

### Awards Are Made, Addresses Heard At Carthage Meet

#### Historical Group Hears Dr. Crittenden

#### Notables Are Guests

A Cameron girl, Viola Fore, won the first prize of the Moore County Historical Association's anecdote contest this year, with two Southern Pines girls, Amelia Wilcox and Patricia Caddell, awarded second and third, respectively.

The awards were made at the annual meeting of the association, presided over by the president, Leland McKeithen of Pinehurst, and followed a short business meeting at which the elections for the following year were made. Re-elected were the present board of directors, with Edwin T. McKeithen, of Aberdeen taking the place of the late Frank Buchan.

#### Tea Room Programs

A report of the Shaw House activities was read by Mrs. Katherine McColl, assistant secretary. Listing an impressive variety of programs, including an exhibit of weaving and carding, the Eighth grade exhibit of models and collections, the DAR Tea, and Author's tea, the report stated that over 600 teas had been served during the winter and over 150 Thursday night suppers. Proceeds had paid for all expenses, including wiring of all the house and heating of part of it, and there was a surplus in the treasury of more than \$200.

#### Contest Awards

Saying that the society considered the encouragement of historical interest in the youth of the county one of the most important of its functions. President McKeithen introduced the winners.

Viola Fore of Cameron was winner of the \$10.00 prize for her essay on "Facts and Fiction About the Old Plank Roads." The second prize of \$7.00 went to Amelia Wilcox of Southern Pines who wrote on "The House in the Horseshoe." Patricia Caddell's quaint tale of "Uncle Tom," won third prize, \$5.00. The awards were read by Mrs. James Boyd, acting for the four judges of the contest, Manly Wellman of Pinebluff, R. E. Wicker of Pinehurst, J. F. Sinclair of West End, and himself. Mrs. Boyd read a poem, "Echoes of Earth," by James Boyd, symbolic of the inspiration to be gained from research into past history.

#### Dr. Crittenden

The speaker of the afternoon was Dr. Christopher Crittenden, director of the Department of History and Archives of North Carolina.

In remarks that were informal yet directly to the point, and which clearly held the interest of the audience, Dr. Crittenden outlined what he considered a basic program for a historical society, citing the preservation of family records and diaries, marking of sites, writing up of local history, and the production of historical plays and pageants as items on such a program.

Th group then adjourned to take the tour of interesting historical places around Carthage which had been planned by Colin Spencer.

A full description of the tour will appear in next week's paper.

### Plans For Permanent Cancer Unit In County Proceed As Quota Is Passed

With the 1948 county cancer control campaign well past the goal, plans are going forward at once for the formation of a permanent county unit of the American Cancer society under the North Carolina division, it was learned this week from Mrs. J. L. McGraw, of Carthage, county commander.

Mrs. McGraw received her appointment to the headship of the county project from Mrs. George E. Marshall, of Mt. Airy, state commander, in a personal conference last week. Mrs. Marshall, in the county to address the State Medical society on the work of her organization, worked also with Moore leaders on preliminaries of the county program.

### Land Leased, Show Signed, Premium List In Making For Moore County Fair

#### REGISTER!

Saturday is the last chance to register. Those who voted here in the election two years ago need not worry; their names must be on the books. But all others should make sure that their names are there.

Anyone who has moved here during the past 2 years should register; anyone who will be 21 by Nov. 2nd should register.

Books will be open all day Saturday till 6 P. M. at the Community Center Building on Ashe Street.

### Boxing Program Slated Here For Wednesday Night

Th John Boyd Post of the VFW is planning to put on a boxing match on the evening of Wednesday, May 19th, it is reported by Charles Hornaday, who is promoting the show. The time set is 8:30, and the place the Southern Pines field.

There will be four regular bouts, followed by a number of feature events. Leading off will be Richard Patch, local Golden Glove finalist who weighs in at 145, and Charles Palas of Lumberton, also 145 pounds. This should be a good match, say those in the know. Patch is an able fellow in the ring while the Lumberton contestant is rated one of the best junior welterweights in this part of the state.

Next on the list is Fred Arnette vs. Richard Modlin. Both boys weigh 132. Arnette, who was a Golden Glove champion at Wilmington last year, is highly thought of by the local fans while Modlin, who hails from McColl, is considered one of the best in his weight in South Carolina.

Another McColl boy is Freeman Sly, 132 lbs, stablemate of Modlin, who will box Haywood Davis of Lumberton.

The fourth match will be between Bobby Russell, 116, of Rockingham, considered an outstanding amateur bantamweight, and Freddy Glasney of High Point, who has been a Golden Gloves champion and runner-up since 1944.

The program will continue, after these four fights, with others, to be arranged later. They are expected to include exhibitions between junior flyweights and several colored bouts; also a colored "battle royal."

Refereeing the evening's bouts will be Mel Waters of Southern Pines, formerly of Illinois, well-known pro, who, at one time or another, is said to have taken on most of the big names in the boxing world.

#### PRECINCT COMMITTEE

At the Vass precinct meeting held Saturday afternoon, new precinct committee members named were Mrs. Ben Gulledge, H. A. Matthews, Jr., Charles Cameron, M. M. Chappell and W. D. Smith.

Dr. R. M. McMillan, of Southern Pines, president of the Moore County Medical society, is cooperating generously, it was learned, and two doctors appointed by him are to serve on the county committee. Also on the committee, headed by Mrs. McGraw, will be Dr. J. W. Willcox, county health officer; W. B. Hill, campaign chairman; Dave Ginsburg, publicity director; and others, to complete an executive group, chosen from chairmen of community campaigns held in the county this year.

Such a committee will fulfill requirements of the North Carolina division, and insure return of 40 per cent of campaign collections. (Continued on Page 5)

#### Agricultural Event Last Week In October

Moore county's first agricultural fair in a number of years will be held near Carthage the last week in October, with premiums offered for farm and other exhibits, and a good midway show already contracted for.

Plans were learned this week from Colin G. Spencer, Jr., of Carthage, chairman of the Junior Chamber of Commerce committee in charge of the event, which, by present plans, is to be held annually.

The Carthage Jaycees last year secured the approval of the county commissioners as sponsors of an annual county fair, but found they had started too late to get a state charter as an agricultural fair association, an essential step. This year they left nothing to chance. Starting early, they have their application for a charter now on file with the Secretary of State, and are working with the county farm agent, home demonstration agent and other agricultural leaders of the county, on getting up a premium list for publication in June.

#### Tents For Exhibits

A tract of land on the Carthage-Sanford road, a half mile out of Carthage, has been leased, and until permanent buildings can be erected, one or more tents will be used to shelter the exhibits. No animal exhibits will be held this year. In fact, Chairman Spencer stressed that the 1948 fair will be only a beginning, with hopes of building up to something good-sized in future.

The site, which has been leased from Henry Hill, J. B. Sullivan and Clem Barrett, is part of the old fairground location of years ago. Last year's plans were for the use of another part of the tract, but this has since been broken up into building lots and sold. The new site, however, is said to be just as good, and also has running water.

#### Penn Premium Shows

A contract has been signed with the Penn Premium shows for the week of the fair. This is said to be one of the best small midway shows now available.

The Jaycee committee in charge of the event includes, below: (Continued on Page 5)

### Criminal Term Starts Monday

The criminal term of superior court will be held at Carthage beginning Monday, with Judge Luther Hamilton presiding. Records court will be held Saturday (tomorrow) instead of Monday.

The criminal court calendar follows:

Warrant docket: — State vs. Ather Matthews, larceny; Barney Lee Cagle, Jr., bigamy; Alex Smith, aiding and abetting in felonious assault; Seymour Covington, assault with pistol with intent to kill; D. E. Cole, larceny of properties valued at more than \$1,000; Charlie Clay McDonald, assault with deadly weapon with intent to kill; George Moore, assault with deadly weapon; James Hoover, breaking and entering, larceny and receiving; James Turney, Willie Wooten, breaking and entering.

Trial docket—State vs. Harley Stamey, Jr., careless and reckless driving; Willie Ferguson, manslaughter; Garland Pate, driving while drunk; Max Brewer, driving while drunk; Ellis Hussey, driving while drunk, unlawful possession of whiskey; Tracy Kennedy, driving auto while license was revoked; Clarence Barber, driving while drunk; Hobert Frye, breaking and entering and larceny; Robert Edward Lassiter, breaking and entering and larceny; Dela Harris, driving while drunk, unlawful possession; James Fletcher Hussey, failing to surrender license when ordered by department of motor vehicles to do so; Willie Lloyd Garner, trespass and assault and battery; A. V. Ayers, careless and reckless driving, driving while drunk; Ira F. Hall, driving while drunk; Odell Green, unlawful possession of illicit whiskey.

"We found that our boys were being turned down for the draft for illiteracy. We found that we were at the top of the list in the number of rejections for physical reasons. After 50 years of progress there were only four states below us in some of the essentials of good living. Five times as many people left North Carolina during the past few years to work elsewhere than were leaving the state in Page's day.

### KEEP OUR PARKS

Now is the time for people who love the beauty of woods and birds to rally round.

It appears that the Town Board has decided to give back to the Millen estate the property known as the Piney Woods section. Under the terms of the original gift, made as a memorial if the land was not properly kept up it should revert to the donor. It is under these terms that the board is getting ready to turn back one of the town's parks.

There are a good many people, we would be willing to guess, who will not approve of this action. In fact, two of the town commissioners have spoken out strongly against it. The value of park property is inestimable, in most people's minds. It should surely outweigh by a great deal the cost of upkeep of such a wild area.

It is to be strongly hoped that the board will reconsider its action. Or at least consider seriously whether the people of the town should not be consulted before town park property is relinquished.

### Jonathan Daniels, Raleigh Editor, Heard By Kiwanis

The Sandhills Kiwanis club was host this Wednesday at the Pinehurst Country club, to Jonathan Daniels, editor of the Raleigh News and Observer, who was introduced to the group by John McConnell of Southern Pines. Saying that the editor was the son of North Carolina's most beloved citizen, McConnell spoke of the good fortune of the local body in having him as their speaker.

Remarking that he had discarded such topics as Civil Rights and the Marshall Plan in favor of something closer to the hearts of his audience, Daniels said that he had chosen to speak on the problems and aspirations of North Carolina.

He described the state as one of plain people, with no large towns or ports, and said this had been true since the start. There were for instance, few slaveholders in North Carolina; most of the state having been settled by small farmers.

"All movement in the state has been a movement of plain people," the Raleigh editor said, "moving forward under their own power."

Daniels spoke of the time when Walter Hines Page, a Moore County man, first came to public attention. It was, he said, at the graduation exercises of Woman's college, in 1897, when McIver, also from this section, was president. He said Page coined the phrase of "the forgotten man" on that occasion and, applying it to his compatriots, spoke feelingly of "the possibility of a creative democracy of the plain people."

The first progressive steps in the state toward better education, health and living conditions were taken soon after and Daniels recalled that Page had prophesied "I am no more sure of the coming of spring than I am of the rejuvenation of our society. A revolution is in progress."

The revolution came, Daniels said, but then it lagged again, during subsequent years. It was not until war came that North Carolina again forged ahead. But while it brought prosperity, war also showed up some glaring weaknesses in our state, said the speaker.

### Three Polio Cases, Maybe More

Five children from three families of northern Moore county have been sent to out-of-county hospitals within the past 10 days, and diagnosis of polio has been confirmed in the cases of three of them, according to Dr. J. W. Wilcox, county health officer.

Those known to have polio are Martha Davis, seven, and Patricia Davis, eight months, daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Harrison Davis of Steeds, Rt. 1; and Willard Howard Williams, six - year - old son of Mr. and Mrs. H. T. Williams of Robbins.

Still on the uncertain list are Martha, Mr. and Mrs. Williams' 17-months-old daughter, and Henry Charles Davis, 10, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Davis of Steeds, Rt. 1, a cousin of the little Davis girls.

Martha and Patricia Davis are at the Guilford Polio Center at Greensboro; the Williams chil-

dren are at Duke hospital, Durham, and Henry Charles Davis is at Rex hospital, Raleigh.

The incidence of the disease is unusual, not only for the number of children involved but in the fact that, in one case and probably two children in the same family have been stricken. Other children of the families and all other intimate contacts have been quarantined, Dr. Wilcox said, adding that he has been in touch with the state board of health and on their advice, is not taking steps toward a more drastic quarantine as yet.

Paul C. Butler, of Southern Pines, chairman of the county chapter of the National Infantile Paralysis Foundation, has made personal investigation of the cases, and immediate assistance was given each one through chapter funds and facilities.

### Key Club To Be Chartered Tuesday

Charter of the Sandhills High School Key club will be presented at a meeting to be held at 8 p. m. Tuesday in the auditorium of the Pinehurst High school, according to announcement made this week by John S. Ruggles, chairman of the Key Club committee of the sponsoring Sandhills Kiwanis.

The charter will be presented by W. A. Leland McKeithen, Kiwanis president, to Bob Farmer of West End, president of the Key club.

The 21 boys from all county high schools who compose the organization's charter membership will be formally inducted by Dr. T. A. Cheatham of Pinehurst.

Dr. Cheatham and Mr. McKeithen will both address the group, and other program features are being arranged by the Kiwanis committee.

Parents, school superintendents and principals and members of the Kiwanis club are being given a special invitation to attend the ceremony, and all other interested persons, both student and adult, will be welcomed, Chairman Ruggles said.

The club is made up of students marked by special qualities of leadership and scholarship, to undertake projects of service to their schools and communities. To maintain membership, students must remain consistently in the upper third of their classes in grades.

Known as a "junior Kiwanis," the organization serves as a proving ground for leadership and service in the building of good citizens. Kiwanis members work closely with the group, while leaving it independent in choice of projects and procedures.

### Carelessness, Or Balky School Bus? Driver Acquitted In Accident Case

#### Schoolmates Testify For Gilbert Shaver

While acquitting Gilbert J. Shaver, 17-year-old student school bus driver, of a charge of careless and reckless driving in connection with a school bus accident, Judge J. Vance Rowe at recorders court Monday condemned the practice of entrusting the driving of school buses to youths.

Through their very lack of years, he said, student drivers must lack the experience essential to this important task. While recommending that Shaver not be placed again at the wheel of a bus, he recommended also that in selection of drivers school authorities choose only the most mature of those available.

#### Said Brakes Locked

Shaver, a red-headed six-footer who recently transferred from Farm Life school at Eureka to the Carthage High school, testified that he brakes had locked on the school bus filled with a dozen children the morning of April 21, as he made a hairpin turn from the Carthage-Glendon road into the Cameron road. He said he was going slowly, but that the wheels failed to come out of their curve and the bus went into a bank on the inside of the turn.

Victim of the accident, Joe Priest, aged nine, who lost three teeth and had his jawbone fractured in the crash, testified that he had been thrown violently against a guard rail at the front of the bus. Taken to a doctor, he was given emergency treatment and sent home.

#### "Hard to Steer"

An array of high school boys was present to testify in Shaver's behalf, but only five were called: Mac Flinchum, David Lee Comer, Worth Inman, Eugene Montsinger and Henry Hinson. Their testimony was all more or less the same: they had all driven the bus from time to time and found it hard to steer, "bearing to the right." They said the bus had "no regular driver," as no boy would take it on account of its peculiar ways; that it had been involved in "eight or 10 accidents" and that the trouble had been frequently reported to W. T. Car-

#### CONCERT

The glee club and band of the Southern Pines school will give a combined concert at 8 p. m. Wednesday at the First Baptist church, as the climax of their work of this school year.

A cordial invitation is given to parents and other interested persons to attend.

The glee club of 26 voices, with the girls' ensemble, is under the direction of Miss Hope Bailey, J. G. Womble is director of the band, which is concluding its first year. The program will present a variety of selections, representing all types of band and choral work.

roll, head mechanic of the county school garage.

Carroll, placed on the stand, reported that since April 21 the bus has been given a new axle, and its steering gear completely overhauled. He said he had put about 20 of the county's 72 buses through the state inspection lane, and this was not one of them; all had, however, been inspected by a highway patrolman—he could not remember exactly which one.

#### Said Going Slowly

Richard Priest, who was on the bus at the time of the accident, estimated its speed at "about 12 or 14 miles an hour" as it made the curve.

Ruth Priest, cousin of the injured boy, who was also riding the bus, recalled a previous accident some weeks ago, on the same bus, in which she had been knocked unconscious and stayed so for several hours.

H. V. Chappell, principal of the Carthage school, testified to Shaver's good previous record as a driver, saying he had not been known to speed or to be careless and reckless. Haywood Frye, surveyor, who presented a diagram showing the accident locale, also testified to the boy's good character.

### Proposal Made To Convert Jail To Bus Station

#### Town Board May Return Park Area To Mrs. Millen

#### Water Line Considered To Serve Double Road

Mrs. Mattie Moffitt appeared before the town board at its regular session Wednesday evening to request the opportunity to buy the town jail building, if and when it is sold, with the object of converting it into a bus station.

Mrs. Moffitt, owner of a house with 100-ft frontage on South Bennett street, adjoining the jail lot, said that if the price were such that she could meet it, she would then cooperate with the Queen City Coach company on running a bus station in keeping with their requirements.

Appearing with Mrs. Moffitt was the Rev. J. Lamar Jackson, pastor of the First Baptist church, who presented the plan as one which should not only answer a community need but would enable Mrs. Moffitt, widowed mother of four young children, to make a living for her family while staying with the children. The plan was also revealed by Mrs. Moffitt to have another object, which was the ridding of that neighborhood of a nuisance concerning which there are many complaints.

#### Jail Noises

Noises made by the prisoners night and day, their persistent crying and praying for water, cursing and flapping up and down of the bed bunks as they endeavor to attract attention make the jail a difficult next-door neighbor, Mrs. Moffitt said.

Mayor Page assured her that the matter was one which had troubled the commissioners, and that they planned definitely to do something about it, though just how soon he could not say. "I hope we can work something out, and can assure you that action (Continued on Page 5)

### O'Callaghan Heads Committee Elected At Precinct Meet

L. V. O'Callaghan is chairman of the new Democratic precinct committee, with Mrs. Ruth Swisher, Ernest Wilson, Joe Thomas and Mrs. L. L. Woolley as the other members, elected Saturday afternoon at the precinct meeting held at the Community building.

Besides O'Callaghan, officers are Mrs. Swisher, vice chairman and Mrs. Woolley, secretary, chosen by the committee in executive session following the meeting.

On motion of Shields Cameron, unanimously carried by the half hundred voters present, "all good and loyal Democrats" of the Southern Pines precinct were made delegates to the county convention, to be held at 2:30 p. m. tomorrow (Saturday) at the courthouse in Carthage.

At the county meeting, delegates are to be elected to the state Democratic meeting, and a new chairman is also to be chosen, as M. G. Boyette, chairman since 1932, has said he is not a candidate for reelection.

At the precinct meeting, C. S. Patch, Jr., presided in the absence of both the chairman and vice chairman, and Hoke Pollock was named acting secretary for the duration of the meeting. Selection of the new committee was made by ballot from 10 nominees.

The committee set-up of many previous years' standing here—four men and one woman—was shown by Pollock to be contrary to by-laws of the Democratic organization, which calls for a personnel of three men and two women on such committees. The voting proceeded on this revised basis.

The meeting was one of the largest in years, with much interest shown.