

Jurymen Called From Moore For Charlotte Trial

One hundred and twenty-five residents of Moore County were rounded up Tuesday and sent in two buses to Charlotte Wednesday morning. They made up a special venire from which 12 jurors were selected to decide the fate of Monroe Medlin, the 23-year-old Negro charged with first degree murder in the shotgun slaying August 1 of Mrs. E. O. Anderson, Sr., prominent Charlotte woman.

Superior Court Judge William H. Bobbitt ordered the special venire—one of the largest on record—because he said it would be practically impossible to find unprejudiced jurors in Mecklenburg county where the murder took place. Moore County deputies were hard put to find the 125-man venire in 12 hours, but working from dawn until dusk, they succeeded in filling the buses on schedule.

Following a night session at Charlotte, eight jurors were announced Thursday morning; Henry Parker, T. C. Evans, Adam Garner, Haywood Andrews, T. W. Robertson, W. H. Oldham, J. W. Childress and J. B. Ritter, the last a Negro.

Twenty-five of the veniremen were Negroes. The choice of jurors proceeded slowly as both prosecution and defense took every precaution to select only persons who had not hitherto formed an opinion on the case.

On August 1, the shot-riddled body of Mrs. E. O. Anderson, Sr., 68-year-old wife of an automobile executive, was found in the bedroom of her Myers Park home. In the servants' quarters, at the back of the house, the Negro butler, Wilford Randleman, was found badly beaten, and with his throat gashed. Medlin, a former employe of the Andersons was immediately arrested and charged with both crimes.

Deane Wings Way To Pacific Area On House Mission

Congressman C. B. Deane of the Eighth district is a member of a House committee especially selected by Speaker Sam Rayburn which left Washington, D. C., by air Tuesday for an inspection trip of U. S. Pacific bases and the Far East.

The committee will investigate phases of the occupation program, expenditures of U. S. Government funds on rehabilitation and war damage and the needs or prospects for further U. S. investment in the Far Eastern areas. They will make a detailed report to Congress on their return, which will be within three to five weeks.

The tour, which is being made in an Army C-54, will take the group first to Alaska, then to Japan, Korea, the Philippines, the Dutch East Indies, Singapore, Bangkok, Rangoon and possibly into India for one stop. The return trip will be made through the Mandated islands and Hawaii, into San Francisco.

Other Committee Members

Other Democratic members of the committee are Walter B. Huber of Ohio and M. G. Burnside of West Virginia. Republican members are R. Walter Riehlman of New York, Harold O. Louvre of South Dakota and Alvin E. O'Konski of Wisconsin. They represent a number of House committees.

According to a report received this week from Congressman Deane, a major point to be considered will be feasibility of investing U. S. money for development of backward areas, as contemplated in President Truman's now famous Point Four proposal.

Committee members want to have a look at U. S. military and naval operations and activities in Alaska. They plan to talk with General MacArthur, Supreme Allied Commander in Japan to learn at first hand his views on far eastern development and the situation in China. Intensive inquiry will be made into restoration of Japanese industry and progress of the economic stabilization and occupation program. Particular attention will be given to the problem of re-opening some of the light industries and getting the manufacturing facilities going so that the Japanese may be able to exchange their manufactured products for food products.

Value Of U. S. Aid.

The value of the Economic Cooperation Administration program in Korea will be discussed with Koreans and with the Military Advisory group there. Attempts will be made to determine the value of the U. S. financial aid and the advisability of continuing or strengthening it as a deterrent to further Russian ex-

Blue Mold, Wet Weather Blamed For Light Opening On Sandhills Markets

An official average of \$48.82 per 100 pounds was recorded for opening day sales on the five Middle Belt flue-cured markets which launched their auction season Monday.

The Federal-State Market News Service reported that gross sales on the markets amounted to 1,909,080 pounds. Known as the Sandhills Warehouse association, the five markets that opened Monday were Aberdeen, Carthage, Fuquay-Varina, Sanford, and Ellerbe.

The remaining five markets of the Middle Belt opened Thursday morning. They are Durham, Oxford, Henderson, Louisburg and Warrenton.

Ellerbe, which tried to open with the Border Belt this year and was forced to close down because of lack of Government graders, began its second test toward establishing a tobacco market.

Rep. C. B. Deane, instrumental in getting United States Department of Agriculture recognition necessary for Ellerbe to seek to establish a tobacco market, made a radio talk 15 minutes prior to initial sales. Government graders were on hand, Ellerbe's two warehouses had a full quota of tobacco, and several buying companies were on hand. Reynolds Tobacco company, a major purchaser, and the Piedmont Tobacco company, a large independent firm, bought the bulk of the tobacco.

Low Quality

Confronted with two major handicaps during the growing season—blue mold and rain—farmers served by the Sandhills Warehouse association produced a tobacco crop that was under the quality of that grown last year and this was reflected in the average as opening-day sales progressed.

Fine lemon lugs, like those sold on the Border and Eastern Belts, brought prices all day that ranged from \$50 to \$64, with good orange lugs ranging in price from \$45 to \$55.

Fair lugs averaged \$26 per hundred under the price-support program and low orange primings had a support price of \$18 per hundred.

Non-descript Offerings

There was a heavy offering of leaf grades throughout the day, but a large quantity of non-descript, that ranged from \$2 to \$9 per hundred pounds, kept the average down on all five markets.

Many farmers selling tobacco on the Sandhills Warehouse association said they had taken much of their better tobacco to another Belt to get money to meet current expenses. This kept much good tobacco off the market at opening time.

While there were scattered offerings of low grade non-descript not supported by the Government's grading system, the Stabilization Corporation took from five to seven per cent of the total offerings.

Generally, the opening-day break of tobacco for the five markets was regarded as fair and there were no block sales on any of the markets. Some of the warehouses cleared their floors for the next sale before the lunch hour.

British Purchases

With \$90,000,000 to spend for tobacco to supply a curtailed British market, the Imperial Tobacco Company was purchasing its share of good tobacco to go into British cigarettes. Most of the Imperial purchases were good orange leaf, fair low green leaf, fair lemon leaf and fair orange leaf.

There was only one warehouse in the Sandhills association that didn't begin auctions on schedule yesterday. This was one at Fuquay-Varina which has a sign reading, "Sale Every Day." When the tail of the hurricane moved through the area on Sunday, the floor of the warehouse was submerged with water and business had to go to other warehouses for yesterday. Owners said they hoped the warehouse would be ready for auctions this morning.

No farmer would say his crop was better than last year. These in the Fuquay-Varina, Sanford and Carthage area blamed the quality of the crop on blue mold, while those in the Aberdeen and Ellerbe regions said that too much rain caused the crop to be about three weeks behind schedule.

STREET MARKERS

Steel forms have been borrowed from the City of Sanford and are ready for the pouring of the cement for Southern Pines' new street markers, as soon as the steel rods to reinforce the markers arrive.

These have been ordered from Charlotte and should be here within a few days, says Howard F. Burns, town clerk and superintendent of streets.

The seven-foot, six-inch markers, to be set in concrete, will be here for use at 60 intersections, mostly in West Southern Pines. They are of a type now in more general use than the metal street signs, and will probably cost less.

The adequate marking of streets is a requirement for the installation of city mail delivery service, and the town is cooperating in this respect in promotion of such service here.

WHERE IS PAT?



PAT, Omer Williams' brown and white spotted pointer, is still missing after two weeks, though a number of clues have come in as to his whereabouts. He is said to have been seen near Manly. Pat is 16 years old—doesn't hear and see too well. "I think he has gone to the woods to die," said his master sadly.

Pat is not only one of the Sandhills' most famous bird dogs but a real movie actor. He appeared in two Grantland Rice Sportlights, 1940 and 1944. This picture was made by Mr. Williams in the yard of his home on East Vermont avenue about a month ago.

Good Attendance Only Way To Get More Teachers

A message to parents from John McCrummen, who is returning this year to his old post as principal of the Vass-Lakeview school, is applicable to many school in Moore county.

With September 7, opening day of school, less than a week off, Mr. McCrummen has issued the following appeal:

"I urge all parents to enter their children THE FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL and keep them there each day, so that we may be granted more teachers for the school.

"As you know, the number of teachers is determined by the average daily attendance. You know that our school needs more teachers, to alleviate crowded classrooms and combination grades. So if you do not wish your child to be in a crowded classroom or a combination grade, please lend us your full cooperation by seeing that every child enters on time and continues to be present.

"Then we can be assured of a greater teaching force. It is the only way by which this can be had."

an hold one of the two top officers in a YDC club.

The group planned a full attendance at the county convention to be held at Carthage at 8 tonight (Friday) and also to have representation at the state convention at New Bern later in the month.



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Fund Raising Drive For \$150,000 For Hospital Annex Starts September 22

The fund raising drive for the Moore County hospital addition will begin Monday, September 22, it was announced this week by Maj. Gen. L. T. Wyche, of Pinehurst, chairman.

Objectives of the campaign and the plan for its accomplishment, through offering opportunity to each citizen to contribute, were expressed in a statement issued this week by General Wyche, as follows:

Although the contract for the new construction has been lost and the work begun, it will be necessary to collect \$150,000 for its completion. When the construction is completed the hospital will have a capacity of 112 beds, and, by rearranging of the present setup, will offer adequate facilities for the study of outpatients, including space for x-ray and clinical laboratories; will provide additional space for the obstetrical patients; dining room and kitchen facilities will be enlarged; an office for the staff doctors will be provided; the record **Medical Center**

The Moore County hospital is in the center of an area surrounded by such medical centers as those of Charlotte, Greensboro and Raleigh, whose distances warrant a medical center in this county. In order to have such a center the capacity of the hospital should be sufficient to provide for internship, and for the training of nurses. The American Medical Association and the American College of Surgeons will not recognize hospitals for these purposes if they are of less than 100-bed capacity with adequate facilities. It seems to be generally admitted that the Moore County Hospital at present is highly regarded throughout a great part of the State. The Moore County hospital has made a good start toward the goal of establishing a Medical Center in this vicinity. It should certainly be to the advantage of every citizen of Moore county to have the best possible Medical Center, so conveniently located.

Campaign Plan

A committee headed by Maj. Gen. I. T. Wyche has been working on a plan for the execution of this drive for several months. It was felt by the board of directors and by the committee that if every citizen of Moore county could feel that he was part owner in the hospital, it would have a beneficial effect. It was therefore decided that the plan should include giving every citizen of Moore county an opportunity to contribute as much as he could afford. In addition to individual contributors, appeals will be made to business and industry, to those who desire to establish memorials, and the winter residents of the county.

For the purpose of soliciting the individuals the county has been divided into seven areas with appropriate assignment of rural areas, generally taking in townships. These areas are as follows:

1. Aberdeen — that part of Sandhill township East of the line: Horse's creek, as far South as the Roseland-Aberdeen road, thence a line southeast, excluding Pinebluff and Addor, extending to the Hoke County line.
2. Pinebluff—that part of Sandhill township west of the above mentioned line.
3. Pinehurst—Mineral Springs township.
4. Southern Pines — McNeill township, exclusive of Lakeview, as far North as Little River.
5. Vass-Lakeview and that part of McNeill township North of Little River and Greenwood township.
7. Robbins-Sheffield, Ritters and Deep River townships.

YD Club Keeps Old Officers, Adds New One

Members of the Southern Pines YDC club, meeting Friday night at The Southland, decided to postpone election of officers until a meeting to be held in the fall, probably a chicken fry or fish fry combining pleasure with business.

A new officer, however, was added, causing a slight change in the lineup. Mrs. Ruth W. Swisher was unanimously elected first vice president. Hoke Pollock, formerly vice president, became second vice president.

This was in obedience to a constitutional mandate that a wom-

Vets Get Plenty Help In Filing Application Forms

Though Moore County veterans did not make the anticipated rush to fill out their applications for insurance dividends last week, it was estimated this week that possibly one-third of them had filed.

They had plenty of help last week, as veterans' posts stationed volunteer helpers at spots all over the county to lend assistance, both daytime and evening, in filling out the two forms—one for the insurance, the other for general information for the Veterans Administration.

Some of the volunteers had a busy time of it, while others, especially those who had scheduled evening hours, had only a few "customers." Mrs. Louise W. Clarke, veterans service officer, said some 400 forms have been returned to her and "we have a good many more to hear from."

There are 2,500 veterans in Moore county, and all have insurance.

After this week, veterans making application will have to do so at Mrs. Clarke's office in Carthage.

Busy Place

One of the busiest spots was the Southern Pines post office, where Walter S. Topping and John Buchholz, of the John Boyd post, VFW, alternated in serving a constant stream of veterans. Total—about 250.

Volunteers working during the first work included, in Southern Pines, Walter S. Topping and John Buchholz, at the post office and the VFW home; Charles Swoope and Charlie Ross at the Legion hut evenings.

At Carthage—Bill Muse, Jack Williams, John G. Riddle and Phil Cole, of the Legion post, at the courthouse evenings; at Cameron, Neill McDonald; at Pinebluff, Dan Mangum at night, Mrs. Mangum at the post office during working hours.

At Pinehurst, Dan Lewis with W. M. Chriscoe and sons, Edgar Lewis at the fire station evenings; Robbins, C. J. Dutton (VFW) and Stacy Brewer (American Legion); West End, William Johnson and Paul Auman; Aberdeen, Lawrence Farrell and Jeer McKeithen.

made by the Army to the Filipinos that if they would fight the Japanese, they would be taken care of just the same as our own troops.

The value of the Pacific Pact proposal will be discussed in detail with Siamese and Burmese officials. Economic prospects for southern Asia will be discussed and attempts will be made to determine if U. S. money can be spent to advantage in fighting Communism in those areas. Industrial, agricultural, and commercial potentials will be carefully considered by the group.

Inspection trips will be made to view U. S. Pacific bases and discuss various problems with the military personnel.

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