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From Worst to Best, Record Of Maternity Welfare Here

Death Rate in County Reduced
from Highest in Country to
Zero in Five Years

TAG DAY ON MAY 18TH

May 12th is Mother's Day. That week has been set aside by the people of Moore county as time to raise money to carry on the work of the Moore County Maternal Welfare Committee for the mothers of the county. Saturday, May 18, will be Tag Day throughout the county.

The Moore County Maternal Welfare Committee was organized to supplement this branch of the County Health Department. Its achievement has been startling. Five years ago Moore county's rate of maternal mortality was one of the highest in the country. Sixteen mothers died for every thousand babies born. Last year there were no maternal deaths in the county.

This record is clear evidence of the success of the work to which the Maternal Welfare Committee is asking the public to contribute. The budget is not a large one but it is vitally important to the continuance of the work at its present high standard. Items of the budget include: part of the salary of the nurse-midwife; fees to doctors and midwives when patients cannot pay; milk for babies; sewing supplies, layettes and bassinets; equipment for the clinics and the midwives' training course.

Funds Wisely Spent

Before an organization makes a public appeal it should be able to show that its funds are being wisely spent. Apart from all humanitarian considerations it would seem that this work for maternal welfare is worthwhile. From an economic angle the following points stand out: the death of a mother of a poor family is a catastrophe the effects of which are far-reaching, her injury through lack of care at child-birth results in lasting illnesses, often in costly operations; her efficiency is impaired, her children suffer and the family, more often than not, joins the tired ranks of those who must be cared for by the county.

Another point: the ravages and economic loss from syphilis is well known; it is perhaps not so well known that although this is an in-

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Bearded Batters Beat Smooth-Shaven Sandies

Timely Hits by House of David
and Errors of Locals Give
Game to Visitors

BY TOM MILLAR

Infield errors and timely hitting by the opposition spelled the downfall of the Sandhills All-Stars in their 1940 debut Wednesday, as they bowed to the visiting House of David team by a 4-2 count.

The Bearded Boys put on a good show for the crowd of some 800, their ball-juggling and antics in general making a big hit with the fans. The ball-juggling of the locals, however was something else.

Sandhills jumped away to a one-run lead in the third when Clyde Dunn singled, stole second, and scored on Turnley's hit. Breese, local hurler, held the opponents hitless until the sixth when a looping single followed a two-base error by Turnley to score the winners' first run and knot the count. The locals went out in front again in their half of this frame when McInnis' tripled behind Buchanan's third straight hit, but the House of David tied it up in the seventh and sewed it up in the eighth as the local infield fell apart and presented them with two runs on only one hit.

Two straight bingles in the ninth kept the crowd hopeful for a local win, but poor baserunning nullified this effort and the game ended with a freak double play.

The Junior Chamber of Commerce, sponsors of the game, is receiving many requests to keep this team active all summer, and it is hoped that some way may be worked out to

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Back on the Job



W. O. BURGIN

The 8th district's Representative in Congress returned to his office on Capitol Hill in Washington this week after a long siege of pneumonia. Though looking pale, Mr. Burgin said he was feeling fit and eager to be at work. He was warmly welcomed by his House colleagues. The Congressman is a candidate to succeed himself in the district which includes Moore county.

REVIVAL OF POLO HERE MARKED BY SUCCESSFUL YEAR

Sandhills Club Signs Contract
To Continue Activities
Next Winter

FIELDS TO BE IMPROVED

The Sandhills Polo Club, under the efficient management of Earl Shaw of the Oakbrook Club, Chicago and Merrill Fink of the Blindbrook Club, Fort Chaster, N. Y., has just completed a very successful polo program at Pinehurst. Messrs. Shaw and Fink are outstanding players with high goal ranking, and members of the United States Polo Association. Their mounts are among the finest polo ponies in the world.

The club inaugurated the sale of season parking spaces this season, under the direction of John R. Bowker, executive secretary, and this arrangement, meeting with instantaneous response, made possible the revival of polo in the Sandhills, and insures its continuance on the Pinehurst sports calendar.

The following members served on the committee and did splendid work: Clifford Sloan, H. Frederick Lesh, Francis T. Keating, Col. George P. Hawes, John R. Bowker, Vivien Slocock, George D. Murphy, John K. Weeks and W. E. Baker.

Spirited matches were played with Fort Bragg, Aiken, Camden, Durham and New York Athletic Club, and with many informal games made up from members of the team, an interesting program was presented. Residents of the Sandhills will be pleased to learn that Messrs. Shaw and Fink have signed a contract with Richard S. Tufts, president of Pinehurst, Inc. for another season. Many improvements will be made to the polo fields and additional stabling facilities for the ponies will be completed at Pinehurst during the summer.

Both Mr. Shaw and Mr. Fink are most grateful to all for the splendid support extended them this season, and sincerely hope to offer a "bigger and better" schedule when the whistle blows for another season for this popular and thrilling sport early next November.

BANKS CLOSED TODAY

The Citizens Bank & Trust Company, Southern Pines, and the Bank of Pinehurst, with its branches in Aberdeen and Carthage, will be closed today on account of the State Bankers convention in Pinehurst.

J. A. GARGIS HEIRS GRANTED \$6,000 FOR CHIEF'S DEATH

State Industrial Commission
Renders Decision Against In-
surance Company

DROPPED DEAD DEC. 25

The North Carolina Industrial Commission this week handed down a decision granting the heirs of J. A. Gargis late chief of police of Southern Pines, the sum of \$6,000. The decision, against the Travelers Insurance Company, hung on the question of whether Chief Gargis' death last Christmas day was caused by exertion and excitement incident to the arrest of Elmer H. Tilton of Holcomb, N. Y., who had to be overpowered following an attack of dementia while driving through the city. Chief Gargis dropped dead at the door of his office upon his return from making the arrest.

A hearing in the matter of compensation for the widow and children was held in Carthage last Tuesday before Commissioner T. A. Wilson. An effort was made on the part of the insurance company to prove that Chief Gargis was a victim of coronary thrombosis not necessarily superinduced by his battle with Tilton. That the Commission held otherwise is evidenced by its decision in favor of the heirs. Attorney J. Vance Rowe of Southern Pines represented Mrs. Gargis and her children.

A copy of the decision, from which an appeal is possible on the part of the insurance company, was received here by City Clerk Howard F. Burns on Wednesday.

Class of 22 Awarded Diplomas at Aberdeen

Commencement Exercises Ter-
minated With Presentation
By Supt. Thomas

A class of 22 was graduated from Aberdeen High School at the annual graduation exercises held Tuesday night in the grammar school auditorium. Commencement opened last Sunday night when the Rev. E. L. Barber of Bethesda Presbyterian Church preached the graduating sermon. Monday was Class Night, when the Seniors presented "The Parting of the Braves."

The Tuesday night program opened with the invocation by Mr. Barber, followed by the singing of "Four Leaf Clovers" by the high school choir. Miss Ruth McLean delivered the Salutatory, which was followed by an address to the graduates by the Rev. Dr. S. A. Maxwell of the Page Memorial Church. Miss Martha MacLeod delivered the valedictory, and Principal L. J. Dawkins presented the awards.

Diplomas were presented by County Superintendent H. Lee Thomas to the following:

Belk Troutman, president of the class; Thomas Lampley, vice-president; Cora Worsley, secretary; Virginia Paris, treasurer; Alice Adams, Patricia Berg, Dighton Fiddner, Lanie Garner, Frances Hearn, Melvin Jernigan, Adrian Lowder, Ernestine Marks, Louise Martin, Martha MacLeod, Gayle Meador, Bernice McLean, Ruth McLean, Emma Jane Melvin, Charlotte Miller, Hubert Moss, Fred Peak and Gwendolyn Pickler.

Following the singing of the class song, "We'll Always Love You" by the Seniors, the Rev. E. M. Barber of the Aberdeen Baptist Church pronounced the benediction.

Awards were made to the following: Best safety booster in grammar school, girls—Dorothy Lawrence; (Please turn to page five)

ARE YOU REGISTERED?

Tomorrow, Saturday, is your last opportunity to register if you desire to vote in the primary on May 25th. No registration previous to this month legalizes your vote. You must be on the new books. In Southern Pines you may register today, Friday, at the office of H. A. Lewis, or tomorrow at the Municipal Building.

"D. C." is Putting Spice in the 8th District Congressional Fight

Southern Pines Candidate En-
Tour With Band, Rag Doll
and Washing Machine

D. C. Phillips of Southern Pines, carrying his string band and political "cleansing" campaign for congressional nomination, is speaking to large crowds at various courthouses.

The Southern Pines man, one of five contestants for the place now held by Representative W. O. Burgin, Lexington, advocates federal aid to schools as a means of repealing the sales tax in this state, emphasizes his sympathy for "the plain people," who he says must "wash clean" the "confusion and bewilderment" in this country.

Phillips' string band of six pieces consists of guitars and an accordion. Phillips himself participates in the singing and playing.

To demonstrate how he would clean up the "filth of the political war of the eighth district," Phillips, who is a laundry equipment salesman, carries with him a miniature washing machine. During the course of his talk, without interrupting himself, he pulls out a dirty rag doll with a round knob for a head. The head, he said, represents that of the "gang politician. It is difficult to tell whether his face is in front or behind."

"Cleans" District

He places the doll in the machine and starts the device, talking all the time. After a short while by sleight of hand, Phillips pulls out from the machine a clean, properly clothed doll, simulating the "cleansing" of the eighth district. The audiences are very much entertained by this stunt. Music is played while the miniature washer is passed about and at another interlude in the program.

Regarding federal school aid, the speaker says that by enacting such aid, Congress can place the North Carolina legislature in a position where it can repeal the sales tax, thus saving the cost of collection.

He reiterates a previous, unqualified stand against the United States entering foreign war. "I would not cast my ballot under any condition for an American youth to go across the water to war," he said.

Hits "isms"

Phillips says the three "isms" which threaten the American system of government are materialism, atheism and communism, the latter being brought about when the former two combine. He defines materialism in one sense as when "a man can go into a county, buy two or three politicians and carry the county."

He tells his listeners that "we have the power of free action, self direction and self determination" and that through "human will" coming from "an indefinite God we have the power to clean out the filth of political war in the eighth district."

Phillips emphasizes he is not the favorite son of any county. A Chat-ham native, he attended Campbell College, has been in the newspaper business, has sold laundry equipment seven years, teaches a Bible class and is a Legionnaire.

Herr Reelected Head of Democratic Precinct

Miss Poe, Mrs. Windham, Du-
Rant and Wilson Other Mem-
bers.—County Convention

Dr. George G. Herr was re-elected chairman of the Southern Pines Democratic Precinct Committee at the meeting of local Democrats held last Saturday afternoon in the Municipal Building. Other members of the committee elected were Miss Pauline Poe, representing the Young Democrats, Mrs. Sidney Windham, who is also secretary of the Moore County Democratic Executive Committee, R. S. DuRant of Southern Pines and Ernest Wilson of Manley, the latter re-elected.

A representative delegation from here will attend the County convention to be held this afternoon, Friday, at 2:00 o'clock in the courthouse at Carthage. The State convention next Friday in Raleigh will also have a goodly representation from this section.

Speaks in County



SENATOR LEE GRAVELY

STATE ASKED TO SAVE COUNTY'S COVERED BRIDGE

Highway Dept. Asked Not To
Destroy Historic Deep
River Landmark

HUNTLEY IS REELECTED

The "Old Covered Bridge" near Highfalls, which has spanned Deep River between McConnell and Prosperity in upper Moore county since the early days of the county's history and which was threatened with destruction after it became unsafe for further use will be preserved as a connecting link between the old and the new era if the State Highway Commission heeds the petition of the Board of County Commissioners.

The board voted Monday, when meeting in regular session, to petition the commission to keep intact this old bridge, the inside of which is studded with wooden pegs, and this action will doubtless be heartily applauded by many citizens of the county, as quite a bit of opposition to its removal had been voiced. A new bridge has already been erected to take care of the traffic.

At the meeting W. T. Huntley of Aberdeen was reelected tax collector for another year.

In considering roads, the board voted to recommend that the State take over and maintain the following:

One starting at a point on the Howard Mill Road near Willie Garner's and leading in a northerly direction to a point on the Needham's Grove Road near Martin Maness' place, a distance of about four miles. This road would serve approximately a dozen families.

Seek U. S. 1 Cut Off

Another, leading from Highway 1 at Baltimore avenue and running in a southerly direction and intersecting with Highway 15 at Ralph Caldwell's orchard, a distance of approximately four miles. This road would serve 20 or more families and prove a valuable cut-off for travel for residents on Highway 1, it was set forth.

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Aberdeen To Vote On 9-Month School Term

County Commission Authorizes
Special Election on Special
School District

Aberdeen is to vote on the establishment there of a special school district, with 12 grades and a nine months term, placing its educational system on the same basis as Southern Pines and Pinehurst. A special election will be held in the near future.

Authorization for the calling of the special election was voted by the Board of County Commissioners at their regular monthly meeting held on Monday in Carthage. The county attorney, S. E. Hoyle, was authorized to draw up a resolution covering the election.

NIGHT FOR TOBACCO MARKET, SAYS GRAVELY

Gubernatorial Candidate Here
For Enthusiastic Meeting
at West End

SENATOR OPTIMISTIC

A large and enthusiastic crowd greeted State Senator L. Lee Gravely, candidate for the Democratic nomination for Governor, at West End Tuesday afternoon and heard a business-like discussion of the issues of the gubernatorial campaign. Senator Gravely was introduced to the crowd by Dr. J. F. Smith of West End. Alan McDonald of West End presided at the meeting, which was followed by a chicken stew.

In addition to Senator Gravely, three of the five candidates for Representative in Congress from this district were called upon for a few words: Giles Y. Newton of Gibson, D. C. Phillips of Southern Pines and Bob Steele 3d of Rockingham. Luke Marion, Moore county manager for Congressman W. O. Burgin, busy at his desk in Washington, gave the crowd a word of greeting from their present Representative. Two of the three candidates for the State Legislature from Moore county, Malcolm J. McLean of Carthage and J. Hawley Poole of West End, also spoke briefly. State Senator M. G. Boyette invited all the Democrats present to attend the County convention next Friday in Carthage.

Importance of Tobacco

Senator Gravely emphasized the importance of the tobacco business to the state at this time. He told his hearers that a continued suspension of foreign buying on our markets this season will spell the difference between 25 cent tobacco and ten cent tobacco, and that with our tobacco crop equalling in value all other crops combined, this differential will mean ruination not only to the tobacco raiser, but to 90 percent of the business of the state.

"My worthy opponents may know more about a lot of things than I do, but I know more about the tobacco business than they do, from a lifetime of affiliation with it, and I maintain that this is the most important issue before the people of North Carolina today," Mr. Gravely said. "And I maintain that the next Governor can do something about it if he knows how."

The Senator was one of a group of three who "did something about it" after the markets closed throughout the state last summer, getting the federal government to purchase the amount of tobacco usually bought for export, against future foreign demand. This action was taken when foreign buyers were withdrawn from the market following the declaration of war abroad.

Senator Gravely, while here, seemed highly optimistic of his chances to be in the second primary, and of his eventual nomination and election.

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Class of 30 Confirmed By Bishop McGuinness

Confirmation Service Last Mon-
day at St. Anthony's Roman
Catholic Church

The Most Rev. Eugene J. McGuinness, Bishop of Raleigh, confirmed a class of 30 children at St. Anthony's Roman Catholic Church here last Monday, and while in Southern Pines was honored at exercises held at the Academy of Notre Dame in observance of the 25th anniversary of his ordination to the priesthood. The confirmation class comprised residents of Pinebluff, Aberdeen, Southern Pines, Sanford and Washington, D. C.

Following the confirmation a dinner was given to the children in the parish hall at the church by the Catholic Daughters of America, and on Monday night Bishop McGuinness and 12 visiting priests, with several local residents, were guests of A. Montesanti at a sumptuous dinner at the Montesanti cabin.