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Man Who Shot Sheriff Found Guilty By Jury

William Gentry Maxwell, 72, was found "guilty as charged" by a jury Wednesday afternoon, in the firing of a shotgun blast Saturday, October 8, which hit Sheriff C. J. McDonald in the face and just missed two other officers.

The jury rendered its verdict with a recommendation that mercy be shown in the punishment, presumably on account of

the man's age and physical condition. Though Judge F. Don Phillips deferred sentence, adjourning court immediately after the jury report a long prison term was indicated.

Cases Consolidated

Consolidated for the trial—which took a day and a half of this week's criminal term of Superior Court—were three charges involving the three officers separately, of "malicious assault with a deadly weapon, in a secret manner, with intent to kill," adding, as to Sheriff McDonald, "inflicting serious injuries."

The defense belabored the phrase "in a secret manner," which raised the assault charge's seriousness, first making a motion to strike, which was denied, then returning to it from time to time in an effort to convince the jury that a lesser charge would be in order. It was about all defense counsel H. F. Seawell had to work on, as Maxwell's unsupported word against that of the three officers was unconvincing.

He claimed the officers "holered" outside his house but he did not know who they were or what they were there for; that they started breaking in the door while he was dressing after a bath; that he called back, "I'll be there as soon as I get my clothes on," and that they started firing immediately through the door and bathroom walls, whereupon he responded with a shotgun blast through the glass doorpane.

Shot Through Door

Sheriff McDonald, Deputy Sheriff A. W. Lambert and ABC Officer C. A. McCallum all testified that McDonald had called,

Judge McKeithen To Preside Over First Moore Term

Judge W. A. Leland McKeithen of Pinehurst will soon preside over his first court term in his native county since his appointment to the superior court bench in February, 1954. He will be in Carthage to preside over a special term for civil cases due to open Monday, December 5.

Judge McKeithen was first appointed by the late Governor W. B. Umstead as a special judge, then last July was one of four special judges reappointed by Governor Luther H. Hodges.

The Superior Court term now under way was designated for trial of both criminal and civil cases. However, on account of the crowded condition of the criminal docket, criminal cases only were calendared for the full week, with the special term set in December for the civil calendar.

Tank For Guard Company Arrives On Local Siding

Members of the local National Guard company were planning to unload from its railroad flat car today a M-47 medium gun tank which arrived from the Red River Arsenal in Texas Wednesday afternoon, assigned permanently to the unit here.

The flat car, bearing a 95,000-pound load consisting of the tank and its crated machine guns, radio and spare parts, was shunted to a siding at the intersection of N. E. Broad St. and Vermont Ave. It immediately attracted interest, especially from boys who soon were climbing over it to see what they could see. A National Guard unit member said the freight bill for its shipment from Texas, which is paid by the government, is reported to be \$3,700.

After the tank is driven to the National Guard garage off Morganton Road, it will be fully assembled and tested. When in working order, an open house event is planned to let the public examine it and see it in operation. The tank is similar to one from Fort Bragg displayed here by the National Guard several months ago.

Warrant Officer Elbert Stutts of Raeford, former Southern Pines resident who is now National Guard battalion maintenance officer, was to come here today to supervise the unloading and placing the tank in working order so that it can be driven to the National Guard garage and armory site.



GREETING TO AUTHORS—"Miss Dove" and Daniel Boone met here, via their respective historians, when Carolina author FANNY GRAY PATTON and Moore County's GEORGE MAURICE were honored Tuesday at an Open House at the Country Bookshop. The author of "Good Morning, Miss Dove" autographed copies of her new book, "A Piece of Luck," for the eager gathering; Mr. Maurice, while insisting that he "hadn't written a book at all," added intriguing comments to the details of his search for information about the great pioneer and Long Hunter, during the twenty years Boone lived in North Carolina. The historical sketch, published by the William Byrd Press, contains striking photographs, as well as maps by R. E. Wicker, historian, of Pinehurst. Adding to the local crowd in the bookshop were the school supervisors whose conference was being held here that day, who filled the shop to bursting, enthusing over authors, books, and refreshments; not forgetting the large bowl of orchids on the table, the congratulatory gift of Mrs. Karl A. Bridges of the Carolina Orchid Growers.

Proposed Phone Rates Lower Than Other Area Towns' Thanksgiving Is Opening Day For Moore Co. Hounds

Monthly rates proposed in a schedule that would permit "extended area" or toll-free telephone service between Southern Pines and Pinehurst are lower than rates charged for local service in several central North Carolina towns, according to a comparative listing prepared by the United Telephone Company of the Carolinas.

The proposed rate schedule and plans for instituting extended area service between Southern Pines and Pinehurst will probably be submitted to the State Utilities Commission Friday, E.

Thanksgiving Day morning will be Opening Day for the Moore County Hounds.

The meet will be at 10 a. m., as usual, with the place of meeting yet undetermined. Perhaps the kennels; perhaps elsewhere along Youngs Road, southern edge of most of the hunting country.

Full announcement will be carried in next week's Pilot, off the press Wednesday.

Announcement of Opening Day was made to hunt members several weeks ago in the annual invitation, and officially this week by Mrs. W. O. Moss, secretary,



'FOUR HORSEMEN READY'—Ready for Friday night's Eastern Six-man football championship game at Memorial Field are these four senior squad members who have been the backfield mainstays of the Blue Knights for the past three years. Left to right: Quarterback Bobby Cline, Wingback Jim Humphrey, Tailback Johnny Watkins and Tailback Billy Cox. Cline and Humphrey have recovered from injuries of the past few weeks and the squad is at full strength for the test against Clayton High School Friday night.

Bulk Of College Endowment Fund Must Come From Local Business

Church Service To Open Holiday Here Next Week

The annual community church service, to be held at Brownson Memorial Presbyterian Church Wednesday at 8 p. m., will open observance of the Thanksgiving holiday in Southern Pines.

Dr. W. C. Timmons, pastor of the Church of Wide Fellowship, will preach and three other pastors will have parts in the service. They are the Rev. C. K. Ligon of the host church, the Rev. Hoke Coon of the First Baptist Church and the Rev. R. L. Bame of the Southern Pines Methodist Church.

An offering to be taken will be for the Christian Rural Overseas Program (CROP).

The service is rotated from church to church each year and pastors take turns in leading the service. Emmanuel Episcopal Church is at present without a rector.

Schools Out Wednesday

Schools in East and West Southern Pines will close at noon Wednesday, with students out for a holiday, that will last until the following Monday morning.

Closings General There will be a general closing of business establishments and offices on Thursday, Thanksgiving. (Continued on page 8)

PILOT PLANS BE OUT WEDNESDAY

The Pilot is planning to publish next week's edition on Wednesday so that the staff can have a holiday on Thanksgiving Thursday, regular publication date.

Advertisers and correspondents are asked to have their material in early. Deadline for classifieds will be 10:30 a. m. Wednesday. Photos for next week's paper must reach The Pilot office not later than noon Monday.

Early Blaze Summons Local Fire Force

The wail of the siren at 8:35 this morning broke up the breakfast hour for many a fireman, sending the volunteer force full tilt for the fire house where the regulars were ready to go.

Both trucks turned out for the fire, a fierce blaze in the house of John Gillis, at 935 Gaines Street. Two rooms were largely wrecked before the blaze was brought under control. It was thought that the fire had started from an oil heater in one of the rooms.

STOP THAT RUMOR!

Misconceptions seem to have arisen about the financial aspect of the proposal to establish the new Presbyterian College here. The rumor goes that it will raise taxes because the town will have to put in water and sewers.

Probably the story started because other towns have made much of the fact that they are furnishing such facilities.

Actually one of Southern Pines' main assets, in this project, is the fact that it does not have to put in such facilities. The reason is: they are already there. The site offered is reached by both water and sewer lines. They run right to the property; all that will be needed is for the college to make its taps, just like anyone else.

Community Has Big Obligation Toward Industry

Community obligations toward industry—regional, state and national, as well as in the community itself—are great, and their fulfillment brings rich rewards, said Elmer J. McVey, of Boston, Mass., vice-president in charge of sales of the Saco-Lowell corporation, as guest speaker Wednesday night at the annual banquet of the Southern Pines Chamber of Commerce.

Speaking specifically of the textile industry—Saco-Lowell manufactures textile machinery—he told the gathering of some 75 persons that they should influence more young men to enter it. "All too few of the young engineers and technicians graduating from our colleges are coming to us and we feel it is because they are unaware of the opportunities which are offered," he said.

Also, local Chambers of Commerce should recognize the threat to the economy in cheap foreign-made goods, and spread the gospel of "Buy America." Then, he added, they should remember always the value of community acceptance to any industry, and maintain a welcoming attitude, not only toward new industry but to that already in their midst or nearby.

"We are completely satisfied with our Sanford operation," Mr. McVey said, "and with all our southern relationships." He revealed that at the Sanford plant, some revolutionary new processes are being worked out, two machinery units in particular which

Others, such as A. L. Burney and Garland McPherson, chose businesses which, being "one of a kind," do not fit into a category. The chairmen are meeting this afternoon to evaluate the need, and the relative pledges to be suggested for businesses of different sizes and types; then they will

460 Students In Guidance Program

About 460 juniors and seniors from 11 high schools in Moore County this morning took part in the annual Vocational Guidance Day program sponsored by the Sandhills Kiwanis Club.

More than 30 business and professional persons spoke to the students in small groups as they circulated during three discussion periods. The adults advised students about the professions, in an effort to help guide them into a future vocation they will enjoy.

The vocational guidance committee of the club is headed by the Rev. C. K. Ligon of Southern Pines. L. B. Creath of Pinehurst presided at the general assembly that opened the program in Weaver Auditorium.

Representatives of about a dozen educational institutions also were present at the high school to counsel students about continuing their studies in college.

POLICEMAN RESIGNS

Officer Drake Rogers of the Southern Pines police department submitted his resignation this week, City Manager Tom E. Cunningham said today. Applications on file are being screened, said the manager, but other applications for the post will be welcome.

Committee Is Planning See All Merchants

The bulk of the \$200,000 endowment fund goal of the Presbyterian College committee must come from the Southern Pines business district, it was decided by a business advisory committee meeting Tuesday afternoon at the home of Donald Kennedy, chairman.

Mr. Kennedy said that the \$81,000 already pledged represented "most" of what can be expected from advance donors, leaving the rest to be pledged in Southern

Mrs. Audrey K. Kennedy, co-vice-chairman of the college endowment fund committee, said this morning that pledges within the past 24 hours have raised the total pledged here to \$92,870.

Pines and surrounding towns, most of whom have gone on record as supporting the move to locate the college here.

The committee, made up largely of local businessmen and businesswomen, agreed that the Southern Pines business area stood to realize the greatest direct benefit, should the college be located here, and an organization of subcommittee chairmen—with a few others to be added—was set up to interview businesses in selected categories. Claude Reams, chairman of a previously organized industrial committee, was present and told of plans and progress in soliciting various industrial firms.

Where businesses could be divided into specific categories, they were turned over to chairmen from their numbers, such as George Pottle, hotels and motels; W. B. Holliday, restaurants; Joe Montesanti, Jr., drug stores and doctors; Johnnie A. Hall and J. B. Perkinson, optical shops and jewelry stores; Hoke Pollock, attorneys; John S. Ruggles, real estate and insurance; Kitty Wiley, women's dress shops and other specialty shops of predominantly feminine interest; Dr. R. B. Warlick, dentists; Virgil P. Clark, service stations; J. D. Hobbs, food stores, and N. L. Hodgkins, Jr., financial institutions.

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The Masques To Give 'Stars In Their Eyes'

"Stars In Their Eyes," first production of the school year by The Masques, the newly designated dramatic club of Southern Pines High School, will be presented Tuesday at 8 p. m. in Weaver Auditorium. There will be a small admission charge to cover expenses.

Students in the cast of the farce comedy about a Hollywood family are: Ginger Aden, Arden Fobes, Joan Howarth, Gail Given, Anzy Sherman, Julian Pleasants, Lucy McDaniel, Ann Morgan, Jacque Davenport, B. G. Patterson, Jimmy McDonald, Claude Reams, John Chappell, David Prim and James Prim.

PTA TONIGHT

The White House Conference on Education, which opens in Washington, D. C., November 27, will be discussed by the Southern Pines Parent-Teacher Association at its regular meeting tonight (Thursday) at 8 o'clock in Weaver Auditorium.

PTA members who were present at a preliminary State district meeting in Fayetteville September 23 will make informal reports on White House Conference topics discussed at that meeting.

Local PTA officers believe the program to be of wide interest and urge all members to attend. All interested persons are invited.