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12th District Second In Legion Standings

The 12th District of the American Legion, which includes posts in this area, placed second in membership standings as of March 31, among the districts of the state, by attaining 112.96 per

cent of its quota. Herman C. Seawell of Rockingham, district commander, this week expressed his appreciation to the posts of Moore County for their part in this record. District 29, with headquarters at Lenoir, led the state with a percentage quota slightly higher than the 12th District.



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Funeral Held For Mrs. Pettes, 82, Who Was Struck By Train Last Week

Longtime Resident Of Southern Pines Killed Instantly

Funeral services were held at the Church of Wide Fellowship Wednesday afternoon for Mrs. Elizabeth Moore Pettes, 82, who was instantly killed when she was struck by a southbound Seaboard Air Line freight train at the Vermont Avenue intersection last Friday morning.

Dr. W. C. Timmons, pastor of the church, officiated and burial was in Mount Hope Cemetery. Mrs. Pettes is survived by two grandsons, John Moore Goldsmith of Southern Pines and Proctor Goldsmith of San Diego, Calif. Funeral services were delayed pending arrival of the grandson from California.

A verdict of accidental death was rendered by Coroner Ralph Steed of Robbins who investigated. Mrs. Pettes stepped in front of the oncoming locomotive in spite of the fact that the crossing lights were blinking, the bell was ringing and the engineer was blowing the locomotive's whistle. She was somewhat hard of hearing but apparently was preoccupied and failed to notice the signals as she was returning from a downtown shopping trip on foot. She lived in an apartment at the home of Miss Luna Monroe on N. Ashe St. and had returned from a trip to Florida only a few days before the accident.

Here 49 Years
Mrs. Pettes had lived in Southern Pines 49 years. She was unusually active in church work and a circle member of the Church of Wide Fellowship (Congregational Christian). She was born in St. Chrysotome, Quebec, Canada, the daughter of Robert C. and Mary Clark Moore. Her husband died in Quebec in 1905 and she moved to Southern Pines the next year. Her daughter, Mrs. Mabel Pettes Goldsmith, died June 5, 1952. Only survivors are the two grandsons and four great-grandchildren.

Immediately after the accident, an ambulance took Mrs. Pettes to Moore County Hospital where the examining physician said that she must have died instantly. The train was slowing as it entered Southern Pines and remained here about 45 minutes while officials investigated. The body was carried about 35 feet but was not drawn under the wheels.

Capt. Paul Blue Receives Award

Capt. Paul Blue, assistant professor of military science and tactics at Mercer University, was awarded the Commendation Ribbon with metal pendant at a recent regimental parade and review on the Mercer ROTC drill field.

Signed by Secretary of the Army Robert T. Stevens, the citation accompanying the medal praised Captain Blue for performance of "exceptionally meritorious service as Chief, Buying Branch, Purchasing and Contracting Division Headquarters, Japan Procurement Agency, in Japan from 25 March 1952 to 1 August 1954."

"Further, Captain Blue's commendable achievements greatly enhanced good will between the Japanese people and the United States Forces in Japan."

Captain Blue joined the University ROTC staff in November after returning from the Far East. He and Mrs. Blue and their daughter are residing at 1359 Canterbury Road, Macon.

He is the son of Mrs. D. A. Blue of Southern Pines and the late Sheriff Blue and a brother of D. A. (June) Blue, Jr., of Southern Pines. He is a graduate of the University of North Carolina and first entered military service in 1940.

John N. Warren Services Today

Funeral services will be held at the J. J. Quinn funeral home, Orange, N. J., this (Friday) afternoon for John N. Warren, 67, of East Orange, N. J., who died at Moore County Hospital Tuesday morning following a cerebral hemorrhage early Sunday.

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Katherine Warren, and a brother, Henry E. Warren. Mr. and Mrs. Warren had been season guests at the Carolina Hotel, Pinehurst, for a number of years. Mr. Warren was a member of the Pinehurst Country Club.

Rotary Club Hears School Officials Tell About Needs

John Howarth, chairman of the Southern Pines board of school trustees, summarized the development of local public schools at the luncheon meeting of the Rotary Club last Friday in the Country Club.

Introduced by A. C. Dawson, a member of the club and superintendent of schools, Mr. Howarth said that the first public school in Southern Pines was located on the second floor of the "Kings Daughters Hall" in 1897, with one teacher. About 1907, the first school building was built, he said.

The speaker contrasted the early days of education here with increasing present demands on the schools. He stressed the need for an increased supplementary tax to meet the needs of the growing enrollment.

Mr. Dawson projected charts depicting the financial needs of the schools. He stated that teacher supply is a critical problem and that supplementary salary paid to teachers locally is an important factor in obtaining and holding teachers.

Special Sermons At Church Noted; To Give Oratorio

"The Challenge of Change," a message for Youth Week which begins in Southern Pines Sunday, will be the topic of Dr. W. C. Timmons' sermon at the 11 a. m. worship service Sunday morning. It is the second of a series of sermons announced by Dr. Timmons to run through June.

Succeeding sermons will include "The Hand of God" on May 1 and a Mother's Day message, "From One Generation to Another," May 8. Further topics in the

Concert By School Band May 6 Topic At Booster Meeting

The annual band concert to be given in Weaver Auditorium at 8:15 p. m. on Friday, May 6, was the chief topic for discussion at Tuesday night's meeting of the Band Booster Club. Tickets may be procured now from Mrs. James Prim, ticket sales chairman, and will be on sale at Hamel's Restaurant, Holliday's Restaurant, the Hardware and Electric Co., and Hayes Book Store.

The Club is making plans to honor the Band at a reception and dance in the cafeteria following the concert.

Mrs. Thomas Vann reported that all local organizations had been contacted in regard to contributing to the band fund, for which this year's goal is \$1,000. The plan is to enlist 10 organizations that will give at least \$100 each this year and contribute \$50 annually, the money to be used for uniforms and the most expensive of instruments needed which members cannot furnish.

The Junior Woman's club netted \$155 for the band from a card party and the BPO Does have contributed \$100; both have agreed to include the band in their annual budgets. The Band Booster Club raised \$170 on a rummage sale. The Kiwanis Club being a countywide organization, had advised that it could not give any financial aid. Other organizations which have expressed their intention of contributing are the Elks, the VFW, VFW Auxiliary, Lions, Rotary Club, and Woodmen Circle.

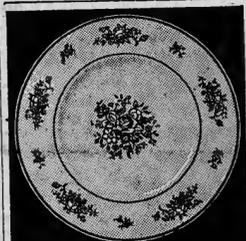
The Booster Club hopes to receive as many donations as possible at an early date, as band equipment has to be ordered well in advance of the time needed.

Rites Held For Officer's Mother

Funeral services were held at Eagle Springs Methodist Church Tuesday afternoon for Mrs. James E. Bailey, 78, who died unexpectedly at her home in Eagle Springs Sunday. Burial was in the church cemetery.

Surviving are a son, Oscar Bailey West End, who is a county law enforcement officer; and four daughters, Mrs. R. G. Clinard of Randleman, Mrs. E. E. Moore of Jackson Springs, Mrs. L. D. Cox of West End and Mrs. S. T. Crawford of Atlanta, Ga.; six grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; three brothers and one sister.

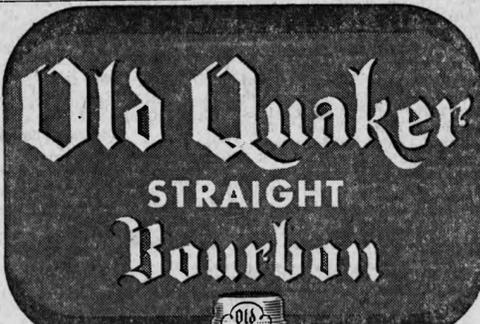
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Announcement was made by the church this week that Gault's Oratorio, "The Holy City," will be presented at the church Sunday, May 1, at 4 p. m.

Taking part will be the church choir, directed by Mrs. Jean Olive Wood; Mrs. L. D. McDonnald, organist; and Roger Gibbs, talented baritone from Elcn College.

The public is invited to this event and to all of the regular Sunday morning services, said Dr. Timmons.

Another big supply of feed is likely this year, according to reports from farmers on the acreage of spring-sown crops they intend to plan on March 1.

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