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DR. MONROE OF SANFORD SHOT BY CRAZED MAN

Well Known Physician in Critical Condition with Five Bullet Wounds

W. A. MANESS ARRESTED

BULLETIN

At time of going to press late Thursday afternoon, Dr. Monroe's condition was reported to The Pilot as distinctly favorable.

Dr. John P. Monroe, of Sanford, one of the leading physicians of this section of North Carolina and well known throughout the state, was shot five times by W. A. Maness of Sanford, a former patient in the State Hospital at Raleigh, late Wednesday afternoon at the corner of Hawkins avenue and Carthage street. Dr. Monroe lies in a critical condition at the Central Carolina Hospital of which he is the owner. Maness is under arrest.

The nursing of an imaginary grievance in the diseased mind of the assailant is responsible for the shooting. Maness is said to have made the statement that Dr. Monroe had tried to poison him and his whole family. He has also been heard to have made threats against the lives of other citizens of Sanford, but he was believed to be harmless.

Dr. Monroe, who was born near Vass and whose family has long been prominently identified with the entire Sandhills country, owning much land in and near Southern Pines and Manley, had stopped at a filling station when Maness approached him and started to shoot. J. C. Boone, one of the operators of the filling station, attempted to intervene but was threatened with his life. Five shots were fired, lodging in one hand, one arm, the side of the face, neck and in the thigh. One bullet passed dangerously near the spinal column. An arm was broken. Dr. Monroe was rushed to the hospital in an army truck which chanced to be passing, and Maness was apprehended at the Maness Hotel, of which Mrs. Maness is proprietor.

Some fifteen relatives and friends of Dr. Monroe were in Jack's Grill, Southern Pines and had just ordered dinner when the telephone rang and a member of the party informed of the shooting. The dinner, which was to be in honor of Miss Laura Ray, niece of Dr. Monroe, who is to be married Saturday to Dr. George Edward Romaine Harvey, was immediately abandoned and the party left for Sanford.

Dr. Monroe is well known and much beloved by a large number of residents of this section who are hoping for his rapid recovery.

HEALY AND PAGE TO HANDLE DESOTO IN TWO STATES

J. V. Healy and Jesse W. Page, Jr., have formed a partnership to be known as the Coastal Motor Company for the distribution of DeSoto automobiles, products of the Chrysler Corporation, in a large territory of North and South Carolina, with offices and distributing points at Fayetteville, N. C., and Florence, S. C., C. W. Spears of Southern Pines will be manager.

The general office will be maintained in Fayetteville, in addition to a salesroom, and at Florence the firm will handle both DeSoto and Franklin cars from its retail agency.

TO HOLD FOOD SALE FOR BAPTIST CHURCH BENEFIT

The ladies of the Baptist Church will hold a Food Sale tomorrow morning (Saturday) in the vacant store in the Gichner-Johnson Building, next door to the Postoffice. The proceeds will be used for new pews for the church.

The Rev. C. K. Proctor, superintendent of the Oxford Orphanage, was elected president of the North Carolina Orphan Association at the annual meeting held Wednesday in Raleigh.

The Rev. L. B. Compton, of Asheville, well known in Southern Pines, was elected first vice-president.

County Moore Mills Acquired by New York Interests



Textile Plant at Hemp to Manufacture Rayon and Silk Products under name of Hemp Silk Mills

PEACH INDUSTRY RECEIVES BOOM FROM THE WEST

S. A. Gerrard Co. Backs Up Optimism by Taking On 1,000 Acres Here

INSTITUTE TALK REVIVED

A silver lining has appeared on the rim of the cloud which settled over the Sandhills peach belt following the recent rather disastrous season. It appears in the form of an announcement sent to The Pilot from the S. A. Gerrard Company of Cincinnati, Ohio, one of the companies which played an important part in the marketing of the 1929 crop here.

The Gerrard Company states that it is not discouraged as a result of this year's market, that it is "sold" on the future of the peach industry in this section, that it considers the present the time "to play ball," and that it will back up its optimism in the Sandhills peach belt by "taking on" 1,000 acres for next season.

If properly handled, the future is all right, the company states, expressing the belief that last season was the "darkness before the dawn."

Where is Institute?

The Pilot has interviewed other local growers during the past few weeks and found a note of optimism breaking through after the despair which settled on the section in July and August. One big grower asked what had become of the campaign started by the Kiwanis Club during the close of the season to organize a "peach institute" for the purpose of cooperation among growers that each might benefit by the mistakes and successes of others, making for a better fruit generally from this section, and doing away with the pests which practically ruined the 1929 crop insofar as scientific cultivation can do away with them. An enthusiastic meeting of peach growers and representatives of State agricultural bodies was held some weeks ago out of which something definite in the way of organization was expected to come, but this grower, who attended that meeting, stated that insofar as he knew, nothing had been done further. It is expected that the matter will be brought up at next week's meeting of the Kiwanis Club for discussion of ways and means of procedure.

The importance of the peach industry to the Sandhills merits every possible effort to save it, and it is expected that all interests will unite on any definite plan which points in the right direction.

LOCAL SHRINERS INVITED TO SHRINE MOVIE SUNDAY

Local Shriners have been invited to attend a showing of the Shrine motion picture, "An Equal Chance," to be given by the Sanford Shrine on Sunday next, October 5th, at 2 o'clock in the afternoon at the Temple Theatre. They are asked to bring any crippled children they know of to the picture show, and to wear the fez. A large number from Aberdeen are planning to motor to Sanford for the event.

Plans for the annual Harvest Ball, the first of the larger social events of the winter season, are being made by J. V. Healy, Charles W. Picquet and others. No definite date or place has been set as yet, but the ball will be either the last week of October or the first of November, it is said, and will probably be held at the Pinehurst Country Club.

Spelling Bee

Kiwanians Choose Up Sides and Attempt to Answer Educational Questionnaire

If a stranger had chanced into the Church of Wide Fellowship about 1 o'clock on Wednesday afternoon he would have thought he was back in the old country schoolhouse. Ten good Kiwanians and true stood up on either side of the room in what looked for all the world like an old-fashioned spelling bee, and it was almost that.

Secretary Herbert Vail was putting the boys through a catechism of Kiwanian, in an endeavor to find out how much they knew about their club. Twenty questions were asked, ten for each side, one for each member of either team. John Bloxham chose one team. Frank Buchanan the other. John's team won. When a member missed a question, he was ordered to sit down. There were six of John's men standing at the end of the questionnaire, only four of Frank's.

Now all the Kiwanians know more about their organization.

Dr. L. B. McBrayer was appointed chairman of the programme committee for the rest of the year.

D. A. R. PLANS FOR CONVENTION ON NOVEMBER 1ST.

National Officers Will Attend Southern District Session To Be Held Here

4TH DIST. MEETS OCT. 18

Mrs. James B. Swett, chapter regent of the Alfred Moore Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution, acting as hostess for Mrs. Hoyt Shaw, opened her town residence on Ridge street, Southern Pines, Tuesday afternoon, and, with the assistance of her daughters, entertained very delightfully the members of the chapter at their third meeting of this season. Plans for the Southern District meeting here on December 1st and 2d were discussed.

The presence and words of greeting from Mrs. Allen, the mother of the "History of Moore County," now Johnson were appreciated and enjoyed by the other members and guests. After the opening exercises, conducted by Mrs. B. W. Leavitt the chapter treasurer, the business for the day began.

Exceedingly important national and local constructive work is being constantly planned and executed by the many chapters of the D. A. R. One single item—re-forestation and forest conservation—seems alone an excuse for the existence of the society, and a D. A. R. forest in each county of each state in the United States of America, is not a dream but will soon be a realization.

Driving from Carthage on a day such as last Tuesday, might have been the occasion to present to Mrs. H. F. Seawell, Mrs. L. P. Tyson, Jr., Mrs. J. L. McGraw and Miss Williams, medals for bravery, or at least for faithfulness. Miss Williams was a guest from the Cornelius Garnett Chapter of Dunn, N. C.

Mrs. Charles R. Whitaker, North Carolina State Regent, whose presence at the meetings is always a pleasure and an honor, requested that the excellent paper on Defense of Cultural Relations, by Mrs. Melvin Sanborn, be preserved and placed in

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DWIGHT AGAIN HEADS SUNDAY SCHOOL ASS'N.

Annual County Convention Held at West End is Great Success

INTERESTING ADDRESSES

Under the auspices of the Moore County and the North Carolina Sunday School Associations the annual County Sunday School convention was held at West End Methodist Church West End, last Saturday night and Sunday, September 28 and 29.

The State organization was represented by Miss Daisy Magee, of Raleigh, superintendent of Children's Division, North Carolina S. S. Association, who gave a splendid address at each session of the convention. At the Sunday morning session W. D. Matthews of Vass very ably discussed "Practical Plans for Building Up the Sunday School."

The devotional exercises at the afternoon session were conducted by Miss Alice Wheeler in a most reverent and impressive manner. M. G. Boyette, teacher of a large men's class at Carthage, spoke on "Effective Organization and Activities of the Adult Class," at the afternoon session.

The pennant, which is given annually to the Sunday School having in the session of the convention the largest average attendance of representatives, sixteen years of age and over, according to miles traveled, was awarded to Yates-Thaggard Baptist Sunday school, which is located between Southern Pines and Carthage, near the old Thaggard Mill site.

Officers Elected

F. M. Dwight of Lakeview was re-elected president of the County Sunday School Association and M. G. Boyette of Carthage, vice president. W. C. Wicker of Aberdeen was re-elected secretary-treasurer for the ensuing year.

A bountiful dinner was served at the noon hour Sunday on the church grounds. Everything that could be desired was on the menu, including plenty of delicious hot coffee.

All the sessions of the convention were well attended by a representative number of the Sunday School workers of the county. The spirit of the convention tended to show that interest in Sunday School work is increasing very satisfactorily in Moore county, and those in charge of the work feel that even more will be done during the coming year.

The next session of the convention goes to Southern Pines Baptist church.

ANNUAL HOME-COMING AT BETHESDA SUNDAY

The Annual Home-Coming for Bethesda Church will be held at the old church near Aberdeen on next Sunday, October 6th. The Rev. Murdoch McLeod of Pinehurst, one of our best and most popular ministers in the state, will preach at 11:30 in the morning, at which time the regular quarterly Communion services will be held and the Rev. Make McNeill, of Cameron, likewise one of our most beloved preachers, will preach at 2:30 in the afternoon. A basket lunch will be served in the church grove between these services, and a joyful home-coming of the friends of Old Bethesda is anticipated.

The Walter Hines Page Memorial Highway is now open to traffic.

Hemp Mill Acquired by New York Interests for Manufacture of Rayon

Operations to Be Resumed at Once in Plant of
County Moore Mills, With New Machinery
and New Management

SEVENTY-FIVE TO BE EMPLOYED

Negotiations were completed at Pinehurst early this week between the Bank of Pinehurst and prominent New York interests involving the sale of the textile mill property formerly known as County Moore Mills at Hemp, a transaction which will be of inestimable value to Moore county in general and the development of the section around Hemp in particular.

Under the name of Hemp Silk Mills, Incorporated, New York capitalists will immediately complete the equipment of the mill by the installation of new machinery and necessary material to carry on the manufacture of silk and rayon products, running the plant at full capacity. The new interests hope and confidently expect to have everything in readiness to operate before the first of the year and will give employment to a large number of textile workers. They have already taken possession and will proceed with the rehabilitation of the property as rapidly as possible.

Mill Built in 1924

County Moore Mills, Inc., was organized in 1924 and the mill and tenant houses were built under the supervision of Lockwood, Green & Co., well known engineers, of Boston, Mass. The construction and equipment were of the very best, and the better and rayon produced were of the highest quality, but the depression in the textile business through which the country has recently passed compelled the cessation of operations and the property passed into the hands of the Bank of Pinehurst, from whom it was acquired by the new firm. No announcement of the purchasers has been made, and The Pilot was unable to ascertain the names of the new operators either at Hemp or from the Bank of Pinehurst.

The hum of machinery will be music to the business men of Hemp, and the resumption of operations will undoubtedly result in substantial improvement in the village and its environs in the western part of the county.

Interview by The Pilot at Hemp, Superintendent Mesimore, who is in charge of the mill, stated that Hemp Silk Mills, Inc. will formally open its doors to begin business "at the old stand" within a few weeks. The mill, he said, was being completely renovated and a gang of men is engaged in removing the machinery which will not be needed by the new corporation. This includes all machinery formerly used in the manufacture of materials other than rayon. Only high quality rayon and silk products will be made in the plant, Mr. Mesimore said.

New Machinery Ordered

Machinery to replace that being removed is now being ordered in the northern markets and will be put in place early next month. Production will be under way soon after.

T. T. Lucas of Charlotte will be the officer of the company in charge of operations and management of the plant. He is at present attending to the outside connections and purchasing the necessary supplies, machines and other equipment. He plans to move to Hemp just as soon as possible, taking his family there to reside.

At the present time the mill contains 100 looms, but if the plans of those in charge materialize, it is probable that a few months will see another hundred machines added as there is ample room for this additional equipment and it is hoped that the near future will warrant the installation. Seventy-five persons will be employed at the start, it is stated, and special consideration will be given those found to be well suited to textile operation. The same wage scale as was formerly in force at the County Moore Mills will prevail, it is stated.

Rumors have swept the Hemp community for the past few weeks, regarding the opening of the mill, but

no definite facts have been known. However, applicants for work in the mill have besieged Mr. Mesimore to the number of thirty or more daily. Some few old workers have been re-engaged, but for the most part, those who apply for jobs must prove their ability.

Hemp is to be congratulated upon this sale to a national organization. This means that few lay-offs and shut-downs due to lack of orders will result. It means that capital will be provided to assure the success of the project and it means that hundreds of persons in the community will have certainty of a good living. The whole town will be better off and the factor of the weekly payroll, running into hundreds of dollars, is not lightly to be considered.

Little information is at present available on the details surrounding the purchase. It is thought that the Hemp Silk Mills is only one in a chain of several others. The whole output of the Hemp mill will be purchased regularly by the corporation, or a subsidiary. This same concern buys at present the output of other North Carolina mills, so the Hemp mill will merely be added to the list.

Tobacco Prices Jump on Warehouse Floors

High Grade Leaf Appeals on
Local Market and Good
Sales Result

The most encouraging tobacco market from the standpoint of prices since the opening on Tuesday, September 24th, was that of yesterday when prices were running on an average of around 18 cents on the floors of Aberdeen's two warehouses. After two days of rain which curtailed the activity on the local market the farmers brought in loads of high grade leaf yesterday, and the better quality, together with possibly some influence due to the Washington price conference early in the week, resulted in the best bidding on the part of the buyers thus far this season.

The Saunders Warehouse had sold 80,000 pounds before noon, and there was a good sale at the Aberdeen Warehouse.

Reports from Washington were to the effect that the conference there of prominent tobacco growers, manufacturers and federal officials had proved most satisfactory, and that the direct exchange of views was likely to lead to better conditions. Provisions was made for future discussions and for the adoption of a farm policy that will tend to prevent over-production of tobacco. These points were highly recommended as vital to relief. Study of the needs of the world and diversification of crops; co-operative marketing organizations, backed by U. S. funds, that the growers may have some voice in fixing the price of their crops; tobacco grading. Poor quality tobacco and over-production were the reasons advanced for the low prices thus far this season.

CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR MEETING AT VASS, OCT. 13

The Moore County Christian Endeavor Union and Sandhill District Christian Endeavor Union will hold a joint convention in the Vass-Lakeview School building, Sunday, October 13th. This will be a two-session convention, the afternoon meeting to begin at 3:00 o'clock, the evening session at 6:45, with a "model" Christian Endeavor meeting. This will be followed by a report of the delegates who attended the International Convention in Kansas City.

Mr. Breg, the All-South Secretary of Christian Endeavor, from Atlanta, will deliver an address at the evening session. An announcement in detail will be made next week.