

Elks' Installation And Chicken Fry Slated Thursday

Preparations were being made yesterday at the Elks club for many visitors, as well as for full attendance of the local membership, at the installation of lodge officers to be held Thursday evening, with a chicken fry also to be held in conjunction with the event.

The chicken fry, first this season of this type of hospitality for which the lodge is famed, was scheduled for 7 p. m. at the outdoor fireplace, after which the assemblage would go to the Civic club for installation of officers elected last week and others appointed by the new exalted ruler since that time.

They are, elected, A. B. Patterson, exalted ruler; Marshall McRae, leading knight; George C. Thompson, loyal knight; Howard Hoffman, lecturing knight; Col. D. L. Madigan, secretary; Lyle McDonald, treasurer; tiler, Ted Barrow, Jr.; appointed—John Ponzer, esquire; Rev. T. G. Humphries, chaplain; Anton Reese, inner guard.

Installing officers were to be a degree team from the Raleigh lodge, headed by George Vick, exalted ruler, acting as Grand Lodge officers. Invitations sent to Raleigh, Sanford, Fayetteville and Asheboro lodges were expected to bring a number of visitors, for a crowd of around 125 Elks altogether.

Funderburk Sues Zion Churchmen In Complex Case

In action instituted Saturday in Moore County superior court, Rev. J. R. Funderburk, pastor of the West Southern Pines AME Zion church, charges three of his superiors in the church with fraud and conspiracy, for the misuse of church funds, and malicious action against him personally, to cause his silence and to "destroy" him as a minister.

He seeks \$5,000 actual and \$10,000 punitive damages and an injunction against further expenditure of the church's funds pending a complete investigation by the courts.

Temporary injunction was granted, with April 17 set as date of a show-cause hearing of all parties to the suit, to be held at Rockingham in the chambers of Hon. F. Don Phillips, 13th judicial district resident judge.

Defendants
Defendants in the case are Bishop W. W. Sherman, of Washington, D. C.; the Rev. G. F. Hall, financial secretary of the AME Zion church, with offices at Charlotte; and W. S. Dacons, appointed presiding elder of the Fayetteville district by Bishop Sherman in November, 1945.

This appointment, and others made by Bishop Sherman in the past four years, will be null and void if claims made in the suit are found valid.

According to Funderburk's statement, the discipline of the AME Zion church requires retirement of a bishop at the time of the conference nearest his 74th birthday.

At the May, 1944, conference, plaintiff alleges, a "false, fraudulent and forged" birth certificate was circulated showing Bishop Sherman's birth date to have been October 28, 1876.

Passport
The year, it is now claimed, should have read 1871—the proof, a passport issued by the State department, containing Sherman's statement of birth and an affidavit by his mother.

The alleged forgery, it is claimed, is part of a conspiracy on the part of the defendants to keep Sherman illegally in office, "for continued use of the general fund illegally and improperly."

It will begin some years back, it is claimed, when "plaintiff tried to bring to light treatment of some ministers, and improper and wrongful reports about money." His questions "made defendant exceedingly angry . . . and he brought charges four times in conference, of which plaintiff was declared innocent." The appointment of Dacons as presiding elder was made while Funderburk was filling the post, and "when plaintiff refused to retire from this position, he was sued and forced to expend large sums."

Crepe paper poppies are used by the American Legion auxiliary for Poppy Day distribution because making this type of flower provides interesting and beneficial work for sick and injured war veterans.

"Man Who Knew Coolidge" Addresses Rotarians On New England Boyhood

"The Man Who Knew Coolidge" was for the Southern Pines Rotary club last week more than the name of a book—it was a description of their speaker, Dallas F. Pollard, of Burlington, Vt., a cousin and boyhood playmate of Calvin Coolidge.

Reminiscences of his cousin formed just a part of Pollard's affectionate recollection of an old-fashioned New England village childhood, given with many touches of humor and nostalgic description. Of his cousin, a rather prim, reserved little boy who stayed clean while the others got dirty, was dressed neatly when the rest wore overalls and wore shoes while the other boys frolicked barefoot in summer, he reflected that "then we laughed at him as having no sense, but it turned out he had much more than we did."

School days, fishing, the first school play, pranks and chores all loomed more important in those days, he said, than his association with the boy who was to become president of the United States, even while his companions noted the traits that set him apart.

Pollard, who spent Easter in Southern Pines as a guest at the Southland hotel was presented by Lloyd T. Clark, presiding.

The club members, meeting at Soper's restaurant, bent their minds also during the after-luncheon session to the filling out of questionnaires distributed by Gary Mattocks, junior Rotarian for March. The quizzes sought their opinions on many phases of the state's educational program.

Besides the speaker, a Rotarian in his home town, other visiting Rotarians were Carroll B. Knowlton, Everett, Mass.; Fred B. Howland, Titusville, Pa.; T. Arthur McCrea, Bracebridge, Conn.; Thomas Appleyard, Yonkers, N. Y.; Hal Jones, Natick, Mass.; Jack Contie, Harrisburg, Pa.; J. Paul Slaybaugh, Elkton, Md.; John Appleby, Harrisburg, Pa.; Clare Rossell, Syracuse, N. Y.; Harace A. Crary, Warren, Pa. Earl Sprague, Bridgeport, Conn. Gino S. Pauth, Arlington, Me., was the guest of Carroll Knowlton, and Frank H. Aston, Fairfax, Va., of Arthur McCrea.

Veterans Ask Seniors Consider Nursing Career

Senior girls in county high schools are asked this week by the Sandhills Veterans association to bend their minds seriously to thoughts of a future career—and, if they select nursing (as it is hoped many will) to apply through their principals for the Sandhills Veteran scholarship.

The scholarship will be awarded late this spring by a qualified board of judges, yet to be selected, to the girl deemed best suited, by aptitude, ambition and record both of scholarship and service, for the nursing profession. She need not be her class leader in grades; all-round personality, capacity for work and desire to serve are more important.

The girl who is chosen may select her own school of nursing, and will be seen through all three years of training with all expenses paid by the Association's scholarship fund, including pocket money. The only condition is that she promise to return to Moore county to work after her graduation.

The group of 13 young veterans of World War 2, of which Dick Greer, of Aberdeen is president, will open their fund drive next week, soliciting financial support in a unique countywide campaign by mail.

Only One Accident On Easter Weekend

Calm and quiet prevailed over the Easter week end here, with Jack Frost as the only miscreant.

There were no arrests, according to city police. On an unusually long docket at recorder's court Tuesday, no Southern Pines cases appeared.

With the town about as full as it ever gets, and cars from many states busily plying the streets as the tourist season got fully under way, traffic violations were few and only one accident was reported.

This was a collision between a car driven by Miss Pauline Nichols, going west on Massachusetts avenue, and a southbound car and house-trailer, driven by Ray Jacobson, USN, who had his family along.

No injuries were reported, though both cars were said to have been considerably smashed up. Private settlement was arranged between the drivers and no prosecution eventuated.

Scott Transfers Business Here From Goldsboro

Alton Scott, who with his brother, O. W. Scott, invented the Scott tobacco curing and revolutionary Scott tobacco harvester, has purchased his brother's interest in their business and moved it lock, stock and barrel from Goldsboro to the outskirts of Southern Pines.

The Scott Manufacturing company is now located, for further experimentation and for manufacture, in the basement of Scottie's, south of town on Highway 1. Added to the tobacco curing and harvesting equipment is a new product of the inventive Scott mind, a lumber kiln, three of which are in operation in various places in North Carolina. Several more are on order and will be built here, Scott told The Pilot this week.

Scottie's Tavern was started by, and named for, Alton Scott when he lived here several years ago. During the past half year it was managed by his son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Boes. It was recently leased to E. C. Hayble of Southern Pines with the exception of the basement, where Boes is shortly to join Scott in the manufacturing of his specialties.

An organization of several salesmen, set up while the plant was in Goldsboro, has been retained, Scott said. Right now a construction crew has the place in hand, remodeling to suit the needs of the concern.

The Scotts are living in their home close by, purchased when they were residents here before.

Farmers Urged To Be Ready For Blue Mold Fight

Because blue mold is unpredictable and may appear in tobacco plant beds without warning, farmers should prepare in advance to fight the disease when it does strike, Howard R. Garriss, extension plant pathologist at State college, warned this week.

Garriss said fermate has been found effective against blue mold when used properly and applied in time. In addition, it also causes healthier, stronger plants, and farmers feel they are benefited whether blue mold ever appears or not, he added.

The pathologist explained that fermate may be applied as a spray or as a dust, with equally good results when proper methods are used. The dust treatment is more expensive. The spray is simple to prepare but takes longer for mixing and applying.

Either treatment is a preventive rather than a cure and should begin before blue mold appears in the plant bed. The first application should be made when the plants are about the size of a dime.

Treatments should be applied twice a week until plants free of blue mold are assured for transplanting. Thus eight to 12 applications are usually needed. Applications of spray or dust washed off by rain should be repeated as soon as weather will permit.

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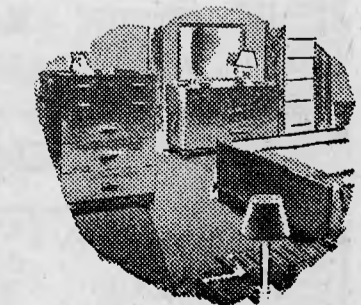
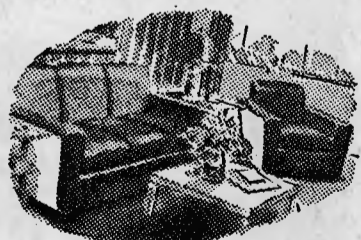
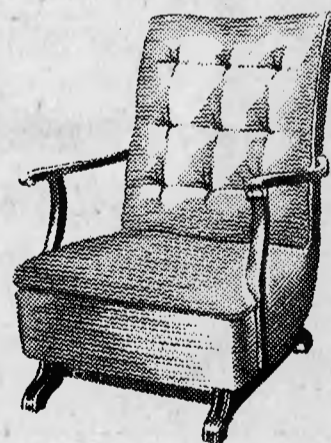
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