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G. H. MAURICE TO SERVE HOSPITAL FOR THIRD TERM

Re-elected President at Annual Meeting; Other Officers, Directors Chosen

ACTIVE YEAR REPORTED

George H. Maurice of Eagle Springs was elected president of the Moore County Hospital for his third successive term at the annual meeting of the board of directors held at the hospital on Tuesday night. All officers were re-elected, and all directors with two exceptions. Reports of officers and members of the managing and medical staffs showed the institution to be in excellent condition.

Simeon B. Chapin was re-elected honorary president, Mrs. James H. Andrews of Southern Pines and G. C. Seymour of Aberdeen vice-presidents, Paul Dana of Pinehurst secretary-treasurer, and Col. George P. Hawes, Jr., Pinehurst, assistant treasurer.

The directorate is composed of L. L. Biddle, II, Paul Dana, Col. Hawes, H. Frederick Lesh, Mrs. A. J. McKeyway, S. Donald Sherrard, Richard Tufts and John F. Taylor of Pinehurst, Mr. Taylor succeeding Verner Z. Reed, Jr.; Mrs. Andrew Jackson H. Boyd, James Boyd, Struthers Burt, Nelson C. Hyde, D. G. Stutz, Kenneth B. Trousdell and Eugene C. Stevens of Southern Pines, Mr. Stevens succeeding Mrs. John L. Given of Pinehurst; John Currie, Highfalls; John Fiddner, Pinebluff; Mrs. E. C. Keating Knollwood; Mr. Maurice, Eagle Springs; Wilbur H. Currie, Clyde B. Shaw and U. L. Spence of Carthage; M. C. McDonald of West End; Leighton B. McKeithen Cameron; J. D. McLean, G. C. Seymour and Frank Shamburger, Aberdeen; A. S. Newcomb, Lakeview; and W. P. Saunders, Hemp.

Increase in Patients

The report of Business Manager Edwin T. McKeithen revealed an increase in number of patients treated in the hospital during 1939, the total being 2,013 as against 1,834 the previous year. Three hundred and twenty-nine major operations and 500 minor operations were performed, fewer than in 1938. Baby arrivals totaled 138, an increase of 17 over the previous year.

Charity patient days totaled 7,050, for which the hospital will receive the sum of \$7,050 from the Duke Endowment. The out-patient department showed an increase in activity during the year with 3,198 patients as against 2,405 the previous year.

The directors voiced appreciation for the splendid work of President Maurice, the officers, the staff and the Hospital Auxiliary during the past year. The completion and occupancy of the new Nurses' Home was the outstanding accomplishment of the year.

Trotting Matinee To Benefit Free Clinic

Famed Horses on Exhibition at Pinehurst Race Track On Saturday

The leading trotters and pacers that have been wintering all winter at the Pinehurst race track will be on exhibition tomorrow, Saturday afternoon, the occasion being the annual matinee race meeting for the benefit of the Pinehurst Clinic. With four races on the card, spectators will have an opportunity to see some of the country's top harness horses in action, as well as to look them over on parade before the grandstand and parking spaces.

Peter Astra will be there, winner of the 1939 Hambletonian. Snow White, reputed to be the only all-white thoroughbred harness horse in the world, will be shown, as will Gentleman Jim, a favorite for the 1940 Hambletonian.

Well known drivers will take part in the matinee, among them Mrs. Lawrence B. Smith of Millbrook, N. Y., and "Doc" Parshall, Peter Astra's trainer and driver.

Marooned in Europe at Outbreak Of War, Bentley Here on Visit

On Europa's Last Crossing East-bound, Mauretania's West.—In London Blackout

Here for his first time since he was marooned in Europe at the start of the present war, Alvin Morrell Bentley, 3d, Senior at the University of Michigan, is visiting his mother, Mrs. Carleton Wicker at her home on Ridge street. Morrell had the unique experience of making the eastbound crossing of the Atlantic on the last German liner to carry passengers, and of returning on the last west passage of the British ship Mauretania, which has since been tied up in New York harbor until its dash for Australia some ten days ago.

The young alumnus of Southern Pines High School was two days out on the German liner Europa when the crisis came in Europe. Though scheduled for stops at Cherbourg and Southampton, the ship altered its course to the north of Scotland and eventually landed at Bremerhaven after a blacked-out run at full speed down the Norwegian coast, followed for a time by a British cruiser.

No sooner landed in Germany, Bentley was faced with the immediate problem of getting out of the country. Acquaintances of the boat trip over aided him as far as Copenhagen where he was able to catch a plane for London, arriving there just as war was declared. He was in London's first black-out, there for the first air raid alarm and for the evacuation of children and elderly citizens. The gas mask issued him in London is here with him as a souvenir of his journey.

Back on Mauretania

Bentley spent nearly two weeks in London endeavoring to book passage for America, and finally succeeded in getting aboard the new Cunard-White Star liner Mauretania. The Mauretania was armed with one six-inch gun aft and anti-aircraft guns amidships, and sailed with a warning from American Ambassador Joseph P. Kennedy that convoyed or armed vessels were subject to attack without notice, which didn't make for steady nerves among the passengers. However, they felt better when Joseph Kennedy, son of the ambassador, came aboard as a fellow traveler.

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Canada Well Prepared For War, Rotary Hears

S. B. McMichael Tells Club of Preparations, Especially For Service in the Air

"The most important project under way in Canada in connection with the war has to do with the Air Service," S. B. McMichael of Toronto told the Southern Pines Rotary Club last Friday. Mr. McMichael is a Rotarian in his home town. "Plans have been made for the training of thousands of pilots, mechanics, gunners and ground men in Canada for the air service over seas. We already have twelve air ports and training centers in operation in connection with this project and this number will gradually be increased to 60 or 70. Not only will the enlisted men in Canada's Air Force receive their training in Canada, but the men of England and other British Dominions enlisting in the air service section, will be brought to Canada for training. Already the first contingent of 500 trained Canadian flyers has been transported to the other side for active service either in defense or at the front."

Mr. McMichael said Canada was never better prepared to engage in war. "There never was a time in the history of the country when the people had piled up so much idle money. There never was a time when money is as cheap as it is this year. Canada in recent years has had more unemployment than could be absorbed in industry, farming and other gainful pursuits. For that reason there is a considerable surplus of manpower, a much greater surplus than in 1914." The country is also well prepared physically, he said, with plentiful wheat and metals.

Busy Career Ends



ANGUS B. CAMERON

ANGUS B. CAMERON, EX-COUNTY SCHOOL HEAD, DIES AT 68

Prominent Citizen and Former State Legislator Was Ill Several Weeks

Funeral services were held Tuesday afternoon in the Carthage Presbyterian Church for Angus B. Cameron, former County Superintendent of Schools and State Legislator, and long a prominent citizen of Moore county, who died on Sunday morning in Moore County Hospital. Mr. Cameron was 68 years of age. He had been seriously ill for several weeks.

A son of the late William Pitt and Catherine Blue Cameron, he was a native of this county. He taught in public schools of the state for many years, and in 1919 became Superintendent of the Moore county board system, serving for ten years. He represented the county one term in the General Assembly at Raleigh. He was an elder in the Carthage Presbyterian Church, a Mason and a member of the Junior Order, and was for several years a member of the Kiwanis Club.

Mr. Cameron is survived by his wife, the former Miss Lynda Barnes of Elm City; a sister, Mrs. Flora Wadsworth; a brother, Neil B. Cameron of Carthage Route 2, and several nieces and nephews. The Rev. W. S. Golden conducted the funeral services with Masonic rites, and burial followed in Cross Hill Cemetery.

N. Y. Athletic Club in Polo Match Here Sunday

Will Compete With Undeclared Pinehurst Four on No. 2 Field

Pinehurst Polo Club officials are busy making preparations for the big game of the season's calendar, the contest between their team and the high gear team of the New York Athletic Club, which will be held in Pinehurst Sunday afternoon. The No. 2 field is being specially groomed so that it will be in the best playing condition for the exciting battle anticipated. Riding will be hard and fast, in view of the fact that Pinehurst has won ten consecutive games, leaving the defeat mark on Alken, Camden, Fort Bragg, Blind Brook and several other teams this season.

The attendance is expected to be extremely heavy, and arrangements for auto parking around the field and seating in the grandstand is being arranged so that a capacity crowd may be properly handled. The game will be witnessed by hundreds of sport fans coming from all parts of North and South Carolina, in addition to Sandhills society and a large New York contingent expected in support of their own city team.

The game starts at 3:00 o'clock Sunday afternoon and the public is invited. Spectator and parking tickets may be obtained at the gate.

BRYDEN NAMED ARMY'S DEPUTY CHIEF OF STAFF

Fort Bragg Commandant Given Second Highest Position in U. S. Forces

DISTINGUISHED RECORD

The second highest position in the nation's armed forces was awarded last week to Brig. Gen. William Bryden, commandant of Fort Bragg. Secretary of War Harry H. Woodring announced that General Bryden has been designated to become Deputy Chief of Staff of the United States Army, effective June 1. He will succeed Brig. Gen. Lorenza Gasser, who will retire for age on May 31, 1940.

Secretary Woodring's designation of the Fort Bragg commandant brought immediate enthusiastic response from Army circles in Washington where General Bryden was termed one of the most popular and respected officers among all ranks in the entire Army, and was particularly pleasing to his many friends in the Sandhills.

As deputy chief of staff, General Bryden will become the administrative supervisor of the General Staff section in Washington, and in the absence of Gen. George C. Marshall, he will act as the Army's Chief of Staff.

Gen. Bryden, who has been Fort Bragg's commanding officer since 1938, is a native of Hartford, Conn., and a graduate of West Point in the class of 1904. Until his appointment as a general officer in 1937, his entire career was in the field artillery.

During the World War he served as director of field gunnery and as assistant commandant of the School of Fire for Field Artillery at Fort Sill, Oklahoma. For this service he was awarded the distinguished service medal.

Captain During War

General Bryden's military career has been one of steady advancement. At the outbreak of the World War he had risen to the rank of captain, but by the end of the war in 1918, he had advanced to the temporary rank of brigadier general. At the close of the war he reverted to the permanent rank of major. In 1928 he was advanced to rank as lieutenant.

Mrs. Belle Pleasants Honored by Presbytery

Presented Life Membership by District Auxiliary in Ses- sion at Aberdeen

In an impressive speech, Miss Louise Clanton of Charlotte, president of the State Synodical, presented a life membership in the Women's Auxiliary of the Presbytery to Mrs. Belle Pleasants of Aberdeen on Wednesday morning's program of the 51st annual meeting of the Fayetteville Presbytery at Bethesda Church in Aberdeen. From the local standpoint, this homage paid to Mrs. Pleasants, active in affairs of her church since childhood, was the feature of the two-day session which brought close to 500 women here from the seven counties in this district.

Mrs. P. P. McCain of Sanatorium presided over the meetings and prominent men and women spoke both Tuesday and Wednesday. Reports read showed the auxiliaries throughout the district in a healthy condition and fully serving the needs of their communities.

COMEDY "SNOWBOUND" AT H. S. AUDITORIUM TONIGHT

A three-act comedy, "Snowbound," by Tom Taggart, will be presented by the Junior Willing Workers of the Southern Pines Baptist Church in the High School auditorium tonight, Friday, at 8:00 o'clock for the benefit of the church. The cast will be made up of local talent, and admission will be 35 cents for adults, 15 cents for children. The public is cordially invited.

Political Campaign Warms As Gubernatorial Aspirants Name County Lieutenants

Promoted by Army



BRIG. GEN. WILLIAM BRYDEN

TOBACCO PICTURE NOT A BRIGHT ONE FOR 1940 SEASON

Stocks of Flue-Cured On Hand 53 Percent Larger Than a Year Ago

The flue-cured tobacco picture for the coming season is not a bright one, the U. S. Department of Agriculture reports. The picture is darkened by "an abnormally large prospective supply and reduced export outlets."

The department estimates flue-cured stocks as of July 1, 1940 as 1,450,000,000 pounds, an amount more than 53 percent larger than a year ago, and says that even if the United Kingdom had taken normal amounts of the 1939 production, stocks on July 1st would still have been about 35 percent above those of July, 1939. Burley stock, estimated at 756,000,000 pounds as of October 1, 1940, are about ten percent larger than of October, 1939.

"The effects of large stocks of flue-cured and burley will be partly offset during the 1940-41 season by a prospective reduction in acreage as a result of the adjustment program."

Cotton Blossom Singers To Entertain Sunday

Will Give Spirituals and Plantation Melodies at Wide Fellowship

The Cotton Blossom Singers from Piny Woods School in Mississippi, who have been scoring a hit in a series of performances throughout the Sandhills, will make their farewell local appearance on Sunday night in the Church of Wide Fellowship, Southern Pines. They will sing spirituals and plantation melodies and give some dialect readings. Their tenor, Pruth McFarlin, possesses the greatest voice of any Negro tenor on the concert stage, according to T. Austin Bell, director of voice of the Eastman School of Music at Rochester, N. Y.

The Cotton Blossom Singers were at the Pinehurst Theatre last Sunday night, and previously gave performances at the Pine Needles and the Mid-Pines Club. The concert here is at 8:00 o'clock.

YOUNG DEMOCRATS PLAN HAMBURGER FRY THURSDAY

The Young Democrats of Southern Pines have set next Thursday, April 18th for a hamburger fry at 6:30 p. m. at Lewis' Camp off the old Pinehurst road by way of the fire tower. A good representative of local and out of town young democrats are expected and the general public will be welcomed.

Carlton MacDonald To Aid Broughton; Hart, McCrimmon and Avery Gravelly Aides

BURGIN APPEARS SAFE

There's much ado about politics around the county. A gubernatorial campaign which has been in the doldrums, from the standpoint of public interest, is gradually working up to a point where the folks will soon know there's a primary coming along next month and an election in November. There are more candidates for Governor than ever before in State history, and that may be the reason people haven't been paying much attention. They've been too confused; just couldn't keep track of all the aspirants.

Now that the various candidates have selected managers or "full time field workers" or whatever they may call them, here in Moore county, the campaign has been brought a little closer to home. This week the J. M. Broughton headquarters announced that A. Carlton MacDonald of Southern Pines has obtained a leave of absence from his job as deputy commissioner of the Unemployment Compensation Commission to act as field worker for the Raleigh attorney throughout the state.

Mr. McDonald, formerly of West End, is a Presbyterian, a Mason and a member of the Sandhills Kiwanis Club.

Campaign Lieutenants

Last week the A. J. Maxwell headquarters named former Sheriff R. G. Frye of Carthage Maxwell manager for the county, and previously State Senator and Democratic County Chairman M. G. Boyette was put in charge of the Horton campaign here. A. Lee Gravelly of Rocky Mount has Dan McCrimmon of Hemp, L. T. (Judge) Avery of Aberdeen and Robert Lee Hart of Southern Pines looking after his interests. Candidate Tom Cooper, mayor of Wilmington, is touring the state with a sound truck and hoping to pull a "Bob" Reynolds through personal contact with the electorate. Candidate Paul Grady hasn't as yet opened his State headquarters in Raleigh.

It is too early to size up the sentiment in Moore, but you hear more talk about Gravelly and Broughton than the others. Mr. Gravelly made a profound impression on his recent visit here. His talk before the Kiwanis Club established him as a sound business man who would apply business principles in State affairs. He is coming back for an address at Hemp soon. Mr. Broughton is strong in Moore, and Cooper has a following. Surprisingly, because he is well known through his years of service as head of the State Revenue department, Mr. Maxwell is not talked about as much as the three named above. Horton, with County Chairman Boyette backing him, will doubtless develop strength as the campaign progresses and be among the leaders on Primary Day.

The Congress Fight

Congressman W. O. Burgin is considered well in the lead in the five-cornered fight for his seat in the House of Representatives from this district. The entrance of "Bob" Steele, 3d, of Rockingham into the campaign is believed to have lessened the chances of C. B. Deane, also of Rockingham, for a repetition of the dead heat race of two years ago between Deane and Burgin. D. C. Phillips of Southern Pines, candidate from Moore county, says his vote will be the surprise of the campaign, but neither he nor Giles Y. Newton of Gibson are regarded as likely to hurt Mr. Burgin much, and Steele will be as much hurt by Deane as Deane by Steele. Mr. Burgin has been ill throughout the campaign thus far, but is recuperating and is expected to make a tour of his district soon.

The only stimulating race on the county ticket is for Representative (Please turn to Page Four)