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FIVE CENTS

N. A. McKEITHEN, 85 YEARS OF AGE, DIES IN CARTHAGE

Former Chairman of Board of
County Commissioners Had
Been Ill Some Time

PIONEER IN TURPENTINE

Neill A. McKeithen, resident of this section of North Carolina throughout his 85 years of life, pioneer in the turpentine industry in his early years, prominent in Moore county affairs over a long period, died at his home in Carthage on Tuesday night. Mr. McKeithen had been in failing health for the past seven years.

Mr. McKeithen was born in Cumberland county, where his forebears settled in the early migration from Scotland. He was among the first to enter the turpentine development field here in 1870, and the first shipment of oil from Blue's Crossing, now Aberdeen, over the Raleigh & Augusta Air Line Railway, now the Seaboard, was made by him. When the boom days ended in that industry, Mr. McKeithen engaged in the mercantile business in Aberdeen, residing there for many years. He moved to Carthage in 1905.

Head of County Board

He was for many years chairman of the Board of Commissioners of Moore county, served some time as Register of Deeds, and was later chairman of the Real Estate Equalization Board in the county. He was regarded as the leading authority in the county on real estate values.

Mr. McKeithen married Miss Mary Pleasants in 1883, and Mrs. McKeithen and six children survive him. The sons are Edwin T. McKeithen of Aberdeen and Neill A. McKeithen, Jr., of Lumberton; the daughters, Mrs. W. R. Clegg, Mrs. Dan N. Carter, Mrs. Frances Nicoll and Miss Annie McKeithen, all of Carthage. There are several grandchildren. One brother, A. A. McKeithen of Aberdeen also survives.

The Carthage Presbyterian Church was filled with the many relatives and friends of the deceased for the services at 3:00 o'clock yesterday afternoon. Officiating were the Rev. W. S. Golden, pastor of the church, the Rev. E. C. Durham, pastor of the Carthage Methodist Church, and the Rev. E. L. Barber, pastor of the Bethesda Presbyterian Church in Aberdeen. Interment was at Old Bethesda Cemetery, Aberdeen. Nephews of Mr. McKeithen acted as bearers.

Travel Agency Group Guests Here Thursday

Struthers Burt and Frank Buchanan Head Arrangements Committee for Visit

Struthers Burt and P. Frank Buchanan head the Chamber of Commerce committee on arrangements for the reception of some 60 representatives of travel bureau agencies and automobile clubs who will be in Southern Pines the afternoon of Thursday, October 24th. They arrive here on the 11th day of their historic and scenic tour of the Carolinas, sponsored by the Carolina Motor Club and The Carolinas, Inc.

The group will arrive in Southern Pines at 3:15 o'clock and are scheduled to be at Pinehurst at 4:00 o'clock. It is planned to have a Southern Pines delegation meet the caravan in Aberdeen and bring the visitors here via Bethesda Road, past Old Bethesda cemetery and the grave of Walter Hines Page, into the Country Club grounds with a stop at the clubhouse, then through the Weymouth Heights section, on downtown to the business section, then on out to the Mid-Pines Club and the Pine Needles Inn, with a look-in at Judge Way's orchid greenhouses.

A Pinehurst delegation is expected to meet the group following the Southern Pines visit and show them the attractions of Pinehurst in a similar manner.

Assisting Messrs. Burt and Buchanan on their committee are Mayor D. G. Stutz, Robert L. Hart, R. S. Duran, Nelson C. Hyde, Howard F. (Please turn to page 8)

REVS. LAWRENCE AND NEWELL TO LEAVE SANDHILLS

Farmer Retires After Six Years
of Service to Vass, Lakeview
and Other Churches

LOWRY AT PINEBLUFF

Sandhills parishes are to lose two beloved pastors, one through voluntary retirement, the other through promotion.

The Rev. Charles A. Lawrence, for the past six years pastor of the Vass, Lakeview, Union and Cypress Presbyterian churches and for a shorter period pastor of the church at Manly, has asked that his relationship with these churches be dissolved, effective at the close of the calendar year. His announcement, made following the sermon at the Vass church last Sunday morning, came as a surprise, and caused many expressions of regret from members of his own church and friends of other denominations as well.

Although Mr. Lawrence greatly regrets giving up the active ministry, the condition of his health makes it imperative that he do so at least for a time. The work of preaching in the five churches and visiting in the widely scattered homes taxes his strength too heavily, so he plans to go with his family at the beginning of the year to Mrs. Lawrence's old home at Falkland and take a needed rest.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence have entered wholeheartedly into every phase of church work during their ministry here, giving unreservedly of their best efforts, and no workers could leave a finer record. There has never been a question as to where Mr. Lawrence stood on any moral issue that was before the public, and his firm stand for the right has commanded deep respect both for his high office and for himself. It is with sincere regret that the Vass community sees the existing relationship dissolved.

Mr. Newell Leaves

At the annual session of the Blue Ridge Atlantic Conference which closed at Winston-Salem last Sunday, the Rev. Clyde O. Newell, pastor of the Methodist Episcopal churches at Pinebluff and Ashley Heights for the past few years, was appointed to the larger parish of Murphy. The Rev. Bernard W. Lowry was appointed to succeed Mr. Newell here.

Mr. Lowry was graduated from Bridgewater Academy at Bridgewater, Va., in 1924. In the year 1924 to 1927 he attended the Moody Bible Institute of Chicago. He was graduated from Berea College at Berea, Kentucky. While at Berea he served as assistant pastor of the First Methodist Episcopal Church. After completing his college work he entered the Boston University School of Theology, graduating in June, 1935 with a degree in Theology. (Please turn to page 4)

Honored

Dr. Clement R. Munroe Elected to Fellowship in American College of Surgeons

Dr. Clement R. Munroe, surgeon in charge at the Moore County Hospital, was notified this week of his election to Fellowship in the American College of Surgeons, an honor bestowed upon those who have proven surgical skill and ability and one highly coveted by the medical profession throughout the country. Dr. Munroe has been in charge here since the hospital opened in 1927 and his skillful work and untiring devotion to duty won the attention of the College authorities. News of his election will be received here with pride and pleasure, for Dr. Munroe is a native of Moore county, the family home being in West End.

Dr. Munroe will leave next week for San Francisco, Cal., where the distinctive cap and gown, symbols of his fellowship, will be bestowed upon him. The ceremonies are to take place on October 28th.

Season To See Reopening of Pine Needles Inn



PINE NEEDLES INN TO OPEN SEASON ON NOVEMBER 14

Emmett E. Boone of Westhampton Beach, Long Island, Leases Property

NEW ROAD FROM MANLY

Negotiations were closed this week by the owners of Pine Needles Inn on Knollwood Heights whereby Emmet E. Boone, prominent hotel man of Long Island, will operate the inn this season under lease. Mr. Boone, who is the operator of the Howell House at Westhampton Beach, L. I., during the summer season, spent several days here during the week and was enthusiastic over the Pine Needles property and the prospects for the winter season.

Announcement of the closing of arrangements with Mr. Boone was made by O. Harrison Stutts, representing George T. Dunlap and associates of the Patuxent Corporation which acquired the inn this year. Mr. Boone plans to come down to the Sandhills within the next few weeks and take possession. He expects to open the hotel on November 14th.

The Pine Needles Inn was built in 1928 at a cost of \$750,000. It is surrounded by an 18-hole golf course and both the building and the course have been put in excellent condition during the past summer at a cost of approximately \$30,000. The hotel, closed during the depression years, has been completely renovated, and plans are under way for building a solarium and amusement room which can be converted into a ballroom.

Work was also started during the past week on a hard-surfaced road leading from Manly on U. S. Route 1 to the porte cochere of the hotel, a distance of about one mile.

Excellent Golf Course

In addition to the hotel there are 531 acres of land in the site acquired by Mr. Dunlap and associates during the past summer. An 18-hole golf course was laid out by Donald Ross over property surrounding the hotel at the time the inn was built, and the course was put in fine condition this summer. Much beautification work has also been done on the grounds immediately surrounding the hotel. There is a good clay tennis court near the hotel, a caddy house, servants' building and other minor structures.

Mr. Dunlap, member of the publishing firm of Grossett & Dunlap, is president of the Patuxent Corporation which controls the Pine Needles; his son, George T. Jr., former national amateur golf champion, is vicepresident, Mr. Stutts sec. and treasurer, and among the directors is S. Y. Ramage of Oil City, Pa., and Pinehurst.

The hotel has a capacity of 150 guests. Mr. Boone plans to operate it on a basis of \$6.00 a day and up, with a low rate for golf. The mail address will be Southern Pines.

Founded in 1797

"Old Union" Church to Have Home-Coming Day on Sunday

Next Sunday, October 20th, will be some coming day at "Old Union," and many are looking forward to the occasion with eager anticipation.

The Rev. Charles Rowan, a son of this historic church, will preach at 11 o'clock in the morning and in the afternoon there will be short talks and reminiscences by former pastors and members. Another important feature will be the picnic dinner which will be spread during the noon hour, and those attending are expected to bring baskets.

This church, midway between Vass and Carthage, was organized in 1797 and has a long and distinguished registry of sons and daughters who are expected to come from far and near for the anniversary. Former ministers of the church and ministers who have gone out from the congregation have been especially invited to return for the day. The Rev. Charles A. Lawrence of Vass is the present pastor.

HEAVY FINES FOR INTERFERING WITH FIRE DEPARTMENT

Two Truck Drivers Found Guilty; Chief O'Callaghan Issues Warning

Interference with the Southern Pines Fire Department in the pursuance of its duty cost two drivers of motor vehicles heavy fines when they faced charges before Justice of the Peace Ernest Bailey here this week.

Howards Woods, driver of the Family Laundry, whose delivery truck struck Fireman Clyde Dunn at a fire in Illinois avenue last week, was fined \$5.00 and the costs. The costs included medical expenses in connection with Dunn's injuries and the wages of a man to replace him at the fire house during his enforced absence. A colored driver of another Family Laundry truck which blocked the passage of fire apparatus on its way to the same fire was fined the estimated costs which the delay of the firemen in reaching the blaze involved.

Chief L. V. O'Callaghan of the fire department told The Pilot this week that people are not taking seriously the State law which calls for freedom of the streets for fire apparatus en route to fires, and stated that the Board of Commissioners of Southern Pines planned to pass a local ordinance "with teeth in it" which will bring to an end the troubling the department has been experiencing in carrying out its duties here.

"The firemen serve without pay. They should be given every consideration in trying to do a duty which is entirely voluntary with them, instead of being hampered," Mr. O'Callaghan said. "Or we'll soon find ourselves without sufficient volunteers to man the apparatus and be forced into a paid department with resulting increase in taxes."

Miss Thomas Bride of Edgar B. Bowman

Ceremony Performed Sunday Morning at Home of Bride's Parents in Jonesboro

The marriage of Miss Elizabeth Thomas of Jonesboro and to Edgar Brevin Bowman, son of Dr. and Mrs. H. E. Bowman of Aberdeen, was solemnized at the home of the bride's parents in Jonesboro on last Sunday morning at 10:00 o'clock, the Rev. L. H. Joyner officiating.

The living room of the Thomas home was beautifully though simply decorated for the ceremony, with ferns and white dahlias predominating. Miss Blanche Godfrey of Jonesboro played the wedding march, and the ring ceremony was used. The bride wore a traveling ensemble of brown and carried a bouquet of tallman roses. Only the immediate families of the young couple and a few intimate friends witnessed the nuptials. Immediately after the vows were spoken Mr. and Mrs. Bowman left on a motor trip through the (Please turn to page 8)

Southern Pines School for Girls New Institution

The Southern Pines School for Girls, a new private institution opened here during the past week, with temporary headquarters in The Padlock. Miss Valerie Deucher of Wilton, Conn., is at the head of the school, and associated with her is Miss Katherine Debevoise of New York City.

In her announcement Miss Deucher states that the education aim is to awaken a sustained interest in literature, history, social science and the languages in relation to their practical application in the art of living. The course of study will prepare for both classical and modern colleges. For those not preparing for college the general course includes a wide field of specialized work.

Miss Deucher's experience during her years of educational leadership with girls, as director of The Pathfinders' Lodge, at Cooperstown, N. Y., has been broad and varied in the world of music and art. She will direct the musical life of the school, assisted by artist members of the Curtis School of Music in Philadelphia.

Miss Debevoise, in charge of the academic department, is a Smith College graduate, has been assistant head of the Rosemary Hall School for Girls at Greenwich, Conn., with the Lincoln School in New York for one year, and with Dr. Perry Smith at the North Shore Country Day School in Winnetka, Ill., for some time. She has an M. A. degree from Columbia University.

Athletics will be stressed at the school, with particular attention to riding, with William J. Stratton of Princeton, N. J., formerly of Southern Pines, in charge of this branch. Mr. Stratton is arriving here within a few days with a large number of horses for the use of the school. Mr. Stratton was recently married to (Please turn to page 4)

RECEPTION SUNDAY FOR FRS. DILLON AND WILLIAMS

The public is cordially invited to attend a reception on Sunday afternoon, October 20, from 3:00 to 5:00 p. m. at the Park View Hotel, tendered in honor of the Rev. Father W. J. Dillon, retiring pastor, and the Rev. Father Thomas Williams, incoming pastor, of St. Anthony's Roman Catholic Church in Southern Pines. Mrs. W. C. Mudgett, Mrs. A. Montesanti, Mrs. Frank Shea and Mrs. Emilie Wilson will serve as hostesses.

THREE CCC CAMPS HERE ARE ORDERED ABANDONED

Three CCC camps in this section are to be abandoned within the next few weeks, according to advices received here this week. The veterans' camp at Jackson Springs, and two camps at Fort Bragg are on the list for discontinuance. The camp on the northwest edge of the government reservation, near James Creek, which has Southern Pines for its base, is to continue, it is understood.

AUTO ACCIDENT IS FATAL TO SON OF DR. J. I. NEAL

Youth, Riding on Running Board of Truck, Thrown Violently to Pavement

Julius Isaac Neal, Jr., 15, only son of Dr. and Mrs. Julius I. Neal of Sanford and Southern Pines died in Lee County Hospital at Sanford early last Saturday evening as a result of injuries received about 3 p. m. that afternoon when he fell or was thrown from the running board of a truck at the corner of Charlotte avenue and Third street, Sanford.

The truck, driven by Stanley Baker, was struck by an automobile driven by J. H. Henley, the impact causing the young man to fall to the pavement, inflicting internal injuries.

The truck was going south on Charlotte avenue with the lad riding on the right running board. The automobile was going north on Third street and struck the rear wheels of the truck.

The youth was a senior in Sanford High School and a member of Steele Street Methodist Church and Sunday School. Of high character and integrity, he was very popular with his associates and had a wide circle of friends. The news of his death cast a gloom over the Sandhills section as well as the boy's home town. Dr. Neal has long been prominently identified with residents of Pinehurst and Southern Pines in his capacity of veterinarian, and has maintained offices in both towns. A large number from here attended the funeral services held Monday afternoon in Sanford.

Surviving in addition to his parents, are one sister, Miss Rebecca Neal, and his grandmother, Mrs. Sarah Womble of Sanford.

Mrs. C. C. Yates Dies in Aberdeen at 78

Member of Well Known Moore County Family Formerly Lived in Carthage

Death came Thursday to Mrs. Lizzie Thagard Yates, member of a well-known Moore county family, at the home of her sister, Mrs. J. A. Bryant with whom she had been living in Aberdeen for some time. She was 78 years old.

She was the widow of C. C. Yates of Carthage, who died about 12 years ago, and she called Carthage home until she came to Aberdeen to live. Until her marriage to Mr. Yates she was a well-known school teacher in Moore and Chatham counties and leaves a large number of pupils who will mourn her passing.

Surviving her are her two stepchildren, S. C. Yates of Brevard; and Mrs. Gilbert Sexton of Trenton, N. J.; three brothers, C. D. Thagard of Huntingdon Beach, Cal.; R. L. Thagard of Quitman, Ga.; and J. C. Thagard of Dothan, Ala.; and two sisters, Mrs. M. D. McNeill of Cameron, and Mrs. J. A. Bryant of Aberdeen.

The funeral services will be held in the Baptist Church in Carthage this afternoon at 2:30 o'clock.