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MOORE COUNTY HOSPITAL GIVES REPORT FOR 1935

New Wing on Way to Completion; Expected to Be Ready by End of November

HOSPITAL OPENED IN 1929

The report of the Moore County Hospital of Pinehurst for the year 1935 has just been released and there are facts contained in it that are interesting to the public generally. The report was delayed this year in order that the booklet could present not only a summary of the work during 1935, but also an announcement that the much-needed new wing had become a reality.

Several months ago the hospital received \$25,629.00 as a grant from the PWA funds to build a new wing, provided that the balance needed could be subscribed to from other sources. The balance, \$43,534.00, has been subscribed, but the minimum sum of \$7,500.00 is still required for furnishings and equipment.

The new wing is well on its way to being completed and it is now thought that it will be ready for use by the end of November.

The report brought out the fact that in 1935 the number of In-patients was greater than in any previous year since the hospital was opened in 1929. There were 1133 In-patients in 1935 as compared with 1061 in 1934. Of these there were 216 medical patients, 204 obstetrical, 582 surgical and 131 other cases. Major operations totaled 283 and minor, 299. Babies born there during the year totaled 80.

The number of Out-patients was smaller than in any previous year, there being 952 in 1935 as against 1122 in 1934. It is felt by the directors that the steady decrease, since 1932, in the number of Out-patients treated is an indication that the Hospital is functioning in its proper sphere. An institution such as this should not interfere with, or intrude upon, the work of private physicians. It should supplement the efforts of physicians, under their supervision and largely at their request.

The New Wing

Twenty-six additional beds will be provided in the new wing, making a total hospital capacity of sixty beds. Two of the new beds will be in special rooms, where patients who develop contagious diseases after admission may be safely and properly isolated. There will be twelve other private rooms, and three wards of four beds each, with usual nurses' stations and diet kitchens.

Besides increasing thus the capacity of the hospital, the wing will provide other facilities which are badly needed. There will be an office and two examination rooms, for the use of any doctor on the staff. A record room will take care of documents that must now be stored in the inaccessible attic. Other rooms will include a new dental room and a class room for student nurses and several smaller ones.

Charles C. Hartman of Greensboro is the architect for the new wing. The Building Committee in charge of construction is composed of Col. George P. Hawes, Jr., chairman; George H. Maurice and L. E. Pender.

"Class A" Hospital

The Moore County Hospital is rated "Class A" by the American College of Surgeons and has as directors some of the county's most prominent men. The officers for 1935 were Vernon Z. Reed, Jr., president; George H. Maurice, vice-president; M. G. Nichols, vice-president; and G. C. Seymour, all vice-presidents; and Paul Dana, secretary and treasurer. Dr. Clement R. Monroe is the medical (Please turn to page 8)

SOUTHERN PINES FIREMEN ATTEND CONVENTION

Three members of the Southern Pines Fire Company, Tom Vann, Oscar Michael and J. H. Cashion left for Raleigh on Tuesday to represent the company in the 49th annual convention of the North Carolina State Firemen's Association in session during the week.

Miss Marjorie Skinner Bride of Dr. Overcash at Elizabeth City

Popular Member of Southern Pines Faculty and Head of Sanatorium Wed Saturday

A wedding of interest took place Saturday evening in Elizabeth City, when Miss Marjorie Skinner and Dr. William Earl Overcash of Southern Pines were united in marriage. The ceremony was performed in the Blackwell Memorial Baptist church by Dr. J. Haymond Nelson, pastor of the Druid Hill Baptist Church of Baltimore, Md. He was assisted by the Rev. E. H. Potts, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Elizabeth City.

A background of palms and ferns was banked around the altar and choir loft. Slender white cathedral tapers burned in pyramid candelabrae and around the circular chancel rail. White hydrangeas, gladioli, and Easter lilies centered the setting. The pews for members of the two families and intimate friends were marked with tall slender candelabrae, with large bows of tulle and lilies.

A program of wedding music was presented by Mrs. Phil G. Sawyer. The selections included: "Marche Romaine" by Gounod, "Barcarolle" by Tschaiowsky, "The King's March" by Gambrell and "Prelude No. 4" by Rosencrans. L. E. Skinner, Jr., brother of the bride, was soloist. His first selection was "At Dawning" by Cadman, following which "Liebestraum" by Liszt was played as a violin solo by Robert Fearing of Duke University. Mr. Skinner rendered a second selection "Because" by D'Hardelot. During the ceremony Mrs. Sawyer played "Indian Love Call". The bridal chorus from "Lohengrin" by Wagner was used as a processional for the wedding party and Mendelssohn's Wedding March as the recessional.

The bride was attended by her sister, Mrs. C. Raymond Evans of Elizabeth City, as matron of honor. Mrs. W. F. Jackson of Charlotte and Mrs. W. B. Welch of Canton, sisters of the bride, Mrs. L. E. Skinner Jr., sister-in-law of the bride, Miss Martha Pat Archbell, Miss Mary Owens, and Miss Sara Falkner of Goldsboro were the bride's other attendants. Little Charles Raymond Evans, Jr., nephew of the bride, served as the ring bearer. Little Wilbur Bryon Welch, Jr., of Canton and Polly Lou Jackson of Charlotte, nephew and niece of the bride, acted as the miniature bride and groom.

The bridegroom had as his best (Please turn to page 5)

Marriage Announced of Miss Glennes Dodge

Wedding to Cameron St. C. Weeks of Tarboro Took Place Last December

Mrs. George Francis Dodge of Southern Pines announces the marriage of her daughter, Miss Glennes Worthen Dodge, to Cameron St. Claire Weeks of Tarboro, on December 18, 1935, at the Baptist Parsonage in Hillsboro. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. C. A. Caldwell. Jerome Clark, Jr., son of Congressman Clark of Fayetteville, acted as best man.

Mrs. Weeks is the daughter of the late Dr. George Francis Dodge, and Mrs. Dodge of Southern Pines. She is the sister of Dr. Eva Dodge of Winston-Salem, and is a former resident of Athol, Massachusetts. She was educated at Salem Academy and Wingate Junior College and was a graduate of the University of North Carolina in 1933. Mrs. Weeks is a former member of the faculty of the Lemon Springs High School. During the past winter she was a student at Columbia University in New York.

Mr. Weeks is the son of the late George Earle Weeks, D. D. S., and Mrs. Weeks and is a graduate of the University of North Carolina Law School. He was president of the Young Democrats Club of Chapel Hill. Since his graduation he has been engaged in the practice of law at Tarboro.

After an extended wedding tour through the north, Mr. and Mrs. Weeks will be at home on Battle Avenue, Tarboro.

Purchase Yacht

Three Aberdeen Men Buy Cabin Cruiser; Owned by Late C. C. Coddington

Business MUST be picking up, especially in Aberdeen, if buying yachts is any sign of increasing prosperity. Three prominent business men there, G. C. Seymour, George Martin and A. L. Burney, are the proud possessors of a 48 ft. craft, which they purchased last week. It was formerly owned by the late C. C. Coddington of Charlotte, distributor of Buick automobiles in the two Carolinas.

The cabin cruiser was sent from New Bern to Fulcher's Landing near Sneed's Ferry and is being christened by one of the owners, George Martin, and a party this week. It is completely equipped with nine bunks, kitchenette, baths and a canvas covered deck.

This is the second of Aberdeen boats anchored at Sneed's Ferry. Henry A. Page, Jr. has had a house-boat there for several years and many from the Sandhills have frequently been guests on fishing parties there.

Perhaps, we should get out of this newspaper business and get into some other field—such as hardwaring, automobiling, or bottling (Coca Cola, you know.)

FIRST SERVICE IN NEW BAPTIST CHURCH SUNDAY

Basement Will Be Used Pending Completion of New Edifice

BEAUTIFUL LOCATION

Sometimes dreams come true, and Sunday the realization of Pastor Stimson's becomes an accomplished fact, for with the morning service the congregation of the Baptist Church of Southern Pines takes possession of its new edifice on the south-east corner of New York avenue and Ashe street.

Erected under the supervision of E. W. Reinecke, with some of the labor contributed, the structure is severely classical in design. It fronts New York avenue with a width of forty feet, and a depth of seven-and-a-half feet, is of frame construction resting upon a brick foundation of sufficient height to afford a commodious basement. It is this basement where services will be held for a few weeks, the main floor of the church proper being as yet unfinished except for the installation of the eight large windows, four each on the east and west sides.

On Sunday the congregation abandons their 35 year old home, the first unit of the church having been erected in the spring of 1899. The Rev. J. Fred Stimson has served the congregation for eight years, eleven ministers having preceded his pastorate, of whom the Rev. Frederick Mack Gardner ministered to the church from 1910 until 1926. From the first year of his ministry here Pastor Stimson has labored for a new edifice to house his congregation.

Work on the building will continue and it is expected to be acceptable for winter services.

LICENSE SALES PASS HALF-MILLION MARK

Sales of automobile license plates for 1936 passed the half-million mark Monday, as expected, and will exceed the all-time high record of sales set in 1935 sometime late this month or early in September.

Through August 10, the Motor Vehicle Bureau reported total sales of 501,673, as compared with 456,184 during the same period in 1935—a gain of 43,489. Sales to date are only 10,503 short of the 1935 record of 512,176.

CARTHAGE LAWYER SPEAKER, KIWANIS MEET WEDNESDAY

Mr. Sabiston Discusses Constitutional Amendments Important in Fall Election

INTRODUCED BY BURNS

W. D. Sabiston, Carthage attorney, in an address before the Kiwanis at Jack's Grill Wednesday discussed the five constitutional amendments which will come before the voters at the next general election in November.

The first amendment calling the classification of all taxable property, including intangible property at the same rate as real estate was the principal reason more stocks, mortgages, bonds and bank accounts were never listed. If the amendment was passed the tax authorities would be able to set a rate in which intangible property would not carry the blunt of the tax burden. Mr. Sabiston explained. As it is now, for example, only 8 percent of the bank accounts are listed. The tendency would be to list more of this type personal property if the owners could be assured of a low rate.

The second amendment is the debt limitation. Under the amendment the state, the counties and municipalities could not issue bonds in excess of two-thirds of the amount retired during the past year. Mr. Sabiston pointed out that this would work a great hardship on the counties and local units due to the fact some years no bonds come due. In the case of an emergency it would be impossible for this particular county or municipality to issue any bonds. It would also be impossible for a county or municipality not having any bonded debt to issue bonds at all.

The third amendment is to limit the income tax on incomes to 10 percent. The speaker pointed out if this amendment was passed it would no doubt drive many new residents from the state, especially in this section of the Sandhills where numbers of visitors are holding off in making North Carolina their legal resident due to high income taxes.

The fourth amendment is to increase the members of the supreme court from five to seven. Mr. Sabiston said this was the most important of any of the amendments, explaining during the past year the supreme court of North Carolina handed down 86 decisions. It is impossible with the few number of judges to render decisions (Please turn to page 8)

Five Injured In Automobile Wreck

Accident Occurs Near Pinebluff When Two Cars Meet on Curve

As the result of an automobile accident which occurred late Wednesday afternoon near Pinebluff, five persons are now in the Moore County Hospital, receiving treatment for injuries.

It is alleged that Lee Tyner of Pinebluff was attempting to pass another automobile on a curve about a mile from the Pinebluff Sanatorium when he hit a car from Macon, Ga., headed north in which were four occupants. Tracks of the Macon car showed that it was far on its side of the road, really on the shoulders, State Highway Patrolman Kelly arrived at the scene shortly after it occurred and is investigating the accident.

Those in the car from Macon, Ga., were Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Birch, Mrs. Elizabeth Bowdre and small son, John Bowdre. Mrs. Birch sustained a fractured leg and knee injury; Mrs. Bowdre, a broken arm and severe bruises and Mr. Birch and John Bowdre were badly bruised. Tyner sustained a broken jaw and bruises. The condition of none was considered critical.

MARRIAGE ANNOUNCED

Announcement has been made of the marriage on August 8th of Leroy Johnson of Seat Pleasant, Maryland to Miss Margaret McBride of Washington, D. C. Mr. Johnson is the son of Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Johnson, former Aberdeen residents. The young couple will make their home in Seat Pleasant, Md.

\$178,000 Bonds Retired By Southern Pines Since 1928

Convention Speaker



HOWARD F. BURNS

The 10th annual convention of the U. S. No. 1 Highway Association, Inc., will be held in Fredericksburg, Va., next Thursday, August 20th at the Princess Anne Hotel. An invitation is extended to those interested in the promotion of tourist traffic from Maine to Florida. Among the speakers at the meeting will be Howard F. Burns of Southern Pines.

A banquet to be held on Thursday evening will be complimentary to everyone.

BORDER MARKET OPENED WITH GOOD PRICES

Warehouses Packed with Bright Leaf as Buyers and Farmers Await Gong Yesterday

LUMBERTON REPORTS

Seven North Carolina tobacco markets in the Border Belt opened yesterday morning with the brightest prospects for "good" breaks in years. There was quite a stir of business on the eve of the opening as tobacco buyers, growers, auctioneers and followers of the annual marketing season prepared to move in to the opening sales. In the Border Belt are Lumberton, Fairmont, Whiteville, Chadbourne, Clarkton, Fair Bluff and Tabor City.

"A telegraphic report from Lumberton, one of the largest markets, received by The Pilot yesterday afternoon stated:

"Lumberton's tobacco market opened in a blaze of glory today at eleven o'clock with every warehouse filled from wall to wall. Prices on all types of the weed are exceeding the fondest hopes of the city's most optimistic tobaccoists. Common tobaccos are much higher than reports from Georgia led local warehousemen to expect, while anything that looks like a smoker is selling from three to \$10 higher than it did on last year's opening. There is much common tobacco on the market today, however estimates on the day's average range from \$25 to \$30 per hundred. Sixty dollars per hundred was the high water mark or prices while other fancy grades sold for \$52, \$54 and \$56 per hundred. Big baskets of tobacco clearly graded step up competition as tobacco graded in this manner is in great demand. It is truly the greatest opening day in the history of this tobacco marketing city. All indications lead local warehousemen to believe that their warehouse floors will be cleared and ready for Monday's break."

The Tar Heel markets handled 80,446,170 pounds of tobacco last year, compared with 50,329,207 pounds in 1934-35 with the figures including growers sales and dealers resales. North Carolina's 40 markets, including those on the border belt, had total sales of 618,681,090 pounds last year. (Please turn to page 4)

Not Necessary to Borrow Funds This Summer Establishing Record of Fifteen Years

SOUND FINANCIALLY

Establishing a record which the town has been unable to equal any time during the past fifteen years, it will not be necessary for the Town to float a loan this summer to cover expenses and retirement of bonds during the summer months. It has been necessary for the town, every summer during the past fifteen years, to borrow from five to twenty thousand dollars to cover unpaid taxes carried over during the summer months. In addition to not having to borrow funds, the town paid out in bonds and interest during the past month of June the sum of \$7,350.00 to cover bonds and interest due July 1st. On the 15th of July the town forwarded funds to the Chase National Bank, New York, in the amount of \$9,850.00 covering bonds and interest coming due August 1st. On August 8th funds in the amount of \$11,900.00 were forwarded to the Chemical Bank and Trust Co., of New York to cover bonds and interest due September 1st. On the same day another check was forwarded to the Federal Emergency Administration of Public Works in the amount of \$800.00 covering the semi-annual payment of interest due September 1st at the Federal Reserve Bank of Richmond. Out of the total amount of \$29,900.00 paid out for bonds and interest between June 15, 1936 and August 8, 1936, \$17,000.00 of this amount is in the retirement of bonds while the remainder of \$12,900.00 is in payment of semi-annual interest.

During the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1935 and ending June 30, 1936 the treasurer has paid to New York banks the sum of \$63,365.00 to cover bonds and interest; \$31,000.00 of this amount went toward retirement of bonds while \$32,365.00 was in payment of interest.

The gross bonded debt of the town on August 8, 1936, is \$528,000.00. The gross debt of the town on April 15, 1928, was \$604,000.00. Between April 15, 1928 and September 1, 1934 the town has issued \$20,000.00 in Water Bonds, \$40,000.00 in Public Improvement Bonds and \$42,000.00 in Water and Sewer Bonds. During the period from April 15, 1928 to August 8, 1936 the town has retired \$178,000.00 of its bonds, leaving the debt on August 8th at \$528,000.00. This will give a fair idea of the retirement of bonds during the past eight years.

The larger part of the present debt is for water and sewer bonds. The bulk of it was spent in building a new water plant and reservoir in 1924.

The reason it is not necessary for the town to borrow funds to operate on this summer is due to better business conditions and the efficiency with which the Mayor and Commissioners have operated the town, living strictly within its budget. The town is now in the best financial condition since first incorporated.

The town has been notified by the Federal Reserve Bank of Richmond that on Monday the Public Works Administration had cancelled \$5,000.00 of the Water and Sewer Bonds of 1934, thus reducing the gross debt of the town to \$523,000.00.

LELAND A. MCKEITHEN AMONG STUDENTS PASSING STATE BAR

Eighty out of the class of 165 law license applicants, the highest percentage to pass since the last Supreme Court examinations three years ago, were successful in the examination given last week by the board of law examiners of the State Bar. The percentage of those successful was 48 1-4, as compared with 23 per cent in last January's test.

Among those passing was Leland A. McKeithen, son of Mr. and Mrs. Edwin T. McKeithen of Aberdeen. Mr. McKeithen is a graduate of Davidson College and received his degree in Law from Duke University this spring.