

Medical Board Revokes License Of Dr. W. H. Ross

Issues Cease Practice Request To Erring Local Physician

The State Board of Medical Examiners has taken action revoking the license to practice of Dr. W. H. Ross, Negro physician of West Southern Pines.

Word of the board's action was received by this newspaper from the secretary, Dr. J. J. Combs. Dr. Combs stated that, at a full meeting of the board on June 16, at which the Ross case was thoroughly discussed, the board directed him to write to Dr. Ross requesting the immediate surrender of his license to practice medicine in North Carolina. The physician complied within a few days, mailing his license to Dr. Combs.

Notification of the revocation of license has been sent by Dr. Combs to Judge Zeb V. Nettles, who presided over the criminal court hearing in Carthage on May 21, at which testimony was introduced of the doctor's confession of having performed an illegal operation. A copy of the letter of the Medical Board was also sent to state's attorney, M. G. Boyette.

Following the request for surrender of the doctor's license, the letter to Dr. Ross as quoted by Dr. Combs, continued: "(and the board further requests) that you desist from the practice of medicine until your present status in the court of Moore County has been clarified."

In notifying this newspaper of the action of the board of Medical Examiners, Dr. Combs referred to his conversation with The Pilot on June 2 concerning the Ross case. He noted the fact, as reported by The Pilot, that there was a certain amount of apprehension in the community regarding the status of the confessed abortionist, and said that he felt confident the board would take this into consideration. He made it clear that the board did not act as a court of law and said that whatever action they took would, of necessity, await the outcome of the trial of Dr. Ross, set for the August term of court, before becoming permanent. However, Dr. Combs said today, when it was realized that Dr. Ross had confessed to his crime, the board felt that prompt and drastic action was necessary.

The Deacon and The Bishop



Lewis Hodgkins, newly ordained deacon, and Bishop Edwin A. Penick, Episcopal Bishop of North Carolina, stand at the door of Emmanuel Church, following the service of ordination.

Ordination of Lewis Hodgkins As Episcopal Deacon Is Impressive Rite

In a ceremony of great impressiveness and beauty, that took place Tuesday morning at Emmanuel church, Lewis Hodgkins was ordained a deacon of the Episcopal church.

Distinguished clergy of the state and nearby parishes attended the ceremony, several taking active part. They included: the Right Reverend Edwin A. Penick, Bishop of North Carolina, the Rev. Charles V. Covell, rector of Emmanuel; the Rev. Harry S. Cobey of Hamlet; the Rev. Joseph O'Brien, chaplain of Episcopal students at Duke university, the alma mater of the young candidate. Also Dr. Thaddeus S. Cheatham of Pinehurst, the Rev. O'Kelly Whittaker of St. Andrews church, Charlotte; the Rev. Peter C. Robinson of Rockingham and the Rev. Robert Insko of Irwin.

The sermon of ordination was preached by the Rev. Davis Yates of Chapel Hill, who took the place of the Rev. Dean Craighill Brown of the Theological Seminary, Sewanee, Tenn., and former rector of Emmanuel church, who was prevented by illness from attending. Mr. Hodgkins graduated from the seminary in June.

In the congregation were the parents of the young candidate for ordination, Mr. and Mrs. N. L. Hodgkins, his brother George, his grandmother, Mrs. Abraham, and his uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Pethick. Another brother, Norris, Jr., sang in the choir.

Forming in procession outside

Peach Crop Promises Bonanza Market To Jubilant Sandhills Peach Growers

The heat has got everybody down but the farmers. For once they are happy.

Peachmen, in particular, are going around with broad grins over the prices fetched by the early crop. Though, by local connoisseurs, early peaches are looked down on as a staple crop, to those individual growers who happen to have a few, and have them just at the right time, the crop is a bonanza.

Out on the southern edge of the county last week, for instance, Farmer Nelson of Ellerbe was getting as high as \$8 a bushel for Mayflowers; at Candor \$7.50 was the report from local observers. Fantastic prices, they said. A Candor peach-grower, Mrs. Capel, also had the record of producing the first peaches of the 1952 season sold anywhere in the United States.

J. Hawley Poole and Clyde Auman, top peach growers, of West End, reported that the prospects for the whole crop this year are excellent. Neither one goes in for early peaches, but they are expecting to make heavy ship-

JULY 4 CLOSINGS

The Citizens Bank and Trust company of Southern Pines and the Carolina Bank at Pinehurst will be closed July 4 and 5, Friday and Saturday, they have announced. Other places of business in Southern Pines will be closed July 4.

Maternal Welfare Committee Honors Mrs. Worth McLeod

Mrs. Worth McLeod, member of the nursing staff of the county Health Department, was honored on Friday at a luncheon given for her by the Moore County Maternal Welfare Committee.

Meeting at Weymouth, the home of Mrs. James Boyd, co-chairman of the committee with Mrs. Talbot Johnson, now abroad, the committee of women presented to Mrs. McLeod a silver bowl in recognition of her service in the work for the mothers and babies of the county, sponsored by the organization.

Those taking part in the presentation were, besides the co-chairman: Mrs. W. D. Sabiston, treasurer, of Carthage, Mrs. Paul P. McCain, a former chairman, now Dean of Women at Flora Macdonald college, Mrs. A. P. Thompson of Pinehurst, Mrs. Walter C. MacNeille of Pinebluff, and Mrs. James B. Sweet, Mrs. J. H. Towne, and Mrs. Katherine McCall, chairman of the executive committee of the Directors of the Moore County Hospital.

The bowl, a reproduction of a Paul Revere design, bore the inscription: EDITH BAIN McLEOD, FROM THE MOORE COUNTY MATERNAL WELFARE COMMITTEE: IN GRATEFUL APPRECIATION OF OUTSTANDING SERVICE.

The gift was presented by Mrs. Boyd who said she found it hard to find words to express the admiration and gratitude of the committee for the exceptional service rendered by Mrs. McLeod during the years she has headed this work. Stating that the committee intended to continue unabated their support of this health department program, she said the gift was intended both as a tribute to the achievement of the past and a pledge that the happy association between the committee and Mrs. McLeod in this work will continue.

Further recognition of Mrs. McLeod's training and experience was noted in the fact, as reported at the meeting which followed the luncheon, that she has been chosen to teach at the State Institute of Maternal Health to be held at Fayetteville in August.

This is the first such program offered by the state and includes an intensive two weeks' training course for midwives.

Due to the rearrangement of duties in the health department last fall, Mrs. McLeod was moved from the specialized program and assigned the general health work in one section. Up to that time she had been at the head of the maternal welfare program of the county health department. Trained, through the efforts of the Maternal Welfare Committee, at the famous Lobenstine Midwifery Clinic in New York, Mrs. McLeod came here to take over from Miss Margaret McQueen. She organized the present system of prenatal and well-baby clinics, and also taught the midwives of the county and checked on their license qualifications. Directly visible testimony to the success of her work in this field was the fact that the maternal death rate, which had been very high, dropped within a few years of the establishment of the clinics.

RUMMAGE SALE

The Sandhill Tennis association is sponsoring a rummage sale of clothing, kitchen utensils, and toys in the Sandhill Seafood Market building on Saturday.

The proceeds from this sale go to help finance expenses of the tournaments sponsored during the spring and summer months by the Tennis association. Any persons having materials which can be donated for this sale are asked to call Mrs. William F. Bowman or Mrs. Stanley Austin. Members of the Tennis association will pick up any donations.

Carthage Jaycees Plan High Jinks For July Fourth

County To Take Part In Annual Whoop-la

Plans are completed and the stage is all set for the big Fourth of July celebration to be held in Carthage next Friday under the sponsorship of the Carthage Junior Chamber of Commerce.

Those who attend this big attraction will hear plenty of patriotic music for the Jaycees will have on hand an army band from Fort Bragg and also the well-known Raleigh municipal musical organization. Both will give concerts throughout the day.

The celebration will start promptly at nine o'clock with a welcome address by Mayor Archie Barnes. Following Mr. Barnes' speech the Raleigh band will present a 20-minute concert beginning at 9:10. Another band concert, by Ft. Bragg, takes place at 11:45.

North Carolina Commissioner of Agriculture L. Y. (Stag) Ballentine will give the main address of the day at 9:30. He will be introduced by Eighth District Solicitor M. G. Boyette.

At the conclusion of Mr. Ballentine's address the street events will get under way on the courthouse square under the direction of co-chairmen Billy Bryant and Clinton Campbell. These two and their committee have been busy the past few days getting ready for these events and it is said they have a number of surprise contests up their sleeve besides the usual watermelon contests, water fights, foot races and so on.

Climax of the morning events will be the beauty contest which is set for 11:15 at which time a large number of Moore county's loveliest girls will take the stage. Paul Blackburn and David Ginsburg, co-chairmen of this part of the day's program have received word from a number of individuals and business firms from over the county who have entered contestants in the event.

The winner of the contest will reign over the festivities and will be crowned queen at the grand ball that night. Last year's winner, the former Miss Faye Johnson, (Continued on Page 8)

Brown and Page Race In County Election Draws Voter Interest

HOT

That's what the figures say, too: HOT.

Temperatures for the last ten days have run over 90 degrees. That's hot anywhere and, for the Sandhills, such a long unbroken stretch of sizzling weather is almost unheard of. We get it hot, but not often that long. . . or there'd be none here to tell.

Highest temperature recorded was on Wednesday when the mercury hit 100 by weatherman Tom Kelly's report. Before that it ran at 96, 95, 94, 93, 95, 97, 91. And today, it stands at 97 at 10:30 a. m.

Only comfort: it's hot everywhere. Would you call that "cold" comfort or not? Not.

New Interne Joins Medical Staff At Moore County

Moore County hospital is to have its first medical interne.

On July 1, Dr. John Porter will join the hospital staff, it was reported by Thomas Howerton, assistant administrator of the hospital.

Dr. Porter is a graduate of Harvard and Washington university, St. Louis Medical school. He comes to Moore county to fill in the time until the new Medical School of the University of North Carolina is opened. Duration of the new interne's stay at Moore County will be at least two months, possibly more. Due to the delay in finishing the Chapel Hill buildings, the university is placing the doctors and internes, scheduled to start work there in July, in various hospitals throughout the state. Meantime the actual date of opening remains uncertain.

Dr. Porter will come to Moore County as a resident interne in medicine and will serve under Dr. (Continued on Page 8)

Local Contest May Be Close

Two important political contests, one on a statewide level and the other countywide, will be presented to Moore County voters for decision in a second Democratic primary Saturday.

Polling places and officials will be the same as in the first primary May 31. Hours will also be the same—6:30 to 6:30. In Southern Pines the polling place is the fire station, with Mrs. Grace Kaylor as registrar. In Aberdeen, where many citizens of the Southern Pines community vote, it is the Legion Hall. J. K. Ferree is registrar.

The state contest will be run off between Judge William H. Bobbitt, of Charlotte, challenger, and Judge R. Hunt Parker of Rosnoke Rapids. Both are superior court judges of high standing. Judge Parker presides over the Third Judicial district, of the eastern division. Judge Bobbitt, of the 14th Judicial district of the western division, comprising Mecklenburg and Gaston counties, has the endorsement of the Moore County Bar.

It is the county runoff, however, which holds the greatest interest locally. This is the race for county solicitor between two attorneys W. Lamont Brown of Southern Pines and Robert N. Page III of Aberdeen. Brown had only a 23-vote margin over Page, the challenger, in the May 31 vote. Both candidates have their roots deep in Moore County political history. Both are Democrats by heritage as well as personal conviction.

Both Moore County Men Mr. Brown is the grandson of Dr. J. R. Brown, who settled at Carthage more than 100 years ago. Before the Civil war he combined for many years the duties of medical doctor and county register of deeds. He married Miss Annette Judson Bean of Carthage, and they lived at the county seat during the difficult days of the Civil war and the Reconstruction era. Dr. Brown was the owner of the (Continued on Page 8)



West End Plant Celebrates 25 Years As Makers Of Sandhills Furniture Under Von Canon Family

This year the Sandhills Furniture Corporation of West End is celebrating its twenty-fifth anniversary.

The big plant with its low roofs and the white strangely curving funneled smokestack and the attractive display room facing the road through town, lies along side the Norfolk and Southern Railroad tracks, where the road branches off toward Jackson Springs.

It looks quiet from the outside, almost peaceful; the windows of the shop show a cozy bedroom scene: rugs, chintzy curtains, the furniture in a colonial design; the office be-

yond, looks almost sleepy. But see the parked cars nearly encircling it; hear the muffled thud of machinery, the whirr of lathes, and you know there's a lot going on in there behind the brick walls.

And there is. One thing that's going on is 500 beds a day. Going in at one door as raw lumber, coming out at another as spool beds, sleigh beds, four posters of every variety, to make good on the proud claim: "Sandhills Furniture Corporation: World's Largest Manufacturer of Odd Poster Beds."

That's not mentioning the suites of bedroom furniture that

are responsible for part of that whirring and thudding machinery.

But that's jumping ahead. Twenty-five years ago, when the factory was started, the noise of the machines would have been just a whisper compared to today. But it didn't seem like a whisper to West End: the people felt pretty excited about it. It was their first industry and, big or small, it was going to be worth watching.

There isn't much doubt about its size now, but twenty-five years ago, the Sandhills Furniture Corporation was just a single (Continued on page 5)

Missing Banigans Continue To Be Sought In Vain

Whether "no news is good news" is liable to be a matter of dispute with those who are engaged in trying to locate the Missing Banigans.

Thus far no trace of the whereabouts of Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Banigan has been discovered by the numerous people who would like very much to get in touch with the former real estate operators of Southern Pines. It is reported that private detective agencies will be allowed time to locate the pair before more serious measures will be taken involving agencies of the law.

Among those vitally interested in tracking down the missing couple are the Elks, the board of Brown Memorial Church, W. D. Sabiston, acting attorney for the Boring interests, as well as a good many others who were in process of dealing with Mrs. Banigan in connection with real estate purchases. In some cases, including that of the church, purchase prices had changed hands, in others deeds are being held up because of inability to contact the agents.

Pending against Mr. and Mrs. Banigan are charges of contempt of court for failure to appear at repeatedly postponed hearings and failure to produce documents in connection with a civil suit brought against them by Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Sherman of Hartford, Conn. Last report of the couple is that they were seen in New York where, it is said, Mrs. Banigan told friends they did not intend to return here.