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PASTOR SERL TO SERVE SOUTHERN PINES CHURCH

Replies to Solicitations of Congregation by Withdrawing His Resignation

CHURCH OFFICIALS HAPPY

Following a meeting of the trustees of the Church of Wide Fellowship in Southern Pines Tuesday night it has been announced that the Rev. Elmer Willis Serl has replied to the solicitations of his congregation by consenting to withdraw his resignation tendered last April. Following his action several meetings of the church membership were called to protest against the acceptance of the resignation but Pastor Serl held the matter in abeyance until this week.

Mr. Serl came to Southern Pines from Carthage, Missouri, in October, 1918, and under his pastorate the new edifice was erected, the work being started in the summer of 1927. Another accomplishment of his pastorate has been the weekly "Platform Hours" on Sunday evenings during the winter season, when prominent speakers, entertainers and musical organizations have been brought to the church. These meetings have been a feature each winter for some time, attracting large numbers of residents and visitors.

Pastor Serl will arrive in Southern Pines early in November and will occupy the pulpit on the first Sunday of that month greatly to the delight of his congregation and Board of Trustees; C. L. Austin, W. J. Stewart, Dr. E. L. Prizer; E. C. Eddy, G. W. Van Camp, H. C. Cutter, Mrs. E. M. Pettis, Mrs. Lena Sweezy and Miss Mary Schwarberg.

Pinebluff Clinic Is Completed

321 Given Vaccinations for Typhoid: 22 for Diphtheria

The typhoid fever clinic at Pinebluff has just been completed. There were 321 people immune against typhoid and this means that during the clinic 962 injections were given for typhoid alone. There were 22 children immune against diphtheria, each taking three or more injections, four were vaccinated against small pox.

In the V. D. clinic conducted at the same place 116 people, principally all colored, had their blood taken for the Wassermann test. Sixty-five were found negative and fifty-one proved to be positive, which gives a very large percentage suffering from this disease. All those with Wassermann positive were not only willing but eager to take the treatment for this very serious and often contagious disease, and during the clinic 217 intravenous injections of neosarsphenic were administered. This clinic has been a fine demonstration of the pestilence of this disease, and how it can be abrogated. We trust that those who commenced the treatment will continue to receive it, and go to their family doctors for its completion. A similar clinic to this is held every Saturday morning at the Public Health Office from 9:00 until 11 o'clock.

LOCAL FIREMEN GET SHARE OF RELIEF FUND

Aberdeen has been sent \$82.15 as its share of the State Firemen's Relief Fund, distributed each year on the basis of the amount of fire insurance premiums collected the year before in the towns and cities of the State which qualify by having an organized fire department, a designated fire district and regulations complying with the fire waste law. The total distributed to 153 towns and cities qualifying was \$30,566.91, which is one per cent of the insurance premiums paid in these towns and cities. This is \$5,320 less than the amount distributed last year, showing a decrease in the amount of business done.

Carthage received \$34.82, Pinehurst \$121.75 and Southern Pines \$156.41. Carthage received \$34.82, Pinehurst \$121.75 and Southern Pines \$156.41.

Resumes Operation

Vass Cotton Mill Goes Back to Work with Increased Orders

The Vass Cotton Mill, which has been closed since the latter part of April, on Monday resumed operation and will continue to run for an indefinite time so far as is known. Increased orders made it possible for the mill to resume work. The mill employs a considerable number of hands, and they are greatly encouraged at the prospect of again having regular employment.

WORK OF COUNTY HOME WARDEN IS COMMENDED

Grand Jury Also Reports Satisfaction with County Records and Prison Conditions

MINOR CHANGES ASKED

Commendation for the work of Herbert Kennedy, warden of Moore's county home, was recorded in the report of the Grand Jury, which was submitted last week and which was the most comprehensive report handed in in several years. John F. Taylor was foreman. "The committee is highly pleased with the work being done by Herbert Kennedy who is doing all possible to make this institution a credit to Moore county," the report reads. Minor repairs were recommended for the county home building.

The records in the Register of Deeds office were reported well kept and up to date with the exception of the Map Book which is in very bad shape. It was recommended that a better system of filing maps be provided and that all persons wishing to record maps be encouraged to present either cloth back maps or maps prepared on linen tracing cloth.

The records of the Clerk of Court's office were found well kept except the cross-index system and that is rapidly being caught up. More shelves for filing the record books are badly needed, the report says, and it was recommended that these be provided.

Minor repairs around the court house were recommended and the Grand Jury recommended that action be taken to prohibit persons from spitting in the court room except in vessels provided for this purpose.

Conditions at the prison camp were found very satisfactory and the jail was reported to be clean throughout. It was recommended that steel bunks be purchased to replace the metal cots now in use as fast as these cots are damaged beyond repair by the prisoners. The jail capacity can be increased by providing nine steel bunks which could be used as upper bunks, the report states, and recommends that this be done immediately. Future consideration should be given towards providing an extra cell which would make it easier to segregate white women.

It was found that the county doctor had been performing his duty both at the county home and at the jail, making regular visits to both places.

The file of magistrate reports was examined and reports found from all. The Clerk of Court submitted a list of guardians, executors and administrators who had not filed reports during the past year, and this was attached to the Grand Jury's report, as were also a list of the bonded officers of Moore county with information as to the type of bonds, expiration date and amount and a statement from the county accountant regarding the depository of public money and the security for same.

The report is concluded with the following statement: "We condemn the use of illegal slot machines in the county and recommend that violators of this law be prosecuted to the fullest extent."

AT METHODIST CHURCH SUNDAY

The general public is most cordially invited to worship at the Methodist Church Sunday morning at 11 o'clock and 8 p. m. Mr. Dall will preach at both services.

GETS FIVE YEARS FOR SLAYING OF LIFE-LONG FRIEND

George Brewer Sentenced to Imprisonment for Killing of Jonah Davis

OTHER COURT NEWS

George Brewer, young white man of the Dover church section of Moore county who shot to death his lifelong friend, Jonah Davis, following a day on which both are said to have been drinking, was sentenced to imprisonment in the State's prison for not less than five nor more than seven years at hard labor by Judge John M. Oglesby, who presided over a term of criminal court in Carthage last week. It was specified that Brewer is to wear stripes.

Tom Caddell, colored, of Carthage, a former trusted janitor at the court house was given four months on the roads at hard labor to work under the control of the State Highway Commission on a larceny charge. Tom had taken small sums of money from the office of the education department.

Bennie Peele, Troy Peele and Sherrill Peele were found guilty of the larceny of automobile accessories from the premises of P. V. Barefoot, Troy and Sherrill were sentenced to State's prison for two to five years at hard labor and are to wear stripes. Prayer for judgment was continued for two years as to Bennie upon condition that he pay the cost and pay \$35 for the use and benefit of Barefoot, this cost to be paid by next January.

W. S. Gatewood, Porter Mooneyham and Coley Mooneyham, guilty of breaking and entering the McCormack building in Carthage, are to serve not less than one nor more than three years at hard labor at State's prison and wear stripes.

Prayer for judgment was continued as to Albert Johnson, white youth who secretly slashed W. P. Tunnell, an elderly man, in the back with a knife, upon condition that he pay in court \$17 for doctor bill, \$8 for use of plaintiff and the costs and further, there he made a law abiding citizen.

Having complied with a former order.

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Jungle Picture to Be Shown Here

"Congorilla," Made Entirely in African Jungle to Be Carolina Attraction Next Week

The coming of Mr. and Mrs. Martin Johnson's greatest achievement, "Congorilla," to the Southern Pines Theatre, Thursday, Friday and Saturday, September 1-2-3, will be doubly important. In the first place it will mark the presentation of one and only talking motion picture entirely made in the African jungle.

Secondly, "Congorilla," which took two years to make, will disclose secrets the jungle has heretofore hidden from civilization. Gorillas, eight feet tall and weighing more than a thousand pounds, vie with the earth's tiniest humans, the Pygmies of the Itura Forest. Gorillas are seen in mortal combat. The pygmies, sole inhabitants of the sunless land, present weird sights that go back to primitive days. Huge elephants, slithering reptiles, floating islands of flesh, mad rhinoceri, ferocious lions, millions of birds, and, in fact, every conceivable sort of animal of the African jungle appear as they never have before in this pinnacle of sound entertainment, "Congorilla."

This picture provides different entertainment. The humans and beasts of the jungle are presented exactly as they are, with natural sound. In fact, the spectator hears the pygmies talk, shrills to the hysterical shrieks of fighting gorillas, is spellbound by the roar of lions and other wild beasts, and the splashing of rivers and lakes alive with charging monsters and the weird songs and ceremonies of savages.

You can put it down in your list.

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Prospect of Tie for First Place Keeps Baseball Fans Keyed Up

Back Soon



NELSON C. HYDE

Word received at The Pilot office is to the effect that the General Manager and Editor is on his way back to the Sandhills and is expected to be here in time to get out next week's issue of the paper.

Large Enrollment Expected at Maxton

Number of Moore County Boys Expected to Attend Presbyterian Junior College

Prospects for a larger registration at the Presbyterian Junior College, Maxton, this year are very promising, says President R. G. Matheson, Jr. Applications are running considerably ahead of last year, he said, and the college is preparing to take care of a larger number of students this year. There was a gain last year over the previous year, and according to present indications there should be a substantial gain in enrollment when the college opens for work on September 15.

The records make it clear that the institution is emphasizing scholarship and high standards in its work and that its graduates have made fine records in college and university, which means that the two years' college work done there is recognized as standard and that the student who has done that work can pursue higher courses in any standard college or university.

Coach "Doc" Henderson has issued a call for 35 old men and freshmen for the 1932 edition of the "Fighting Scots" to meet him for early practice September 12. He states that he expects a hot fight for the center and flanks in the line and for two of the back field positions as graduation has left him short on flank men and ball toters. Several freshmen of high school fame practice to make the matter of replacement for these positions a hot fight.

It is also understood that a number of Moore county boys will attend the college this year. Moore has been represented in the student body every year since the college was founded, but not in large numbers. This year it is expected there will be a larger number of students from the county than there was last year or the year before.

TO CHANGE HOUR OF PREACHING SERVICE

The Rev. Murdoch MacLeod states that the experiment tried by the Community Church this summer of having the Sunday morning preaching service at nine o'clock has been very successful. An increase of about 25 per cent in church attendance has been noted during the month the innovation has been tried out. The last nine o'clock preaching service for the summer will be held Sunday morning, beginning with the first Sunday in September preaching will be at 11 o'clock.

Frank S. McClell, Jr., has returned from Wake Forest where he brushed up his law studies preparatory to standing the examination for the bar this week.

Vass-Lakeview Now a Half Game Ahead—"Plowboys" Coming to Southern Pines

With Vass-Lakeview a half game ahead of Aberdeen and only two games to play, and Aberdeen with only three games left to play the fans are discussing pro and con the chances of the two teams finishing the season in a tie for first place. The dopsters figure that the chances are good for a finish of this kind. With the exception of the game between Aberdeen and Southern Pines both teams meet opponents from the lower brackets and should have easy wins. However, after the way Carthage handed it to both Aberdeen and Vass last week, no prediction is ventured.

In the event of a tie for first place, a five game series will be played to decide the championship.

Southern Pines apparently has third place cinched.

Coming Games

Vass-Lakeview will meet West End at West End Saturday and will then have but one game left to play. Aberdeen will probably play its postponed game with Southern Pines next Wednesday, and in the meantime will probably meet Pinehurst with a game with West End to follow the Southern Pines game. The tailenders will finish scrapping for the cellar position.

A game of more than usual interest will be played at Southern Pines next Saturday when the "Plowboys" from Stedman will meet the fast Southern Pines team. The "Plowboys" is a team made up of the remnants of the famous Stedman of 1920 with some younger talent added to fill vacancies.

Aberdeen Defeats Thomastown

Aberdeen snowed under Thomastown 30-6 in a game featured by many base hits and quite a few errors. Martin pitched a fine game for Aberdeen, allowing only five hits up to the seventh, when he was relieved by Caldwell. The score then was 25-2. Thomastown bunched hits coupled with errors by Aberdeen in the ninth to score four runs.

George Martin led the hitting with four out of five including two doubles. Folley got four out of five. McLean and Bobbitt each got four hits in seven trips.

The whole Aberdeen team fielded well until the ninth. McLean, at first, making several hard chances look easy, led the team in fielding.

Southern Pines Wins

Southern Pines having but one more game of the league schedule to play staged an exhibition game Wednesday afternoon with a combination of players from Pinehurst, Carthage, etc., outplaying the aggregation 17 to 6, seven of the runs being made in the 7th inning when all the players seemed to be running around the bases. For Southern Pines Stewart made 3 runs, Vann, Webster, Fisher, Monte, Harris and Bowers 2 each, Phillips 1 each. For Pinehurst Rose scored twice, and Duke, Grimm, Burns and Pleasants one each. Webster, Southern Pines short stop proved the stellar player of the day.

FRANK PAGE HONORARY MEMBER HIGHWAY BODY

Honorary members of U. S. No. 1 Highway Association stipulated in the by-laws adopted at the meeting in Jacksonville last week are Franklin D. Roosevelt, governor of New York; Frank Page, former N. C. Highway Commissioner; the governors of the several states through which the highway extends from Fort Kent, Maine, to Key West, Fla., and the chairman of the state highway commissions of those states.

CALLS THE PILOT MOST ILLUSTRIOUS WEEKLY

We find the following from an article by W. T. Best in the Greensboro Daily News of Monday, August 22: "The Pilot of Aberdeen, most illustrious weekly in the whole Commonwealth with two novellists of national fame, a newspaper editor of eminence in New York, and a string of other notables, is pushing the idea of tax reduction."

INTEREST GROWS IN FIRST MOORE CO. FIELD DAY

Day of Keen and Clean Athletic Contests Is Assured

TROPHIES ARE ARRIVING

If the weather man is good to us the First Annual Moore County League Field Day promises to be one of the Red Letter days in the Sandhills.

Interest in it is growing by leaps and bounds and, as the entries are coming in, a day of keen and clean athletic contests is assured.

All the Team Managers are cooperating whole heartedly and almost any hour of the day contestants are training and practicing for the events, all over the country. Autographed Base Balls, Bats and other valuable trophies from the nationally known Big League Stars are arriving, any one of which will prove to be the envy of all who are not so fortunate as to win one of them.

The entire program is rounding up in great shape and the Committee expects to be able to publish a complete list of not only the events but the contestants next week.

The big day is Monday, September 5th, the place is the Pinehurst Race Track and the program will start promptly at 1.00 p. m. The gates will be open at 12:00 noon. The small admission fee is 10c to everybody over ten years old but larger amounts will be gladly received, as every dollar taken in at the gate goes to the Moore County Hospital Charity Fund. There will be no charge for Grand Stand and Parking. The Cold Drink Stand will be in charge of the Montesantis and the profits from this too, goes to the Hospital. This is the first of what will probably be one of the big annual events in the Sandhills and will doubtless bring a crowd that will outlive anything ever held in this section.

Hemp Silk Mills Close Indefinitely

Intended Strike Is Anticipated Management and Mill Is Shut Down

Anticipating an intended strike, the management of the Hemp Silk Mills, decided to shut down indefinitely, and the mills did not open for work Monday.

W. T. Saunders, superintendent of the plant, said Wednesday that he did not know when the mills would again resume work, that they were doing some small repair work during the shut down, but that there was little likelihood of there being any urgent necessity of starting production at the Hemp mills as other plants of the company were well able to meet all demands for their products. The general tone of comment is to the effect that the mills were running merely to keep a working organization together pending an upturn in business conditions.

Business men of the town interviewed were more or less discouraged with the outlook, as the mill payroll had furnished the main ready cash supply of the village.

A delegation of workers were reported to have gone to Burlington Wednesday, evidently for the purpose of meeting the heads of the company, but no definite information as to the results of their visit or its object were available.

BOY PAINFULLY INJURED WHEN HIS HORSE FALLS

Louis J. Fegram, Jr., son of Dr. L. J. Fegram, was painfully injured last Saturday afternoon when the horse he was riding became frightened and in a sudden spurt of speed skidded on the pavement in front of the Pinehurst garage and fell down. Louis's injuries were dressed at the local hospital and he is now able to be out but is having to use crutches for a short time. The animal suffered a badly skinned shoulder and minor scratches but no serious injuries.