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## TICKETS ON SALE FOR COUNTYWIDE BANQUET ON 12TH

Chamber of Commerce To Entertain at The Carolina.—  
W. D. Siler Speaker

### RECORD CROWD EXPECTED

Tickets went on sale yesterday for the third annual banquet of Chambers of Commerce of Moore county to be held in the main dining room of The Carolina in Pinehurst on Friday evening, January 12th. Close to 300 attended this enjoyable affair last January, and with more expected this year citizens of the county, all of whom are invited, are advised to get their tickets early. They are on sale at drug stores and newsstands and from the secretaries of the Senior and Junior Chambers of Aberdeen, Carthage, Pinehurst, Southern Pines and Vass. Tickets are \$1.10 each.

An exceptionally entertaining program has been arranged for the third annual dinner of the group, with one of the best after-dinner speakers in the state, Walter D. Siler, to feature the toast list. Mr. Siler is known about the state as "a second Will Rogers," which means a talk of common horse-sense interspersed with keen, dry humor. Jerry Mack and his orchestra will provide music during dinner, and other musical numbers are being arranged. Charles W. Picquet is in charge of the program.

This banquet provides the one occasion during the year when the residents of the entire county get together for a neighborly evening full of good fellowship. It has grown in popularity each year since its inception, and a capacity crowd is anticipated on the 12th.

## Dr. Frank S. Hickman Speaks Here Sunday

At Church of Wide Fellowship  
Sunday Night, Dec. 30  
At 8:00 O'Clock

Dr. Frank S. Hickman, Dean of the Duke University Cathedral Chapel, will speak at the Church of Wide Fellowship Sunday night at 8:00 p. m. Dr. Hickman is well-known over the state and south as one of the best pulpit orators of the day; and the Church is proud and glad to present him again to the people of the Sandhills. The church is very fortunate in securing his services and is anxious that everyone know of his coming that they may avail themselves of the excellent opportunity to hear him.

Besides being 'Preacher to the University' at Duke, Dr. Hickman is the Homiletics Department Head in the School of Religion of Duke University. His especial interest in training young ministers in the actual work of preaching itself is to raise the intellectual value and content of sermons without loss of fervor. The success that his students are achieving the country over is excellent proof of the soundness of his methods. Dr. Hickman is further interested in the field of Psychology of Religion, and one of his books is used as a text book in most of the colleges and universities which now offer this course.

Dr. Kirkman's message Sunday night will well sound the note that is proper for Christians as we enter the New Year with all of its perplexities.

## WM. D. HACKNEY WEDS MISS THEO A. TAINTOR IN DILLON

William D. Hackney, Jr., of Southern Pines, and Miss Theo A. Taintor of Swans Island, Me., were married Christmas Day in Dillon, S. C. by the Rev. Edward King Garrison. The best man was Andy Andrews and bridesmaid was Miss Bertha Sessions. Mr. Hackney for the past several years has been connected with the Modern Market here.

## For Lieut.-Governor



W. ERSKINE SMITH

The President Pro Tem of the North Carolina Senate, prominent Albemarle attorney, has announced his candidacy for the State's second highest office. Mr. Smith is a brother-in-law of Edwin T. McKeithen, Jr. of Aberdeen and New York City. Mr. Smith has represented his district in the Senate since 1927. His father, R. L. Smith was also President Pro Tem of the Senate 40 years ago.

## MARY S. ROSSER WEDS IN SANFORD EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Former Resident of Aberdeen  
Bride of R. W. Howard.—Lida  
Duke Blue Maid of Honor

In a ceremony of solemnity and beauty, Miss Mary Shaw Rosser of Sanford, formerly of Aberdeen, became the bride of Richard Wilson Howard of Atlanta, Ga., last Saturday evening in St. Thomas Episcopal Church, Sanford. Officiating at the service was the Right Rev. Edwin A. Penick, D. D., of Raleigh, the Bishop of the Diocese of North Carolina, and the Rev. F. Craighill Brown of Southern Pines, rector of the church.

At the strains of the "Bridal Chorus" from Lohengrin, the ushers W. J. Brinn of Sanford, Luther F. Watkins of Greensboro, Linus M. Parker, Jr., of Raleigh, and Dave Mosier of Greenville, entered the church. These were followed by the groomsmen, Roy P. Rosser, Jr., of Buffalo, N. Y. brother, Jr., of Buffalo, N. Y. brother of the bride; Edwin A. Dalrymple of Jonesboro, Edward H. Seawell of Raleigh, and Edward Huffman of Shelbyville, Tenn.

The bridesmaids, Miss Betty Rosser, sister of the bride; Miss Jeanne Hudness of Birmingham, Ala.; Mrs. Linus M. Parker, Jr., of Raleigh, sister of the bridegroom, and Miss Louise Henderson of Washington, D. C., cousin of the bride, proceeded singly down the aisle.

### Miss Blue Maid of Honor

Miss Lida Duke Blue of Aberdeen as maid of honor, preceded the bride. The bride was escorted and given in marriage by her father, Roy P. Rosser. The bridegroom, attended by his brother, W. Robert Howard of Sanford, met the bride at the chancel rail.

Immediately after the ceremony, Mr. and Mrs. Rosser entertained at "Morningside," their country home, in honor of the bride and bridegroom. Receiving the guests were Mr. and Mrs. Rosser, the bride and bridegroom, Mr. and Mrs. R. T. Howard, parents of the bridegroom, members of the wedding party and out of town guests. About 150 guests called during the evening.

The bride was educated at the Sanford High School and at St. Mary's School and Junior college, Raleigh. She is the daughter of the late Susie Shaw Rosser, formerly of Shawboro and Roy P. Rosser, formerly of Aberdeen. Since her early youth she has resided in Sanford making her debut in 1935.

The bridegroom is the son of Mr. (Please turn to page six)

## CAPTAIN MILLER TO JUDGE HORSE SHOW CLASSES

11 Events Listed For Annual  
Affair at Race Track  
Show Grounds

### LLOYD TATE IN CHARGE

With the formal acceptance by Captain Miller of Fort Bragg to judge the classes, plans have been completed for the annual Pinehurst Horse Show, which will get underway this afternoon at one o'clock at the race track show grounds. Captain Miller is a well-known figure in the Sandhills, having judged many events here before.

Lloyd Tate, in charge of the event, announced yesterday that one of the largest crowds ever to watch the yearly event is expected to attend the show, the only one in this section of the country at which no charges are made, either for entering the classes or for admission.

A feature which is expected to attract much attention is the recently added polo class, which was placed on the program because of the revived interest in the sport locally.

Hunter classes, always popular in the Sandhills, will be held over the outside course, reconditioned during the past week. The course includes Aiken fence, pole jump, post-and-rail, snake fence, board fence and coop jump.

The revised list of classes to be shown is, in the order of their showing:

Horsemanship—children 12 years or under; horsemanship—children 16 and under; lightweight hunters, ladies horsemanship; polo; hack horses used on local bridle paths; children jumpers 16 and under; pair of riders; working hunters; middleweight and heavyweight hunters; open jumping.

Since the show is an entirely post-entry affair, no definite estimate can be made of the number of entries for the 11 events, but indications point to the fact that a large number of Sandhills horses will parade before the judges stand in all classes.

## Beautiful, Unique Citizen Thanks Postmaster and Staff for Decorations and for Service

Among Christmas presents received by Postmaster Frank Buchan and his staff was one which pleased them as much if not more than their more material gifts, a letter from a prominent citizen which read as follows: "I send this little tribute because I feel it expresses the thanks of Southern Pines inhabitants for your beautiful and unique electrical illumination at our new Postoffice Building. What with Nature supplying the pines, green lawn, that lone berry-laden holly tree for foreground—your flood lighting effect would do justice to a technicolor director.

"This holiday decoration with the equally pleasing Library display makes an ensemble to cheer, and thrill our civic pride. What a spectacle from the Seaboard car windows—an advertisement to winter travelers as hard to surpass as the grand town in which we live!" "For rendering us fully week-day service last Saturday and Sunday, we are mindful and appreciative of the sacrifice made by your efficient staff." Signed: R. F. P.

### AWARDING OF PRIZES POSTPONED BY CHAMBER

The Pinehurst Chamber of Commerce wishes to announce that the awards for Christmas decorations will not be made until after January first and also that a special prize will be given for the best decorations arranged by the junior boys and girls. With this extension of time it is hoped that many new competitors will announce their entries to the committee, consisting of H. B. Emery, Rev. T. A. Cheatham and Rev. A. J. McKelway.

## New Yorker On Way to Florida Goes Berserk In Southern Pines

Elmer Tilton, 44, Apparently  
Stricken With Mental  
Disorder

A trip which was to have been a happy winter's vacation ended abruptly for Elmer H. Tilton, 44, of Holcomb, N. Y., when he suddenly went berserk at the corner of Massachusetts avenue and May street in Southern Pines early Monday afternoon. He was overpowered and taken to the local jail and later removed to Carthage jail.

According to W. J. Morrow, of East Bloomfield, N. Y., who was riding with Tilton in the reconditioned school bus in which they had left New York last Friday for a winter's stay in Florida, Tilton's actions on this trip was the first time, in the 35 years they have been friends, that he ever appeared anything but normal.

According to Morrow, Tilton pulled over to the curb to ask directions into the center of town. He stopped two young men and suddenly whipped out his traveler's check book and in between asking his way began endorsing checks. Morrow, seeing that his friend was not himself, and wanting to get Tilton out on the way again, pantomimed to the young men to say the right direction would be straight along Route 1. This they did. So Tilton got back in the car and drove about three miles. Then he said, "Hell, this ain't the way to Southern Pines," turned the bus around and came hurtling back at 65 miles an hour.

Ties Up Traffic  
At Massachusetts avenue and Route 1, he stopped and said "Just a minute, Will," hopped out of the car, whipped out his many checks again, endorsed them and gave them to passersby. Then he ran onto the road, began stopping cars, reaching in to grab the ignition keys, and then playfully throwing them away.

Tilton had managed to tie up traffic completely and was gleefully shouting and throwing the contents of his bus onto the highway when Police Chief Gargis, who died later in the afternoon as the result of a heart attack, and Charles Parker arrived on the scene. After a tussle in which Tilton apparently possessed maniacal strength he was overpowered and carted off to the local jail.

Once lodged in his cell, Tilton again started to raise a rumpus, shouting and rattling his cell door and another tussle ensued when attempts were made to quiet him. He was overpowered again and taken to the county jail at Carthage.

The bus in which the two men were riding had been operated by Tilton for six years to take children of his county back and forth to school. Recently the county bought its own bus and Tilton purchased a farm in Ontario county. Then he decided to take a long-delayed trip to Florida and invited his friend of many years to go along with him and spend the winter in the sunny south. Plans were completed, the bus made into a home on wheels with two bunks and a stove, and they left last Friday from Holcomb, about 90 miles from Buffalo.

First Hallucinations  
Everything went along fine, said Morrow, and his friend appeared to be perfectly normal until they reached (Please turn to page six)

### CAROLINA PHONE BOOK GOES TO PRESS SATURDAY

The new telephone directory of the Central Carolina Telephone Company which serves Carthage, Hemp, Pinehurst and Southern Pines, will go to press Saturday, January 6th. Subscribers on record on that date will be listed in the 1940 directory, copies of which will be distributed in January.

Those now without telephone service who desire it, and those wanting their listing in the directory changed in any way should get in touch immediately with the company's business office, New Hampshire avenue, Southern Pines.

### Dies Suddenly



J. A. GARGIS

## REVIEW OF NEWS OF MOORE COUNTY DURING YEAR 1939

Interesting Happenings Through-  
out Sandhills From Files  
of The Pilot

The following is a chronology of happenings of headline importance throughout the Sandhills during the year 1939, as compiled from the files of The Pilot:

January  
James Boyd elected President of Sandhills Steeplechase and Racing Association.

Page Trust Co. pays final dividend to depositors, making a total of 33.3 percent.

Dorsey G. Stutz reelected President of Citizens Bank & Trust Co., Southern Pines.

Governor A. E. "Happy" Chandler of Kentucky addresses Sandhills Kiwanis Club at Pine Needles.

Rev. F. Craighill Brown reelected President of Southern Pines Library Association.

Mrs. John D. Chapman, Greenville, Conn., gives \$2,500 to Moore County Hospital.

Mrs. A. McNeil Blair, Southern Pines, dies in Washington.

WPA allots \$48,865 to Moore county for gymnasium and auditorium in Aberdeen, colored school in Pinehurst, sidewalks in Hemp, masonry service in schools.

Raeford colored man gets 40 year for burglaries in Aberdeen and Southern Pines.

Mrs. Margaret M. Wenzel killed when she walks in front of Seaboard train at Pennsylvania avenue crossing, Southern Pines.

February  
Campaign launched to raise \$600, 000 for boys' preparatory school here and T. Ashley Haywood, Rockingham, elected chairman of board of trustees.

Supreme Court decision paves way for new library in Southern Pines.

J. J. Warren, Canadian banker and industrialist, dies here.

Former Congressman J. Walter Lambeth speaker at annual banquet of Moore county Chambers of Commerce at The Carolina.

Chan N. Page elected President of Southern Pines Chamber of Commerce.

Seal Sale report for 1938 shows \$1,880 raised for fight against tuberculosis.

Harold Dillehay, Southern Pines, named executive director of Charlotte low cost housing project.

Nat S. Hurd elected President Sandhills Horse Show Association.

March  
Contracts let for new Southern Pines library building.

Skyline estate sold to Brig. Gen. F. W. Coleman, U. S. A.

Scribners publishes new book by James Boyd, "Sitter Creek."

James H. Walker, Pinehurst, President of the Tin Whistles, dies suddenly.

Hunter Trials attract crowd at The Paddock.

Record crowd attend 5th annual meeting of Sandhills Steeplechase (Please turn to page three)

## CHIEF OF POLICE DIES AT DOOR OF OFFICE

J. A. Gargis Stricken on Christ-  
mas Day Following Arrest  
of Tourist

### FUNERAL ON WEDNESDAY

Funeral services for Southern Pines, Chief of Police J. A. Gargis, who dropped dead from a heart attack Monday afternoon were held Wednesday morning at 11 o'clock at Manley Presbyterian church, with the Rev. C. I. Calcutte officiating.

Chief Gargis is the third successive local police head to die suddenly or violently. His predecessor in office, Chief Beasley was shot by a prisoner he was bringing back to Southern Pines from outside the state. Police Chief Kelly met death about eleven years ago at the hands of a driver of a car whom he had stopped.

The death of Chief Gargis occurred at 4:30 p. m., Christmas day, shortly after he had arrested Elmer H. Tilton of Holcomb, N. Y., who had apparently been stricken with a mental disorder. The police head had just returned from Tilton's cell and had reached the door of his office when he fell. He died within a few minutes.

Chief Gargis came to Southern Pines approximately nine years ago to become a member of the local force, after having served on the Raleigh police force for a number of years. After two years as night policeman, he succeeded to the head of the department on the murder of Chief Beasley.

The death of Chief Gargis came as a shock to all who knew him. It is believed that the exertion caused in making Tilton's arrest brought on the heart attack.

Active pallbearers were Charles Parker, Alton Matthews, W. L. Barber, Barrett Harris, Earl Merrill and F. J. Norton.

Honorary pallbearers included Mayor D. C. Stutz, Eugene Stevens, L. V. O'Callaghan, P. Frank Buchan, A. L. Hart and Howard Burns. Besides his wife, Chief Gargis is survived by seven children, Norman, Jessie Paul and Blois Gargis, Mrs. Louise Bowden, Mrs. Ruby Wood and Mrs. Leticia Zablo; five step-children; three brothers and a sister. Burial will be in Oakwood cemetery in Raleigh.

## Ovie Fields, Age 44, Pinehurst, Dies

Interment in Family Plot  
Near Mount Carmel  
Church

Funeral services for Ovie H. Fields were conducted from the Pinehurst Community Church by Rev. A. J. McKelway Tuesday afternoon at 1:00 o'clock, a large number of relatives and friends attending the services. Interment was in the family cemetery near Mount Carmel church.

Ovie was the son of J. R. Fields and the late Mrs. Fields of the Mount Carmel section of Moore county.

His death, which occurred Sunday afternoon following a brief illness, was a shock to the entire community. He was 44 years old and unmarried.

Surviving the deceased are his father and four brothers, Ellis, Charles and Caulia of Pinehurst, and Lawson of Miami, Florida.

Pallbearers were Fuller Currie, Larry Hensley, H. F. Kelly, Tom McKenzie, Dannie Black and Henry Frye.

### MAJORITY OF SCHOOLS IN COUNTY TO OPEN JAN. 1ST

The greater number of school in the county system will resume work on Monday, January 1st, bringing to a close a 12-day observance of the Christmas season. Carthage, Aberdeen, West End and Hemp will observe New Year's day, returning to the class rooms on Tuesday the 2nd.