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692,500 POUNDS, OF TOBACCO SOLD IN MOORE COUNTY

Aberdeen and Carthage Ware- houses Turn Nearly \$180,000 Loose During First Week

BANNER YEAR FORESEEN

The Aberdeen tobacco market snapped back sharply yesterday morning after the slight attack of doldrums that followed the biggest opening day in Aberdeen history. All through the early part of the week offerings, while well above those of the last few years, were considerably off from what had been expected on the strength of the opening day volume; but yesterday morning there were over 100,000 pounds on the two warehouse floors and it was thought that the day's average of slightly over 28 cents per pound would give other markets something to shoot at for some time to come.

At Covington's Warehouse, the McNeill Farming Company of Laurinburg sold 2,680 pounds at a price that averaged between 37 and 38 cents. T. B. Upchurch of Raeford had 5,500 pounds on the floor there and when his offering had been sold he expressed himself as being highly satisfied with the result. The highest price of the day went to Mr. Taylor and to the McNeill company, who both received 45 cents a pound for small quantities of their top grade.

At the close of the most successful opening week in the history of Moore county tobacco markets—a week that saw the markets at Aberdeen and Carthage sell a combined total of approximately 692,500 pounds of tobacco on the four warehouse floors—farmers, buyers and warehousemen are predicting a return to "the good old days" after several comparatively lean intervening years.

At Aberdeen official reports show that the Aberdeen Warehouse and Covington's Warehouse combined sold 362,440 pounds for a total of \$86,655.06—an average price of 23.63 cents per pound. Unofficial estimates from Carthage indicate that the total sales there were slightly higher than at Aberdeen and that there has been in the neighborhood of 370,000 pounds pass over the floors of the McConnell and the New Sandhills warehouse. The total dollar volume of this poundage is estimated at around \$93,000.00, showing an average of approximately 24.50 cents per pound.

While sales in Aberdeen have dropped (Please turn to page eight)

Dr. Vardell Bethesda's Home Coming Speaker

President-Emeritus of Flora MacDonald College To Preach in Aberdeen October 3d

On Sunday, October 2d, the annual Home Coming at Old Bethesda will be observed. Invitations are being sent out over the country to former members and descendants of former members, and to the friends of Old Bethesda, to return to the Old Church to spend the day together for old times' sake.

The Rev. Charles G. Vardell, D. D., President-Emeritus and founder of Flora MacDonald College, Red Springs, will deliver the sermon at the morning hour of worship at 11:00 o'clock. The committee feels that the presence of Dr. Vardell will enrich the interest of this day. He is widely known and greatly beloved throughout the Carolinas. Many of the alumnae of Flora MacDonald College in this section of the state will doubtless be present to hear Dr. Vardell's home coming message.

At the suggestion of many of the older members of Bethesda, a communion service will follow the morning sermon.

The public is cordially invited to be present. Dinner will be spread in the grove at 1:00 o'clock. Those who come are requested to bring a basket dinner that all may be provided for.

In the afternoon an old-time song service will feature the program.

Child, 3, Sings "Jesus Loves Me"; Dies Hour Later in Auto Wreck

Little Leon Apple Had Proudly Sung for Grandmother in Lake- view Before Accident in Star

By BESSIE CAMERON SMITH

Proudly, little Leon Apple, not quite three, sang "Jesus Loves Me, this I know," for his grandmother Sunday afternoon just to show her that he had learned to sing, then climbed onto the front seat of the automobile along with his father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Apply. To return to their home in Greensboro after a pleasant week-end in Lakeview with Mrs. Apple's mother, Mrs. John McRae.

Two miles from Star, an automobile occupied by three allegedly intoxicated men dashed onto the highway from a side road, struck the Apples' car, and threw Leon through the windshield to the pavement. He stirred only once after they reached him.

Mr. Apple suffered a crushed knee and Mrs. Apple was badly cut about the face. They were taken to an Asheboro Hospital for first aid, then carried to a hospital in Greensboro. Miss Leamon Crouse, Blainie McRae and little Margie Apple, who were on the rear seat, escaped injury.

Two of the occupants of the second car were taken into custody and placed in jail in Troy, according to the report, while the other fled from the scene of the accident but later was located at a hospital.

Funeral service for Leon was held in Greensboro Tuesday afternoon. Those from Moore county who attended were Mrs. John McRae, Mr. and Mrs. George McRae of Lakeview; Mrs. Colin McRae, Russell McRae and Miss Raynor Crouse of Vass; Mr. and Mrs. Aubrey Keith of Cameron, and Mr. and Mrs. Louise Needham of Hemp.

The child is survived by his parents, one sister, and numerous other relatives.

No Trace of Owners of Burned Car Found

New Ford, Guttled By Fire, Was 40 Yards in Woods Off Aber- deen-Laurinburg Highway

A "mystery" automobile, bullet-riddled and completely gutted by fire, was found 40 yards in the woods off the Aberdeen-Laurinburg road about two miles south of Aberdeen early on Sunday morning.

When found the car, a new 1937 Ford coach, was still hot and everything inflammable on and in it was reduced to ashes. The motor was partially melted from the terrific heat the fire had generated and the trunk cover, rear right fender and right hand door were punctured with a total of seven bullet holes. There was no clue as to the driver or any possible occupants. The only certainty was that there was no one in the car at the time the wreck and fire occurred.

Highway Patrolman W. B. Kelly, who has been investigating the fire and wreck, told The Pilot that there has as yet been no definite information received that would help to solve the mystery. The registration number, 241-075, was issued to G. C. Shaw of High Point, but inquiries reveal that he is unknown there and that his only connection with the town is a postoffice box rented in that name. Another report received by Patrolman Kelly has the car listed as having been stolen in Hoffman (Please turn to page eight)

PARKING ARRANGEMENTS ON EAST BROAD STREET CHANGED

The parking system on East Broad street, between Pennsylvania and New Hampshire avenues, was changed this week. Parking is to be just the reverse of formerly, with straight parking along the west side of the street and head-in parking against the curbing on the east side. This will permit more cars to park in front of the numerous shops in this block. No parking is permitted directly in front of the Carolina Theatre.

54 Grandchildren

Father of Mrs. A. Montesanti Dies in North, Leaving 74 Direct Descendants

Called to Boston by the death of her father, Salvatore Gaultiere, who died Saturday night, Mrs. A. Montesanti, accompanied by her daughter, Theresa, left Southern Pines Sunday for the funeral services held in Malden, Mass., on Tuesday.

Her father, born in Italy 82 years ago, was long a respected resident and citizen of the United States. He is survived by all his children, eleven daughters and one son, 54 grandchildren, and eight great grandchildren.

SANDHILLS TO JOIN IN CELEBRATION OF AIR MAIL WEEK

Letters in Special Cachets To Be Picked Up by Pilots at Knollwood Airport

BUCHAN NAMES AIDES

Postmaster P. Frank Buchan of Southern Pines has appointed a committee headed by Mayor D. G. Stutz and consisting of Robert L. Hart, Howard Burns, Charles Macauley and Ben Bowden to work with a similar committee yet to be appointed from Pinehurst by Postmaster F. T. Currie to insure the success of North Carolina Air Mail Week, October 11 to 16. Plans are being made for the reception at the Knollwood Airport of the air mail planes which will stop here on October 12 to pick up letters mailed here in specially prepared cachets.

Postmasters of North Carolina are entering enthusiastically into the plans for celebration of North Carolina Air Mail Week, according to Postmaster Paul R. Younts of Charlotte, who has been named chairman of the Air Mail Week committee.

The observance of Air Mail Week, which has for its purpose making North Carolina air mail conscious and to impress upon business men the great value of the use of air mail, is being sponsored by the North Carolina Association of Postmasters, with the full cooperation of Eastern Air Lines and the Postoffice department.

President Wythe Peyton of Asheville appointed Major Younts general (Please turn to page eight)

101 Fatal Automobile Accidents in August

Raises to 659 the Number Kill- ed on North Carolina High- ways This Year

Automobiles killed 101 persons in North Carolina last month to set a new record for August and exceed the fatalities total for any other month this year.

Deaths which injured 776 persons, the monthly report of the Motor Vehicle bureau shows. The total sent to 659 the number killed on highways this year. Only 601 had been fatally injured in car wrecks through August last year.

Sunday was the deadliest day with 24 fatalities. Between 7 and 8 o'clock in the evening was the most fatal hour with nine automobile accidents.

Thirty-nine of the dead were pedestrians. Twenty-six persons were killed in collisions with other automobiles, two with trains, four with fixed objects and three with bicycles.

Drunken driving was blamed for four deaths and hit-and-run driving for 12. Two drunken pedestrians, 11 children playing in the streets, and 16 persons walking on the highways were killed. Seven fatalities occurred in cities and 77 in rural sections.

STATE BOARD TO REVIEW SANDHILL TELEPHONE RATES

Southern Pines Board Refers Question of Decrease To Utilities Commission

RATES FAIR SAYS DURANT

At a meeting of the Board of Town Commissioners of Southern Pines, held Wednesday night at the office of the City Clerk and attended by Robert E. Denny and the Rev. T. A. Cheatham as representatives of the Pinehurst Chamber of Commerce, the City Clerk was instructed to communicate with Town Attorney U. L. Spence for the purpose of drawing up plans to take the matter of Southern Pines telephone rates before the Public Utilities Commission in Raleigh for a rate hearing.

At the request of local telephone subscribers, the Board of Commissioners had long been considering the matter of local telephone rates and a few weeks ago a special meeting of the Board of Commissioners was called to confer with R. S. Durant, manager of the Central Carolina Telephone Company. At that time Mr. Durant made it quite clear to the Board that the telephone company felt the rates in effect here were just and reasonable and that no reduction was in order.

Mr. Durant read to the Board a statement covering receipts and disbursements of the telephone company's office in Southern Pines and also a statement showing the investment the telephone company has in this town. He pointed out that, in response to a petition by the Town Board, the company had installed a new and better telephone system in Southern Pines a few years ago and that the maintenance of that system was a factor in the present schedule of rates.

Mr. Durant also stated that the telephone company had always tried to cooperate with the people of Southern Pines in every way. This policy, he pointed out, calls for quite an additional capital investment here and, due to the fact that business drops off considerably during the summer months when a large percentage of the population goes north and due to the type of telephone system in use here, which called for a large layout of funds, it is utterly impossible to decrease telephone rates in Southern Pines unless we wish to have the all year round rates reduced and the winter resident's rates increased to make up for the resulting loss of revenue. This plan, Mr. Durant believed, would do more harm than good and would tend to antagonize the winter residents.

The question was raised as to why the rates could not be reduced in anticipation of an increase in business (Please turn to page four)

Sheriff Confident of Arrests in Murder Case

McDonald Forwards Warrants in Carraway Slaying To Po- lice of New York City

Sheriff C. J. McDonald, who has been quietly putting forth every effort to locate the slayers of J. E. Carraway, Connecticut Camp operator, who was found brutally murdered near the Southern Pines-Pinehurst road a few weeks ago, returned Sunday evening from New York City where he had been for the greater part of the week following up a clue which officers firmly believe is the correct one.

Sheriff McDonald feels confident that he knows who Carraway's slayers are, and has this week forwarded warrants for their arrest to New York officers. Three detectives are working on the case and the Moore county sheriff is hopeful of getting the wanted parties for identification.

McDonald was deeply impressed by the police organization of the metropolis. "They have a real police force," he said, "and if the men can be found, I think that they will find them." The New York officers are working (Please turn to page eight)

1938 Budget Adopted by Southern Pines Board of Commissioners; Rate Same

His Crop Stolen

L. B. McKeithen Finds Tobac- co on Fairmont Market, For Sale By Missing Tenant

Last week a tenant on one of L. B. McKeithen's farms near Cameron moved away without his knowledge, carrying off all of his possessions as well as the entire tobacco crop, thus leaving Mr. McKeithen "in the hole." However, Mr. McKeithen got busy, and was soon on his trail and with the help of J. E. Snow, found the tobacco on the floor of a warehouse in Fairmont. Fortunately it was not sold and Mr. McKeithen reached Fairmont in time to prevent the tenant from selling the tobacco and absconding with the money.

NORTH CAROLINA TEACHERS VOTED 10 PERCENT RAISE

Salaries Scale Increased From \$87.50 Minimum, \$112.50 Max- imum, to \$96 and \$123.75

THOMAS TO GET \$2,532

Legalized by a bill passed in the last North Carolina General Assembly, the salaries of all teachers, principals and superintendents of State schools were on Monday of this week increased ten percent by the State School Commission.

For teachers with Class A certificates the salary scale was formerly \$87.50 to \$112.50 depending upon the amount of experience they had had. Under the new schedule the scale will start at \$96.00 with \$123.75 as the top salary.

The new bill will mean that county superintendents of schools will receive salaries totaling \$254,889. H. Lee Thomas, superintendent of schools for Moore county will receive \$2,532.

In Southern Pines and Pinehurst the rate of pay will be slightly higher than the scale established by the state because, in addition to the basic state salary, the local school board pay their teachers additional compensation to cover the nine months term in these two towns.

Schedule of Salaries

Following is the maximum salary scale set by the Commission, with the prevailing scale given first and last year's salary in the same division given in parentheses:

Class A certificates: No experience, \$96 (\$87.50), one year \$99.50 (\$90.50), two years \$103 (\$94), three years \$106.50 (\$97), four years \$110 (\$100), five years \$113.50 (\$103), six years \$116.50 (\$106), seven years \$120 (\$109.50), eight years \$123.75 (\$112.50).

Class B certificates: No experience \$82 (\$75), one year \$85.50 (\$78), two years \$89 (\$81), three years \$92.50 (\$84.50), four years \$96 (\$87.50), five years \$99.50 (\$90.50), six years \$103 (\$94).

Class C certificates: no experience: \$75.50 (\$69), one year \$79 (\$72), two years \$82.50 (\$75), three years \$85.50 (\$78), four years \$89 (\$81).

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE DIRECTORS MEET TUESDAY

President Robert L. Hart of the Southern Pines Chamber of Commerce announced yesterday that the first fall meeting of the board of directors would be held next Tuesday noon at Jack's Grill, at which time plans for the season will be discussed. Among immediate plans to be made are those for the reception of the representatives of northern tourist agencies and advertising concerns who will be here early next month.

Tax Remains at \$2.65 per \$100. of Valuation; Revenue Esti- mated at \$68,812

VALUATION: \$2,573,117

The Board of Town Commissioners of the Town of Southern Pines, at its meeting Wednesday night, adopted the town budget for the period beginning July 1, 1937 and ending June 30, 1938.

The gross estimated income, on a valuation of \$2,573,117 and including poll taxes and dog taxes, will be \$68,812.60, based on a rate of \$2.65 per \$100—the same rate that has prevailed for the past three years.

The estimated expense of the town for the period is as follows:

Administrative	\$ 4,400.00
Fire Department	7,516.03
Police Dept.	4,714.96
Repairing and Painting	
Country Club	1,000.00
Maintenance of Streets, Sewers, Lighting and Planting Parkways	17,059.66
Misc. (including Resort Ad- vertising, Printing, Ex- penses, Maintenance of Billboards and Legal Ex- penses	7,031.42
Maintenance of Parks and Buildings	1,710.50
Maintenance Mt. Hope Cem- etery	630.00
Deficit Fire House Build- ing	1,067.94
Debt Service	23,682.09
	\$68,812.60

To Operate Country Club

Following the adoption of the budget, the Board of Commissioners appointed a committee consisting of Eugene C. Stevens, Howard Burns and J. C. Barron to take over the operation of the Southern Pines Country Club under the supervision of the board. Their immediate task is to fix a schedule of rates for play and to settle on the matter of a new professional for the coming season, and these will probably be attended to by the first of next week.

The remainder of the meeting was taken up with routine business except for the matter that the board voted to send Chief of Police J. A. Gargis and Patrolman Ed Newton to the two-day Police Training School that is being held today and tomorrow in Winston-Salem under the auspices of the North Carolina Municipal Government Association, of which the Town of Southern Pines is a member.

Bob Harlow To Handle Publicity at Pinehurst

Former P. G. A. Tournament Manager Succeeds Linde Fow- ler.—New Holly Inn Manager

Announcement was made this week by Richard S. Tufts, president of Pinehurst, Inc. that Pinehurst has secured the services of Bob Harlow, nationally known golf writer and former Professional Golf Association tournament manager, as head of the Pinehurst publicity staff for the coming year. He will succeed A. Linde Fowler, well known Boston, Mass. golf writer, who has handled the Pinehurst publicity for the past two years.

Harlow was at one time Walter Hagen's tournament manager and arranged all of "The Hag's" tournaments when he was at the height of his career. The experience he gained at that time fitted him ideally for the position of P. G. A. tournament manager to which he later succeeded and held until a year ago. Since leaving the P. G. A. Harlow has promoted several profitable professional golf tournaments, including the \$10,000 "circus" held in Chicago this past spring and has filled in his spare time writing a periodical golf column that has been syndicated nationally. He is well known throughout the golfing world and to newspaper edi- (Please turn to page eight)