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## ANNUAL REPORT REVEALS VALUE OF COUNTY HOSPITAL

Nearly 3,000 Persons Received Treatment During 1931, Business Manager Shows

### YEAR'S DEFICIT \$3,046

Eight hundred and ninety-two resident patients were treated at the Moore County Hospital at Pinehurst during 1931, the annual report of E. T. McKeithen, business manager of the institution, to the board of directors reveals. Of these patients, 329 were medical cases, 114 obstetrical and 426 surgical. Of the surgical cases, 179 were major operations, 246 minor.

The daily average of in-patients was 27.06, a slight increase over 1930. The average duration of a patient's stay was 11.4 days. Highest number of patients any day was 40; lowest, 12. In addition to the so-called in-patients, 1,721 persons received treatment at the hospital, patients who came for examinations and treatments.

Speaking of the professional staff, the report says: "The capacity of service performed is indicated by the action of the American College of Surgeons in giving the hospital 'full approval,' the highest rating that can be awarded. The members of the staff have given freely their time and service to the welfare of charity patients and deserve the full appreciation of all interested in the hospital." The staff is composed of members of the Moore County Medical Society. During 1931 it was headed by Dr. M. W. Marr, chairman; Dr. A. McN. Blair, H. E. Bowman, J. F. Davis, J. W. Dickie, R. I. Felton, Jr., C. T. Grier, A. H. McLeod, W. G. McLeod, Vida C. McLeod, M. W. Marr, J. S. Milliken, C. R. Monroe, W. C. Mudgett, F. C. Pinkerton, E. M. Poate, R. G. Rosser, M. E. Street, A. McN. Blue, and J. Symington.

The hospital staff is comprised of Dr. Monroe, medical superintendent; Miss Elsie Sperber, superintendent of nurses; Miss Miriam Laird, laboratory technician; Miss Desma Brown, Cashier; Dr. J. P. Bowen, resident physician; Miss Edith Kennedy, housekeeper; Miss Ola Caudle, X-ray technician; Miss Vernon Jones, historian and Mr. McKeithen, business manager.

### Much Charity Work

The report of Paul Dana, treasurer, shows net operating income for the year as \$38,247.44. Operating and administrative expenses totaled \$61,035.77, making a net operating loss of \$22,788.33. Adding provisions for depreciating, the gross operating loss is given as \$30,941.50, offset by the following: Contributions and donations for hospitalization of specific charity cases, \$3,591.54; for general operating use, \$18,212.84; from the Duke Endowment for general charity cases, \$6,091.00, leaving a total net deficit of \$3,046.12 as the result of the year's work.

## RUFUS ALLEN JOHNSON DIES AT HIS HOME HERE

Rufus Allen Johnson passed away in his home on Main avenue, Southern Pines, last Friday morning following a brief illness. Mr. Johnson was a native of Halifax county, Virginia, where he was born October 14, 1873. He has been a resident of Southern Pines for eleven years.

A brief service was held in the home by the Rev. J. F. Stinson of the Baptist church, who, with the family accompanied the body to the Baptist Church of Halifax. Joint services there were followed by interment.

Mr. Johnson leaves a widow, Ella I. Johnson; five sons, Chifton, Raymond, Bass, Wallace and Herman, and two daughters, Lillian and Mrs. Turnure.

The Aberdeen-Pinebluff Parent-Teachers Association has been invited to a public meeting at Pinehurst on the evening of March 16th at 8 o'clock, so there will be no meeting of the association at Aberdeen on this date. A committee has been appointed by the president to see that every member of the association will have a way to go.

## Matheson Likely Candidate to Succeed Himself as Commissioner

O. T. Parks of Hallison Mentioned for Shaw's Place if Shaw Retires from County Board

Talking of politics the action of the legislature at its last session practically created separate districts from which county commissioners are to be chosen henceforth. While the whole people will have a choice in the primary election which chooses the candidates the men to be chosen are tentatively to be divided among the five sections.

It looks now as if Mr. Matheson will be continued from the Bensalem district. The Aberdeen district will be compelled to select a new man in Mr. Seymour's determined intention to retire. In the upper district in the river section it is not yet known whether Mr. Shaw will be permitted by health conditions to continue in the office or not, although his health seems better now than a while back. It is said that O. T. Parks, of Hallison, will be suggested by some of the folks of his section for commissioner if Mr. Shaw does not enter the campaign again. He has not been consulted so far as The Pilot knows, but his name is mentioned by the folks up his way as a man who would be desirable.

The appearance of T. D. McLean of Aberdeen as a probable candidate for the legislature gives a new slant on that situation, as he is recognized as a man who makes a substantial contender in any race. Assemblyman Spence is receiving from leaders over the state much encouragement, but it is known that he is averse to undertaking an energetic campaign that would take much time or personal appeal. Those who lean his way in the county say he would not have to take a very active hand, for his ability and experience are recognized, but he has not yet decided to make a positive statement as to his course. N. L. Gibbon is said to be a prospective candidate, depending on development, and with the decision in the hands of his friends who will be governed by conditions. He will not be home until late in May. This week his ship is due at Saigon, French Indo China, where for a considerable time Harry Pethick of Southern Pines made his headquarters with the Standard Oil Company. Gibbon's announcement will probably depend on the action of those having his case in hand and on the situation that arises in the near future.

## Casualty Co. Asked To Make Good \$23,142.75

County Attorney Ordered to Demand Payment under Bond of East Tax Collector

At the regular meeting of the Moore county Board of Commissioners held on Monday, it was ordered that the county attorney be instructed to make demand upon the Maryland Casualty Company, surety upon the bond of J. D. McLean, tax collector, for settlement of \$23,142.75, the amount due by said J. D. McLean, tax collector, to make settlement for 1930 taxes. This is the amount tied up in the closed Bank of Vass.

It appearing that no judge is available for holding the second week of court in March, the commissioners ordered that the sheriff notify the jurors summoned to serve for this term that they need not appear.

Privilege of operating a pool room in Highfalls was granted to R. H. Upchurch, and the following amounts for support were granted: To Mrs. Charles Brady, \$5 per month for March, April and May; to Mrs. Kin Fry, \$2 per month for six months; to Mary McAllister, \$6 for support of Rose White.

## JUDGE SHAW TO HOLD COURT HERE MARCH 28

Due to the suspension at his own request of Judge John H. Harwood until disposition of actions brought by the State against him, along with his daughter, Governor Gardner has assigned Judge Thomas J. Shaw to hold two of his courts, a civil term of one week in Orange county, beginning March 21, and a civil term of one week in Moore county, beginning March 28.



E. C. MATHESON

## HAITI NEEDS U. S. STRUTHERS BURT TELLS KIWANIAN

Draws Interesting Picture of West Indies from Recent Trip to Islands

### OUR INFLUENCE NEEDED

"God help Haiti when it ceases to be an American protectorate," said Struthers Burt, Sandhills author, in his talk about his recent trip to the West Indies before the Kiwanis Club of Aberdeen at its weekly meeting held in the Aberdeen Community House Wednesday noon.

Mr. Burt was very much impressed with conditions as they are at present on the island, but inclines to the belief that there will be trouble when the treaty under which we are exercising governmental supervision expires in 1936. With 900,000 blacks and 100,000 whites—and the whites are not all pure white—there needs to be, in Mr. Burt's opinion, some proper governing and restraining influence such as the United States to insure peace.

The local author made a very interesting talk about his trip to the various islands of the West Indies group told about the curious dividing line—a picket fence—on the island of St. Martins, which is controlled on one side of the fence by the French, on the other side by the Dutch, with no love lost between the two; of the mountainous Dominica where it rains almost every day and is beautifully verdant as a result; of the strange island of Saba, which has no seaport. One lands from ships by rowboats, and climbs up 800 feet of stairway to the picturesque town where the principal industry, strangely, is boat-building. The lumber is hauled up by ropes to the town, the boats made, then lowered by ropes into the sea. The town is largely inhabited by wo-

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## MRS. ESTHER R. JONES DIES IN HER SLEEP

The announcement of the death of Mrs. Esther R. Jones came as a great shock to her many friends in Aberdeen when it was learned that she had peacefully passed away in her sleep Monday night of this week at the home of her cousin, Miss Mary E. Page, with whom she had made her home for over 25 years.

Following a heart attack about ten days ago she had been confined to her bed, but her condition was not considered serious. The attending physician stated that her death was caused by the heart affection, and that she had been dead about three hours when Miss Page, on trying to awaken her Tuesday morning, found that she had quietly passed away. Mrs. Jones was about 63 years old. She is survived by one sister, Mrs. C. E. Herbert of Norfolk, Va.

Mrs. Jones was widely known throughout the community for her active interest in the Page Memorial Library of which she was librarian for a number of years, continuing her interest in its affairs after her retirement. She was an estimable woman of many Christian virtues, and an active member of the Methodist church here. Her remains were taken to Norfolk, Virginia, her old home, for interment.

## LEAP YEAR SHOW GREAT SUCCESS AT SOUTHERN PINES

Local Talent Produces Real Performance for Benefit of Civic Club

### PLAY TO FULL HOUSE

The Leap Year Minstrels at the Southern Pines Country Club last Friday night for the benefit of the Civic Club was a great success. The clubhouse was crowded for the performance, and merriment reigned. A goodly sum was realized toward paying off the mortgage indebtedness on the attractive Civic Club building.

A lot of talent was unearthed during the evening. Mrs. Frank Goodwill scored a big hit in her solo number, as did the other soloists of the evening, Eleanor Moore, who sang and danced, Bill Dunlop, Stuart Cameron, and Tom Kelly, vocal soloists. Mrs. Charles Everest and her pickaninies won great applause in their song and dance number. The beauty chorus composed of Misses Alice Abel Page, Denna Bredbeck, Katherine Wiley, Mary Welch and Mary Hall, aided and abetted by Albert Adams, backed up the stars in professional manner, and a young man from Carthage, Ralph Matthews, buck and winged himself into stardom.

Miss Lucille Mudgett and Richard Wilson gave a pleasing exhibition of the modern waltz.

Then came the minstrels, with Frank Buchan funnier than he has ever been, ably assisted by the other end men, L. L. Wooley, Bob Montgomery and Tom Vann, as well as by Interloper Shields Cameron. This outfit pulled some fast ones, and sang and danced in their inimitable manner.

Much of the credit for the successful evening should go to the "behind the scenes" group, those who worked hard outside the limelight. Mrs. Carl Thompson handled the musical end of the program with professional efficiency; Miss Catherine Pierson and E. W. Reineke proved themselves real stage scenery experts, and Bub Everest a regular Ziegfeld electrician. And don't forget the stage manager, fresh from Broadway, Cornelius Plankett, who pounded everything into shape and showed the Sandhills how they produce shows on the "Gay White Way."

## Authors To Read For Benefit of Library

Struthers Burt, Bernice Kenyon, Katherine Newlin Burt and James Boyd on Programs

Southern Pines is particularly fortunate in being able to count among its permanent residents a number of well known writers all of whom take a very real interest in town affairs.

Four of them have generously consented to participate in a series of authors' readings which will be presented by the Southern Pines Library Association. Struthers Burt, who is too well known both as a poet and novelist to require introduction, will initiate the series on March 18th. He will be followed by Bernice Kenyon (Mrs. Walter Gilkyson) who will read selections from her poems on March 25th. Katherine Newlin Burt will appear on April 1st and James Boyd on April 7th. The only non-resident participating in the series will be Edward Yeomans of Cambridge, Mass., author of "Schackled Youth" and a leading exponent of progressive educational methods, who will close the series on April 15th.

All of the readings will be at the Southern Pines Civic Club at half past four. Tickets for the series at \$2.00 and single admissions at 50c. will be on sale at the office of E. C. Stevens, Southern Pines beginning Monday, March 14th, and also at the door. The entire proceeds of the readings will go to the library.

Box seats and parking spaces for the Fifteenth Annual Horse Show at Pinehurst, March 29th and 30th, may be secured from the secretary, Charles W. Picquet at his office in the Carolina Theatre Building, Pinehurst. Applications by mail, telephone or mail will be promptly filled.

## The Lindbergh Case

No New Developments of Importance at Time The Pilot Went to Press

There was no important new development in the Lindbergh kidnaping case up to the time The Pilot went to press.

The deepest sympathy has been felt here, as everywhere, for the grief-stricken parents of the stolen youngster, and for Mrs. Dwight Morrow, grandmother of little Lindy. Mrs. Morrow spent a part of the winter in Southern Pines several seasons ago, occupying the Dr. Ramsey house on Weymouth Heights with her son Dwight Morrow, Jr. The young man was here to recuperate from an illness. The late Senator Morrow was at that time ambassador to Mexico and in residence at Mexico City where, a short time later, Colonel Lindbergh met his future wife, Anne Morrow.

## PROPOSED U. S. TAX ON GASOLINE OPPOSED HERE

Frank Shamburger Cites Figures to Show Discriminatory Burden on Car Owners

### TAX IN N. C. OVER 100%

Considerable opposition is heard locally to the proposed one-cent tax on gasoline by the federal government. North Carolinians feel that six cents a gallon is about all they should be asked to pay by way of taxes on the fuel which transports them.

Frank Shamburger of Aberdeen called The Pilot's attention yesterday to some figures regarding gasoline taxation. He said:

"The average gasoline tax now imposed throughout the United States exceeds four cents per gallon. The average price of gasoline received by the refiner is approximately four cents a gallon. Therefore, the present tax is 100 per cent of the wholesale price.

"The average price of crude oil at the well during 1931 was 67 cents a barrel. The gasoline tax in 1931 was \$549,150,000, which is equal to 64 1-2 cents per barrel on the entire crude oil production of the United States, or 97 per cent of the gross value of the crude oil.

"The tax is already so exorbitant that it has produced fraudulent tax evasion which, in many parts of the country, has reached the proportions of a criminal racket."

### Affects Employment

"Gasoline consumption is already declining. Any further tax burden will accelerate the decline, which in turn, will be converted into further unemployment in the petroleum industry, a reduction of the automobile demand and further unemployment in that industry.

"The tax burden upon gasoline is already unfair, exorbitant and discriminatory. This outrageous burden is a contributing cause to the depression in both the petroleum and automobile industries. We should appeal to our lawmakers to consider the consequences of any further oppression."

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## "UNCLE DUNC" JOHNSON DIES AT JACKSON SPRINGS

D. B. Johnson, well known citizen of Jackson Springs, died at his home there last Friday, aged 81 years. The funeral was held from the Presbyterian church Saturday afternoon at 3 o'clock, the services conducted by the pastor, Rev. R. G. Matheson. Mr. Johnson was an elder of this church. He leaves two brothers in Mississippi, John and Hamiton. A third brother, Will, lives at the old home place near Lemon Springs.

His wife died January 25th. They were known to many in North and South Carolina as "Uncle Dunc" and "Aunt Mat." They had conducted a boarding house for 30 years. Aunt Mat's sister, Mrs. Flora Jones, is the only one surviving of the managers and assistants at the widely known establishment.

## Boy of Nine Shoots, Kills Girl Aged 11

Frances Culler of Thagards Section Victim of Attack with Sawed-off Gun

### ON WAY FROM SCHOOL

Frances Culler, ten-year-old daughter of R. C. Culler of the Thagards section, was shot and instantly killed two miles from her home as she was returning from school last Friday afternoon. "The old gun shot Frances," is the explanation given by nine-year-old Agnue Boles, son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Boles, who stands charged with homicide as a result of the tragedy.

Both children were pupils of the Sandhill Farm Life school on Vass Route 1. Agnue did not go to school Friday, claiming that he was not feeling well. That afternoon as his little playmate was walking along the road with her books in her arms, he slipped up behind her, it is said, and shot her in the back with a sawed-off shot gun. The boy then fled to the woods and remained a short while, and when he returned to the house, members of the family noticed that he seemed excited and asked the cause. "The old gun shot Frances," he is reported as saying.

A hearing was held in Recorder's Court on Monday, and the Judge decided to send the case to the Superior Court. The child was allowed to return home with his father, who was told to keep a close watch over him until the next term of criminal court when the case will be heard.

It is thought by some that the little boy did not know that the gun was loaded. The weapon is a cheap one, just a little sawed-off gun with a red stock which gives it something of the appearance of a toy, and it is said that for quite a while it was thrown around, unused. More recently, it had been loaded and hung up, ready for use in case it should be needed, and it is quite probable that that child did not know that it was loaded when he pointed it at his little chum.

### Once Shot His Brother

The slain girl's father was at the hearing. He told the court that he did not want it thought that he was trying to get the boy punished. "That would not bring my little girl back," he said. He was only trying to give the court the facts in the case.

Tending to complicate matters and to make the case an unusually knotty one was the fact brought out in the evidence that this nine-year-old youngster had some two years ago shot and seriously though not fatally wounded his brother with a pistol. He was searching in his brother's pocket for candy and came upon the pistol and the shooting followed.

The boy has the appearance of a normal child, it is said, but it is reported that he is only in the first grade at school. Whether this is due to inability to learn or to lack of previous opportunity to attend school is not known. The family has recently moved to the Thagards neighborhood.

Much sympathy is felt for the grief-stricken father, who has been both mother and father to little Frances since her mother's death eight years ago. The whole community was shocked by the tragedy. Little Frances was a bright youngster, most popular among the neighbors and among her school friends. The funeral services were conducted by the Rev. Mr. Solomon of Carthage in the Lakeview Presbyterian Church, with interment in the cemetery at Lakeview. Besides her father, Frances is survived by three brothers, Lee, Jim and Rodge.

## FAMOUS REVELERS TONIGHT AT PINEHURST COUNTRY CLUB

The Revelers, America's most famous quartet, will sing at the Pinehurst Country Club tonight, Friday, the occasion being the annual banquet of the Tin Whistle Club. For the first time in history, the club is inviting the public for the program after the dinner. Tickets are three and five dollars, and 5 o'clock the time.