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FIVE CENTS

DR. A. McN. BLAIR, DEAN OF MEDICAL PROFESSION, DIES

Oldest Practicing Physician in
Southern Pines Came Here
in 1903

ILL FOR PAST TWO YEARS

Funeral services for Dr. Alexander McNiel Blair, who died at his home on Bennett street in Southern Pines at 8 o'clock Tuesday night, was held Thursday afternoon at 4 o'clock at the Church of Wide Fellowship by Dr. C. Rexford Raymond. Dr. Blair had been in failing health for the past two years and had been confined to his bed for months.

He was born in Buffalo, N. Y., July 30, 1873, and was educated in the Buffalo schools and in Niagara University, receiving his medical degree from the University of New York in 1897. Following serious heart trouble he was induced to come to Southern Pines by the late Dr. G. H. Saddleon, and with Mrs. Blair located here in 1903, and within a few months was licensed to practice in North Carolina.

In length of time in service, Dr. Blair was the oldest physician in Southern Pines, and was very early affiliated with many of the town's improvement boards, took an active part in founding the Country Club and was active in civic affairs, a director of the Citizens Bank and Trust Company, a member of the Chamber of Commerce and an honorary member of the Civic Club. A member of the Central Presbyterian Church of Buffalo, he attended the Church of Wide Fellowship here and was liberal in its support.

He was a Fellow of the American College of Therapy, and of the American College of Physicians, and was also a member of the Moore County Medical Society, of which he was president; the Fifth District Medical Society, Tri-State Medical Society of the Carolinas and Virginia, Southern Medical Association, American Medical Association, and during the war, of the Volunteer Medical Service Corps.

He is survived by his widow, the former Miss Josephine Caroline Anderson, whom he married in Buffalo in 1899; a daughter, Miss Helen Alice Blair, and a brother, Frank Blair, of Buffalo.

Dr. Blair's superb personality and enormous capacity for work, with his unflagging devotion to numerous patients utterly without means to pay for medical attention gained him wide celebrity and a host of friends who have watched his declining health with dismay, and will long regret his death.

Following the services here the body will be taken to Buffalo, his former home, where Masonic services will be held Saturday afternoon.

Kiwanians Honor Former Presidents

Thanksgiving Meeting Featured by Accounts of Old Days in Aberdeen Club

Past presidents of the Kiwanis Club of Aberdeen were honored by the membership at the annual Thanksgiving Day meeting held on Wednesday in the home of Mrs. J. R. Page in Aberdeen. With Herbert Vail of Pinehurst, lieutenant governor of the 4th Division of the Carolinas district presiding, each of the former leaders of the club's activities was called upon to recall the club's projects and accomplishments during his tenure of office.

All former presidents with the exception of the late Robert N. Page, Dr. William C. Mudgett of Southern Pines and Murdoch Johnson of Camden, S. C., were present, and spoke in order of seniority: J. Talbot Johnson, Edwin T. McKeithen, Dr. J. W. Dickie, Paul H. Dana, Frank Shamburger, Richard Tufts, Nelson C. Hyde, Herbert Vail, Dr. E. M. Medlin and Willard Dunlop, whose term expires next month.

Ralph Chandler, the first secretary of the club, which was organized here (Please turn to Page 6)

Annual Christmas Seal Sale Opens its Fight on Tuberculosis

Your Dues Are Due

If Not Solicited, Send Your
Red Cross Dollar to
Mrs. H. F. Burns

Volunteer Red Cross workers made a house to house canvass in Southern Pines on Wednesday in the annual drive toward Moore county's quota for support of this famed international organization.

If you were out when solicitors called or were in any way overlooked, you are requested to send your yearly contribution to Mrs. Howard F. Burns.

The Red Cross needs your dollar.

30 TO 50 PERCENT SAVING TO USERS OF ELECTRICITY

Rate Reductions of Carolina Power & Light Co. Explained by Ralph Chandler

A rate reduction, announced by the Utilities, Commission effecting the cost of electric service will result in an average saving of 30 percent to more than 50 percent of the customers served by the Carolina Power & Light Company, says Ralph Chandler, manager of the local office.

The new schedules are much simpler than those in effect at the present time, in view of the fact that the special rate for combination service has been dropped and that "fixed" or "demand" charges on all residential and commercial rates have been eliminated. The new rates are expressed in terms of cents per kilowatt hour, and because of the elimination of flat charges will be applied to the distinct advantage of customers making sparse use of electricity.

It is estimated that customers served by the above company will save \$600,000 annually as the result of the reductions. This brings close to one million dollars the annual savings to residential and commercial customers when added to other savings effected through rate reductions made by Carolina Power & Light Company during the past three years. Of the \$600,000 to be saved by users of electricity in 1936 approximately \$200,000 will accrue to the benefit of commercial customers.

The new rates become effective during the month of December and will be reflected in bills rendered on or after January 1. The immediate, or regular, rate is as follows:

6.5 cents per KWH for first 40 KWH used; 4.0 cents per KWH for next 60 KWH used; 2.5 cents per KWH for next 150 KWH used; 1.5 cents per KWH for all KWH in excess of 250 KWH used; Monthly minimum—\$1.00.

The new inducement rate, which (Please turn to page 5)

SPELLING BEE AT THE CIVIC CLUB POSTPONED

The spelling match which was scheduled for this week Friday at the Civic Club has had to be postponed to a later date because of the Thanksgiving holidays and parties being given in the clubhouse. Because next week's program is not ready to announce, members are urged to watch the new bulletin board which is being installed in front of the Civic Club to herald all activities.

The Civic Club tea to all visitors at the clubhouse last Friday afternoon was a very happy occasion. The guests were greeted by the president, Miss Cook, and Mrs. Potts, Mrs. Lorensen and Mrs. Turner, and the tea table was presided over by Mrs. Howes and Mrs. Sanborn. Many new friends were made for the Civic Club, and pleasant contacts among the many guests who dropped in during the afternoon.

What Can Be Accomplished in County Demonstrated During the Year

We insure our homes against fire. We insure our lives against death. We insure our automobiles against accidents. How much are we willing to give towards insuring our county against tuberculosis?

That is the question which will be answered in the next few weeks. The annual Christmas Seal Sale will be launched in Moore county the day after Thanksgiving. Seals go on sale then in the drug stores and libraries in Pinehurst and Southern Pines, and drives will be made in all localities in the county between now and Christmas, the schedule to be announced later.

What can be done toward wiping out tuberculosis has been demonstrated during the past year. One principal village in the Sandhills is now entirely free of the disease. One negro community which had eight cases a year ago now reports none. "It can be stamped out, it is being stamped out. With the continued generous support of the public in the purchase of Christmas Seals the work will go on until the entire county is rid of tuberculosis," Mrs. T. A. Cheatham, county chairman, said this week.

Volunteer Work

The Moore County Tuberculosis Association uses its share of the funds annually collected in this Christmas Seal Sale for the care of tubercular patients, for the examination of families which have been exposed, for the investigation of suspect cases, and for the disinfection of homes. Not one cent is spent for executive and administrative expense. The work is all done by volunteers. Fifteen patients have been cared for at the State Sanatorium during the past year. The average monthly expense was \$200.

Of the money collected in the annual drive, Moore county gets 75 percent, the other 25 percent going into the national and State fund. The 75 percent in this county is matched dollar for dollar by the Board of County Commissioners from county health funds.

"Three cheers for the commissioners. Last May when they heard the report on the work we had done and what was needed to be done they not only pledged us dollar for dollar up to \$1,200 instead of the \$800 the year before, but sent us an \$85 bonus in appreciation of the fine work done in the 1934 Seal Sale," Mrs. Cheatham said.

The report of the treasurer for the period from December 1st, 1934 to December 1st, 1935 reveals the story of the tuberculosis fight in Moore county. It shows:

Cash in Bank—December 1, 1934, \$91.66; Receipts: From 1934 Seal Sale, \$1,161.56; Less 20 percent to National and State Association \$290.39; Less 10 percent to Parents and Teachers Ass'n. for amount collected at public school \$5.40; \$295.79—\$865.77; Individual contributions, \$380.00; From Patients or their families, \$41.00; From County Commissioners, \$975.00; Total \$2,353.43.

Disbursements: To North Carolina Sanatorium, \$1,846.26; Milk Fund, \$127.27; Supplies, \$94.29; Building, Screening and Misc. Acct., \$55.06; Dr. Symington, \$75.00; Total \$2,197.88; Cash in Bank—December 1, 1935, \$155.55; Total \$2,353.43.

Local Chairman Named

Local chairmen for this year's Sale were announced this week by Mrs. Cheatham, as follows: Aberdeen, Mrs. Henry Page, Jr.; (Please turn to page 6)

STATE REGENT TO BE HONOR GUEST OF LOCAL DAUGHTERS

The Alfred Moore Chapter, Daughters American Revolution, will meet Tuesday, December 3d at 3:00 o'clock at the Hollywood Hotel, with Mrs. P. P. McCain as hostess. Mrs. W. H. Belk of Charlotte, State Regent, and Mrs. Benjamin Wyche, also of Charlotte, corresponding secretary, will be the honor guests. All daughters are cordially invited to attend.

LOCAL METHODIST CHURCHES RETAIN PASTORS FOR 1936

Rev. L. M. Hall Reassigned to
Aberdeen-Vass Parishes, Mr.
Durham to Carthage

BIG MEMBERSHIP GAIN

The Rev. L. M. Hall remains at the Aberdeen and Vass Methodist churches, the Rev. E. C. Durham at Carthage, the list of appointments announced by Bishop Kern at the North Carolina Methodist conference in Wilmington on Monday of this week reveals. Reports read at the conference disclosed the fact that benevolence had increased \$19,000 over the previous year, that more than 2,000 members had been added to the rolls of the churches in the conference.

The news of the reappointment to Moore county parishes of Mr. Hall and Mr. Durham was received with great satisfaction by their respective churches. Both these ministers have endeared themselves to their congregations and to their neighborhoods during their service here.

The complete list of appointments for the Fayetteville district follows: D. E. Earnhardt, presiding elder. Aberdeen-Vass—L. M. Hall.

Biscoe—W. F. Trawick. Broadway—Ray Cody (supply). Caledonia—M. C. Ellerbe. Carthage—E. C. Durham. Ellert—K. F. Duval. Fayetteville-Hay Street—W. C. Martin; Person Street, H. L. Harris; Fayetteville circuit, P. D. Woodall. Glendon—L. M. Chaffin. Goldston—W. J. Underwood. Hamlet—W. V. McRae. Hemp—J. J. Strawbridge. Jonesboro—J. R. Bradley. Laurel Hill—W. F. Elliot. Laurinburg—Marvin Y. Self. Maxton—P. O. Lee. Mt. Gilead—J. R. Edwards. Parkton—C. P. Womack. Piedmont—M. D. McLamb. Raeford—E. R. Clegg. Red Springs—L. T. Singleton. Rockingham—J. F. Herbert. Roberdel—W. L. Dawson. Rowland—J. C. Whedbee. Sanford—C. B. Culbreth. St. John-Gibson—H. Buffaloe. Troy—W. R. Royall. Wadeville—Stedman Bagby (supply). West End—W. B. Botten.

Superintendent—T. H. Sutton, L. H. Joyner, G. T. Adams, A. J. Groves, W. H. Townsend, J. B. Hurley, J. G. Johnson, C. M. Hawkins, C. H. Caviness, J. D. Bundy, F. B. Noblitt, J. W. Autry.

Christmas Sale All Day Next Thursday

Things to Fit All Tastes and Purses at Church of Wide Fellowship

The annual Christmas Sale of the Women's Society of the Church of Wide Fellowship will be held at the church all day Thursday, December 5—just in time to do your Christmas shopping early. A special effort has been made this year to present articles which will fit all tastes and all pocketbooks. The food table will offer real home-made rolls, cakes, pies, doughnuts, cookies, jams and jellies; the candy table, home-made candies. The fancy-work table will be just the place to pick up those bits of true needlework which will solve your Christmas problems. There will be a table with handkerchiefs for men, women and children; and novelties for children, women and men. There will be a table entirely for children, with clothes, toys and useful articles. The apron table will have an abundance of those great big kitchen aprons, as well as more frivolous ones; sizes: little, medium, big, and extra. There will also be a specialties table. The items are too special to mention.

A turkey dinner, with all the fix-ins, will be served at noon. Tickets will be on sale all next week.

Tea, English style, will also be served from 4:00 o'clock on, with pretzel (Please turn to Page 2)

U. S. Approval Expected for \$30,000 Knollwood Airport

Asks Fair Play



LEONARD TUFTS

MR. TUFTS ASKS FAIRNESS IN USE OF PUBLIC ROADS

Cites Damage to Pinehurst— Aberdeen Highway by Heavy- Loaded Trucks

A concrete example of the great damage done to highways by heavy trucks is cited by Leonard Tufts of Pinehurst this week in an interview with a representative of The Pilot. In an examination of the road between Pinehurst and Aberdeen Mr. Tufts found the side of the road traversed by loaded gasoline tank trucks, en route from Wilmington to Greensboro, in bad condition while the side over which pass the empty trucks on their return trip was comparatively smooth.

"There are 87 new patches on the easterly side of the road to five on the westerly," Mr. Tufts said. "It costs those of us who pay the gasoline taxes 17 times as much for the part the full trucks travel as it does for the part the empty ones use. I wonder if we should be put to this expense and at the same time have a proper road to travel.

"Naturally these drivers, who are generally very considerate, but who work long hours for low wages, aren't going to turn out on the extreme edge of the road with these heavy trucks for fear of turning over. This fact plus the great length of the trucks and the difficulty of passing any vehicle travelling between 35 and 40 miles an hour make traffic dangerous.

Built For Pleasure

"We build these highways for the pleasure and convenience of riding on them. But now these heavy trucks are destroying them and we fail to get the pleasure or convenience trailing and meeting these road-ruiners that are increasing our road maintenance 17 times. I understand now the heavy truck owners are urging taxpayers to build stronger roads so they may haul heavier loads in order that we may get still less pleasure and that the railroads may be ruined.

"Remember, these heavy trucks do not pay 17 times as much as we do, and that the roads are strong enough for us. Also remember that they pay small wages for a long day's work as well as very little for maintenance of the roads.

"Why not suggest to them, if they want stronger roads so that we can have less pleasure, that they build them themselves—or get off our roads."

Mr. Tufts suggests as a remedial measure that the State Highway Department reduce the allowable weight carried by these trucks.

He also mentioned the unfairness to the railroads, "our largest taxpayers in this and every other state in the Union," of the truck competition over highways the railroads and other taxpayers are paying for.

Work on Two 2,500 Foot Run- ways To Start Within Next Two Weeks

TO BUILD ONE HANGAR

H. J. Thurman, fifth district administrator of the Works Progress Administration, Greensboro, and Assistant Administrator A. H. Kennedy Tuesday met with officials from Southern Pines and Pinehurst in working out preliminary plans for the enlargement of the Knollwood airport which were approved Monday by Thurman Miller of the United States Bureau of Aeronautics. Final Approval from Administrator Coan and Washington authorities is expected in ten days.

The first unit which calls for the construction of two 2,500 foot runways with Bermuda turf is expected to get under way in the next two weeks. The second unit calls for another large hangar in addition to the two hangars that have been in use for several years. The third unit calls for lighting and is being held until the last.

It is expected in addition to employing a large force of men, largely unskilled labor, that the farmers of the Sandhill section of Moore County will also be benefited in the use of their teams in doing the grading.

It is understood that approximately \$30,000 will be available through funds being received from the WPA, including private donations from the two resort towns and the County of Moore.

With the completion of the enlarged and improved field the Sandhills will have available an air base fully approved by the Department of Commerce for use by the largest air transport liners, making it possible to include the Knollwood field on regular schedule on the Eastern Air Transport or other lines covering the south.

Call Mass Meeting For Civic Program

Residents of Southern Pines To Gather at School Auditorium on December 6th

A mass meeting of the people of Southern Pines, both permanent and winter residents, is being arranged for Friday night, December 6th, at the High School Auditorium. What can be done for the betterment of the town, what program should the Chamber of Commerce or other civic bodies formulate for the advancement of the community, how can those who live here and visit here get the full measure of benefit and enjoyment from their residence here, are topics which will be discussed at this meeting.

The Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring the meeting, in the belief that at least once a year those who reside in Southern Pines should come together in informal discussion for the good of the town.

CIVIC CLUB TO BE SCENE OF PEKINGESE BENCH SHOW

Something new in local entertainment is being presented at the Civic Club on the afternoon of Thursday, December 5th, opening at 3:00. A bench show of 15 Pekingese dogs, owned and bred by Mrs. Martha Harrington, will be the attraction.

This breed of dogs originated in China and at one time only members of the royal family were permitted to own them. The particular dogs to be shown here are reported to be beautiful specimens and have been awarded 75 American Kennel Club ribbons in exhibitions throughout the country. Mrs. Harrington will give a brief talk on the care and feeding of dogs in general before the exhibit. An admission charge will be made, 23 cents for adults and ten cents for children.

One of the most pleasant parties of the season was that given Tuesday afternoon by Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Blodgett to officially open the new Club Room in the Berkshire Hotel.