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BANK OF CANDOR HELD UP, ROBBED; PAYNE SUSPECTED

Trio Escapes With Close to \$3,000; Payne Reported To Have Forewarned Police

LEAVE BURNED CAR

True to the rumored promise that he made to Montgomery county authorities some two weeks ago, a bandit identified from photographs as Bill Payne, widely hunted desperado, and two companions, help up and robbed the Bank of Candor, just over the Moore county line in Montgomery county, Tuesday morning. The amount of their loot is estimated at between \$2,500 and \$3,000.

After the holdup, which bank officials said was staged quietly and with bewildering swiftness, the robbers fled in a new black 1937 Ford V-8 coach that had been parked across the street from the bank while the robbery was in progress. They drove about four miles out the highway toward Pinehurst and then turned toward Eagle Springs and the vicinity of Big Oak Church, where they had previously parked a maroon 1935 Ford coupe. Arriving there, they took the license plates from the black car, burned it to the frame, and continued their flight in the maroon coupe.

State Highway Patrolman W. B. Kelly told The Pilot that there was not a single identifying clue at the scene where the original get-away car was burned and that State and Federal officers had no idea as to the direction the bandits took from the vicinity of Big Oak Church; that, although officers of more than a half-dozen counties patrolled all roads in the vicinity Tuesday night, no trace was found of the robbers.

Forewarning Rumored

When word of the robbery reached Southern Pines Tuesday noon it was learned that there was a persistent rumor that Montgomery county authorities had received a bragging message—by what medium it was not designated—from Bill Payne a week or so previous to the hold-up, stating that he was headed in the direction of Candor and that upon his arrival he intended to rob the Candor bank. The authenticity of the rumor nor the action—if any—taken as a result of the rumored threat could not be learned.

M. T. McCaskill, cashier of the bank, said the bandits got "something over \$2,500" but said he felt certain the amount would not exceed \$3,000. He said a complete check was held up pending an investigation by Federal Bureau of Investigation agents.

The cashier and his assistant Miss Ruby McCaskill, said that after seeing numerous photographs of Bill Payne they were "almost sure" one of the two highwaymen who entered the bank was he.

McCaskill said the bandits, un- (Please turn to page eight)

Kiwanis Lieutenant Governor Speaks Here

Robert P. Holding, Smithfield Banker and Johnston County Commissioner, Pays Visit

Robert P. Holding, lieutenant governor of this division of the Carolinas District of Kiwanis International, was the speaker at this week's meeting of the Sandhills Kiwanis Club, taking as his subject "Kiwanis and What It Means to You and Me." He outlined the aims of the organization along lines of welfare work, community progress, work among underprivileged children and along vocational guidance lines, and told of the growth of the organization in this country and Canada, stating its membership was nearing 100,000. Mr. Holding is a prominent banker in Smithfield, and a member of the Board of Commissioners of Johnston county. He was presented to the club by J. Talbot Johnson.

President Charles W. Picquet announced a meeting of officers and directors of the local club for next Tuesday evening at 8:30 o'clock in Jack's Grill.

Roy Grinnell New Professional At Southern Pines Country Club

Schedule of Golf Rates for Winter Season, Revised Downward, Are Announced

Following a meeting of the newly appointed Country Club Committee held the latter part of last week, announcement was made by City Clerk Howard Burns of the acquisition of the services of Roy Grinnell, formerly of the Pinehurst Country Club professional staff, as professional at Southern Pines Country Club for the coming season, and of the new schedule of rates that will prevail for the use of the recently improved golf course.

This year the Southern Pines Country Club will be operated by the Southern Pines Board of Commissioners and the actual operation will be in the hands of a Country Club Committee appointed by the board and comprising Eugene C. Stevens, Howard Burns and J. C. Barron. This committee has been corresponding with Roy Grinnell for the past several weeks and on Saturday received his assurance that he would report here in the near future, probably before the end of this week.

Grinnell, an excellent golfer with an enviable reputation as a teacher, is the professional at Little Compton, R. I., during the summer months and was originally brought to the Sandhills several years ago at Donald Ross' suggestion to work at Southern Pines Country Club. After a year here, however, he joined the Pinehurst staff and has since been there during the winter season. His return to the Country Club will be somewhat in the nature of a homecoming.

New Greens Fees

The new schedule of rates that will be in effect this year is as follows:

| | Men | Ladies |
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| Season Ticket | \$50.00 | \$40.00 |
| Monthly Ticket | 25.00 | 20.00 |
| 6-Day Ticket | 7.50 | 6.00 |
| Daily Ticket | 1.50 | 1.50 |
| Family Season Ticket (Man, Wife and Junior Children) | 75.00 | |
| Junior Season Ticket (Boys and Girls under 21) | 15.00 | |

All lockers are free under any membership. The season rates apply from October 1, 1937 to May 31, 1938 and all prices quoted are applicable only during that period.

The new schedule of rates has been revised downward and differs from last year's rates in the following instances: the season rate has been reduced \$10.00; the monthly rate has been reduced \$5.00; the daily rate has been reduced from \$2.00 to \$1.50, and the committee has further announced that all present memberships now in force will be honored under the original terms.

Aberdeen Entertains Its Tobacco Buyers

Enjoyable Program Put On at Banquet Staged by Chamber Commerce

Last night, Thursday, the Aberdeen Chamber of Commerce was host to the tobacco buyers on the Aberdeen market, their bookkeepers, their auctioneers, the press and some 50 citizens of Aberdeen at the Aberdeen Hotel, on the occasion of the annual Tobacco Men's banquet.

The affair was pleasantly different from most banquets in that speeches were practically taboo. Toastmaster J. Talbot Johnson limiting all oratorical efforts on the part of the guests to brief acknowledgements of their introductions to the assemblage. Misses Catherine Charles and Mary Margaret Burney, acting as hostesses for the Chamber of Commerce, greeted the guests and passed out souvenirs.

Miss Ruth Thompson and Mrs. Carl Thompson, both of Southern Pines, and "Judge" L. T. Avery and Bobby Page of Aberdeen, furnished the entertainment of the evening and their performances were roundly applauded by the gathering.

No College Prank

Henry Riley, Southern Pines, Really Shot While Unpacking Bag at Princeton

It was no joke, as his college mates at first thought when they heard noises in his room in a Princeton, New Jersey boarding house and found Henry D. Riley of Southern Pines on the floor with his leg smeared with blood, says an Associated Press despatch to The Pilot.

Henry, the son of Mrs. Burt Hunt of Indiana avenue here, is resting in a Princeton hospital with a bullet wound in his leg, and his friends are finally convinced that they hadn't seen red ink and a gag put over on them. It was no college prank this time.

Riley, just back from Europe, had started to unpack his bag preparatory to settling down for his freshman year. He pulled at a pair of pajamas and a revolver, entangled in them, was discharged, wounding him in the right leg. Physicians say it is only a flesh wound, but he bled profusely.

DUNLOP LOSES IN \$25,000 LAWSUIT AGAINST C. P. & L.

Damages Sought for Refusal of Company To Give Service To Sweetheart Lake

SUPREME COURT APPEAL

Edward D. Dunlop, owner and operator of Sweetheart Lake during its brief period of popularity a few years ago, lost in his legal effort to recover damages in the amount of \$25,000 from the Carolina Power and Light Company as a result of the company's failure to supply the recreation center with electric current.

The plaintiff gave notice of appeal to the Supreme Court and was allowed 60 days in which to make up and serve case on appeal and the defendant was allowed 40 days thereafter to file exceptions or counter case. Appeal bond was fixed at \$100.

Upon failure of the management of Sweetheart Lake to meet its bill, the utilities company discontinued service in 1931. The bill was later paid, but the company refused to reconnect to the Dunlop property on account of the fact that the four-mile tap line connecting the property with the main line was in such a state.

Then followed an argument as to the ownership of the tap line and party responsible for its repair. The power company claimed that it was owned by Sweetheart Lake and vice-versa.

"Forced To Close"

Complaining that he had expended much money on the development (Please turn to page eight)

HELEN LOUISE HEIM OF PINEHURST IS BRIDE

Miss Helen-Louise Heim, niece of Mr. and Mrs. Eberhard Faber, of Pinehurst and New York city, was married last Friday afternoon, September 24, to John Evans Love, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Kirk Love, of Johnstown, Pa., and Pinehurst. The ceremony was performed in New York at St. Bartholomew's Church by the Rev. Francis Craighill, Jr. A reception took place at the Faber residence at 820 Fifth avenue.

Mr. Faber gave his niece in marriage. She wore ivory satin with a yoke of old family duchess and rose-point lace, a tulle veil edged with the lace and carried white orchids and valley lilies.

Mr. and Mrs. Love called for Honolulu for their honeymoon. The bride attended Kent Place School, Summit, N. J., and the Finch School in New York. Mr. Love was graduated from the Fossenden School and Princeton University.

AIR MAIL WEEK TO BE FITTINGLY OBSERVED HERE

Plane To Pay Visit To Knollwood Airport on Tuesday, October 12

CURRIE NAMES AIDES

Postmaster F. T. Currie of Pinehurst this week announced the appointment of a committee comprising Richard S. Tufts, chairman; Willard L. Dunlop, Frank Dupont, Col. George P. Hawes and L. L. Biddle, II, to cooperate with the Southern Pines committee appointed last week by Postmaster P. Frank Buchan to insure the success of the local celebration of North Carolina Air Mail Week, October 11 to 16.

On October 12, Eastern Air Line planes will make stops at all towns in North Carolina with landing fields and will pick up the special bags of air mail that will be mailed in celebration of the event. The air mail from all the eastern cities will be taken to Raleigh and placed on E. A. L. planes there. Mail from towns and cities in western North Carolina will be taken to Charlotte for one of the six planes making daily stops there.

Locally, the Knollwood airport will be used and the special air mail plane will stop there on Tuesday, October 12, to pick up the local air mail. Special cachets have been selected for Pinehurst and Southern Pines and special envelopes will be available for the occasion.

The observance of Air Mail Week 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. It is being sponsored by the North Carolina Association of Postmasters with the full cooperation of the Eastern Air Lines and the Postoffice Department.

At meetings this week both the Southern Pines Chamber of Commerce and the Kiwanis Club endorsed the program and tendered their services toward making the event a noteworthy one here.

Harrington Gets Option To Lease Southland

If Terms Are Not Accepted by Oct. 15, Receiver is Authorized To Sell Local Hotel

Believing it to be the best interests of the creditors of the Southland Holding Company that the real estate and hotel property of the company in Southern Pines be rented for the tourist season of 1937-1938 if such rental could be consummated by the 15th of October, the receiver, S. J. Hinsdale, was this week directed to lease the property to Elmer Harrington for a term ending June 1, 1938 if he complies with the terms by the middle of the month.

The rental price is to be \$1,500, of which \$500 is to be payable upon delivery of the lease; \$500 on the first day of next February, and the balance on March 1st, the receiver to have authority to take immediate possession of the property upon the failure of the lessee to pay any installment at the time due.

If the said lease is consummated, sale of the property shall not be made prior to the first Monday in March, 1938; otherwise, the receiver is empowered to sell the property after October 15, 1937.

Due to the fact that the property is encumbered with mortgages and other liens the legality of which is brought in question and the property is of a character to deteriorate materially in value pending this litigation, the court ordered that the receiver be empowered to sell the property free of all encumbrances, the creditors claims to be transferred to the funds realized from the sale just as they might be asserted against the property had the sale not taken place.

M. G. Boyette was appointed a referee to pass upon claims in the matter.

Dies at His Desk



GEORGE D. MARTIN

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Head of Martin Motor Company Victim of Heart Attack at Age of 36

THROUGH AT FUNERAL

George Dorsett Martin, aged 36 years, one of the leading citizens of Aberdeen, died suddenly at his office in the Martin Motor Company last Monday evening about 7:30 of an acute heart attack. His death came as a great shock to all, as he was chatting with friends in a nearby drug store a few minutes before. He was found by his associates slumped in his office chair.

Mr. Martin was the head of Martin Motor Company, Buick distributors here; a partner in the Dixie Theatre, and active in many other civic enterprises, and was beloved by all who knew him.

He is survived by his wife, the former Miss Louise Leach; one daughter, Miss Louise Martin; his mother, Mrs. George G. Martin, and his sister, Mrs. Robert S. Gwyn, all of Aberdeen.

The funeral services were held from his home on Pine street in Aberdeen on Wednesday morning at 1:00 o'clock, with his pastor, the Rev. Leon M. Hall, officiating, assisted by the Rev. E. L. Barber, pastor of the Presbyterian church, and the Rev. E. M. Harris, pastor of the Baptist Church, with interment following in the Martin family plot in Old Bethesda Cemetery, by the side of his father, George G. Martin, who died some years ago. During the funeral hour all places of business were closed. Active bearers were William Page, Ralph Caldwell, Douglas David, Andrew Turner, Rudolph Baldwin and Abram Van Boskerck, all employees of Martin Motor Co., and Honoray bearers were members of the old baseball team of Aberdeen, of which Mr. Martin was pitcher and for some time captain and manager. A large number of out-of-town relatives joined the throng of local friends at the home for the funeral services, and the floral tributes were many and beautiful, attesting to the respect and honor in which Mr. Martin was held during his life in his town and community.

Tobacco Sales Ahead of Last Year by 40%

Aberdeen and Carthage Markets Have Loosed Over \$350,000 Among Growers of Section

Heavy offerings of end-of-the-season "common grade" tobacco from the Border Belt, particularly from South Carolina, arrived on the Aberdeen tobacco market last week and served to drive the average price considerably below the high figures that had prevailed there throughout the first week's sales. Middle Belt tobacco, however, was plentiful there and the price paid for it was consistent with the 27 cents per pound average that had previously been established.

Sales through the end of the second week at Aberdeen were approximately 650,000 pounds and involved a cash return to the growers of about \$170,000.00.

At Carthage, the total sales through Wednesday were 683,738 pounds for a total cash value of \$184,561.54 and an average price of 26.7 cents per pound.

At nearby Sanford, in Lee county, the volume of sales has been slightly higher than on either of the Moore county markets and the average price there has been consistently around 26 and 27 cents per pound with occasional excursions into the 28 cent bracket.

At the present time offerings at Aberdeen and Carthage exceed last year's first two week's offerings by about 40 per cent and all indications point to a boom market locally.

NEW YORK POLICE ARREST SUSPECTS IN MURDER CASE

Joe Hensley, Who Drove Caraway Assaultants to Raleigh, Off To Identify Pair

WILL ASK EXTRADITION

Following receipt of a telegram telling of the arrest Monday evening of two men, one in New York and the other in New Jersey, as suspected murderers of J. E. Carraway, Deputies Herman Grimm and A. W. Lambert, accompanied by Joe Hensley, Pinehurst taxi driver, left at 3:00 o'clock Tuesday morning for New York to see if Hensley can identify the men whose names were given as James DeGruccio and Albert Whitworth.

Carraway, who, it is said, always carried large sums of money on his person, left his home at Connecticut Camp on Highway No. 1 about 13 miles south of Southern Pines early Friday morning, August 6, accompanied by two men who had been staying at the camp for several days.

Nothing more was heard of Carraway until the following Wednesday when his beaten, stabbed and badly decomposed body was found in the woods near the Midland Road about a mile from Southern Pines.

Hensley told officers that two roughly dressed men, one of whom spoke with a distinct accent and was probably Italian, had approached him at his taxi-stand in Pinehurst about 10:00 o'clock on the morning of Carraway's disappearance and hired him to drive them to Raleigh. He made them a price of \$15 for the trip, payable in advance. Hensley stated that he asked the why they did not go on the train, and their reply was that they did not like to ride on trains. At a filling station in Cameron they stopped for food and there, Hensley stated, he detected the outline of a gun in the hip pocket of one of the men.

If Hensley succeeds in identifying the two suspects, Sheriff McDonald will go to Wadesboro and get Solicitor Pruette to make application to the Governor for extradition papers which will be forwarded by air mail to New York and the machinery for returning the men to North Carolina set in motion.

THREE FEATURE SHOWS A WEEK AT CAROLINA HERE

Manager Charles W. Picquet of the Carolina Theatre, Southern Pines, announced this week a change in policy, taking effect with the week beginning next Monday, October 4th.

Three attractions a week will be presented with changes on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays (two days each) and with matinees on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays, and a glance at the attractions for the first week will give movie patrons an idea of the quality Mr. Picquet hopes to maintain through the season, at the same time admitting that, for entertainment, this week's attractions have set a very high mark to shoot at.