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DUKE FOUNDATION ALLOTS \$6,091 TO COUNTY HOSPITAL

Total of \$681,230 Distributed in
the Two Carolinas at
Trustees' Meeting

MOURN DEATH OF COX

The Moore County Hospital was allotted \$6,091 by trustees of the Duke Endowment at their meeting held in Charlotte on Tuesday of this week when \$681,230.60 was distributed to 137 hospitals and orphanages in the two Carolinas. A total of \$5,779,608 has been contributed to these two classes of institutions since the endowment was founded in 1924.

Allocation of \$537,208 to 92 hospitals and \$144,022.60 to orphan homes and child-placing agencies of the Carolinas was made. Applications for assistance were considered from 141 institutions.

The 92 hospitals reported 537,208 free days of care of patients in 1931, which was 54 per cent of the 999,196 days of care of all patients treated. The orphanages reported 1,959,360 days of care of orphans and half orphans during the year, which was 88.6 per cent of the total days of care.

Tribute Paid Cox

The board authorized that a resolution of respect be prepared to be sent to the family of J. Elwood Cox, High Point banker and financier and member of the endowment board who died early Tuesday morning. A telegram was also sent the family by the trustees and a handsome floral tribute was sent to High Point. Members of the board attended the funeral.

The death of Mr. Cox was the second to take a member from the board's ranks since it was created in 1924. The other was James B. Duke, who founded the endowment which has given many millions to Duke university and other educational institutions in addition to the nearly \$6,000,000 that has been given to hospitals and orphanages.

Under the rules of the foundation, the board will elect a successor for Mr. Cox. It is thought the new trustee will be chosen at the next meeting of the board, which will probably be on April 26.

Other institutions of this vicinity were allotted sums as follows: Hamlet Hospital, \$4,308; Highsmith Hospital, Fayetteville, \$7,774; Lee County Hospital, Sanford, \$584, and Pitman Hospital, Fayetteville, \$1,462.

Raymond Johnson, Jr. Four Years Old, Dies

Ill But Few Days with Whooping Cough When Complications Caused Death

At an early hour on Sunday morning Raymond Johnson, Jr., four-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Johnson, passed away at the Moore County Hospital following a severe case of whooping cough and complications. His illness did not appear to be serious until Friday night and his almost sudden death was a tragic shock to the family and friends. A child possessed of unusual beauty in every sense of the word, he was held dear in the hearts of all who knew him.

Surviving are the stricken parents, the grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Coffey, and Mrs. Johnson, and one little sister, Elsie Jean. Funeral services were held from the Community Church on Monday morning, conducted by the Rev. W. M. McLeod and the Rev. J. Fred Stinson, with interment in Mt. Hope Cemetery. The floral tributes were of unusual beauty and expressed in an impressive manner the sorrow and sympathy of friends. Four uncles of the little fellow acted as pall bearers.

Many out-of-town relatives and friends were here for the funeral.

APRIL MEETING OF D. A. R. IN CARTHAGE ON TUESDAY

The April meeting of the Daughters of American Revolution will be held in Carthage next Tuesday, April 5th at the home of Mrs. Wilbur Currie, at 2:30. All visiting Daughters are cordially invited to attend.

Engagement Is Announced



MISS LUCILLE MUDGETT

Engagement of Lucille Mudgett and Henry Dingley, Jr. Announced

At one of the prettiest social functions held in the Sandhills in a long time, a tea dance on Monday afternoon at the Mid-Pines Country Club Dr. and Mrs. William Chase Mudgett of Southern Pines announced the engagement of their daughter, Miss Lucille Heizmann Mudgett, to Henry McKenney Dingley, Jr., son of Mrs. Henry McKenney Dingley of Auburn, Me., and Pinehurst, and the late Henry McKenney Dingley, prominent textile manufacturer.

Miss Mudgett is a graduate of Dana Hall School and a former student of Randolph-Macon College and the Southern School of Creative Arts. She made her debut in Raleigh last fall.

Mr. Dingley, a native of Maine, is the grandson of the late Nelson Dingley, Jr., former governor and Cen-

gressman from the State of Maine, and author of the Dingley Tariff Bill during the McKinley administration. He is a former student at Taft School and graduated from Storm School, after which he became interested in aviation and now holds a pilot's license.

More than 150 were invited to the party at Mid-Pines, included being: Mr. and Mrs. B. A. Tompkins, New York; Mr. and Mrs. Jackson Boyd; Mrs. John J. McCook, New York; Mr. and Mrs. James Boyd; Mr. and Mrs. Struthers Burt; Mr. and Mrs. Augustine Healy; Mr. and Mrs. Almet Jenks, New York; Mr. and Mrs. W. Laing, Middleburg, Va.; Miss Harriet Ogden, Bar Harbor, Me.; Mr. and Mrs. M. G. Nichols, New York; Mr. and

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Local Horses Well in the Ribbons in Annual Pinehurst Horse Show

Despite the keenest outside competition in the history of the Pinehurst Horse Show, local owners fared well in the exhibition which was concluded late Wednesday afternoon in the picturesque show ring of the Pinehurst Jockey Club. Among the leading winners of blue and red ribbons and championships were Corbett Alexander of Pinehurst, the Thorndale Stables of Southern Pines and Millbrook, N. Y., Burrell G. White of Knollwood, Miss Patricia Hyde of Southern Pines, W. V. Slocock of Pinehurst, and Mrs. T. P. Grosvenor, Southern Pines.

The largest crowd in the 15 years history of the show filled the ring and filled the boxes and parking spaces both Tuesday and Wednesday. Good weather aided in making the scene one of splendor. The United States Army with a big entry gave it a military air, and the Fort Bragg horses were well up among the big ribbon winners. A considerable sum was realized for the Moore County Hospital at the lunch and soft drinks booths.

Little Jeff, owned by Mrs. Landon K. Thorne and Mrs. Lawrence B. Smith of Millbrook, N. Y., was adjudged the champion hunter; C. W. Middleton of Greenwich, Conn., took the three-gaited saddle horse championship with High Society, R. H. Johnston of Charlotte the five-gaited championship with Whitehall Chief.

W. H. Dickerson's Truant was adjudged champion trotter. Mr. Dickerson is from Goshen, N. Y. Mr. Slocock's He Goes was given the polo pony championship.

Children's classes were among the show features, the class for best girl rider being one of the largest and prettiest of the two day program. Miss Eleanore Tompkins of New York won this, and she and her brother, B. A. Tompkins, Jr., took the best pair of riders class. Verner Z. Reed, 3d.,

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PLAN FIRE LANES THRO' SANDHILLS TO PREVENT FIRES

Warden Alex Fields Would Minimize
Danger of Future
Conflagrations

TO ASK AID OF PUBLIC

Ever since the attempt began to prevent forest fires in the Sandhills the older settlers have argued that the way to bring safety from fire damage is to burn the grass at those times when it can be done with safety and thus get rid of the inflammable and dangerous material. It looks now as if the old ideas will prevail, and that in the future grass will not be allowed to accumulate.

Alex Fields, fire warden, who had a strenuous siege during the week of fire just passed through, says a movement is working to lay out fire lanes throughout the wire-grass region of the county, cut the territory into blocks that can be controlled, and then at proper times burn out lanes of fire two or three hundred feet wide, and have such control over the whole region that another fire like that recently experienced will be impossible. W. A. Peterson, the district warden, is in accord with Mr. Fields, and they expect to have a plan shortly that can be submitted to the people for an organized effort along this line.

In a general way the country would be studied as to where roads can be used, with a space on the side considerable distance back from the road on which fire could be put out at suitable time, and make a lane that

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New County Board of Elections Named

N. J. Muse and Shields Cameron
Named Democratic Members,
B. C. Wallace Republican

Moore county's new board of elections, named last Saturday by the State Board of Elections on recommendation of State Chairman O. M. Mull, of the Democrats, and State Chairman Duncan of the Republicans, includes N. J. Muse, Carthage, and D. D. Shield Cameron, Southern Pines, Democrats, and B. C. Wallace, Carthage Republican.

The State board, recently reappointed by Governor Gardner, includes Judge J. Crawford Biggs, Raleigh, re-elected chairman; George McNeill, Fayetteville, re-elected secretary, and John C. Syks, Monroe, Democrats, and Fred H. Hamrick, Rutherfordton, and Adrian C. Mitchell, Winton and Raleigh, Republicans. R. C. Maxwell, Raleigh, was again elected secretary.

The ballots for United States Senator and State offices will be combined as an economy measure. The ballots for the Democrats will be white and for the Republicans will be pink. The form of ballots was left to Chairman Biggs and Attorney General Brummitt.

Civil War Veterans

G. A. McRae, One of County's
Few Survivors of Confederate
Army, Dies

One of the few surviving Confederate veterans of the Civil War in this county died last Thursday, March 24th. He was G. A. McRae, who passed away at the home of his niece, Mrs. J. L. Knight, with whom he had resided in the Carthage section for the past 15 years.

Mr. McRae was in his 90th year and had been in declining health for the past few years. Several nephews and nieces survive. Funeral services were conducted at Euphonia Presbyterian Church, where he was a faithful member for many years.

McLEAN WOULD REMOVE SCHOOL TAXES ON LAND

Candidate for Legislature Calls
for Revaluation of Property
and Salary Reductions

ANNOUNCES PLATFORM

In a statement given The Pilot yesterday, T. D. McLean of Aberdeen, candidate for the State Legislature, declares for the removal of all taxes on land for support of the constitutional six months school term, calls for a revaluation of real estate on the basis of current values, and favors the reduction of salaries of public officials and the removal of some of them. Mr. McLean's statement follows:

"I hereby announce that I am a candidate for a place in the Lower House of the next General Assembly of North Carolina, subject to the action of the Democratic Primary.

"A similar announcement was made for me several weeks ago by the farmers and voters of Eureka School Community after I had consented to offer for the place. The people usually desire to know of a legislative candidate something about how he stands on public questions effecting their interests, therefore, I desire to say that I favor the removal from land all taxes for the constitutional six months school term.

"I am firm in my conviction that real estate should be re-valued and reduced from its present high valuation which does not represent the true value of land today. The maintenance of this high valuation is unjust and unfair to the land owners of the county and state causing them to pay more than their share of the taxes. I favor reducing salaries of most of our public officials and the removal of some of them, for I think that we have too many public employees paid from the hard earned money of the people.

"During Governor Bickett's administration he commanded that the tax books should be made to tell the truth. This it appears was done by

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KEEP SPENCE AT RALEIGH, ADVICE OF H. A. PAGE, SR.

"We Need, and the State Needs
the Best Moore County Can
Send to Legislature"

A. B. CAMERON MAY RUN

By Bion H. Butler

The political pot is warming under the rays of the spring sun, and promises action as the days grow longer. To insure against lack of interest in the campaign as it progresses Henry A. Page, Sr., tosses a little shot in the furse by saying to The Pilot, "You can say for me that Moore county has one man who should be selected for the coming session of the legislature, and you know as well as I do who he is—U. L. Spence of Carthage. He is a man of experience gained at a time when legislative action was of a type to give a man of intelligence some knowledge of legislative policies and of state need and of contact with men who are handling state problems. He is a man of sense and character, and so recognized all over the state as well as in Moore county.

"This is no time," continued Mr. Page, "to play any local favoritism. We need, and the state needs, the best Moore county can send to Raleigh, and Spence is the only man half way suited for the job. He is recognized by the state as a man of breadth of understanding; he is given a prestige in the house by the other members and carries weight in anything he stands for there. He is one of the outstanding men of the state, not much given to politics to fog his mind and hinder an honest and intelligent course, and he has brains enough to see into the things that confront the state and the counties in this unusual period. In the critical year that is ahead of North Carolina we need in the legislature the keenest brains that we can dig up, and Spence will go there if we insist. It is a serious period, and no man can afford to play politics now, or local favoritism or anything else that stands in the way of securing for the legislature the one man who is outstanding in his qualifications. I have no inclination to favor Spence, but I am anxious to favor myself and my county and state by getting to Raleigh the best man we have for the job, and that is Spence."

A. B. Cameron in Race

Another probable contestant in the race for the State Legislature is A. B.

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Katharine Newlin Burt Today's Library Reader

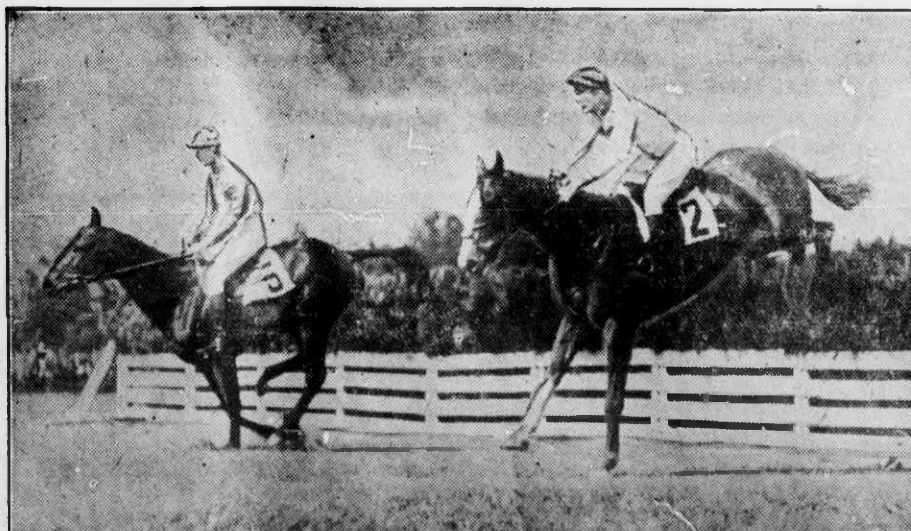
Both Noted Authoress and Bernice Kenyon, Famed Poetess,
On the Program

The Authors' Readings, sponsored by the Southern Pines Library Association, continue to be very popular. Last Friday afternoon Walter Gilkyson, author of several books and short stories, consented to take the hour in place of his wife, Bernice Kenyon, who was unable to read. He was introduced by Struthers Burt in a manner which won the interest of his audience at the start. Mr. Gilkyson gave up the profession of law to become an author and the short story he read was based upon a case with which he was familiar. The atmosphere and character portrayal, together with the sustained interest, won appreciative applause.

Today, Friday, April 1st, at 4:30 o'clock, Katharine Newlin Burt, well known author of "A Man's Own Country," "The Branding Iron," "Cock's Feather" and many short stories and serials will share her works with you. During the same hour, Bernice Kenyon has promised to read selections from her poems. This cannot fail to be a delightful hour to all who enjoy reading.

On Thursday, April 7th, in the Civic Club, at the same hour, James Boyd author of "Drums," "Marching On," and "Long Hunt" will read. His work needs no recommendation, it has spoken for itself to all readers. The public is cordially invited, and the admission is but fifty cents.

Southern Pines Rider Wins In Camden Steeplechase



Noel Laing on Mrs. T. H. Somerville's French horse, Tereus, leading Peacock in the Springdale Steeplechase at Camden, S. C., last Saturday. Laing won the event and also the Carolina Cup race in which he rode Mrs. Somerville's Troublemaker. Both horses wintered in Southern Pines where young Laing schooled them for the events. He is one of the whips of the Moore County Hounds.