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HOEY INVITED TO SPEAK AT BANQUET OF 'SANDHILLEERS'

All Chambers of Commerce in County Unite For Dinner at Carolina Hotel January 7

ALL CITIZENRY INVITED

Governor Clyde R. Hoey is expected to be the principal speaker at the "Sandhilleers" banquet to be given at the Carolina Hotel in Pinehurst by all the Chambers of Commerce in Moore county on Friday, January 7th next. The banquet supplants the annual dinner of the Southern Pines Chamber of Commerce, the larger affair being the outcome of an invitation from the local Chamber to all similar groups in the Sandhills to make this year's event a memorable occasion, "one for all, all for one."

The invitation to speak was extended to the Governor early this week by Frank Buchan, of the banquet committee, who reported at the meeting of directors of the local Chamber on Tuesday that "he didn't promise to come, but promised to come if possible. I believe he'll be here," added Mr. Buchan.

The dinner is to be strictly informal, and open to all in the county desiring to attend. The main dining room of the Carolina will be utilized, and the plans also include dancing and an entertainment in the Crystal Room following the banquet. Tickets will be one dollar.

The Chambers of Commerce of Aberdeen, Carthage, Hemp, Pinehurst, Vass and Southern Pines, and similar civic organizations in Cameron, Pinebluff, West End, Eagle Springs, Jackson Springs, in fact throughout the county, are sponsoring the big get-together, and large groups of citizens will be present from each section. Charles W. Picquet is general chairman of arrangements.

High School To Stage Christmas Pageant

Music and Dramatic Departments Will Present "The Vision" Next Thursday Evening

The music and dramatic departments of the Southern Pines High School will make their entry into the field of pageantry when the Christmas pageant, "The Vision," will be offered the public Thursday evening, December 16, at 8:30 o'clock. Directors of the production announce that elaborate lighting and costuming effects will be used to mount the Nativity scenes.

Ernestine Bailey and James Ross will be soloists for the following chorus: Henrietta Andrews, Ernestine Bailey, Edith Blake, Louise Blue, Virginia Broom, Catherine Ferguson, Charles Hackney, Phyllis Harwell, Catherine Hilderman, Helen Hilderman, Lawrence Johnson, Robert Kolb, Jane Grant Mann, Jessie McDonald, Hannah Moger, Lois Morrison, Irene Olive, Colin Osborne, Charles Phillips, Dorothy Phillips, Barbara Plumer, Wilma Rorie, Margaret Jane Rosendale, James Ross, Mary Blunt Rumley, Polly Coble, Mary Alice Tate, Dana Utley and Anna Walker.

Members of the Dramatic Club who will tell the story in pantomime and dialogue are: Shepherd, Ross Grey, Shepherders and Star Spirit, Sue Ann Milliken, Prologue, James Spring, Shepherds, Edward Prizer, Boyd Jones, Douglas Bailey, Kings, James Spring, Edgar Parker and Robert Kolb, Mary, Ernestine Bailey; Chorus of Worshippers, Peggy Graves, Clara Hall, Rosalind Baker, Rebecca Neal and Nancy Wrenn.

DR. HERR RE-ELECTED HEAD OF SOUTHERN PINES MEN'S CLUB

At the annual meeting of the Southern Pines Men's Club held in the clubhouse on Monday evening, Dr. George G. Herr was re-elected president for 1938, Walter T. Ives vice president, and Charles Macaulay secretary and treasurer. W. S. Spaeth was re-elected a trustee for a three-year

In Two Auto Wrecks Within an Hour On Return From Funeral

Miss Ferguson and Hugh McPherson Injured in One Car, Crash in Another

Being in two serious automobile wrecks within an hour and living to tell the tale was the experience of Miss Jean Ferguson of Chicago, Ill., a freshman at Queens-Chicora College in Charlotte, and her cousin, Hugh McPherson, a student at Banner Elk, last Sunday evening as they were returning to Charlotte from Cameron where they had that afternoon attended the funeral of their grandfather, H. P. McPherson.

Miss Ferguson and her cousin were returning to school in the automobile of their uncle, J. Mitchell Guthrie, with his driver, John Causey of Sanford, at the wheel. At about 6:00 o'clock as they were nearing the Moore county line on the Carthage-Biscoe highway in the midst of a driving rain, they ran into the back of a Cadillac coupe being driven by a colored man from New Jersey. The Negro said that he was blinded by the lights of an approaching car and slowed up, but another report is that he had no lights burning.

McPherson and Causey were rendered unconscious by the crash and Miss Ferguson had one tooth knocked out, others loosened, and an ugly gash requiring eight stitches in her lip. After some effort, she succeeded in stopping a car which carried her and McPherson to Carthage, 18 miles away.

By the time they reached Carthage, McPherson was able to walk, but was in a dazed condition. However, he succeeded in making it known that Causey was in the wreck, so Deputy Sheriff Grimm and Patrolman Kelly set out for the scene of the accident, leaving Grimm's car with George Fry to take the injured pair to the Moore County Hospital.

At Blue's Siding, as Fry was speeding toward Pinehurst with his charges, he crashed into a Ford roadster, which a colored man had left parked without lights on the highway, and turned over, down an embankment, practically demolishing the officer's automobile and further injuring the two young people. Fry sustained only minor scratches.

The three were soon picked up by passing motorists and carried to the hospital without further mishap. In addition to Miss Ferguson's injuries, McPherson suffered a knee injury. Miss Ferguson, in the care of a trained nurse, was removed on Tuesday to the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Guthrie in Cameron, and McPherson to the home of his mother, Mrs. Orene McPherson.

Before Officers Grimm and Kelly reached the scene of the accident, Causey was removed from the wreckage and carried to the hospital, where he is confined with a brain concussion.

The automobile of Deputy Grimm is said to be as completely demolished as that of Preston Blue which figured in the triple automobile-truck accident near Hemp recently in which Mrs. W. Brooks James and her infant son of Troy were fatally injured.

Kiwanis To Lend Aid in Venereal Disease Fight Club Hears Rev. Craighill Brown—Ladies' Night and Alumni Meeting Next Week

A move to make the present campaign against venereal disease, started some time ago in West Southern Pines, a county-wide one, was launched Wednesday by the Sandhills Kiwanis Club at its weekly meeting in the Methodist Church Sunday School building in Aberdeen. The members heard the Rev. F. Craighill Brown of the Emmanuel Episcopal Church, Southern Pines, outline what has been accomplished to date in the fight he and his committee have been waging in this section, and adopted a resolution endorsing this work and its spread throughout the county.

Willard Dunlop of Pinehurst announced at the meeting that arrangements had been completed for

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Mail Early!

Postmaster Buchan Urges Cooperation of Public to Facilitate Service

Mail your Christmas packages early! You hear it every year. The Post Office Department is anxious to give the patrons the best possible service at all times. We have only a short time, at best, to render you the service that you desire in delivering your Christmas packages on time. So will you not bear this in mind and mail early!

Remember that Christmas comes this year on Saturday and there will be no delivery of mail (except perishable and special delivery) on that day and the following day, Sunday. If you are one of the late mailers and your package reaches its destination Friday night it will not be delivered until Monday.

—Frank Buchan, Postmaster.

MAY SELL LANDS ACQUIRED UNDER TAX FORECLOSURE

Chairman Currie Authorized to Accept Taxes, Interest and Costs For County Property

At the regular monthly meeting of the Board of County Commissioners held Monday, W. H. Currie, chairman of the board and trustee for Moore county holding titles to the lands purchased for delinquent tax foreclosures, was authorized to sell any of the lands so purchased for the amount of taxes, interest and cost due Moore county thereon if in his discretion he deems such a transaction advisable for the best interest of the county, and to execute deeds therefor to the purchaser upon the payment of the purchase price into the office of the county accountant.

It was ordered that the resolution authorizing the \$40,000 school bond passed on its final reading last September 6 be amended to reduce the interest authorized to be paid on said bond issue from four per cent per annum to three per cent.

The group voted to exempt William H. Presler, disabled World War veteran of Hemp, from the payment of Schedule B taxes in the county for the year, and to recommend that the State Commissioner of Revenue do likewise as to the State tax.

The report of the home agent was read and accepted, and J. H. Monroe of Biscoe, Route 1, was allowed \$5 per month.

Present at the meeting were Chairman Wilbur H. Currie, D. D. McCrimmon, T. F. Cameron and Gordon Cameron.

LOCAL BOYS ATTEND Y. M. C. A. CONFERENCE IN CHARLESTON

A large number of boys from Aberdeen and Southern Pines attended the Y. M. C. A. Older Boys' conference held last Saturday in Charleston, S. C. Some 400 boys in all, representing Hi-Y clubs of North and South Carolina, heard prominent speakers discuss subjects of vital interest to youth.

Aberdeen boys attending, accompanied by Prof. Ippock, were Thurston Davis, Lawrence Rowe, Hal Kirk, Jack Lampley, Garman Smith, June Howie and W. H. McNeill, Jr. Present from Southern Pines were Alfred Chiswell, Edward Prizer, James Spring, James Ritchie, James Milliken and their leader, D. W. Gamble of the high school faculty. They returned Sunday afternoon.

MILLS CAR RECOVERED

The automobile of Ralph Mills, head of the Southern Pines Water Department, stolen from in front of the City Clerk's office early in the week, was found abandoned in the woods near town yesterday afternoon.

WOMAN KILLED IN PINEBLUFF WHEN AUTOS COLLIDE

Mrs. Alice Dow, 61, of Dover-Foxcroft, Maine, Victim of Accident Wednesday

MAN 70 IN HOSPITAL

Mrs. Alice Dow, 61, years old, of Dover-Foxcroft, Maine, was instantly killed in a collision of two automobiles shortly after 5:00 o'clock Wednesday afternoon in the heart of Pinebluff.

T. J. Jellison of Dover-Foxcroft, who is 70 years of age, was injured, though not seriously, and taken to the Moore County Hospital. The driver of the Maine car, a Chevrolet coach, William Reece, 25, escaped injury.

The car overturned three times when struck by a Pontiac coupe driven by Miss Marnie McDowell of Pinebluff. Miss McDowell, according to witnesses, entered U. S. Highway No. 1 from a side road and drove into the path of the south-bound car, the collision resulting.

At a coroner's inquest conducted yesterday by Coroner D. Carl Fry of Carthage, Miss McDowell was declared in fault. There were several witnesses to the accident, all of whom testified at the inquest.

Mrs. Dow was enroute to Florida to visit her son. Her neck was broken and Dr. J. P. Bowen of Aberdeen, who was called to the scene of the accident, stated that death was instantaneous.

Miss McDowell suffered a cut on the head. The injuries to Mr. Jellison were reported at the hospital as minor. The Jellison car was completely demolished.

Tells Need of Support of Christmas Seal Sale

P. T. Kelsey Outlines Work Done by Tuberculosis Committee in Talk at Southern Pines

Speaking of the importance of the Christmas Seal Sale campaign in Southern Pines before the Chamber of Commerce on Tuesday, Preston T. Kelsey of the County Tuberculosis Committee, stated that 72 persons in the Southern Pines section are now receiving benefits from funds dispensed by the committee. He made the report to emphasize the need of generous public response to the Seal Sale here, irrespective of the county-wide response.

Of these 72 persons, there are three now in the State Sanatorium at the expense of the committee, four in homes awaiting admission to the Sanatorium, five in homes under care and observation, and 60 members of families of patients under surveillance and requiring periodical examinations.

Mr. Kelsey stated that less than seven cents of every dollar received here from the sale of the seals goes toward overhead expense.

"Because Pinehurst has been organized longer and actively campaigning against the disease for years, tuberculosis has been almost completely stamped out in that vicinity," he stated. "We are gradually stamping it out here, and will do so in time. Every suspect case is known, and every new case immediately reported to us. Given the necessary funds to carry on our fight, we will win. And we ask these funds but once a year, through the agency of the Little Christmas Seal."

JUNIORS WIN INTER-CLASS BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT

In the interclass basketball tournament at Southern Pines School last week, Miss Todd's seventh grade boys' team and girl's team won from Mr. Gamble's group. The high school classes had a series of games to determine the champions. On the first day, the sophomore teams were successful in winning from the freshmen. The seniors were defeated by the juniors in the second day games. In the finals, the juniors took the championship.

Pioneer and Leader



HUGH P. McPHERSON

JUNIOR CHAMBER OF COMMERCE IS ORGANIZED HERE

Roy A. Grinnell Heads Civic Body of Young Citizens of Southern Pines

At a meeting held Tuesday evening at Jack's Grill in Southern Pines and attended by approximately 50 of the town's young men and a delegation of invited guests from the Charlotte Junior Chamber of Commerce, a Southern Pines Junior Chamber of Commerce was formed and officers elected.

Roy A. Grinnell was elected president; James A. Williamson, first vice-president; Robert Dorn, second vice-president; J. D. Arey, Jr., secretary and M. F. Grantham, treasurer.

The out-of-town guests were A. L. Bechtold, president of the Charlotte Junior Chamber of Commerce; Mr. Laneze, vice-president of the organization; and Mr. Wright and Mr. Kirkpatrick, directors, and they took the lead in the preliminary discussion of the aims, purposes, duties and possibilities of such an organization.

Robert L. Hart and Hugh J. Beterley, president and secretary, respectively of the Southern Pines Chamber of Commerce, presided at the meeting, and were elected honorary members of the Junior Chamber.

Plans were made for another meeting within the next two weeks and the Charlotte Junior Chamber invited the Southern Pines group to be present at a meeting in Charlotte on December 21, at which time the national president of the Association of Junior Chambers of Commerce will address the gathering.

S. P. Gymkhanas To Start Next Friday

Frederick H. Burke Elected Chairman of Committee To Arrange Bi-Weekly Events

The equestrian gymkhana season will open in Southern Pines next Friday afternoon, December 17, at a meeting of the Gymkhana Committee of the Chamber of Commerce, attended by W. O. Moss, Herbert Cameron, Will J. Stratton and Frederick H. Burke, held Wednesday afternoon at Stony Brook Stables. Mr. Burke was elected chairman and Nelson C. Hyde treasurer.

The show ring near the Southern Pines baseball field is to be put in top-notch condition at once in preparation for a full program next Friday. The events during the season will include open jumping, pair jumping, best boy horsemanship, best girl horsemanship, amateur jumping and trick jumping, as well as the usual—and some unusual—stunts and contests. Many of these events will be run off the opening day. Prizes and ribbons are to be awarded during the season in the various classes.

As in the past, no charge will be made for watching the gymkhanas, but there will be a parking charge for cars around the ringside. Season parking spaces will be on sale next week. The funds realized take care of the expenses incidental to keeping the show ring and jumps in repair and the prizes and ribbons.

H. P. McPHERSON DIES, OUTSTANDING CITIZEN OF COUNTY

Former Chairman of Board of Commissioners Was Pioneer in Dewberry Industry of Section

BION BUTLER'S TRIBUTE

Hugh P. McPherson, one of Moore county's most useful and highly esteemed citizens, passed away at his home in Cameron at 6:00 o'clock last Friday evening, following an illness of 13 weeks. He would have been 78 years of age had he lived until the following day.

Funeral services in the Cameron Presbyterian Church at 2:30 o'clock Sunday afternoon were conducted by a life-long friend, the Rev. M. D. McNeill, who recently retired as pastor there, assisted by the Rev. A. V. Gibson, Presbyterian minister of Sanford.

Long before time for the service every unreserved seat in the church was filled and many persons stood outside, waiting to pay their last tribute of respect to one of whose going was to them a personal loss.

Musical numbers were sung by a large choir of young people and Dr. M. L. Matthews of Sanford sang "In the Land Where We'll Never Grow Old."

A number of county officials and other close friends served as honorary bearers and the following as active bearers: L. B. McKeithen, J. W. Rogers, W. D. McNeill, H. J. Gilchrist, W. A. Muse and T. Frank Cameron. The body was laid to rest in the cemetery near the church, and the mound was banked with floral designs of rare beauty.

Mr. McPherson was born in Cumberland county, one of the seven children of James D. and Catharine Ann McDuffie McPherson, and at the age of 15 years moved with the family to the Cameron community where he became a substantial farmer, merchant and civic leader.

He was one of the pioneers in dewberry growing in Moore county and had a large part in making Cameron the famous dewberry center that it is today. In addition, he cultivated a large acreage of other crops and carried on a successful wholesale grocery business.

Chairman County Board

Mr. McPherson's progressiveness and fine business judgment brought him to the attention of the public, despite the fact that he was of a modest and somewhat retiring disposition, and he was called upon to serve as a county commissioner at a time when there was a peculiar need for strong men at the helm of county affairs. In this capacity he served for 14 years, much of the time as chairman of the board, and it was during his administration that the present imposing court house was erected. His wisdom and tact, fairness and loyalty to his convictions were traits which well fitted him for this service. Mr. McPherson also had served for several years as a director of the Moore County Hospital.

Mr. McPherson's religion was a vital part of his life. He was the last surviving charter member of the Cameron Presbyterian Church and through the years had served in various capacities. Ordained as a deacon, he filled the office of church treasurer and was later made a ruling

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MEMBER OF DUKE FACULTY IS UNION SERVICE SPEAKER

At the Sunday evening union service, held by the Baptist Church and the Church of Wide Fellowship, Dr. Gilbert T. Rowe, Professor of Christian Doctrine in the Duke University School of Religion, will be the speaker. The meeting this week is at the Church of Wide Fellowship, at 8 o'clock. Dr. Rowe is widely known as a teacher, a preacher, and an author. His presence in Southern Pines offers an exceptional opportunity to hear in person a man already familiar to many through his book: "Reality in Religion." A very cordial invitation to attend this service is extended to the public.