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## COUNTY ELECTS DR. DRAKE NEW HEALTH OFFICER

Vanderbilt Graduate Assumes Duties as Moore Physician September 1

### SUCCEEDS DR. SYMINGTON

Moore County's new health officer and physician, Dr. J. D. Drake, will take over his duties Monday, September 1, facing immediately a large public health task, imminent because of fall army maneuvers in this area.

Dr. Drake, whose election by the County Board of Health was announced this week, fills a place left vacant since the resignation of Dr. J. Symington of Carthage last May.

The new county health officer, a native of Mississippi, studied medicine and Public Health at Vanderbilt University in Nashville, Tenn., and comes to Moore County from Duplin County where he held a similar post. He is 32 years old.

#### \$3,600 a Year Post

Immediately upon taking over his office, Dr. Drake will be confronted with the task of securing compliance with a group of new county health ordinance, approved last week by the County Board of Health especially to apply during the Army maneuvers.

#### New Health Ordinance

These ordinances provide: That no trailer may be parked anywhere in the county for over 12 hours without a special permit from the health officer; that no out-of-county taxis be permitted to operate in Moore County without special county license; that none but Grade A milk may be served by any place dispensing milk in the county. Accompanying these ordinances will be more rigid inspection for sanitary conditions of all eating places in Moore County.

#### Difficult to Find

"We feel that we have made a good selection in Dr. Drake," commented Wilbur Currie who, by virtue of being chairman of the County Commissioners, is chairman of the county board of health. "It wasn't easy to find a qualified person for the work, and we feel that Dr. Drake can fill the job well."

Other members of the county board of health are Mayor Clyde B. Shaw of Carthage, ex-officio; County School Superintendent J. Lee Thomas, ex-officio; Dr. Clement Monroe, Moore County Hospital; Dr. J. F. Davis of Hemp and Dr. E. M. Medlin of Aberdeen.

## Maxwell Family Well After Auto Accident

Automobile Overturns Twice with Aberdeen Preacher; but None Seriously Hurt

Dr. S. A. Maxwell, minister of Page Memorial Church in Aberdeen, Mrs. Maxwell and their three daughters escaped serious injury when the automobile, in which they were returning to Aberdeen from a trip to the mountains, overturned last Saturday near Rockingham.

Although all of the Maxwells sustained bruises and aches, a wrenching shoulder for Dr. Maxwell apparently was the most serious injury. He was confined to his bed this week.

According to reports, the Maxwell's car was forced off the pavement onto a soft shoulder, just outside of Rockingham, and overturned twice. However, not even the car was damaged so much that it could not be driven. After the accident, the car was righted, Dr. Maxwell got behind the wheel and drove his family home.

#### VASS MEN TO PANAMA

Ted Rosser and O. C. Martin left Vass Friday for Panama, where they expect to spend a year working for a construction company. Mr. Rosser previously spent about six months there.

### President



C. A. HUSSEY

President of the Moore County Breeders Association since its founding in 1937, C. A. Hussey of route 2 Hemp will be in charge of the Fourth Annual Livestock Show. Son of J. S. Hussey, C. A. (Charlie) came by his interest in livestock naturally, his father having raised 44 colts in his day. He is a prominent Sheldens Township farmer.

### Labor Day Rest

Monday, September 1, Will Be a Day of No Labor for Sandhills Merchants

Sandhills merchants will close shops Labor Day, Monday, September 1, to rest up for a running start into the fall season, foregoing from now on the Wednesday afternoon holiday, enjoyed during the summer.

According to best information The Pilot could round up in an unofficial survey, Monday will have about the same status as the usual Sunday, as far as business activities are concerned. Retail establishments will be closed, while drug stores will observe short hours. Most merchants in Southern Pines, Aberdeen and Pinehurst will take the long week-end which ushers in the ninth month, and thereafter observe regular hours on each Wednesday.

### Only One Gas Station to Stay Open Sundays

In order to conserve their reduced gasoline supplies, Southern Pines filling stations decided this week that all except one would remain closed each Sunday.

The local service stations during the period of gasoline shortage agreed to take turns remaining open Sundays from 7 a. m. until 7 p. m. to serve the motoring public.

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BY CARL G. THOMPSON, JR.

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## ARMY CONTINUES TO MOVE ABOUT FOR MANEUVERS

Outfit at Pinebluff Moves Back to Hoffman; Signal Company Hard at Work

### CIVIL CONTROL DISCUSSED

The War of the First Army of the United States is closing in on Moore County.

While one outfit this week shuttled away from Pinebluff, where it had encamped last week, back to Hoffman for better camouflage, other smaller units began to set up in the County.

A rail head and reserve depot for the first Army maneuvers was established in Aberdeen this week, using the old Ober's fertilizer plant and about 50 acres surrounding as camp headquarters. An advance unit, under command of Major Don Haven, First Army Quartermaster regiment, settled in Aberdeen. The railroad depot will be a large reserve plant for men in the combat zone, and vast supplies of gasoline, from 25,000 to 30,000 gallons to be shot out from this depot in five gallons cans to units in the field of combat.

The combat of the 57th Signal Battalion continued to throw up its telephone and communication lines throughout the countryside. Crews of men were working along the Aberdeen-Southern Pines highway, pruning trees and throwing up the line-carrying poles.

#### Plans for Civil Activities

Meanwhile, county and town authorities had met in Carthage last

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### Hounds Fail to Catch Local Purse-Snatcher

Trial Is Lost of Man Who Grabbed Purse of Mrs. Austin Voyles

Bloodhounds failed to trace to his hiding place the man who snatched the purse of Mrs. Austin Voyles last Saturday night, as she was walking down West Pennsylvania Avenue, just past the corner of Bennett street.

Mrs. Voyles was walking with Mrs. C. E. Lee to visit friends when someone stepped out from the shrubbery next to the sidewalk, snatched the purse and "lit out."

In an effort to trace the culprit, bloodhounds belonging to Charlie Jenkins in Carthage were brought to the scene and traced footsteps through the bird sanctuary woods, south of the scene of the robbery, and back to Pennsylvania Avenue in West Southern Pines, where the trail was lost.

Except for keys and personal belongings, the pocketbook contained nothing of value more than about 10 cents, Mrs. Voyles told police.

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## Moore County and the Sandhill Territory

## That Hemp Livestock Show Comes Off This Saturday

### Starting Off for the Horse Show



Dan A. Dunlap, route 2 Hemp, was one of the first moving spirits in the Hemp Livestock Show and the Moore County Breeders Association. Active again in the affair this year, Dan expects to show his two mares, four and six years old, at the show. Mr. Dunlap's family is another of the old families in Upper Moore, several generations having been born in a 240-year-old house, which was just abandoned about 10 years ago.

## Aberdeen Schools Switch Homes; Will Be First In County To Open

September 1 Set for Registration; Vocational Agriculture Teacher Added

Schools in Aberdeen will be the first in the County to open for the 1941-42 session; and boys and girls had better get their buildings straight before they begin "creeping like a snail" toward registration on September 1—Labor Day.

Aberdeen schools have switched buildings. High School will convene in the former grammar school building, and the elementary grades are to hold forth in the former high school building.

Aberdeen School Superintendent Lester J. Dawkins said this change was necessitated in order to give more room for high school activities, with the addition this year of a vocational agriculture course and a George Deen Fund, year-round, agriculture teacher.

#### "Trying" for Years

"I've been trying ever since I've been here to get a vocational agriculture teacher," Dawkins said. "And I stuck after it this year, with State and Federal authorities, until we got one. During the time that school is not in session, the agricultural teacher will work with the boys on the farms."

W. L. McGill, formerly of Warsaw, has been obtained by Aberdeen to teach the new vocational agriculture course. The old lunchroom and fourth grade classroom in the new high school building will be combined to form the vocational agriculture classroom, in which will be about \$650 worth of new manual and electric equipment for the course.

Other changes made in the physical structure of the two buildings, as a result of switching the schools, were to convert the old high school home economics room into a lunchroom for the grammar grades; to turn the old grammar school auditorium into a home economics room for high school; to cut up the old high school auditorium into three grade school classrooms.

#### Increase Expected

On the opening day, Superintendent Dawkins said, students will be expected to report at 9 a. m., day (Please turn to Page 5)

Governor Broughton to Be Only Speaker; Largest Crowd in History Expected

Combine a normal Saturday crowd with the Fourth Annual Livestock Show, sure to be the biggest of the four, and you'll have some idea of what Hemp is expecting on August 30.

Add to the appeal of an exhibit of good farm stock the presence as speaker of North Carolina's chief executive, Governor J. Melville Broughton, and you'll understand why the Livestock Show in Hemp Saturday will be one of the biggest Moore County events of the year.

#### Only One Speech

What's more, the arrangements committee firmly put its foot down on more than one speech—the one of the Governor's.

"Folks want to hear what the Governor's got to say," the committee said, discussing final plans this week. "Let's have someone introduce him to the audience—and let him speak."

W. P. Saunders, Hemp's mayor, was elected to do the honors of welcoming and introducing the Governor, with A. H. Trotter, president of Hemp's Merchants Association, alternate.

#### Judging Starts in Morning

The plans are to start the actual showing of stock and judging of entries at about 11 o'clock Saturday morning, daylight saving time, or 10 o'clock standard time, and to have the Governor make his address near the end of the judging, about 3:30 p. m., daylight time, or 2:30 p. m., standard time.

Prizes for winning entries are being donated to the Livestock Show committees by county merchants and farm supply houses in the State. Most of the awards range in value from \$3.00 to \$5.00, with some cash being offered. What isn't cash, though, is something that can be used on the farm.

#### Show Had Modest Start

The Annual Livestock Show had its beginning in 1938, following the organization of the Moore County Breeders Association, a group of farmers interested in raising more and better work stock on their farms.

Came fall, and the members of the Association decided it would be a good idea to bring together some of the livestock raised by Association

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#### Pilot's Special

Over 3,000 Sample Copies of The Pilot Being Distributed in County This Week

The Pilot this week offers a special extra section, devoted to the Fourth Annual Livestock Show, being held in Hemp, Saturday, August 30.

To assist in promoting what The Pilot considers a worthwhile Moore County event, over 3,000 sample copies of this issue are being distributed throughout the County. The Pilot believes that the Livestock Show, as an example of community cooperation and effort, is only one of the major and minor events which occur in the County and contribute to its welfare and its prestige.

The Pilot is happy that it was able to bring to its readers this special edition. It is in keeping with the efforts to improve The Pilot's interest to its readers and its value to its advertisers. Since the middle of July, The Pilot has been under new management, following purchase of The Pilot by James Boyd, Southern Pines writer, and appointment by him of Carl G. Thompson Jr., of Southern Pines, as editor.

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