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Portion of Public Housing Area near National Guard Armory

## Longleaf Courts Public Housing Meeting Need Of Area Families

By MARJORIE RAGAN

You walk into the master bedroom of the Keith Collins' new brick house at 854 Mechanical Street and see a new modern bedroom suite with a scarlet and white patterned tufted bedspread and matching scarlet curtains.

The four other spotless bedrooms are also attractively decorated. There are plenty of closets and two bathrooms. The kitchen is paneled and the appliances are new.

It was never like this before the first of May for Warehouseman Keith Collins and

his wife and eight children. Burned out in their rented house in Pinehurst, they lived in a small trailer. They were among the first of 70 families moving into the "Longleaf Courts" west of Southern Pines Housing Project.

The project—only now getting its landscaping completed—is full, and Executive Director Russell Hubbard was overwhelmed with applications.

The entire project, which includes an office building for the Southern Pines Housing

Authority, was built by the Authority with a federal loan of some \$1,200,000, to be paid back by income from housing rentals.

The Authority began acquiring land for the project—located on the west side of the U. S. No. 1 by-pass near the Armory—in May of 1967. In March, 1968, the contract was let to Fred C. Gardner Company of Kinston. The architect was Billy Griffin of Goldsboro.

Earl Hubbard, now mayor of Southern Pines, was chairman of the local Housing Authority that set up the project. Other members were Col. Frank Smith, vice chairman; and the Rev. R. Martin Caldwell, Harold Tate and T. R. Goins.

At present, Col. Smith is chairman and Goins, who became ill, has been replaced by Zebulon Gordon, the current vice chairman.

Under an agreement with the federal government, the Town of Southern Pines is removing a slum dwelling for each new unit built by the Authority.

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## Aberdeen Expects 'Biggest Ever' All-Day Celebration On July 4

The Aberdeen July Fourth Celebration Committee of more than 50 members has lined up a crowded day of activities for its fifth annual event on Friday of next week.

With State Attorney General Robert Morgan and Major General John A. Lang, administrative assistant to the Secretary of the Air Force in Washington, as the guest speakers at the noon hour, thousands of

people are expected to attend the festivities which will get underway with a parade starting at 10:30 a.m., led by the Shaw Air Force Base Band and concluding with a street dance that night.

Skydivers from Fort Bragg are expected to be "hitting the silk" at intervals throughout the day with military planes performing fly-over salutes.

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## Carthage Parade, Horse Show Set To Mark July 4

The Moore County Saddle Club is planning for its sixth annual July Fourth Parade and Horse Show in Carthage, Johnny Smith, president of the club, has announced.

The parade will start at 10:30 a.m. on July 4 at the Saddle Club's arena and go up Saunders Street by the Post Office, through the Carthage business area and back to arena. Show time will be 1 p.m.

Anyone with a horse, pony, donkey, mule, wagon, buggy, or cart is invited to participate.

A western horse show, with 25 or more exciting and colorful events, is planned. Included are western pleasure classes, pony pleasure, racking race, barrel race, pole bending, drink race, sack race, keyhole race, egg and spoon, thread the needle, rescue race, potato race and English pleasure.

A trophy and ribbons will be presented to winners of each class.

The Carthage Firemen and Carthage Rescue Squad will (Continued on Page 6)

## Red Cross Planning Free Swim Classes

Free swimming classes are being scheduled by the Moore County Red Cross Chapter.

There will be classes for beginners, advanced beginners, intermediate and advanced swimmers, as well as courses in junior life saving and senior life saving.

All interested should register for classes at the chapter office, 244 S. W. Broad St., or by calling 692-8571.

## Mrs. Troutman Killed In Road Accident Today

Mrs. Grace Greenwood Troutman, 86, of Aberdeen, was instantly killed and her daughter-in-law, Mrs. Dwight P. Troutman, 67, seriously injured in a freak accident at 9:45 am today on US 15-501 at the Morganton Road junction.

The top of the car driven by Mrs. Dwight P. Troutman was crushed down on the two women by a 22,000-pound bulldozer thrown from an overturning dump truck emerging from Morganton Road. The impact brought the southbound car to a stop in a demolished condition.

Mrs. Grace Troutman was dead on arrival at Moore Memorial Hospital, and her daughter-in-law, who is also from Aberdeen, was immediately placed in intensive care. She was listed in critical condition, with multiple injuries, this afternoon.

There was no collision between the car and the truck according to State Trooper C. A. Todd, investigating.

After crushing the Troutman automobile, the bulldozer struck the asphalt pavement, leaving deep scars, and went over the embankment west of the highway. By the middle (Continued on page 6)

## Horses To Race Here Sunday In New Free Event

All interested watchers, owners, riders and horses have been cordially invited to the Quarter Horse Racing at Starland Farm on Midland Road next Sunday afternoon (June 29) at 3 pm.

The invitation is issued by a group of local people who have organized the Sandhills Division of the North Carolina Horse Racing Association after attending the races being put on at Winston-Salem this summer, the first few near Tanglewood Park and the more recent ones at the Dixie Classic Fairgrounds.

At a meeting last Wednesday night (June 18) the local group had a chance to meet officials of the state association, including President Bill Deitzel of High Point and Richard Muse of Winston-Salem.

Local people attending the Wednesday evening meeting at Pineholme on Youngs Road included Dooley Adams, who has been active in organizing the Sandhills Division, W. O. Moss, MFH, the Moore County (Continued on page 6)

## Industries Set Vacation Times; Others To Close

More than 2,000 employees in Moore County industries will have a vacation for from one to two weeks beginning after work on Friday, June 27.

The manufacturing firms closing for two weeks, until July 14, for employee vacations include J. P. Stevens' Gullis-Carpet Division plant in Aberdeen, Proctor-Silex company of Southern Pines, Fletcher-Southern of Southern Pines and Pinebluff Products Company.

The Sandhills Furniture Company of West End will close for one week, beginning after June 27.

All plant operations will be shut down for a vacation period. Other plants in the county are expected to close for either one or two weeks for employee vacations. This is a pattern that was established several years ago by some of the larger textile firms and has been adopted by other manufacturing plants around the State.

In Southern Pines all business places plan to be closed on July 4, and many retail firms plan to close for two days, on both the Fourth and July 5.

In some cases, service plants will close for a week the first week of July.



MR. RUGGLES

## John S. Ruggles Succumbs At 67; Rites Held Today

John Sumner Ruggles, 67, a former mayor and outstanding civic leader of Southern Pines, who in 10 years' service on the State Hospitals Board of Control did much to put this State in the vanguard in the fields of mental health and alcoholic rehabilitation, died Sunday at Moore Memorial Hospital, where he had been a patient about three weeks.

Funeral services were to be held this (Wednesday) afternoon at Emmanuel Episcopal Church, with the Rev. Martin Caldwell, rector, and the Rev. R. W. McKeown, assistant rector, officiating, and burial in Mount Hope Cemetery.

Pallbearers were to be Vance A. Derby, Norris L. Hodgkins, Jr., Bryan Poe, Harry Fullenwider, Amix France and E. Earl Hubbard.

Mr. Ruggles had a long record of public service.

He was elected to the town's governing body in two different governmental areas, in 1949 to the town board of commissioners, then after the change to the council-manager form, in 1959 and 1961 to the town council, serving as mayor during the 1961 term.

He resigned from the town board in 1949, only a few weeks after his election, to accept the appointment of Governor Kerr Scott to the State Hospitals Board of Control, which at that time governed all the State's mental hospitals and related programs.

He had fought to secure passage of legislation introduced by Rep. H. Clifton Blue, with other sponsors, in the 1949 General Assembly to establish a state alcoholic rehabilitation program. As a member of the State Board, he was named by Chairman John W. Umstead as chairman of the alcoholic rehabilitation committee, and he seized the opportunity to implement the legislation in a manner to make (Continued on page 6)

## Commissioners Authorize Investigation Department Under Grimm's Direction

The Moore County commissioners, at a special meeting Monday afternoon, voted to establish an independent Department of Criminal Investigation, with Herman H. Grimm as director.

Grimm, who was fired last week as chief deputy sheriff by Sheriff W. B. Kelly, will begin his new duties on July 1.

The new department of investigation and identification, authorized by a recent act of the Legislature, will be directly under the jurisdiction of the board of county commissioners. Funds for operation of the department were shifted from the sheriff's budget, and will include salaries for Grimm and an assistant, plus travel allowances and other expenses.

The department will be set up in the basement of the courthouse. Grimm was authorized to employ his own assistant.

At the Monday meeting, only Commissioner C. W. Purvis voted against a separate department. He said that he felt criminal investigation should remain in the sheriff's office. After the motion was approved, however, Purvis voted with the others to transfer the funds from the sheriff's budget, and made the motion to re-hire Grimm.

Grimm said he regretted the

manner in which the change had come about but appreciated "the confidence the commissioners have shown in me, and the support of my friends." He said he saw the new department as "a real challenge." He said he would do his best to see it work out, as "I have long believed such a department would be good for law enforcement in the county."

The special legislative act, requested by the county commissioners and introduced by Rep. T. Clyde Auman, had had

Grimm's support but was opposed by Sheriff Kelly. Aided by many friends, who saw in it a weakening of his authority, the sheriff had fought its passage. After it was passed, he had asked for Grimm's resignation.

The commissioners said Monday they had not meant to implement the act so soon, and perhaps never, but "the sheriff forced our hand."

Chairman John M. Currie said a decision had to be made, (Continued on Page 6)

## Town Council Here To Consider Proposed Budget Of \$730,000

A proposed budget of approximately \$730,000 for the next year will be considered at a special meeting of the Southern Pines Town Council Thursday night at 8 o'clock.

The 1969-70 proposed budget represents a \$43,000 increase over the \$687,000 budget for the past year.

No increase in taxes is expected, however, as an addition to anticipated revenue is forecast from an increase in property valuation within the limits of Southern Pines of approximately \$500,000. An increase in State funds is also expected for the coming year.

The proposed budget, which the new Town Council will consider, will include general salary increases for two employees, with such pay raises expected to consume most of the budget increase.

The only other item on the agenda for the special meeting tomorrow night is consid-

eration to several requests for beer and wine permits. All of these are expected to be routine, however, as they already have been approved by the State ABC Board.

## Endowment Fund For Library Is Considered Here

Establishment of an endowment fund to provide a private supplement to a librarian's salary and for the purchase of more books is being considered by the board of trustees of the Southern Pines Library.

W. Lamont Brown, chairman of the board, said that such funds will be necessary if the library is to obtain a certified librarian. The existing budgeted salary is too low to attract a professional librarian.

A certified librarian is essential, he said, for Southern Pines to qualify for state and federal funds now available for libraries.

Several persons have been interviewed for the position made vacant recently by the resignation of Mrs. Kathleen Lambourne. The latest prospect approved by the board turned down the offer on Tuesday because of the low salary offered.

Brown said that arrangements must also be made for the library to be open at night. It is also planned for the Southern Pines Library to join the regional library service at an early date.

Changes in the library budget are being made, with the Town Council allotting funds on a lump basis to be paid quarterly instead of on an (Continued on Page 6)

## Hearings Set On 'Comet' Proposal

The Interstate Commerce Commission has set four public hearings, two in North Carolina, in July and August into the proposed discontinuance of Seaboard Coast Line Trains 33 and 34 (The Silver Comet).

The hearings in North Carolina will be at Raleigh in the Federal court room at 9:30 am on July 31, and in the Union County Public Library at Monroe at 9:30 am on Aug. 1. Other hearings will be in Richmond, Va., and Greenwood, S. C.

George A. Goodwyn, assistant attorney general for North Carolina, will represent the (Continued on page 6)

## 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.
JUNE 18	90	64
JUNE 19	90	73
JUNE 20	90	64
JUNE 21	91	62
JUNE 22	93	69
JUNE 23	90	69
JUNE 24	95	69
Rainfall — June 22 through June 24	1.33 inches.	

## New A&P To Open Tuesday At Shopping Center

Moore County's fourth A&P store will open Tuesday, July 1, at 8:30 a.m. at the Sandhills Shopping Center on U. S. No. 1 south of Southern Pines.

The new store and the other A&P on South West Broad street will offer prizes for five weeks following the opening, winding up with the presentation of a Grand Prize of a

Norge Upright Home Freezer at each of the stores on August 2.

Other prizes will include a \$25 cash prize to be given away each Friday and Saturday at each store during the five weeks.

An Emerson portable TV set will be given each Saturday at each store, and a Kodak R-4 camera will be

given from each store each Friday, except July 4, and each Saturday for five weeks. Customers may register for prizes daily, and many specials will be offered at the new store.

Manager of the new store is Richard Leroy Guin, formerly assistant manager of an A&P store in Laurinburg. (Continued on page 6)



Familiar Design Featured In County's 4th A & P Supermarket