

Four Departments Fight Stubborn Fire in Carthage Business Section

Spectacular Blaze Destroys Moore Hardware Building and \$12,000 Stock

OTHER BUILDINGS SEARED

A spectacular fire, which constantly threatened to spread to surrounding buildings, completely destroyed the stock and building of the Moore Hardware Co., in Carthage Sunday afternoon. The blaze, which is reported to have originated in the rear of the first floor of the hardware store from an undetermined cause, was discovered about four o'clock but had gained such headway, due to the inflammable nature of both the building and its contents, that all efforts to check it were futile. The Carthage fire department was assisted by the departments from Aberdeen, Southern Pines and Pinehurst in checking the spread of the flames, otherwise it is believed that the loss would have been much greater.

The hardware business which was owned by S. H. Miller carried a stock valued at \$12,000 and the building was estimated worth \$5,000. The insurance carried on both totaled \$11,000. The 5, 10 and 25c store of R. G. Wallace which had only been in operation two weeks in an adjoining building, was damaged to the extent of about \$750 by smoke and water.

The store and office building, owned by H. F. Seawell, Sr., located across a side street from the hardware store, suffered considerable damage from the intense heat. The first floor of this building is occupied by the A. & P. Stores, who had only a slight loss and the Jones Department Store, whose stock was considerably damaged through removal from the store-room. The law library of H. F. Seawell, Jr., located on the second floor was damaged slightly and Dr. F. H. Underwood, whose dental offices were also on this floor was loser to the extent of \$2,500 with insurance of \$1,500 by reason of breakage in the removal of his X-ray and dental equipment together with the damage caused by smoke and water.

The plate glass in the swinging doors in the north entrance to the Court House and a majority of the window panes on that side of the building were cracked by the heat and the window and door frames blistered. The other losses resulting from the fire were a blacksmith shop owned by S. H. Miller and operated by E. C. Fry to the rear of the hardware store, and a small warehouse nearby containing roofing belonging to Ben Hurwitz, both of which were totally destroyed.

While he has made no definite plans as yet pending an adjustment and settlement from the fire insurance companies, Mr. Miller states that he is contemplating rebuilding and again opening up a hardware store on the same site.

Read "Man's Own Country," an excellent "western," at Hayes.

DR. A. T. ALLEN EXPLAINS NEW SCHOOL LAW HERE

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probably would eventually follow, the operation and maintenance of schools by the State rather than by subdivisions of the State.

What particularly interested his hearers locally was his explanation of the fixed rate under the State budget for a standard school, providing the same educational opportunity to "the child in the sand dunes in the east, in the mountain coves of the west as is given to the pupil in Charlotte, Winston-Salem, Greensboro for any other large center."

Where a county has cut down the level of schools since the passage of the new law, Dr. Allen stated, it was done by the county commission, not by law, as there is nothing in the law to tie down a county to the State's standard in that county desires to supplement its educational facilities.

Dr. Allen sees great hope of improving school conditions gradually under the new law. He also explained that although the last legislature did not appropriate quite enough money to provide the six months term throughout the state, it did the best it could under the circumstances, and the deficit, he said, would have to be taken care of somehow later on.

POSTAL TELEGRAPH MOVES TO CHARLES DRUG CO.

The Postal Telegraph Company's headquarters in Aberdeen have been moved from the Aberdeen Hotel Building to the Charles Drug Company, and G. A. Charles will hereafter represent the Postal here. A new automatic sending and receiving set has been installed in the drug store.

Be Careful of Fire

Long Drought Has Brought On Condition of More Than Ordinary Danger

It is one of the driest Fall seasons on record and State authorities do well to warn of the danger of fires in the woods, for the condition invites disaster wherever a fire gets started, observed the Charlotte Observer. So far, the mountain sections have escaped, but in the eastern sections, where rosin-soaked pines abound, fires are doing their work. The situation in Columbus county, as described in news reports, is distressing, schools being closed and the heavy pall of smoke interfering with traffic on the highways. It is more than ever a time for motorists and campers to exercise caution. A lighted cigarette carelessly tossed from a car may start a blaze that would destroy acres of forest lands. A camp fire left smoldering is an abiding menace. A forest fire started now would rage unhampered until rain comes, and by that time, one could scarcely vision the damage that might be done.

Parent-Teacher Ass'n. Plans Work for Year

Aberdeen-Pinebluff Organization Has Enthusiastic Meeting. New Chairman Named

The members of the Aberdeen-Pinebluff Parent-Teachers Association held the first meeting of the school year in the auditorium of the Aberdeen High School last Wednesday afternoon. The meeting was called to order by the new president, Mrs. E. L. Pleasants, and the secretary read the minutes of the last meeting (April) and called the roll, several new members being welcomed into the association.

Mrs. J. Talbot Johnson made a report on the Summer Round-Up Work, showing 18 or 20 children examined by Dr. Symington, and four children operated on at the Moore County Hospital, whose expenses had been kindly borne by the Shriners' Club.

Prof. Wright stated that it had been decided by the School faculty that too many prizes were offered last year, and the faculty would meet at an early date and decide which prizes to eliminate, then the list would be given to Mrs. Bowman as chairman of the Medal committee. The president asked as many members as possible to attend the State convention of teachers to be held in Wilmington on November 3rd, 4th and 5th. Current magazines were asked to be contributed to the school to be used as reference work for the pupils, and the association also voted to sponsor a play to be put on by the Wayside Inn organization November 24th, the proceeds going to "shut-ins," and the percentage given to the P. T. A., to be used for the Athletic Club. Also a drawing or art exhibit will be given in the school during November, which patrons are asked to attend. Prof. Wright thanked the association for its help and cooperation during the past year and asked that the members continue to render such aid during the coming school year.

New chairmen for the coming year were appointed as follows: Mrs. W. A. Blue, chairman, Social committee; Mrs. J. T. Johnson, chairman, Program committee; Mrs. H. E. Bowman, chairman, Medal committee; Mrs. E. T. McKeithen, chairman, Music committee, and Mrs. H. W. Doub, chairman of Grade Mothers.

The Grade Mothers for this year will be: 1st grade, Mrs. H. W. Doub; 2nd grade, Mrs. Forrest Lockey; 3rd grade, Mrs. J. T. Johnson; 4th grade, Mrs. H. E. Bowman; 5th grade, Mrs. Frank Shamburger; 6th grade, Mrs. Melvin; 7th grade, Mrs. Elvyn Capps; 8th grade, Mrs. W. T. Huntley and Mrs. W. L. Batchelor; 9th grade, Mrs. Garland Farrell; 10th grade, Mrs. T. B. Wilder; 11th grade, Mrs. Windham and Mrs. Macon; special grade, Mrs. Butler; Commercial grade, Mrs. J. V. Ferree.

The second and eleventh grades won out in having the largest percentage of mothers present, and will be given the same chance of a free trip to the movies by the people now operating the Dixie Theatre as heretofore.

Katharine Newlin Burt's new book now on sale at Hayes.

"A Man's Own Country," mostly dominated by women, for sale at Hayes.

When Watt Meets Watts, What's What?

Pinehurst Horseman Recalls Deal in Which He Swapped Pacer That Wouldn't Stop for Trotter That Wouldn't Start

W. H. Watt, the Grand Pajandrum of the equine world at Pinehurst, has gained his station through a long life of contact with the horse. In his training he has seen some experience, but probably a novel episode as any other that ever came his way was a horse trade in which neither party had ever seen or heard of the other horse.

W. H. had secured, some forty years ago when he was a young chap in Ft. Wayne, Indiana, a horse that was a jewel as a pacer, but it had one slight lack. Its throttle would not work. When he wanted to take that sidewheeler out on the road, he climbed in the buggy and told the hostler to open the barn door. Hanging to the lines he let her go, and the mare sifted sand down the barn bridge, out onto the road and down the pike, her feet keeping time like a sixteen-cylinder engine. She was a sweet baby, but she had no low gear.

Now a horse that has no terminal facilities until she sticks her nose in the manger did not altogether suit W. H., so one day when he saw in a paper an advertisement from W. H. Watts, same name only an extra s, offering for sale a trotter, W. H., Fort Wayne, wrote to W. H. Watts, Buffalo, N. Y., saying he had a pacer that was a peach, but that he wanted a trotter. So W. H. wrote to W. H. to send the pacer to Buffalo and get his trotter. W. H. was game and he bundled the pacer into a car, and hooked it onto the meat express that Armour shot through Fort Wayne every night, and he telephoned W. H. at Buffalo that his horse would be at the yard in the morning and to have the trotter ready to go into the car to come back. The hostler who went along with the pacer was instructed to deliver her to Watts and bring back the trotter and ask no questions, for Watts says he wanted a trotter, and he didn't want that

pacer that wouldn't stop, if he had to give her away.

Watts at Buffalo showed up with the trotter and it was started back to Fort Wayne to Watt, who pulled the blanket off of it and smiled with joy at the handsome creature. Naturally he wanted to see it lift a foot, and he hooked it to the sulky. The gelding was all that he had hoped. It could go down the road. But no matter how joyous the day, the night cometh. Watt had been living in the seventh heaven, until heaven began to have a tame atmosphere. A big moving van came up the street, and the Buffalo marvel began to see things. It stopped by the side of the trolley track, and as the Swede man says "all hale" could not get it to go again. It lacked a starter as the pacer had lacked a stopper.

The blooming critter was coaxed back to the barn, and Watt rubbed his chin and thought. Watt didn't get that piercing left eye of his just for ornament. He looked out over the Anthony Wayne monument, and pondered. Then it occurred to him to give the new horse a mate. He brought out his Buffalo wonder and put it alongside another good actor, and undertook to see if he could start something. To his surprise he found that with a companion his new find never thought of balking again.

Meanwhile W. H. at Fort Wayne had received a letter from W. H. at Buffalo asking how to get the sidewheeler out of the barn under control and control her on the road, and W. H. at Fort Wayne wrote back to W. H. at Buffalo saying that for information as to how to start a dogged trotter that wouldn't start he would tell how to stop a sidewheeler that wouldn't come down the barn bridge in low Watt at Fort Wayne never heard again from Watts at Buffalo. And as the trotter never bothered with balking again as long as a companion was with him, Watt at Fort Wayne didn't care.

Pinehurst Paragraphs

After summering at Lake Chataqua, New York, Mrs. Annie Blackburn returned to Pinehurst this week and is opening her cottage, The Maple for the winter season.

Mr. and Mrs. W. J. McNab have returned from Harbor Beach, Mich., where they spent their summer, and are at the Pinecrest Inn.

Mr. and Mrs. D. R. Carver left this week for their home in Highland Park, Ill., after spending two weeks here in Mrs. F. H. North's cottage.

Mr. and Mrs. George W. Statzell of Drexel Hill, Pa., are back and have opened their home for the winter.

Mrs. True P. Cheney and two children, arrived Monday from Vidalia, Georgia where they visited for several days in the home of Mrs. Cheney's parents, Dr. and Mrs. Meadows.

Mr. and Mrs. Willie Wilson have returned from York Harbor, Maine, where they spent the summer months.

J. M. Hagood motored to Danville, Virginia on Sunday, taking his sister-in-law, Mrs. Blanche Westcott and two children for a visit with Mrs. Westcott's husband who has been a patient in a sanitarium there for several years. They found his condition so serious that Mrs. Westcott and the children have not returned.

Mrs. Wesley R. Viall has entered the Moore County Hospital for treatment.

E. B. Keith and sons, Billy and E. B., Jr., and Mrs. Keith's mother, Mrs. Laura J. Beam motored to Statesville on Sunday and were guests of Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Beam for the day. Mrs. Laura Beam stayed for an indefinite visit.

Mr. and Mrs. Archie Farmer have announced the birth of a son, Robert Archie on October 7.

Mr. and Mrs. John McGranahan of Durham were recent visitors in the home of A. J. Fry.

On Friday of last week Mrs. Betty Glass had the misfortune to fall, slipping on the pine needles near her home, and suffered a dislocated shoulder. She is reported as recovering nicely.

Dr. F. C. Pinkerton returned Tuesday from a week's stay in Richmond and Charlottesville, Virginia. His mother, Mrs. Mary Pinkerton of Charlottesville, returned with him and will visit in his home for some time.

Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Byrd and little daughter, Mary Lou, of Albemarle and Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Keith of Vass were guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Keith on Sunday.

S. B. Chapin has returned from New York where he spent the summer.

Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Satterfield and sons arrived in Pinehurst Monday from Cape May, N. J. Mr. Satter-

field is making preparations for the opening of The Chalfonte hotel at an early date.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter D. Hyatt, of Rangley, Maine, returned this week and are in their home here for the winter season.

Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Rackham returned this week from their summer home in Detroit and have opened their residence on Barrett Road.

Dr. T. B. Henderson of Williamsburg, Virginia is a guest this week of his brother, Dr. L. V. Henderson on Midland Road.

A Halloween party will be given this Friday evening in the Little Community House for the Junior-Senior Christian Endeavorers. Among those directing the entertainment will be Mrs. Hulon Cole, Miss Ruth Journey and W. P. Morton.

Under the capable leadership of Mrs. T. A. Cheatham a group of enthusiastic women met Wednesday afternoon in the sewing room of the High School, where they put in several hours of very effective work sewing in preparation for the Christmas tree given each year at the school by Mr. and Mrs. Cheatham. This show of early preparedness forestalls even the time-worn slogan, "Do your Christmas shopping early."

The chocolate wedding, given by Mrs. Colin McKenzie's department of the Community Church school on Wednesday evening of last week was an outstanding success, as was shown by the enthusiastic applause of the unusually large crowd throughout the performance. Much credit is due the children and those who directed the play, for the highly creditable presentation.

The Sunshine Class of the Community Church school, with their teacher, Mrs. Jennie Hensley, served a plate supper at the church last Friday evening. A very gratifying sum was realized which they propose to use toward the purchase of a piano for their department.

Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Dunlop were gracious hosts at a beautifully appointed birthday dinner in their home Tuesday evening, honoring their son, Willard Dunlop and little granddaughter, Carol Graves, whose birthdays fall on the same date. Their guests included Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Dunlop and three children; Mr. and Mrs. Henry Graves, Mr. and Mrs. James Quale and son, Donald Quale.

R. H. Dunham and a party of friends arrived this week to spend ten days in Mr. Dunham's Currituck cottage. His guests include S. D. Townsend, Charles A. Owens and Frank G. Tallman of Wilmington, Del., and Floyd Lankford of Baltimore.

BOB WILLIAMS, WELL KNOWN ABERDEEN NEGRO, IS DEAD

Bob Williams, one of the best known and most popular colored citizens of Aberdeen, died two weeks ago. Bob leaves a host of friends. For years he had been a faithful employe of the Fox Drug Company, now the Charles Drug Company, and before that time he was serving as porter and general handy man about the Aberdeen Hotel.

His friends, both white and colored, turned out in large numbers for Bob's funeral, and among those who spoke of his active life in the community, his kindness and his faithfulness to trust and duty, were his last employer, G. A. Charles, and State Senator Murdoch M. Johnson. Bob left a wife and two children to mourn his departure.

GARRISON FINDS FAMILIES LIVING ON \$3. A MONTH

Hundreds of families in Moore county are keeping their grocery bill within \$3 a month, according to E. H. Garrison, county farm demonstrator. Two circumstances have contributed to this, one Gov. O. Max Gardner's live-at-home campaign, and the other pressure of the times. A surprising number of implements used in agriculture previously bought by farmers now are being fashioned on the farms from material raised there, according to Mr. Garrison.

TURKEY HUNTING PROMISING

Turkey hunting, which every fall brings a large number of northern hunters here, promises to be good this season, according to reports from owners of tracts sheltering wild game. The unusually dry weather of the past two months has resulted in fewer deaths among young birds.

TWO GOVERNORS ADDRESS KIWANIS CONVENTION

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an address by Russell S. Perkinson, of Petersburg, Va., international trustee and a guest of the convention. The address featured the final session.

The new district governor has served two terms as president of the Darlington Kiwanis club and has also been a district lieutenant-governor. Robert H. McDonald, of Columbia,

was re-elected district secretary and treasurer. Lieutenant governors named were:

- No. 1, N. L. Miller, Morganton.
- No. 2, W. T. Leeper, Belmont.
- No. 3, L. C. Matton, High Point.
- No. 4, J. C. Pittman, Sanford.
- No. 5, J. C. Kittress, Henderson.
- No. 6, Owen H. Page, Rocky Mount.
- No. 7, William H. Montgomery, Wilmington.
- No. 8, Marion Lewis, Charleston, S. C.
- No. 9, Richard Hull, Spartanburg, S. C.
- James W. Lynch, of Florence, S. C., was another speaker at the final session and praised Kiwanis ideals.

A resolution praising the convention committee and thanking the Sandhills Club for the handling of the convention program was adopted.

LOST—Little black and tan dog. Looks like an Airdale. Reward if returned to L. L. Biddle, II, Pinehurst.

LEGAL NOTICES

NOTICE OF ASSIGNEE'S SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN That the undersigned, Jack McN. Johnson, will offer for sale to the highest bidder for cash, at and in the Farrell Grocery Company storeroom in the Town of Aberdeen, Moore County, North Carolina, on Tuesday, November 10, 1931, at eleven o'clock A. M., all and singular all of the stock, goods, wares and merchandise, and the furniture, paraphernalia and equipment in said storeroom and being a part of and belonging to the business heretofore conducted therein by C. L. Williams and C. E. Swearingen, co-partners trading as Farrell Grocery Company.

The furniture, fixtures and equipment, and the stock will be offered separately, and thereafter all will be offered together, and the bid or bids netting the largest amount will be accepted.

Any prospective purchasers may inspect the fixtures, furniture and merchandise at any time upon application to the undersigned, and the store-room will be open at ten o'clock on the morning of the sale for inspection by prospective purchasers.

PLACE OF SALE: Storeroom of Farrell Grocery Company, Aberdeen, North Carolina.

DATE OF SALE: Tuesday, November 10, 1931.

HOUR OF SALE: Eleven o'clock A. M.

TERMS OF SALE: Cash.

JACK MCK. JOHNSON, Assignee.

By Johnson & Johnson, Attorneys. October 29, 1931. O-30-N6.

NEW SERVICE FOR OUR PATRONS

The Charles Drug Company, through arrangements with the Postal Telegraph Company, now offers complete telegraph and cable service to all parts of the world. The latest modern sending and receiving equipment has been installed in this store, and service will be maintained from 8 a. m. to 8 p. m. daily; Sundays and holidays, 9 a. m. to 10 a. m. and 5 p. m. to 6 p. m.

G. A. CHARLES, Manager.
Aberdeen, N. C.

FEATURED IN THE NOVEMBER 1 VOGUE



"Rough Silks"
cries Paris
"Ondulé Crêpe"
says

GOLFLEX

You remember those rich, rough-surfaced silks we all wore a few years back, that looked so pretty, but just would not wear out! Well, Paris, like the rest of us, has gone practical this year, and has revived them. This two-piece frock in Ondulé Crêpe, strikes nice notes in its elbow-full sleeves, its square steel buttons, its bi-color scarf... And the light blouse, the dark skirt mark it chic both for the big game and at that tea after! Green with black, coral with blue! Beige with wine, Jungle green with Balsam, Spanish tile with brown . . . \$29.50

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