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\$1,266,582 PAID FOR TOBACCO IN WAREHOUSES HERE

Aberdeen Sales Total Four and One-Half Million Pounds. High For Many Years

CARTHAGE 3,552,838 LBS.

One and one-quarter million dollars have been turned loose in this section through the tobacco auctions in Aberdeen and Carthage since September. The exact total is \$1,266,582.

Official figures of the Department of Agriculture, released this week, show total sales on the floors of Aberdeen's warehouses on December 1st as 4,510,951 pounds, sold at an average price of \$16.13, which is the average for the entire Old Bright Belt. The average for the entire state to December 1st was \$15.98 a hundred. This is the largest volume of tobacco sold in Aberdeen in any one season in many years.

To December 1st Carthage had sold 3,552,838 pounds at an average of \$15.17. Sanford sales had totalled 6,482,300 pounds at an average price of \$14.38.

Sales of tobacco in North Carolina through November 30th represented a 43 percent increase in poundage over the 1938 season, but a 31 percent drop in price average. Flue-cured sales totalled 691,306,245 pounds for \$110,486,668, compared with 484,889,644 pounds through November 30 last year, for \$112,232,588. Last year's average in the state was \$23.15.

\$2,000 Fire Damage On East Broad Street

Barber Shop, Wall Paper Co. and Rooms Above Damaged; Firemen Use Gas Masks

Fire of undetermined origin last Saturday night caused damage estimated at more than \$2,000 to the Roth Barber shop, Shaw Paint and Wallpaper Company and 17 rooms in the Stroud building on Broad street in Southern Pines. No one was injured.

An alarm telephoned in at 9:10 p. m. brought the local volunteer fire department, under Chief L. V. O'Callaghan to the scene of the smoky building out of which all occupants had been driven.

Gas masks were used by the firefighters for the first time in many years. Dense smoke filled the 17 rooms over Ed's Cafe, causing much damage to personal property. Hours after the arrival of the firemen, the rooms were still clouded.

When the supply of gas masks ran out, Chief O'Callaghan's men swathed the lower part of their faces in wet handkerchiefs before entering the building. The fire was under control by 10:00 o'clock.

1940 AUTO TAG SALES STILL TOP 1939 MARK

Sales of automobile license plates are running ahead of sales for the same period last year, State Motor Vehicle Bureau officials report. Through last Saturday, the sales this year totalled 60,381 compared with 58,524 for the same period last year.

A few 1939 plates still are being sold, even though they will be no good after December 31. Through December 7, 632,146 of the 1939 plates had been sold, compared with record sales all last year of 583,035.

The 1939 purchases are being made chiefly by persons who are leaving North Carolina and want a tag good only until the first of the year. The 1939 plates now are on sale at one-fourth the regular rate.

HOSPITAL MEETING MONDAY

The regular December meeting of the Board of Directors of the Moore County Hospital on Monday December 18th, at 4:00 p. m.

New President



STRUTHERS BURT

GROUP HERE ASKS IMPARTIAL STUDY OF LABOR DISPUTE

Southern Policy Committee Calls On President To Analyze A. F. L. and C. I. O. Differences

PROMINENT LEADERS HERE

The Southern Policy Committee, at its annual meeting held over last week-end at the Mid-Pines Club, called upon President Roosevelt to appoint an "impartial committee" to inquire into the "basic differences" between the American Federation of Labor and the Congress of Industrial Relations.

The 20-odd business men, legislators, educators, lawyers and newspapermen here for the conference adopted the resolution unanimously at the conclusion for the two-day meeting which was devoted to a discussion of Southern economic and social problems. The group, so well pleased with the Sandhills and the Mid-Pines Club as a gathering place for their yearly session, voted to return here next year.

Text of Resolution

The text of the resolution follows: "The members of the Southern Policy Committee believe that the conflict between the American Federation of Labor and the Congress of Industrial Organizations is among the most disturbing situations in our national life.

"The committee therefore respectfully requests the President, in the interest of the general welfare, to appoint an impartial committee for the purpose of inquiring into the basic differences between these two labor organizations and the reasons for this conflict, and to report their findings to the nation."

At the Southern regional meeting last January in Atlanta, Ga., a five-point "working economic plan for the South" was adopted. Members of the committee, in their discussions here, said they believed that this program had an important influence upon the formulation of a national policy in regard to the South.

Those signing the resolution were: Barry Bingham, president and publisher of the Courier-Journal, Louisville, Ky.; Prof. R. Preston Brooks, University of Georgia; Virginia Dabney, editor of The Times-Dispatch, Richmond, Va.; James C. Derieux, associate editor of The State, Columbia, S. C.; George A. Dreyfus, attorney, New Orleans; Mark Ethridge, general manager, Courier-Journal, Louisville; Clark Foreman of the Public Works Administration, Washington.

Also, Superior Court Judge Blanton Fortson of Athens, Ga.; Marc Friedlaender of the Woman's College, University of North Carolina, Greensboro; George Watts Hill, business man and banker, Durham; Francis P. Miller, member of the Virginia legislature, Fairfax, Va.; Prof. Warner Moss, William and Mary College, Williamsburg, Va.; Dr. How-

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BURT HONORED BY STATE LITERARY & HISTORICAL ASS'N.

Mayflower Cup Goes to Mrs. Harris For Her First Novel, "Purslane"

GRAVES EULOGIZES SOUTH

The first woman ever to be so honored, Bernice Kelly Harris of Seaboard, was the winner of the 1939 Mayflower Cup for the most distinguished North Carolina book of the year as Struthers Burt of Southern Pines succeeded to the presidency of the State Literary and Historical Association.

Mrs. Harris received the award for her novel "Purslane," a story of farm life in Wake county early in the present century, that scene and time of the author's childhood.

The book was her first, and the first novel to be published by the University of North Carolina Press. It was selected over a field of 33 other works, including those of several established authors.

A replica of the cup (the original, in massive sterling, remains in the Hall of History with winners' names engraved on the base) was presented to Mrs. Harris by Dr. Wallace E. Caldwell on behalf of the North Carolina Society of Mayflower Descendants, donors.

Superfluous Distinctions

Following the presentation, John Temple Graves, II, editor and columnist of Birmingham, Ala., addressed the association in Hugh Morison Auditorium on "The Eternal South."

"There are many distinctions between the South and other regions which need to be and can be erased," he said. "There are many distinctions which erase themselves, and the erasure has justified the saying that there was an old South and a New.

"But there is a South which does not, will not, must not change, an eternal South, of a nature forever stamping a region and of qualities forever marking a people. Our Southern people need to remember this unchanging South as they go about the problems, tasks and opportunities of the South that is subject to change.

"They need to remember and to make America remember the eternal South that was born in those six days when the Lord was making heaven and earth, and when He included in this particular part the climate, topography, shore lines, forests, rivers, stones, warm suns and bright moons that make this a region.

"For that is an eternal South eternally different, eternally contributing the variety that must condition unity in these United States of America."

The speaker specifically called for an "ordered, umpired, civilized competing" as the South's means of attaining its due place in the national life.

New Officers

The new president of the literary-historical group, Struthers Burt, is a resident of Southern Pines, a native of Baltimore, and is author of more than a dozen works of prose and poetry. He succeeds Dr. A. R. Newsome of Chapel Hill.

Past winners of the Mayflower Cup, which was established in 1931, have been from that year to this: M. C. S. Noble for "History of the Public Schools in North Carolina;" Archibald Henderson for "Bernard Shaw: Playboy and Prophet;" Rupert B. Vance, "Human Geography of the South;" Erich W. Zimmerman, "World Resources and Industries;" James Boyd, "Roll River;" Mitchell B. Garrett, "The Estates General of 1789;" Richard H. Skyrock, "The Development of Modern Medicine;" and Jonathan Daniels, "A Southerner Discovers the South."

William Roth announces that he has moved his barber shop temporarily to the Montecanti Building.

Their Hats Tossed in Ring



J. M. BROUGHTON

Mr. Broughton, prominent Raleigh attorney, announced his candidacy for Governor of North Carolina on Tuesday, following by a week the announcement of Lieutenant Gov-



WILKINS P. HORTON

ernor Horton. Others expected to enter the field within the next few days are Lee J. Gravely, Revenue Commissioner A. J. Maxwell, Willis Smith, and Mayor Thomas E. Cooper of Wilmington, possibly others.

Four Hundred Enjoy Amateur Hour Staged By Rotary Club

W. D. Matthews Plays "Major Bowes" For Local Talent in Aid of Christmas Fund

Last Friday the Rotary Club of Southern Pines produced on the stage at the High School auditorium a benefit show designed to give the audience the illusion of a radio broadcasting station during a Major Bowes Amateur Hour.

The program opened with a musical recording by Jerry Mack's Dunes Club orchestra, followed by a station break for announcement of the Major Bowes program. And then the Major himself, impersonated by W. Duncan Matthews, stepped before the mike and started the wheel of chance spinning in true paternal manner.

Feature of the program was 8-year-old Aaris Mirzinoof of Aberdeen, whose tap dancing brought waves of applause. Others in the order of their performance were Buster and Elinor Doyle, guitar and vocal; Arch Yarbore and T. C. McFarlin, old-time fiddlers; Emily and Bertha Fowler, duet; Amos and Andy take-off, Frank Buchanan; novelty dance by Pete Bazemore of Raleigh; Betty Lane Dunn, soloist; Herbert Bird of Raleigh, violinist; Tyler T. Overton, young man with a horn; the Hurley Brothers and Lloyd Woolley, Jr., guitars; Lenore Smith, popular songs; Jack and Preston Stancil, guitar and harmonica; and Lloyd Clark, harmonica solo.

Four hundred persons attended the show, benefits of which were turned over to the Rotary Club Christmas basket fund. Ernest Lorenson, station announcer, made individual recordings of each act and presented them to the performers.

Jaycees Offer Prizes for Christmas Decorating

Residence and Business Houses In Southern Pines Eligible; Aberdeen Group to Judge

To complete their Christmas Decorating project, the Junior Chamber of Commerce will again award cash prizes to the residences and business houses of Southern Pines considered by a committee of impartial judges to be the "most appropriately and attractively decorated."

The Garden Club of Aberdeen has again consented to appoint a committee of its members to serve as judges. Mrs. F. D. Shamburger, President of the club announces.

Prizes will be as follows: Residential, \$5.00, first prize: \$3.00, second. Commercial: \$3.00, first prize, \$1.50, second. The Jaycees hope that the contest will be as popular as last year, and that everyone will help to make the homes and business houses here present a really attractive and festive appearance.

Wins Jay-Cee Award



M. F. GRANTHAM

GRANTHAM WINS SOUTHERN PINES JAY-CEE AWARD

Retiring President of Junior Chamber Honored at Meeting At Pine Needles

STATE HEAD A GUEST

M. F. Grantham, retiring president of the Southern Pines Junior Chamber of Commerce, was presented the Jay-Cee Service award Wednesday night during the organization's second annual meeting at the Pine Needles.

E. W. Golden, chairman of the award committee, pointed out in his presentation speech, that the name of the recipient of the award had been kept a dead secret by him and his few assistants who had reached their decision by quiet observation of members of the Jay-Cee throughout the year, and checking each candidate's merit by a careful and conscientious point system. Grantham accepted the symbol of honor, a gold watch, with a few words of simple surprise.

With more than 75 members and their wives attending, the program started with dinner in the Pine Needles dining room. Between courses, Buster Doyle led group singing. The Rev. J. Fred Stimson invoked the blessing, and new Jay-Cee president Paul C. Butler introduced the guests of the evening among whom were Chan Page, president of the Cham-

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KIWANIS AWARDS '39 BUILDERS CUP TO DR. MONROE

Club Hears Carl Goerch And Former Gov. Ehringhaus at Alumni Meeting

150 AT MID PINES CLUB

The Builder's Cup coveted award presented annually by the Sandhills Kiwanis club to a Moore county resident for outstanding services to the community was awarded Friday night to Dr. Clement R. Monroe, Moore County Hospital surgeon. The presentation was made at the Kiwanis Club's annual Ladies Night, held this year at the Mid Pines Club, by the Rev J. Fred Stimson.

More than 150 active members of the club, alumni, and their ladies were present at the banquet-meeting to applaud the winner of the award and to hear Carl Goerch, editor of The State Magazine, declare the wisest thing he ever did "was when I left New York and came to North Carolina to live."

Mr. Goerch, principal speaker of the evening, entertained the guests with a series of anecdotes which interspersed his more serious remarks. In his speech, he cited some of the advantages of this state, declaring it has a decided advantage over many other states in its ideal climate, its mountains and seacoast and its freedom from labor disputes. It is, he said, fast becoming one of the nation's principal tourist centers.

Attorney J. Talbot Johnson introduced Mr. Goerch.

Former Governor J. C. B. Ehringhaus made a brief address.

Part of the evening's entertainment was provided by Miss Jane Gibbs, who performed two Scottish dances for the guests.

Frank Buchanan's preaching of a negro sermon was the most novel event on the program. At the conclusion of the sermon Mr. Buchanan led the group in singing a Negro spiritual, "Shine On Me" and then climaxed his act by taking up a collection, which, it is reported, netted a nice round sum.

Mr. and Mrs. P. T. Kelsey were surprised at the meeting by a presentation of a bouquet of flowers by Mrs. Paul Dana. They were celebrating their 45th wedding anniversary.

Music during the evening was furnished by the Dunes Club orchestra. The award of the Builder's Cup to Dr. Monroe makes him the eighth person to be so honored. Recipients in former years have been John R. McQueen, Leonard Tufts, S. B. Chapin, Bion H. Butler, P. Frank Buchanan, Dr. H. E. Bowman and Paul Dana.

COUNTY RED CROSS CHAIRMAN THANKS ALL FOR SUPPORT

Mrs. Alice Burt Hunt Moore County Chairman of the Red Cross wishes to thank everyone who helped to make the 1939 Roll Call a success. While not quite all of the reports are completed the records show that Moore County went about \$300 over the goal that at which they aimed. Latest reports show a membership of 1,261 and a total of membership dues and contributions of \$2,152.28. Last year Moore county held sixth place among the counties of North Carolina and we hope that the showing this year will put us even nearer the top.

COUNTY ISSUES APPEAL FOR CLOTHES FOR NEEDY

Mrs. Lessie Brown, welfare superintendent of Moore county, is sending out an urgent call for shoes, underwear, sweaters and coats for distribution among the needy of the county at Christmas. Clothing of any size for children and grown-ups will be gladly received. Contributions may be sent to the welfare office in Carthage, or Mrs. Brown will collect the garments if notified.