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Pinehurst

FIVE CENTS

ONE IS KILLED, THREE INJURED IN AUTO CRASH

John Smith of Aberdeen Dead As Result of Wreck; Clark, Hatch and Riley Hurt

TWO STILL IN HOSPITAL

John Smith of Aberdeen was killed, and Lloyd Clark, Jim Riley and Joe Hatch of Southern Pines were seriously injured early Tuesday morning when the car in which they were riding skidded on a wet street in the town of Bolton and crashed into a store building.

The four Sandhills men had set out on a fishing trip to Fort Fisher, ran into heavy rains, and were returning to Southern Pines when the accident occurred. Reports received here said that Riley was driving the car, a 1940 Mercury owned by Clark.

Smith died in Columbus County Hospital a few hours after the accident occurred, without regaining consciousness, and was brought back to Aberdeen for burial Thursday afternoon in Old Bethesda Cemetery.

Clark, operator of the Clark Funeral Home, was in improved condition Wednesday and was allowed to return to his home here. Mrs. Clark drove to Whiteville to get him.

Hatch and Riley are still in Columbus Hospital, where the former is receiving treatment for lacerated hand and fractured ankle, and the latter for a broken right leg and crushed left arm and hand. Clark sustained chest injuries and severe cuts and bruises.

Young Smith was employed at a Sinclair Service Station in Aberdeen; Riley is the operator of an automobile junk yard, and Hatch is associated with Clark in his business here.

According to reports, the car in which they were riding was completely demolished and the Bolton Cash Store, into which the Mercury skidded, was knocked 18 inches off its foundation by the impact.

JOHN T. SMITH, JR.

Funeral for John T. Smith, Jr., of Aberdeen was conducted at the graveside in Old Bethesda Wednesday afternoon at 3 o'clock. He was 22 years old.

Surviving are his father, John T. Smith of Aberdeen, four sisters; Hesta and Vesta, twins, Nora and Annie Lois Smith, and three brothers, Ray, Joe and Norman, all of Aberdeen.

Rotarians To Hear Report of Assembly

The Southern Pines Rotary Club will get first hand reports of the 188th District Assembly held at Wrightsville Beach last Monday when the club meets Friday at 12:15 for lunch at the Church of Wide Fellowship.

President Otis Broom, Arthur Newcomb and Vernon Allan attended the Assembly, and President Broom put on a "star performance" as a part of the entertainment, according to the others. The performance was a demonstration of how a newly elected member should be inducted into Rotary.

Carl G. Thompson Jr., editor of The Pilot, will speak at the Rotary luncheon.

Moore School Pupils May Seek NYA Help

Moore County boys or girls who need assistance in order to attend public schools this fall may apply for NYA help next Tuesday morning, when James G. Woodson, NYA student work officer will be in the office of H. Lee Thomas, county superintendent, from 8:30 to 10:30 a. m.

The NYA representative will interview white and Negro students needing NYA in-school assistance during the coming school year. According to NYA, a boy or girl must be at least 16 years of age and be able to show proper need of funds in order to be eligible for NYA assistance.

Moore Hospital Report Shows Constant Increase in Services

Married



CONSTANTINO MONTESANTI

"Tino" Montesanti, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. Montesanti, is best remembered around here as he is pictured above, with baseball uniform and trophy. This week, "Tino" discarded his "bachelor" robes costume and donned the garb of a "Benedict" winning a different trophy, in the person of Miss Fernie Moore. The occasion took place at Miami Beach, where "Tino" has been working for 5 years. His family has no details of the marriage, as yet, other than it took place August 2 and Miss Moore is the daughter of a Miami Beach hotel owner.

HIGH FALLS MILL SOLD TO CURRIES

Industrial Plant on Deep River to Be Operated by W. H. and J. M. Currie

The transfer of the High Falls dam across Deep River to W. H. Currie and J. M. Currie by Arthur Ross and wife and others, along with other property of the High Falls Manufacturing Company including the cotton factory building in which is located a 4,080 spindle cotton mill complete, a roller mill with equipment for making flour and meal, a concrete storage warehouse, office building, mercantile store building, cotton gin and residence buildings, was the most important real estate transfer recorded in Moore county during the past week.

When questioned as to future plans for the newly acquired industrial plant, which for a number of years has been one of the important manufacturing plants of the county, W. H. Currie stated that nothing special had been planned and that the mill would continue operations as in the past.

The High Falls mill is one of the few industrial plants in the county that takes advantage of the natural water power.

Other transfers listed include the following:

M. G. Boyette, commissioner, to Home Owners' Loan Corporation; property in Southern Pines.

W. Clement Barrett, commissioner, to W. L. McKenzie and wife; property in Bensalem township.

J. Vance Rowe, commissioner; to Trustees of Manley Presbyterian Church; property in Manley.

Eugene B. Williams to Anne B. Porter; one lot in Pinehurst.

Paul T. Barnum and wife to Harold J. Maloney and wife; lots 22, 23 and 24 in Block G and 2, Southern Pines.

H. A. Gunter and wife to T. C. Bobbitt; property in Sandhill township.

"Bona Fide Demand" Reflected in Use of Institution; Summary of Work Given

Constant increase in services of Moore County Hospital to the community is revealed in a 40-page report of the institution's activities for 1940, just issued this week.

Showing an increase in "in-patient's" from 766 during 1930, the first full year of operation, to 1,928 in 1940, the report comments, "the rate of increase has been so great that it clearly reflects bona fide demand."

Notable was the increase to 161 babies born in the hospital last year, compared with a previous high of 138 in 1939.

Shows Safer Childbirth

"Safer child-birth has been a significant aspect of improved public health in Moore County, but on this point great credit is due to an independent agency, the efficient Maternal Welfare Committee," the report adds.

The attractive pamphlet summarizes the growth of the hospital from its beginning in 1929 through the end of the last calendar year, describing its location, various high spots in its growth, and including a complete financial statement, showing need for additional assistance in making erds meet.

"The average stay of a patient in the Hospital has decreased over the decade from about 11 days to nine," according to the summary. "Part of this change may be ascribed to better general health and to earlier hospitalization, the latter being a reflection of increased community confidence."

Laboratory examinations during 1940 reached an all-time high of 15,310, and these do not include Wassermans, which are sent to the State laboratory in Raleigh, and tissues, which go to Duke Hospital in Durham.

Need X-Ray Equipment

Announcement is also made of the acquisition of a new diagnostic X-ray equipment for radiography, fluoroscopy and superficial therapy, as well as a mobile X-ray unit, making possible pictures at bedside.

For five years, there were no student nurses at Moore County Hospital. Now the institution includes a Superintendent of Nurses, assistant superintendent, four graduate supervisors, 10 graduates in general staff duty and 10 students.

George H. Maurice of Eagle Springs was president of the Moore County Hospital during 1940, and was succeeded this year by G. C. Seymour of Aberdeen.

A section of the report devotes itself to the Moore County Hospital Auxiliary which, during the decade covered by the report, assisted in finance to the amount of \$40,156.27. Mrs. A. J. McKelway headed the auxiliary in 1940 and her successor is Mrs. Edwin S. Blodgett of Pinehurst. Members of the auxiliary numbered

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Old Moore Schoolhouse Now Has Classrooms Crowded With 7,000

The old Acorn Ridge grade school, up beyond Hemp, is undoubtedly the most crowded schoolhouse in the State. Its four rooms have around 7,000 occupants, with a class being graduated every 10 weeks.

This abandoned Moore County school isn't graduating school children, however; it graduates biddies from coop to dining room table. The class rooms which, until a year ago, contained several elementary grades, are now the fattening grounds for 7,000 chickens.

When E. A. Hussey, who has been marketing chickens and turkeys in these parts for some years, decided to raise chickens, he bought from the county the abandoned Acorn Ridge School, piped it with heating units, put in an old sawmill boiler, and shipped in a lot of day-old biddies to start them on their way to broiling ovens.

An Idea!

Postmaster Buchan and Others Think Local Homes Need Numbers or Names

Postmaster P. Frank Buchan first brought up the matter one afternoon, and since then, a number of local citizens have concurred in his opinion that Southern Pines needs some improved method of locating homes and dwellings in the town.

"We have strangers come into the post office constantly to ask where friends of theirs live," the postmaster said. "Even when we know the house, it is difficult to direct them, because there are few house numbers or house names."

Point of his conversation and the opinions of others is this: Doesn't Southern Pines, being largely a resort town, need either house numbers or name plates for the homes? Wouldn't this improve service of stores, mail and other delivery? Wouldn't this be easier on visitors, trying to locate friends who live here

GROUP SELECTS NEW OFFICERS

Mrs. Johnson Heads Maternal Welfare Committee; Plan to Increase Service

New officers of the Moore County Maternal Welfare committee were elected and plans launched for extending its clinic services at a meeting in Carthage during this week.

Mrs. J. Talbot Johnson of Aberdeen was elected chairman to succeed Mrs. Wilbur Currie of Carthage, who was elected executive secretary. Other officers are Mrs. Malcolm Kemp of Pinebluff and Mrs. James Boyd of Southern Pines, first and second vice-chairman, respectively; Mrs. Frank McCluer Jr., of Southern Pines, treasurer; Mrs. Ethel Davis of West End, recording secretary.

After a report from Mrs. Edith Harris, nurse mid-wife, showed a decrease in the number of white women attending pre-natal clinics con-

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Draft Board Orders Ten Men to Report

The Moore County Draft Board has ordered 10 local men to report to the Board's office in the Courthouse Monday, August 5, for induction into the army.

The men are supposed to report at 10:45 a. m., daylight time, to be sent to Fort Bragg. Those called included: Fred Morris McLellan, volunteer, Southern Pines; Grant Lee Campbell, Addor; Willie Alma Kelly, Carthage; Lonnie Tony Taylor, Carthage, Luther Washington, Jr., Southern Pines; John Wesley Sellers, Vass; Russell Lee Johnson, Hemp route 2, Edward Jefferson Goins, Carthage route 3, Albert Earl Davis, Hemp route 2, and Colin Eric Person, Carthage route 1.

County Tax Is Cut From 95 To 85 Cents per \$100; Budget Totals \$380,762

Durham Speaker



MISS HARRIET ELLIOTT

Mayor Duncan Matthews and Town Clerk Howard Burns are expecting to hear Miss Harriet Elliott, dean-on-leave of U. N. C.'s Women's College in Greensboro, boss of the Consumer Division of U. S. civilian defense, when she speaks at the 33rd annual convention of the N. C. League of Municipalities in Durham, meeting Thursday through Saturday next week. Secretary of Navy Frank Knox is also expected to address the meeting.

"JOKE" MARRIAGE TURNS OUT REAL

Annulment Sought in South Carolina Marriage of Helen Swearingen, 15, to Soldier

Married as a joke at the age of 15 years to a boy three years her senior whom she had known only four days and between whom there is no love is the plight of Helen Swearingen of Southern Pines, according to allegations in a complaint filed in Moore County Court for the girl by her next friend and mother, Mrs. J. L. Swearingen.

The plaintiff asks annulment of the girl's marriage to Ralph C. McInnis of Aberdeen and Fort Scrivens, Savannah, Ga.

The 15-year-old bride was led to believe that her marriage "would be a good joke and would not amount to anything of any importance," according to the complaint.

The story, as brought out in the charge, is that young McInnis, a member of the National Guard in camp at Fort Scrivens, had been at home for a few days and, on July 7, his sister, Mrs. Bobby Pleasants was to take him back to camp. McInnis asked the Swearingen girl, whom he had met on July 4, to accompany them on the trip, along with two or three others.

After the party reached South Carolina, some person in the car started a conversation with references to people from North Carolina going to South Carolina to get married, and it was suggested that it would be a "good joke" if Helen and Ralph would get married while they were in South Carolina, according to the charge. Others joined in the opinion that it

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Three Local Youths Start on New Work

Three Southern Pines young men left this week for Radford, Va., to begin new work as junior inspectors of material on a government defense project.

Billy Wilson, Robert Beck, and L. T. Hall all obtained employment on this project. These young men took a 12-week special course at State College last Spring to fit them for such work.

New Budget Estimates Levy for School Capital Outlay; Tax Must Raise \$176,321

A cut of 10 per cent in the Moore County tax levy was approved by Moore County Commissioners, in regular session Monday, by adoption of a budget calling for expenditures of \$380,762 during 1941-42, of which \$176,321 must be raised by taxation at the rate of 85 cents per \$100 on estimated property valuation of \$20,800,000.

The new rate represents a 10 per cent reduction over the 95 cents per \$100 last year and is three cents lower than the levy for 1939-40. In spite of this, estimated expenditures are over \$40,000 higher than the budget estimate for last year, a difference which is made up by a higher anticipated revenue from revenue other than taxes, including court collections, State and Federal grants.

The new budget eliminated entirely a levy for capital outlay for schools, an item which a year ago was assumed by the county as a whole, for the various school districts. Not included in this, however, the special district levies for the Aberdeen, Southern Pines and Pinehurst school districts for supplementing State-supported school terms.

The new budget provides for approximately a \$3,000 cut in general county and court expenses, but increases for other items, with the exception of school debt service and county road and bridge bonds. (Complete budget estimate is shown on Page 7 of the Pilot.)

Budgets for welfare, health and poor responsibilities of the county were each given about \$1,000 increase over last year. Total expenditures for county schools, including current expense, capital outlay and debt service, was boosted from \$144,937 for 1940-41 to \$164,217 for the current year. However, it was anticipated that \$60,000 for capital outlay would come from sources other than taxes, while \$42,962 of the \$51,781 for current operating school expense is anticipated from other than tax sources.

The total amount to be collected by taxes during this year is \$176,321, compared with \$198,282 in the budget estimate made last year at this time.

Kiwanis Hears Talk On Biblical Symbols

Biblical symbolism was made realistic and applicable by a Hungarian-born Presbyterian minister who addressed Kiwanians at their bi-weekly session in the Berkshire Hotel at Pinehurst Wednesday.

Dr. George F. Fisher of Newton, Ia., guest of Kiwanian Robert S. DuRant, described the continuing need among men, especially in a war-torn world, for those qualities symbolized by Esekiel in Chapter 1, verse 10, when he saw the "face of a man, the face of a lion, the face of an ox, and the face of an eagle."

"The face of a man represents human personality," Dr. Fisher declared, recalling his first view of these four symbols in an old Northern Hungarian church, which he visited in his boyhood. Courage and devotion to ideals is the quality depicted by the lion's face, the speaker continued, referring to the wide usage of the Lion on coats of arms and by Britain.

"We may think it odd that the ox should represent sacrifice," he said. "But how this quality of sacrifice is needed to lay in the Second World War."

Finally, the face of the eagle represents the inner vision—an objective judgment of values, the speaker concluded, without which a man's life can not reach its full height.

The Kiwanis Club adopted a resolution of condolences to be sent to Mrs. Lucy Hart, widow of the recently deceased Robert L. Hart, a member of the Club.