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20 P. C. DIVIDEND TO DEPOSITORS OF PAGE TRUST CO.

Distribution Probable Through
R. F. C. Loan of \$600,000 to
Bank's Receiver

THOUSANDS HERE BENEFIT

Good news for the thousands of depositors of the Page Trust Company in this section was contained in an Associated Press despatch last night. This stated that informal notice had been received by the State Banking Department at Raleigh that \$600,000 will be made available for a 20 percent dividend to the 15,000 persons who have had their funds tied up in this bank since the banking holiday of March a year ago.

Moore county had two offices of the Page Trust Company, Aberdeen and Carthage, with several thousand depositors in both the checking and savings departments.

Gurney P. Hood, State Bank Commissioner, said he had no official word but had been informally notified that the RFC would make a loan to the bank's receiver to enable the dividend.

The bank had offices at Aberdeen, Raleigh, Zebulon, Apex, Liberty, Thomasville, Sanford, Raeford, Albemarle, Siler City, Carthage, Troy, Ramseur and Hamlet.

Mrs. Foss Dies at Her Home in Southern Pines

Widow of Former Pastor and
Editor Had Been Resident
Here for 29 Years

Mrs. Agnes M. Foss widow of Herbert E. Foss, a former pastor of the Church of Wide Fellowship, died in her home at Pennsylvania Avenue and May street, at twelve o'clock Sunday, April 8th. Mrs. Foss, who would have celebrated her 76th birthday on the 14th, came to Southern Pines with her husband in 1905, he having accepted a call to the pastorate of the church in March of that year, a charge that he was compelled to resign in 1907 due to failing health.

Becoming editor of the old Tourist, Mr. Foss later formed a partnership with Mr. Stradley and later with J. E. Morris for the publication of the Sandhill Citizen, and following his death in November, 1920, Mrs. Foss succeeded him in the firm.

Born in Strong, Maine, she was the daughter of Daniel Hitchcock and Frances A. Hitchcock. Mrs. Foss' body was interred in the family plot in Auburn, Me., following the funeral services in the Church of Wide Fellowship at 3 o'clock Wednesday afternoon, the Rev. T. A. Cheatham of Pinehurst officiating. Active in church work, and in the formation of the Civic Club, of which she was the 2nd vice-president, Mrs. Foss possessed a wide circle of friends and acquaintances in the Sandhills. Surviving is her daughter, Mrs. Ruth Foss Barkner, and two grandchildren.

SHIELDS, GRANT, LOTT AND ALLISON SURVIVE

Four of America's top ranking tennis stars survive in the annual North this week after four days of play, and South tournament at Pinehurst Frank Shields, No. 1 man, Wilmer Allison, No. 2, Bryan Grant and George Lott, both in the first ten. Shields meets Grant and Allison plays Lott today, the winners to fight it out in the singles finals tomorrow. Lester Stoeffen, California giant and No. 3 man in the country, withdrew from the singles after his arrival here, on advice of the Davis Cup committee. He has played so much brilliant tennis of late the committee fears he may get stale before Davis Cup competition starts.

SOUTHERN PINES WINS EXHIBITION BALL GAME

The Southern Pines baseball club opened its exhibition season yesterday by smothering the Vass All-Stars managed by Landon Tyson by a 14-2 score. The chilly weather kept the attendance below the 200 mark.

Queen of the Festival



MISS MARJORIE SKINNER

Coronation of Queen Follows The Rose Maiden Festival Chorus

Wednesday Night Brilliant Affair with Thousands Enjoying Festivities

The spacious auditorium of the Church of Wide Fellowship was filled to overflowing for Wednesday night's feature of the Festival Week program, the Rose Maiden Festival Chorus, nearly 100 voices directed by Charles W. Picquet. Both the Rose Maiden and the Hallelujah Chorus were brilliantly rendered by a group which showed splendid training under Mr. Picquet during the past few weeks. Also on the program was Charles Pier with his ensemble from Greensboro College in a number which was greatly enjoyed by the large audience.

The coronation of the Festival Queen, postponed on account of inclement weather from Monday night, took place later last evening on West Broad street before the largest crowd to assemble here since the days of the old Peach Festivals. A costume dance and parade preceded the coronation ceremonies, and prizes were awarded for the prettiest and the most comical costume.

At a signal from the Fort Bragg trumpeter the parade of the Queen and her attendants started from the corner of Pennsylvania avenue and proceeded to the Court of Honor in the middle of the block. Mounting the high steps to her throne, Miss Marjorie Skinner of Elizabeth City, a member of the faculty of Southern Pines School, made a charming picture as she smiled down upon those who had chosen her for the honor of presiding over this week's festivities. Twelve attractive young girls of Southern Pines and Aberdeen were grouped about her on the platform, and at its base stood a military guard of honor from B Battery, 17th Field Artillery. After a few words of congratulation Nelson C. Hyde, president of the Chamber of Commerce, placed the crown upon Miss Skinner's brow amid the applause of the assemblage.

The balance of the evening was given over to merry-making in the nature of a street dance.

Moore county has the distinction of being one of three counties selected for a rural electrification survey which will be made during the three weeks preceding May 1, according to information received by Miss Elizabeth Head, Director of Relief

Final Vote for Queen

Miss Marjorie Skinner Wins Festival Election by Wide Margin

The final vote in the contest for Queen of the Spring Blossom Festival when the votes closed at noon on Monday was as follows:

Miss Marjorie Skinner	22,942
Miss Dorothy Pottle	15,321
Miss Dorothy Shatzer	12,730
Miss Edna Ruth Bruton	5,863
Miss Marjorie Coffey	2,215
Miss Helen Parker	1,345
Miss Virginia Hensley	1,155
Miss Ann Cameron	1,120
Miss Margaret Olmsted	1,120
Miss Frances Sparks	1,120
Miss Laura Baker	1,050

DUKE BEATS STATE IN FESTIVAL BALL GAME ON TUESDAY

Thousands See First Conference Battle of Season Between Leading Colleges

Before a gala Festival crowd of 3,000, Coach Jack Coomb's Duke Blue Devils downed a fighting State College Wolfpack on the Southern Pines field Tuesday. A six-run splurge in the third frame gave Duke the 7-5 decision in a Big Five and Southern Conference game.

The Blue Devils opened the scoring with their half-dozen markers, five singles, at hit batsman and a sacrifice accounting for these. State showed it was still in the game in the last half of this inning by mixing four singles and a fielder's choice for two runs.

To start the second half of the fourth, Ray Rex, State left fielder and also a track and football star, poled one of the longest hits ever seen on the local field. It was held to a double because of special ground rules, but started a rally that netted the Wolfpack two more markers.

One more in the fifth for the Raleigh players put them just one behind, but after Duke added one in the sixth all scoring ceased for the day.

Weaver pitched a steady game for (Please turn to page 8)

OLD SLAVE DAY A MEMORABLE ONE IN SOUTHERN PINES

Eighty-Six Old Timers of Antebellum Days Here for Fine Program

THREE OVER 100 YEARS OLD

Old Slave Day will be one long remembered in Southern Pines. Never has there been such a gathering here. The old timers who lived in the days of slavery came from all parts of the county. Ranging in age from Demus Taylor's 106 to the youthful seventies, many walked as briskly as the grandchildren who accompanied them, others had to be "toted in" to the park benches where they sat about and chatted of the old days with whomsoever gathered about them.

If the Spring Blossom Festival had consisted only of its Old Slave Day, it could be counted a great success. Conceived several months ago by Frank Buchanan and carried into reality by Frank and his efficient committee, the day will go down in local history as a happy occasion for all.

Three thousand visitors from all parts of the country assembled in the municipal park Wednesday morning for the program which opened with the registration of eighty-six old darkies of Civil War days, most of them were born and raised in Moore county.

Several Centurians

Among the oldest here for the old slave dinner was Demus Taylor, of Taylortown, aged one hundred and six. He was accompanied by his son, Robert L. Taylor, age sixty. There was also an old Negro mammy, Aunt Mary Bass, of Aberdeen, age one hundred and six, and Aunt Mary Henderson, of Vass, age one hundred and two.

One of the outstanding characters was the Rev. George Goode, of Southern Pines, age eighty-four, who has a daughter fifty-five years of age while his youngest child is two years of age. In addition he is the father of twins, age fifteen. The Rev. T. B. McCain, who has been pastor of the A. M. E. church of Southern Pines for the past fifty-four years and aged eighty made an informal talk of ante-bellum days and told of his old master, Hugh McCain, of Randolph county, for whom he is named. The Rev. McCain, one of the outstanding colored citizens here, has a son, Dr. W. P. McCain, who is practicing medicine in Pittsburgh, Penn. He also has a daughter, Dr. Annie May McCain, in New York City.

The afternoon program opened with songs by the Shaw University Jubilee Singers of Raleigh, who delighted the throng of Northern visitors with their Negro spirituals.

The address of welcome to the old slaves was made by Judge James S. Manning, of Raleigh, and was followed by informal talks by a number of the old slaves who told of many of their experiences in the old days. Other speakers on the program were: Bion H. Butler, veteran newspaper man, James Boyd, widely known author, and Frank Buchanan, chairman of the "Old Slave Day" committee.

One of the most interesting addresses was made by the Rev. William A. Cooper, of Charlotte, widely known Negro artist who gave a summary of the rapid progress made during the past years by members of his race.

Tap dancing and singing by colored visitors and old fiddlers and banjo picking contests ended the afternoon session.

FORT BRAGG OFFICERS ARE HOSTS AT LUNCHEON

Captain Reeves and Lieut. Furnholmen, the officers in charge of Battery B, 17th Field Artillery here this week, were hosts to members of the Spring Festival committee at lunch at the camp in Broad street on Thursday noon, and the occasion was a happy one for all present.

At noon today the officers and their wives are the guests of several of the Festival committee members at lunch.

Military Day Ends Gay Week of Spring Blossom Festival in Southern Pines

State Commander



CAPT. TOM DANIELS
Head of North Carolina Department
of the American Legion.

HORSE SHOW AND GYMKHANA BIG FESTIVAL FEATURE

Entire Sports Day Program is
Enthusiastically Received
by Crowds Here

BATTERY B GIVES DRILL

With the picturesque show ring near the Southern Pines Country Club surrounded by automobiles filled with enthusiastic spectators and a grandstand without an available seat in it the Horse Show and Gymkhana yesterday afternoon proved another Spring Blossom Festival Week hit.

From 3 to 4:30 o'clock horses, horsemen and horsewomen were dashing about the ring in spectacular maneuvers, the equestrian program winding up with a jump over a Ford roadster by W. O. Moss' Black Sport, ridden by Jack Willard of Raleigh. It was a thrilling performance to top off an interesting and exciting afternoon.

Herbert Cameron was in charge of the program and it started on time and ended on time. There were many entries in every event. W. O. Moss' black mare, Lady Durham, was the afternoon's big winner, taking the blue in the main jumping event for men riders and Mr. Moss up the ladies' jumping event with Miss Wally Flachslander in the saddle, and tying with Joe Durando on Peanuts for first in the triple bar jump.

One of the most exciting events was the potato race. Sides were chosen up by Miss Betty Forsyth of Red Bank, N. J., and Miss Flachslander of Southern Pines and after spirited piercing of potatoes and fighting to land them in the baskets guarded by their opponents Miss Forsyth's team was a winner by the margin of eight and one-half potatoes. The other half (Please turn to page 5)

H. S. Glee Club Gives Fine Festival Concert

Lakeview Chorus Assists Singing Songs of Mrs. Gibbon on Tuesday Night Program

The concert given on Tuesday night in the High School auditorium by the Southern Pines High School Glee Club, directed by Frederick Stanley Smith, was a brilliant success. The program was well arranged and admirably carried out and showed the splendid training which the school pupils have had during the past two years at the hands of their director.

Also on the program that evening was the Lakeview Glee Club in several songs, the music for two of which was written by Mrs. Nicholas L. Gibbon of Lakeview. These numbers were excellently rendered by a trained chorus and won the applause of the large gathering which enjoyed the entire program.

American Legion Takes Command of Town Today for Big Parade and Ball

1935 FESTIVAL ASSURED

And now comes Military Day to wind up Spring Blossom Festival Week in Southern Pines for 1934, a week which has proved a success beyond the dreams of those who planned it and carried it through, a week which makes it a certainty that the event will become an annual one in the Sandhills.

Military Day is in charge of the American Legion. The Legionnaires are holding a district convention here as part of their program, but the business transacted will only be an incident in the day's program. The main feature will be the big military parade in the afternoon, details of which appear on another page of this issue. In line will be veterans of American wars from the Rebellion to the World War, and marching with them will be the Queen of the Festival, Miss Marjorie Skinner, with her Court of Honor, and other local celebrities. Brig. General Manus McCloskey, commanding officer of Fort Bragg, will head the procession.

Captain Tom Daniels, State Commander of the American Legion, will be here and with Gen. McCloskey, will make an address. General W. A. Smith of Ansonville, State Commander of the United Confederate Veterans, will be among those present, with members of his staff. A former national commander of the American Legion, North Carolina's own Henry L. Stevens, of Warsaw, will be among those present. It will be a gala day for the military and for Southern Pines.

The final event of Spring Festival Week will be the Grand Ball this evening at the Southern Pines Country Club. To this all are invited at a small fee to meet the necessary expenses of hall and music. Queen Marjorie will preside, and the Legionnaires and their ladies, the artillerymen and their ladies, and Southern Pines and vicinity and its ladies will be there.

Music And Drama Well Received Here

Large Audience Enjoys Stringfield Ensemble and Two Plays by Local Talent

Another audience which overflowed into the hallways enjoyed a Spring Blossom Festival feature last night in the High School Auditorium, the presentation by the Southern Pines Musical Society of the Stringfield Trio of the North Carolina State Symphony Society and two one act plays, "A Game of Chess," by the Pine Maskers of the Southern Pines High School and "Love Among the Lions," by the Sandhills Little Theatre.

With Lamar Stringfield, director of the State Symphony Orchestra, who played the flute, were Ralph Weatherford, cellist, and Adeline McCall, pianist, in three petit trios by Cesar Cui, a bandinage, a berceuse and a nocturne and three concert pieces by Jean Phillip Rameau, all enthusiastically received by the audience.

Taking part in Kenneth Sawyer Goodman's "A Game of Chess," the play with which the Southern Pines High School dramatic organization last week won the championship of high schools of North Carolina, were Morrell Bentley, Thomas Carlisle, Lawrence Williams and E. J. Austin. Directed by Miss Sara Falkener, the youthful players showed the artistry which carried them to first place in the state competition at Chapel Hill.

"Love Among the Lions" was enacted by the following members of the Little Theatre group, Juanita Picquet, Bannie Cornwell, Dr. Robert P. Shepard and Robert Henderson, Jr., under the direction of Walter Frankl, and scored a distinct hit with the large gathering.