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## BAILEY TELLS WHY HE VOTED AGAINST SENATE FARM BILL

Unconstitutional and Unsound; We Can Write a Helpful Measure Within the Law

### ASKS COOPERATION

The Farm bill which passed the Senate will not become a law, Senator Josiah W. Bailey of North Carolina asks The Pilot to tell the farmers of this section. And the Senator goes on to say why, and to advocate measures for the benefit of the farmers that he considers sound, helpful and constitutional. The Senator writes:

"To the Farmers of North Carolina: The Farm Bill which passed the Senate will not become a law. The House passed a different Bill. When the Senate passes one Bill and the House passes another, both bills are referred to a Conference Committee made up of Senate and House members, and they work over both bills with a view to reporting a compromise measure.

"We may look for the compromise measure in the session in January. Meantime, there is little to be said.

"I voted against the measure in the Senate because I am sure it is unconstitutional, and I do not like to disregard the Constitution. Moreover, I think it an unwise policy to be passing unconstitutional measures that cannot last long and that fall under the first attack. Congress has no power to tell a farmer that he shall not plant pastures for the dairy business. It has no power to tell North Carolina farmers that they shall not expand in the production of hogs. It cannot say to one man you may plant, and to another you shall not plant. It cannot impose prohibition or prohibitive penalties upon the production or sale of crops. This is so obvious that I wonder that any one ever took a different view.

"This Senate Bill would greatly reduce cotton acreage in North Carolina and at the same time prevent farmers from expanding their production of hogs, dairy products, etc.

### Sound and Helpful

We can write a sound and helpful bill within the Constitution. Such a bill should be founded upon conditional gifts and conditional loans; that is to say, we can provide financial aid for farmers who comply with the conditions imposed on the interest of the conservation of the soil. To this we may add loans upon their non-perishable products upon a condition that they will limit their production. To this we can add provisions for the payment of at least the costs of production to farmers producing export crops, such as tobacco, cotton and wheat.

"The conditional gifts, the conditional loans, and the guarantee of the cost of production on export crops would be sufficient to induce all sensible farmers to comply with the terms of the gifts, the loans, and the export marketing. Such a system would bring about an orderly agriculture."  
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## No Mail Distributed on Christmas Day

Window Service Until 10:00 o'clock Tonight, But None on Saturday

"Our office force has worked untiringly during the Christmas rush season, some from six in the morning till 11:00 at night, in order that our patrons might have the service they deserve. The clerks want to spend Christmas with their families as much as anyone else.

"Therefore, there positively will be no delivery of mail to anyone on Christmas Day—except of perishables and special delivery. Our general delivery and parcel post windows will stay open until 10:00 o'clock Friday night for delivery of mail."

Such was the announcement made yesterday by Postmaster Frank Buchanan of Southern Pines. It is understood the same regulations will be in force in other postoffices in the county.

## Sad Christmas

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Smith and Their Seven Children Lose Home by Fire

Christmas is not a happy one this year for Bill Smith and his family.

Bill has a wife and seven small children. They've been living in a comfortable house on the Carthage-Vass road; in fact Bill just finished a lot of improvements to their home, using the money he made from the sale of his tobacco.

While Bill was away on Tuesday and Mrs. Smith was getting dinner for the youngsters a stray spark from the chimney took root on the roof and the first thing the Smiths knew, their home was aflame. Mother and the children rushed about getting out some of their furniture and clothes, but the house itself was burned to the ground when Bill came back from his trip to town.

## SANDHILLS HORSE SHOW NEXT WEEK IN PINEHURST RING

Nine Classes on Program For Thursday Afternoon at Grounds Near Race Track

Plans were completed for the Sandhills Horse Show to be held at the Pinehurst show ring, near the race course, on Thursday afternoon, December 30th, at a meeting of the committee in charge last Saturday afternoon at the Thomas & Alexander Stables. At the meeting were Corbett Alexander, Lloyd Tate, Mrs. W. O. Moss, Will J. Stratton, William E. Baker, V. B. Johnson, Louis Scheipers, the Rev. J. Fred Stimson, Frederick H. Burke and Herbert Cameron.

The show will feature events for the young, but the program includes classes for everyone. No charge is to be made entries or for spectators, and entries may be made at any time up to the start of a class.

The program calls for nine classes, in the following order:

- Horsemanship class for beginners.
- Horsemanship class for children 14 or under.
- Horsemanship class for ladies.
- Best pair of riders.
- Hack horses used locally.
- Junior jumping for riders 19 years old or under.
- Open jumping.
- Heavy and middleweight hunters.
- Lightweight hunters.
- These last two classes will be run over the outside course.
- The show will start at 2:30 o'clock. Classes will be judged by Almet Jenks and Nelson C. Hyde.

## Talc Co. Employees Win Compensation Cases

Superior Court Affirms Findings of Industrial Commission for Silicosis Victims

Moore County Superior Court last week affirmed the findings of the State Industrial Commission in regard to compensation for Beecher C. Williams, Dave Bennett and Leonard Dowd, employees of the Standard Mineral Company of near Hemp, sufferers from silicosis, a disease characterized by shortness of breath, cough, and pain in the chest and caused by inhaling talc dust.

The Industrial Commission had ruled that Williams be allowed compensation for 400 weeks at \$1 a week, not to exceed \$6,000, and Bennett and Dowd were allowed compensation for the same period at \$7 a week. The American Mutual Liability Insurance Company, Carrier, appealed to the Superior Court and last week's hearing was on this appeal.

Beverly L. Walter of Southern Pines was awarded custody of five-year-old Beverly, Jr., the mother, Molly O. Walter, to be permitted to visit the child and have him visit her at reasonable occasions.

## "SANDHILLEERS" BANQUET DATE IS CHANGED TO 11TH

Governor Hoey Unable To Be Present on 7th, Will Come on Later Date

### PLAN FOR BIG NIGHT

Word was received yesterday from Governor Clyde R. Hoey that he would be unable to come here on January 7th for the banquet of Chambers of Commerce of Moore county, scheduled for that night at the Carolina Hotel, owing to a conference of Eastern State governors called for that day in Washington.

After a hurried meeting of the committee in charge of the banquet Governor Hoey was again contacted and asked if he could be here if the date were changed to Tuesday, January 11, and replied that he would love to come then. The committee therefore announced the change in date to the night of the 11th.

Plans are proceeding to make this banquet one of the biggest and best gatherings of the clans of Moore county in many years. Charles W. Picquet is in charge of the program, and in addition to the principal speech by Governor Hoey, will have a varied assortment of entertainment features. County Solicitor M. G. Boyette, Democratic county chairman, will introduce the Governor, Mr. Picquet said yesterday.

Sponsoring the affair are the Chambers of Commerce of Aberdeen, Carthage, Hemp, Pinehurst, Vass and Southern Pines and similar civic organizations of Cameron, Pinebluff, West End, Eagle Springs and other localities in the county.

## Mrs. Sherrerd Sues for Auto Accident Injuries

Resident of Pinehurst Asks \$3,000 and Husband \$350 for Damage to Car

As a result of the collision of two automobiles at the intersection of the Shaw Road and another road near Pinehurst on November 24, two suits have been started in Superior Court in Moore county.

One is by Virginia B. Sherrerd of Pinehurst versus Leandro S. Galban, believed to be from Cuba or New York, in which the plaintiff seeks to recover judgment in the amount of \$3,000 for injuries received and expense incurred in treatment of same. She alleges that the defendant was negligent in the operation of his car.

The second suit is brought by S. Donald Sherrerd, husband of the plaintiff in the first suit and owner of the car, who is asking judgment in the sum of \$350 for damage to his automobile. He also alleges negligence on the part of Galban.

## CHRISTMAS PAGEANT AT UNION SERVICE SUNDAY

"Follow the Star," a Christmas pageant by Karin Sundelof-Aszrand, will be presented at the Church of Wide Fellowship next Sunday evening at 8:00 o'clock, as a union service of this church with the Baptist Church. This program has been prepared by the Fellowship Forum of the Church of Wide Fellowship, and in spirit and execution portrays the essential nature of the Christmas season. The pageant itself is of exceptional beauty, and the occasion will be one of real inspiration and worship. A very cordial invitation to be present is extended to the public by both churches.

The pageant is under the direction of Mrs. Dwight Hoskins. Stage settings are by Mrs. E. J. Austin and Mrs. John McMillan; costumes, by Mrs. Harry L. Pethick and Miss Birdilla Bair.

The characters will be played by Miss Blanche Sherman, Don Jones, the Rev. O. D. Ullom, Miss Evelyn Edson, John McMillan, E. J. Austin, Miss Louise Gardner, Miss Mary Alice Tate, C. L. Austin, R. W. Tate, L. L. Woolley, Miss Dorothy Tate, Stanley Austin and Charles Austin.

The Pilot wishes one and all a Merry Christmas.

## Eastwood's Little Colored School Sells \$31.75 of Christmas Seals

Edna Taylor's Pupils Go Over Top in Big Way in Aid of Tuberculosis Fight

Spell EASTWOOD in capital letters on the map of Moore county.

Eastwood, four miles from the nearest village of any size in the county, is a diminutive hamlet between Pinehurst and Carthage.

It has a two-teacher colored school, with an enrollment of about 90 pupils. Principal of the school is Edna Taylor, than whom there is no more efficient teacher in the colored schools of North Carolina.

As to all other schools in the county, an appeal was sent along about Thanksgiving time to raise funds for the tuberculosis work in the county, through the sale of Christmas seals. Principal Taylor talked to the Parent-Teacher Association and to the children—and they went to work.

This week the returns came in from the little school. They had raised \$31.75. Almost as much as the largest white school in the county, more than most white and colored schools.

The Seal Sale is still going on throughout the county. Some towns are still behind their quotas, one of these, Southern Pines. It is not too late to go over the top here. Every penny is needed to carry on the splendid program of the County Tuberculosis Committee in caring for patients and in preventing the spread of the disease in this section.

Among returns received this week were those of the Southern Pines schools, white and colored. The former reported sales totaling \$35.00, the latter \$30.00. Pinehurst school still leads the county schools with more than \$80 collected.

## John D. McNeill Found Dead in Burned Home

Hunters Find Body of Brother of Rev. M. D. McNeill of Cameron.—Lived Near Raeford

John Duncan McNeill, 66, was burned to death last Wednesday night when his home, in which he lived alone five miles west of Raeford, was completely destroyed by fire of indefinite origin. Mr. McNeill was a brother of the Rev. M. D. McNeill of Cameron.

The fire was discovered about 3:30 o'clock by a party of hunters who were passing. It had not burned so far at this time but it had a start, and the hunters were unable to put it out. They made their way into the house and found that there was no one in the bedroom. The hunters found it virtually impossible to enter the other rooms, which were smoke-filled and beginning to burn.

After the fire they found the body in one of these rooms with indications that Mr. McNeill had been eating his supper. Owing to the hour of the fire and the indicated position of the body at that time, it is thought by many that he suffered a fatal heart attack before the beginning of the fire.

Mr. McNeill was a native of Moore county, the youngest son of the late Dr. John Norman McNeill and Mary Eliza McNeill, and the first of the children to die.

He is survived by one son, John Duncan McNeill, two sisters, Mrs. J. A. Elue and Mrs. D. S. McKeithan, all of Raeford, three brothers, Rev. M. D. McNeill, Cameron, Archie McNeill, Florida, Ala., and Representative E. B. McNeill of Raeford.

Funeral services were conducted Thursday afternoon at 2 o'clock from the home of his sister, Mrs. J. A. Elue, by the Rev. W. M. Farley assisted by the Rev. W. C. Brown and interment made in the Raeford cemetery.

## CHRISTMAS PARTY

The public is invited to attend the Christmas entertainment to be given by the Sunday School of the Church of Wide Fellowship at the Church tomorrow, Saturday night at 7:30. There will be a Christmas tree for the children.

## Used Ford Methods

Thirty at Cheatham Home Pack 1,000 Christmas Bags in One Hour, 10 Minutes

One thousand bags containing nuts, candy and fruit were filled in one hour and ten minutes at the home of Dr. and Mrs. T. A. Cheatham in Pinehurst on Tuesday night. Thirty assisted in the packing, using Ford factory assembly line methods.

On Wednesday morning, the last day of school before the holidays, Dr. Cheatham told the pupils of the Pinehurst public school that he had been able to contact Old Santa on a recent trip north and Santa had promised to stop at the school. He did, while the children were singing "Jingle Bells," and he arrived with many of the bags filled the day before and with gifts for more than 400 youngsters.

## CHRISTMAS TO BE OBSERVED IN ALL LOCAL CHURCHES

Special Services Scheduled for Christmas Eve and On Christmas Day

Christmas will be fittingly observed in all churches of the Sandhills.

Christmas services at Emmanuel Episcopal Church, Southern Pines will be as follows: This evening, Christmas Eve, Holy Communion at 12:00 midnight; Christmas morning, Holy Communion at 11:00 a. m.

At Midnight on Christmas Eve Saint Anthony's Church will begin the celebration of the Feast of Christmas with the offering of Midnight Mass. The Mass will be preceded by the singing of carols by the children and by a visit to the Crib of Bethlehem which has been placed in the Church to remain there during the entire Christmas season. The Children's Choir will sing the Mass of St. Aloysius, by Bonner. The Rev. Thomas A. Williams will preach.

On Christmas Day Masses will be at 8:00 and 10:30. Masses on Sunday will be at 8:00 and 10:30 with Most Rev. William J. Hafey, Coadjutor Bishop of Scranton offering the 8:00 o'clock Mass and preaching the sermon. The Catholic Daughters of America will receive Holy Communion in a body at this Mass. Devotions in the evening will be at 7:30, the Rev. Stephen Sullivan preaching.

At the Southern Pines Baptist Church Sunday morning at 11:00 o'clock the Rev. J. Fred Stimson will preach on "In Bethlehem." Christmas services at the Village Chapel, Pinehurst will be as follows: Today, Friday, Children's Cantata at 6:30 p. m.; Midnight service at 11:45 p. m. Tomorrow, Christmas Day, there will be a Christmas service at 11:00 a. m.

At the 11:00 o'clock service Sunday morning at the Church of Wide Fellowship, the Rev. Voight O. Taylor, concluding a series of four sermons entitled "Christ and Our Selves," will preach on the subject: "The Realization of Personality."

At the Church of Wide Fellowship Sunday evening at 8:00 o'clock, a Christmas pageant, "Follow the Star," will be presented by the Fellowship Forum. This is a union service of the Baptist Church and the Church of Wide Fellowship.

## Cotton Doubles

More than twice as many bales of cotton had been ginned in Moore county to December 1st this year than last, Department of Commerce figures reveal. The census report shows 1,704 bales had been ginned from the 1937 crop up to the first of this month, as against 824 ginned from the 1936 crop up to last December. William D. Smith is the department's special agent in Moore county.

## U. S. ROUTE TO BE RE-ROUTED THRU RALEIGH, BELIEF

Sandhills Delegation to Highway Commission Hearing Returns Optimistic

### BOARD TO ACT SOON

The Sandhills delegation which waited upon the State Highway Commission in Raleigh on Wednesday returned optimistic over the prospect of getting U. S. Highway No. 1 routed through Raleigh over Hillsboro street, the direct route, instead of via the business section as at present. The change is desired for the convenience of tourists who now frequently lose No. 1 at Raleigh and find themselves on other southbound routes which do not lead to the Sandhills.

U. L. Spence of Carthage was principal spokesman for the Moore countyites, and in presenting his arguments asked the commissioners what was the natural through traffic route through the capital; what route they took when they left for southern points; whether they drove through the congested business section or by the wide boulevard of Hillsboro street, past State College and through a pretty part of town. He told the commission why the route had been changed, one reason being to avoid a grade crossing, since eliminated by an underpass.

### Several Speakers

State Senator Carroll Weathers of Raleigh and Attorney James Pou of Raleigh also spoke for the change to Hillsboro street. Richard Tufts of Pinehurst told the commission what the Sandhills resorts are doing for the state in bringing tourists here, estimating that Pinehurst and Southern Pines would spend \$150,000 in the next two years in this way. J. Talbot Johnson of Aberdeen talked about the present inconvenience to tourists.

No arguments were presented at the hearing for continuing the route as at present, and an effort was made to pass a resolution Wednesday re-routing the highway, but the commission deemed it advisable to wait a few days, though most of the commissioners expressed themselves as favorable. They promised to take prompt action.

Others at the hearing from the Sandhills were J. Vance Rowe, G. C. Seymour, W. L. Batchelor and Frank Shamburger of Aberdeen, H. W. Norris and E. T. McKeithan, representing Pinehurst, and Hugh Betterley, Howard Burns and Emmett Boone, Sr. of Southern Pines.

## MRS. MARY ABSTEIN, ONE TIME RESIDENT HERE, DIES

Death claimed another one-time Sandhills resident on Wednesday when Mrs. Mary Abstein, the former Mary Muse, passed away suddenly in Island Grove, Florida at the age of 72.

Born near Cameron in 1865, the eldest child of Wesley B. and Massy Davis Muse, she lived in the vicinity until 1895 when, on a trip to visit her uncle in Island Grove, Florida, she met and married Charles R. Abstein. She has made her home there since, making periodical trips here to visit friends and relatives.

Mrs. Abstein is survived by her husband and one brother, John B. Muse of Southern Pines.

## MRS. PARKER MAPLES DIES, LEAVES HUSBAND, 9 CHILDREN

Mrs. Parker Maples, 43, of Pinehurst died Saturday, December 18th in the Moore County Hospital. She had been ill with pneumonia for two weeks. Mrs. Maples was well known in Pinehurst and Southern Pines and will be greatly missed by her many friends. Funeral services were held in the Culdee Church, five miles from Pinehurst, conducted by the Rev. A. J. McKelway at four o'clock on Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. Maples is survived by her husband, an employe of Pinehurst, Inc., and nine children, Mrs. Robert Hunt, Harold, Christine, Mabel, Elmer, Edna May, Alec, Dorothy and Buddy.