Newman, 20, Pinehurst; one-car wreck in Southern Pines.

February 24—John Thomas McNeill, 13, pedestrian, on US 1 at Aberdeen, struck by truck, then by car; driver of truck cleared of blame, driver of car not found.

March 3—Charles Edward Williams, 33, Cameron, Rt. 1; one-car wreck on rural paved road near Cameron.

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