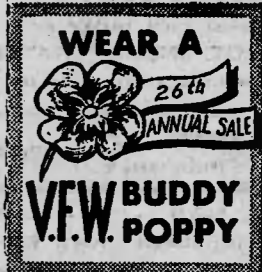


THE PILOT



Historical Group Reviews Successes Of Initial Year

McKeithen Re-Named President, Two New Directors Elected

An initial year filled with accomplishment far beyond the very general ideas with which the organization began, was reviewed with deep satisfaction at the annual general meeting of the Moore County Historical association, held at the Southern Pines library Tuesday evening.

It was followed by a meeting of the board of directors, at which election of officers returned Leland McKeithen, of Pinehurst, to the presidency, with Mrs. Ernest L. Ives and John S. Ruggles of Southern Pines, as secretary and treasurer, respectively.

Other officers elected were George Maurice, Eagle Springs, first vice president; Clyde Shaw, Carthage, second vice president; Talbot Johnson, Aberdeen, third vice president; J. W. Causey, Southern Pines, assistant treasurer; Mrs. Katherine P. McColl, Southern Pines, assistant secretary.

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Several Accidents Occur On Weekend Two Hospitalized

A number of accidents were reported over the weekend, some due to the continuing showers which made streets and highways slick, others arising from other causes.

The most seriously hurt was young Lacy Garner, a bridegroom of about two weeks, son of Mr. and Mrs. Claude Garner of the Clay Road Farms community.

His car overturned on a road near his home Thursday night, and he was taken to the Moore County hospital in a critical condition. At last report he had not regained consciousness.

George Buttry, of Southern Pines, was in the hospital until Tuesday as the result of an accident early Friday morning, when his car skidded on the wet street just south of the post office, hitting a tree and ricocheting across the street to hit another. His car was badly damaged and it was believed at first that Buttry was seriously injured. However, he was discharged after five days and is reported getting along all right.

Jim Leantz, local cab driver, was the victim of a collision Tuesday afternoon, when a car belonging to Dr. Charles Domon, Negro physician of Sanatorium, went out of control on the Aberdeen highway and struck Leantz' cab. Both cars were torn up and Dr. Domon, with two woman companions, received emergency treatment at the hospital, where they were taken by the highway patrolman investigating the accident. Domon was booked for careless and reckless driving.

Another arrest was reported in the overturning of a large freight-carrying truck-trailer from Cam-

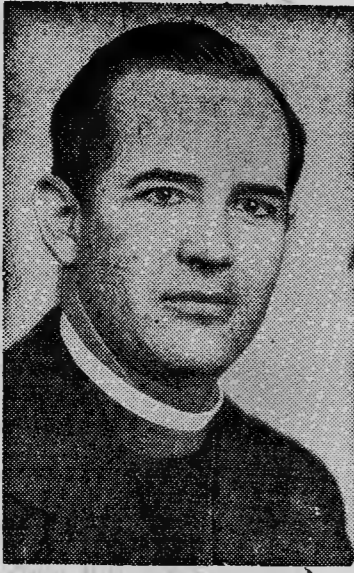
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A Tale To Sadden Fishermen: Woe Attends Opening Of Thagards Lake

The opening to the public for the first time of the famous fishing facilities of historic and beautiful Thagards lake has his a snag, and as a result Judge William G. Pittman last week issued a temporary restraining order against C. S. and J. S. Bibey, defendants in a petition brought by John W. Watson, owner of the lake, in special proceedings in superior court.

The Bibey, one of whom had to be served in Hoke county, are ordered to appear before the judge at Wadesboro at 2 p. m. June 9, to show cause why they should not be permanently restrained and enjoined from behaving in a manner described in the petition; namely, clogging up with trees and other debris the only road going in to the lake, and even nailing it closed with boards and timber on Sunday.

High School Commencement Speakers



Rev. M. George Henry, left, rector of Christ Episcopal church in Charlotte, will deliver the sermon at baccalaureate services of the Southern Pines High school, to be held Sunday at 8:15 p. m. at the Church of Wide Fellowship.

Dr. Clyde A. Milner, right, president of Guilford college and a minister in the Society of Friends, will deliver the commencement address at the school at 8:15 p. m. Tuesday. A native of Tennessee, he is A. B. Wilmington college, A. M. Haverford college, B. D. and Ph. D. Hartford Theological seminary; studied at Woodbrooke college, England; the University of Marburg in Germany, and the University of Geneva, Switzerland. He served with the American Friends' rehabilitation committee overseas following World War I, became dean of men and assistant professor of psychology and philosophy at Earlham college, then dean of the college and professor of philosophy at Guilford, becoming its president in 1934.

He is the author of a number of books on philosophy and religion, and a member of societies of distinction in his field.

Families of the graduates are given special invitation to the commencement events, to which all friends of the school are welcome, said Supt. Philip J. Weaver.



Early Morning Blaze Destroys Two Homes Here

Negro Families Lose All Possessions; Aid Asked For Them

Dawn of Wednesday morning found two Negro families here facing the loss of their homes and personal effects, totally destroyed in flames which swept their dwellings before daybreak.

Firemen of the Southern Pines fire department, answering the alarm at 3 a. m., saw the flames mounting skyward from the home of Rena Wade, on the east side of Saylor street near Connecticut avenue, as they sped the four blocks from the firehouse.

A line was laid from the nearest hydrant, nearly 1,200 feet away at the corner of Leake and Pennsylvania, and as water from the hose line of the light truck began to flow the composition roof of the Annie Caldwell house, next to the Wade home, burst into flames.

The stream, however, was effective in saving the two houses on the south side of the Wade house, and adjoining it.

The Caldwell house, a tile and brick bungalow, was so close to the two-and-a-half story frame dwelling that it was doomed from the start of the fire. The firemen returned at 5:45 after a stiff fight.

The flames were said to have originated on the Wades' second floor.

With little time to save anything, the two women and their families were later reported to be in desperate need of clothing, bedding, household articles and furnishings of all kinds.

At the Red Cross office it was found that Rena Wade made application early for some aid, and was given clothing for herself and her son. Application had not been made at that time by the Caldwell family.

Those wishing to answer the appeal for aid may leave clothing and other articles at the Red Cross office. These will be given to those for whom application is made.

Honors, Awards Be Presented at Tuesday Assembly

Final honors and awards of the high school year will be presented at a special assembly to be held at the Southern Pines school Tuesday at 11:15 a. m.

With the baccalaureate service Sunday night, Class Night Monday and graduation exercises Tuesday night, this is one of a series of events marking the conclusion of the school year for the first three grades, and of their high school quadrennium for the senior class. The public is invited to all.

Among coveted honors to be presented Tuesday will be the American Legion citizenship award, the school service award and the Rotary improvement award, each presented to a member of the senior class outstanding in certain fields of service, ability and leadership.

The Reader's Digest award will go to the valedictorian, possessor of the highest scholastic average in the senior class.

Awards will also honor boys and girls outstanding in dramatics, glee club and athletics, with letters going to those meriting them for spring sports.

A feature of the assembly will be the transfer of the cap and gown from the senior class president, Lewis Pate, to the junior class president, George Hodgkins, as representative of the incoming senior class.

RAINS CAME

The farmers' prayers for rain were a long time being answered, but when the answer came, it really came.

Beginning with Wednesday's showers—the first in more than a month—the rains have continued off and on throughout the week, with a real summer thunderstorm and gullywasher Monday night.

Now some farmers are wondering when the rain will let up, and let the ground dry out enough for them to plant their corn!

Reports from the countryside are that in the sunny intervals between showers, whole families may be seen busily setting out their tobacco plants, an important work greatly delayed by the long dry spell.

Junior Legion Baseball Opens

The Sandhills Post American Legion Junior Baseball club of Moore county, the county's entry into Junior Legion baseball in 15 years, will start its career the hard way—by playing last year's state Junior Legion state champions, the Kannapolis club, at the local athletic park at 4 p. m. Thursday.

Official practice started only yesterday, as it had to wait on the conclusion of school work for the teen age players. They will play 14 games in 30 days, seven of them here, winding up with a climactic Fourth of July game against Troy on the local field.

The Sandhills team is being sponsored by all four posts of the county, with Southern Pines as headquarters, and boys from all over the county are eligible for play. It will be almost game-time before the lineup is made known, according to C. S. Patch, Jr., chairman.

The schedule, made up by the commissioner of League 3 of the Third area of the state department, will put the local boys into play against the following clubs, at the following places, between June 5 and July 4 (all games at 4 p. m. except where indicated): Kannapolis at Southern Pines, Thursday, June 5; Richmond County at Hamlet, Saturday, June 7; Albemarle at Southern Pines, Tuesday, June 10; Monroe at Southern Pines, Thursday, June 12; Asheboro at Asheboro, Saturday, June 14 (8 p. m.); Rockwell at Rockwell, Tuesday, June 17; Troy at Troy, Thursday, June 19.

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Memorial Day 1947

"What of the future for those of us who remain? Our course is clear. It is for us at this moment, with the memory of the sacrifice of our brothers still fresh, to dedicate again our hearts, our minds and our bodies to the great task that lies ahead. We must go further and dedicate ourselves to the monumental task of assuring that the peace which follows this holocaust will be a just and equitable and conclusive peace. And beyond that lies the mission of making certain that the social order which we bequeath to our sons and daughters is truly based on the four freedoms for which these men died."

These were the simple, unrehearsed words spoken by Brig. Gen. Evans F. Carlson, commander of Carlson's Raiders, to members of the Second Marine Raider Battalion at a memorial service held on Guadalcanal in December, 1942.

The service honored 16 men of the battalion who lay dead along the jungle trails after a month's bitter campaigning in the taking of Makin island and behind Japanese lines. During this time some 800 Japanese had been killed, many guns and supply dumps destroyed and the tides of war turned so that—though they did not know it then—victory would eventually be won.

General Carlson died Tuesday of this week. But his words and spirit will never die. They express well what we feel today, as at another memorial service we honor and revere the memories of all the men who lost their lives to save our democracy.

Every day is Memorial day for the families and friends of those boys who never came home. Today we unite in thankfulness and humility, in a fitting observance their buddies have prepared honoring their memories.

And let us, as did General Carlson and his brave Raiders, dedicate ourselves anew to a clear course of thought and of action, assuring the eternal values of their sacrifice.

Memorial Day Vespers At 5:30 p. m.; Citizens Asked Bring Flowers At 3

"Buddy Poppies" Are Sold Here By VFW Today

PROCLAMATION

"The spring of 1947 marks an important anniversary in the career of the VFW of the United States. It was in May of 1922 that the nationwide VFW 'Buddy Poppy' sale was inaugurated.

"Now therefore, as Mayor of Southern Pines, I proclaim Friday, May 30, 1947 as Veterans of Foreign Wars' Buddy Poppy Day' and urge all citizens to contribute to the welfare of war veterans and their dependants by the purchase of 'Buddy Poppies.'"

C. N. PAGE Mayor

Shower Of Roses To Fall From Plane On Servicemen's Graves

Moore County veterans, their families and friends will observe Memorial day this afternoon (Friday) at a solemn vesper service to be held at 5:30 at City Hall park, sponsored by the Sandhills post of the American Legion in cooperation with all other veterans' organizations, and with ministers of all local churches taking part.

The service will be preceded by an earlier assembly to be held at 3 o'clock, when all citizens are asked to bring flowers to the park—all kinds, in large or small amounts.

These will be used for decoration of the graves of servicemen in Mt. Hope, Lakeview, Old Bethesda and Old Culdee cemeteries by the American Legion Graves committee. Boy Scouts of the Southern Pines troop will stand guard at each grave until it is decorated with flowers and flags.

Shower of Roses

At Southern Pines' Mt. Hope cemetery, a special feature will be the decoration of the entire cemetery with a shower of roses from an airplane, piloted by Maj. Lewis C. Burwell of Resort Airlines.

Following the Memorial Vesper service, an address will be given by W. M. York, of Greensboro, state commander of the American Legion, is expected to be present to deliver this address. Sandhills Post Commander Virgil Page Clark will preside. Music will be furnished by a high school choral group.

Retreat

The observance will conclude with the standing of retreat by all veterans present. The retreat ceremony will be in charge of the Southern Pines Boy Scouts under the leadership of their scoutmaster, Col. D. L. Madigan.

The observance has been arranged by an American Legion committee headed by Shields Cameron, with the marking and decoration of the graves in charge of L. V. O'Callaghan and John H. Stephenson. Business houses of the community are expected to close during the afternoon.

ex officio salesmen.

The poppies will be sold on the downtown streets today (Friday) and at various points about town where the people congregate, such as the post office and others.

A good sale is hoped for. When you are offered a poppy, buy it and wear it proudly, in honor and gratitude for the men who have served us so well and who are still suffering, and will suffer long, from the illnesses and injuries of war.

FOURTH OF JULY

Announcement was made this week of a gala all-day Fourth of July celebration to be sponsored at Carthage, according to annual custom, by the Carthage Junior Chamber of Commerce.

The all-day event is to include a parade, a street dance, beauty contest, band music and, as a highlight, a lucky number drawing with a new Dodge as the prize.

The Dodge is now on display at the Phillips Motor company in Carthage.

The beauty contest is to be part of the nationwide Jaycee event in which local, district and state eliminations conclude in a national contest with the crowning of Miss America.

Grand Jury Finds County Buildings In Fair Condition

Attention Called To Fire Hazard In Court House

The Grand Jury made its rounds Monday last week, at the opening of superior court, and has presented the following findings to Judge William G. Pittman:

MAY 19, 1947 TERM NORTH CAROLINA MOORE COUNTY TO HONORABLE WILLIAM G. PITTMAN, PRESIDING JUDGE.

We, the Grand Jury, submit the following reports and recommendations:

BILLS OF INDICTMENT.

Twenty-one (21) bills were presented to the Grand Jury and acted on as follows:

All Twenty-one (21) bills were returned as true bills.

COUNTY JAIL

Since our visit during the January 20th term of court, we find all recommendations carried out, except that the continued shortage of screen wire has prevented completion of all screening recommended. A standing order is out for this wire, officer Bernice Cameron reported. It will be installed as soon as obtained. Cleanliness and order prevailed throughout. It is recommended that a set of brick or concrete steps be installed at rear of building to replace deteriorated and dangerous wooden steps.

COURT HOUSE

The sliding panel or casement to close off balcony opening of the health department offices at the upper rear of main courtroom, to shut out distracting noises from health offices while court is in session, has not been installed.

Two rooms in the health department are still without radiators or any other adequate means of heating. The county health officer's examination room, where it is often necessary for patients to disrobe, is not adequately heated.

Additional paper towel racks, need of which was previously recommended, have been provided throughout the courtroom wash rooms.

The January 20th recommendation pertaining to improving filing facilities in the basement of the register of deeds' office has been carried out. Steel racks have been installed and records were found in excellent order.

Filing cabinets for the superintendent of education's office have been ordered, but have not (Continued on Page 5 Section 2)

Reserve Officers Form County Unit

A meeting of reserve officers of various branches of service called by Maj. William L. White Tuesday night resulted in organization of Unit C, 318th Composite group, activated in Moore county earlier this month with Major White as its commanding officer.

Maj. Earl J. Petro of Pinehurst was designated acting executive and Lieut. Gordon Faw acting adjutant until the unit gains in numbers and a permanent staff is set up.

Monthly meetings are to be held and a training program followed. The next meeting, at which a program of movies will be shown, will be held here June 24. All reserve officers of the county are invited to join the unit.

Charter members are Major White, Lt. Col. William E. Gibbons, Maj. John L. Ponzer, Capt. Warnock Deadwyler, First Lt. Orville D. Fulp, Second Lt. Gordon Faw, Southern Pines; Lt. Col. Herbert J. Diethofer, Maj. Earl J. Petro, Capt. Joe Austin, Jr., First Lt. Andrew R. M. Innes, Pinehurst; Capt. Jere N. McKeithen, Aberdeen; Capt. Jake M. Willcox, West End.