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County Fair is Opened to Tune of Heavy Guns

Wide Variety of Exhibits and
Amusement Features Entertain
Crowds at Carthage

ALMOST DOUBLED IN SIZE

With the firing of the big 155 millimeter gun and its smaller satellite which rides perched upon the barrel of the large piece of artillery, the Moore County Fair for 1931 opened Tuesday, not only with a bang but with a succession of them. The guns were manned by an artillery company of the National Guard from Sanford under the command of Capt. Dan B. King.

The numerous exhibits, housed in a tent which has been almost doubled in size over that used in former years, made a most creditable showing of the industrial and agricultural attainments of Moore county. The farm products, displayed under the able direction of County Agent E. H. Garrison, Jr., demonstrated the versatility of the soil in this section as well as what may be accomplished by the adoption of scientific farming methods. Naturally the old standbys, cotton and tobacco, were on exhibition, but they were greatly overshadowed by the displays of food and feed-stuffs, showing that Governor Gardner's "live-at-home" program is being closely practiced in Moore county. Of special interest to those engaged in live-stock raising, was the various kinds of hay shown, including pea vine, soy bean, alfalfa and lespedeza. Grain crops were well represented, particularly corn, white, yellow and pop, being shown in attractive displays, while the varieties of the vegetable kingdom on exhibition included every practical kind known to this section from the smallest peas to immense pumpkins, which would gladden the heart of any child if made into a Hallow-e'en Jack 'o' lantern or later into a pumpkin pie.

Canned Goods Display

Canned goods and preserves that made the spectators long for a boun-

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Jeffress Promises Aid in Planting Midland Rd.

State Highway Chairman Will
Furnish Labor To Aid in
Beautification

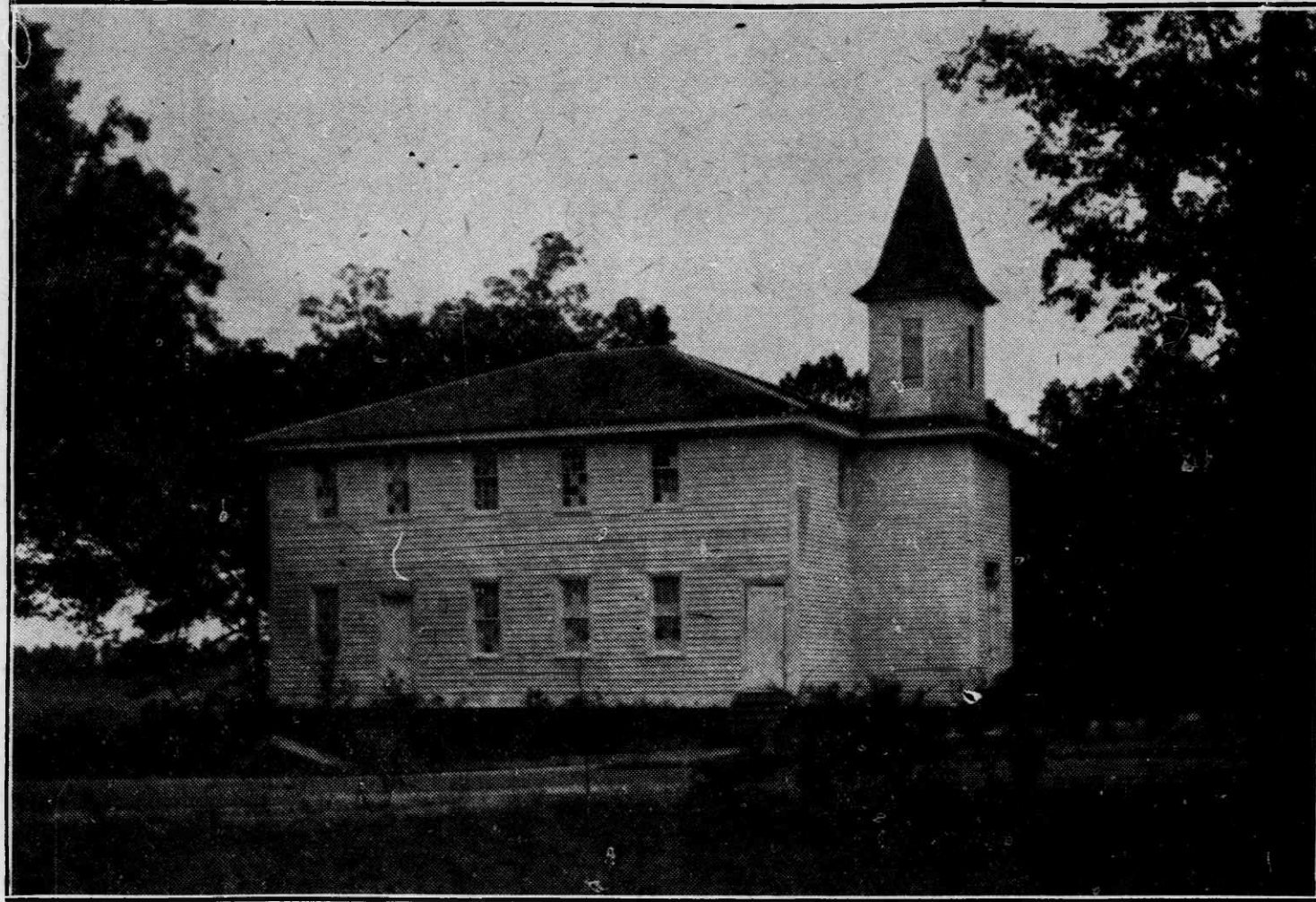
Chairman E. B. Jeffress of the State Highway Commission promises to furnish the labor from men of his department if the Kiwanis Club of Aberdeen will provide the seeds and plants wanted for further beautification of the double road between Southern Pines and Pinehurst, J. Talbot Johnson of the club's planting committee reported at Wednesday's meeting of the club held at the Civic Club in Southern Pines. Mr. Johnson had a conference with Chairman Jeffress in Raleigh last week. It is understood that arrangements will be promptly made with the Highway department for the planting.

Mr. Johnson also reported that Captain Charles D. Farmer, head of the State Highway Patrol, had promised to send five motorcycle patrolmen here to assist with traffic and the guarding of cars during next week's Kiwanis convention at Pinehurst.

Wednesday's meeting of the Kiwanis club was given over the final planning for the big convention which opens next Wednesday. All chairmen of convention committees reported on their activities.

The Rev. Craighill Brown was officially welcomed into the club by Hiram Westbrook, his sponsor, and President Richard Tufts. Robert N. Page reported that the Raleigh Kiwanis Club was planning to attend next week's convention almost 100 per cent. Among other clubs expected to come here en masse are Sanford and Fayetteville, while Wilmington and others promise large delegations.

Majestic Old Bethesda on Her 141st Birthday



Old Bethesda to Welcome Her Sons and Daughters Next Sunday

Morning Preacher



DR. HENRY LOUIS SMITH

To Celebrate 141st Anniversary of Founding of Church on Home-Coming Day

By Bion H. Butler
Old Bethesda will celebrate Home Coming day next Sunday, and with it the 141st anniversary of the founding of the church. Old friends of the church, former members, sons and daughters, grandsons and granddaughters, great grandsons and great granddaughters of former members will gather with their picnic baskets to make a day of it in the historic churchyard.

Dr. Henry Louis Smith, president-emeritus of Davidson College and of Washington and Lee University, will preach in the morning. In the afternoon a son of the church, Judge Thomas J. Shaw of Greensboro, brother of Mrs. Robert N. Page of Aberdeen, will be the speaker. The Rev. E. L. Barber, pastor of the Bethesda Presbyterian Church, will offer prayers, other Sandhills pastors join in the celebration of the occasion, and special music will play a part in the program. All are cordially invited to the service and to bring their basket luncheons for a Home Coming long to be remembered.

The old Bethesda church, on the almost forgotten Pee Dee road just out of Aberdeen, holds an uncommon interest among the people of the Sandhills, for it is not only a factor in the present day story, but it marks one of the fundamentals in the creation of the community. The beginning of the history of Moore county is based on the grant to Henry McCulloch about two hundred years ago of a dozen tracts of land on the upper Cape Fear and Pee Dee rivers, each tract including over 100,000 acres.

Pioneer Days

McCulloch interested settlers on the lower end of the rivers and following their arrivals from Scotland about 1735 pushed farther up the stream. A little later came Neal McNeal with three or four hundred of the disappointed followers of the Stuart prince and Campbelltown at Cross Creek laid the foundations of the city of Fayetteville. From there three or four streams of pioneering extended northward, one in the territory of Harnett and eastern Moore, one up through the Longstreet country and over this way, and then another by way of Antioch and Drowning Creek farther to the west. For many a year Graham's

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FIRST SERVICES SUNDAY AT THE VILLAGE CHAPEL

The first services of the season will be held at the Pinehurst Chapel Sunday morning, with the Rev. T. A. Cheatham, rector, officiating. Mr. Cheatham returned to the Sandhills this week after an interesting summer spent in hospital work in New York.

WILLIAM CALLERY DIES BY OWN HAND AT PITTSBURGH

Winter Resident of Southern
Pines Victim of Ill Health and
Financial Reverses

LEAVES WIFE AND FAMILY

The Sandhills was shocked on Wednesday to learn of the death by suicide of William Callery, 38 years old, an occasional winter resident of Southern Pines and son of Mr. and Mrs. J. Dawson Callery, who have made their home here for several winters. A special despatch to The Pilot from Pittsburgh, Pa., received on Wednesday says:

"William Callery, wealthy Sewickley Valley clubman, ended his life early yesterday morning with a shotgun while sitting in his fashionable suburban home in Maple Lane, Shields. Attaching a string to the trigger of a shotgun and then wrapping it about his hand, Callery seated himself in a chair and placing the shotgun against his chest, ended his life.

"A note asking his wife, the former Irene A. Daly, of Baltimore, Maryland, to forgive him was found at his side. The note, which was written on stationery bearing the address, 'Southern Pines, N. C.' said he had only \$25,000 life insurance. In it he asked his wife to try and hold the stone business which he owned. The letter bore no signature and ended by bidding his wife good night.

"Relatives blame ill health and financial reverses for the act. He is the son of J. Dawson Callery, prominent Pittsburgh banker. He was a member of the Pittsburgh Athletic Club, Allegheny Country Club and the Edgeworth Club, and a graduate of Princeton University."

When in Southern Pines William Callery occupied the Louis Lachine house opposite the Highland Pines Inn on Weymouth Heights, which had been previously occupied by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Callery. During the past two seasons the latter have leased and occupied the residence of the late Mrs. James Y. Boyd.

Deep regret was expressed by friends of the two families here when the news spread about on Wednesday. The Callerys have been unusually popular members of the Sandhills winter colony for the past few years. Mr. Callery senior has stabled his race horses at the Pinehurst track for several seasons and taken a keen interest in the affairs of the Pinehurst Jockey Club. His son spent winter periods here during several winters. Besides his wife and parents, the deceased leaves several children and one brother and sister.

His brother, George L. Callery acquired considerable Sandhills acreage on the heights back of The Paddock property two years ago, which he improved by clearing off the scrub oak and damming a stream for an attractive lake.

Sandhills to Entertain Two Governor Kiwanis Clubs of Two States Next Week

Convention Features

Wednesday, Oct. 21
2:30 P. M.—Golf Tournament, Country Club.
8:30 P. M.—Get-Together Party, Carolina.
9:30 P. M.—Dance, Carolina.

Thursday, Oct. 22
12:45 P. M.—Luncheon, Carolina, Country Club.
2:30 P. M.—Archery Exhibition, Country Club.
4:00 P. M.—Military Guard Mount, Boxing Exhibition.
7:30 P. M.—Banquet, Carolina.
10:00 P. M.—Ball, Country Club.

Friday, Oct. 23
10:55 A. M.—Election of Officers.

Hon. Max Gardner expected at Pinehurst for Annual Convention of Carolinas District

BOXING BOUTS A FEATURE

Public Invited to Scraps at Race Track Thursday.—Gov. Gardner and Gov. Blackwood to Speak at Banquet.—Golf Tournament Wednesday.

Charlie Picquet denies that as an added attraction to the boxing bouts next Thursday at the Pinehurst race track he is going to put Maxey Gardner and Ibra Blackwood in the ring. He says folks are getting the Kiwanis program confused.

It's true that Max Gardner, who is Governor of North Carolina, and Ibra C. Blackwood, who is Governor of South Carolina are going to be here next Thursday, and that they are going to tell each other what they'd like to say to each other, but it is officially denied that any blows will be struck.

It looks like a big week in Pinehurst. To get to the story, the annual convention of the Carolinas district of Kiwanis International is to be held at the Carolina Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. This means a lot to the Kiwanians here who are spreading themselves to welcome the delegates and guests from eighty other clubs in the two Carolinas. But what means most to the Sandhills public is the boxing exhibition at 4 o'clock Thursday afternoon, for this is one feature of the convention to which the public is invited.

'The Boxing Bouts

Cliff Wellons, 151-pound pride of Fort Bragg, is slated to tackle Mickey Cummings, an Air Corps fisticuffer of the same weight, in the main bout—"ten rounds of boxing, gentlemen, for the middleweight championship of the Kiwanis convention." These boys are good, if you can believe Col. G. P. Hawes, who used to be in the army himself and who carded the bouts for Pinehurst.

In the semi-final, Don King of the 5th Field Artillery takes on Speed Webb of the 16th Field Artillery for six rounds at about 137 pounds. The preliminary stacks Al Shaw of the 5th F. A. up against Soldier Kimery of the same outfit, and the rumor is that these boys have it in for each other. In fact, so much rivalry has developed over there at the Fort during the past month's training period that some real bouts are looked for next Thursday.

Before the scraps start, a detachment from Fort Bragg will stage a guard mount, and the U. S. Army band from the Fort will give a concert. All this open to the public for the price of One Dollar, cash in hand paid, unless perchance you want a

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Am. Legion To Install New Officers Tuesday

Sandhills Post to Honor O'Callaghan, Dana, Backer and Others at Meeting

Sandhill Post, American Legion will install its new officers at a meeting at the Civic Club, Southern Pines, next Tuesday evening, at which time Tom Black will retire as post commander and turn the reins over to L. V. O'Callaghan.

The meeting will also be in the nature of a celebration for recognition given the Sandhill post by the State Department of the legion, which chose Paul Dana of Pinehurst department vice commander and Max Backer alternate district committeeman at the last State Convention. Honor also will be paid to Bill Luck of Hamlet, district commander, who will be present at the meeting. John Stedman, of Raleigh, of the State Department Executive committee, will also be at the meeting. All veterans of the World War in this section are urged to attend the installation exercises.

TOBACCO PRICES JUMP AND MAKE EVERYONE HAPPY

Monday's Big Market Started
Week Off With a Bang.—Average
Over 12 Cents

N. C. SALES BELOW 1930

A boom hit the Aberdeen market this week and everyone is feeling better. Quantities of good leaf came to the floors of both warehouses here, and prices jumped away up. As against the September average of \$9.52 a hundred for the Old Bright Belt, Monday's average here was above \$12.00, and the warehouses enjoyed another big day Wednesday. With better prices for the farmers came better business for Aberdeen, so that everybody was happy.

The report of the State-Federal Departments of Agriculture for the month of September showed total producers' sales in Aberdeen of 285,992 pounds at an average price of \$9.48 a hundred. Carthage sold 274,816 pounds at an average of \$9.54. The average for all the markets on the New Bright Belt was \$8.68.

September tobacco prices in North Carolina averaged \$9.56 per hundred pounds, \$2.28 below the average price for September 1930 and \$2.88 below the \$12.44 average which was maintained on the South Carolina belt at the opening of the 1931 season during August.

Sales Below 1930

Figures made public by the State-Federal crop reporting service, show that September sales this year, amounting to 93,355,542 pounds were 16.5 per cent less than the 111,800,168 pounds sold during September of last year. Total production for the state is forecast at 496,760,000, a 15 per cent reduction from last year's crop.

The Old Bright belt, in which Aberdeen is located, with sales of 7,671,519 showed an average price of \$9.52 as compared with \$11.63 last year.

"Conditions in the tobacco producing counties have been somewhat more favorable for crop production this season than was the case last year," the report stated. "By September 1st, the majority of the crop had been harvested. This was especially true in the eastern section and in the

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COMMISSIONERS ADOPT BUDGET, FIX TAX RATE

At a meeting of the County Commissioners on Wednesday the board adopted the budget for the year and approved the tax rate of 72 cents announced several weeks ago in The Pilot.

FORMER ABERDEEN MAN ON TRIAL FOR MURDER

Chief of Police H. C. Bethea, of St. Pauls, formerly of Aberdeen, is on trial in Lumberton for shooting to death last April 11 E. Judson Dean.