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Supt. H. Lee Thomas **Discusses Schools** at Kiwanis Meeting Speaker Says Teacher Shortage in Moore No Worse Than Last Year

By Howard F. Burns

H. Lee Thomas, superintendent of the Moore County Schools, in an address Wednesday to the Sandhill Kiwanis Club at the Holly Inn, Pineage was serious but was not as bad the newspapers would lead you to elieve. In Moore County the situabelieve. In Moore County the situation is no worse than it was a year ago

Mr. Thomas said that the teacher standards are lagging somewhat behind previous years. In the past few years, teachers had an average training of five years. The average now is about four.

The vacancies in the state schools Mrs. Paul Dana of Pinehurst, as of July 1st were 1,200, an aver- chairman of Volunteer Special Serage of 12 vacancies per county. The vices of the American Red Cross, is vacancies in the county schools, he this week announcing the resignasaid, stand at one for Hemp, one for tion of Mrs. E. V. Hughes of South-High Falls and two for Farm Life ern Pines as county chairman of sur-School, whereas a year ago, the gical dressing work. Mrs. Dana has county system had a dozen vacan- released the following: cies. The future, he pointed out, is not too bright, but believes the sit-Hughes of Southern Pines as County uation will improve

who are college graduates in them utmost efficiency,

taken were rendering a greater contribu- time. We are indeed sorry to los tion to the nation. Some few, he ad- her competent leadership. ded, went into war work for advenwar because of the unemployment Chairman of Surgical Dressings. situation. An effort will have to be Mrs. Hennessee, who has been renmade to fit them into their profes- dering most faithful service not only

completed their public school edu- will take charge of the packing with 7.3; Richmond County, 7.1, and Hoke continue as county vice-chairman. County, 6.0.

payment of salaries paid to the teachers, \$771.32 was exceeded by Rockingham which pays an aver-due to this change of officers." age of \$772.50, and Southern Pines which pays an average of \$806.00. Moore County also ranks third in the total expenditure of public funds for school purposes, with an expenditure of \$217,371.57, as compared with

Moore County has a population in- The space formerly used for storluding

Installing Officers L. L. Woolley and L. J. Van Fossen inducted the first veteran of the present war into the Sandhills Post of the American Legion Monday night. Charles C. Simmons of Pinehurst honorably discharged from Lowry Field,

THE FIRST

wanis Club at the Holly Inn, Pine-hurst, stated that the teacher short- County Chairman of **Tenders Resignation**

Denver, Col., for disability, thus

had the honor of being the first

of the new army to join the sur-

vivors of the World War in the

local Post.

Mrs E. V. Hughes Will Be Succeeded by Mrs. **Hennessee of Pinehurst**

Surgical Dressings Chairman comes He was promoted to the rank of sec-The speaker told the club that the colored schools have more teachers ried out the duties in the office with thoughtfulness today than they did a year ago, and they have no vacancies. consideration of others and com-plete unselfishness. Mrs. Hughes is quarters of the Ordnance Unit Train-He said that the war effort had unable to continue as chairman due many teachers from the to the pressure of other duties which schools because the teachers felt they are demanding more and more of her

"The Chapter is extremely forture or romance. Mr. Thomas pre- tunate in having Mrs. S. A. Hennesdicted greater difficulties after the see of Pinehurst as the new County sion. In conclusion, Mr. Thomas gave statistical reports showing Moore County ranked 7.8 in persons 25 years of age or over as revealed by the U. S. census of 1940 who have reproduct their public school edue will take charge of the packing with as chairman of the Pinehurst Surgication, with Randolph County rank-ing 7.7; Lee County, 7.5; Chatham County, 7.4; Montgomery County, Walter D. Hyatt of Pinehurst will The same system and routine for ob-Moore County, ranking third in the taining materials and for the collec-

AT COUNTY HOSPITAL

Recent improvements at Harnett County with an expenditure Moore County Hospital include the cated as this group. Only one of \$354,165.96, and Randolph Coun- erection of a new storage room and illiterate ty with an expenditure of \$277,- the enlargement of telephone facilities.

Southern Pines, North Carolina. Friday, August 13, 1943.

IN THE ARMY

LT. W. C. MUDGETT, JR.

Lt. W. C. Mudgett, Jr., son of Dr. was graduated from Choate School in Wallingford, Conn., and Dartmouth Colloge Following his graduation in College. Following his graduation in Prior to entering the Naval ser signed to the Ordnance Department at Aberdeen Proving Ground, Md. ond lieutenant in May, 1942 and to course at the "Annapolis of the Air" first lieutenant in December. The ing Center at Flora, Miss., where he is at present.

25 Are Examined at Legion Drive Makes Eye Clinic for Aged Splendid Progress Dr. Larry Turner of Duke Makes Examinations at County Welfare Office

Twenty-five of the thirty persons attending an eye clinic at the county welfare office in Carthage last Saturday conducted by Dr. Larry Turner of Duke Hospital, under the L. D. Williams, secretary, who insponsorship of the Conuty Welfare forms THE PILOT that already Department, were found eligible for examination. Eight were found to bership has been enrolled. be blind or so nearly so that they were placed in that classification; ten will receive glasses, and seven were the American Legion Hut, so that ecommended for Duke Hospital.

The clinic was primarily for re-cipients of old age assistance and the majority of those attending were 60 years of age or older.

Dr. Turner commented that he said. had never conducted a clinic for a the group of aged people as well edu-

KNOLLWOOD FIELD

NEED ATTENTION

Attention is called to the import

IN NEW LOCATION



AVIATION CADET

FREDERICK H. WEAVER Photo by Merlin-Balban, Phila.

Frederick H. Weaver, 27, son of W. C. Mudgett and Mrs. Edith H. Mrs. Ada K. Weaver of Southern Mudgett of Southern Pines, attend- Pines, was recently appointed a Naed the local high school one year and val Aviation Cadet and was trans-

1941, he volunteered in July, was in- vice, he received his A. B. degree ducted at Fort Bragg and later as- from the University of North Carolina and was a member of the varty tennis and basketball teams Office of War Information for circulation in foreign countries).

Upon completion of the intensive Cadet Weaver will receive his Navy "Wings of Gold" with the designation of naval aviator, and will be and privates, few of them profes-sionals, nearly all citizen soldiers commissioned an ensign in the Naval Reserve or a second lieutenant in from every background and from

Many Members Have Been Enrolled: Post Makes

Plans for Improving Hut

"Did you get to know the fellow who runs the Elite Cafe?" "Did you ever get up into the 134 of the American Legion is makmountains in the spring? ing splendid progress, according to "Did you ever go down Main Street on Saturday night?" "Have you seen the wheat fields in July?" nearly one half of last year's mem-

there?

If you can answer "yes" they are The Post is going forward with deeply happy. Sometimes they will (Please turn to page 5) plans for further improvements to

operations at service men taking advantage of its hospitality may be made as com-GROUP CONFERENCE fortable as possible. These include AT WEST END AUG. 18 District Six of Fayetteville Presuse this winter. The Hut is filled byterial will hold its group conferto capacity each week-end, it is ence at the West End Presbyterian



The questionnaire for army wives printed in last week's PI-LOT is being circulated and an swers are coming in right along. We are most grateful for the cooperation and help the army wives are giving; many have offered some good suggestions. However, we need a lot more answers in order to get representative opinion, nad urge one and all to take a few minutes to fill out the questionnaires. You will find copies at the

MISSIN **Property Valuation** s + oore County Is The Will Richardsons who h side on Carthage Route 3 received a message last week stat-ing that their son, Tommy, was

missing from Camp at Orange-

burg, N. Y., and requesting that

he be sent back if he were at

The Richardsons are very

much concerned over the matter,

as Tommy has not been home.

He had written them about a

month ago of getting a lick on

his head, and this adds to their

uneasiness. They are making an effort through the Red Cross to

get in touch with him. His

friends do not even give a sec-ond thought to the possibility

that Tommy would desert, as he is such a splendid young man.

What America Means

James Boyd, Author

Freedom Basis of Amer-

ican's Love of Country

Hundreds and thousands of troops

have been training during the past.

three years near my home. Our

house is often full of them: officers

We have learned how to talk to

these men. The first thing we ask

them is where they are from. Proud-

ly they will tell you. Then they want

to know if you have ever been there.

If by any chance you have, they are excited. They say, "Did you see

the court house when you were

very section of the country.

Political and Social

To Me, as Told by

home

Set at \$22,000,000

Total Amount of Tax Levy is \$162,106; Tax Rate To Be 75c

In this week's issue appears a summary of the uniform annual bud-get estimate for Moore County, which provides for a tax levy of 75 cents on the \$100 valuation, which is an increase of 17 cents over the rate last year.

The total budget requirements for the year beginning July 1, 1943 and ending June 1, 1944 are \$373,650, as compared to last year's requirements of \$379,890. The estimate of property valuation is \$22,000,000, which is \$1,200,000 greater than that of two years ago, there being no estimate of valuation last year as that

as the time for a re-valuation. The estimated revenue available from sources other than tax levy is placed at \$223,602, while last year this estimate was \$271,549. A decrease in revenue expected from the county's ABC stores accounts for this change, Everett, Zane and Muse, the accounting firm for Moore, re-(The following was written for the ports

The total amount of tax levy for the coming year is \$162,106, while that of last year was \$124,589.

Three of the major functions received an increase over last year: County general and Courts from \$69,200 to \$74,625; Health, from \$28,766 to \$30,-267: Welfare, from \$27,965 to \$28,271. The Poor allotment was decreased by \$550

Estimate for school requirements for the coming year show an increase for current expense, but a decided decrease in capital outlay and debt service.

A full analysis of the budget appears on page six

John R. McLean of

Aberdeen Passes

Prominent Resident Dies Suddenly: Burial Will Be at Old Bethesda

John R. McLean, 48, of Aberdeen died suddenly at 8:00 o'clock Wednesday night, it is learned as we go to press. Funeral service will be held at Old Bethesda at 3:00 p. m. Friday. Mr. McLean is survived by his wife, the former Miss Marie Griffin of Woodland; one son; his parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. D. McLean, and several brothers and sisters

PERSONNEL REDUCED

Registration will begin at 9:30 It has been necessary, due to reduction in county office budgets by o'clock and the meeting will be called to order at 10:00 a.m. Roll call the State office, to reduce the perof auxiliaries, reports from Presby-terial officers and local presidents fice, John B. McLeod, secretary, has and an inspirational message by the Rev. Fred W. Druckenmiller of Union, N. J., camp pastor, will be heard had to leave work effective Aug 1, Mr. McLeod said. This reduction in personnel is in effect throughout the country, due president, a "hmyn quiz" and a effect throughout the country, due "question box" will feature the afey used for administrative expenses which was set up in the Agricultural Appropriations Bill.

A membership drive now being carried on by Sandhills Post No.

the Marine Corps Reserve.

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VASS LIONS SPONSOR SALE OF WAR BONDS

Vass Lion's Club were given at the regular meeting held Thursday eve-The team headed by N. V. Briggs reported more than \$700 and the other, headed by W. E. Gladstone, had an incomplete report of more than lation of a larger private branch ex \$400. The drive will be continued.

The new president, N. Vick Keith, who succeeds R. C. Fields, presided over the meeting. After holding monthly meetings during July and August the club decided to resume its regular schedule of meeting each joyed a delicious chicken dinner.

INFORMAL DANCE

There will be an informal dance Saturday night at the U. S. O. Club from 8:30 to 11:30. Music will be furnished by a five-piece orchestra from the 17th Airborne Parachute Infantry. Refreshments will be served. All Junior Hostesses are asked to attend. Servicemen and their wives are cordially invited.

age has been converted by partitions into an addition to the staff dining

Progress in the evacuation of room, a dining room for colored Knollwood Army Air Forces Techniworkers and a waiting room for cal Training Command is not avail-out-patients waiting admittance to able, officially, as the Public Relaemergency examination room. tions Office has been closed, but it The waiting room will fill an im- is known that the plan of moving is Incomplete reports for July on portant need in relieving conges- being carried out speedily. A large the war bond sale sponsored by the tion in the adjoining corridor. The number of civilian employees have new storage room is much more con- already transferred to Fort Worth, veniently located with reference to Texas, and others will be going during this month. It is reported that

most of the officers in charge have The telephone service is being ingone to new assignments. reased and improved by the instal-

change and two trunk lines instead FURNACE SMOKE PIPES

of one.

the

BURGLAR ENTERS STORE

The first breaking and entering cleaned out as they were hard to reance of keeping furnace smoke pipes to occur in Vass in several months place last year and will probably be regular schedule of meeting carn first and third Tuesday night, begin-took place Saturday night when a burglar broke a pane of glass in the tran door of the Victory Groopry burglar broke a pane of glass in the rear door of the Victory Grocery, operated by B. F. Griffin, and drew a staple which enabled him to open rust if old papers are burned occasionally during the damp weather ister and cigarettes were taken. to dry them out.

CRIMINAL COURT

The August term of Superior Court

for the trial of criminal cases will side trance is in the rear. U. S. O. Club, the Red Cross office and Paul Barnum's real estate office next to the bank on Broad street. A representative will be at the Post Office from 9 to 12 to hand out questionnaires, answer questions and receive suggestions.

So please, Mrs. Army Wife, if you have not already done so, help us NOW to help you by giving us the benefit of your opinions, good and bad. Remember you are not asked to sign your name, so you should feel free to say whatever you please.

IN WELFARE OFFICE

Wednesday began working tempor- preserving food.

arily as secretary to Miss Pauline The Rent Control Office has been Covington, superintendent of the

convene in Carthage next Monday moved from the Hart Building to Moore County welfare department, morning, August 16. Judge Bobbitt the City Hall, Director Carl G. Miss Eliza Green, the regular secof Charlotte is scheduled to pre- Thompson has announced. The en- retary, being ill in Moore County Hospital.

local presidents during the morning session

Church on Wednesday, Aug. 18, ac-

cording to an announcement by Mrs.

Howard N. Butler, chairman.

A message from the Presbyterial ternoon session.

BACK TO THE OLD

Miss Flora McDonald, county demonstration agent, was remarking WAS SUCCESSFUL how sometimes people go back to original methods.

the Isle of Skye and in those days Army and observed by army planes the only means of preserving food which flew over this territory to in these parts was to dry it. It was check on results, was considered simple sun-drying and could only be very successful and local civilian deused on certain foods: mainly fruits. fense officials are voicing their ap-Now we are coming back to dry- preciation of the cooperation of the ing again. The technique, with its business houses and residential areas sulphuring, steaming and its dehy- of the town. No instance of willful drators, is improved but the princi- violation of regulations has been ple is the same.

predicts that an increasing number ed by wardens that a blackout was of people will return to what is on.

Miss Sarah Muse of Carthage on probably man's earliest method of

ON VACATION

enjoying a vacation this week.

TUESDAY BLACK-OUT

Tuesday night's surprise blackout Her grandparents came here from in the Charlotte area, ordered by the

ple is the same. Since it is easy to do, easy to package and saves space, Miss Flora

BIRTH AND DEATH

Friends of Pvt. and Mrs. W. A. Leland McKeithen sympathize with Mrs. Glendon Wicker, assistant in them in the death of a little daughtthe office of Miss Maida Jenkins, is er born August 9 at Moore County Hospital.