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## FORT BRAGG GUNS, BAND TO FEATURE OPENING OF FAIR

Gov. Gardner and State Com-  
mander of American Legion  
Invited to Speak

AT CARTHAGE OCT. 13-17

"All indications point to a bigger and better Moore County Fair for 1931," stated Manager O. B. Welch when interviewed by The Pilot this week. Five days and nights, October 13th to 17th inclusive, will be devoted to the entertainment and amusement of those so fortunate as to be able to attend the Carthage exposition.

The opening day, Tuesday, October 13th, will be American Legion Day. Artillery firing by a battery of guns from Fort Bragg and a concert by the Fort Bragg Band will feature the opening. A free barbecue will be served to ex-servicemen of the county and Governor O. Max Gardner and Henry Bourne, of Tarboro, commander of the North Carolina branch of the American Legion, have been invited to address the assembly.

Wednesday has been set aside as "school day" when free admission will be granted the school children of the county. Interesting school exhibits and free attractions will await the children.

Thursday, the 15th, will be "Home Coming Day." An interesting program is being prepared for the native sons and daughters who are expected to be present on this, the big day of the fair, to renew old times.

Friday has been designated as "Live at Home Day" when experts will be present to discuss the Governor's agricultural program.

The colored folks will hold sway Saturday, the closing day of the fair.

There will be many midway attractions and free acts, and the speeches and music will be broadcast to all parts of the grounds. Truly this fair gives promise of being bigger and better than ever before.

## Capt. A. T. Lewis Dies at Home in Carthage

Prominent Citizen, Former  
Treasurer of Tyson & Jones  
Buggy Co., Passes Away

Capt. A. T. Lewis, prominent and highly respected citizen of Carthage, died at his residence there on Tuesday morning after an illness of several weeks. He was 51 years of age.

Captain Lewis is survived by his wife, who before her marriage to him on April 7th, 1914, was Miss Nellie Harrington, a daughter of Maj. and Mrs. Thos. Harrington of Carthage; one daughter, little Miss Jane Lewis; three brothers, B. C. Lewis and J. G. Lewis of Gloucester Point, Va., and C. B. Lewis of Norfolk, Va., and one sister, Mrs. I. S. Powell of Norfolk, Va., and a nephew, W. L. Lewis of Gloucester Point, Va., all of whom were at his bedside when death came.

Capt. Lewis was the son of William Coleman and Eudora Alice Templeman Lewis, of Gloucester Point, Va., who both preceded him to the grave.

The deceased held many responsible places while in this section, being long identified with the accounting department of Tyson & Jones Buggy Company, serving for a number of years as treasurer.

The funeral was held from the residence Wednesday at 2 p. m., conducted by his pastor, the Rev. J. H. Buffalo, of the Carthage Methodist Church, of which Captain Lewis was a faithful member. The burial was in charge of the local lodge of the Masonic Order, the deceased having served as Worshipful Master of this lodge a number of years ago, and of which he was a faithful and devoted member.

## NEW QUARTERS FOR PAGE TRUST NEAR COMPLETION

The plastering and painting of the interior of the Wilkins-Ricks building, Steele street, Sanford, which is undergoing extensive alterations and has been leased by the Page Trust Company, is nearly finished.

## The Season's On Wake Forest Professor Scores Hole in One on Pinehurst Golf Course

It sounds like the winter season again when we heard of holes in one at Pinehurst. Dr. Roy C. Carpenter, professor of Wake Forest School of Medicine, entered the golf hall of fame in scoring an ace there last Monday. In a twosome with W. M. Griswold of Clifton Springs, N. Y., he did his stuff on the 189-yard 18th hole of the No. 1 course.

## TO RE-ORGANIZE BOY SCOUT TROOP IN SOUTHERN PINES

Move Launched at Meeting of  
Chamber of Commerce Meets  
With Hearty Approval

SALARIED SCOUT MASTER

A move to reorganize the Boy Scout troop of this section was launched at the meeting of directors of the Southern Pines Chamber of Commerce, held Tuesday at the Country Club, by George Moore, and received hearty endorsement. The result was the passing of a motion authorizing the employment of a paid scout master, and request for reinstatement of the charter surrendered by the troop some time ago, and the building up here of a strong Boy Scout organization.

George Moore, Frank Buchanan and Ralph Chandler were named by President S. B. Richardson of the Chamber of Commerce as a committee to bring about the reorganization, particularly the securing of a scout master who will be able to give sufficient time to the work to insure a successful troop. The Sandhills had a very efficient troop a few years ago when Max Backer of Southern Pines gave much of his time gratis to the work of developing the young manhood of the town through Boy Scout ideals. Unfortunately, Mr. Backer found the work was taking more of his time than he could afford to give to it, and he was forced to resign. An attempt was made to keep the troop alive by bringing in a paid scout master from outside, but the boys wanted their Max or nobody, and they ceased to keep up interest.

The Boy Scouts own their own home, free and clear, in Southern Pines. They purchased a clubhouse on a rise of ground near the Fire house in 1919, and the title remains vested in trustees for their use. With this incentive to reorganization, plus the hope that Mr. Backer may be induced to return to the fold, there is every hope of a splendid troop for Southern Pines and vicinity. A "cub" troop of smaller boys may also be organized, and there is some talk of a girl scout movement being launched in town.

## "PETE" PENDER HONORED BY GOVERNOR GARDNER

L. E. Pender of Pinehurst, better known as "Pete," has been named by Governor Gardner as one of the delegates from North Carolina to the annual convention of the Atlantic Deep-sea Waterways Association, to be held at Boston, Mass., October 5th to 9th. A large number of prominent North Carolinians will attend the meeting, among others appointed delegates by the governor being Senators Morrison and Bailey, former Governor McLean, Wade Harris of the Charlotte Observer and Senator Rivers Johnson.

## PLAN GROUP CONFERENCE AT JACKSON SPRINGS

The Group Conference for district number six of Fayetteville Presbyterial will be held in the Presbyterian Church, Jackson Springs on Tuesday, September 29, beginning at 10:30. The Jackson Springs Auxiliary will serve luncheon. Some very fine speakers have been secured for the program and all auxiliaries in the group are urged by the chairman, Mrs. Alex Stewart, to send a large representation.

## SLAVE BOY WHO ROSE TO PREACH GOSPEL HONORED

Fiftieth Anniversary of Dr. Mc-  
Cain's Ministry in A. M. E.  
Zion Church Celebrated

THE STORY OF HIS LIFE

An impressive gathering was that in Trinity Chapel, A. M. E. Zion Church in West Southern Pines on Wednesday night to celebrate the 50th anniversary of Dr. T. B. McCain, pastor of the church, as minister in the A. M. E. Zion church. The celebration was arranged by the ministers and laymen of the W. C. N. C. Conference, and large numbers of whites as well as those of his own race came to pay honor to the patriarchal pastor.

The welcoming address was by the Rev. Cooper, the address of the evening by Dr. C. W. Carver, P. E. of Wadesboro district, whose subject was, "The Life, and Labors of Dr. McCain." Bishop George C. Clements made a few stirring remarks, as did Dr. W. H. Howard, master of ceremonies. Dr. Lawrence acted as toastmaster, with Dr. W. W. Blair as chairman of the committee of arrangements and the Rev. A. Ellison, acting as secretary.

Talks were made by P. Frank Buchanan, Mayor D. G. Stutts and former Mayor S. B. Richardson of Southern Pines. During the evening a gift of \$110 was made Dr. McCain by the Central North Carolina Conference, and at the close of the services refreshments were served in the basement of the church.

Born in 1853

Rev. Thomas Benton McCain, who is now by virtue of his years getting into the patriarchal class, is before all things else a man of heart, and because of this fact has been greatly blessed in his work for the Master. He was born near Asheboro, Randolph county, on December 28, 1853, son of William and Mahala McCain. Of previous generations he has no knowledge beyond his grandmother, Lucy Worth who was a cook in the family of her master, John Anson Worth. His father William McCain was foreman of his master's farm. In her eleventh year when freedom came he had up to that time had no opportunities and in the hard years following the war conditions were very unfavorable. Schools were few, poor and far between. Young McCain put in his time at hard labor on farms and in sawmills. His father died in his youth and the lad was left with no one to whom he could look for assistance in getting forward. Arriving at young manhood and seeing the conditions of his race he determined to qualify himself to do good work in the world.

His progress may be told in a few words. He had secured a knowledge of books of the most primary sort and he became a student at Bennett College, Greensboro. The hardness of the struggle may be judged from the fact that it was in 1884, when he was thirty years of age, before he could graduate.

Meantime he had been converted, felt the call to preach, and entered the ministry of the A. M. E. Zion Church. The extent of his ministerial labors may be judged by the circuits and stations which he has served, embracing Poplar Springs, Troy, Laurinburg, Lillington, Pittsboro, San-

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## GENERAL BOWLEY WEDS; ON WAY TO HAWAII

News of the marriage a month ago of Major General A. J. Bowley, former commanding officer at Fort Bragg and well known in the Sandhills, leaked out at Portland, Oregon this week. General and Mrs. Bowley are on their way to Hawaii where the general assumes command of the Hawaiian division of the United States Army.

Interviewed by reporters at Portland, Mrs. Bowley, the former Miss Virginia Ball of Baltimore, Md., queried: "Who told you we were married?" She then informed the press that she had become the wife of the army officer early this month.

## Much To Be Said on Both Sides

Tobacco Growers Express Satisfaction and Dissatisfaction at  
Opening of Aberdeen Market, but Agree Prices Here as  
Good as or Better Than on Other Markets

An interesting gathering of farmers arrived at the warehouses in Aberdeen on Tuesday morning to sell their crop or to look over the situation. A wide variety of opinions were offered as the sales progressed, some favorable, some caustically unfavorable, and with many angles of view. J. E. Heflin, of the Lakeview section, thinks the market is doing right well as compared with other sections. A South Carolina visitor, who was listening to the conversation of a little group suggested that "cheap" was the word. Arthur Lowder found many to agree with him when he said he believed he could buy leaf for less money than he could raise it.

"Good time to quit raising tobacco," said H. A. Green. "No use to plant any more for half a dozen years until the surplus is used up, and the buyers reach the point where they will pay more for it. My idea is to let tobacco go until it brings a price if it takes ten years. That stuff," pointing to some inferior quality with a tag on it marked 2c., "ought to be hauled back to the farm and kept there until spring in a compost heap and then used to make beans and po-

tatoes and tomatoes and things of that kind and it would bring more money than here."

A neighbor ventured that "the law ought to forbid anything selling that would not bring at least four cents." Considerable sentiment was heard as to what the law ought to do. Jo Pryor said he had come over to see what the market would do, but he was going back home to make his molasses, and wait until more inducements would be offered. Arthur Lowder says he has about 200 turkeys at home, and if necessary he can sell his turkeys and make even on what his tobacco lacks of coming out. J. W. Thompson thought the prices were uneven, but the stuff that is selling is uneven, although he has been on a number of markets here and there this fall, and thinks Aberdeen is as good as any of them. He will have some tobacco up here later on.

J. R. Bennett, a newcomer in the Ellerbe section from Stokes, is not much pleased with the prices, but J. S. Dunn, another Stokes county man, who is one of about 75 families that

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## KIWANIANS HEAR TALK BY MORTON ON INTELLIGENCE

County's Population Divided Up  
in Classifications from Gen-  
uses to Dumbbells

HOOKER TALKS TELEPHONE

What classification do you come under? The population of the United States is divided up in ratios of intelligence, Prof. W. P. Morton of the Pinehurst schools told Kiwanis Club members at their Wednesday meeting. Something like one-quarter of one percent are geniuses, six and one-half percent super intelligent, 13 percent highly intelligent, 30 percent just plain intelligent, 30 percent just under par, 13 percent dull, six percent on the border line between dull and dumb, three-quarters of one percent morons and about one-quarter of one percent imbeciles, or idiots.

Prof. Morton says he has found that his classes in schools run about true to the above accepted figures, and explained how he had just given an intelligence test in school in order to split in two the large entering class of seventy pupils.

S. V. Hooker, telephone tycoon of Southern Pines, also spoke to the Kiwanians Wednesday, telling them of the extent and ramifications of the telephone industry in a most interesting manner. Less than 50 years old, the industry now has over 60,000 telephone systems in the United States, nearly 19,000,000 telephones. There are more than 1,500 telephones in Southern Pines, Pinehurst and Carthage, the three towns in which Mr. Hooker's company operates. He told of some of the trials and tribulations of operation, of some of the modern improvements.

Those Boxing Bouts

Col. George P. Hawes reported that 26 soldiers at Fort Bragg were in training for the honor of representing the Fort in the boxing bouts to be held in connection with the convention of the Carolinas district of Kiwanis International at Pinehurst October 21, 22 and 23. There are to be three bouts staged in a ring built in front of the Pinehurst Track grandstand, so that of the 26 in training only six will be chosen to appear here.

Talbot Johnson, chairman of the Convention committee, announced that the convention program would be broadcast from Charlotte, on October 5th or 6th. In the absence of both President Richard Tufts and Vice President Dan McKeithen, former President Murdoch Johnson presided at the meeting Wednesday.

The Oxford Orphanage will give a concert at the High School next Tuesday night.

## LOCAL SPORTSMEN ORGANIZE RIFLE AND PISTOL CLUB

New Sport for Sandhills Launch-  
ed To Encourage Proper Use  
of Firearms

TO AFFILIATE WITH N. R. A.

A new sport for the Sandhills was launched last Friday evening when a group of local sportsmen gathered in the office of Lorenson & Lorenson in Southern Pines and proceeded to organize the Sandhills Rifle & Pistol Club. The by-laws state the purposes of the club to be as follows:

"The object of this organization shall be the encouragement of organized rifle and pistol shooting among citizens of the United States residents in our community, with a view toward a better knowledge on the part of such citizens of the safe handling and proper care of firearms, as well as improved marksmanship. It shall be our further object and purpose to forward the development of those characteristics of honesty, good fellowship, self-discipline, team play and self-reliance which are the essentials of good sportsmanship and the foundation of true patriotism."

Plans were made to affiliate the local club with the National Rifle Association, a nation-wide organization, incorporated in 1871. The National Association, while a civilian organization, is looked upon with much favor by the War Department and other branches of the United States Government. Contrary to the general opinion, interest in rifle and pistol shooting is holding the attention of more sportsmen than ever before. Excluding municipal golf courses there are more civilian rifle clubs in this country than there are golf clubs. There are more rifle and pistol shooters firing every week under the banners of the National Rifle Association than have ever before in the history of the United States participated in any program of organized rifle or handgun shooting activities.

Officers Elected

The following officers were elected at the organization meeting: president, E. H. Lorenson; vice-president, B. M. Bradin; treasurer, Duncan Buie; secretary, R. J. Lorenson; exe-

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## AT YATES-THAGARD CHURCH

The Rev. O. A. Kellar will fill his regular appointment at Yates-Thagard Church next Sunday morning, September 27, at 11 o'clock. At the close of the preaching hour the ordinance of the Lord's Supper will be observed. The new Sunday School officers for the coming year will be installed preceding the sermon.

## Record Sales Open Tobacco Season Here

More Leaf on Local Warehouse  
Floors Than Ever Before  
on Opening Day

AVERAGE OVER 11 CENTS

Along with the other nine tobacco markets of the Middle Belt, Aberdeen opened its 1931 season on Tuesday morning with more leaf on the floors of the two local warehouses than ever before in history. Approximately 150,000 pounds found its way to the Sandhills Warehouses, and 56,580 pounds were sold by Edwards, Lewis & Williams at the Aberdeen Warehouse. The average was slightly over 11 cents, ranking well up with other Middle Belt markets on opening day.

Good tobacco was scarce on Tuesday, and many lots of inferior leaf selling for one and two cents a pound ruined any chance for a high average price to start off the season. This is not looked upon as a bad omen, however, as a year ago Aberdeen led the belt the first month with the result that farmers began pouring their cheaper tobacco in here later to run the season average down below that of some of the other markets. Many feel that this year farmers will realize that the poor quality tobacco is not going to bring any kind of a price, and as the season progresses will bring to the local floors their better stuff. The good grades commanded good prices all this week. Farmers with good tobacco were well pleased with the prices paid them here; the disgruntled growers were the ones whose leaf was not popular with the buyers.

Same Story Elsewhere

Many of those whose tickets showed one, two and five cents for poor looking leaf turned down the offerings and betook themselves elsewhere, but reports coming from other markets in the belt indicate that the same thing is going on all around, and that eventually the growers will appreciate the fact that good prices will be paid only for good tobacco, no matter where they make their offerings. Several growers were here this week who had been on other earlier opened markets and stated that Aberdeen prices were up to or better than elsewhere. Several farmers expressed complete satisfaction with their treatment here.

Although Tuesday was a big day, starting the season-off with a bang, little tobacco came in Wednesday and yesterday, but that which was sold was of a superior quality and brought better prices. The days after the opening are always small days from the standpoint of quality, and local warehousemen expressed themselves as well pleased with the results to date. Next week is expected to produce a brisk business.

Opening day brought a large number of people to town, and merchants report a good business. A number of local shops are offering attractive bargains during the tobacco season, and visitors are taking advantage of the opportunity.

Buyers of the big companies, here for the season, were entertained at a banquet at the Aberdeen Community House last night, at which time speeches were made by prominent local citizens, and an impromptu musical program put on by some of the local talent along that line. Other parties, including some for the growers, are planned during the season.

The markets which opened simultaneously with Aberdeen on Tuesday were Carthage, where a good sale was reported, Henderson, Durham, Oxford, Sanford, Fuquay Springs, Warrington, Louisburg and Roxboro. The price average ran pretty true to form throughout the belt, somewhere between ten and 12 cents.

## LEAVES FOR CULLOWHEE

Miss Flora Morrison of Eagle Springs left Monday for Western Carolina Teacher's College, Cullowhee, where she will be instructor of penmanship.