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FSA AIDS FARMERS IN ADJUSTING DEBT PROBLEMS

County Committees Working With Farm Debt Adjustment Render Valuable Service

HEARINGS CONFIDENTIAL

"Any North Carolina farmer who has difficult debt problems will be assisted in adjusting these debts by voluntary county committees working with the Farm Debt Adjustment section of the Farm Security Administration," said Harry F. Watkins, of Raleigh, farm debt adjustment supervisor, who visited here for a conference with Edward G. Odum, county rural rehabilitation supervisor for Moore county.

Asked the question, "What can a farmer do who is worried about his debts?" Mr. Watkins said, "Thousands of farmers are solving debt problems by taking them up with the county Farm Debt Adjustment Committees. These committees are at the service of North Carolina farmers in every county, without cost."

Mr. Watkins explained that all committee hearings are confidential. "Debt adjustment," he stated, "is a service carried on in strict confidence to avoid embarrassment to either debtor or creditor. A farmer can apply for help to the county rural rehabilitation supervisor of the Farm Security Administration."

Questioned about how the committee operates, Mr. Watkins said:

"The local farm debt adjustment committee asks the farmer who is applying for help to list all of his creditors and give a history of his financial difficulties. After going over the case, the local committee makes suggestions for reaching a fair settlement."

"In working out these adjustments, each case is considered on its own merits, and the special needs of the farmer and his creditors are taken into account. Committees have no legal right to enforce their recommendations."
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Local Teams Win One Double; Divide Another

Girls' Bout With Vass-Lakeview Most Thrilling Game of Current Season

The Southern Pines High School girls' basketball team won over Vass-Lakeview last Friday night in one of the most unusual and thrilling contests ever held here.

The Vass-Lakeview girls held the locals scoreless in the first half while they piled up 8 points, but in the second half the Southern Pines girls held the Vass-Lakeview team scoreless while they scored their 9 points for a 9-8 victory. Fowler with 5 points was high scorer for Southern Pines.

The local boys eked out a victory from the Vass-Lakeview boys by a score of 25 to 14. Bob Durant was high scorer with 9 points.

Southern Pines teams split a double-header with Cameron Tuesday night. The local boys defeated Cameron by the very close score of 18 to 15. Cameron, trailing all the way, came back in the last quarter in a scoring spree, but it was not enough to win. Boney was high scorer with 6 points.

The local girls lost to last year's Moore county champions of Cameron High to the tune of 39 to 23, with Fowler accounting for 13 points for Southern Pines.

Both boys and girls of the Southern Pines High School will play Hoffman at Hoffman tonight. Friday, the first game getting under way at 7:30 o'clock.

STATE SANATORIUM WANTS OLD PLAYING CARDS

If anyone having discarded but usable playing cards will leave them with Miss Roberts, opposite Municipal Park she will take them to the State Sanatorium where they will be much appreciated.

Countywide Banquet Was Highly Successful Event

Judge Walter Siler Eulogizes Groundhog as Hearers Nod Assent

Walter D. Siler of Siler City, former assistant attorney general of North Carolina, was guest speaker at the third annual Moore County Chamber of Commerce banquet held Friday night at the Carolina Hotel in Pinehurst with approximately 350 members and visitors in attendance.

Judge Siler, who was introduced by State Senator M. G. Boyette of Carthage, spoke in humorous vein on the greatness of "the lowly groundhog," and the tumultuous applause which his 45-minute speech drew was evidence of the hearty approval of his hearers.

R. L. Hart, past president of the Southern Pines senior group presided in the absence of President Chan Page, who was ill. Following the invocation, which was spoken by the Rev. T. A. Cheatham of Pinehurst, the Rev. J. Fred Stimson in behalf of the Southern Pines Senior and Junior organizations, sponsors of the banquet, welcomed the visitors and the organizations attending, which included the senior Chambers from Aberdeen, Carthage and Pinehurst and the Carthage Juniors. Responses were by J. Talbot Johnson of Aberdeen and Charles Turner of the Carthage Jay-Cees, both of whom spoke in pleasing manner.

Realization of the attainment of the purpose of the meeting, which was to bring the people from throughout the county together in a social way in order to foster an even greater spirit of cooperation and oneness, was felt on every hand, for good fellowship prevailed as the unified group enjoyed the various events of the evening.

Charlie Picquet, chairman of the banquet program, presided over the remaining entertainment features.
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"Jack" Lee Promoted to Vagabond Theatre Staff

Former Director Sandhills 3- Arts Group Having Successful Season in Baltimore

Jackson Lee, for the past two winters drama director of the Sandhills Three Arts Group, has been appointed technical director of the Vagabond Theatre, Baltimore's Civic theatre.

Assuming his position in October, Mr. Lee has been in charge of the production department for four plays already this season. They include "Family Portrait," "The Petrified Forest," "The Lovely Galatea," an operetta and "Yes, My Darling Daughter." His scene designs will be used in the theatre's production of "Bachelor Born."

Upon leaving Southern Pines last spring, Mr. Lee became associated with the Severn River Players, a summer stock group operating near Annapolis and sponsored by the Vagabonds. Here, in addition to working on production, he played featured parts in "Room Service," "Whistling in the Dark," "French Without."
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LIBRARY BENEFIT CONCERT

A coming musical event of outstanding importance in Southern Pines will be a recital sponsored by the Southern Pines Library Association, by Earl Spicer, baritone, of New York, on the evening of February 21. Mr. Spicer, known as "America's foremost ballad singer," will present a program of old English and American ballads. Further details will be announced later.

COUNTY CLERK RETURNS TO WORK AFTER ILLNESS

John Willcox, Clerk of the Court of Moore county, returned to his office last week after a month's absence due to illness. Mr. Willcox says that he is "feeling fine."

Eagle Awards

Four Members of Troop 3 Receive Highest Honor In Scouting

Four Eagle Scout awards, the highest honor given a Scout, were made in the Southern Pines High School auditorium Friday evening, January 11, to Scouts John Berry, Allison Fields, Lyle McDonald and John Raymond, all of Troop 3, Southern Pines.

This was the largest number of eagle badges ever awarded at one court of awards in Moore county.

The program began at 8:00 p. m. with John M. Howarth, retiring chairman of the Moore County Court of Honor, presiding. The various honors earned since the October Court of Awards were first presented to Scouts from Carthage, Hemp and both Southern Pines troops.

The chair was then turned over to Claude Humphreys, scout executive of the council, who, after welcoming Moore county as part of the Occo.
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CAROLINA P. & L. GROUP BANQUETS IN SANDHILLS

Officials, Dealers and Employees Discuss Sales Activities for 1940 at Meeting

VECKER PRESIDES

The sales meeting of the Carolina Power and Light Company for 1940 was held Friday evening at the Church of Wide Fellowship with 130 officials, dealers and employees present for the banquet, which was served by Mrs. George White's group of the Women's society of the church.

Among the officials from Raleigh, who presided over the meeting: H. G. Isley, residential and commercial sales manager; C. M. Rackliffe, industrial sales manager; M. T. Dunlap, distribution and service manager; E. N. Pope, advertising manager, and others.

The principal topic for discussion was sales activities for 1940.

Dealers from Asheboro, Liberty, Siler City, Sanford, Troy, Carthage, Wadesboro, Rockingham, Hamlet, Maxton, Lumberton, Fairmont, Red Springs and other towns in this area were present.

An afternoon meeting, mainly for employees, was held.

SCHOOL BOARD SELECTS FIRST WEDNESDAY FOR MEETINGS

The members of the school board of Southern Pines have selected the first Wednesday of each month for their regular meetings. At the last meeting with every member present, they authorized the purchase of 102 new wooden chairs to replace some of the old steel chairs in the high school auditorium.

A great deal of thought, though tentative, is being directed to the new school building which is to be started in 1941.

Members of the local board are: Dr. G. G. Herr, chairman; N. L. Hodgkins, Secretary; Mrs. James Miliken, Frank Maples and John Howarth.

S. P. ALLSTARS WIN VICTORY OVER CARTHAGE JAY-CEES

Southern Pines All-Stars defeated the Carthage Jay-Cees by a score of 39.25 at Southern Pines Wednesday night in one of the fastest basketball games of the season. The clash was sponsored by the Southern Pines High School Athletic Association.

This was the second defeat suffered by the Jay-Cees at the hands of the All-Stars, the latter having won by a 2-point margin in Carthage earlier in the season.

I. N. CLEGG, JR., OF CARTHAGE LEADS PARALYSIS FIGHT

County Chairman Announces His Leaders For the Campaign

BIRTHDAY BALL PLANNED

I. N. Clegg, Jr. of Carthage has been appointed chairman for Moore county in the 1940 "Fight Infantile Paralysis" campaign.

In accepting the appointment, Mr. Clegg announced the appointment of the following community chairmen for the county:

M. F. Grantham, Southern Pines; Charles Turner, Carthage; Clifton Blue, Aberdeen; Frank McCaskill, Pinehurst; M. C. DeDonald, Jr., West End; K. F. Lowry, Cameron; Vick Keith, Vass; and E. E. Glass, Hemp.

The county chairman was named by Arthur Carpenter, Knoxville, Tenn., regional director of the Committee for the celebration of the President's Birthday.

"This is part of a national campaign carried on annually to raise money for combating this dread disease which attacks without warning, usually upon children," the county chairman said. "It will reach its height during the last two weeks in January, and will conclude with the celebration on Jan. 30th of the birthday of President Roosevelt, who is a former victim of the disease."

"The campaign plans vary in different communities, but in general will include a "March of Dimes" campaign, a "March of Sport," and various parties and special events." A Moore county President's Ball will be held in Carthage sometime during the last week of January. The date will be announced later.

Boy Scout Executive Talks to Kiwanis Club

Claude Humphries Discusses Scouting as Character Building Agency

The Sandhills Kiwanis Club met last Wednesday at the Pine Needles Hotel for its regular weekly meeting. After the introduction of George Pot, of Southern Pines and R. H. Reynolds, a Kiwanian of Raleigh, who is the chairman of the Occochee Council of Boy Scouts, as guests, J. Talbot Johnson introduced the speaker, Claude Humphries.

Mr. Humphries, executive of Occochee Council, of which Moore county is a part, spoke on the contribution Scouting is making in building character above all else, the problems of boys in their teens and the methods used in Scouting to help solve these juvenile yet all-important questions. He emphasized the challenge Scouting is making to all men to do their part in leading and helping boys, through the various methods of the scout troops.

E. C. STEVENS TALKS TO ROTARY CLUB FRIDAY

The Southern Pines Rotary Club held its regular meeting at the Southern Pines Country Club last Friday. The gathering was addressed by Eugene C. Stevens who gave a most interesting talk, his subject being the Soviet-Finnish war. One of a number of U. S. railroad men in the Murmansk rail sector during the bitter winter of 1918, Mr. Stevens was able to bring a vivid picture of the frozen, swampy terrain over which the combatants are now struggling.

PINE DODGERS HELD ANNUAL MEETING TUESDAY

The Pine Dodgers held their annual meeting at the Southern Pines Country Club Tuesday. Mrs. Roy Grinnell was elected captain, and Mrs. George London secretary-treasurer. Luncheon was served by Mrs. E. A. Murphy following a nine hole golf tournament.

In Business 43 Years



C. T. PATCH
Mr. Patch, whose mercantile business has kept pace with the growth of Southern Pines, is one of the town's most progressive business men.

DUNCAN S. BLUE DIES FOLLOWING LONG ILLNESS

Funeral Services at Culdee on Monday for Prominent Eureka Farmer

WAS CHURCH OFFICER

Duncan S. Blue, 68, prominent farmer of the Eureka community, died at Duke Hospital, Durham, early Sunday morning. Mr. Blue had been ill for several months.

The funeral service was held at Culdee Presbyterian Church at 11:00 o'clock Monday morning with a large gathering of relatives and friends in attendance. The Rev. John W. Crinkley, pastor, was assisted in the service by Dr. S. A. Maxwell, Methodist minister of Aberdeen, and the Rev. W. S. Golden, Presbyterian minister of Carthage.

Mr. Blue had served faithfully as an officer in the Culdee church and both his pastor and Mr. Golden paid high tribute to the upright life and example of this man.

Surviving are his widow; five daughters, Mrs. J. B. Blue, Mrs. Turner Fields, Mrs. Herman P. Davis, Mrs. Allie Mae Garrison and Mrs. Edith Blue; six sons, T. Alton, Worth, Carlton, Edgar, John and Harold Blue; two sisters, Miss Flora Blue and Mrs. J. M. Blue, and 13 grandchildren, all of Moore county.

JESSE W. PAGE, JR., ATTENDS MEETING IN CHICAGO

Jesse W. Page, Jr., formerly of Aberdeen, but now of Page William, son, Inc., in Charlotte left early this week for Chicago to attend the first annual meeting of the National Air Conditioning Association January 15-18.

Mr. Page is president of the North Carolina Air Conditioning Association and is a member of the temporary National Council of the association.

The North Carolina branch of the association, formed about a year ago, comprises in its membership all of the licensed air conditioning distributors, dealers and contractors in the State. The purpose of the association is to furnish a medium for disseminating valuable technical and trade information among members of the industry.

W. J. HARRINGTON OF WHITE HILL COMMITS SUICIDE

William J. Harrington, son of D. T. Harrington of the White Hill section, committed suicide by shooting himself through the head on the porch of his father's home early Saturday morning.

Harrington, who recently took over the operation of a filling station near Carthage, left a note for his father in which he stated that he had been in a "little business difficulty" which bothered him.

Burial was in the White Hill cemetery at 2:00 o'clock Sunday afternoon.

METHODIST GROUP HOLDS MEETING IN ABERDEEN

Stewardship Is Central Theme as District Stewards Consider Objectives

GOLDEN CROSS REPORT

The League of Stewards of Fayetteville district met Sunday afternoon in Page Memorial Church in Aberdeen with the district lay leader, Dr. M. L. Matthews of Sanford, presiding.

Dr. Matthews, for the Conference Board of Lay Activities, discussed the objectives for the year, and urged that the official board of each church be given a definite course in stewardship taught by the pastor or a qualified layman.

Dr. W. K. Greene and Dr. F. S. Aldridge of Duke University, Durham, were visiting speakers.

Dr. Greene, whose subject was "Christian Stewardship," defined Christian stewardship as "a state of mind and a mode of conduct," and a Christian steward as "a loyal partner and trusted representative of the Lord Jesus Christ on this earth." Dr. Greene also presented a brief outline of the program to be held in Edenton Street Church in Raleigh on February 6.

Dr. Aldridge made a stirring appeal for the Golden Cross and gave figures showing the advance made in this work in Fayetteville district in the past few years.

Dr. S. A. Maxwell of Aberdeen spoke on "The Methodist Advance." The Rev. W. V. McRae, district superintendent, spoke briefly and presented the Rev. Mr. Crawford of Raeford, who gave an illustrated talk on "Where the Methodist Dollar Goes."

Mrs. Gargis Given \$1200 In Husband's Death

Payment Made From Law Enforcement Officers' Benefit and Retirement Fund

Mrs. J. A. Gargis, widow of the late chief of police of Southern Pines, has been awarded \$1,200 from the Law Enforcement Officers' Benefit and Retirement Fund on account of the death of Chief Gargis, which was attributed to a heart attack caused by over-exertion in arresting Elmer H. Tilton of New York State, who became deranged while on his way South.

The check was the nineteenth death payment made since the fund became operative on January 12, 1938, which indicates that 19 law enforcement officers have lost their lives in line of duty during the two-year period.

PHIL H. CRAWFORD, JR., SPEAKS AT JAY-CEE MEET

The Southern Pines Junior Chamber of Commerce held a dinner meeting in the Southern Pines Country Club Monday evening with the president, Paul C. Butler, presiding and with Phil H. Crawford, Jr., of Kinoston as speaker. Mr. Crawford gave an interesting talk on "Economic Education."

The losers in an attendance contest, headed by Robert Dorn, were hosts to the winning team which had Paul C. Butler as leader.

C. P. & L. MANAGERS HOLD ALL- DAY MEET AT COUNTRY CLUB

Carolina Power and Light Company district managers from Asheboro, Troy, Sanford, Wadesboro, Rockingham, Hamlet, Maxton and Southern Pines held an all-day meeting Wednesday at the Southern Pines Country Club to consider operating problems for 1940.

S. P. Vecker of Raleigh, vice-president of the company, presided. J. S. Bourne, assistant manager of the distribution and service department, had a part in the meeting.