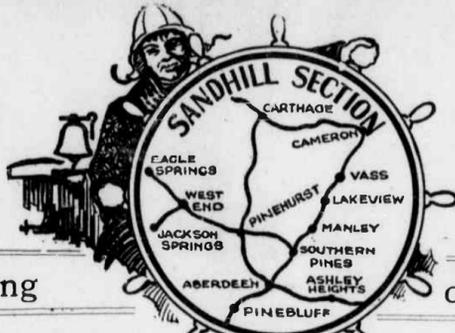


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DEATH COMES TO JOHN Q. STUTTS ON STREET IN ANGIER

Lifelong Resident and One of Most Interesting Men of County Passes Suddenly

WAS SKILLED MILLWRIGHT

On Saturday of last week John Quimby Stutts, lifelong resident of Moore county, passed away suddenly at Angier where he had been called on business Monday. Mr. Stutts was walking across the street to the office of his friend, W. H. Morgan, preparatory to leaving for his home in Lakeview when the end came.

The funeral service was held at the graveside in the Cameron cemetery at 4 o'clock Sunday afternoon with the Rev. M. D. McNeill of Cameron officiating. Pallbearers were John Cameron, L. B. McKeithen, J. D. McLean and D. McDonald, all of Cameron, J. R. McQueen of Lakeview and Raymond Johnson of Pinehurst.

Mr. Stutts was one of the most interesting men of this section. Born around 70 years ago in upper Moore county, he grew up with very few educational advantages, but he was endowed by nature with an intellect of unusual brilliance and became one of the best-read men to be found. He had a remarkable memory, and it is said that he could read an article and days later repeat it almost verbatim. Experiences of his early life remained vivid and he related many interesting happenings of by-gone years.

It was near his childhood home that a superior grade of millstone rock was discovered and a manufacturing plant established around which sprang up the town of Parkwood, the now much-talked-of "deserted village," located about eight miles from Carthage. Men from a northern state became interested and invested large sums of money, establishing a business that in its heyday employed from 75 to 100 persons and put out millstones which won international recognition. According to Mr. Stutts, stones were shipped to points near and far, including Australia.

Moved to Cameron

After the death of the promoters of Parkwood, Mr. Stutts in 1899 removed to the Neill Underwood place between Carthage and Sanford to ply his trade, and about a year later went to Cameron where he became manager of the Carolina Millstone Company which was owned by local men. Mr. Stutts took great pride in the quality of his millstones, and carefully trained his youngest son in the art, expressing the desire that the training be handed down through succeeding generations. This son is now in possession of the patterns used by his father.

It was during his residence in Cameron that Mr. Stutts was bereft of

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C. T. PATCH CELEBRATES 39TH YEAR IN SANDHILLS

C. T. Patch is this week celebrating his 39th anniversary in the mercantile business in Southern Pines. Mr. Patch came here in 1897 from Boston, Mass., where he was affiliated with a large wholesale jobbing house. He came here to visit his brother, James Patch, who was then making his home in Southern Pines and while here purchased the old Tarbell & Taplin store. Since that day Mr. Patch has been in business in the same block on West Broad street, and for some time has been the head of the C. T. Patch & Company department store, outgrowth of his original purchase.

During his residence here Mr. Patch has served in many civic capacities. He has been Town Commissioner, member of the School Board, Town Sinking Fund Commissioner, and a director in the Citizens Bank & Trust Company. His son, Charles S. Patch, is following in his father's footsteps as a merchant, being the head of the Tog Shop, leading local men's outfitting store.

MOORE COUNTY'S SHARE OF "BONUS" TOTALS \$310,816

Over Two Millions Will Be Released in Sandhills Trading Territory

\$34,622,162 IN STATE

Three hundred and ten thousand dollars is the estimated amount that will be paid to veterans of the World War in Moore county if Congress enacts into law the bill for immediate payment of the Adjusted Service Certificates. The estimate is based on figures from the Veterans' Administration.

The estimate for the whole state of North Carolina is \$34,622,162. Of this amount five counties would get more than one million dollars each, Buncombe, Forsyth, Guilford, Mecklenburg and Wake.

In counties contiguous to Moore, the following sums would be paid the veterans. Hoke, \$158,911; Lee, \$187,228; Chatham, \$266,333; Montgomery, \$178,657; Randolph, \$399,429; Harnett, \$417,627; Scotland, \$222,236; Richmond \$374,720.

With Moore's \$310,816, the paying of the so-called soldiers' bonus at this time would release in this trading territory a total of \$2,096,330.

The bill, which is House Resolutions 9500, has already passed the House of Representatives and prompt action is expected in the Senate. It is believed there is sufficient support for the measure to pass it over the President's veto should Mr. Roosevelt follow his previous action and refuse to affix his signature. Congress committees are now busy figuring out ways and means of financing the payment when and if the measure becomes law.

SOUTHERN PINES LIBRARY REPORTS PROGRESS IN '35

E. C. Stevens Re-elected President, Two New Trustees Added at Annual Meeting

Reports presented at the annual meeting of the Southern Pines Library Association, held in the Municipal Building on Monday afternoon, revealed that definite progress has been made during the last year in the finances, circulation, and hours of service of the library. At the meeting one year ago the Finance committee had strongly recommended living within the current income of the association and this policy has since been strictly followed. During the past year receipts totaled \$1,187.03 and expenditures \$1,027.57, leaving a current balance of \$161.46, the first returned in five or six consecutive years. In spite of this balancing of the budget the circulation and hours of service have been increased and the sum spent for new books kept approximately the same as the year before. The balance on hand increased from \$98.42 a year ago to \$259.88 this year.

The librarian reported an attendance of 5,418, nearly one-sixth of them children, and a total circulation of 7,772. There had been a return to the summer schedule previously in effect, which assured the library being kept open a portion of each week day and vacation memberships were also offered for 50 cents. Children were permitted to take out books without paying a fee and as a result the juvenile circulation increased markedly. Early in the summer the officer in charge of the reading room of the CCC Camp on James Creek requested the use of books too badly worn for rebinding, and 150 volumes many of which had already been replaced, were donated for this purpose.

Two important changes in policy were inaugurated during the past year. It was first voted that a list be drawn up of standard works, including translations, for which there is a more or less continuous demand, and that these books be added to the library as funds become available. At

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Leading Trainer of Steeplechase Horses During Year 1935



Noel Laing of Southern Pines, His Own Fairy Lore, on Which He Has Won Many Important Events

Wherein Mr. Biddle Presents His Wife's String of Pearls to An African King

Livingston L. Biddle, II of Pinehurst described his trip to the west coast of Africa during the past summer at the weekly meeting of the Kiwanis Club of Aberdeen, illustrating his talk with photographs taken by himself and Mrs. Biddle and with interesting curios picked up along the route. They made the trip on one of the Barber Steamship line boats which stopped at 31 ports.

Mr. Biddle told about Maderia, the first stop on the way to Africa; about Senegal, the "Paris of West Africa," and the customs of the Senegalese; of Liberia and its people, and of a visit he and Mrs. Biddle paid to the negro king of one of the countries, the difficulty of arranging an audience, the palace adorned with all manner of queer things supposed to keep away the evil spirits. It was only through the medium of a young

colored boy who had been to Tuskegee Institute in this country that they were able to visit the king, he being the only person about the palace who could speak or understand English.

Mr. Biddle had the Kiwanians in an uproar when he told of his gift to the king in appreciation of the audience. He did not know what one was supposed to do in being "presented to court" when the king and all his henchmen were colored, but he had an idea as he stood before the throne that one should make the crowned monarch a present. He reached over to Mrs. Biddle, removed the string of pearls from around her neck and in a courtly manner presented it to "his majesty." "They weren't real, though," said Mr. Biddle. "And it certainly worked wonders. From then on they couldn't do enough for us."

Stutz Re-elected as President of Bank

Stockholders Elect Board of Directors, Hear Reports at Annual Meeting

Dorsey O. Stutz, mayor of Southern Pines, was re-elected president of the Citizens Bank & Trust Company at the annual meeting of stockholders of the bank held in the banking house on Tuesday afternoon. The following directors were elected:

G. C. Abraham, Frank Welch, Robert L. Hart, Ralph L. Chandler, D. G. Stutz, Dr. W. C. Mudgett and M. G. Nichols.

Splendid reports of the management of the institution during 1935 and of the present financial condition of the bank were heard by the stockholders.

Officers other than the president will be elected at a forthcoming meeting of the Board of Directors.

FIREMEN AND TOWN OFFICIALS EAT OYSTERS

The Southern Pines Fire Department entertained last night at the fire house at an oyster supper for the firemen, commissioners and town officials. The program included short talks by Commissioners George W. Chase and Dr. L. M. Daniels, and Firemen L. S. Rowell, Walter Blue and R. W. Tate, treasurer of the Fireman Relief Fund. Chief L. V. O'Callaghan acted as toastmaster. There were 30 members and guests present.

RELIGIOUS FORUM OPENS TUESDAY IN PINEHURST CHURCH

"Kingdom Development and Loyalty" Subject of Educational Meeting

On next Tuesday afternoon beginning at 3:30 o'clock, a forum will be conducted at the Community Church in Pinehurst on the subject of "Religious Education," according to announcement by the Rev. E. L. Barber of Aberdeen, chairman of the committee.

The theme will be "Kingdom Development and Loyalty." Such subjects as "The Church's Program," "The Kingdom and the Child," "The Kingdom and Youth," "The Kingdom and the Adult," "The Kingdom and Leadership" and "The Kingdom and Stewardship" will be discussed by outstanding speakers and leaders. Among the forum speakers will be the Rev. J. O. Mann, director of Religious Education for North Carolina, and the Rev. J. M. Walker, D. D., of Charlotte. Other speakers will be the Rev. A. W. Dick of Fayetteville, the Rev. S. H. Fulton of Laurinburg, the Rev. James Appleby of Maxton, the Rev. Malcolm Calhoun of St. Pauls, and Mrs. A. J. McKelway of Pinehurst.

This forum is planned to reach some 22 congregations in Moore county and bordering sections.

Attorney to Seek New Trial for J. D. McLean

Former County Tax Collector Recently Sentenced to Serve Three Years

It is reported that attorneys for J. D. McLean, former county tax collector are preparing to lodge a motion for a new trial before Judge Don Phillips when superior court for the trial of criminal cases opens here Monday. Mr. McLean was recently sentenced to three years in state prison for embezzlement.

Mr. McLean received an adverse ruling when he carried his case before the supreme court, but lawyers stated yesterday that Judge Phillips has the authority to grant him a new trial if new evidence can be produced. The nature of this evidence could not be ascertained.

Mrs. Maud Harris has returned to Southern Pines and is staying with Mrs. Ernest W. Bush.

LAING COUNTRY'S "TOP" TRAINER OF STEEPLECHASERS

Southern Pines Horseman Sent 28 Winners to the Post During 1935

SECOND AMONG RIDERS

A compilation of records of hunt race meetings during the year 1935 reveals that Noel Laing of Southern Pines was the leading trainer of horses competing in brush and timber events, and second only to Carroll K. Bassett of Camden, S. C., as the leading rider. Bassett won 22 races to Laing's 15. The leading owner at the hunt race meetings was Mrs. Marion duPont Somerville, a number of whose horses are trained in Southern Pines by Laing.

Fifth among the leading owners was Mrs. Verner Z. Reed, Jr., of Pinehurst, whose horses are also trained by Laing. Young Laing is also listed among the leading owners, his own mounts accounting for five wins. It was Mrs. Somerville's fourth consecutive year as the owner of the most winners, and Bassett's fourth year as the leading rider. Bassett was among these riders in the inaugural Sandhills Steeplechase & Racing Association meeting here last March.

In an article in the current issue of "Horse and Horseman," formerly Polo Magazine, Montfort Amory writes:

"Laing closed with such a rush that he was runner-up among the riders, with 15 wins to the champion's 22. * * * When the first half of the season closed, it seemed that Bassett and (Jim) Ryan would have a private fight for the honor of being the leading trainer; each then had 20 wins. They didn't do well in the fall, however, with the result that Laing came to the top with 28 to Bassett's 27 and Ryan's 24."

Look For Good Year

The article states that "all signs point to a banner year in 1936." The first of the Spring meetings will be

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Pinebluff Boys Injured in Automobile Crash

Two Receive Serious Injuries When Speeding Car Overturns Near Here

Harry Howie, Jr., 16, of Pinebluff, received serious pelvic injuries and E. G. Adams, Jr., 15, also of Pinebluff, suffered severe lacerations of the legs and body when the automobile in which they were riding with three other Pinebluff youths got out of control while traveling at high speed and overturned late Friday night about one-half mile south of Southern Pines on U. S. highway No. 1.

The other occupants of the car, John Fiddner, Jr., 17, who was driving, Robert Thomas, 17, and a Batchelor boy were not seriously hurt.

State highway patrol investigating the accident discounted the possibility that the car had been side-swiped by another machine and attributed the crash solely to excessive speed.

The injured youths were taken to the Moore county hospital for treatment and doctors there did not consider their condition as critical.

CHAMBER TO MEET AND PLAN ANNUAL DINNER

Directors of the Southern Pines Chamber of Commerce will meet Tuesday noon at Jack's Grill to launch plans for the Chamber's annual banquet to be held within the next few weeks. Committees will be appointed to arrange for the speakers and program for this event which is always looked forward to by residents of the community and winter visitors.

A nominating committee to select directors of the organization for 1936 will also be named by President Hugh Betterley. Officers are chosen by the new board elected at the annual banquet.