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## DR. B. VON HERFF DIES IN AUSTRIA IN HIS 81ST. YEAR

Early Pioneer and Large Landholder in Vicinity of Southern Pines

### SETTLED HERE IN 1885

From Austria word reaches The Pilot of the death of Dr. B. von Herff at his summer home Millstatt, Kaernten on the 8th of August. He was 81 years old. Coming to Manly in the winter of 1885-6, shortly after the advent of John T. Patrick, though now almost a legend, Dr. von Herff became a notable figure leaving an indelible impress upon the growth of the Sandhill territory.

As an agent of the great German Kali works and a skilled chemist interested in the application of their potash products for fruit culture, he developed at Manly a test farm for fruits and plants not grown locally. Still standing as mute survivors of this farm are the sturdy cork trees he planted. Eleven years of experimenting showed its results in the production of magnificent grapes, and in cooperation with his company, the A. and M. College in Raleigh was induced to start the "Experimental Farm" located on a vast acreage, cleared from virgin brush, and bounded by the Pee Dee and Pinehurst roads. On this farm the growth of fruits and vegetables under different applications of fertilizers was carefully noted for several years, as was the growth of many exotic plants sent from Mexico and Central America by Dr. von Herff, the grounds soon becoming a show place for visitors.

At the outbreak of the war Dr. von Herff owned a vast acreage commencing on the outskirts of Southern Pines, and including the present Knollwood, to, and far above, and to the east of Manly, and for which he had planned improvement and development. The war interrupted and much of his holdings went into other hands.

Following the war Dr. von Herff became an occasional visitor, renewing old friendships, and greeting former acquaintances, his last visit taking place two years ago. He is survived by his widow, Katharina von Herff, a daughter, Mrs. B. Van Taack, and three grandchildren. Interment was in the family vault at Darmstadt.

## Burgess Property Put Up at Auction Tuesday

Three Stores on East Broad Street and Other Properties Sold; Rebids Sent In.

Pursuant to the court order, Commissioner H. F. Seawell, Jr., of Carthage, proceeded on Tuesday morning to offer at public auction that portion of the Burgess property allotted to the heirs other than Mrs. Burgess. The first property sold was the three stores on East Broad Street now occupied by the Elite Dress Shop, Curb market a second hand store. Even under the conditions of the forced sale the bid prices were remarkably low as were all the offerings in all the other properties involved. It is understood that the accepted bids on all these parcels has already been raised.

## EUREKA MAKES APPLICATION FOR RFD ROUTE FROM HERE

Following an application by the people of the Eureka section now receiving their mail over Route 1 from the Vass postoffice, to have this mail delivery routed out of the Southern Pines postoffice, two postoffice inspectors from Washington surveyed the territory on Wednesday.

The proposed routing for this service would be from Southern Pines through Manly and Niagara to Stevenson's corner to Clay road and Eureka, crossing Little River to the airport, Southern Pines waterworks, Pine Needles at Knollwood to Southern Pines.

No decision has as yet been announced.

## BRIGHT OUTLOOK AS THE OPENING OF MARKET NEARS

Warehousemen Say They Have Excellent Corps of Buyers Listed This Year

### OPENING SEPTEMBER 22

Prospects for the Aberdeen tobacco market get brighter as the opening of the middle belt draws nearer, now only a little over three weeks off, the opening date set for Tuesday, September 22nd. Merchants and business men are making plans to co-operate again this year with the warehousemen to insure a profitable and successful season.

Aberdeen will have about the same number of buyers as usual this year, the majority of them having been on the Aberdeen market before. Among those expected are Joe DeBerry of Dillon, S. C., for the American Tobacco Company; L. T. Avery, Aberdeen, representing Liggett and Myers and the J. P. Taylor Company; Ivey Winston of Lake City, S. C., Imperial Tobacco Company; Clarence Boles, Fairmont, the R. J. Reynolds Company; John Graham Webb, Oxford, Export Tobacco Company and G. S. Swain of Danville, Va., Lorillard and Dibrell Brothers.

Covington's Warehouse will again be operated by C. W. Covington of Reidsville. Mr. Covington is a well-known warehouseman and will have with him a corps of experienced tobacconists. This will be his second year in Aberdeen. A. A. Nelson of Reidsville will auctioneer at Covington's. Mr. Nelson has many friends among the farmers in this section who have seen him in action on the Reidsville and Winston-Salem markets, and his initial appearance here will be met with approval. G. E. Crutchfield, Jr., also of Reidsville, will be back again as bookkeeper. He is the son of one of the most prominent tobacconists in Reidsville. Clarence Rice of Danville, Va., will be floor book man. He is a veteran on the Danville markets. Also on the floor will be J. W. Lea, Lee Strother and Robert Gatlin.

B. B. Saunders of Valdosta, Ga., who has for many years been prominently connected with the Aberdeen market, will run the Saunders Warehouse again. Mr. Saunders is expected to arrive from Georgia within the next two weeks to prepare for the open. With him will be Mr. Glissom, his bookkeeper, who is by no means a stranger to this section, having been connected with Saunders for several seasons. "Gene" Maynard of Aberdeen will again make things "lively" by his auctioneering and Bill Maurer, as floor man and Mr. Bufkin, floor manager and several others will all help in making the farmers feel at home on the Aberdeen market.

**Good Crop**  
There is a general impression among the tobacconists that prices on good grades of tobacco will improve. The Border markets have been averaging around 20c per hundred pounds for the past few weeks. Mr. Covington told The Pilot yesterday that there was a much better crop than last year and particularly the smoking tobacco was well above the average in quality. The majority of farmers have been holding their tobacco back until the opening of the middle belt. There is an abundant crop throughout the section that feeds the Aberdeen market.

## PINEHURST SCHOOLS TO HAVE TWO NEW TEACHERS

Miss Dorothy Ehrhardt of Pinehurst and Miss Mildred Petway of Enfield, have been elected to teach in the Pinehurst Public Schools during the coming school year.

Miss Ehrhardt is a graduate of Queens-Chicora College in Charlotte. In addition to her teaching, Miss Ehrhardt will help coach tennis and basketball.

Miss Petway studied at East Carolina Teacher's College, Atlantic Christian College, the University of North Carolina, and the Emerson College of Oratory of Boston, Mass. Miss Petway will teach English and History in the high school and will also direct dramatics.

## Moore County Grand Jury Makes Good Report to Presiding Judge

### Summer's End

This Week Marks Close of Wednesday Afternoon Holidays

It's work for you from now on, my lad, and no more Wednesday afternoons off, either! A sure sign that fall is upon us each year comes with the last Wednesday in August, marking a close to the yearly custom of closing all stores on that afternoon during the week. So, all you housewives can rest easy now and not have to fret that you'll have to do without food on Wednesday nights. From now on all the stores will be open.

EXCEPT, Monday, September 7th when the Citizens Bank and Trust Company of Southern Pines and the Bank of Pinehurst, of Pinehurst, Carthage and Aberdeen and practically all stores in these towns will observe Labor Day.

The local postoffice and bank will observe closed Saturday afternoons as was their usual custom.

## County Receives Large Number of Text Books

Approximately 35,000 School Books on Hand for Rental to Be Delivered this Week

Moore county is establishing a flat fee rental system for the coming school year, and books will be delivered to school principals in the county next week, County Superintendent H. Lee Thomas told a representative of The Pilot. Approximately 14,000 textbooks were received in Carthage the first of this week and there were already on hand about 20,000, so indications are that there will be no scarcity of books when the youngsters start back to school on September 7th.

The school principals in each district will have charge of the rentals in their district, white principals for the white schools and colored principals for the colored schools. The rental fee will not be more than one-third of the original cost of the books and is to be paid at the beginning of school for the entire year. The State will furnish all of the textbooks and supplementary readers and credit slips which were given the school children for their used books which the State "bought" a few days ago may be used in part payment of rental fees. A total of 1317 books were bought by the representative of the State School Commission in Moore county. Pupils will furnish their own tablets, pencils, crayons and work books.

Pupils must either rent all of their books or own all, according to the new plan. Mr. Thomas says that pupils are being urged to rent their books as it is thought that this will be the more economical plan.

## FUNERAL SERVICES HELD FOR MISS SCOTT

Funeral services were held Saturday evening at seven o'clock for Miss Eleanor Maud Scott who died at her residence in Southern Pines last Friday morning. Miss Scott was 60 years of age. The Rev. E. L. Barber officiated at the services.

Miss Scott was born in Grand Rapids, Mich. on September 28, 1876; the daughter of James G. and Lucretia Ann Cramer Scott. She and her sister, Miss Joan Scott, have been residing here for the past year. Interment was in the family plot in Grand Rapids.

## INFANT RUSSELL SON PASSES IN ABERDEEN

The infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Russell passed away at their home in Aberdeen yesterday afternoon, after an illness of only a few days. He was six weeks old on Wednesday. Funeral services will be held this morning at the home of the child's grandmother, Mrs. S. E. Sloan, at 11:00 o'clock. Burial will be made at Bethesda Cemetery.

## Several Recommendations Made, Including Examination of All School Buses by Patrol

The present term of Grand Jury for Moore County reporting last week to the presiding judge, the Honorable J. A. Rousseau, submitted a very comprehensive and timely report which included a clean bill for the county jail, and a fine recommendation for the county home and the prison camp. The jury recommended several minor repairs to the court house.

So many cases of reckless and careless driving were brought to the jury's attention that they advised strict law enforcement and asked the co-operation of all good citizens in this respect.

The affairs of the county apparently are in fine condition from the stand point of finances and management. Charles Johnson, Local Government Commissioner of Raleigh, is quoted as having said, "If all counties were operated as efficiently as Moore county, there would be no necessity for the Local Government Commission."

The jury found that the County Attorney in the discharge of his duties handles a certain amount of county funds and recommended that he be bonded for \$1,000 and that he be required to make a report to the county before an amount in excess of \$1,000 has accrued.

A record of County Officer's Bonds showed that D. D. S. Cameron, Register of Deeds, was bonded for \$5,000; John Wilcox, Clerk of the Superior Court, for \$12,000; Miss Maida Jenkins, County Auditor, \$10,000; Miss Mary Gilbert Cole, deputy clerk of the Superior Court, \$1,000; C. J. McDonald, Sheriff, \$5,000; D. Carl Fry, Coroner, \$2,000; and W. T. Huntley, Tax Collector, \$10,000.

A visit to the office of H. Lee Thomas, Superintendent of Schools, was made. Mr. Thomas reported six new school buses for the county and all other buses in good mechanical repair so far as he knew. He also stated that each school in the county would have at least one adult driver this year. The jury solicited the co-operation of every Moore county citizen in an effort to reach the maximum degree of safety in the transportation of the school children. It was recommended that the Highway Patrol contact and examine each and every driver during the first month of school and counsel them as to traffic regulations and make a report as well as recommendations to the County Superintendent in the event of any discrepancies. The report was submitted by the foreman, O. Leon Seymour of Aberdeen.

## Reckless Driving Cases Lead Recorder's Court

Judge Rowe Has Busy Day As Sentences Are Imposed on Nearly Dozen Law Breakers

Marvin Quick, colored, was sent to the county home to serve a three months' sentence which was imposed upon him in Recorder's Court. Quick remained at his new post of duty for one day, then walked off. On Monday he was back in court to explain his hasty departure, and was given an additional 30-day sentence to serve when his former sentence expires.

For public drunkenness, assaulting his wife and disturbing religious worship at a church in the Eagle Springs section, Sam Ingram, colored, was given three months on the roads.

Judge King, colored, was given 30 days on the roads because he failed to pay the costs in a former case, but the sentence is to be suspended upon condition that he pay up all of his indebtedness to the court.

Ernest Hamlin, colored, faced charges of drunken driving, transporting liquor and hit and run driving. He was given a three month's sentence, to be suspended upon payment of the costs and his Cadillac automobile now stored in the garage of the Martin Motor Company in Aberdeen was ordered sold by the sheriff. After the costs are paid, the balance of the car money is to be paid to the clerk of the court for the benefit of the wife and children of (Please turn to page 4)

## SOUTHERN PINES SCHOOLS TO SEPTEMBER 10

Several Additions to Faculty this Year; New Quarters for Primary Grades

The Southern Pines Schools will open for the Fall term on Thursday morning, September 10th. Classes will begin at the usual time, 8:15. Both the elementary and high school pupils will begin work on this date, the first and second grade pupils finding their class rooms in the former Baptist Church building and the third and fourth grades in the home economics building on the school grounds.

Owing to unexpected changes in the faculty which was announced at the close of the last term, Superintendent Frank Webster was first called from his studies at Columbia University at later from his vacation in Maine to fill five vacancies on his staff.

Those resigning having accepted positions to their advantage in other schools. There were six changes in all. The following changes in the teaching staff are noted: Miss Sophie Howie of Pineville replaces Miss Marjorie Skinner, now the bride of Dr. Overcash; Miss Abbie Sutherland of Belton, S. C., in place of Miss Sarah Goggins; Miss Mary Buckner of Clio, S. C., replaces Miss Lorrie Walker. New on the High School staff are Miss Sara L. Ellis of Darlington, S. C., Miss Aline Todd, Derita, Miss. Jennie Mecum, Walkertown and J. S. Baumgartner, Hickory.

The first grade will be in charge of Miss Jessie W. Dwight; first and second, Miss Emilie Mae Wilson; third, Miss Sophie Howie; fourth, Miss Abbie Sutherland; fifth, Miss Lonie Gordon; third and fourth, Miss Jessie Fitzgerald; fifth, Miss Mary Buckner; sixth, Miss Selma Stegall and Miss Annie P. Huntington.

In the Junior and Senior High School will be Miss Sara L. Ellie, English and dramatics; Miss Pauline Miller, English; Mrs. Ruth W. Warner, commercial subjects; Miss Aline Todd, geography, mathematics and girls athletics, Marvin N. Hunter, science and mathematics, R. B. Freeman, French and social science, J. S. Baumgartner, social science and sociology and boys athletics; and Superintendent F. W. Webster, mathematics.

The first and second grades will occupy new quarters in the Baptist Church which, under the supervision of E. W. Reinecke and L. V. O'Callaghan is nearly completed for the use of these grades, and plans are now under way for surfacing the Connecticut avenue and Bennett street approaches to the building.

## CHARLOTTE FIRM BUYS SOUTHERN PINES BONDS

The executive committee on the local government commission Tuesday sold \$27,000 worth of Southern Pines public improvement bonds to R. S. Dickson and company of Charlotte at 4 1/4 per cent interest and a premium of \$124.70.

Also sold were \$25,000 worth of city of Durham bond anticipation notes, to the Mechanics and Farmers Bank of Durham and Raleigh at 1 per cent interest and a \$28.50 premium, and \$2,000 worth of revenue anticipation notes of the town of Pittsboro, to the Bank of Pittsboro, at 6 per cent interest and par.

## BARN ON DOUBLE ROAD DESTROYED BY FIRE

An old barn on the John Allen McDonald place, a mile from Pinehurst and just off the double road, was completely destroyed by fire of undetermined origin about one o'clock Monday night. Two cars parked in the barn were burned. The building was rapidly enveloped in flames and the only service the fire department of Pinehurst could render was to prevent its spreading to nearby buildings. The place, now owned by the Jesse McKenzie estate, has been rented for several years.

## Judge Orders Seizure of All Slot Machines

Case that Has Brought Wide Attention Comes to Close as His Honor Orders Enforcement

### OTHER COURT SENTENCES

The H. L. Gordon slot machine case which was more or less of a test case was brought up and the record of the county recorder was reviewed. The court first held that the record constituted a defective special verdict and ordered that the cause be remanded to the county court for a new trial, but later decreed that this judgment be stricken out and a directed verdict of not guilty recorded and the defendant discharged.

Judge Rowe's verdict in Recorder's court was as follows: "Defendant's demurrer allowed, the court being of the opinion that this particular slot machine is not a violation of the law, there being no element of chance in each separate operation of the machine. Verdict, not guilty." The State gave notice of appeal to the Superior court, and the outcome of the case was awaited with much interest as there were a number of similar cases pending.

The following order was directed by Judge Rousseau to the Sheriff and other lawful officers of the county:

"Whereas, it has come to the attention of the Court that slot machines that are illegal under the laws of the State of North Carolina pertaining to slot machines and other laws of the State are being placed in various places of business throughout the county, and that the Board of County Commissioners of Moore county have refused to license any such slot machines.

"You are therefore commanded and directed to seize and impound all slot machines displayed in any place of business in Moore county, other than mechanical clerks or vending machines, and to indict all persons in possession of said slot machines or permitting said slot machines to be displayed in their place of business, as provided by law."

Jack Peoples, Carthage colored man who was charged with assaulting his wife with a deadly weapon, entered a plea of guilty in Superior court last week and was sentenced to serve from eight to ten years in State's Prison, this being the stiffest sentence imposed during the August term of court. Peoples is alleged to have slashed his wife across the abdomen with a knife.

Peoples was before the court in another case in which he was found guilty of an assault on a female, Bertha Harvey. He was given a two-year sentence to run concurrently with the other sentence.

Hubert Harrington, charged with carnal knowledge of a 4-year-old child, pleaded guilty of assault with intent to commit rape. He was given two years in jail to work on the roads.

Wilson Short, charged with an assault with a deadly weapon, was given an eight months' road sentence.

Francis (Penn) Ritter, charged with carnal knowledge of a child, entered a plea of guilty of forcible trespass. He was given six months on the roads, suspended for two years on condition that he be of good behavior and not violate the law and on the further condition that he pay one-half the costs by the next criminal term of court.

## DR. MCBRAYER ATTENDS MEDICAL MEETING

Dr. L. B. McBrayer was a guest at Pinnacle Inn, Banner Elk, last Thursday and Friday while he attended the sessions of the post-graduate assembly of the North Carolina State Medical society which was held at Pinnacle Inn and Grace Hospital at that time. Dr. McBrayer is secretary and treasurer of the society.