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HAS BEEN GRADUAL PROCESS School Systems Merger Takes Effect Thursday

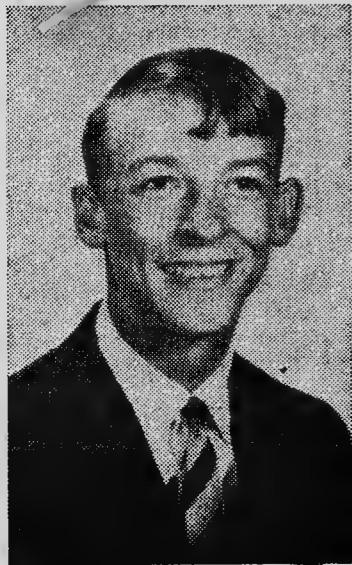
One era will end and another begin for the schools of Southern Pines, Pinehurst and Moore County July 1, the date on which the consolidation of three administrative units into one becomes legally effective. There will be nothing to mark the transition, which has actually been a gradual process, going on for many months and due to continue

for some time in the future. This has been a complicated process, in which the three boards and the administrators have cooperated. In much of their financing, in school bus handling and in some other important facets, the three administrative units had been, in effect, part of the same system for years.

Deeds of conveyance transferring all property, real, personal and mixed, of the city units to the county system—executed by their board chairmen and secretaries (administrators)—were delivered this week by their attorneys to Moore County Supt. Robert E. Lee. No official ceremony of transfer was held.

As staff and teacher contracts terminated toward the end of the school year, the new ones were signed by the county superintendent and approved by the county board. Employment of the lunchroom and janitorial workers became the county's, rather than the local board's responsibility. Practically everyone was rehired on recommendation of the Southern Pines and Pinehurst boards and superintendents.

Last Wednesday, Kirby Watson, Southern Pines superintendent since last fall, started on his new job as director of federal programs for the county system. While working at Carthage with Mrs. Beulah (Continued on Page 2)



MICHAEL L. JOHNSON

Youth Killed In Road Crash Near Eastwood

A 16-year-old Southern Pines boy was killed about 7 pm Monday when the 1966 Volkswagen he was driving went out of control and overturned several times on rural, unpaved SR 1209 a mile and a half northeast of Eastwood, State Highway Patrolman G. L. Cain reported.

The officer said the victim was Michael Lewis Johnson of Bethesda Road, the only child of Mrs. Margaret Brooks Johnson, widow of a disabled World War II veteran.

The boy who had suffered head injuries, was pronounced dead on arrival at Moore Memorial Hospital.

The officer said the youth fell from the car as it was overturning.

He said Johnson had received his driver's license only a month and a day before the accident. The victim's 16th birthday was last May 8.

Patrolman Cain said the automobile was traveling north at the time of the accident when the driver lost control of the vehicle. Johnson was riding alone, the officer said.

Young Johnson was driving (Continued on Page 2)

LITTLE LEAGUE

'Mothers' Night' Set On Friday; Dinner Slated

Two outstanding events of the Little League baseball season were announced this week by Dr. Boyd Starnes, league publicity chairman.

Friday evening of this week, June 30, will be "Mothers' Night" at the Little League park on Morganton Road, with special ceremonies honoring players' mothers to be conducted at 6 pm, before the first game of two to be played.

On Wednesday, July 12, at the Southern Pines Country Club-Elks Club cocktail area, the Little League's main annual fund-raising event will take place, a fried chicken dinner, open to the public, with dinners available to eat on the spot or to take home. (Continued on Page 2)

Union Homecoming Set Sunday, July 9

The annual homecoming of Union Presbyterian Church, between Carthage and Vass, will be held Sunday, July 9, it has been announced, with a worship service at 11:15 am followed by a picnic dinner on the church grounds.

The Rev. B. E. Dotson of Carthage will be the guest preacher. All former members and friends of the church are invited.



FIRST SAILBOATS ON TOWN LAKE — Overcast skies did not dampen the sailors' spirits on a recent "trial run" on the town reservoir, where sailboating has now been authorized by a town ordinance. Above, David Drexel brings his boat in for a landing at the newly installed dock, while far out on the lake, Carlton Neisser and George Drexel skim along in the breeze. The sport, to be enjoyed under strict regulations of the State Department of Health

and a local sailboat committee with supervisory responsibility, will add a new dimension to outdoor life in the Sandhills. The committee, of which David Drexel is acting chairman, will have a luncheon meeting at Whispering Pines Restaurant on Monday, to elect officers and organize for the Fall season. Spring sailing ends on the lake July 1. Copies of the official regulations may be obtained from Mr. Drexel or Mrs. George H. Leonard, Jr. (V. Nicholson photo)

RESCUE SQUAD, BLOOD DONORS PRAISED

Quick Action, Surgery Save Life Of Boy Mangled By Farm Machine

While surgical skill saved the life of a critically injured nine-year-old boy of the Robbins area last Wednesday night, the surgeon gave credit to Rescue Squad members and volunteer blood donors.

Tuesday, Theodore Ritter, Jr. known as "Ronnie," was off the critical list, and though still in serious condition, would recover, barring complications, his doctor said. He is the only son of his parents.

APPEAL MADE

2 Collections Of Blood Set

Blood collections in the continuing Moore County program will be conducted Wednesday, July 12, in Carthage (Rescue Squad building, noon to 5:30 pm) and in Southern Pines on Thursday, July 13 (town hall courtroom, 11 am to 4:30 pm), it is announced by Col. John Dibb of Southern Pines, chairman of the Red Cross program.

Pointing out that the blood program is ending its fiscal year June 30 with donations for the year falling by 175 pounds to equal the amount of Red Cross blood used for Moore County patients during the past year, the chairman urged that residents of the county, especially persons who have pledged to replace blood used for friends or relatives, plan to attend one of the two upcoming collections.

Group Approves Design For New County Library

Plans for the proposed new Moore County Library building at Carthage were approved last week by the Library's Building Committee. It has been announced by Alan McDonald, chairman. The building, designed by the Southern Pines architectural firm of Austin and Faulk, will be constructed of brick with redwood trim.

The site selected is on the corner of Sanders and Dowd Sts. in Carthage, one block from the Courthouse. The facade on Sanders St. will be 108 feet long and will permit possible future expansion.

The present plans provide 6,600 feet of floor space with an interior arrangement of maximum comfort and efficiency, the announcement said. The main section of the building will include stacks (Continued on Page 2)

2 Freed On Manslaughter Counts

Two men charged in the traffic death June 16 of Jim Leggett, 52, on West Pennsylvania Avenue were freed of counts involving manslaughter but sentenced to three months in jail each on operation of license offenses last Wednesday.

Judge W. Harry Fullenwider found no probable cause after preliminary hearings in Southern Pines Recorder's

Court for a charge of manslaughter against Willie Thomas Ray, identified as the driver of the car that struck Leggett; and for aiding and abetting in manslaughter against Murray L. Young, identified as the owner of the car.

Police said Young was riding with Ray at the time the car struck Leggett and his companion, Mrs. Eunice Med (Continued on Page 2)

VISITING SPEAKERS, ENTERTAINMENT, BEAUTY PAGEANT ON PROGRAM

14-Hour Celebration Of 4th Set At Aberdeen

With U. S. Senator Sam J. Ervin, Jr., as the principal speaker, Aberdeen is gearing up for its third annual July Fourth celebration next Tuesday, according to H. Clifton Blue, general chairman of the celebration committee.

Thousands of persons are expected for a program that will extend over some 14 hours.

Also on the program will be Congressman Jim Gardner, and Major Gen. John A. Lang, Jr., Moore County native and administrative assistant to the Secretary of the Air Force in Washington.

The program will start at 10:30 a.m., with a parade led by the 527th U.S. Air Force Band from Shaw AFB, S. C.

Program participants and municipal, county and state officials will be in the parade along with floats, horses, "horseless carriages" and many other entries. The parade will begin at Bethesda Presbyterian Church in Aberdeen and end at Aberdeen Lake where the formal program and other events take place throughout



SEN. SAM J. ERVIN, JR.



REP. JAMES GARDNER



JOHN A. LANG

the day.

There will be a military plane salute at 11:45 a.m., followed by Fort Bragg "skydivers" at 12 noon. Parachute jumps are also set for 1:55 p.m., 4 p.m., 6 p.m., and 7:30 p.m.

The first revue of the Beauty Pageant contestants will be

at 2:30 p.m., in the grove between No. 1 highway and the lake.

There will be horse events throughout the afternoon at the high school athletic field, expected to attract a large crowd.

In the lake area during the afternoon there will be: sack

competitions, three-legged races, climbing the greasy pole, a pie-eating contest, a cracker-eating and whistling contest (for the ladies), water barrel fights between fire departments, water contests, and also pony, horse and wagon rides. (Continued on Page 2)

\$2,355,985 County Budget Gets Tentative Approval

A 1967-68 tentative budget of \$2,355,985 was adopted last Thursday by the Board of Moore County Commissioners for operating Moore County's governmental business. The tax rate, under the motion adopted, would remain at the present \$1.25 per \$100 property evaluation. This would be approximate-

ly \$337,000 more than the current fiscal year's budget and reflects principally, planned salary increases generally of 10 per cent for county employees; the fusion of the three school administrative units into the single county school system; and the construction of Pinecrest (Area III) High School.

Also during the special meeting at Carthage, the commissioners' board by a 2-1 favorable majority vote gave the green light to movement of General Assembly legislation authorizing allocation of county funds to the Humane Society of Moore County for the society's proposed operation of the county's animal control program.

The humane society's counsel, James VanCamp of Carthage, pointed out, however, that the legislation would not obligate the commissioners to enter into a contract with the society—it simply would permit the commissioners to negotiate a contract and allocate public funds if the commissioners decided they wanted to.

County Attorney M. G. Boyette pointed out that the draft of the proposed legislation contained no police powers for the humane society. But VanCamp and Mrs. Leon Baker of Southern Pines, society secretary, said this was satisfactory to the society. VanCamp said such authority was deliberately deleted from an original draft because it made the legislation's constitutionality questionable.

The county board of health at a meeting the night of June 20, the humane society representatives and the commissioners were told, had adopted a resolution requesting the commissioners to make no change in the present county dog-control program.

However, the action of the commissioners in calling on the legislators representing the county to seek passage of the bill does not conflict with this request since the bill would provide simply the authority for the commissioners to enter into a contract with the society.

The vote against the motion on the legislation was cast by Commissioner C. W. Purvis of Robbins. Purvis has said in previous discussions that he is against the adoption of stray dogs. He indicated he believed the policy impractical as a solution to the problem of property-damaging strays.

The humane society puts stray dogs and cats rehabilitated at society expense by county veterinarians up for adoption and keeps check on (Continued on Page 2)

Closings For Holiday Vary In Sandhills

Business, industry and most public services will observe the Independence Day holiday, Tuesday, July 4, throughout the Sandhills. And some business and industrial employees will have longer vacations.

Post offices will be on holiday schedule everywhere Tuesday, with the local post office having no home deliveries but processing incoming and outgoing mail. Lobby windows will be closed all day.

All banks of the area will close on Tuesday, as well as ABC stores in Southern Pines, Pinehurst and Carthage.

County administrative offices and public library will be closed for Tuesday only. Most stores and professional (Continued on Page 2)

Holiday Changes Pilot Deadlines

Because The Pilot will be closed for a holiday on Tuesday, July 4, its news and advertising deadlines for Wednesday, July 5, paper will be moved up 24 hours.

No classified advertising will be accepted after 3 pm, Monday, July 3. The display advertising deadline will be 5:30 pm Monday.

The same time — 5:30 pm, Monday will be the deadline also for routine news and photos for Wednesday's paper, although deaths, births and news items of exceptional interest will be taken Wednesday morning, before 10:30 am.

News correspondents in other communities are asked to send their columns to reach The Pilot not later than Monday morning. (Continued on Page 2)

TO MARK INDEPENDENCE DAY

Carthage Plans Parade, Horse Show

The 4th Annual Parade through Carthage and Horse Show will mark the largest July 4 Celebration in the Moore County Saddle Club's history, officials of the club announced this week.

The parade will begin at 10 am. Everyone who has a mule, donkey, burro or horse is invited to participate. There is no charge for entering.

The Horse Show will begin at 11 on the Carthage School Grounds. Admission will be \$1 for adults and 50 cents for children.

The entry fee for the Horse Show will be \$1 per horse per class with a trophy and four ribbons given in each class.

Ray Stout will be the judge and Edward Shepley will be the ringmaster. Timing for the race events will be by an electric timer.

Three prizes will be given away during the show and a food booth will be provided on the grounds. In case of rain, both the parade and horse show will be held Saturday, July 10, at the same places and hours.

Several events have been added because of public interest, the announcement said: the open three gaited english pleasure class for both saddle and hunt seat riders; an open pleasure walking horse class, a five-gaited class and a barrel crawl.

A class without at least four entries will be cancelled and the Horse Show Committee reserves the right to cancel. (Continued on Page 2)

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.

| | Hi | Lo |
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| June 21 | 89 | 63 |
| June 22 | 83 | 65 |
| June 23 | 92 | 63 |
| June 24 | 94 | 64 |
| June 25 | 95 | 67 |
| June 26 | 76 | 61 |
| June 27 | 74 | 65 |



PEGGY McDIARMID



SUE AGEE

IN BEAUTY PAGEANT — Among the numerous young women from this area who will take part in the beauty pageant at Aberdeen's July Fourth Celebration next Tuesday are these two Sandhills Community College co-eds who were elected by students to represent the college in the event. Another Sandhills College student, Judy Bailey, is also entered in the pageant, representing The Carolina Bank in Vass, her home community. (SCC News Bureau photos)