

Girl Dies In Wreck

A four-year-old girl was killed early Saturday morning on US 15-501, about one and a half miles east of Carthage, when the car her father was driving was knocked off the highway in a three-car collision, overturned down an embankment into a swampy area and then caught fire.

The child, Allison Person, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robbie Person of Carthage Rt. 1, was thrown from the car, which fell on top of her, crushing her to death.

Nine other persons were injured in the wreck, in which the other two cars involved were loaded with teen-aged boys.

Their driver, James Arthur Johnson, 17, of Cameron Rt. 1, and Charles Wrencher, 18, of Carthage Star Route, were

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Pinehurst Board Head Is Brent

Announcement was made this week of the appointment of Cary Brent as chairman of the board of Pinehurst, Inc. Don Collett continues as president of Pinehurst, Inc.

William H. Maurer, president of Diamondhead Corporation, who relinquishes the board chairmanship to Mr. Brent, said the change was being made at this time because the many varied functions of Pinehurst require more time and local attention than his executive duties with the parent company permit.

"Don Collett is doing a fine job as president of Pinehurst, but there is the simple matter of there being more administrative

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Expansion At Penick To Begin

The first phase of a broad expansion is expected to begin at Penick Home in November.

Executive Director Philip S. Brown of the Episcopal Home said that negotiations are underway with W.L. Jewel and Son of Sanford for the construction of 15 units for the well-aged and three cottage-type units at a cost of \$1.4 million.

The cottages will contain a total of 10 apartments.

Jewel was low bidder on the project. A board meeting has been tentatively set for October 16. Bishop Thomas Fraser is Chairman of the Board, Mrs. Louise Dana, President, and William P. Davis, Expansion Committee chairman.

The cottage type of units will offer more independent living for those who desire it, Brown said.

Other phases of the \$2 million expansion plan include a St. Peter's Nursing Center with skilled nursing care; 12 private rooms added to the existing unit, making a total of 33 skilled nursing beds in the Home; development of a private lounge and dining area for the nursing center; revision of the central bath and nursing station; and expansion of the kitchen and dining areas for the entire home.

Why Don't Poor People Have Food Stamps?

BY SARAH GLAZER
Clyde Patrick Campbell brings home \$68 before taxes each week to support his wife and six children.

His clerk's salary at a local grocery store bought his family a diet with all the warning signs of malnutrition until Mrs. Campbell found out about food stamps.

Because of a visit from a Moore County social worker less than a year ago, the Campbells can, for the first time in their lives, pay the milkman to deliver three half-gallons twice a week.



SUNDAY WRECK—Two young people, Bonny and Darryl McSwain, received injuries (not believed serious) when this '69 Mercury driven by Pamela McSwain was sent careening over a bank as it started to make a turn on Pennsylvania Ave. at the service ramp from US 1. Angelo Emmanuel Ross driving from the opposite direction hit the car on the side with his '62 Pontiac, after his brakes failed. He was arrested for improper equipment and running a stop sign. Damage to the McSwain's car was \$700; to Ross' \$200. —(Photo by Glenn M. Sides).

Leonard Closing Blamed On Declining Enrollment

A declining enrollment has brought about the closing, as of Jan. 1, of the Samuel Leonard School at McCain.

Dr. John Larkins, Commissioner of Youth Development, said this week, however, that most of the 77 employees now at the school will be given jobs elsewhere in the training school system or will be retained at Leonard when it is changed to an honor grade youthful offenders unit in the Corrections division.

Announcement of the closing of Leonard training school, which had been reported in The Pilot as imminent many months ago, was made last week by Secretary David L. Jones of the Department of Social Rehabilitation and Control. Jones also said that possibly another school would be

closed, but Dr. Larkins said this week that such is not anticipated at this time.

The Youth Development Commission is budgeted for 2,000 students, Dr. Larkins said, but as of Sept. 28 there were only 911 enrolled at the State's eight institutions.

Leonard school had 139 students as of Friday, although it is budgeted for 190, Dr. Larkins said.

Some concern had been expressed about the loss of jobs by the persons employed at Leonard, but Dr. Larkins said that some would be transferred to other schools. Some will not be able to move because of commitments to the area, he said. He expressed the hope that those not

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Reaching Out To Help: County Rescue Squads

BY MARJORIE RAGAN

Capt. Max R. Edwards and two rescue squad members from Lillington were searching in rain-swollen Little River near Lobelia last February for the body of a soldier believed drowned.

In the churning water, their boat in the wake of a larger one overturned. "It was right cold," he said.

Capt. Edwards of the Vass Rescue Squad says this was one of the most dangerous situations he has survived since he has been with the squad. He and another man managed to swim to the shore, but a third rescue worker hung onto a branch for an hour-and-a-half before he could be saved.

Another time, his squad an-



Capt. Max Edwards

swered a call to an accident where a car had hit a power pole

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Mrs. Sledge Top Teacher For County

Mrs. Frances Rogers Sledge, a Pinecrest High School teacher, is Moore County's "Teacher of the Year."

Mrs. Sledge won this award over more than 20 nominees submitted by the various schools throughout Moore County.

She is a graduate of Washington High School in Raleigh. She attended Hampton Institute, Hampton, Virginia where she received a B.S. Degree in Social Studies. She has participated in several seminars, institutes and in-service courses conducted at various colleges and universities in North Carolina.

Mrs. Sledge has been teaching in North Carolina schools for 18 years. She began her teaching career in Edgecombe County at the Willow Grove School of Whitakers where she taught grades seven and eight as well as health and physical education. She was instrumental in the implementation of grades seven and eight. In addition to her academic duties, she directed the glee club and dance group.

She came to Moore County in 1960 and joined the faculty of the West Southern Pines High School. In addition to teaching courses in social studies, she was director of the chorus and dance group.

Mrs. Sledge has been a member of the Pinecrest faculty since its inception. At Pinecrest she teaches five classes and

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H.G. Harper Rites Held

Henry Greene Harper, 77, retired industrialist who became a beloved worker for good in the Sandhills communities, died Thursday at his home on Halcyon Drive after a long illness.

Funeral services were held Saturday at Brownson Memorial Presbyterian Church, where he was an active member and an elder, with the pastor, the Rev. Harold E. Hyde, Jr., officiating. Graveside services followed in Elmwood Cemetery, Charlotte, conducted by the Rev. William Edwards of Monroe.

A native of Charlotte, he graduated from the University of North Carolina in 1917. Forty-six years later, he and his wife moved to Southern Pines from

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Commissioners Endorse The School Bond Issue



AT FIRE—The Rev. Martin Caldwell comforts Col. and Mrs. P.L. Alexander as fire threatens to consume their residence on Midland Road Sunday. Firemen were called at 1:30 p.m. and had the fire under control by 3 p.m. There was severe damage to the roof, attic and kitchen. The fire is believed to have started from a bulb in the garage. Col. Alexander was grateful to the fire department for being "amazingly careful" of his possessions, covering everything from fire and water damage. (Photo by Glenn M. Sides).

The Moore County commissioners Monday adopted a resolution endorsing the upcoming \$300 million state school bond issue, and urging that all citizens vote for its passage November 6.

Support for the bond issue, which would speed school construction and capital improvement in all areas of the county, were unanimously voiced on motion of Lee Williams, with second by Floyd T. Cole.

With Chairman W.S. Taylor presiding, they commended plans presented by Supt. Robert E. Lee for use of the state bonds to cut a \$5 million school building "package" in two.

The county's share of \$2,485,702 would provide about half the current capital outlay needs, allowing the entire program to be completed on a "pay-as-you-go" basis over about the next five years.

Most important, said Lee, it would allow the county to meet its top-priority needs in major construction projects without undue delay. Further postponement would allow inflation and deterioration to pile the backlog up still further, and Lee emphasized that "the children who are in school need these buildings now."

Among the priority needs he listed were new buildings at Cameron, Robbins and West End, to replace obsolete ones dating back to 1924 or thereabouts; new classrooms for nine of the 19 schools, at most of which they would replace mobile units; remodeling for kindergartens and other special purposes, and an auditorium and gymnasium to

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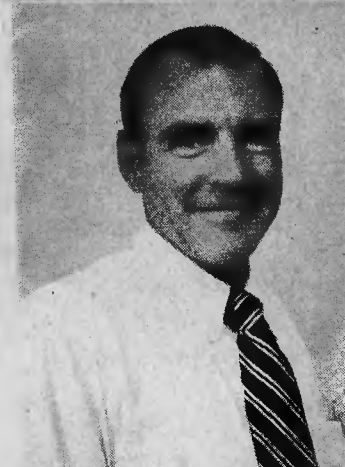
Fast-Growing Arts Council Elects Garrett As President

The Sandhills Arts Council Advisory Board met Thursday, September 27 at 8 p.m. in Campbell House to elect officers and to map out areas of interest to the fast-developing Arts Council movement here in the Sandhills.

The Board, chaired by interim President Jane McPhaul, elected officers for 1973-74.

These new officers include George Garrett, president; Asbury Coward, vice president; Cecilia Israel, secretary; and Patsy Tucker, treasurer.

In addition to officers for the Advisory Board, members of the Executive Board were nominated and elected. These officers include: Alice Baxter, Patsy Bonsal, Howard Broughton, Phil Brown, John Derr, Mary Evelyn DeNisoff, Thomas Hayes,



NAMED TWICE—George Richard Garrett of Clarendon Gardens has been named to two new offices in the County. He succeeds Pat Jones of the Sandhills Kiwanis Club as Secretary-Treasurer, a job which Jones held for five years, and is also the new Arts Council President.

Richard Lewis, Helena Neil, Donald Pitts, Sam Ragan, Page Shaw, Nancy Sweezy, William Watson, and Johnny Williams.

Included in the areas of interest to the Council are the coordination of scheduling and publicity for member groups, promotion of the arts in the public schools, provision of opportunity for drama groups for children in the community, a spring arts festival, organized entertainments for local hospitals and retirement homes, cooperation with the Humane Society, and arts and crafts workshops.

The Sandhills Arts Council expects to bring about several innovations in the cultural life of the community. The new officers welcome contributions.

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Pageant

The Southern Pines Jaycees are holding the 1974 Miss Southern Pines Pageant earlier this year in order to provide the winner more time to prepare for the Miss North Carolina pageant to be held in Charlotte next June.

Any young woman between the ages of 18 and 26, who is a resident of Moore County or attending the Sandhills Community College in Moore County, is eligible to enter the pageant to be held December 1, 1973 at Weaver Auditorium, Southern Pines, North Carolina. She must be a high school graduate by June 1974 and at least 18 years of age by September 1, 1974.

This is a combined community effort sponsored by the Southern Pines Jaycees to provide scholarships to eligible young women of the community.

Any one interested in participating in the pageant can contact either Phillip Jackson 692-8153 or Robert Hunt 295-6801 after 5:30 p.m. or any Southern Pines Jaycee.

SCC Gets Big Grant

Sandhills Community College has received a grant of \$73,000 from the Frederick J. Kennedy Memorial Foundation of Boston to provide materials and equipment for the two-year medical laboratory technology program, and to augment salaries of college instructors.

Announcement of the gift was made this week by Dr. Raymond A. Stone, president of Sandhills College, and Dr. Francis L. Owens of Pinehurst a member of the board of directors of the Kennedy Foundation.

The Foundation was established by the late Mrs. Audrey Kennedy, and has continued financial support of the development of Sandhills College started by Mrs. Kennedy during

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Mrs. Scott To Head Up United Fund

With the fall campaign of the United Fund of Moore County due to begin this month, the Fund's Executive Committee met on September 25 to accept with regret the resignation of President Michael B. Curry and to elect by acclamation Mrs. Ida Baker Scott to complete his term.

Under Mrs. Scott's presidency in 1972 the Fund raised a record \$98,000.

Curry's resignation was necessitated by his transfer from the post of city executive of First Union National Bank in Southern Pines to the same post with First Union in Burlington-Graham-

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Vance-Aycock

Tickets are available for the Vance-Aycock Democratic Dinner in Asheville Oct. 19-20, Carolyn Blue, Moore County Democratic chairman has announced, at \$50 each.

Georgia Governor James Carter will be the speaker. Moore's quota is 12 tickets.

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THE PILOT LIGHT

REFERENDUM—The North Carolina Citizens for Choice and Control are finding money-raising for the referendum on Nov. 6 to be tougher than the dry forces are having.

Last week an extensive mail campaign was under way for contributions from \$10 to \$100, or any amount, the appeals letter carrying a fact folder with the title "Will you be denied the right to vote on the toughest beverage control plan in the nation?"

The CCC organization, headed by John Ryan, is trying to get the message across that the issue is not whether you favor or oppose drinking but is instead "a local self-government issue."

The ballot will carry that point of local option on mixed

beverage sales, but the dry forces have been successful in drawing the lines for or against liquor.

It was reported last week that the dry forces have raised more than \$100,000 of their goal of \$300,000 while the CCC group had only about \$50,000 for their planned advertising campaign.

POLL—Meanwhile, several newspaper editors have reported receipt of a recent Long poll out of Greensboro which predicts a victory for the local option plan.

Don Hall of Roanoke Rapids said he has seen the poll, and he believes that it may reflect a large "silent vote" on the issue.

Long, he recalls, had predicted

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probably still be trying to raise her children on bread and vegetables, were it not for a sudden disaster that alerted the county welfare department to her plight.

A fire struck the Campbells' three room house two years ago, leaving the family with the bare semblance of a roof over their heads and no lights or electricity.

But the fire also brought the family to the attention of a social worker, who gave the Campbells emergency relief and found them a modern four bedroom house in

a housing project. After the family had moved, the social worker told Mrs. Campbell that she was entitled to receive food stamps regularly.

Although Mrs. Campbell says she knew that some people got food stamps—she had seen signs in the supermarket advertising the store's accepting them—she did not know how to apply for them.

Mrs. Campbell is not alone in her ignorance. For many people who could be getting food stamps the welfare system is a frightening labyrinth

of complex requirements and of humiliating questioning. For many, simply gathering information is a complicated task when you have no telephone, no automobile, little education and a fear of strange offices.

The welfare department's modest publicity efforts made little impact on Mrs. Campbell before the social worker visited her in person. She did not see the department's periodic articles on stamps in the local paper, because she is not a subscriber.

Nor did she remember their announcements on television

with any clarity. Mrs. Lillian Hudson, a widow on social security, who calls food stamps a "lifesaver" explains, "A lot of people don't understand it."

Her 80 year old neighbor, who also gets the stamps, is often confused by the changes in the stamps system or the Medicaid plan until her friend comes along to straighten out her misconceptions.

Mrs. Hudson only found out about the new Medicaid policy that a prescription costs \$1 plus Medicaid stamps, when the

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of these people are receiving the food stamps to which they are legally entitled.

"We don't know who they are," is the explanation that the county Welfare Director, Mrs. Walter B. Cole, gives for the thousands still without food support.

The Moore County Welfare Department knows from 1970 census data that almost a quarter of the county is poor, according to the federal poverty definition of \$4400 for a family of four. But the census does not reveal by name who these poor people are.

Moore County falls so far short of providing the federal assistance on the books, that the U.S. Department of Agriculture calls it a "Failure to Feed" County. "Failure to Feed" is the department's name for counties where less than 25 percent of the population is in the poverty category and where less than 33 percent of those eligible have received food assistance.

Moore shares the dubious distinction with 40 of North Carolina's 100 counties, a sign that the problem is widespread.

Even Mrs. Campbell would