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HOEY SPEAKS ON PUBLIC WELFARE HERE ON NOV. 27

Governor on Program of Central District Conference in Carthage

BUSY DAY SCHEDULE

With "Public Welfare—A Public Service" as the theme and with Governor Clyde R. Hoey as the principal speaker, the Central District Welfare Conference will be held in the Methodist church in Carthage on Monday, November 27th, with Moore and Lee counties as joint hosts. Mrs. Lessie Brown, of Carthage, is president of the district and John D. Pegram of Sanford is secretary.

The program, as outlined by Mrs. Brown, is as follows: 9:30 a. m., Registration; Invocation, the Rev. W. S. Golden; Greetings, S. R. Hoyke, Moore county attorney; Response, J. C. Pittman of Sanford; Annual message from the State Association of County Superintendents of Public Welfare, Miss Mary Robinson, State president, of Wadesboro; Address, "The Job Itself," Mrs. W. T. Bost, commissioner of public welfare; Open Forum—"Service Through the County Boards," George Lawrence, Chapel Hill, presiding; County Commissioners W. H. Currie and J. W. Willcox, county welfare board members, superintendents and field representatives participating.

Panel Discussion—"Service to Youth," with John A. Lang presiding and with the following participating: Tom Grier, State Supervisor CCC; W. C. Ezell, director of institutions and corrections; Charles Warren, chairman crippled children; Mrs. Wilbur Currie, chairman maternity work; H. Lee Thomas, Miss Flora McDonald and E. H. Garrison, Jr.

Open Forum—"Public Service versus Public Spending," with Nathan H. Yelton, director public assistance, presiding, and with the county commissioners, Auditors John C. Muse and Miss Maida Jenkins, Legislators M. G. Boyette and W. R. Clegg participating.

Gov. Hoey's Address

At 12:00 o'clock Gov. Hoey will address the conference. He will be introduced by U. L. Spence.

Wilbur H. Currie, chairman of the Moore county board of commissioners, will preside at the luncheon, which will be served by ladies of the Carthage Methodist Church. Business will be attended at the luncheon hour and music will be a feature. Adjournment will follow.

J. E. Covington Killed When Struck By Car

Prominent Montrose Merchant Dies in Moore County Hospital Following Accident

J. E. Covington, 70, merchant of Montrose, Hoke county, was fatally injured when struck by an automobile Wednesday night on the Aberdeen-Raeford highway.

The automobile, said to have been owned by R. L. Rulnick of Fayetteville, was being driven, it was reported, by Lonnie Holmes, negro, Rulnick's chauffeur. Rulnick is free on bond, but Holmes is being held in the Raeford jail.

Mr. Covington was rushed to the Moore County Hospital but died soon after he arrived.

Rulnick said that Covington apparently became confused and made no effort to get out of the path of the automobile.

Mr. Covington is survived by the widow; a son, Wall Covington, who has been an employee of the Aberdeen Grocery Company here for many years; a sister, Mrs. J. J. Beard of Robeson county; and two brothers, W. T. Covington and Rennert and Allen Covington of Mount Gilead.

J. T. Overton, proprietor of the Sandhill Drug Company, Southern Pines, was injured early yesterday morning when his car turned over. Mr. Overton was returning from a hunting expedition and traveling along an improvised road when the car upset.

REV. S. A. MAXWELL NAMED PASTOR OF ABERDEEN CHURCH

Succeeds Rev. S. J. Starnes at Page Memorial in Exchange of Pulpits

HIGHLY RECOMMENDED

Ministerial appointments announced this week following the Methodist Conference which met in Fayetteville a week ago revealed the fact that the Page Memorial Methodist Church in Aberdeen and the Vass Methodist Church will be served during the coming year by the Rev. S. A. Maxwell, former pastor at Williamston, and that the Rev. S. J. Starnes, who has served the local churches for the past two years, will replace Mr. Maxwell in in Williamston.

Mr. Maxwell comes here with the highest recommendations: Until a year or so ago he had been on the faculty of a college in Tennessee, devoting several years to teaching. Upon his return to the ministry he was appointed to the Williamston charge and has greatly endeared himself to the people there. He is reported to be an excellent preacher and a man of admirable qualities.

Mr. Starnes has made a great many friends during his pastorate in Aberdeen and Vass, both in his own and other churches, and leaves with the well wishes of a large following.

Other appointments of interest here, as announced this week, are: Superintendent of Fayetteville District, the Rev. W. V. McKee, former Aberdeen pastor; Carthage Methodist Church, the Rev. W. G. Farrar; Glendon, the Rev. R. W. Barfield (supply); Hamp, the Rev. J. D. Robinson; Pinebluff, the Rev. W. A. Parsons; West End, the Rev. W. F. Keeler.

JUNIOR CHAMBER SETS OUT CHRISTMAS TREES

The Christmas Lighting program of the Junior Chamber of Commerce is now under way, and this week saw the new trees set out in the parkways. The trees are being furnished and planted by Stanley Dunn, operator of the Southern Pines Nurseries.

The response by the merchants and townspeople to the request for funds has been prompt and most gratifying to the sponsors. It is believed that another week will be enough to complete the project.

Bids 80 Cents For Tobacco; Gets Fired



S. E. Comstock of Rochester, N. Y., Guest at The Carolina, in Center; Warehouseman Clarence Smith on Left, Auctioneer "Gene" Maynard on Right, in Aberdeen Warehouse.

Stephen E. Comstock of Rochester, N. Y., chairman of the board of directors of the Snider Packing Company and president of Comstock Canneries, found himself in a new role last Monday morning, and many tobacco growers of these parts are still wondering what it was all about.

Mr. Comstock, who is stopping at The Carolina in Pinehurst, confided to friends last week that he had never witnessed a tobacco auction. J. Talbot Johnson, president of the Aberdeen Chamber of Commerce,

forthwith invited him to one of the Aberdeen warehouses for Monday's sale. Meanwhile, Mr. Johnson had arranged the stage setting.

Upon arrival at the warehouse, accompanied by Mrs. Comstock and a number of friends Mr. Comstock was led to the head of the first row of piles of tobacco. "Jimmy" Crawford, buyer for the E. J. Reynolds Tobacco Company of Winston-Salem, promptly stepped out of the group of bidders representing other leading tobacco manufacturing companies. (Please turn to page eight)

Steel Executive and Giant Plane at the Knollwood Airport



Tom A. Girdler, Republic Steel Corporation Head, Former Southern Pines Winter Resident, Pays Visit to the Sandhills

MISS CAMPBELL REELECTED HEAD OF CIVIC CLUB

Officers and Directors Chosen at Annual Meeting Held Last Friday

Miss Florence Campbell was re-elected president of the Southern Pines Civic Club at the annual meeting held last Friday. Other officers chosen were: 1st Vice-President, Mrs. Alice Burt Hunt; 2nd Vice-President, Mrs. William E. McCord; 3rd Vice-President, Dr. Isabel Graves; Treasurer, Mrs. Norris Hodgkins; Recording Secretary, Mrs. D. D. Shields Cameron; Cor. Secretary, Mrs. Paul Barnum; Junior Civic Club, Miss Virginia Thomas.

Board of Directors, Mrs. Carlton Wicker, Mrs. Maude Greason, Mrs. (Please turn to page eight)

Unprecedented Early Season Activity at Airport—New Hangar To Rise Soon

From early seasonal activity at Knollwood Airport, it is apparent that the field which serves the Sandhills is to be a popular and busy one throughout the winter, and that the immediate construction of a new hangar at a cost of some \$3,000 is justifiable.

During the past week several large planes have arrived here, one dashing down from New York to pick up Tom A. Girdler, head of Republic Steel Corporation and famed for his winning fight against the C. I. O. two years ago. Arriving from Florida in a small plane, accompanied by Mrs. Girdler, the steel executive telephoned New York for his big Lockheed to meet him here and take him to Cleveland, Ohio, Republic headquarters. Mrs. Girdler remained here for several days. Mr. and Mrs. Girdler spent a winter in Southern Pines a few years ago, leasing the Weymouth residence of the late Dr. Arthur Ramsey.

Mrs. Frederick S. Belden and her daughter, Mrs. Kathleen Belden Rice, arrived from their home in Hartford, Conn., in another big Lockheed plane early this week and have opened their winter home on Highland Road.

Work on the new hangar to house six planes is expected to get under way within the next week.

ROBERTSON AUTHOR

"The Government At Your Service," a handbook of federal help for the citizen, by Archie Robertson, former editor of The Outlook in Pinehurst, was published this week by the Houghton Mifflin Company, Boston.

First Issue Nov. 26

Sandhills Daily News Starts Publication For Season Week From Sunday

The Sandhills Daily News, "Old Reliable" in the daily field here for the past 13 years, will publish its first edition of the season on Sunday morning, November 26th. Necessary mechanical equipment has failed to arrive in time for a first issue on Tuesday, the 21st, as originally planned and announced.

The Sandhills Daily News will cover the entire section completely and interestingly. Its staff will comprise prominent writers in many fields. In addition, the paper will be served by The Associated Press.

ARTHUR RAMSEY, EX-PRESIDENT OF S. P. LIBRARY, DIES

Cable From Switzerland Brings News of Sudden Death in Geneva

The sad news of the sudden death in Geneva, Switzerland of Dr. Arthur Ramsey of Washington and Southern Pines was received here this week. Dr. Ramsey passed away on November 10th, from what cause a cable received here did not state.

Mr. and Mrs. Ramsey first came to Southern Pines from Washington, where they operated a well known finishing school for young ladies, about 20 years ago, spending several winters until 1936, going to Switzerland each summer. Dr. Ramsey was deeply interested in the proceedings of the League of Nations in Geneva.

He was one of the original trustees of the newly organized Southern Pines Library in 1922, and served as president of the institution from 1924 to 1926. He was active in civic, charitable and social affairs during his residence here, and leaves a host of friends in the Sandhills to mourn his passing. His widow, Mrs. Mabel Hart Ramsey, survives.

Mrs. Ellis Injured As Bus and Truck Collide

Popular Southern Pines High School Teacher in Accident Costing Two Lives

En route to her home in Darlington, S. C., from Southern Pines last Friday, Mrs. A. L. Ellis, member of the faculty of Southern Pines High School for the past several years, was severely injured when the bus in which she was riding collided with a laundry truck at Doversville, S. C.

The driven of the truck and one child, a passenger in the bus, were killed in the accident.

Mrs. Ellis suffered injuries to her face and the loss of several teeth. School authorities here state that she will not be back at her desk until January 2d. In addition to her regular teaching assignments in the high school Mrs. Ellis is the able and efficient coach of dramatics, and is one of the most popular members of the faculty.

The population of the Sandhills will drop perceptibly tomorrow, Saturday, for several hours. Reason: Carolina vs. Duke.

SCOTCH CELEBRATE TWO CENTURIES IN CAPE FEAR VALLEY

Fayetteville To Be Scene of Observance, With Parades and Pageants

FORMER STATE CAPITAL

BY BESSIE CAMERON SMITH

Two centuries ago into the Cape Fear Valley came the first migration of the Highland Clans to America, when Scotland became inhospitable to them after the Rising of 1715, and 30 years later these were followed by more than 20,000 Scots, making of the Valley a second Scotland.

On the river they built a town which the older folk of today in their childhood knew as "Town," a term which to them was synonymous with "Fayetteville." To that place was moved the capital of North Carolina after the Revolution and there was held the first General Assembly under the Constitution. There was given North Carolina's tardy ratification of the Federal Constitution; there was ceded the State of Tennessee to the United States; there was chartered the first State University in America.

Next week descendants of these early Scots will gather there for a colorful observance that will bring back into reality two centuries of the Highlanders in America. Through the entire week the celebration will continue, reaching its climax with the re-enactment of the historic ratification scene from the west balcony of the ancient Market House which stands on the site of the State's first capital. Fifty thousand people are expected to witness the splendid pageant over which Hon. Clyde R. Hoey, Governor of North Carolina, will preside and which the governors of the 13 original States and Tennessee are expected to attend.

Sunday, November 19th at 3:30 p. m., the celebration will begin with a service in the First Presbyterian Church, one of the oldest churches in America, conducted by a celebrated Scottish clergyman.

Monday night at 8:30 and for five nights at the same hour will be presented a great Scotch historic drama written by Paul Green, author of "The Lost Colony."

Tuesday at 11:00 a. m. a colorful parade will be an outstanding feature. This will be followed by an open-air drama at the old Market House.

Wednesday Scots' Day

Wednesday at 10:00 a. m. the Highland Scotch Clans will gather at Central School and form in separate clans to march to the intersection of Old and Hay Streets, where a granite memorial marker to the Scotch will be unveiled.

Games at the high school will feature both afternoons.

At the Y. M. C. A. will be on display from Monday through Friday the greatest collection of Scotch relics ever gathered together in America.

At the Old Market House there will be a Scotch register where all persons of Scotch blood can register their names and family history. This register will be placed in the State Library as a permanent register of the Scotch people of this section.

In this old Market House, H. F. Seawell, Sr., of Carthage was in 1892 nominated for Solicitor and elected. He was the last Republican solicitor elected in this district, which at that time extended all the way to Southport on the coast. Mr. Seawell had to cover the territory traveling by horse and buggy, and sometime spent two or three days in going from one courthouse to another.

Over the Top!

The Southern Pines Red Cross Roll Call is about finished and final reports will soon be ready, topping last year. Miss Florence Campbell, local chairman, reports.