

Miss McCallum Succumbs At 90; Funeral Today

Moore County Native Was One of Oldest Residents of Town

Funeral services will be held at 11 a. m. today (Friday) at the Powell Funeral Home for Miss Effie McCallum, 90, one of the oldest residents of Southern Pines, both in age and years of residence here.

Miss McCallum died Wednesday morning at Moore County Hospital after several weeks of declining health. She fell and broke her hip June 16, the day after her 90th birthday, at the apartment she shared with her niece, Miss Isabel Wicker, in "The Homestead," 270 N. Bennett St., and never recovered from the effects of the accident.

Born near Carthage, she was the daughter of Angus and Sarah McCallum. She had lived in Southern Pines for the past 60 years and since 1930 had made her home with Miss Wicker, first in a residence on Ashe St. and in recent years in the apartment at "The Homestead."

Cheerful, sprightly and energetic, even in her later years, she had many friends and enjoyed helping other people.

The only immediate survivors are several nieces and nephews, including Miss Wicker and Miss Wicker's sister, Mrs. R. B. Morris of Columbia, S. C., who has been living with Miss Wicker since Miss McCallum's accident and illness. Three nieces and three nephews live in the Carthage area. Another nephew, Angus Collins Wicker lives at Oswego, N. Y., and was expected here for the funeral today.

Benjamin Hughes, Moore Native, Is Killed In Lee

Graveside services were conducted Wednesday afternoon at the family cemetery near Glendon for Benjamin Claude Hughes, 19, of Sanford, Route 5, Moore County native who was killed in a motorcycle accident Monday in Lee County. The Rev. W. C. Farrell of Sanford officiated.

The young man died about 11 p. m. Monday, in the Lee County Hospital, Sanford, from injuries received when his motorcycle was in collision with a car on the old plank road about a mile and a half north of Center Church.

State Highway Patrolman J. T. Brown, who investigated, said that Hughes made a left turn into the driveway of the R. L. Goins residence, cutting in front of a car driven by Russell Lemons, 54, of Sanford, Route 3. Hughes was knocked from the motorcycle by the impact. His skull was fractured, a leg was broken and he received internal injuries.

The patrolman said no arrest has been made.

Surviving are his parents, Jess H. and Mary Seawell Hughes; three brothers, Fuller, Doc and Bishop Hughes, all of Sanford, Route 1; and three sisters, Mrs. Norman D. Smallwood of Wilmington, Del., and Eva and Louise Hughes of Sanford, Route 1.

The Hughes death was Lee County's only Labor Day holiday week-end fatality.

Sanford Man Will Preach Here Sunday

The Rev. C. V. Covell, rector of Emmanuel Episcopal Church, will conduct the morning prayer and communion services Sunday at St. Thomas Episcopal Church in Sanford.

The Rev. Joseph Hayworth, deacon-in-charge at St. Thomas Church, will be at Emmanuel Church on an exchange basis Sunday to conduct the morning prayer service and deliver the sermon.

Activities at Emmanuel Church will return to regular schedule Sunday, with the Church School opening at 9:45 A. M. for the family service and class period, followed by morning prayer and sermon at 11 a. m.

WITH THE ARMED FORCES

Lt. James R. Sharp, son of Mrs. Mary C. Sharp of Southern Pines, is stationed at Foster AFB in Texas. His address is: Hq. 322nd Fighter Day Group, Box 2383, Foster AFB, Victoria, Texas.

Moore County Hospital Sets Monthly Record For Major Operations, X-Rays

Moore County Hospital, which in July broke its all-time monthly record for births with 77, continued "exceptionally busy" in August, Administrator Thomas R. Howerton reported this week, with records set in the x-ray department and operating room.

Since August is usually a less busy month at the hospital, most departments have members out on vacation, Mr. Howerton said, but the rate of activity continued high this year.

Eighty major operations during the month set a record for this type of operation, Mr. Howerton said. There were 94 minor operations, for a total of 174. There had previously been more operations than 174 in one month, the administrator explained, but never more major operations than the 80 performed last month.

In the x-ray department, which had the busiest month in its history, 1,354 films were processed and there were 83 fluoroscopic examinations and 38 x-ray therapy treatments.

During August, 491 persons were discharged, including 67 new-born infants. The hospital rendered 2,997 total "days of patient care"—that is, the total count of all patients in the hospital each day of the month. This averages 97 patients per day.

Of this total number, about nine and a half per cent were charity patients whose fees are paid by public welfare funds, by some other agency or not at all. This is about an average rate of charity patients for the institution.

Two Children In One Local Family New Polio Cases

Two children of Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Godwin, Jr., of Midland Road, this week became the sixth and seventh polio cases for Moore County this year and the third and fourth cases from Southern Pines.

Nancy Godwin, 11, was taken to the polio ward of N. C. Memorial Hospital at Chapel Hill Saturday and her brother, Al, six years old, was taken to the same hospital Sunday. Both cases were diagnosed at Moore County Hospital before the children were transferred to Chapel Hill.

Mr. Godwin told The Pilot Thursday that he and his wife had visited the children Wednesday and that physicians describe both cases as light. The extent of muscular involvement, if any, could not be determined until their fever subsided, he said.

There is another daughter in the family, Jean, 13. Mr. Godwin is a traveling representative of Lever Brothers Soap Co.

Pat Morrison, 15-year-old daughter of Mrs. Pauline Morrison, 865 N. May St., who is under treatment for polio at Memorial Hospital, Chapel Hill, was reported this week by a member of the family as doing very well. She was in a whirlpool bath Wednesday, it was reported, and her muscles appeared relaxed.

It is expected that she will be at the hospital three or four weeks for treatment.

Town Awards Grass Fertilizer Contract

McLaurins, Inc., of Rockingham, was awarded a contract to supply the town with 6,000 pounds of Italian rye grass seed and 12,000 pounds of fertilizer when bids from 10 firms were opened at town hall last Friday morning. The bid was \$816, covering seed at \$10 per 100 pounds and fertilizer at \$36 per ton. Bidders were required to bid on both seed and fertilizer and the best bid on the total quantity was accepted.

The town buys this quantity of seed and fertilizer each year for use in planting parkways on Broad and May Sts., in parks and at Mount Hope Cemetery.

This is the second year the items have been bought by competitive bidding. City Manager Tom E. Cunningham said that the 1953 low bid was \$13.50 per 100 pounds for seed and \$42.79 per ton for fertilizer, for a total contract of \$1,066.

David W. Gamble's Mother Dies At 78

Funeral services were held Tuesday in Waxhaw for Mrs. Martha Yandle Gamble, 78, who passed away on her birthday, September 5, at the Union Memorial Hospital in Monroe.

Mrs. Gamble was a member of one of Union County's oldest and most prominent families and was the mother of 12 children. She is survived by her husband, James A. Gamble, one daughter and nine sons, including David W. Gamble of Southern Pines.

Intruder Shoots At Aberdeen Man; Office Entered

Small Sums Stolen At CP&L Division Office Near Town

Two break-ins, one of which featured a surprised intruder taking a shot at the owner of the building, claimed the attention of Sandhills officers Saturday night and Sunday.

About 9 p. m. Saturday, Raymond Wicker, proprietor of the Dixie Printing Co. at Aberdeen, was fired on but not hit by a young Negro man whom he discovered in his print shop, according to reports from Mr. Wicker and investigating officers.

The Aberdeen man ran from the building and called police. Later Saturday night, bloodhounds from Laurinburg trailed a scent to the Midway Community along the Seaboard Air Line Railroad, between Southern Pines and Aberdeen, but no person was tracked down and no arrest had been made early this week.

Walter Harper, division engineer with the Carolina Power and Light Co., discovered about noon Sunday that the CP&L division offices on No. 1 highway, south, had been broken into some time after the last occupant had left the building about 10 p. m. Saturday.

Apparently searching only for money, the intruder, using a screw driver, scissors and a portion of an automobile rear-view mirror, had broken into eight desks, obtaining about \$50 in money which was the personal property of persons who work in the building.

Entrance was obtained by smashing in a rear door after cutting the wire in a screen door. Two other doors inside the building were also forced. An office maintained in the building by Alton Scott—who formerly operated a restaurant and night club in the building and who now operates the nearby Charlton Court motor court—was also entered.

Deputy Sheriff A. F. Dees of Aberdeen, assisted by an SBI agent, investigated the CP&L break-in. Deputy Dees, who had been up a large part of the night on the hunt for the Aberdeen gun-wielder, had only time for a little sleep and to attend church before he was called for the CP&L investigation.

Mr. Harper said he went to the division office building after attending church Sunday, with his two small daughters, to leave there some articles he had in his car. He said the person who broke in passed up a number of items he might have stolen, such as a pair of binoculars, and apparently was after money only. The small sums stolen were in the desks of various officials and employees.

Working on the Aberdeen investigation were Police Chief Archie Phillips, Night Officer Roy Atkins, Deputy Dees, ABC Officer Kith Marks of Aberdeen and an SBI agent.

Mr. Wicker described the man who shot at him as appearing about 25 years old. The print shop is behind the residence of Mrs. W. C. Wicker, Mr. Wicker's mother, on Poplar street, just north of the Aberdeen Theatre. The proprietor said he turned on the lights as he entered the building and was starting to pick up a rag with which to clean the press, when the intruder, hidden only a few feet away, raised up and pointed the pistol at him. The Aberdeen man shouted and ran for the door, the man firing as he ran. The .32 calibre bullet was found later lodged in the wood of a counter in the shop.

Once outside the building, Mr. Wicker again called for help. Meanwhile the man in the building had escaped through the rear of the structure where he had broken in. Later several tools belonging in the shop were found gathered together by the safe in another room of the building, as though the intruder had been preparing to try to open the safe.

Officers surmised that it was an amateur job, since entry had been made so early—even while a light was burning near the front of the building—and since money in any considerable sum is rarely kept in such an establishment as a printing shop.

A careless pedestrian is as guilty as a careless driver. Obey traffic signs and signals when you're walking.

103 ON MONDAY TOPS HOT DAYS

Some people say Monday was hotter, some say Tuesday and some say other days since September 1, but there is agreement that the past nine days have furnished one of the most sustained heatwaves of the summer.

The official Weather Bureau thermometer at the home of Mrs. T. A. Kelley, observer, showed 103 on Labor Day (Monday) as the hottest day during this period. Tuesday's 102 was next hottest and on Wednesday the top temperature was 97.

Last Sunday registered 98 and Saturday 96. The heat wave began September 1 with 91.

YDC RALLY

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Invocation was given by Paul Butler of Southern Pines, president of the local YDC organization. Mayor Lloyd Clark welcomed the guests and Gilmore brought greetings from the Moore County YDC. Presidents of the various 8th district clubs and special guests were recognized by the presiding officer.

John A. Lang, Jr., of Carthage, administrative assistant to 8th District Congressman C. B. Deane of Rockingham, who could not be present, brought greetings from Mr. Deane, quoting him as sending the message, "A Democratic victory in November is the only hope for America and the only hope for the world." He also reported the Congressman as saying that the hour is running late when Democrats can rectify the mistakes of 1952. "America is losing allies daily," he was quoted. "The people of the world are looking to us to correct this situation."

Mr. Lang, an effective orator, launched his own attack on the Republican administration, following his familiar theme of "driving out the Philistines." He labeled the time since election of President Eisenhower as a "period of drift and indecision" from which the nation could be rescued only by Democratic leadership.

Commissioner Ballentine was introduced by H. Clifton Blue of Aberdeen, Moore County representative in the General Assembly. The Raleigh official checked off in his address a half dozen or more fields of domestic and foreign government action in which he said the Republican administration had failed, and called on Young Democrats to not take their party for granted, to be more active, to get more people working for the party.

He bore down hard on the Republicans' "hard money" policy which he said had cost small businessmen and farmers increased interest rates and went after the scalp of Secretary of Agriculture Benson who, he said, is the first cabinet member to have "impeached the program and impugned the motives of the people" he was appointed to represent.

The speaker was referring especially to the Republican-sponsored "sliding scale" price support program which he predicted will cause the agricultural income of the nation to drop four billion dollars, following a drop of two billion that has already been recorded.

He sounded a dire note of warning when he said that he expected even the tobacco program, in which rigid supports have been retained, will be lost under the present policy.

"When the sliding scale bill was signed, the days of the tobacco program in North Carolina were numbered," he stated. The commissioner jumped on Secretary Benson by scornfully quoting Benson's remark that "the inefficient farmer ought to get on the direct relief rolls"—a reference to the alleged misuse of federal farm benefits.

The supper and program followed a social hour in the Country Club ballroom and on the terrace where a large photo of Sen. McCarthy was set up with the face ringed in circles as a target, with those attending allowed to try their skill on payment of small fee.

Miss Dianne David of Pinebluff won the darts contest and was presented an orchid, the gift of Carolina Orchid Growers here. Letters displayed on the terrace brought greetings from Adlai E. Stevenson, Rep. C. B. Deane and other party leaders.

HIGHWAY OPENED

U. S. No. 1 Highway, from Rockingham to the South Carolina line, was opened Thursday last week, after having been closed since May while a double lane highway from the state line to Cheraw, S. C., was being worked over.

C. Of C. Plans Fall Activities; Smyth Speaks

Industrialist At Sanford Lives Here, Offers Suggestions

Directors of the Southern Pines Chamber of Commerce, meeting Tuesday night in their office at The Southland, initiated their program of fall activities, and applauded some suggestions made by a visitor, Harry K. Smyth.

Mr. Smyth, a new member of the Chamber of Commerce, is vice-president and general manager of the Sanford division of Saco Lowell Shops, manufacturers of textile machinery. A native of Australia and world traveler, he has settled in Southern Pines, he hopes "permanently." "Of all the places I have been, Southern Pines appeals to me most because of its beauty, its peacefulness and its friendly people," he said.

One of the most progressive industrialists in the State, Mr. Smyth had suggestions leading to the securing of suitable year-round industry which would add to the local economy, without impairing any of the features which he and other residents love and admire about the resort town.

He cited the case of Asheville, which has benefited greatly by an active program for getting varied types of industry to locate in its environs, and at the same time has enhanced its attractions as a world-famous resort. Cities and towns in Florida are also successfully combining the two, he observed.

His remarks met with full accord from the directors, and in turn he expressed approval of the industrial survey now being prepared by the Chamber under the leadership of J. Graves Vann, Jr., industrial chairman. The survey, now being compiled with the assistance of a number of directors and members, has a deadline of October 1, after which it is anticipated the Chamber files will contain all the information an interested industry may require.

Jack S. Younts, chairman of the golf committee, who was unable to be present, sent a letter from Chester I. Williams, professional tournament director of Pinehurst, presenting his proposition for management of the Southern Pines Carrousel, a tournament being planned under the Chamber's sponsorship to be held on the three local courses early in November.

The proposition, by which Mr. Williams' services were offered on a commission basis, dependent on the number of entries, was unanimously accepted by the board, giving the green light to Mr. Younts and his committee in proceeding with the tournament plans.

George H. Leonard, Jr., was appointed by Mrs. Valerie Nicholson, president, to serve as co-chairman with J. L. Perkinson for the annual banquet to be held in October. Date of the banquet and other details were left with their committee for later announcement.

W. B. Holliday, chairman of the Chamber-sponsored drive to light the town athletic field, reported on its progress and success. Installation of the lights is expected to take place within a week or two.

Discussion was held as to whether or not to continue sponsorship of sales among the merchant members on a twice-a-year basis. There was some sentiment for doing away with the fall sale as unnecessary, concentrating on a really bang-up "Spring Value Days" event. Miss Katharine MacDonald, retail chairman, was asked to make a spot check among the merchants and report their desires in the matter at the next regular meeting, September 21.

The directors voted to have "Welcome" stickers printed for downtown businesses to display during the visit of the N. C. Opticians association, which will hold its fall convention at the Mid-Pines October 17-18.

It was also voted to expand the Chamber's annual directory considerably, combining it with a shopping guide and guidebook to interesting places, to be financed by advertisements of the members. This will be undertaken by the publicity and promotion committee, with Mrs. Nicholson as chairman, if she finds that there is time to do a good job of it before the season opens. Otherwise, the changeover will wait until next year.

Memberships Lagging The lag in a number of new memberships and renewals for the current year came in for some serious discussion after a statement from Bob Strouse, treasurer, showed only enough funds left to operate for another two months. Plans will be made by Ward Hill, membership chairman, for

Mrs. Fletcher, Dr. Robinson, Former Pastor, To Speak At Bethesda Program

Annual Event Set For September 26 At Ancient Church

The annual "Homecoming Day" of Old Bethesda church, near Aberdeen, will be held Sunday, September 26, on the church grounds. A program of strong appeal for the descendants of the pioneer Scots, and others interested in the history of the Sandhills country, has been planned.

The Rev. Charles Worth, former beloved pastor of the church, now serving in Whiteville, will deliver the sermon at the morning service starting at 11 o'clock. Picnic dinner will then be spread in the grove.

The afternoon speaking program, as announced by J. Talbot

BLUE KNIGHTS

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Only Bill Marley of this starting line is a letterman. Parker and Ray have had little previous game experience but have shown up well in practice. An all-letter backfield may start with Bobby Cline, blocking back calling signals, Humphrey on the wing, and Johnny Watkins in the tailback post.

Given a little blocking up front, this backfield trio can really go with Humphrey, a sidewheeling scat back, capable of showing his heels to the best of them. Cline handles his blocking well and is a steady influence on the team. Johnny Watkins at tailback runs and passes, and can kick when called on.

Not far behind these probable starters are Joe Diggs and Roger Verhoff at the end positions, Garland Pierce at center, and a backfield composed of Walters, Creech, and Billy Coxe, the only letterman of this group.

Diggs and Verhoff are capable reserves for the flank posts and Garland Pierce is pushing Ray hard for the starting center position. In the backfield, Walter is the hardest running back on the squad but is a straight away runner. However, he gives promise of developing into a back that will make fans forget little Tank Smith. Creech, a sophomore, is a real comer, tackles savagely and blocks well. Cox alternated last year with Watkins and Smith at tailback, and is good for spot plays.

Others likely to see action are Hamel and Kessler, Lynn Van Benschoten at center, and backs Charles Watkins and James Morrison. The coaches expected to use Bobby Parker but he was injured in scrimmage last week and will probably be out of action until sometime in October. Kickoff time at Maxton is 8 p.m. and a large delegation of local fans are readying themselves to follow the Blue Knights, their favorite team. —JAP.

COMMISSIONERS

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The commissioners' acceptance thawed out capital outlay funds of the three administrative units, Moore County, Southern Pines and Pinehurst, which had been frozen pending a decision in the fund dispute.

This was the only action taken by the commissioners during the day other than to pass on two road requests to the State Highway and Public Works Department; and to draw a list of prospective jurors for next month's term of Superior Court for trial of civil cases. The list will appear in The Pilot next week.

Passing on the road requests, added to dozens received by the board during the past year, had its ironic side, as a letter received from Highway Commissioner Forrest Lockey allotted only 11.5 miles of new paved road to Moore County for the current year.

The letter was read to the commissioners by the chairman, Gordon M. Cameron, during the morning session. Road paving requests already received run to well over 100 miles, maybe 200, they estimated.

The commissioners make no selection of the roads to be paved, leaving this strictly to the highway commission.

the collection of the additional dues, expanding the Chamber's membership while adding needed funds to the exchequer. By decision of the directors made at the last regular meeting, new members may join during the rest of the year on payment of \$12.50, or one-half the regular dues. With this week's meeting the Chamber terminated its summer recess, during which the directors have been meeting only once a month. Meetings will now be held on the regular schedule—first and third Tuesday nights, with all members welcome to attend.

Johnson, chairman, will present two well-known historical authorities, Dr. Blackwell Robinson of the University of North Carolina, and Inglis Fletcher, famous novelist and historian, of Edenton.

Dr. Robinson, son of the former North Carolina Superior Court Judge William Smith O'Brien Robinson, is an instructor in the Carolina history department. He spent the summer of 1953 in Moore county gathering material which he later compiled into a history of the early days of the county for the Moore County Historical association. Publication of the history is a prime project of the association at this time.

Mrs. Fletcher recently returned from Scotland, where she did considerable research for a new book about Flora Macdonald. The novel, called "The Scottish Lady," will be published November 9. While in Scotland she was the guest of Dame Flora MacLeod, chieftain of the Clan MacLeod, at Dunvegan Castle, her ancestral home. Flora Macdonald lived at Dunvegan Castle on her return to Scotland after several years spent in the Sandhills of North Carolina.

Dame Flora MacLeod, touring the United States with her twin grandsons last year, was the speaker at the Old Bethesda Homecoming in September 1953.

The homecoming event of the old church at the head of the Rockfiss annually draws several hundred visitors—former members, their relatives and descendants—back to the land of the ancient Scots from many far places. From over North Carolina and from several states they come to renew friendships and family ties with other "God Blessed Macs."

OCTOBER IN N. C.

North Carolina's famous autumn foliage parade is beginning to march across the mile-high peaks of the Blue Ridge and Great Smoky Mountains, where it is expected to reach its greatest brilliance during the middle two weeks of October. The autumn color spectacle in the mountains and the big run of game fish on the state's 320 miles of coastline occur as Mid-South resorts open for the fall and winter season, with the result that October is now the fourth most popular travel month of the entire year in the Tar Heel State.

Graveside Service Held For Infant

Graveside service was held Tuesday morning at Mt. Hope cemetery for Jeffrey Lee Price, day-old infant of Mr. and Mrs. George H. Price of 480 East New Hampshire avenue, who died Sunday evening at St. Joseph of the Pines. Officiating pastor was the Rev. David Hoke Coon, pastor of the First Baptist church.

Mr. and Mrs. Price, natives of Illinois, moved here from Greensboro some time ago. He is in the Army, stationed at Fort Bragg. Jeffrey Lee was their first child.

Get the "feel" of a new car before you do much driving on the open road. Safety experts of the State Motor Vehicles Department caution that a brand new car can interfere with old driving habits. Don't let unfamiliar steering, brakes, clutch and gadgets set you up for an accident. Get acquainted slowly with new cars or trucks.

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