



## Tobaccomen Fight To Get Graders On Early Market

Deane Working To Hold Thigpen To Commitments

Sanford, Carthage Meetings Held

Tobacco farmers and warehousemen of the Middle Belt, holding a determined meeting at the Carthage courthouse Tuesday morning, unanimously endorsed a resolution petitioning that James E. Thigpen, successor to Charles E. Gage as head of the department of agriculture's tobacco branch, live up to certain commitments made last March by his predecessor in office.

These involved the furnishing of tobacco graders for the Middle Belt markets, at an opening to be held concurrently with that of the Eastern Belt. Eastern Belt markets have always opened two to three weeks ahead of those of the Middle Belt markets at Carthage, Aberdeen, Sanford and Fuquay-Varina, a condition felt to be inequitable.

### Telegrams Sent

The petition, addressed to the department of agriculture and Mr. Thigpen, was dispatched in telegram form to them and also to Congressman C. B. Deane, who is helping the Middle Belt men in their fight; Congressman Harold Cooley of the Fourth district, member of the House agricultural committee, who started out helping but now appears to have cooled off; Senators Hoey and Umstead; Flake Shaw, head of the North Carolina Farm Bureau and Harry B. Caldwell, head of the State Grange.

The meeting was opened by Leland McKeithen, of Pinehurst, pinch-hitting for Congressman Deane, and later turned over to Walter H. Paramore, of Fuquay-Varina, who served as discussion leader. With results anticipated (Continued on Page 5)

## Post Office Ends Year Of Growth, Wins High Rating

Not only did all departments of the Southern Pines post office show an increase in business over 1946 during the fiscal year just ended, but a rise of from 90 to 91.5 per cent was noted in the rating given by postal inspectors on their annual visit this week.

Release of the fiscal year's figures was delayed by the visit of the inspectors, who spent Monday and part of Tuesday checking all phases of operations, and auditing all books. Their report, and the high rating given, were in line with the local post office's record of accomplishment over a number of years.

### Year's Receipts

Figures released by Acting Postmaster A. Garland Pierce this week showed the post office not only maintaining its position as first class (above \$40,000) which it precariously attained last year, but showing a sizeable surplus. Receipts from July 1, 1947, through June 30, 1948, were \$42,410.39. For the preceding year, they were \$40,778.31. The difference of \$1,632.08 represents a four per cent increase.

For the quarter ending June 30, receipts of \$10,175.99 represented a gain of \$727.24, or 7.69 per cent, over those of the same quarter in 1946—\$9,448.75.

### Postal Savings

Another good business indication reported by Mr. Pierce was the rise in postal savings, which on June 30 of this year were \$173,738, and of last year were \$167,103—a gain of \$6,635, or 3.97 per cent.

At the same time, however, he noted, purchases of savings bonds had declined to almost nothing, with the postal savings evidently receiving strong preference as a means of safeguarding financial reserves.

The three inspectors, headed by J. R. Risley, came from the office of the Chief of Inspection Service at Atlanta, Ga.

## Scott, Deane Are Moore Visitors



This picture was made in front of the Sandhill Citizen office at Aberdeen last Thursday just before the luncheon honoring W. Kerr Scott, Democratic nominee for governor, held at the Pilot restaurant with 40 present. Gathered for an informal session before lunch were, front row, from left, John S. Ruggles, chairman of the Southern Pines Scott committee in the primary campaigns; Rep. C. B. Deane of Rockingham, who was passing through town and stopped to join the luncheon group; Mr. Scott. Back row—W. Lamont Brown, of Aberdeen and Pinebluff; T. K. Gunter, Jr., Southern Pines; J. Hawley Poole, West End; Tony Tolar, Raleigh, who was traveling with Mr. Scott. (Photo by Preston Matthews)

## Scott Meets Informally With Local Group, Asks Cooperation In Program

### FROM HOME

Longleaf pine boughs and cones from the Sandhills adorned the North Carolina room at the Hotel Statler, Cleveland, O., during the annual convention of the National Education association held there last week.

They were sent on ahead by A. C. Dawson, Jr., of Southern Pines, president of the association's North Carolina unit, who with Mrs. Dawson attended the convention.

Each state had its own room in the headquarters hotel. Besides the contributions from the Sandhills, the Tarheel State headquarters was beautified with huge photographic murals of scenes in the state made by Bayard Wooten, of Chapel Hill, and supplied by Bill Sharpe, of the state advertising bureau.

## New Draft Board To Be Nominated; Vets May Serve

Letters were received Tuesday by John Willcox, H. Lee Thomas and Sam C. Riddle of Carthage from the office of Governor Cherry, asking that they submit nominations for members for a county draft board, to serve when the Selective Service is revived this fall.

This is according to the general procedure by which the clerk of superior court, the superintendent of schools and the chairman of the board of elections of each county are constituted a nominating committee for this purpose. Nominations are to be made for recommendation by the Governor, for appointment by the President—after which the wheels will begin once more to turn, taking in civilian youths and turning out uniformed servicemen.

A meeting of the county's nominating committee was to be held some time this week, for the selection, according to the Governor's instructions, of three able and responsible citizens representing as far as possible a cross-section of the county's population.

Conversation by your reporter with a couple of the committee members brought forth indications that they favor placing World War 2 veterans on this board.

### "People Have Spoken," Says Governor-Nominee

W. Kerr Scott stopped by last Thursday for his first visit in Moore county since the Democratic voters overwhelmingly nominated him as their choice for governor.

Friends and well-wishers greeted him at an informal luncheon at the Pilot restaurant in Aberdeen found him cheerful of mood, ready of wit and even more forceful and purposeful a speaker than on his earlier visit, during the pre-primary campaign.

The luncheon had been arranged by H. Clifton Blue, as a stopover on Scott's trip down to Laurinburg to speak at the dedication of a \$150,000 park project there. The word got around, without formal invitation, and some 40 persons, including some former Johnson supporters, were on hand to extend a welcome to the governor-nominee and to hear his brief, spontaneous address.

A surprise visitor, who also received an enthusiastic welcome, was Congressman C. B. Deane, who had dropped by the office of the Sandhill Citizen following a meeting of tobaccomen in Sanford earlier, and had accepted Editor Blue's invitation to come along.

### Deane Speaks Briefly

Mr. Blue presented Mr. Deane, who spoke briefly, and introduced some local dignitaries—Mayors Lockey and Page of Aberdeen and Southern Pines, respectively, Richard Tufts of Pinehurst, Inc., T. C. Auman, manager of the Scott campaign in the county, and others.

He then presented the governor-nominee, who appealed first of all for full party support for the Democratic ticket in the fall elections, then for the backing of the state's legislators by all the people in putting across a program of real progress in North Carolina. Good roads, good health, good schools, revision of the tax structure and abolition of the gag rule he gave as five essential points of the program, for which a mandate has been given by the people in their primary vote.

Mention of the gag rule, and the need of its abolition, brought a round of applause.

### From Scott's Speech

Some excerpts from his speech: "I have told you the things that I want to do as your Governor and I mean to carry them out, if it can be done, but I need the help of every one of you. As (Continued on Page 8)

## Claud L. Hayes, Pioneer Of Town, Succumbs Tuesday

Community Leader For More Than Half A Century

Buried At Mt. Hope After Thursday Rites

By Charles Macaulay

With the death of Claud L. Hayes, Tuesday morning, passed not only one of the very few remaining pioneers of Southern Pines, but a man of vision who spread the name of the town of his choice with the fame of his book store.

Celebrated in his own state and far beyond its borders, Mr. Hayes knew books and their writers. For many years before failing health kept him housebound, the "News Depot" was the constant gathering place of winter residents and townsmen, celebrities and the not so celebrated, discussing literature in every phase from the latest best seller to the deeper philosophies.

Visiting Southern Pines for the first time in 1895, Mr. Hayes returned the following year with his bride, the former Miss Deila Campbell, and under what must have been the most discouraging circumstances for a bookman, started the little News Depot later Hayes' Book Store, which moving from place to place in an ever increasing expansion, gained fame and prestige. Spare time was in those early days devoted to giving a hand in developing the new telephone system and to management of the then local newspaper, the Tourist.

Born in Princeton, Ind., on April 11, 1873, the son of George and Stella Rhoades Hayes, Mr. Hayes had made Southern Pines his home for the past 52 years and for more than half a century was a vital factor in the development of the town, having served as a member of the board of commissioners and the school board, an organizer and charter member of the Country club and the Sandhills Kiwanis, a vestryman and long time member of Emmanuel Episcopal church, a Mason and a Knight of Pythias.

Two years ago the family celebrated their combined 50th wedding and business anniversary and just a short week ago all joined in a happy christening party for the new great-grandchild, Raymond L. Hayes, 3rd, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond L. Hayes of Chapel Hill.

Mr. Hayes is survived by his widow; a daughter, Mrs. William Matchett, of Elgin, Ill.; a daughter-in-law, Mrs. Edna Hayes; six grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Funeral services, conducted by his pastor, the Rev. F. Craighill Brown, were held at 11 o'clock Thursday morning, in Emmanuel Episcopal church, followed by Masonic services at the graveside in Mt. Hope cemetery. Pallbearers were C. N. Page, Albert Bretsch, Dr. G. G. Herr, James D. Swett, Ralph Chandler, Dr. R. M. McMillan, E. C. Stevens and Charles S. Patch.

In respect to the memory of their departed associate, all the business places of Southern Pines closed during the services.

In the passing of Claud L. Hayes, Southern Pines has lost one of its foremost citizens, a noteworthy personage whose memory will long linger with a host of loyal friends and associates.

## CHANGES HANDS

The transfer of Hayes' Bookstore and the adjoining building on West Broad street, housing Mrs. Hayes' shop to Col. Wallace Simpson of Pinehurst was filed last week at the register of deeds' office at Carthage. The sale was effected June 30.

The business will be continued under its present policies, with the name of the Hayes Sandhill Bookstore, it was learned.

## Probable Slackening of Polio Seen; Only 4 New Cases Noted

Convalescent Center Opens

With the opening of the Moore County hospital's polio convalescent center Friday, ambulances started bringing home Moore county children who had been in out-of-county hospitals since they were first stricken, and were now adjudged to be in the convalescent stage.

By Wednesday afternoon 13 had arrived; one had already been discharged and 12 were being attended by eight nurses secured through the American Red Cross, and a physiotherapist sent by the National Infantile Paralysis Foundation.

The children are in a wing to themselves, and are being kept in isolation, with no visitors permitted them except members of their immediate families, who may see them twice a week.

### Treatment Given

The children are all said to be past the infectious stage, and not now in need of the highly specialized service available in only a few hospitals of the state set up to receive new cases. Physiother-

apy treatments are given as often as needed, daily in some cases. All the children were said to have stood the trip nicely, and to be getting on well.

This week the children were enjoying an electric record player and records donated by the Southern Pines Rotary club, a gift for which Paul C. Butler, chairman of the county Infantile Paralysis chapter, expressed thanks for all the chapter.

The gift was made after consultation with him as to what might be needed by the little patients, a procedure he said he hopes that all others planning gifts will adopt. While the children want and appreciate things for their entertainment, such gifts must be carefully selected.

Most of the children are very young, many of the parents are bringing needed items and there is a real danger that they might be overwhelmed by an excess of unplanned generosity on the public's part.

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## Red Cross Buys New Home Here

The Moore County chapter of the American Red Cross this week acquired a permanent home, with the purchase of the building at 113-115 East Broad street at present occupied by Radio Station WSTS.

The building was bought from the Sandhills Broadcasting corporation for \$21,000, according to an announcement Wednesday by Col. George P. Hawes, Jr., chairman of the county chapter. The chapter offices, now located in the Hotel Belvedere building on West Broad street, will be moved to their new location about October 1.

The purchase was made possible, Colonel Hawes said, through the fact that Moore County citizens have for the past several years oversubscribed their quotas in the annual Red Cross fund-raising campaigns. Surpluses which would ordinarily have been transferred to the national fund have been set aside, through arrangement made some months ago by local leaders, and are now made available for the purchase of the building through a special authority from the National Red Cross.

### Amortization Plan

It was explained that the chapter is now able, through this means, to pay \$10,000 on the purchase price, and that amounts equalling rent now being paid will be applied against the mortgage, to pay it off in about six

years. In the meantime the building will be held by the Citizens Bank and Trust company, with W. P. Saunders and Garland McPherson as co-trustees for the American Red Cross.

The new building contains two upstairs apartments. It was not revealed at this time if they are to continue to be rented, with income accruing, or if the chapter will use the upstairs space.

### Recent Improvements

The building, formerly occupied by Pope's restaurant, was purchased by the Sandhills Broadcasting corporation in April, 1947, from Leon Seymour of Aberdeen, for \$19,000. Many improvements were made in the course of its remodeling, including the cinderbricking of the long side wall, the lining of the interior walls with acoustex, the division into studios and offices and the installation of new rest rooms.

The result, for the Red Cross chapter, is a modern and spacious home, for which it has long felt a need, as its activities increased during the past few years and the present rented home was outgrown.

Originally established in the upstairs apartment now occupied by the VFW clubrooms, the chapter moved to its present location during the war. Consistent growth motivated its leaders to start last fall on the search for a new location.

## Second Fire-Truck Chaser Fined

"Maybe now folks will know we really mean it, and be more careful," said Fire Chief O'Callaghan and Police Chief Newton this week, reporting the second arrest within eight days of a fire-truck chaser who did his chasing too fast.

In fact, to chase a fire truck with any success, you have to be going much too fast—50-plus miles an hour.

That's what Whit Hines, Negro, 31, was doing Thursday morning, as he stayed right on the fire truck's tailboard as it sped to a West Southern Pines fire. Chief Newton arrested him, and members of both the fire and police departments were witnesses in the hearing held before Magistrate D. E. Bailey that afternoon.

It cost Hines \$18.50—\$10 plus costs, on two charges, speeding, and running too close to a fire truck.

Garland Williams, of Aberdeen, last week paid \$30, as he also crashed a red light in his eagerness to get there as soon as the firemen, if not before.

"We're going to keep on making arrests until the fire-chasing stops," Chief Newton warned, and Fire Chief O'Callaghan added, "We understand the very humane desire to see a fire. However, people have just got to let the firemen get there first. Once

the firemen are at the fire, and able to get to work putting it out, people can watch all they please, from a safe distance."

He reminded that usually both trucks go out, the first practically at once, the second as soon as more volunteer firemen arrive. Sometimes the second truck is two or three blocks behind the first. If the street between is clogged with cars, it can't get through.

Many of the volunteer firemen also come in their own cars, and have to get there as fast as the trucks.

Delay in the important work of getting the fire out, and also extra danger to firemen, are consideration in the strict enforcement of the speed laws now being put into effect. Nobody is exempt—everybody who speeds behind, beside or in front of the fire truck is going to be arrested and pay for his thrill.

"The city ordinance says that when a fire alarm sounds, cars moving on the street are to draw up at the curb and stop until the fire truck gets by," O'Callaghan pointed out. "Pedestrians are supposed also to get off the street. Then go on to the fire if you want, staying within the usual speed limit. You'll see a lot better show if you can watch the fireman working, than if you watch a house burn down with nobody there to put it out."

## Quarantine Goes On; Dawson Heads Spray Program Here

\$24,500 Applied For From National Fund

With four polio cases reported this week in contrast to six, eight and 15 in the weeks immediately preceding, leaders in the county's fight against the disease expressed themselves cautiously as feeling that it is probable the peak has now been passed in Moore.

However, said Dr. J. W. Willcox, county health officer, there are no signs of its diminution in the state as a whole, and the strict quarantine now in effect for children 15 and under will not be relaxed yet by one iota.

This week's four victims, all from two to eight years old, were Pauline Key, eight, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Judson Key, of Carthage, Rt. 3, taken to the Guilford Polio Center at Greensboro last Thursday; Herbert Otis Hussey, two, son of Mr. and Mrs. Otis Hussey, of Robbins, Rt. 1, to Duke hospital, Durham, also last Thursday; Glenn Ray Britt, four, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Parker Britt, Star, Rt. 1, to Rex hospital, Raleigh, Saturday; and Ronald Moore, two, son of Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Moore, Robbins, to Rex hospital Wednesday.

### 46 Cases for Year

This brought the county's total for the year to 46 cases. One reported last week, Paul Cummins, of Cameron, RFD, turned out to be a Harnett county case. However, the name of Wayne Spivey, three, of Cameron, was omitted by accident from last week's list and total. He has been ill five weeks and is one of the children returned to the county on the opening of the Moore County hospital's convalescent center.

### Dawson Appointed

Preventive measures are still (Continued on Page 5)

## Dr. McMillan Extends Hospital His Good Wishes

Dr. R. M. McMillan, president of the Moore County Medical society, said this week that he had filled out an application blank for membership on the staff of St. Joseph of the Pines, and that he wishes the new hospital success and will cooperate in its attainment in every way he can.

He said he believed that other doctors of the county would feel the same way. "Many of us have worked in Catholic hospitals and know that they are fine institutions," he said. "The Sisters are known as splendid nurses, well qualified in their profession." At St. Joseph's it was learned that a number of Sandhills doctors have applied for staff membership, and that an organization meeting will be held soon.

To Sister Anastasia, head of the hospital, Dr. McMillan wrote as follows:

### Dear Sister M. Anastasia:

As president of the Moore County Medical society, I wish at this time to acknowledge your kind letter of June 28 addressed to the members of the society and read at the regular monthly meeting by Dr. Francis Owens. We greatly appreciate your offering the facilities of the hospital to the qualified physicians of the county, and in return let me say that we shall be happy to cooperate with you in every possible way.

Personally, I wish also to acknowledge receipt of your letter of July 6 with accompanying application for staff membership. I am returning herewith my completed application form, and should my appointment be recommended by the staff and confirmed by the governing board, I shall be happy to immediately enter into plans for further staff organization.

Looking forward to meeting you personally in the very near future, I am

Sincerely yours,  
Robert M. McMillan, M. D.