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CHANDLER HEADS NEW DIVISION OF C. P. & L. COMPANY

District Manager Here For 17 Years Promoted; M'Elderry New Superintendent

DUBOSE LOCAL MANAGER

Ralph L. Chandler, who has been district manager here for the Carolina Power and Light Company since July 10, 1924, has been named manager of the newly created central division of the company, it was announced this week.

The division embraces the Southern Pines, Sanford, Troy, Asheboro, Wadesboro, Rockingham, Hamlet, and Maxton districts of the company.

G. T. M'Elderry, who has been district manager for the power company at Hamlet for several years, has been named superintendent of the central division and will make his headquarters and home in Southern Pines.

Announcement was also made that D. C. DuBose, who has served as local manager at Spruce Pine for some time, has been named local manager at Southern Pines.

Beginning work with the Seaboard Air Line Railroad at the age of 13, Mr. Chandler worked with the railroad for 15 years before he began work on September 1, 1913, with the Southern Pines and Carthage Electric Light Plant. He was with this company until August 1, 1920, when he became secretary of the Sandhill Power Company, which, like the Southern Pines and Carthage Electric Light Plant, was the predecessor in this section of the Carolina Power and Light Company.

When the Carolina company took over the electric utility in this section in July, 1924, Mr. Chandler was named district manager. He has had a distinguished record of service in the electric utility field. He has also been active in church and civic work in Southern Pines: in the Sandhills Kiwanis Club, of which he is a past president; on the Southern Pines School Board which he served as secretary for many years; as treasurer of the Southern Pines Building and Loan Association; as a director of the Chamber of Commerce, and in Masonic circles.

Mr. M'Elderry has been with the Carolina Power and Light Company and its predecessor companies since April 1, 1917, and has worked at a number of places in the company's territory. Mr. DuBose joined the C. P. & L. several years ago and has held a number of responsible positions.

Town Pays \$2,741.25 in Principal, Interest

Amount Includes Payment Reducing 1929 Water Bond Issue To Even \$10,000

The Town of Southern Pines forwarded check to the Chase National Bank on Tuesday of this week in the amount of \$2,741.25, in payment of bonds and interest due June 1, 1941 as follows:

- Semi-annual interest on \$20,000, 6 percent, 1915 P. I. bonds, \$600.00.
- Semi-annual interest on \$30,000, 5 1-2 percent, water and sewer bonds, 1925, \$825.00.
- Semi-annual interest on \$11,000, 5 3-4 percent, water bonds, 1929, \$316.25.
- One water bond, 5 3-4 percent, 1929, \$1,000.00.
- Total, \$2,741.25.

The payment of \$1,000 on principal on the 5 3-4 percent water bonds of 1929 reduces this bond issue from \$20,000 as of June 1, 1929 to \$10,000 as of today.

MISS HILDERMAN'S PLAY PRESENTED AT GREENSBORO

Miss Catherine Hilderman of Southern Pines has been elected president of the Masqueraders at Woman's College of the University of North Carolina, Greensboro. Among plays presented this week by Play Production classes at the college was one, "Among the Living," a play set in a restaurant in a war-torn town, written by Miss Hilderman.

Promoted



RALPH L. CHANDLER



G. T. M'ELDERRY

OWNERS OF FARM LANDS COOPERATE FOR MANEUVERS

Meetings Held Throughout County To Sign Up For Land Use by Army

Meetings were held throughout the county this week and will continue into next week for the signing up by owners of farm lands for the use of their property by the Army during the greatest military maneuvers in the history of the country, to be held throughout North and South Carolina during October and November of this year. A county-wide meeting is to be held in the Courthouse at Carthage this coming Monday night at 8:00 o'clock, with R. P. Beasley, County Chairman, and Captain John R. Galbraith of the Army in charge. All farmland owners are urged to attend.

Attorney Frank W. McCluer of Aberdeen will be in charge of the Sandhills Township meeting in the Aberdeen High School building next Wednesday night at 8:00 o'clock when rural property owners of this section are expected to be present. A meeting for the West End section is being held tonight, Friday at the school there. The McNeill's Township meeting was held in Vass Wednesday of this week, and another gathering was at Cameron Monday night.

Farmland owners are willingly complying with the government's request to sign permits for the use of their lands during the gigantic maneuvers, realizing the need for training of our troops in face of the emergency. They are assured protection from loss by the government, which agrees to pay for any damage sustained.

MISS STEGALL ELECTED TO HONORARY MUSIC SOCIETY

Miss Selma Stegall, instructor in music in the Southern Pines Schools, is among five honored by election to the Woman's chapter of Pi Kappa Lambda, national honorary music fraternity, and will be formally initiated at the annual ceremonies Sunday evening, June 1st at Woman's College, U. N. C., Greensboro. Those elected were all outstanding musicians during their college years and have continued outstanding work in music since graduation. Miss Stegall was graduated from Woman's College in 1931.

DR. J. SYMINGTON, COUNTY HEALTH OFFICER, RESIGNS

To Retire on September 1st After 12 Years Faithful and Effective Service

BOARD PAYS HIM TRIBUTE

At a meeting of the Moore County Board of Health held on Thursday of last week, Dr. J. Symington tendered his resignation as county health officer, to become effective September 1st, and it was accepted with reluctance by the board, which is composed of County Commission Chairman W. H. Currie, County Superintendent H. Lee Thomas and Mayor C. P. Shaw, of Carthage; Dr. E. M. Medlin of Aberdeen, Dr. Clement Monroe of Pinehurst and Dr. J. F. Davis of Hemp.

The board passed resolutions in appreciation of Dr. Symington's faithful service to the county in the past twelve years. Dr. Symington took charge when the department was in its infancy and has built it up to the point where it is one of the leading county health units in the state, said a member of the board, who gave as Dr. Symington's reason for resigning the fact that the work is getting heavy and the health officer's need to conserve his health.

The board does not have anyone in mind to take over the duties of the office.

Mrs. C. H. Durgin Dies at Wheel of Her Car

Winter Resident Here 20 Years Suffers Heart Attack in Goffstown, N. H.

Stricken suddenly ill, Mrs. Clarence Durgin, 70-year-old Southern Pines winter resident, collapsed and died at the wheel of her automobile as she drove down Main street in Goffstown, N. H., early last Friday morning.

Mrs. Durgin had completed her marketing and was driving along the street when she slumped over the wheel of her machine. The car managed to get across the Main street bridge, narrowly missed a telephone pole and came to a stop near the railroad station.

Dr. Robert E. Biron, medical referee, was called and said death was due to a heart attack.

Survivors are her husband and two nephews, Maurice and Earl Johnson, one-time proprietors of the old Shirley Hill House.

Mr. and Mrs. Durgin, following the closing of their winter home here, had been at their summer home in Shirley Hill, near Manchester, for just one week when Mrs. Durgin was stricken.

Seasonal residents of Southern Pines for more than 20 years, Mrs. Durgin numbered many close friends in the community who will long remember her pleasant ways and her kindness to all. She was an ardent worker in the Church of Wide Fellowship. Following the receipt of the shocking news of her sudden passing many evidences of sympathy for her bereaved husband were offered by their friends in Southern Pines.

"Big Brother" Meeting of Jay-Cee Big Success

Rev. W. I. Howell of Hamlet Scores Hit in Talk to Boy Scouts

In what was proclaimed to be one of the outstanding programs of this year for the Junior Chamber of Commerce, a guest speaker and a potential yearly meeting were both discovered. The first "Big Brother" evening meeting provided by the Junior Chamber for their sponsored Boy Scout Troop No. 73 was held at the Southern Pines Country Club Monday evening. The council president, N. L. Hodgkins introduced the evening speaker, the Rev. W. I. Howell of Hamlet, chairman of the Richmond County District Committee, who scored a hit with the boys.

CURRIE GETS LIFE FOR ATTACK ON MRS. RUBY BLYTH

State Accepts Plea of Accessory Before Fact in Criminal Assault Case

INDIAN GIVEN 18 MONTHS

Davis Currie of Pinehurst was sentenced to life imprisonment in Superior Court in Carthage this week by Judge Zeb V. Nettles following his plea of guilty to a charge of being an accessory before the fact in the criminal assault case resulting from his attack on Mrs. Ruby A. Blyth of Southern Pines on the night of April 19th. A true bill on the criminal assault charge was found against Currie by the Grand Jury, but the State accepted a plea of guilty on the lesser charge, thereby saving the young man from a death sentence.

Jack Clench pleaded not guilty to being an accessory in the same crime, and upon trial was found guilty of simple assault and sentenced to serve 18 months. Clench, a Mohawk Indian, was with Currie the night of the assault on Mrs. Blyth, remaining in the car when the attack occurred in the woods along the old Southern Pines-Pinehurst road. Currie had offered to take Mrs. Blyth home from a dance hall near Southern Pines in his car, but instead drove in an opposite direction, eventually forcing her from the car and attacking her.

The long standing case against James Horner resulting from an automobile accident on February 7th, 1937 in which Charles C. Milam and William Milam, brothers, of Southern Pines, were killed, was not prospected with leave at this week's term of court. A large number of cases were disposed during the term.

1,000 Rotarians in Session in Pinehurst

Fourth Annual Conference of 188th District To Hear Prominent Speakers

The fourth annual conference of the 188th Rotary District opened yesterday in Pinehurst with some 1,000 Rotarians expected from the 43 clubs in the State. The Concord club is host, and District Governor Ed. K. Willis presiding.

Heading the list of speakers this year are Cesar Daniel Andrade of Guayaquil, Ecuador, vice president of the Rotary International, and Dr. John L. Davis of New York City.

MISS JULIA BURT IS BRIDE IN CANAL ZONE

Mr. and Mrs. Struthers Burt of Southern Pines announce the marriage of their daughter, Julia Blecker, to Ensign George Charles Atteberry of the Naval Air Squadron, on Wednesday, May 14th. They were married in St. Paul's Church in Balboa, Canal Zone, and went to a Spanish seacoast town for their honeymoon. They are returning to Upham, Canal Zone where he is stationed and where they will live. He is the son of Bradley and Marion Atteberry of Kansas City, Mo., and a graduate of the University of Missouri and of the Pensacola Training School for Aviation.

EDMUND MULLEN DIES AT HOME IN MIDDLETOWN, N. Y.

Word reaches The Pilot of the death of Edmund Mullen in his home at Middletown, N. Y., on Wednesday, May 7th. He is survived by his widow, Gladys V. Mullen; a son, Edmund, Jr., and three daughters, Joan, Eunice and Mary.

Following the destruction of the old Piney Woods Inn by fire the property came into the possession of the Millens, prominent manufacturers of Middletown, who still retain their interest in that section of Southern Pines. The younger daughters, Eunice and Mary were residents here until quite recently. They are now touring the Gulf and Pacific Coast states in company with Mr. and Mrs. Walter Speir of Southern Pines.

National Civilian Defense Organization, Announced by President, Conceived Here

New Pilot

James Boyd Becomes Publisher on Purchase of Majority Interest in Paper

With this issue of The Pilot, James Boyd of Southern Pines becomes publisher of the paper. Mr. Boyd has acquired a controlling interest in The Pilot corporation from Nelson C. Hyde.

Mr. Boyd plans to spend much time here in the future and will devote himself actively to the affairs of the paper. He has long been a firm believer in the importance and influence of the independent community newspaper in American life. His plans for The Pilot are outlined in an editorial in today's issue.

The Pilot was founded by Stacy Brewer and the late Bion H. Butler in Vass in 1920 and sold to Mr. Hyde in 1928. Upon its removal to Aberdeen in 1929 a corporation was formed, with Mr. Hyde purchasing a majority of the stock. It is his interest that Mr. Boyd has acquired. Mr. Hyde will continue as editor of the paper.

Starnes Buys Manor Block Southern Pines

To Remodel into Apartments—W. P. Benner Buys Gibbon Block for Theatre

Two important downtown real estate transactions have been consummated in Southern Pines during the past two weeks.

W. E. Starnes, of Ed's Cafe, has purchased The Manor Building on East New Hampshire avenue, and has already started to remodel the structure to provide, in addition to seven stores, two apartments on the second floor and one on the ground floor. Two of the stores are now occupied and will continue with the same tenants, the Drs. McLeod and the Tate Beauty Parlor. The building was owned by the Realty Purchase Corporation of New York.

Mr. Starnes plans to dispose of his cafe on East Broad street, retiring from the restaurant business which he has conducted here for 16 years.

W. P. Benner of Carthage has acquired from Nicholas L. Gibbon the building which has recently been occupied by the Atkinson Furniture Company and B. J. Simond's grocery, and plans to remodel into a motion picture theatre.

Commencement Starts At Pinehurst School

Twenty-Eight Seniors in Graduating Class.—Rev. Binkley Baccalaureate Preacher

Supt. James W. Harbison of the Pinehurst Schools announces the Commencement program as follows: tonight, Friday, Miss Harriet Shillinglaw will present her pupils in a music recital. She will award a medal to the pupil having done the most comprehensive practicing and having made the most progress in music. Sunday, May 25th, at 11:00 a. m., baccalaureate sermon by the Rev. O. T. Binkley of Wake Forest at the Community Church. Monday evening, Class Night will be held in the school auditorium. Tuesday morning at 10:00 o'clock Miss Ruth Lilly will present the Seventh grade students' certificates.

Tuesday evening the graduation exercises will be held in the auditorium, at which time the following will receive their diplomas: Jesse Cole, Wilbur Currie, Graham Jones, Robert Lea, D. C. McKenzie, Ellis Mosher, Watson Smith, Bill Tate, Jack Taylor, Richard Veno.

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Plan Submitted To Governor Hoey Last July by Struthers Burt of Southern Pines

LA GUARDIA APPOINTED

The newly organized National Civilian Defense Administration, to head which President Roosevelt has appointed Mayor F. H. LaGuardia of New York City, was conceived and first proposed in Southern Pines and submitted to Governor Clyde R. Hoey in July of last year by Struthers Burt, author. No action was taken by the Governor, but Mr. Burt launched a campaign among civic organizations here, later carrying his proposal to Washington and New York.

For the past several weeks Mr. Burt has been actively engaged with "The Fight For Freedom Committee," headed by Senator Carter Glass as honorary chairman and the Right Rev. Henry W. Hobson, Episcopal Bishop of Ohio as chairman, and with a list of sponsors of many of America's most prominent citizens in all walks of life. The action of the President in announcing an Administration of Civilian Defense as a governmental agency is believed to have resulted from the work and influence of this committee.

"It's exactly our idea and was first proposed in Southern Pines," Mr. Burt writes The Pilot from the office of the committee in the RKO Building, New York.

The Civilian Defense organization will have three big objectives: 1. To translate defense needs to states and towns. 2. To coordinate civilian effort. 3. To boost national morale.

These were the points brought out by Mr. Burt in talks before the American Legion, Southern Pines Rotary Club and other local civic organizations some time ago.

Commencement Here Opens Sunday, June 1st

Baccalaureate Sermon To Be Followed Monday By Class Day, with Graduation Tuesday

The school year is drawing to a close and the Seniors of Southern Pines High School are planning their commencement programs. On Sunday, June 1st, at the Church of Wide Fellowship, the commencement sermon will be delivered by Dr. Charles C. Weaver. The following morning at 11:15 an Honor Day assembly, open to the public, as are all the graduation events, will be held in the high school auditorium. This new feature will consist of the presenting of trophies and honors to students outstanding in Sports, Dramatics and Music. At this time the American Legion Citizenship award and the Junior Chamber of Commerce award to the most improved student will be made.

Monday evening in the high school auditorium at 8:15 the Seniors' annual Class Day exercises will be presented. The program for this year includes songs, skits and speeches that promise great entertainment for the audience.

Another new feature will be the presentation and dedication of a flag and staff, erected on the front lawn of the school, which will take place Tuesday morning at 11:15. The flag and pole will be the Senior class gift to the school.

The final graduation exercises will be held at the Church of Wide Fellowship Tuesday evening, June 3d.

MRS. DANA TELLS KIWANIS ABOUT HOSPITAL AUXILIARY

Mrs. Paul Dana of Pinehurst told the Sandhills Kiwanis Club all about the Moore County Hospital Auxiliary and what it has accomplished for the hospital since its inception at Wednesday's meeting in the Aberdeen Community House. She read a most interesting paper she had prepared and read before the Carolinas-Virginia Hospital Conference in Greenville, S. C., in April.