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DENIES REPORTS OF INFANTILE IN NORTH CAROLINA

Incidence of Disease Far Below Normal, Says Dr. Reynolds, Health Officer

ONLY 8 SCATTERED CASES

Dr. Carl V. Reynolds, State Health Officer for North Carolina, has just issued the following statement: "For some unknown reason, there seems to be emanating from Florida a false impression as to the incidence of poliomyelitis in North Carolina, and Floridians desiring to visit resort sections of this State, so reports from these sections show, have been advised to avoid North Carolina, on the pretext that an epidemic of the disease exists within our borders. "Due to the above, I feel it my duty to present a factual denial without delay. Not only is there no epidemic of poliomyelitis in North Carolina but the incidence this year has been far below the normal. North Carolina's average incidence is sixty to seventy cases. So far during 1939, there have been only eight cases reported throughout the State, among a population of three and one-half million people, five of which occurred between January and April. One was reported May 1 and one May 11. None of these are in the infectious stages. There is only one case that could be classed as being in the infectious stage and that one developed in Greene County, June 1. The eight cases are scattered from the extreme western to the extreme eastern part of the State, beginning January 9 to June 10.

"Our people know the true facts; they know that no restrictions have been imposed on the traveling public, but we do strongly advise against citizens coming out of infected sections into uninfected sections. This is not a selfish but a protective request.

No Fear of Outbreak

"We do not fear any widespread outbreak of poliomyelitis in North Carolina, due to the fact that if history repeats itself, as is customary, the epidemic of 1935 affords us protection, with the exception of the approximately 277,000 estimated children living who were born since then. On the percentage basis, this means that only eight per cent of our people are susceptible, this being far below the average number of susceptibles which would justify us in anticipating any epidemic, or even an endemic.

"North Carolina had its epidemic, with 675 cases in 1935, that started in January, ran into October and reached its peak July 31. And the world was informed. It is an injustice to the traveling public for them to have erroneous reports as to the situation which in truth North Carolina affords a greater protection from this disease on account of its recent epidemic."

Dewberry Season at Peak; Prices Hold Up

Volume of Sales in Moore and Lee County Reported as Ahead of Last Year

The dewberry season in Lee and Moore counties is reaching the peak. The volume of sales is somewhat ahead of last year, and prices have strengthened considerably after beginning rather low on account of the lateness this year of the straw-berry season which is now about over. According to reports from Cameron and Vass—the auction dewberry markets for the section, the average prices are ranging slightly above \$2.00 per crate of 24 quarts, after selling earlier in the season for \$1.60 per crate. It is estimated that the Cameron market had sold through Saturday 12,000 to 14,000 crates. The sales on Saturday were over 2,000 crates. Weather conditions have been favorable for the ripening of the berries and the crop this year is better than usual.

Senate Confirms Frank Buchan As Postmaster of Southern Pines

Acts Favorably on Nomination of Incumbent by President. Has Served Since 1933

The United States Senate on Tuesday confirmed the nomination of P. Frank Buchan as postmaster of Southern Pines. The nomination was sent to the Senate recently by President Roosevelt, following the expiration of Mr. Buchan's four-year term. Mr. Buchan was appointed acting postmaster in 1933, and postmaster in 1935. Since then the Congress has passed a law placing postmasters on a permanent basis. Mr. Buchan was examined for this appointment in Fayetteville, passing with a high mark, and was recommended to the President by Representative W. O. Burgin of this Congressional district.

The Southern Pines postoffice has maintained a high rating throughout the tenure of office of its postmaster. Mr. Buchan also played a major part in procuring a new federal building for Southern Pines.

Re-Appointed



P. FRANK BUCHAN

"Safety Sabbath" To Be Observed July 2d

Citizens of Two Carolinas Urged To Participate in Fourth Annual Event

Citizens of the two Carolinas are being urged to participate in the fourth annual "Safety Sabbath," sponsored by the Carolina Motor Club in an effort to reduce highway accidents, which will be observed throughout the two states Sunday, July 2.

"Ministers, the press, radio, public officials and civic organizations are expected to exert a powerful influence in molding public sentiment against careless and reckless driving at all times and the observance of Safety Sabbath has been set especially before Independence Day in hope that the holiday death and accident toll of 1938 will be materially lowered." Coleman W. Roberts, president of the motor club, states.

"Last Year 475 people were killed and over 10,000 injured throughout the nation on July 4. In the Carolinas, 24 lost their lives, 10 dying as result of automobile accidents. Lack of Caution and regard for the 'other fellow' were the principal causes of the fatalities."

Suggestions for Safety Sabbath programs, research data and safety facts have been compiled by A. M. Huggins, safety director of the Carolina Motor Club, and are available to all interested parties. Mr. Huggins anticipates unusual cooperation from public spirited citizens and has hopes that the Carolinas will show great improvement this year.

"In 15 years of war there were 244,357 casualties compared with 441,912 traffic deaths in 15 years of peace," Mr. Huggins points out. "In war soldiers die for a purpose but what purpose can there be in killing hundreds of thousands on the highways of our peaceful country. This slaughter is worse than war and public sentiment is the most rapid and sure way of curbing this disgraceful condition."

Safety information may be secured from Mr. Huggins, Charlotte.

STOLEN BOAT FOUND 3 MILES FROM WATER

Stored in the loft of a cabin in a secluded spot a mile and a half out from Putnam and three miles from Deep River, the nearest large stream, a stolen boat of about 22 feet in length was located Sunday by Sheriff C. J. McDonald and Deputy Sheriff Herman Grimm of Moore county and Deputy Sheriff Holder of Lee county. Two men who gave their names as Ed Lamb of Greensboro and Sanford and Ralph Caviness of Sanford were arrested and later released to Lee county officers. The boat had been stolen from R. E. Poe of Cumnock, Officer Grimm stated. The officers also located an outboard motor which they believe had been stolen.

SANDHILLS GIVES HEMP ITS FIRST LOSS OF SEASON

Local Ball Team Trims Robins 6-4 Sunday, Beats West End Wednesday 6-3

It begins to look as if the Sandhills has a real baseball team this season. In its first real test the locals defeated the Hemp Robins 6 to 4 last Sunday afternoon, the first game which the semi-pros in the upper end of the county have lost in eight played this year. Then on Wednesday afternoon the Sandhills took the strong West End team into camp at the ball park in Southern Pines, winning 6-3.

The game at Hemp, the first of a double-header Sunday, was exciting from start to finish and kept the large crowd on its toes. Joe Matthews led the hitting for the Sandhills, getting three in four times at bat, while James McNeill turned in an effective pitching job, allowing but seven safeties. For Hemp, Manager Roberts and Terberville led the hitting, two out of three each.

On Wednesday afternoon, with the score knotted at 3-3 in the last half of the eighth, the locals came to life, bunched three hits for three runs to put the game on ice. Pitcher Bill Turnely was the star, holding West End to eight scattered hits and taking the individual batting honors with four hits out of four trips to the plate.

Vacation School in Pinehurst Record One

Largest Enrollment, Best Average Attendance in History. Exercises on Sunday

The Vacation Church School of the Pinehurst Community Church will conclude its two weeks session today, Friday. The public closing exercises will be held in the auditorium of the church at 5:00 o'clock Sunday afternoon, June 18. The school this year has had both the largest enrollment and the largest average attendance, 102 in its history. The theme of the course of instruction in all departments was "World Friendship."

At the exercises on Sunday afternoon the school will demonstrate the character of the work accomplished. Certificates will be awarded for perfect attendance and for special work completed by the students.

JAY-CEE GOLF POSTPONED

The scheduled golf match between the Junior Chambers of Commerce of Southern Pines and Raleigh for last Saturday on the Southern Pines Country Club course was postponed, the course not being in condition for play. It is expected to be played at an early date.

CAPT. F. M. DWIGHT REELECTED HEAD OF SANDHILL POST

Veteran of World War Again Chosen Legion Commander at Annual Meeting

OTHER OFFICERS ELECTED

Francis Marion Dwight was re-elected Commander of Sandhill Post No. 134, American Legion, at the regular meeting of the post held last Thursday night in the Legion hut in Southern Pines. D. C. Phillips was chosen 1st vice-commander, Charles W. Fields 2d vice-commander, and Lacy Williams 3d vice-commander, and L. D. Williams elected adjutant. Other officers are:

Sergeant-at-Arms, Beverly L. Walters; Guardianship officer, Paul Dana; Chaplain, the Rev. E. L. Barber; Historian, Rassie Wicker; Athletic officers, L. V. O'Callaghan and J. F. Sinclair; Child Welfare officer, N. E. Andrews; Employment officer, J. H. Stephenson, and Publicity director, D. E. Phillips.

Captain Dwight is a native of Eastover, S. C., where he obtained his early education. He attended Bailey Military Institute at Greenwood, S. C., from which he went to Clemson College until June 1, 1918 when he joined up with the Reserve Officers Training Corps and went to Plattsburg, N. Y. After two months at Plattsburg he was assigned as an instructor at Camp Grant in Illinois with the rank of 2d lieutenant, and was at Camp Grant throughout the remainder of the World War, at the close of which he returned to Clemson to be graduated with honors in 1919.

Before coming to the Farm Life School at Eureka Captain Dwight was principal of Elliott High School in Lee county, S. C. After managing the Lakeview Mills for a time he accepted a position on the faculty of the new Vass-Lakeview School, and it was while serving there that he developed the Lakeview Nursery as a side line which grew to demand more and more of his time, finally necessitating his resignation from his school position. He has retained his commission in the Army Reserve Corps continuously since the war; was promoted to 1st lieutenant in 1934 and to a captaincy in 1938. He has served the Sandhill Post in various capacities, was commander for 1938-39, and will serve again for 1939-1940.

SANDHILLS FIREMEN ELECT AL ADAMS SECRETARY

Delegations representing the Aberdeen, Pinehurst, Carthage and Southern Pines fire companies attended the 13th annual convention of the Sandhills Firemen's Association at Hamlet on Thursday, June 8th.

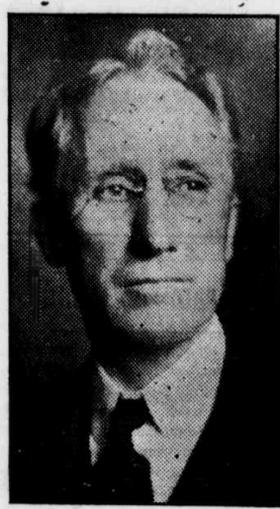
The business session of the membership, which includes 34 companies active in the territory between Sanford, Rockingham and Fayetteville, named Chief Tillinghast of Fayetteville as president of the association, Chief Brasington of Aberdeen vice-president, and Albert Adams of Southern Pines secretary. Fayetteville was selected as the meeting place for the convention of 1940. The annual convention of the State association will be held at Carolina Beach August 2nd.

FURNISHINGS BIDS FOR NEW LIBRARY RECEIVED

Bids for furnishing the new Southern Pines Library have been received and forwarded to the Public Works Administration headquarters in Atlanta where it is probable the award will be made to the low bidder among the three concerns, all local, which submitted estimates. The work of furnishing the building is expected to get under way promptly. The work on the exterior of the building was completed this week with the placing of the columns at the front entrance.

Man and Woman Picked Up Aberdeen Branch, Bank of Pinehurst, Get \$2,948.25

Asks Recognition



HERBERT F. SEAWELL

Time We Had an U. S. Supreme Court Justice

So Judge Seawell Says in Kiwanis Talk About Man For Whom County is Named

Judge Herbert F. Seawell of Carthage, former member of the United States Board of Tax Appeals, thinks it's about time the State of North Carolina had an appointment to the United States Supreme Court. It has had but two in history, he told members of the Sandhills Kiwanis Club Wednesday, for one of whom Moore county was named, Associate Justice Alfred E. Moore.

Judge Seawell made an interesting talk about Judge Moore and others of the bar of the state in days gone by. Nor was it his fault, he stated, that North Carolina hasn't representation on the highest court at the present time. He told of recommending Judge John J. Parker of Charlotte for the United States Circuit Court, from which he was appointed to the Supreme Court only to fail of Senate confirmation by one vote due to a decision in a labor case which alienated union labor and led to the fight against him in the Senate.

The club met Wednesday in the Methodist Sunday School building in Aberdeen, and G. C. Seymour, in charge of the program, presented Judge Seawell.

GINSBURG, APPANAITIS TO OPERATE JUNIPER LAKE

David Ginsburg of Carthage has leased Juniper Lake, one of the county's most popular watering places. For the 1939 season, it has just been announced, and A. C. Appanaitis of Carthage, coach and teacher in the Berryhill school near Charlotte, will be manager. Mr. Ginsburg plans to run a nice, clean place that will be a credit to the county. Season tickets will be on sale and special rates will be given to churches, family reunion groups and large parties.

FATHER WILLIAMS DIRECTOR OF CATHOLIC SCOUT DAY

The Rev. Thomas A. Williams of Southern Pines was the director of annual observance of Scout Day for the Catholic Scouts of North Carolina, in Raleigh last Sunday. Sixty percent of the Catholic Scouts of the state, or a total of 170 youths representing 13 cities and towns were present, including a delegation from Southern Pines. Campers were up early Sunday morning, attended mass and holy communion, breakfasted and then assembled for a parade to the Sacred Heart Cathedral rectory where Catholic officials reviewed the line.

Francis Pleasants, Cashier, Faces Gun After Making Change For Woman

LEFT \$1,000 BEHIND

A woman walked into the Aberdeen branch of the Bank of Pinehurst a little before 12:30 o'clock Tuesday afternoon and asked Francis Pleasants, cashier and the only one in the bank for change for a \$5.00 bill. When he handed her five one-dollar bills she passed one back and asked for some silver.

While this money changing was going on a man entered the front door and approached the teller's window. As the woman stepped aside he thrust a gun into Pleasants' face and ordered him to unlock the door leading behind the cage. The woman was commanded to enter and scoop up the money.

According to Pleasants she hesitated, seemed almost to swoon. "Go on," ordered the man behind the gun. "I'd just as soon shoot you as him."

The woman then entered the teller's cage and picked up all the greenbacks she saw, cramming them into a paper bag. Pleasants was ordered to lie down on the floor, and the man and woman left.

Aberdeen had had its second bank robbery in six years, with Francis Pleasants the unfortunate victim on both occasions.

A total of \$2,948.25 was the haul on Tuesday, with about \$1,000 in five dollar bills, ones, and silver which was partially concealed left behind by the robbers.

Descriptions Vary

The couple made good their escape, driving off in a Chevrolet reported by some to be a sedan, some a coupe, and variously described as to color. A colored woman entering the bank as the pair went out said it was a black car; others say it was grey. It left in the direction of Southern Pines.

Both the man and woman were described as being youthful in appearance, probably around 30 years of age. Both were fairly well dressed, though the man was hatless and coatless. A suspicious looking couple had been seen around the streets of Aberdeen for several days, several times in the vicinity of the bank. It is probable that they had spent some time studying the movements of the bank's employes.

Police were notified as soon as Pleasants jumped up from the floor after his visitors had passed through the front door. Federal agents were also notified, as the bank is a member of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, and "G-men" were in Aberdeen early Wednesday to start their investigations. No clues were reported yesterday, though one man stated he came upon a couple answering the description of the pair, near Watson's Lake Tuesday night, and that they hurried off in a Chevrolet coupe as he approached.

The bank's loss is entirely covered by insurance.

It was on Friday, February 3d, 1933 at almost exactly the same time of day that two men entered the Page Trust Company in Aberdeen when again Francis Pleasants was alone in the cage. While one stood guard at the front door the other, gun in hand, leaped the railing into the counting room and made off with \$400 in bills and a bag of pennies.

FIRE DESTROYS HOUSE IN WEST SOUTHERN PINES

The Southern Pines Fire Company, answering a call for assistance from West Southern Pines at 3:00 o'clock last Saturday morning, found the home of Robert Williams enveloped in flames and beyond saving. The fire starting in an automobile in the garage, fired the house as Williams in an attempt to save the garage pushed the car into the yard.