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George H. Maurice, Outstanding Citizen Of County Since 1912, Succumbs at 88



MR. MAURICE

A large gathering of friends, acquaintances and admirers from throughout Moore County paid tribute to one of the Sandhills' leading citizens Tuesday afternoon when funeral services were held at the Village Chapel in Pinehurst for George Holbrooke Maurice, 88, who died Saturday after an illness of several weeks.

Officiating at the service were the Rev. Martin Caldwell, rector of Emmanuel Episcopal Church, Southern Pines, and Bishop Louis C. Melcher of the Village Chapel. Burial was in Mount Hope Cemetery, Southern Pines.

Mr. Maurice died at his home, "Ballintoy," near Eagle Springs on the more than 800 acres of farm and woodland he had acquired and developed since settling in the Sandhills in 1912.

Mr. Maurice's wife, the former Ethel Eglin of Fairfax County, Va., died in 1949. Surviving are two daughters, Miss Ellen P. Maurice of the home and Mrs. John C. Hammond of Clinton, N. Y.; a son, Charles Stewart Maurice of Chapel Hill; four grandchildren; and a sister, Mrs. Charles Whitney Dall of Cedarhurst, N. Y.

As a public official, as a leader and advisor in various civic projects, as a historian and as a farmer and outdoorsman, Mr. Maurice won a great measure of respect and admiration from his associates in these activities and from many more of the county's people.

When Mr. Maurice bought about 350 acres of land near Eagle Springs in 1912, he was seeking a permanent home and retirement from the active life of an engineer he had led since his graduation from Lehigh University in 1893. In those years, he had designed and built bridges, railroads and other structures and had supervised municipal engineering programs, at various places in the East and South. He was born at Ossining, N. Y.

From 1912 until 1924, when he

MEMORIAL TABLET TO BE PLACED

George Ross of Jackson Springs, president of the Moore County Historical Association, said this week that plans are being made to place a bronze tablet at the Alston House in Deep River Township as a lasting memorial to the late George H. Maurice.

Mr. Maurice had been in charge of restoration work at the pre-Revolutionary house which is now a State historic site. Mr. Ross said that members of Mr. Maurice's family had been consulted about the tablet and feel that donations for it would be suitable memorial gifts.

Donations should be sent to Norris L. Hodgkins, Jr., of Southern Pines, treasurer of the Historical Association.

Baptist Church Staff Changes Are Announced

Miss Anna Ruth King has returned to the First Baptist Church to assume her responsibilities as director of music and religious education. Miss King worked in the church on a temporary basis last summer, but returned to Wake Forest College at the beginning of the Fall semester to complete the necessary requirements for a B. A. degree.

She has an outstanding record of service and evidence of a continuing interest in her work. In high school she distinguished herself as editor of the Wallace High School annual and was valedictorian of the class of '56. In addition, she sang with the High School Glee Club for four years and while in high school directed the youth choir of the Poston Memorial Baptist Church for two years. She has had one year of voice lessons and five years of piano to help equip her for her work.

Miss King sang for three and a half years in the chancel choir of the Wake Forest Baptist Church while she was a student in Wake

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SCIENCE FAIR FRIDAY

The Science Fair featuring original projects of students in the schools of the Moore County system will be held Friday in the Carthage school cafeteria, with the public invited to come at 8 p. m. Originally set for Friday of last week, the exhibition was postponed because of bad weather.

'Full of Years and Honors...'

By RALPH W. PAGE

George Maurice — who died full of years and honors at his beloved plantation, "Ballintoy" — was recognized as the leading citizen of Moore County.

He held the confidence of and was relied upon on all occasions by the whole settlement. This came about without any method on his part, or because of any known criterion of popularity. In fact he despised popularity. Contrary to the canons of politics, he expressed his opinions with emphatic bluntness, uncompromising conviction, utter indifference to results and with an accuracy exceedingly disconcerting to conventional hypocrites.

As far as I know, he never made a speech, never asked a favor of anybody, consorted with no political, financial or social affiliates—all in all was as independent in mind, body and estate as any man alive.

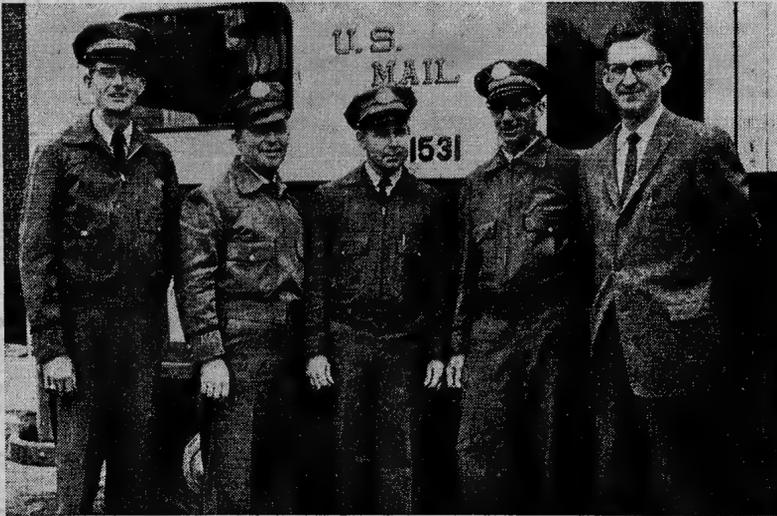
Nevertheless, the community steadily came more and more to enlist his support and advice for its interests, endeavors and quandaries.

This was not because we all learned the warmth and loyalty of his friendship. It was because we came to recognize that George had two essential attributes to a degree greater than anyone else we knew.

The people learned that his terrifying truthful speech stemmed from a towering integrity—an impregnable honesty in thought and action—that inevitably took command.

And with this, it soon became manifest that his participation was completely selfless. He never wanted, imagined or would conceivably accept any benefit to himself. He was the embodiment of objective and disinterested service.

(Mr. Page, longtime distinguished correspondent and columnist for The Philadelphia Bulletin, is spending the winter in his native Sandhills where his friendship with the late Mr. Maurice began many years ago.)



Mail Carrier Service Marks 10th Year

Tuesday was the 10th anniversary of the beginning of mail carrier service in Southern Pines and four of the five present carriers were photographed then as they came in from their routes. Left to right: Lawrence McCrimmon, Leroy McInnis, Harry Klabbatz (the only carrier of the group who has worked the entire 10 years) and Robert Henderson. At right is Postmaster Max Rush. C. N. Page, the fifth local carrier, was not present when picture was made.

The service, which began when Garland Pierce was postmaster, started with three routes, with all three mail carriers walking. Now there are five routes, one walking and four "mounted" (motorized). The carriers make about 500 more stops daily now than they did then, Postmaster Rush said. Carrier Klabbatz recalls that one of the heaviest rains in the history of Southern Pines fell on the day the service was inaugurated in 1950. (Pilot photo)

New Cup Given For Featured Race March 26

A new Sandhills Cup trophy, donated by Mr. and Mrs. Dwight W. Winkelman of Southern Pines and Skaneateles, N. Y., will be offered Saturday, March 26, for the winner of the Sandhills Cup, featured race on the card of the Stoneybrook Steeplechase to be run here that day.

The former cup, also given by the Winkelmans, was retired last year when Mrs. Michael G. Walsh's Bin Junior won the race, giving Mrs. Walsh permanent possession of the cup by reason of a third win in the event.

The new cup will carry the same stipulations: any owner whose horses win the cup three times, not necessarily consecutively, will have permanent possession.

Bin Junior will be entered again this year in the 19th running of the Sandhills Cup, about two and a quarter miles over timber for a purse of \$1,000.

Six entries have been received in the children's race (one furlong on the flat for riders 13 years old and under) which is always one of the main attractions of the meet. Entered to date: Nell Wilkins and Suzanne Reeves, of Sanford; and Carol O'Callaghan, Nancy O'Callaghan, Susan Huntley and Michael Adams, all of Southern Pines. Young Adams is the son of F. Dooley Adams who was for six years the leading money-winner steeplechase rider of the nation.

The 13th annual Stoneybrook Hunt Meeting will open the American sanctioned steeplechase

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Club to Reward Broiler Growers

The Sandhill Kiwanis Club will award \$100 in prizes again this year to the Moore County broiler growers who produce three broods of broilers most efficiently, with a minimum of 3,000 birds per brood.

The contest was announced this week by F. D. Allen, county agricultural agent who said that broiler producers can get instructions for the contest from feed dealers.

Advice on housing, equipment and management is available from the county agent's office.

LUTHERAN SERVICE

Pastor Lester Roof of Sanford announces that he will conduct a Lutheran church service at the Civic Club here Sunday, March 20, at 7:30 p. m. All interested persons are invited.

CONCERTS SLATED IN COMING WEEK

Navy Band to Play Twice Sunday; Karlsrud, Fetsch Here March 24

Only 15 reserved seats remain for the concerts to be given at Weaver Auditorium on Sunday, March 20, by the United States Navy Band.

The band will play at 3 p. m., when students will be admitted at a special reduced rate, and at 8:15 p. m.

The sponsoring Jaycees reported this week that there are plenty of general admission tickets left, but that sales are brisk. Tickets are on sale locally at Larry's Men's Shop on W. Pennsylvania Ave.

A county-wide audience is anticipated, with many persons coming from towns and cities out of the county. Tickets are available in other Moore County communities from: Tommy Gschwind in Aberdeen; Mrs. A. N. Derouin at Pinehurst; J. L. McGraw in Carthage and Jamie Loy in Robbins.

All proceeds of the concert, above expenses, will be used by the Jaycees for civic projects, including their continuing program of purchasing playground equipment for the town park.

The evening concert will be conducted entirely by the band's conductor, Cdr. Charles Brend-

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Road Requests Will Be Heard

Residents of the eight-county area comprising the Eighth Highway Division will have an opportunity to present road requests, petitions and problems to representatives of the Eighth Division at a public hearing at Carthage on Tuesday, March 29. Announcement of the hearing was made today by Division Engineer T. C. Johnston, Jr., of Southern Pines, whose office is at the Division headquarters in Aberdeen.

City and county officials, along with the general public, are invited to attend the hearing if they have road requests which they feel should receive attention.

The hearing will be held between 2 and 4 p. m., in the courtroom. The Eighth Division is composed of Chatham, Lee, Hoke, Moore, Scotland, Richmond, Montgomery and Randolph Counties.

SCANDALS GOING ON

"Scandals of the Sandhills," the home talent musical show being staged for benefit of the Pinehurst Recreation Association, will present its second and third performances of a three-day run at the Pinehurst school auditorium tonight (Thursday) and Friday.

Advance Census Forms To Be Received Soon

Advance Report Forms for the 1960 Census of Population and Housing will be distributed by Post Office employees to all households in this area, District Supervisor Coy S. Lewis, Jr., announced today.

Postmaster Max Rush of Southern Pines said today that the forms had not yet been received at the local post office but that they would be distributed as soon as they come in.

The Advance Report Form is a new census-taking device which is designed to speed up the field canvass and provide more accurate statistics. Distribution of this form before the start of the household-to-house canvass gives the family a chance to assemble information about each member in advance of the census taker's visit. The district supervisor urges all residents to fill out the form and have it ready for the census takers when they start their rounds in April.

The Advance Report Form contains seven questions about every person in the household and six questions about the household's dwelling. The household information asked for is name, address, sex, color or race, month and year of birth, whether married or single, and relationship to head of the household. The information required about the dwelling is the number of rooms, cooking facilities, plumbing, and whether rented or owned.

At every fourth household, the census taker will leave a Census Household Questionnaire which contains additional questions covering population and housing characteristics which are being asked of a 25 percent sample of the nation's population. Householders are requested to fill out the household questionnaire and mail it within three days to the local census district office. A pre-addressed, postage free envelope is being provided for this purpose.

The "sample" population questions include inquiries on country of birth, mother tongues of foreign born, schooling, employment, income and related items. The additional housing questions relate to rent or value of dwelling, heating equipment, water supply, and other facilities and equipment.

The district supervisor pointed out that information about individuals and their homes furnished to the Census Bureau is kept confidential under Federal law. Only statistical totals and averages are published. No individual person can be identified in published reports and census information cannot be used for regulation, investigation or taxation.

N. & S. Women's Tourney Opening Pinehurst Today

Omitting the qualifying round, four matches of the North & South Women's Amateur golf tournament at the Pinehurst Country club were being played this morning.

Sixteen more matches are scheduled for tomorrow (Friday). The tourney, due to start Wednesday, was delayed because of the weather.

The title goes undefended for the second time in four years with last year's winner, Mrs. Ann Casey Johnstone of Mason City, Iowa, unable to enter the 1960 competition.

Leading players entered include National Amateur champion Barbara McIntyre of Lake Park, Fla., who was 1957 N&S champ and co-medalist last year with Doris Phillips of Belleville, Ill., also a 1960 entry along with last year's runner-up Joanne Goodwin of Haverhill, Mass. On the Florida circuit, Joanne and Doris partnered to win the Orange Brook Four-ball tourney.

In addition to McIntyre and Goodwin, a third Curtis Cup member is in the field here, Judy Bell of Wichita, Kan. who was recent Florida East Coast Champion at St. Augustine. Joining this trio of Curtis team regulars are alternates Barbara Williams of Richmond, Calif., runner-up to McIntyre at Ellinor Village this year, and Mrs. Paul (Alyce) Dye, Jr. of Indianapolis, Ind.

'WEDNESDAY JINX' FOILED THIS WEEK

What local residents have come to call the "Wednesday jinx" appeared to be operating in all its unpleasant force yesterday as Sandhills residents awoke to find a freezing rain falling and ice building up heavily on trees and shrubs that had been through the worst ice storm in 50 years last month.

On the preceding two Wednesdays heavy snow had fallen. It looked like another bad Wednesday for this area.

Ice continued to accumulate until about noon when a few degrees' rise in temperature was enough to stop the rain from freezing and, as the afternoon progressed, ice began to fall from the trees.

By night most of the ice was gone. Today gave promise of clearing and warming weather.

Antiques Fair At Armory to Open March 23

Antique dealers from eight states and one from England will show their wares at the Third Annual Antiques Fair sponsored by the Moore County Historical Association, at the Southern Pines Armory for three days and nights next week—Wednesday, Thursday and Friday.

The success of the two previous shows has brought "the widest response we have ever had," said Mrs. Ernest L. Ives, general chairman.

She added, "We are delighted with the quality we are offering this year. Inquiries coming in from all over the country, almost faster than we could handle, made it possible for us to be extremely selective. We believe our Fair and Sale will be outstanding among events of this kind in the East."

One of the new exhibitors will be M. Raphael of London, England, coming from the big New York City Antiques Fair and Sale. Other leading dealers, several of whom have taken two or more booths, will be on hand from Cape Cod, Mass.; Jamaica, L. I., N. Y.; Greenville, S. C.; Charleston, W. Va.; Atlanta, Ga., and Ann Arbor, Mich.

North Carolina dealers are listed from Chapel Hill, Raleigh, Wake Forest, Wagram, Kannapolis, Roxobel, Southern Pines and several other points.

All space had been taken by the middle of this week, and inquiries were still coming in. The general committee will be

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School Choir to Sing Here Friday

The choir of St. Peter's School, Peekskill, N. Y., will sing Friday at 7:30 p. m. in Emmanuel Episcopal Church on E. Massachusetts Ave., presenting a selection of sacred music and anthems.

Directed by the Rev. Frank C. Leeming, the choir is stopping over Friday night in Southern Pines while on its annual spring tour. The 35 young men composing the choir will stay with families of Emmanuel Church.

Because the presentation is an evensong service of the church, there will be no admission charge but an offering will be taken to cover expenses and to make a contribution to St. Peter's School.

The school, founded in 1938, is noted for its glee club and choirs. The musical service will be open to the public.

PTA CANCELLED

The March meeting of the East Southern Pines Parent-Teachers Association, scheduled for Monday night of this week, was cancelled because of weather conditions and difficulty in obtaining a speaker. C. S. Patch, Jr., president, said that the meeting will not be rescheduled. Next meeting will be Monday, April 11.