

A large moth collection, the work of many years by a local man, has been given to the Smithsonian. Details on Page 6, Section 2.

10,000 litter bags for motor vehicles have been distributed through school children in Moore County. Details, Page 2, Section 3.

RAIL MUSEUM Public Is Asked Aid In Project

William C. Darden of Southern Pines is serving as chairman of a project to collect and eventually display, in a manner not yet determined, materials relating to the history of railroading in this area.

He accepted the post at a meeting of a small group of interested persons in the municipal center courtroom last Friday afternoon, when the group agreed that the first step in the project is to enlist the public's help in determining what materials are available.

Since the meeting, Mr. Darden told The Pilot this week, arrangements have been made for persons having documents, books, maps, photographs or other materials relating to railroading—or to developments in which railroading played a part—to loan them to the committee by leaving them at the Southern Pines Library where they will be filed in marked envelopes, pending further action by the local group.

Three persons who had done preliminary work on the project, including some discussions with Seaboard Coast Line Railroad officials who offered advice and cooperation, were at last week's meeting—State Sen. Voit Gilmore, Mr. Darden and Floyd Sayre, executive secretary of the Southern Pines.

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TRIP BEGINS — The 500 Christmas cards which Miss Pat Darden, left, and Mrs. Carolyn Hicks, mailed this week to servicemen in Vietnam begin their journey of cheer to the other side of the world, at the Southern Pines post office, as Postmaster Morris Johnson smiles his approval. The gold-paper carton in which the cards were packed is on the counter and each of the young ladies holds handfuls of the greetings. (V. Nicholson photo)

50 PERSONS HELP 2 WHO WORKED ON PROJECT

500 Cards Sent To Vietnam Servicemen

Five hundred messengers of goodwill, support and encouragement for U. S. soldiers in South Vietnam are winging their way to the zone, in the form of Christmas cards signed, sealed and stamped by two pretty young ladies, Miss Pat Darden and Mrs. Carolyn Hicks, of Southern Pines.

While the two girls thought it up, it became a project of the entire Research Department of the Gulistan Carpet Division of J. P. Stevens & Co. at Aberdeen, where they work, Carolyn as secretary, Pat as a chemistry laboratory assistant.

Members of the department, numbering 50 employees in all, gave Christmas cards and also cash for postage, as did some

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NO CHARGES Youth On Road Killed When Struck By Car

Willie Martin Garner, 19, of Eagle Springs, Rt. 1, was killed at 2:30 am Sunday when struck by a car as he lay on the eastbound lane of NC 27, 1.4 miles east of Robbins Crossroads.

Darrell Leon Williams, 22, also of Eagle Springs, Route 1, told State Trooper Tommy Clark he did not see the body until seconds before he hit it and too late to avoid doing so. He said he did not realize it was a man until he stopped and went back to look, finding Garner dead of head and body injuries. His statement was corroborated by two passengers in his car, Jerry Williams and Billy Arthur Burns.

Following the State Highway Patrol investigation, Coroner W. K. Carpenter ruled that Garner died through an avoidable accident. Clark said no charges would be preferred.

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Jaycees Collect Toys For Needy

This year the Southern Pines Jaycees will again collect and distribute toys to children of needy families in the Southern Pines area. This program will be conducted in cooperation with the VFW post which will give food boxes to needy families, a spokesman for the Jaycees said.

Anyone having toys to donate is asked to deliver them to Bob Howard's insurance agency at 244 N. W. Broad St. If you would like for the toys to be picked up, please call Jerry Frazier at 692-2884 or 281-3111, said the announcement.

"Help us make this Christmas a special one for the needy children in the Southern Pines area," is the plea made by the Jaycees.

APPEAL RENEWED FOR CHEER FUND

Hubert Cameron, chairman of the Christmas Cheer program conducted by the VFW post in the Southern Pines area, this week renewed his appeal for cash contributions that will help provide a plentiful supply of items for the many food boxes to be distributed to needy persons just before Christmas.

Checks should be made to "VFW Christmas Cheer Fund" and mailed to him at 515 E. Indiana Ave.

The VFW program is part of a county-wide effort carried out in cooperation with the Moore public welfare department.



Mr. Beith (left) Presents Check To Mayor Taylor
Gulistan Gives \$1,500 To Group For Aberdeen Recreation Project

A gift of \$1,500 from the Gulistan Carpet Division, J. P. Stevens and Co., Inc., in Aberdeen has been presented to the Aberdeen Playground Association for recreational facilities.

J. Cecil Beith, manager of the Stevens Gulistan Carpet plant at Aberdeen, presented the check to Mayor Jack M. Taylor, member of the Planning Committee for the Aberdeen Playground Association.

Plans call for expanding the present town park and recreational area below the Aberdeen Lake dam and creek. Tennis courts and other installations also have been discussed.

Plant Manager Beith stated, "We are pleased to lend our company's support to this worthwhile undertaking by the citizens and businesses of the Aberdeen area. It certainly

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Council Votes Call Election On \$300,000 Bond Issue

The Southern Pines Town Council at its regular monthly meeting in the Municipal Center Tuesday night decided to hold a public referendum on a proposal to issue \$300,000 worth of bonds to finance improving the town water system and purchasing a new town fire truck. No date was set pending further preparations.

Approximately \$25,000 would be for buying the truck.

The voting will be done on two separate proposals — to issue bonds for purchase of the truck; and issue the rest of the bonds to finance the improvements to the water system.

The council at its November meeting had approved putting the machinery in motion toward possible holding of a referendum.

Town Manager F. F. Rainey told the council that the bonds of approximately \$300,000 could be issued without the necessity of raising the town tax rate to help pay them off.

Guns, TV Set, Cash Taken From Home Thursday

Guns, a television set and cash valued at a total of approximately \$1,200 were stolen Thursday from the home of Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Phipps Jr. while they were away, an officer reported.

State Bureau of Investigation Agent Gary R. Griffith, aiding the Moore County Sheriff's Department in the investigation, said two shotguns, two rifles and a color-television set and an unspecified amount of cash were taken from the house, which is in Highland Trails.

The officer said the thief or thieves entered the house through an unlocked window.

He said Phipps was in Raleigh for an armed forces induction examination and Mrs. Phipps was at the home of her mother-in-law, Mrs. Margaret W. Phipps here, when the theft occurred.

Phipps learned of the loss when he returned home about 6:30 pm Thursday, Griffith said.

Party Will Fete Former Campers

Handicapped children and adults who have attended camping sessions at Camp Easter in the Pines here have been invited to return for the camp's annual Christmas party sponsored by the local Jaycees and the Moore County Easter Seal Society.

The party will take place in the camp's lodge from 1 to 3 pm Saturday, said Mrs. Mark Liddell, camp coordinator. The guests will come from various areas of the state.

Santa Claus will be present, there will be gifts and refreshments for all and musical entertainment will be furnished by the Pinedene Symphony.

97 Pints Of Blood Donated At West End

In Moore County's last Red Cross blood collection of 1967, at West End on Monday, 97 pints were donated, the local Red Cross office reports.

There were 30 first-time donors and 50 persons giving to replace blood used by relatives or friends, the report said.

The Red Cross supplies blood to both the county's hospitals, without charge.

Driver Education Is Slated In 3 Schools

Driver Education classes will begin January 2, 1968 at Fast Southern Pines High School, West Southern Pines High School and Academy Heights High School, Pinehurst, the county schools office announces.

Persons under 18 years of age and not attending the schools listed should contact the principals of these schools, if they desire to take this course, the announcement said.

RECORD MAIL

Southern Pines can chalk up a new record this week.

Postmaster Morris Johnson told The Pilot that Monday's record of mail was an all-time high.

More letters, cards, packages, magazines, etc. passed through the hands of the Southern Pines postal staff than ever before.



W. H. GENTRY, JR.
President

1968 Officers Of Chamber Are Named At Meet

William H. Gentry Jr. of Southern Pines was elected president of the Southern Pines Area Chamber of Commerce at the chamber's Board of Directors December meeting last Thursday at Holiday Inn.

Gentry is president of Barnum Realty and Insurance Co. Also elected were Dr. R. J. Dougherty, Southern Pines, president-elect; William T. Shore, Whispering Pines, secretary and Thomas Connolly, Pinehurst, treasurer. These officers and A. Reynold Tucker, Jr., immediate past president, make up the Executive Committee.

Their terms begin on January 1.

Gentry has been extremely active in local civic affairs since he came to the Sandhills area in January 1962. He is president of the Men of Emmanuel at Emmanuel Episcopal.

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SCHOOL VACATION

Students in the Moore County school system, which includes all schools in the county, will start their Christmas vacation after classes on Wednesday, December 20, returning at the usual times on Tuesday, January 2.

TOWN COUNCIL TOLD

Housing Work Delayed

Slowness of federal officials in Atlanta and an architect's error in designation of a new street's right-of-way have delayed the seeking of bids for construction of Southern Pines' first low-rent public housing, according to a report made by E. Earl Hubbard, chairman of the Public Housing Authority, to the town council in regular meeting Tuesday night.

He said it appeared that it would be January or February now before bids can be sought though in late summer the Authority had reported it expected to be ready to advertise for bids in October.

He said it had been a slow business gaining approval of the U. S. Housing and Urban Development office in Atlanta, Ga., on various steps taken along the way. The Authority had gone ahead and had the water and sewer lines laid without waiting for approval of the plans, he said, "which still hasn't come."

The architect's error, in designating a 60-foot right-of-way for a street included in the west-side portion of the project, instead of the 80-foot right-of-way required, had necessitated some re-mapping, and this portion will have to be re-approved by USHUD.

Mayor Pro Tem Felton Capel, critical of the delays—though praising the work of the Authority—in view of what he termed the "desperate need of our people," called attention to the recent fire in West Southern Pines which killed two children—the second such fire in a year and a half. A total of seven died in the two fires in old, small frame houses.

"Somebody gets burned to death in an effort to get warm

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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 WEBB, on Midland Road.

	Max.	Min.
December 6	64	29
December 7	69	43
December 8	64	48
December 9	55	51
December 10	45	40
December 11	45	40
December 12	63	44

YDC Group To Meet, Aberdeen

Place of the previously announced meeting, for election of 1968 officers, of the Sandhills Young Democratic Club has been changed from the Southern Pines town hall, to the Aberdeen town hall, a spokesman for the club said this week.

The meeting is set for 8 pm, Thursday, December 14.

The slate of officers to be proposed by a nominating committee follows: president, Mrs. Carolyn Blue; 1st vice president, Jack Barron; 2nd vice president, Mrs. Mildred Carpenter; 3rd vice president, Mrs. Anthea Tate; secretary, Mrs. Barbara Harris; and treasurer, Frank McNeill.

The committee's nominations for directors are: Mrs. Sara Hodgkins, Mrs. Hilma Swain, Russell Powell, Woodrow McDonald, Mrs. Betty Liddell and Felton Capel.

ENTRIES ASKED Decorations To Be Judged Here

Judging will take place next week in the Christmas decorations contest sponsored by the Southern Pines Jaycees who will give \$15 and \$10 first and second prizes in both residential and commercial divisions.

The prizes will be awarded after Christmas.

Formal entries are being asked this year in both divisions of the contest, and few had been received, early this week. Persons wishing to enter should call Charles Bennett at 692-7158 or Kester Woody at 692-8444.

Good or unusual decorations which do not win a prize will receive public mention, the Jaycees point out.

Union Pines Chorus Concert Set Monday

The Union Pines High School Chorus, directed by Mrs. Jane Caviness Modlin, will present a Christmas concert of traditional, secular and sacred music, Monday, December 18, in the school's auditorium.

A feature of the performance will be the sacred cantata, "Noel, Noel" by Noble Cain, a portion of which will be accompanied by the school band.

Piano accompanists for the chorus will be Mrs. Isabel Thomas, Miss Pat Barr and Miss Martha Phillips.

The public is invited. There is no admission charge.

GOP EYES 8th DISTRICT SEAT

Two-party Race Appears Certain

Eighth Congressional District Republicans are virtually certain to nominate a candidate for the district post in the U. S. House of Representatives at their convention February 17 at 2 pm in Troy. The convention is set for the Montgomery County Courthouse.

This was indicated last Friday night at Albemarle at a meeting of the district Republican Committee.

Three men presented themselves as possible candidates for the new district's seat—Dr. Earl Ruth, director of athletics at Catawba College, Salisbury; Cabarrus County State Rep. James E. Johnson of Concord; and Rowan County Court Solicitor Robert Vance Sommers

of Salisbury.

So far, Democratic State Sen. Voit Gilmore of Southern Pines is unopposed in his own party for the nomination to the Eighth District seat. He has paid his filing fee. No other Democrat has so much as announced for the job. Sen. Gilmore announced at the close of the 1967 General Assembly session last July and has been campaigning steadily.

David Drexel of Southern Pines, Moore County Republican Executive Committee chairman, said Tuesday Gilmore would be hard to beat. Still, he said, many Republicans are "eager to go against him." Drexel attended the Fri-

day night meeting. Another Moore Republican, County Commissioner Robert S. Ewing, also participated in the discussion and did a considerable amount of questioning.

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