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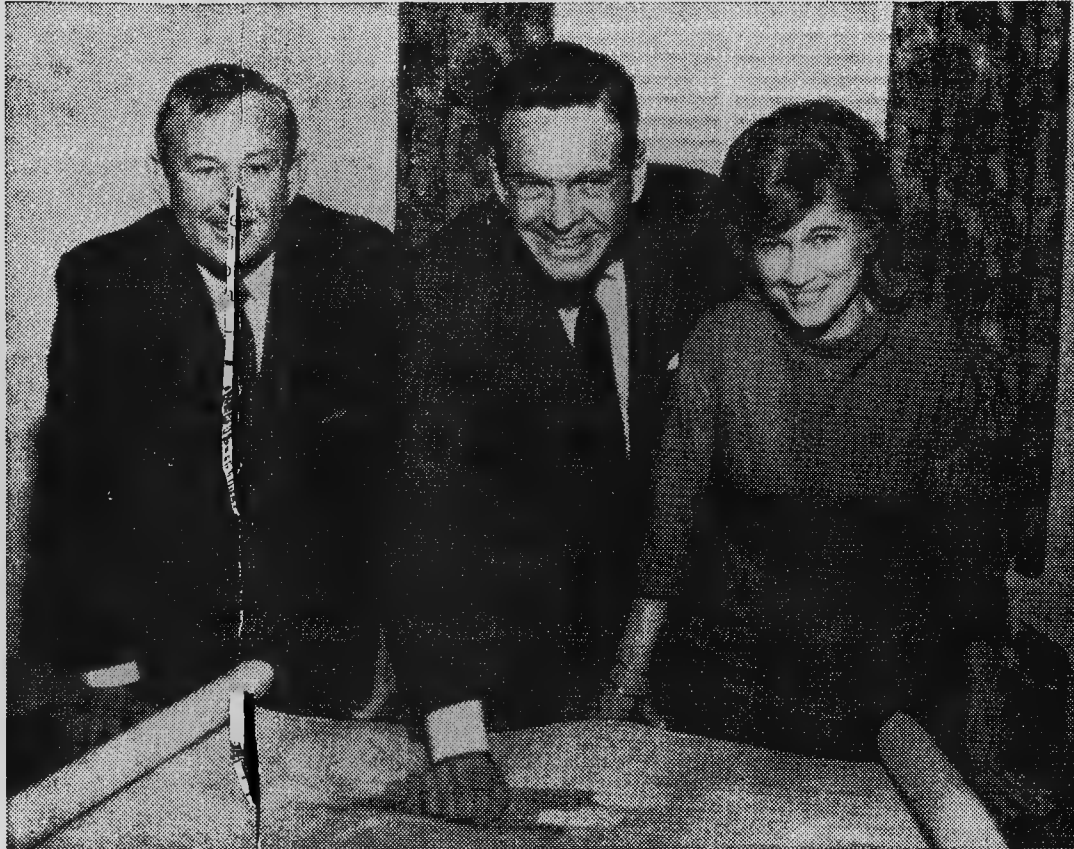
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MAKING PLANS — State Sen. Voit Gilmore of Southern Pines (center) candidate for the 8th District Democratic Congressional nomination in next May's primary, is flanked by Mrs. Carolyn Blue of Eagle Springs and Mayor James B. Garrison of Albemarle, who were announced this week as co-chairmen of his campaign, as they check over a map of the 10-county district which includes Moore.

Murder Charged In Shooting Of High Point Man

A High Point man employed as physical director at a Winston-Salem YMCA was fatally shot early Sunday morning at the Hole in the Wall, a night spot near Aberdeen, in an incident which remained mystifying early this week.

Deputy Sheriff J. A. Lawrence said Willie Hubbard Verbal, 42, of Aberdeen, Route 1, is charged with murder in the shooting of Carlton Phillips Bell, 30, of High Point. There are allegedly five eyewitnesses, Lawrence said.

The seven Negro men had been at the Hole in the Wall, which is located in woods west of Bethesda Road, until about 5:30 a.m., Sunday, when the manager said they had become contentious and he put them out and closed up the place, Lawrence said. The argument continued outside, culminating in the shooting, according to the deputy's report. The witnesses said Bell ran off into the woods, and some time later, around 7 a.m., they heard him groaning and found him where he had collapsed in a clump of trees, the officer said they told him.

Verbal took Bell to Moore Memorial Hospital, the others following, and all remained until the deputy arrived, Lawrence said. Bell died at 2:20 p.m. despite intensive efforts to save him, which included several blood transfusions. Coroner W. K. Carpenter said he (Continued on Page 2)



Tufts Given Service To Sports Award

Richard S. Tufts, chairman of the board of Pinehurst, Inc., who is known internationally for his many contributions to amateur golf, was named Saturday for the Service to Sports Award given annually by the Atlantic Coast Sports Writers Association.

No man has served as chairman of more committees of the United States Golf Association, of which he was president in 1956 and 1957. He is acknowledged world-wide as an authority on the rules of golf and helped write and negotiate the present code.

Development of the Carolinas Golf Association into one of the largest district associations, with membership of approximately 240 clubs and 9,000 individuals, is credited to his guidance. He took over as secretary-treasurer of the association in 1933 and served (Continued on Page 2)

County Board Seeks Ambulance Service Plan

The Moore County commissioners Tuesday started work to maintain ambulance service in the county.

They named two of their number to see what they could do to keep W. K. Carpenter Jr. of Pinebluff, operator of a private service, in business until a new plan could be put in action.

They adopted a motion to ask Dr. Robert S. Myers of Pinehurst to determine what it would take to maintain an ambulance service and to give recommendations to the county commissioners at an early date.

The action was taken at the board of county commissioners regular meeting for January in the courthouse at Carthage.

This followed receipt of a letter from Carpenter saying that he would have to discontinue his service February 1 because it was financially impossible for him to continue.

Board Chairman John M. Currie of Carthage delegated Commissioners Robert S. Ewing of Southern Pines and W. S. Taylor of Aberdeen to confer with Carpenter as soon as possible to see what it would take to keep Carpenter operating until a substitute operation could be worked out.

Ewing and Taylor planned to talk with Carpenter this week about it.

McKeithan Funeral Home of Southern Pines has the county's only other ambulance service. The other funeral homes discontinued their ambulance services in October 1966 because of financial difficulties. Carpenter instituted his at about the time five funeral homes went out of the ambulance business.

However, reports to the commissioners in previous meetings have said the bulk of the ambulance work has fallen on the county's four rescue squads, which were organized to handle emergencies only. Their constitutions say they cannot charge for their services.

Commissioner C. W. Purvis of Robbins said Tuesday, as he has said before, that Carpenter's difficulties are based on a "lack of business" because people call on the rescue squads for ambulance services. Rescue squad leaders, on the other hand, say they do not know until they arrive (Continued on Page 2)

New Registration Needed For County, Official Reports

The Board of Moore County Commissioners was told Tuesday a new registration would have to be held and the loose-leaf registration system established before the next primary, scheduled for next May 4.

S. C. Riddle Sr. of Carthage,

chairman of the county board of elections, said this at the commissioners' regular meeting for January at the courthouse in Carthage.

The commissioners decided to hold a special meeting by mid-January on the matter after Commissioner C. W. Purvis of Robbins said he wanted a week to think about it before the board acts one way or another.

The 1967 state act requires counties to convert to the loose-leaf registration system by January 1, 1970, from the old bound-book system.

"But January 1, 1970, will be here before the next election after 1968 (primaries and general election)," Riddle said. He said the realization of the significance of this came to him recently as he was re-reading the election-law changes enacted by the 1967 General Assembly.

Mrs. Estelle Wicker, county auditor, told the commissioners the county would be "in trouble" if it had to call a special referendum in 1969, for example, before converting to the loose-leaf system.

Riddle said registration for the May primaries would start March 30.

He told the commissioners he would have to know soon whether the loose-leaf registration would be made this spring so that he could tell the State Board of Elections Chairman Alexander Brock in time to order the special stationery, including loose-leaf binders.

Riddle said 15,567 people are now registered for voting in the county.

He estimated the cost of equipment and supplies at approximately \$3,800 and of pay for the office work at approximately (Continued on Page 2)

IN NEW 8TH DISTRICT

Mrs. Blue, Garrison Head Gilmore Drive

Mrs. Carolyn Blue of Eagle Springs and Mayor James B. Garrison of Albemarle will be co-chairmen of State Senator Voit Gilmore's campaign for Eight District Congressman, the candidate has announced.

Both experienced in political campaigning, Mrs. Blue and Mayor Garrison will direct a 10-county organization of campaign committees now being formed. Gilmore, a Democrat and a Southern Pines resident is the only announced candidate for the Eighth District seat.

"Two such able and well-known people give my campaign a fine start for 1968," Gilmore said. "Mrs. Blue and Mayor Garrison know our area, its people and its issues. They are practical business people who respect the value of a dollar and who share my belief in sound government."

Garrison, 42, is serving his second term as mayor and previously was Albemarle's mayor pro-tem for four years. He is president of South Central Oil Company of Albemarle, secretary of Royal Chemical Company, and currently is vice president of the N. C. Oil Jobbers Association.

Garrison was chosen Albemarle's young man of the year in 1956 and has served as president of the city's junior and senior chambers of commerce. A Democrat and a Presbyterian, he is married to the former Betty Hearne of Albemarle. They have two children, a son, Banks, at St. Andrews College and a daughter, Jane, at Albemarle High School.

Mrs. Blue is employed by Quality Oil Company of West (Continued on Page 2)

Playmakers Set Auditions For Friday, Jan. 5

The Sandhills Playmakers, community theater group sponsored by Sandhills Community College, will hold auditions Friday, January 5, for roles in the second production of this season.

Two reading sessions will be conducted the first at 4 p.m. and the second at 7:30 p.m. All persons interested in drama may attend either or both sessions which will be held in Room 110 of the Mary Luman Meyer Building at the college.

According to William Watson, chairman of the Department of English and Fine Arts at the college and director of the Playmakers, the second production will consist of three one-act plays dealing with man's conflicts with modern society. They will be presented February 21 and 22 in the Pinehurst School auditorium.

The three plays are: Malcolm Marmorsten's contemporary religious play, "Will The Real Jesus Christ Please Stand Up?," with roles for six men and two women.

William Saroyan's realistic tragedy of social injustice, "Hello, Out There!" having (Continued on Page 2)

LARCENY CASES

3 Youths To Face Superior Court Action

Probable cause was found against three youths in Moore County Superior Court at Carthage, Tuesday, on charges of a series of felony robberies committed during December. They made bond of \$2,000 each for their appearance at the January criminal term of Superior Court, in Carthage.

The three, all of whom pleaded guilty, were Kenneth Rick Hare, 19, of Maple Shade, N. J.; Claude A. Fitch, 18, of Burlington; and Billy Wayne Warden, 19, of Kernersville RFD.

They had been living with six other students, not involved in the robberies, in a house in Southern Pines while attending Sandhills Community College. All three have now left the college without waiting for official action by authorities there, it was learned.

Southern Pines Police Chief Earl Seawell gave testimony at the hearing regarding the robberies, which he said were solved by the police department in cooperation with the Moore County sheriff's department headed by H. H. Grimm, chief investigator. No total estimate was made as to the amount of property taken but he said it was well over \$200, the felony amount, in each case. Only about half the loot was recovered, found in the students' house.

Seven robberies were involved, Seawell said, of which six were from cars of hotel guests, locks of which were slipped open in guest parking areas in Southern Pines and (Continued on Page 2)

Firms, Homes Get Prizes For Decorations

Steed Realty Co., in the commercial division, and the J. W. Causey home at 710 S. Ridge St., are winners of \$15 first prizes in the annual Jaycees' Christmas decorations contest.

Placing second in the two categories — commercial and residential — and winning \$10 prizes, were Management, Inc., on the old No. 1 highway access road in Pinedene, and the Dante Montesanti home at 345 Country Club Drive.

Two honorable mentions were designated in the commercial division — the Fancy This shop and Sullivan's Footgear.

Residential honorable mention went to these homes: A. C. Palmer, 355 N. Ashe; G. W. Bruning, Fairway Drive; C. J. Thomas, Inverness Road (for the door); and R. E. Irby, 690 Kensington Road. The awards were announced by Charles Bennett and Kester Woody, co-chairmen of the contest for the Jaycees.

GARDNER TO RUN FOR GOVERNOR

Republican Fourth District Congressman James C. Gardner of Rocky Mount, at a news conference in Raleigh this morning, announced that he would be a candidate for Governor this year.

His decision assured a Republican primary, as John L. Stickley of Charlotte is a previously announced candidate for the gubernatorial nomination.

Smith Baby Is First For 1968 In This County

Moore County's New Year baby was a boy, born at Moore Memorial Hospital at 1:14 p.m., Monday, to Mr. and Mrs. James P. Smith of Carthage, Route 2. Weighing five pounds, 10 and a half ounces at birth, he is reported "doing fine." There are three other children in the Smith family.

Runner-up for New Year honors at Moore Memorial was another boy, born at 3:43 p.m. to Mr. and Mrs. Harold McFadyen of Ellerbe, Route 1. He weighed six pounds, 12 ounces at birth, is also doing fine and has four brothers and sisters awaiting his arrival at home.

Historical Society Purchases Lot On Morganton Rd. Near Shaw House

The Moore County Historical Society has purchased valuable property across from the Shaw House, at the intersection of S. W. Broad Street and Morganton Road, it was learned this week from the president, H. Clifton Blue of Aberdeen.

He said the directors had felt for some time that modern business was "crowding in too close on the Shaw House," affecting the aesthetic value of this restoration project of the society, where a tea room is operated on a seasonal basis, with an old-fashioned garden on the grounds.

The sum of \$30,000 was paid by the Society for the property, now containing Lane's used car lot, office and poolroom. An adjoining abandoned service station is not included in the purchase.

STARTS SUNDAY

Postal Rate Increase Set

Increased rates for all classes of mail except parcel post and international mail will go into effect Sunday, January 7, Postmaster Morris Johnson reminded postal customers today.

"Even with the new rates of six cents per ounce for the first class mail and 10 cents per ounce for all air mail, postal service is still a real bargain," Johnson declared. "For six cents, you can send a letter to any of the 50 states, to any United States territory or possession, to Canada or Mexico, or to an American serviceman stationed anywhere in the world."

Johnson pointed out that the new rate for post cards will be five cents and for air mail post cards, eight cents.

He said the added cent in the letter rate is a 20 per cent increase compared to a 24 per cent boost in the rates for mailing newspapers and magazines and a 34 per cent hike for advertising circulars, "occupant" mail, and other mail (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.

	Max.	Min.
December 27	49	28
December 28	44	35
December 29	47	26
December 30	48	24
December 31	41	29
January 1	43	34
January 2	49	29

Headlines Summarize 1967 Moore Co. News

Many headlines reported much news in Moore County during 1967—good news, bad news, joyful news, sad news, with honors for some individuals and disaster or tragedy for others.

In choosing the headlines to follow, from county papers published during the year, an effort has been made to select those summarizing news affecting many persons, rather than a few.

Not listed, for lack of room, are the war deaths, most of the accidental deaths and other personal tragedies, and the crimes.

No dates are used, but the headline record for each month moves chronologically through each week's papers.

In summary—1967:

JANUARY

Moore County commissioners designate all four banks in county as depositories . . . Moore Memorial Hospital receives \$50,000 gift for intensive care unit . . . Page Shamburger of Aberdeen becomes first woman to fly new Air Force RF-4 . . . John M. Reeves is new chairman of Pinehurst Community Foundation.

Southern Pines council endorses optional "liquor-by-drink" for possible legislation . . . J. R. Brendell named Area III school principal . . . Sisters of Providence take over administration of St. Joseph Hospital from Sisters of St. Francis.

Reynolds Mill area citizens start building home for burned-out family . . . Carolina Hotel opens new Cardinal Ballroom and convention facilities.

Coach John Williams wins Southern Pines Jaycees' "Distinguished Service Award" . . . Mrs. William C. Walton, Earl G. Harbour are Carthage Jaycees' "Outstanding Young Educator" and "Outstanding Young Farmer" . . . Dr. W. F. Hollister honored at dinner for 20 years' service as surgeon in Sandhills.

FEBRUARY

Mrs. Bessie M. Beck resigns as assistant clerk of superior court, is honored for 16 years' service as assistant and also as clerk . . . Sam H. Poole installed as State YDC president . . . J. D. Arey, Jr., injured when car strikes same tree, fracturing same leg, as three years before.

Commissioners request legislation postponing school board election from April, 1967, to May 1968 . . . Emergency Civil Defense communication system approved for Moore by federal agency . . . Mark Liddell nominated by President for Southern Pines postmastership.

Snow blankets Sandhills . . . Troop 223, Southern Pines, wins Storey Cup . . . County school offices move to new Administration Building . . . Prison camp escaper nabbed at (Continued on Pg. 5, Sec. 3)