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## CHRISTMAS CLUB CONTEST WON BY MRS. E. E. MERRILL

The Pilot Presents Ford Sedan  
For Victory in Subscription  
Campaign

MRS. F. L. DUPONT SECOND

The Pilot's Christmas Club Campaign wound up in a blaze of glory Monday afternoon with Mrs. Earl E. Merrill of Southern Pines winning the most votes in its circulation contest. Mrs. Merrill had a total of 2,370,800 votes, nosing out Mrs. F. L. Dupont of Pinehurst, who led during a part of the campaign by 253,200 votes.

During the last week of the campaign the ballots were deposited in a sealed box in the Page Trust Company in Aberdeen so that none of the contestants knew her position in the standing until the judges opened the box at 3 o'clock Monday afternoon. The judges were G. C. Seymour, former mayor of Aberdeen, M. C. McDonald, West End, former county commissioner, and Assemblyman Union L. Spence of Carthage. Due to absence from town Mr. Spence was unable to officiate as a judge, Messrs. Seymour and McDonald tallying the final votes and checking the figures kept at The Pilot office during the contest.

Votes were credited to contestants in proportion to the number of paid-in-advance subscriptions to The Pilot turned in by them. New subscriptions counted more than renewals, one year subscriptions more than six months' subscriptions, and so on. The race was a merry one, with the winners always in doubt. Mrs. Merrill, Mrs. Dupont and Mrs. N. M. McKeithen of Aberdeen were closely bunched until the final week. Mrs. Merrill and Mrs. Dupont both deposited a large number of new subscriptions in the ballot box the final week, and it was well into the afternoon on Monday before the judges knew which was about to become the proud possessor of a shiny new Ford sedan.

### The Prize Winners

Mrs. Dupont won \$200 in cash as second prize. She hurried to the telephone and called up her husband, who conducts the book store in Pinehurst, and said: "Hello, Frank, I've got \$200. Shall I come home?" Frank apparently thought that was a good idea, as Mrs. Dupont hurried from the office. The third prize was a Majestic Radio, purchased from the Freeman Furniture Company in Aberdeen. This was won by Mrs. McKeithen. The other prizes in the order named were:

Mrs. Annie Laura Weaver, Aberdeen, diamond ring.

Miss Elizabeth Keith, Vass, \$50 in cash.

Mrs. S. R. Ransdell, Pinehurst, wrist watch.

Miss Hazel Frye, Carthage, \$25. in cash.

Miss Aline Thomas, Cameron, cedar chest.

Mrs. Ethel S. Howie, Pinebluff, six month's pass to the Carolina Theatre, donated by Charles W. Picquet.

The Ford Tudor Sedan, purchased from the H. A. Page, Jr., garage in Aberdeen, was presented to Mrs. Merrill immediately after the announcement of the awards. All prizes were presented that afternoon to the contestants, and they were a happy lot. They had worked hard for seven weeks, had earned their rewards, and there was a prize for each and every contestant.

The Pilot considers the campaign a splendid success. Its purpose was to increase the circulation of the paper so that it may better serve the community. Before the campaign the circulation of The Pilot was approximately 1,200 copies per week. It now boasts of over 2,000, and offers to its advertisers complete coverage of Moore county, for The Pilot circulation is community circulation. Only during the summer months when the winter residents are away does this newspaper leave the section in any great proportion. Then The Pilot follows its roving clientele to the far corners of the globe.

## The Kiwanis Kris Kringle Headquarters



Store in Southern Pines from which more than a thousand needy persons of the Sandhills received their Christmas cheer, thanks to the charity and generosity of hundreds of citizens. In the picture with the huge collection of clothing for the poor is P. Frank Buchan, chairman of the Kiwanis Christmas Daddies Committee, which collected and distributed clothing and food to upwards of three hundred families.

## COMMISSIONERS TO CONSIDER SALARY CUTS IN COUNTY

Hearing to be Held at Court  
House in Carthage To Discuss  
Possible Revision

### FEAR REDUCED REVENUE

A possible downward revision of salaries with possible abandonment of some county offices will be discussed at a hearing to be held before the Board of County Commissioners at the Court House in Carthage at 2 o'clock next Tuesday afternoon.

Not much is being broadcast about the hearing, but it is known that some representative citizens of the county have been asked to be present and state their views at that time. The story goes that the commissioners fear the 1930 county revenue will not be sufficient to meet all demands on the treasury in the shape of current expenses, salaries, bond interest, school expense, highway maintenance, etc., due to the expected decrease in appraisals of county real estate. This means increased taxes or decreased expenses, and the new Board of Commissioners is desirous of ascertaining whether the county salary list can be pruned without serious curtailment of necessary county administrative activities. That is the purpose of next Tuesday's hearing.

### Where to Begin?

Just where the Board would begin on the pruning is not known. There are those who believe that there are one or two needless jobs in the county, but these are not jobs which carry high salaries, and their entire abandonment would have little effect on the tax rate. It is estimated by some familiar with county government that salary reductions which have at times been considered, plus abandonment of certain offices which also have been suggested, would not bring about a reduction of more than two cents in the present tax rate.

Before the last election there was a hue and cry in several parts of the county for salary reductions and curtailment of county offices, but in most instances this talk was based on the belief that the saving would mean considerable cut in taxes. Investigations proved the contrary, and there has been little talk along the line since these people have looked more closely into the matter.

A list of the salaries paid the various employees of the county, compiled by the auditor's perment at the request of the county commissioners, show salaries ranging from \$25 to \$291.66 monthly are being paid the various officers. Sheriff C. J. McDonald draws the biggest monthly check, but he is required to pay his own expenses.

Two officers, the clerk of the court and the register of deeds are on a fee basis and from their fees pay the salary of their deputies.

### Monthly Salaries

The monthly salaries of the officers in the different departments, as shown by the auditor's list, are:

Highway fund—Fred S. Under-

## Carthage Post, American Legion, Votes to Continue County Fair

Charles J. McDonald Re-elected  
President.—Ask Prompt U.  
S. Veteran Aid



CHARLES J. McDONALD

The payment at this time of adjusted compensation certificates issued to World War soldiers after the war, instead of in 1945 as called for by the certificates, is urged by the Joseph G. Henson Post, American Legion, of Carthage, and Congressman Hinton James of this Congressional district has been asked to lend his support to measures in the House of Representatives toward this end.

The subject was brought up for discussion at a meeting of the Carthage post held last week at the Hotel Charmella in Vass, and a motion to the above effect was unanimously carried.

At the same meeting, it was voted to hold the County Fair, sponsored by this post, again next summer, and the officers of the 1930 fair were re-elected for 1931, as follows: President, C. J. McDonald; vice-president, E. H. Garrison, Jr., S. R. Hoyle and H. Lee Thomas; secretary, L. W. Barlow; treasurer, R. G. Wallace. Burney Wallace presided at the meeting, which followed a capon dinner. Five new members of the post from Vass were present.

The County Fair officers plan to attend a meeting in Raleigh January 18th and 19th at which time officers of other county fairs throughout the state will be present to discuss plans.

A letter was read from the American Legion Post at Oteen stating that all soldiers in the home for disabled veterans there had lost their money in the crash of the banks in that neighborhood, and appealing for any support the local post might be in a position to give.

### MORE THAN 100 ATTEND CLUB SKYLINE OPENING

More than 100 persons attended the formal opening of the Club Skyline in the former residence of James B. Sweet some four miles north of Southern Pines on Route 50 on Tuesday night. A large number dined at the new night club, remaining to dance, while many others came for the dancing during the evening. John Bloxham and Frank Harrington proved gracious hosts, and all present voted the opening a big success and predicted a highly successful season for the club on the hilltop. A Pittsburgh orchestra, engaged for the winter, furnished the music.

### NEW YEAR'S EVE BALL PINEHURST COUNTRY CLUB

Pinehurst Country Club will be the scene of a New Year's Eve ball next Wednesday night, with more than the usual number of guests expected for the occasion. Large numbers of college and school boys and girls are here for the holidays and plan to attend the celebration, as well as the guests of the Carolina and other hotels and the members of the cottage colony. A cotillion event will be staged at the midnight hour to welcome in the New Year.

## Concert and Ball in Southern Pines on Night of Dec. 30

Violin Soloist and Monologist  
on Program Sponsored by  
Library

### BALL AT COUNTRY CLUB

Next Tuesday evening, December 30th bids fair to be a gala night in the Sandhills, with the concert scheduled for 8:15 o'clock at the Civic Club, Southern Pines, sponsored by the Southern Pines Library, followed by the annual ball of the American Legion at the Southern Pines Country Club, the invitations for which read: "from 10 to 3 o'clock."

Miss Florence Leadle, violin soloist, and Frances Leedom Hess, monologist, are the featured stars on the program of the library's concert. Both come to Southern Pines with reputations of having pleased large audiences in various parts of the country. Miss Haenle has played with leading orchestras in New York and Philadelphia, and is reputed to be one of the most promising young violinists of the day. Miss Hess is a well known monologist with a repertory of amusing recitations in which she plays numerous parts and enacts difficult roles. The tickets for the concert are for sale at one dollar each, the proceeds to be used by the library in its work and toward the purchase of a site for its proposed new building.

Shields Cameron is chairman of the Legion ball committee, and has engaged Wardlaw's orchestra from the University of North Carolina for the occasion. Jack Wardlaw is famous for his dance music, and the Sandhill post of the American Legion famous for its annual dances, so this occasion promises to be one of the highlights of the Christmas holidays in the Sandhills. Tickets for the ball are three dollars per couple, and are on sale by patronesses and members of the Legion and its woman's auxiliary. They may also be purchased at the Pines, or at the door the night of the ball.

## Old Man Gloom Routed As Christmas Spirit Pervades the Sandhills

Thousands of Poor and Needy Cared for Through  
Kiwanis Daddies and Other Charities  
of County

### SHOPS, POSTOFFICES BUSY

The anticipated struggle between Old Man Gloom, who's been talked about so much of late, and Christmas Cheer, who is making his annual visit here, proved to be a dud. The old man was knocked out in the first round, and joy reigns supreme throughout the Sandhills.

Stores have been denuded of their Yuletide offerings, apparently with absolute disregard of the reported presence of Mr. Gloom. Shopkeepers report a normal Christmas trade. Uncle Sam through his agents, the local postmaster, has been swamped with the usual rush of Christmas mail, going an' coming. Holiday decorations appear everywhere, stores, homes, churches gaily bedecked in holly and mistletoe and like evidences of the spirit of Christmas.

And outshining all throughout the joyous Yuletide has been the thought for others, the seeming unanimous desire on the part of the people of Moore county, resident and visitor, to see that no man, woman or child in the county is without food and clothes on Christmas Day. The response to the various appeals of charitable organizations in the county has been greater than ever before, and if there is a needy family overlooked during the holidays it is because the case has not been brought to the attention of any of the kindly people who have been spending their time investigating appeals.

### Daddies Feed Thousand

The Kiwanis Christmas Daddies committee, a county-wide charity, is taking care of more than 1,000 persons during the holidays, sending clothing and food to more than 300 families. This committee was the recipient of great quantities of clothing and food at its headquarters in Southern Pines. Nearly \$2,000 was received in cash contributions, this money being used in the purchase of food supplies, shoes and children's clothes. P. Frank Buchan was chairman of this committee, the other members being the Rev. T. A. Cheatham of Pinehurst, the Rev. Murdoch McLeod of Pinehurst, the Rev. J. Fred Stimson of Southern Pines, the Rev. E. L. Barber of Aberdeen, John Bloxham of Knollwood, Willard Dunlop of Pinehurst and M. M. Johnson of Aberdeen. Among the contributors of substantial checks were Pinehurst, Inc., Gammack & Co., of New York and Southern Pines, Creamer & Turner, managers of the Highland Pines Inn, M. G. Nichols of Southern Pines, William H. Todd of Pinehurst, and scores of others.

Thousands of children are cared for annually at Christmas time through the charity and kindness of the Rev. and Mrs. Cheatham of Pinehurst, and many a little stocking was filled on this Christmas day which might have been empty but for their generosity and self-sacrifice.

### Other Charitable Work

Many of the churches throughout the county have looked out for the less fortunate in their midst. The Presbyterian Sunday school of Carthage, of which Wilbur Currie is superintendent, is making a special collection next Sunday morning. The Christian Church of Glendon of which the Rev. M. Cummings is pastor has also appointed a committee of four to care for the needy. The Women's Missionary Society of Beulah Hill section is offering generous contributions, also the Methodist Church of Carthage, and there are many individuals giving their personal services. Some ladies who do not like sewing and who never sew for themselves are sewing these days for those who need clothing.

Among the larger contributions for the care of children is a contribution of \$500.00 by Mrs. Francis T. Keating and friends of the Pinehurst branch of the Health and Welfare Association toward a dental clinic

which has been carried on at the hospital at Pinehurst for the past four months, and thanks are due to the dentists of Moore county who have given alternately three hours each Saturday of their time free of charge to this work. This clinic will end with the year 1930. A larger and more extensive clinic will, however, commence on December 29, 1930 and continue for three or four months in the schools of Moore county. The State dentist will conduct this clinic and will be at the Public Health office on the 29th inst., and probably commence in one of the schools open on that day. These clinics have been made possible by a personal gift of \$900.00 from Mrs. Keating of Pinehurst and will be duplicated by another gift of \$900 from the State to the county toward making possible this much needed dental clinic and to which many of the children in Moore county suffering from bad teeth are eagerly looking forward. The main purpose of the clinic, however, will be educational, to demonstrate the value of the care of the teeth and of paying regular visits to the offices of the dentists of the county.

The Shriners are doing splendid work and are giving this year a donation of \$2,000.00 for tonsil and adenoid clinics and for the correction of defective vision among the indigent white children of Moore county.

G. A. Charles of Aberdeen is secretary of the Shriners' Club and is deeply interested as are all the Shriners in this work. Up to date \$800.00 has been spent on urgent and needy cases and \$1,200.00 more will be given for this purpose this season before their financial year closes. The secretary of the Shriners has been supplied with a list of those suffering with enlarged tonsils, adenoids, and defective vision. The eye cases, unless a specialist can be brought to Moore county, will probably be taken to Fayetteville for treatment, and the tonsil and adenoid cases will be treated at the Moore County Hospital or by one of the local doctors.

Much credit is due Dr. J. Symington, the county's public health officer, for the tireless work he has been doing in investigating and reporting needy cases in all parts of the county, and for his cooperation with all charities of the county in their relief work.

### FRANK M. TOBIN DIES AFTER WEEK'S ILLNESS

Frank M. Tobin, well known resident of Southern Pines where he had resided for the past 18 years, died in a hospital in Fayetteville last Friday a few hours after his admission. Mr. Tobin was rushed there from Southern Pines suffering from pneumonia. He had been ill about a week.

Mr. Tobin was well known in the community, having operated a baggage express business in Southern Pines for many years. He came here from Boston. He was twice married, and leaves a widow, Mrs. Margaret Tobin, and two children, Frank Jr. and Anna, also a stepson, Stanly.

The Rev. Mr. Serl officiated at the funeral services in the Church of Wide Fellowship last Sunday afternoon. Many friends followed Mr. Tobin's body to its last resting place in Mt. Hope Cemetery.

### SPECIAL SERVICES AT PAGE MEMORIAL CHURCH SUNDAY

The Rev. Harry Smith, presiding elder of Rockingham district of the Methodist Episcopal Church, will preach at the Page Memorial Church on Sunday morning, at which time he will hold the first quarterly conference for the year. At night the pastor, the Rev. W. C. Ball, will speak on "Choosing a Creed for the New Year." There will be special music for this service and all are invited to attend.

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