

Governor Cuts Cake at "E" Pennant Celebration



Founder of Company Believes Diesel-Powered Trains Were Given Start at Sanford

A little shop started by a Laurinburg native to manufacture gasoline-motored railroad cars to run from Sanford to Lillington last week received an Army-Navy "E" pennant for excellent production of vital war materials for airplanes and guns.

H. P. Edwards, now president of the Atlantic and East Carolina railway company at New Bern, was the founder of the Edwards Company back in 1917. He said the other night at the celebration of the "E" pennant award at the Dunes Club that out of these early efforts of his grew not only the Edwards Company but the wide use of Diesel engines on the railroads in the country.

He tells his story this way.

When he was running the Atlantic and Western railroad in Sanford years ago, he and the company experimented with a highway truck as a passenger coach on the railroad, by putting flange wheels on the truck and driving it with the gasoline motor. He wanted a small, inexpensive coach, easy to operate, to carry passengers over the short run.

Burlington Zephyr

To develop this idea, the Edwards Company was started to manufacture the coaches. The Burlington Railroad, operators of the now famous Burlington Zephyr, became interested in the experiment, and ordered a car. Then another. Then larger and larger ones. Finally, their demands became so great that the small Edwards Company couldn't meet the request for powerful engines with four or five cars. But there, Mr. Edwards said, was the beginning of the use of diesel-engine trains.

Curiously enough, the real market for these motor rail cars developed in South America. About 1925, the Edwards Company took a chance, and competed with firms from all over the world in building a motor rail car for a South American country. The Edwards car won out in the final test, and orders began to flock in from places like Columbia, Panama and Argentina.

Mr. Edwards hasn't been connected with the Edwards Company since 1927, although for a number of years it continued to manufacture the railroad cars.

In 1940, the company was taken
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Heart Attack Fatal to Mrs. Meinhardt

Pinebluff Resident Dies in Richmond While Enroute to Silver Springs Home

Mrs. Mary Caroline Meinhardt, 67, widow of the late Theodore F. Meinhardt, who for the past 23 years made her home in Silver Springs, near Pinebluff, died Monday morning in Richmond, Va., on her way back to her home.

Mrs. Meinhardt left her home in April to go to the bedside of her 86-year-old mother in Charlottesville, Va. After her mother's death in October, she herself underwent an operation from which she made full recovery. She was on her way back to her home near Pinebluff and broke the trip by visiting a friend in Richmond. Several hours before she planned to leave, she was stricken with a heart attack.

Funeral services were conducted Tuesday afternoon at Powell Funeral Home in Southern Pines and burial took place at Pinebluff Cemetery. The Rev. W. A. Parsons officiated. Surviving are two daughters, Mrs. Theo. Berg of Pinebluff, and Mrs. L. E. Nelson of Hampton, Va.

Governor J. Melville Broughton cuts a birthday cake for Ralph E. Rogers (extreme right), president of the Rogers Diesel and Aircraft Co., operators of the Edwards Company in Sanford which last week received the Army-Navy "E" Pennant for excellence in production. The cake cutting took place at the Dunes Club here. Others in the foreground are, left to right, Robert M. Hanes of Winston-Salem, Mrs. Broughton, and Mrs. Rogers.
(Photo by Humphreys)

COLD FOR SWIMMING

This time of year is a little too cold for swimming in Watson's Lake. Chief of Police Ed Newton and Deputy Sheriff Charlie Dunlap found that out the other day. They went to Dan Short, caretaker at Watson's, seeking a boat in which they could check the lake for signs of Dan Luther McLeod, Negro who has been missing since November 22. The two officers were a little skeptical of the boat, but Short scoffed at their fears. "It rides better low in the water," he told them. But when the Chief and the Deputy both peered over the same side of the boat, the water got higher than the boat, and into the drink they both went, clothes and all. They swam to safety and the nearest warm spot without incident, all had a good laugh; but on second thought, Chief Newton remarked: "The Lord takes care of drunkards and fools. I know we weren't drunk—so what do you reckon that makes us?"

Christmas Baskets Still Needing Help

Clothes Particularly Requested by Committee Preparing to Distribute Gifts to Needy

The Christmas Basket Committee of the Southern Pines Council of Social Agencies this week appealed for clothing and any additional contributions in order to fill out the baskets which will be distributed by the Council at Christmas time to needy families in this section.

Although the response to an appeal for funds to support this Christmas project has been satisfactory, there is still need for clothing contributions and other assistance according to Miss Laura Kelsey, chairman of the committee.

Useable children's clothing is needed as follows: for girls, at least one article in sizes 3, 4, 5, 7, 12 and 15; at least two in sizes 9, 11, 13 and 14; and three in size 16. Such things as underwear, socks, sweaters and the like. For boys, at least one set in sizes 2 and 16, two sets in 4, 6, 8, 11, 12, and 15, three in size 7, four in sizes 9 and 10. Suits, trousers, coat and sweater, overcoats, caps, and the like are desired.

In various grocery stores in town this week, barrels have been placed in which canned food contributions may be made for the Christmas baskets, and any other donations may be made to Miss Kelsey or to Mrs. J. B. Swett, executive secretary of the Council.

Local organizations affiliated with the Council have agreed to help in the packing of the baskets for distribution and the Town will undertake to help in the distribution.

CAMP LIBRARIAN

Miss Katherine Martin, who formerly was librarian for the Southern Pines Library and for the past two years has been with the Pratt Library in Baltimore, Md., has recently accepted a position as camp librarian at Camp Eustis, Va., and began work there December 5.

Fuel Oil Rationing Periods Explained

Period One Coupon Extended Through December; Sugar Books to be Stopped on 15th

An extension through December of the validity of fuel oil coupons for period one was announced this week by the Moore County Rationing Board, which also warned that sugar ration books, for both sugar and coffee, cannot be obtained after December 15.

The heating season is divided into five periods, and the coupons are marked for the respective periods in which they are to be used. These periods are as follows: Period 1, from Oct. 1, 1942 to December 5, 1942; Period 2, from Dec. 6, 1942 to Jan. 2, 1943; Period 3, from January 3 to Feb. 5; Period 4, from Feb. 6 to March 6; Period 5, from March 7 to Sept. 30, 1943.

All coupons for Period 1 became valid October 1 and most of these will be required to pay dealers for oil secured by consumers before the coupons were issued. However, the coupons for this period are still valid and will continue to be so through December. Coupons for Period 2 are also now valid. Others will become valid, according to above dates. George H. Maurice, ration board chairman, cautioned consumers and dealers to remember these dates.

Those who have not secured their sugar ration books, also being used for coffee rationing, should secure these at once, the board said, because they cannot be obtained after December 15. These books are known as War Ration Book One. Those who did not get their sugar book are urged to get them now.

FIREMEN SAVE HOME

Southern Pines volunteer firemen, answering an alarm at 5:45 Monday evening, with both fire trucks, saved the home of Robert Williams, located on the southern outskirts of West Southern Pines.

He Couldn't Go Out and Get Business So He Brought It to His Cabin Door

If you drive out the road from West End to Jackson Springs, and then go on a few miles you cross Drowning Creek. Up the hill a ways, a road leads off toward Derby and just before you get to it there is a house on the left with some pretty bushes growing out in the yard.

If it's a sunny day, or even moderately fair, you will see a young man sitting out on the porch—this porch, which has pretty much been his home since illness made it impossible for him to get out and around like the rest of the fellows. His eyes are blue and his hair a warm brown and the smile on his fine young face is something to write home about. Life has dealt out some hard knocks in his direction, and the minute you see him you know he has just caught them and dealt them right back in a straight hard-hitting fight which he has won hands down. Nobody could look like that and smile like that who hadn't gotten the best of life and given his best to it.

Marvin Harris used to sit out in the sun, or inside when it was too

Howard Burns Gets Kiwanis Presidency In Close Election

McDonald Vice-Pres.; Tarlton Treas.; Howarth Leads Directors' Ticket

In a close election at the regular meeting Wednesday in the Southern Pines Country Club, the Sandhills Kiwanis Club elected Howard F. Burns, Southern Pines clerk and treasurer, for its president to serve during 1943. Burns defeated Paul C. Butler of Southern Pines by a vote of 19 to 17, in a total of 36 ballots cast.

John M. Howarth led the ticket in the election, receiving 26 votes for director. There were 14 on the ballot, and seven of the 14 were to be elected. Sheriff Charles J. McDonald of Carthage was elected vice-president and R. F. Tarlton of Southern Pines, treasurer, without opposition.

Other directors elected were Dr. E. M. Medlin of Aberdeen, Dr. J. I. Neal of Southern Pines, Reuben C. DuBose of Southern Pines, W. D. Sabiston, Jr., of Carthage, Jack Taylor of Aberdeen and John F. Taylor of Pinehurst.

Three Tie for 2 Places

The two Taylors, along with G. C. Seymour of Aberdeen, were tied for sixth, seventh and eighth places, with a total of 19 votes each. When the run-off for the sixth and seventh directorship places was announced, Mr. Seymour, who has served as director several terms, arose, said he had just celebrated a birthday and that he just didn't feel like he could serve, and suggested the two Taylors be named. Upon this urgency, Paul Dana moved and the club voted to accept this proposal.

Burns will succeed as president O. Leon Seymour of Aberdeen and he, with the new board of directors, will take office the first of the year.

Final plans for the Twentieth Anniversary celebration of the founding of the Sandhills Club were announced. This observance will be in
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Library is Planning New Concert Series

Tentative Schedule of Three Performances Set if Response is Great Enough

A series of three concerts of chamber music, such as were presented last season and the year before by the Southern Pines Library Association, is being planned by the Library again to begin January 18, 1943, with John Toms, formerly member of the Philadelphia Opera Co., as featured tenor vocalist.

Other tentatively scheduled concerts are that of Edgar and Dorothy Aiden of the Meredith College music faculty on Feb. 22, and Mr. and Mrs. Ernst Bacon of the department of music of Converse College at Spartanburg, S. C., on March 29.

A letter from Mrs. James Boyd, chairman of the Library Concert committee, went out this week to a number of folks in the Sandhills, saying that the concerts would be given if sufficient interest is shown for the series planned. A. M. Yeomans, president of the Library Association, is in charge of ticket reservations, for those who would like to subscribe to the series.

FOR EARLY MAILING

The Southern Pines post office windows will remain open on Saturday afternoons between now and Christmas until six o'clock, in order to make early mailing easier for the patrons, it was announced this week by P. Frank Buchan, postmaster. The windows usually close at noon Saturday.

The postmaster also announced the following new schedule of mail closing for outgoing mail.

9:30 a. m. for northbound on No. 4 train, 10:15.
5:30 p. m. for northbound on No. 192 at 6:25.
6:00 p. m. for southbound on No. 3 at 6:35.
9:30 p. m. for southbound on No. 9 at 10.
10:30 p. m. for northbound on No. 6 at 11:59.

Over 4,000 Register for Liquor Rations

Coupon Books Still Obtainable at Store or County Office; Ration Now Started

Over 4,000 individuals had obtained their whisky ration coupon books from the Moore County A. B. C. Board through Thursday of this week, in a rush that crowded the stores' doors, here and in Pinehurst, on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. "Are our names to be published in the paper?" was a question asked by many as they signed up for this latest commodity to be rationed.

Coupon books for whisky will continue to be issued at the stores for the next week or so, it was announced by H. A. Matthews, secretary of the county board. They made also be signed for in the county offices of the board, over Patch's store.

Liquor sales in the stores were halted completely during the first three days of the week, and the entire time was given over to issuing the ration books. These books will allow the holder to purchase one quart a week until the first of February, when the ration will be cut to one pint a week.

According to present regulations, each purchaser must present his own book, and will not be allowed to buy whisky with another's ration book. Store hours are from 10 a. m. to 7 p. m., during which time coupon books will be issued, and the books may be obtained from the county offices from 9 a. m. to 5 p. m.

Nurse's Aide Class to Graduate Friday

Fourth Group of County Women to Join Volunteer Ranks for War Emergency

The fourth class of volunteer Nurse's Aides to be trained at Moore County Hospital will graduate in exercises at the Nurse's home Friday evening, December 11, at 8 p. m.

Members of this class are Miss Abbie Catherine Sutherland, Miss Ruby Evangeline Trolinger, Miss Elizabeth A. Grover, Miss Erma May Fisher, Mrs. Kenneth Knight, Jr., Mrs. Dante S. Montesanti, Mrs. Fred B. Norris, all of Southern Pines; Mrs. Malcolm D. Kemp of Pinebluff, Mrs. Clay E. Kirk of Aberdeen, Mrs. Charles Ware Youngman, Miss Caroline Margaret Battle, Mrs. Ammie Foster, Mrs. Edna B. Taylor, Miss Ethel Lee McDowell, all of Pinehurst.

Those invited to take part in the exercises are Ernest L. Ives, county Red Cross chairman, Dr. Clement Monroe of the hospital; Dr. Ben M. Drake, county health officer, E. T. McKeithen, hospital manager; and Miss Ellen Bruton, superintendent of nurses.

The Moore County Nurse's Aides Corps committee, friends and family of the graduating class, and the public are invited to attend.

In commenting on the graduating class, Miss Bruton said: "In every way this class compares favorably with previous ones. Their work up to the standard set by their predecessors, and I consider that high praise." The chairman, Mrs. James Boyd, said this class was to be especially commended in that a large proportion of them were women who were taking this exacting training, while at the same time carrying on their regular jobs of civilian life.

"Unfortunately," she said, "many women consider the Nurse's Aide course itself too hard an undertaking. When you have girls willing to take it, on top of their own regular jobs, then you have real patriots. These girls have worked five evenings a week and most of their weekends. We are certainly proud of them."

Gordon M. Cameron Succeeding Currie As Board Chairman

Reynolds Vice-Chairman Other County Officers Are Sworn In

Gordon M. Cameron of Pinehurst was elected chairman of the new County Board of Commissioners, in its first session Monday to succeed Wilbur H. Currie, who leaves that post to become State Senator from this district in the General Assembly.

L. R. Reynolds of High Falls was elected vice-chairman of the Board, after the members had taken their oath of office. The Board re-appointed Miss Maida Jenkins as tax supervisor and C. F. Leavitt, assistant, ordered the sheriff's bond accepted and then settled down to routine business.

John Willcox, clerk of court, administered the oath of office to the five commissioners in a body, but the rest of the county officers were sworn in individually, without ceremony.

Willcox himself was sworn into his office by Justice of the Peace Hugh Kelly, and then administered the oath to his deputy, Miss Ethel Davis. The various other county officers dropped in during the day to be sworn in—Sheriff C. J. McDonald, Register of Deeds Bess McCaskill, Judge J. Vance Rowe, Solicitor W. A. Leland McKeithen, and A. H. Trotter, justice of the peace in Sheffields township.

Clyde B. Shaw of Carthage and T. L. Blue of Eureka, new commissioners, appeared with Mr. Cameron, Mr. Reynolds and W. J. Dunlap, re-elected, to take the oath.

Business of Board

Following the election of Cameron and Reynolds, the Board conducted the following business:

Chairman Cameron was authorized to execute a deed to D. K. McKenzie for 91 acres J. C. and J. R. McKenzie Estate, Mineral Springs, for a consideration of \$208.71.

Mrs. Kate Scott McIver, McNeill township, was relieved of taxes on 100 acres for 1931-1942 on account of double listing, property belonging to Altheo Robinson; also, J. E. Wilson was relieved of taxes on a lot in McNeill township from 1932 through 1942 on account of its being owned by World War Veterans Loan Fund.

The J. B. Rhyme Estate listing for 1936 as 209 acres was ordered reduced to 100 acres and the 1941 listing as 265 to 100 acres and the taxes adjusted accordingly.

A donation of \$5 was ordered sent to Caswell Training School at Kinston.

Jaycees Sponsoring Christmas Lighting Organization to Use Existing Facilities to Brighten Broad Street for Holiday Season

Christmas lighting along the parkway of Broad street, an annual project of the Junior Chamber of Commerce, was approved for this year, on a modified basis, by the Chamber meeting last Monday night at the Country Club.

It was planned to use only available facilities and materials to brighten up the street for the holiday season, rather than doing the extensive job which has been done in the past.

The Jaycees also made tentative plans for a ladies night dinner, in conjunction with the observance of the 23rd anniversary of the founding of the national Junior Chamber of Commerce. A committee headed by J. D. Hobbs, Jr., with Carl G. Thompson, Jr., and Paul C. Butler, was appointed by President Morris Johnson to make arrangements for the affair.

PATCH'S COLLECTING STOCKINGS FOR WAR

Patch's Department store has become a depository for old silk and nylon hosiery, which the Government is asking for to be used in making materials for the war effort.

The silk and nylon are critically needed for production of powder bags, especially, because only these materials burn completely. The public is being asked to donate all worn and discarded silk and nylon hosiery, either all silk and nylon, a mixture of silk and nylon, mixture of silk and rayon or nylon and rayon, or mixtures of silk and cotton or nylon and cotton. All contributed articles must be cleaned. Patch's will collect the stockings and then forward them to the government depositories.