

Dairy Production Gets Good Start In Moore County

Recently Established Route Attracts New Producers

Moore county has, in the past few months, started from scratch to forge ahead as a dairy producing county. Farmers are selling some 2,000 gallons of milk a week, via a route recently established by the Montgomery County dairy, of Troy, and Homer Johnson, route driver, says this will probably be doubled by December.

The milk is being returned to the county in pasteurized form, to be sold in many retail outlets. The first house-to-house delivery route has been established in Pinehurst.

The opening of a commercial milk route in the county represents the fulfillment of a plan of long standing, by which the county farm agents have worked with the farmers for the development of pastures, the building of barns and the purchase of good cows. They were held back by war and postwar problems, and it was only within the past year that real work could be begun.

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Colonial Mills

Earnings Decline

Colonial Mills, Inc., sales and earnings for the half-year and quarter ending May 31 showed a sharp decline from those of the same periods of the previous year, according to a preliminary report made June 29.

The report, following years of consistently increasing sales and profits, will bring home to Moore County people as would nothing else the fact that a "recession" is under way—in the textile world, at any rate.

The report showed that, for the half-year ending May 1, 1949, consolidated net earnings for the corporation declined to \$1,340,460, or \$1.61 each on 834,319 shares, from \$4,517,759, or \$5.42 a share, for the six months to May 31, 1948.

Net sales were slightly more than one-third the figure for those of the same period a year ago—\$14,806,435, as compared with \$21,540,923.

That most of the price decline took place in the quarter ending May 31 is shown by the comparison which shows profits amounting to just about 20 per cent of the same quarter of 1948, though sales were above 60 per cent. Net earnings were \$442,109, or 53 cents a share, on sales of \$6,829,650, as compared with net profit of \$2,225,530, or \$2.67 a share, on sales of \$10,847,623 for the May quarter a year ago.

Profit for the 1948 period was figured after \$70,000 special provision for amortization of postwar construction and machinery costs was deducted for six months, and \$350,000 for the quarterly period.

WELCOME

Welcome, to sanitarians of 21 counties who are meeting today at the Civic Club building, to learn more about ways to keep us healthy and solve everyday problems of sanitation in town and country.

They are guardians over the food we eat, the milk we drink; ever vigilant against the dangers that arise from dirt, ignorance and carelessness.

Speakers at the morning session will be Mrs. Lillian Schadt, bacteriologist with the Farmers Cooperative Dairy at Chapel Hill; and State Board of Health representatives Robert L. Caviness, principal sanitary engineer, and B. L. Jessup, principal sanitarian.

James A. Westbrook, state sanitary engineer, who will be in charge of the meeting, will head an open forum discussion of problems in the afternoon. Russell Mills, of Southern Pines, sanitarian of the Moore-Hoke health district, will be host to the gathering.

Work Starts On Moore County Hospital Addition, To Be Completed In January

NO POLIO

There's no polio in Moore county yet, said Dr. J. W. Willcox, county health officer, as 1949 passed the half-way mark.

With a good, sound knock on wood, he said it would be unusual to get through the year without any at all. Almost every year brings a few scattered cases, generally starting earlier than this. In his decade of service here he remembers just one year, 1944, which was entirely free of polio. Since then each year, till now, has brought an increasing number of cases, culminating in last year's epidemic.

A rumor spread last week that there was a case in the county. A check at the Moore County hospital brought the information from E. T. McKeithen, administrator, that a Montgomery County child had been brought in for testing, but had been found not to have polio. This was believed to be the basis of the rumor.

McCormac Buys Florist Business

The florist business of Chandler Greenhouses, on South Broad street, was sold last week by Mrs. Bessie Chandler Clark to George A. McCormac, local veteran of World War 2, who has been employed there since March, 1946.

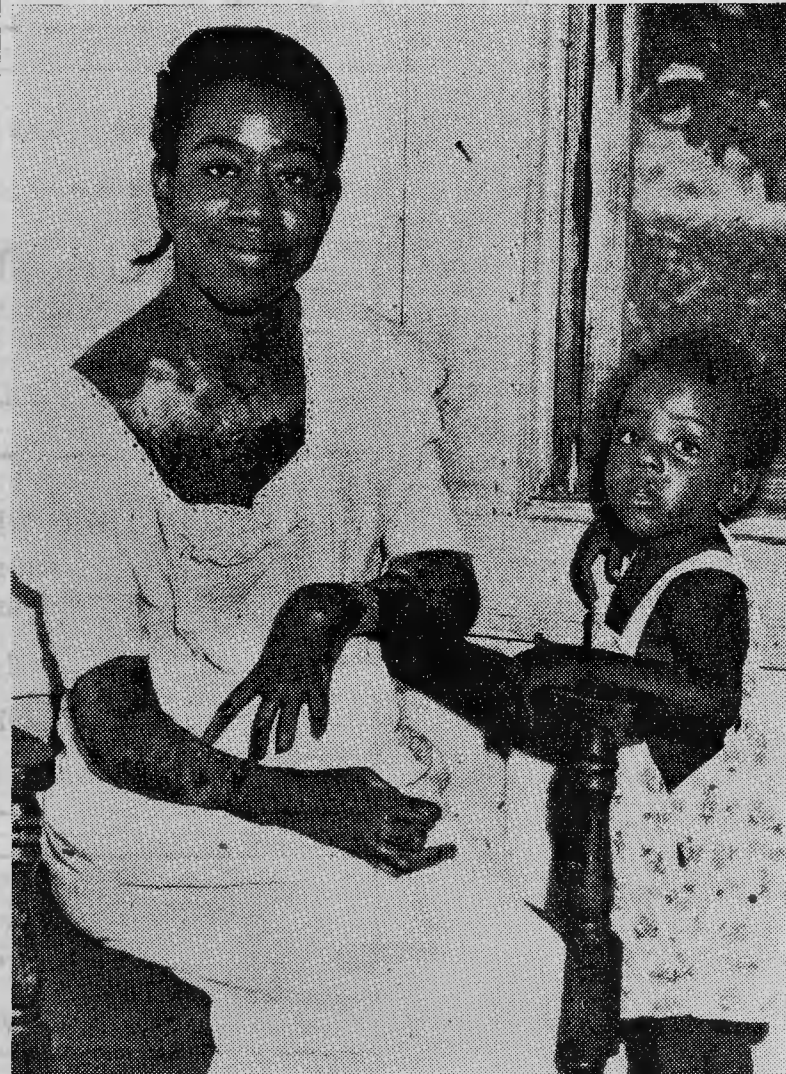
Mr. McCormac said this week there will be no change in name or policies of the business, which was established in 1922 by Mrs. I. F. Chandler as an outgrowth of her hobby of flower raising and has grown to be one of the largest of its kind in the section.

With the building of a greenhouse, which is still in use, by Mrs. Chandler in 1927, the business became the first in the section to raise its own plants under glass, for sale over an increasingly wide area. Another modern greenhouse was built later.

Following the death of Mrs. Chandler in 1942, the business was carried on by her daughter, Mrs. Clark. In the spring of 1947 a new shop and showroom were opened on South Broad.

Mr. McCormac worked at the greenhouses for Mrs. Chandler as a young boy, and during holidays when he was going to high school. On his discharge from the army he entered on a two-year course of GI training there, and

"Miracle Girl" Home from Hospital



Commissioners To Meet Monday, Set County Tax Rate

Revaluation Still Unfinished; gain Will Be Estimated

With the fiscal year ended and budgetary matters pressing, the county commissioners meeting Tuesday at Carthage had a difficult decision to make—whether to wait the two and a half months it seems likely it will take for the revaluation board to finish its job; whether to set the tax rate on the basis of the old evaluation, postponing use of the new until next year; or to go ahead and set the tax rate now and get to the budget, estimating the overall evaluation on the basis of the part already done.

They decided in favor of the last named move, and will hold a special meeting Monday at 2 p. m. to review the county's needs for the coming year and set a rate to bring in the funds to meet them.

John C. Muse, county auditor, joined the commissioners Tuesday, and will meet with them for the rate-setting next Monday.

Also joining them Tuesday was Miss Maida Jenkins, county tax supervisor, who estimated an overall gain of \$4 million on the basis of properties already revalued. She said one township alone accounted for about a million and a half of this—McNeills, where values had been the lowest in the county. It was the farthest out of line.

Her estimate would bring the total evaluation to about \$32 million, as \$28 million (approximately) was the old evaluation. Advice of Auditor Muse, however, was to "under-estimate rather than over-estimate" and on his recommendation the tax will probably be computed on the basis of a

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Expanded Recreation Program Wins

Fine Response Among Youngsters Here

Sewing, Cooking, Art Get Good Start; Story Hour Monday

The expanded youth recreation program got successfully under way this week, with enthusiastic groups showing up for sewing, art and cooking classes and the promise of considerably larger attendance at next week's sessions.

A good crowd of the younger boys and girls is looked for at the first "story hour" to be held at the elementary school at 10 a. m.

Monday, with Mrs. Elizabeth Shearon in charge.

The sewing class is held Tuesdays at Emmanuel Episcopal church, the art class Wednesdays at the high school and the cooking class Thursdays at the Church of Wide Fellowship. The hour in each case is 10 a. m.

Sewing and cooking were added by way of providing some special interest for girls, and art for both boys and girls. Each have recognized experts in their lines as volunteer instructors, and all those supervising the initial sessions, also Program Director A. C. Dawson, Jr., this week expressed themselves as well pleased at their start.

Will Make Shorts
Organization and registration took up most of the first sewing class, where a dozen girls from eight years to 15 and their instructors, Mrs. R. S. Parker, Mrs. Joe Steed and Mrs. T. J. Garrett, all showed much enthusiasm. By popular consent, shorts were selected as the first project and will be made at next Tuesday morning's session. Some sewing machines are to be loaned for the classes.

Will Draw Model
A dozen young people, including two boys, attended the first art class. Some sketched a bowl of colorful petunias, while others selected diverse subjects with horses and dogs rating high in popularity. Next Wednesday, the class will draw from a live model.

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Not many in the history of the world have been burned like Christine Lloyd and lived, but, thanks to skilled care of doctors and nurses at the Moore County hospital, and unstinting use of modern medical aids, the 20-year-old mother is now with her family in West Southern Pines.

Shirlene, aged two, is mighty glad Mother is home, but she and seven-month-old William Isaac Lloyd, Jr., don't realize how near they came losing her that day last January, when her gown caught fire from a small cookstove. Before help came, more than two-thirds of her body had been burned.

She will return to the hospital for plastic surgery on the skin of her hands and arms, which drew up during the healing process. Despite 22 separate skin grafts she will be only slightly scarred, according to Dr. W. F. Hollister, who has been in charge of her case. He says there is every reason to expect she will return to normal, useful living.

To Christine's dauntless spirit and will to live Dr. Hollister gives much credit for her recovery. (Photo by Emerson Humphrey)

PGA Will Meet Here

The annual meeting of the Professional Golfers association definitely will be held at the Mid Pines next fall, with the week of November 6 announced this week for the meeting by President Joe Novak, of Los Angeles.

Business sessions will be held during the first four days, with clinics and functions of a more social nature filling the rest of the program. The meeting will bring to the Mid Pines about 15 general officers of the PGA, 64 delegates representing 32 areas

covering the whole country, a group of correspondents and a large number of golf equipment manufacturers and their representatives.

With the North and South Open scheduled for October 31-November 3, the Sandhills will be the national center of golf for a two-week period.

Cooperation Did It
Arrangements for the PGA meeting were made through cooperation of President Novak; (Continued on Page 5)

Softball Series Starts

A series of softball games opened this week on the town athletic field, to be played off during the next six weeks with games scheduled each Thursday and Friday at 6 p. m., and double-headers each Wednesday at 1 p. m.

The four teams forming an informal league are sponsored by local churches, the First Baptist, Church of Wide Fellowship, Brownson Memorial Presbyterian and Manly Presbyterian. Their line-ups include boys and young men from all over town, not necessarily members of these churches, playing for their own pleasure and that of the townsfolk, and to

make some money for athletic equipment for a permanent league. Players wanting to join up with any of the teams are asked to contact Bobby Straka or Delamar Mann, managers, from whom came the word this week that more players are needed and will be welcomed.

In conjunction with the games, Harry Chatfield is heading up a collection campaign to secure funds to light the field for evening games. Permanent lights, good for many seasons, are hoped for.

Admission charges are being kept small to enable everyone, (Continued on Page 5)

First Local Television

Television programs have been coming in for the past three weeks over a set being tested by Ray McDonald, of the McDonald-Pave Motor company, and George Darden, of the Carolina Power and Light company. These are the first ever reported, so far as The Pilot can ascertain, to have been received in this vicinity.

Except for one night in June when the set was taken out to Paint Hill Farm, far removed from the interferences in town, the reception has not been too good, but McDonald and Darden are working on the problems involved and considerable improvement is being noted, they say.

Except for a freak program or two of unknown origin, all those received so far have been the test

programs of WBTV at Charlotte, which are being sent out daily from 12 noon to 7 p. m. preliminary to the start of regular telecasting at 7 p. m. July 15. The tests do not make for very thrilling programs so far, as they consist mainly of news run on a continuous tape, and continuous telecasting of a "pattern" which varies in clarity as the WBTV engineers do their work, and as interference is felt.

Success Foreseen
However, the programs have been coming in sufficiently well, say McDonald and Darden, to promise good televiewing for the Sandhills, despite the expressed opinion of a visitor from radio-land who spoke here recently.

Harold Essex, of Winston-Salem, (Continued on Page 5)

Junior Legion Baseball At Climax As

Three Teams Jockey For Second Place

Officials Allow Moore Protest In Richmond Game

The half dozen teams of the Fourth district of the American Legion Junior baseball program have reached a crucial point of play in which, as League Commissioner J. W. Dickerson puts it, "anything can happen."

They have a first-place winner—Albemarle, who, barring a monumental upset, will keep that place. For second place, though, it's a scramble—and second place is as valuable as first. It's the two top teams who will be pitted against each other in the two-out-of-three playoffs for the League winner, and either team has an equal chance to go on to other playoffs, and possibly state, and national distinction.

With Concord slightly in the lead for second place and three games to go, Moore County and Richmond County are deadlocked with a protest game to be played. The protest was filed by Moore County Thursday night at Rockingham, on a technical question concerning an overthrow at first base, sixth inning.

Protest Allowed
In a hearing Sunday at Troy, with Manager J. T. McSwain of (Continued on Page 5)

TO MOREHEAD

Miss Joan Way, winner of the beauty title over 19 contestants in the July 4 celebration at Carthage, will represent Moore county in the state beauty contest to be held at Morehead City this weekend. The winner will be announced Saturday night.

Miss Way, who is talented at singing and dancing as well as being pretty, is being sponsored by the Joseph G. Henson Legion Post No. 12, of Carthage, her sponsor in the county contest Monday.

Winning beauty titles is getting to be a habit with Joan. In February, 1947, she was chosen Moore County queen in a contest at the Valentine ball in Pinehurst. (For full July 4 Celebration story, see Page 5.)

Postal Gains Seen At Midway Mark

Postal receipts of \$47,559.22 for 1948-49 showed a gain of \$5,148.83 over the preceding year, according to the annual report of Postmaster A. Garland Pierce made following the close of the fiscal year June 30. A rise in postal rates January 1 accounted for about five per cent of this.

Most of the gain was made in the fall and spring quarters. The second quarter, ending December 31, was slightly off—by \$105.60. Overall percentage of gain was 12.13 per cent.

The increase was a consistent one during the first three quarters of the year, each one of which showed a rise over the one before, until the June quarter came along with its seasonal drop.

For comparison purposes, total receipts for the fiscal year 1947-48 were \$42,410.39. Quarters of the year just ended, and the same ones of the year preceding, were as follows: ending September 30, \$8,645.15, \$6,995.18; ending December 31, \$13,239.02, \$13,344.62;

Sandhill Markets Win Independent Opening August 29

Warehousemen See Recognition As Partial Victory

The board of governors of the Bright Belt Warehouse association, meeting last Thursday at Raleigh, set the date of August 29 for the opening of the Carthage, Aberdeen, Sanford and Fuquay-Varina tobacco markets, thus recognizing the independence of these markets as the Sandhills Warehouse association.

This will be the first time the local markets have opened officially in August. Though the opening date is a compromise with the Sandhills group's request for a date as early as the Eastern belt, or midway between the Eastern and Middle Belts, it is said to have won approval of the association, as it recognizes separation of the four markets from the Middle belt and is a step toward further relief.

It was also pointed out that this year's tobacco crop in this area is a week or 10 days behind normal development, which will react to the benefit of the August 29 opening.

Other Openings
Dates set for opening of the flue-cured markets in other belts were: North Carolina Border and South Carolina belts, August 2; Eastern, August 18; Middle, September 1; North Carolina and Virginia Old belts, September 12.

The four Sandhills markets formerly opened with the Middle belt. Last year they opened independently with the Eastern belt (Continued on Page 5)

Holiday Is Calm; Only One Accident Is Reported Here

With highway accidents reported all over the state, marring the Fourth of July weekend with an unusually high toll in lives and injuries, only one was reported in this vicinity and that, by a miracle, had no tragic result.

Mrs. Henry L. Graves, driving from Carthage in the fine rain which fell early Sunday afternoon, put on brakes as she met a car on "Dead Man's Curve" beyond the water plant, skidded some distance off the road and lost control of the car, which overturned.

The car she was meeting had already passed, "unaware of the accident about to happen, and other passersby helped her out of the overturned vehicle. Beyond a severe fright and shaking up, her injuries consisted only of bruises.

Damage estimated at about \$500 was sustained by the 1948 DeSoto car.

An unusually peaceful holiday weekend was noted in general over the county, with Chief C. E. Newton of Southern Pines and Sheriff C. J. McDonald both reporting, with surprise and pleasure "No arrests."