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FIVE CENTS

GIRL NARROWLY ESCAPES DEATH ON PAGE HILL

Automobile Turns Three Somersaults in Mad Dash Down Embankment

622 KILLED IN STATE

The inadequacy of North Carolina's automobile laws almost cost the life of Miss Eva Martell, pretty Carolina Hotel waitress from Pinehurst, on Page Hill in Aberdeen last Friday night. Miss Martell is now out of danger in the Moore County Hospital, but her life was despaired of when the young woman was rushed there a week ago, and only the heroic and skillful efforts of Dr. Clement Monroe and staff physicians saved her life.

Anyone may drive a car in North Carolina. V. B. Johnson of Southern Pines loaned his car to a friend who happens to be a skillful and careful driver, in fact a licensed chauffeur in New York State. But this friend in turn loaned the car to a young man last Friday evening to take a young lady to a dance at Pinebluff. Rounding the turn into Aberdeen on Page Hill, this young man lost control of the car, which must have been going at high speed, and it left the highway and rolled down the hill, making three complete somersaults. Miss Martell was rendered unconscious and appeared at the time to be fatally injured. The driver, William Kelly, employed by P. S. P. Randolph at Pinehurst, miraculously escaped injury.

The owner of the automobile, which was badly damaged, knew nothing of the accident. In other states it would be in violation of law to permit the operation of your automobile by an unlicensed driver. In this state no license is required. Anyone may drive anyone's car, whether a fit and proper person, whether physically and mentally capable, whether sober or otherwise. The highways are yours, to drive as you will, "let the chips fall where they may."

Picquet Loses Car

A colored boy "borrowed" Charles W. Picquet's car in Pinehurst Wednesday night and started for Southern Pines over the old road. He and a driver in the opposite direction approached a narrow bridge at the same time, and each tried to reach the bridge ahead of the other. The colored boy lost the race, and Charlie Picquet is out one automobile. It crashed into the side of the steel bridge and was almost completely wrecked. The colored boy is in the hospital with three broken ribs and other injuries. Charlie didn't know he had the car. The borrowing was surreptitious.

Year's Toll Reaches 622

Sixty-six deaths were recorded in the state in November from automobile accidents. This was a decrease from the 77 reported for November of last year, but brought the total for the year 1929 to 622, as against 590 a year ago. The injured for the year to December 1st, total 5,176.

Automobile collisions with pedestrians killed more than any other class of motor accidents last month

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Tobacco Men Vote Co-op Association

Farmers at Raleigh Meeting Almost Unanimous in Favor of Organization

By a vote of 479 for and three against farmers of North Carolina voted at Raleigh on Tuesday to organize a tobacco co-operative association. Dean I. O. Schaub, director of the extension service of State College, who called the meeting, will name a nominating committee of five outstanding tobacco farmers, representing the various sections of the tobacco farming district, who will in turn name an organization committee and call another meeting of farmers within a short time to perfect the organization.

Dean Schaub outlined a tentative organization on a district basis of the tobacco section of the state, 50,000 acres to each district, giving fifteen in all.

James C. Stone, formerly president of the Kentucky Burley Tobacco Growers Association and new vice-president of the Federal Farm Board was the chief speaker.

RALPH PAGE ON THE EDITORIAL PAGE TODAY

In an article on "Land Values—A History and a Prophecy," appearing on the Editorial Page in this number of The Pilot, Ralph Page shows something of the cycles through which land investments hereabouts pass, and says: "Within five years we will see agricultural land again selling above its value, and people rushing from the very centers of financial erudition to buy farms, and the whole procession beginning over again."

Another Sandhills author, either James Boyd, Katharine Newlin Burt, Almet Jenks, Dr. E. M. Poate, Harriet Ogden or Gertrude Carver will appear in the next issue of The Pilot, on January 3d. There will be no Pilot next week.

RED CROSS ROLL CALL IN COUNTY NETS \$1,549.50

More Than \$1,000 Added to Local Fund for Work in This Section

ONE THOUSAND DONORS

Mrs. J. H. Sutfenfield of Pinebluff, Moore County Roll Call Chairman of the American Red Cross, makes the following splendid report on the 1929-1930 Roll Call in the county, showing a grand total collected of \$1,549.50: Aberdeen—memberships: one contributing, 127 annual; donations, \$13.00; total, \$145.00. Addor, three annual memberships, \$3.00.

Cameron, eleven annual memberships, \$11.00.

Carthage, 70 annual memberships, \$70.00.

Eagle Springs—Memberships: three sustaining, sixteen annual; donations, \$50.00; total, \$96.00.

Eureka—Ten annual memberships, \$10.00.

Hemp—No report.

Lakeview, 26 annual memberships, \$26.00.

Jackson Springs, nine annual memberships, \$9.00.

Manley, four annual memberships, \$4.00.

Niagara, twenty-four annual memberships; donation, \$1.00; total \$25.00.

Vass, eighteen annual memberships, \$18.00.

Pinehurst—Memberships: Three supporting; five sustaining, twenty-three contributing, 374 annual; donations, \$30.00; total \$742.25.

Pinebluff, four contributing, 96 annual; donations, \$5.00; total \$121.00.

Southern Pines, one sustaining, ten contributing, 176 annual; donations, \$21.50; total \$256.50.

West End, thirteen annual, \$13.00.

Grand total, three supporting, nine sustaining, thirty-eight contributing, 976 annual; miscellaneous donations, \$218.50, total \$1,549.50; total national, \$513.00, total local, \$1,036.50.

Sold Unlabeled Poison, Druggist is Fined

Jail Sentence for Operating Store Without License Adds To Troubles

S. L. Burns was tried in Moore County Recorder's Court at Carthage on Monday on a charge of operating a drug store without a permit. The defendant pleaded guilty to selling poison without label, and not guilty to operating drug store without the required permit. He was found guilty, and fined \$25.00 and the cost on the first charge and on the second was given four months in jail to be assigned to work on roads for term of four months, execution and commitment to issue at the will of the court.

Will Jackson will render to his county six months' service on the roads, having been found guilty of larceny. He will be assisted for a period of thirty days by Jim McLaughlin, who was found guilty of public drunkenness.

E. A. Hussey was defendant in two cases, charged in one with assault with a deadly weapon, namely, an axe, and in the other with assault with a deadly weapon and reckless driving. He was found not guilty in the first

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KIWANIS RAISES XMAS FUND FOR USEFUL PRESENTS

Welfare Worker Given Sum to Fill Stockings of Needy Children

BION H. BUTLER TALKS

At the meeting of the Kiwanis club at the Community House at Pinehurst Wednesday the question of a Christmas Daddy to look after the children who might otherwise be without Christmas remembrance was arranged. A hundred dollars from the regular fund was appropriated for a basis of the Christmas appropriations swelled the sum to a much greater figure which was turned over to Miss McLeod, the assistant Health and Welfare officer of the county, to use to the best advantage. One feature was suggested, which is that as far as possible the gifts should be of useful character rather than toys and similar temporary things. Miss McLeod, who was present, expressed her appreciation of the offering and also told the members that at this season Santa Claus will be a welcome guest at many Moore county homes because of this contribution, where otherwise he might fail to find his way.

Livingston Biddle mentioned the work the Forestry Association is doing in the county and asked the club to lend a hand in securing more members to the organization, that the fund available for fighting woods fires might be increased. Members of the organization pay two cents an acre, and the sum raised is matched by an equal amount from the state and another sum from the Federal government. The work accomplished by the organization has been highly effective.

Shields Cameron announced the coming to the Congregational Church in Southern Pines at an early date of Senator Smith Wildman Brookhart, who will talk on weather prohibition has been effective or not. Senator Brookhart is a prominent member of Congress and will present a point that should bring out a big audience. After all business had been disposed of Dr. McBrayer presented Bion H. Butler, editor of the Pilot, in a flattering way, and the frightened brother talked to some extent on harmony and united effort on the part of the various members of the Sandhills community, saying that with the broad field of opportunity at hand harmony can accomplish anything, but the lack of harmony is suicide.

Automobile Crop is Good Around Vass

Two Abandoned Cars Found Doing Past Week (and One Owner Located)

Two abandoned cars have been found near Vass within the past few days. The first, a Buick club coupe, was found just north of the town on Highway 50 by George Hilliard, section foreman. It was apparently in good condition, but the gas supply was exhausted. Mr. Hilliard pulled the car in and notified officials in Raleigh. After several days the owner was located, but he had not come to claim the car the first of the week.

The second, an Essex, was found by J. M. Tyson, Saturday. Mr. Tyson was in his field between the railroad and the highway when he discovered the car on an old road that is seldom used. It could not be seen from the highway. Mr. Tyson thinks it probable that the car was abandoned some time during Friday night. One tire was done, but the car was in running condition and the switch key was in place.

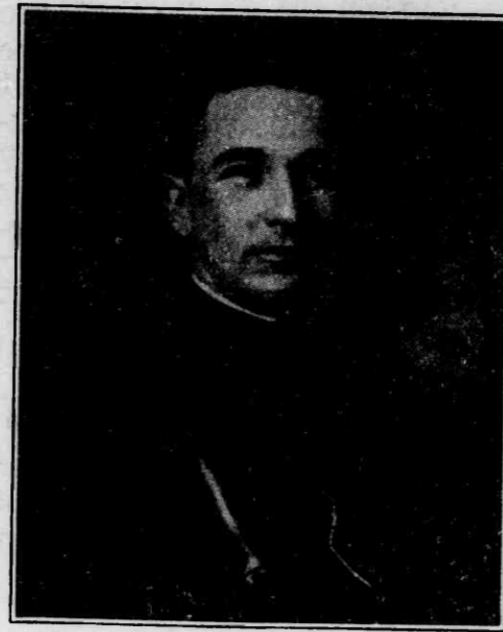
NO PILOT PUBLISHED DURING CHRISTMAS WEEK

In accordance with its custom, The Pilot will not be published Christmas week. It is the Staff's Christmas present to one another to rest up and prepare for a bigger and better paper during the coming year.

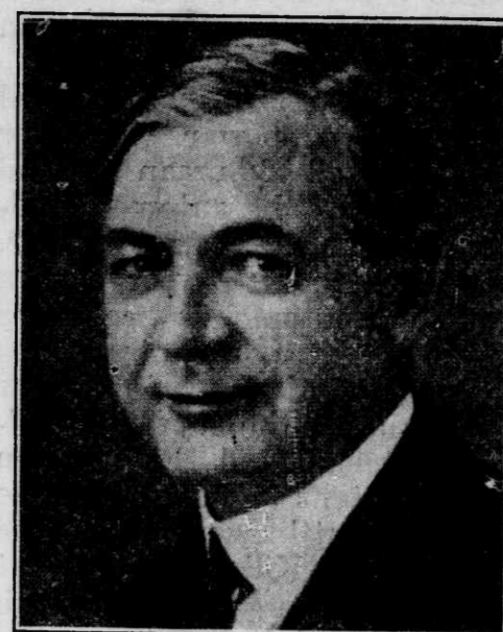
We take this opportunity to wish our readers and advertisers the merriest kind of a Christmas, and a New Year of health, wealth and happiness.

—The Editor.

TO GUIDE DESTINY OF KIWANIS



Frank D. Shamburger of Aberdeen President



P. Frank Buchan Southern Pines Vice President

The Kiwanis Club of Aberdeen, comprising the entire Sandhill section, enters upon another year of activity of a civic and charitable nature with its meeting the first week of January, at which time the new officers will be inaugurated. Frank D. Shamburger of Aberdeen succeeds Murdoch M. Johnson of Aberdeen as president, P. Frank Buchan of Southern Pines takes Jerry V. Healy's

place as vice-president, I. C. Sledge of Pinehurst succeeds Dan I. McKeithen of Aberdeen as treasurer. Herbert Vail is secretary of the club, Richard Tufts, Pinehurst the new trustee.

The Kiwanis Club is looked upon generally as the leading agency for good to the whole community in the community, and has a proud record of accomplishment in the past and a constructive program for the year.

NEW POSTOFFICE BILL PASSED BY HOUSE TUESDAY

Pinehurst and Southern Pines Due to Get Federal Building Under Measure

BUT WHEN IS QUESTION

The House of Representatives at Washington on Tuesday passed the Elliott Public Buildings bill to authorize the expenditure of \$230,000,000 for construction of federal buildings throughout the country.

This is the bill under which Pinehurst, Sanford and Southern Pinehope to get new postoffices. These three cities are included in the list, being among those having annual postal receipts of \$20,000 or more not yet provided with government buildings.

A despatch to The Pilot from Washington, in announcing passage of the bill in the House, says:

"Preference will be given in allocating the fund to a group of about 49 cities having receipts of between \$10,000 and \$20,000 annually in which sites have already been secured."

This has reference to the more immediate building program. Just when the Sandhills cities will be reached is indefinite, but with regard to Southern Pines, the Chamber of Commerce recently appointed a committee to take steps to expedite in any way possible the procuring of prompt action for a federal building there, and it is probable that a delegation will go to Washington in the near future in the interest of the movement. That Pinehurst will take some similar action is probable.

The bill has yet to steer a successful course through the Senate, but with the President committed to a policy of expansion along federal building lines, in the interest of employment and stabilization of conditions generally, there is not thought to be much question but that the measure will become a law.

Granville A. Dietz Escapes from Prison

Granville A. Dietz, slayer of Chief of Police Joseph Kelly of Southern Pines on March 20th last, escaped from the State Prison Farm at Caledonia last Thursday and is still at large.

Dietz was serving a sentence of from 25 to 30 years for murder in the second degree, on which charge he was found guilty in Carthage on May 25th. He had served less than seven months of his long sentence. No trace of him has been found and he is believed to have escaped with the aid of outsiders who carried him away in an automobile. A car bearing a West Virginia license and containing two young women was seen near the prison several days before the escape. The young woman who aided Dietz to evade justice before his capture resides in West Virginia.

M'DONALD, PAGE ON COMMITTEE OF PEACH INSTITUTE

Association Executives From North and South Carolina Named by Ross

1930 AIMS OUTLINED

Election of L. I. Guion of Lugoff, S. C., as vice president and formulating a definite program for 1930 was the principal work of the executive committee of the Carolina Peach Institute in session here last week. Eight of the 14 members of the committee were present, and the other six sent messages giving good reasons for their absence.

The executive committee named by President George Ross and Secretary Fred Abbott upon authority of the Peach Institute when it was organized here in November is composed of six men from North Carolina and five men from South Carolina. The sixth South Carolina member is to be named later. The North Carolina members are W. R. Land, Hamlet; T. A. Haywood, Candor; C. B. Edwards, Candor; M. C. McDonald, West End; J. H. Beaumont, State College and Ralph Page, Aberdeen. The South Carolina members are T. B. Young, Florence; R. A. McGinty, Clemson College; D. L. White, McBee; and A. G. Smith, Edmunds.

The secretary was instructed to prepare and issue to all peach growers in the Carolinas a letter embodying in his program a soliciting membership in the institute. Membership is without dues or expense to the growers, arrangements have been made for financing the preliminary operations of the institute.

The aims of the institute for 1930 were set forth yesterday as follows: Elimination of abandoned orchards; systematic and uniform control of insects and diseases; ways and means of prohibiting the shipment or movement into trade channels of non-marketable fruit.

The committee has investigated plans for co-operation with the South Carolina Peach Association, a well established marketing organization with headquarters at Florence.

GREENWICH VILLAGE BAND SECURED FOR LEGION BALL

The advance stories from up north have it that Earl Hanson's Greenwich Village Orchestra, which has been engaged to play at the American Legion Ball at the Pinehurst Country Club on the night of December 27th, is "some" orchestra. It consists of eleven artists of jazz and dance music and the boys have been making a tour of several states, their last big engagement being at the Atlantic City Steel Pier. They go from here to Atlanta to play at the big New Year's Eve ball there.

Tickets are now on sale for the Legion party, obtainable from members of Sandhill Post or at various drug stores about the community. It bids fair to be the big event of the holiday season.

MANY CONTRIBUTE TO GOOD FELLOW CHRISTMAS FUND

Aberdeen and Neighborhood to Be Served Through Charity of New Club

DONATIONS REQUESTED

With the list of Aberdeen's "Good Fellows" swelled by the generous contributions of the community, it looks like a real Merry Christmas for the needy people of the town and neighborhood.

Mrs. J. R. Page is chairman of the Charity Committee of the Aberdeen Good Fellows Club, and her committee met at her home last Tuesday. The work of the club last year and its plans for this season were highly commended at this meeting. It was suggested that all names thought worthy of gifts from the organization be telephoned or mailed to the chairman of the Charity committee. A discussion of the area to be served brought out the suggestion that it be confined to Aberdeen and the immediate suburbs not served by any other charitable institution.

Substantial articles will be placed in the baskets, with a scattering of toys and knick-knacks for the little ones to brighten up their day next Wednesday.

Donations Required

The vacant store next to the Post-office, in the Gichner-Johnson Building, was decided upon for the concentration point for supplies. Donations of cast-off or outgrown clothing, canned and preserved fruits, vegetables and all useful articles of food or clothing will be gratefully received at this supply depot between now and Christmas.

The Good Fellows club was made a permanent organization by a meeting in the office of Johnson & Johnson last Friday, the following officers and executive committee being elected: Murdoch Johnson, president; Gloma A. Charles, vice-president; Dan I. McKeithen, treasurer; the officers and Robert N. Page, John G. Nichols, G. C. Seymour, Hardin Gunter and Nelson C. Hyde, executive committee.

Mrs. J. R. Page is chairman of the Charity committee to recommend worthy cases for the beneficence of the club, and Gloma Charles is chairman of the Purchasing committee.

Those who have signed the pledge sheets placed in various officers and stores in Aberdeen during the past week are as follows:

Many Contributions

H. F. Yost, C. C. Kennedy, J. W. Fov, F. Ford, Buck Tarlton, G. J. Burney, J. Fiddler, R. F. Stewart, Arthur Siscoos, Robert E. Cook, G. W. C. Rush, Alton McLean, E. M. Medlin, C. M. Wilson, J. D. Frink, H. McC. Blue, C. B. Brasington, J. W. Page, Jr., T. P. McKenzie, H. A. Page, Jr., F. D. Shamburger, W. L. Batchelor, Fred E. Plinchum, N. A. McKeithen Jr., Harold Weaver, J. C. Tilly, Jr., Class IV Methodist Sunday School, H. C. Taylor, Henry A. Page, M. F. Butner, E. L. Pleasants, Jr.,

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Hospital May Build New Nurses' Home

Success of Institution From Day It Opened Prompts Talk Of Expansion

The success of the Moore County hospital at Pinehurst has been so decided, with nearly every bed taken already, and the whole machinery Hospital at Pinehurst has been so de-Hospital functioning in fine shape, that the management is talking about a new building for a home for nurses. The cost would probably be about \$10,000, but it is believed the sum can be secured. The doctors of the county, in the County Medical Association, have taken an effective hand in lending their help to the new institution, and a working organization is formed which presages the utmost good. Dr. Mudgett is chairman of the board of the society in its hospital work, and he like all the others doctors, is enthusiastic over the plans the society has made in connection with the hospital. The vigorous action the doctors have taken in keeping with the excellent equipment of the institution, and the joint results will be to create at Pinehurst an instrument for health and treatment that is out of the ordinary in all its phases.