

Education Bldg. For Presbyterian Church Is Planned

Chairman Dwight, Committee Okayed By Congregation

Plans for an educational building for Brownson Memorial Presbyterian church, tentative until a short while ago, became definite last Sunday with the approval of the executive chairman and four working committees.

The nomination of F. M. Dwight as executive building committee chairman was adopted by the congregation in meeting after the morning service, also of the following committees:

Construction—J. W. Causey, chairman; Hubert Cameron, C. J. Simons, Howard Butler, C. L. White, Donald Case.

Finance—A. H. Grant, Harold Collins, co-chairmen; Henry L. Graves, J. M. Pleasants, W. E. Blue, Mrs. Claude Reams, Mrs. Howard Butler.

Promotion—Paul C. Butler, chairman; Walter F. Harper, Clyde G. Council, Maxwell R. Forrest, Mrs. Dorothy Avery, Mrs. Dan R. McNeill, Mrs. George Heintz.

Women's Interest—Mrs. C. L. White, chairman; Mrs. Walter F. Harper, Mrs. Joe Marley, Mrs. Hal Adams, Mrs. Joe Steed.

Tentative plans as presented to the congregation early this month called for a one-story building, though it is understood these plans have now been changed and it is hoped to build a two-story edifice, finishing each floor as needed. The committees are now at work on specific plans and cost estimates and it is anticipated that construction will begin within a short time.

PINGPONG TOURNNEY

Billy Hamel, defending champion, and Deryl Holliday have been seeded No. 1 and No. 2 respectively in the boys' division of the ping-pong tournament, which will be held next week as part of the summer recreation program.

About 25 boys have entered the tournament, and about eight girls, said Director Irie Leonard. Pairings of unseeded players will be drawn Thursday. Play will be held from 10 a. m. to 12 noon at the Fox Hole every morning next week, starting Monday, with finals probably Friday.

This will be the next-to-last week of the summer program, which will wind up with a big picnic Friday, August 22.

"Shooting Stars" Tonight

The two-night run of the big local-talent variety show "Shooting Stars," opening Thursday night at Weaver auditorium, will come to a smashing climax tonight (Friday). Curtain time is 8:13 p. m.—that's right, 8:13.

Tonight's big feature will be the crowning of the King and Queen with other royalty in the Baby Contest. This will be held first, so the young contestants can be home by bedtime.

The show is being staged for the benefit of the Church of Wide Fellowship building fund, with Miss Nyla Anne Jester of Indianapolis as director. It has a dozen acts plus specialty numbers, representing a television show with all the big stars.

Musical acts by Mrs. L. D. McDonald at the piano and Jimmy Lawson at the Hammond organ. Stars scintillating in the various acts will be as follows: Milton Berle, played by Lloyd Woolley; Jack Bailey, by Duke Whiting, heading up a real "Queen for a Day" show complete with candidates from the audience, quiz questions and prizes; Roy Acuff, by Gurney Bowles, old-time fiddler from N. Carolina who is probably more famous in these parts than Acuff; Kate Smith, Miss Mervia Benjamin (with stuffing); Fred Waring, Buster Doyle, and Joanne Wheatley, singer with the Waring band, Miss Carolina Hoskins.

Layton Hall will contribute singing commercials.

Ross Trial On Calendar Next Week; Two Murder Cases For Grand Jury

FOOTBALL PRACTICE

Time marches on—the first call for football practice is being sounded.

Coach Irie Leonard announced this week that practice will start Tuesday, August 26. All high school boys planning to go out for football are asked to be at the High School Memorial field at 10 a. m. that day ready for work. Practice is expected to be well under way by the time school begins Wednesday, September 3.

Citizens Seeking District Highway Post For Lockey

A movement in support of Forrest Lockey of Aberdeen for appointment as Sixth District highway commissioner gained impetus Monday when a large delegation of prominent Sandhills citizens appeared before the county commissioners in his behalf.

Three members of the Aberdeen town board presented a resolution from their board in support of Mr. Lockey, who has been mayor of Aberdeen for the past 11 years.

To their appeal the commissioners responded by a unanimous endorsement, passing a resolution of their own for good measure. The two resolutions, and others which may be secured later, will be handed to Governor-Nominate W. B. Umstead in hopes he will appoint the Aberdeen man following his election and inauguration.

It is anticipated the Southern Pines town board will pass a similar resolution, with more expected from other governing bodies of the county and district.

Aberdeen town commissioners presenting their resolution were A. J. Smith, N. A. Pleasants and M. B. Pleasants.

Composing the delegation in support of them were: Carthage—Sheriff C. J. McDonald.

Southern Pines—Mayor C. N. Page, W. Lamont Brown.

Pinehurst—W. A. Leland McKeithen, chairman of the Moore County Democratic Executive Committee.

Aberdeen—Rep. H. Clifton Blue, Judge J. Vance Rowe, G. C. Seymour, A. F. Dees, F. D. Shamburger.

Pinebluff—Mayor E. H. Mills, N. L. VanBoskerck.

Mr. Lockey is vice-president and assistant to the president of the Aberdeen & Rockfish railroad, with offices at Aberdeen. He started with the Aberdeen and Rockfish about 34 years ago as Aberdeen town agent, while living

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Judge Will Pless Will Preside Over Criminal Terms

With 56 cases calendared for superior court next week, 10 more to go up before the grand jury and several added since the calendar was completed, it looks like a full week at Carthage for Judge J. Will Pless, Jr.

Several cases of unusual interest are due to be tried before the Marion jurist, sitting in Moore county for the first time in six years.

Attracting much attention will be the trial of Dr. W. H. Ross of West Southern Pines on a charge of performing an abortion, for which a true bill was found against the Negro physician at the May term. Dr. Ross admitted performing the abortion on a young white woman of Southern Pines, married and a mother. It is not known as yet what defense will be offered, if any, in behalf of Dr. Ross. It is considered likely that he will throw himself on the mercy of the court, since in preliminary hearing last May he admitted the act, and testimony was taken also from Mrs. Ada Jeanette Goodhue as chief witness for the State.

Facts concerning the abortion were brought to light when Mrs. Goodhue became ill, and had to be taken to Moore County hospital, where she told doctors what had been done.

Most of the rest of the court calendar is taken up with highway safety violation cases, with some assault and liquor cases, the majority coming up on appeal from county recorders court.

On the warrant docket for grand jury action are two murder cases, those against Robert Leroy Alston, charged with shooting Charles James, and William McGregor, charged with shooting James Blue. All are Negroes.

Also waiting grand jury action are Grady Martin of Joanna, S. C., and Donald Herbert Hendrix of Pilot, Va., both charged with careless and reckless driving and manslaughter in connection with fatal highway accidents in June and July.

Three principals in a prolonged grudge fight which brought members of two families into court three or four times will go up for indictment for aggravated assault. They are Harvey Ketter, Ellis Ritter and Charley Kennedy.

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Sandhills Tourney Will Be Major Tennis Event Here

The Fourth Annual Sandhills Invitational Tennis tournament will be held here Wednesday through Sunday, August 20-25, according to announcement by Angelo Montesanti, Jr., president of the sponsoring Sandhills Tennis association.

Invitations went out this week to players in the 1951 tournament, also a number of others who have indicated interest, in Raleigh, Sanford, Durham, Wilmington, Chapel Hill, Rocky Mount and various other North Carolina towns, also some in South Carolina. Players interested in receiving invitations are asked to contact Harry Lee Brown, Jr., tournament chairman, at Box 745, Southern Pines.

South Carolina net stars went off with the top trophies last summer. These were Mrs. Sara Rush-ton Walters and Frank Spears, both of Greenville. It is anticipated they will be on hand to defend their titles, with several other players from that city.

Events scheduled include singles and doubles in both men's and women's divisions, also mixed doubles. There will be no junior division as the juniors have just held their own highly successful tournament on the Southern Pines courts.

The Southland hotel, Colonial Inn guest home and Southern Pines Cottages are offering special hospitality to the visiting players, and the three town restaurants are joining in with discounts on their meals, as a courtesy to the "tennis crowd," which is always welcome and a center of attention while in the Sandhills.

Carthage Loses Oldest Warehouse In Morning Blaze

Firemen Aided By New Truck Save Nearby Buildings

Fire breaking out about 2:30 a. m. Wednesday razed the McConnell tobacco warehouse at Carthage, causing loss estimated at between \$40,000 and \$50,000.

W. D. Carter, one of the owners, said the loss is only partially covered by insurance. Along with the 32,000 square feet of floor space, a large number of tobacco baskets, a dozen or more hand trucks and a set of weighing scales were lost.

This was the second large warehouse fire at Carthage in 33 months. Smothers Brothers Warehouse No. 1 was destroyed in a spectacular fire the night of December 6, 1949, also the equipment of the Penn Premier Shows which was in winter storage there.

In a way, the second fire was more disastrous to the owners of the building, as things were being readied for the start of the selling season, due to open September 2. However, a sizeable addition was recently built to the McConnell warehouse, Carthage's oldest, and Mr. Carter said sales would go forward there, though the space would be somewhat constricted.

McConnells is operated by W. D. and George D. Carter, Jr.

The new addition was saved, also several other nearby buildings, including the Farmers Exchange store and the Ginsburg apartments, by strenuous efforts of the Carthage volunteer firemen, aided by their large, new, modern fire truck. Water sprayed in great white plumes of steam through the high-pressure hose proved effective in combating the flames.

A shower which came up was also helpful in getting the blaze under control by about 6 a. m.

In the 1949 warehouse fire, volunteer departments of other Moore towns were called in. This time, no outside help was found necessary.

Defective wiring was believed to have been the cause.

The fire was first seen by a passing motorist, who sounded his horn vigorously in the night as

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Local Group Will Play At Raleigh —Without Audrey

A good delegation will represent Southern Pines at the seventh annual Eastern Carolina tennis Association championships at Raleigh Wednesday through Sunday—but the brightest star of them all will be missing.

Audrey West Brown will not be present to defend her title as women's champion. What's more it is considered unlikely that she will defend her thrice-won singles crown at the N. C. Closed championships at Greensboro in September, where she is also a four-time winner in women's doubles.

Audrey West has been working in Burlington since last fall and says she has not been able to practice enough to resume tournament play this summer.

Also missing will be her brother Harry Lee Brown, Jr., holder with his sister of the mixed doubles title at both the Eastern Carolina and N. C. Closed. He is doing summer work on his Ph. D. degree at Columbia university.

Southern Pines has other Eastern Carolina champions, however who will be right there defending—Page Choate and Frank de Costa, 1951 winners of the veterans doubles (39 years old and up), who are expected to retain their trophy.

Angelo Montesanti and Malcolm Clark are also entered for the men's events, while Moore County Champion Mildred Gruebl and Millie Montesanti will play in women's events.

Among local entries for junior events are Kenneth Tew, state boys' champion, and Steve Choate, junior boys' champ in Moore. While no girls' events are scheduled, county winner Lillian Bullock and others may go along as entries in those for women.

Robbins Mills Back On Full Week; Orders On Hand For Rest of Year

Robbins Adds Plant In Merger

Merger of Hego Fabrics, Inc. into Robbins Mills, Inc., was announced in New York City Wednesday by Karl Robbins, chairman of the board, who said that while Hego will become a Robbins division it will continue to operate as an independent unit.

Herman Goodman, former head of Hego, has been named a director and vice-president of Robbins, a post formerly held by William P. Saunders, who last May was elected president of Robbins.

As a result of the merger, officers said, the company has a po-

tential volume of about \$75 million a year and will rank among the first five sellers of better-priced synthetics.

Robbins owns weaving mills in Aberdeen, Raeford, Red Springs and Robbins, all in North Carolina, and will take over operation of the Rocky Mount mill formerly controlled by Hego. Robbins also owns Clarksville Finishing Co., Clarksville, Va.

Before he started Hego Fabrics in 1933, Goodman was vice president of Colonial Mills, Inc., predecessor company of Robbins.

Long Recession May Be Ended, Saunders Believes

All Robbins Mills plants are now at work on a five-day or six-day week, for the first time in well over a year, and prospects are good for continued full employment at least until the first of the year, said William P. Saunders, president, this week.

While he would not go so far as to say the recession is definitely over, he said, "Things look better for us now than they have in a good long time." Orders now in process and on the books are sufficient to keep the plants going full tilt for at least the next five months or so, if no more should come in—and more are certainly expected in.

The recession which hit the entire U. S. textile world, beginning some 18 or 20 months ago, slowed production down at Robbins Mills to the place where many departments went on three-day and four-day weeks. Though this was not so bad as in numerous other textile plants, it caused employee hardships and concern among officials. These now seem to be over for the time being.

All types of textiles put out by Robbins Mills, covering a full range of modern synthetics, are in demand, Mr. Saunders said, with nylons topping the list. Limited only by the available yarn is the production of such materials as orlon and dacron, which rose high in popular demand following their development by the DuPonts. Completion of the great new dacron yarn plant now being built by DuPont at Kinston is expected to relieve this bottleneck and open a new era in textile production.

Observer Sees Seawell Campaign As Political Spice

"Seawell Adding Spice to Campaign," said a headline in the Charlotte Observer last week, over an editorial commenting on the activities of the Carthage attorney who is the Republican candidate for governor of North Carolina.

Mr. Seawell is probably the only candidate for this office in the state's history whose father was also once a candidate. The late Judge Seawell, also a great Republican leader in the state, once campaigned as his son is doing now.

The Observer's highly complimentary editorial is reprinted below, as of special interest in Moore county; also Mr. Seawell's characteristic reply. (For more on Mr. Seawell's campaign see Page 15.)

"Herbert F. Seawell is devoted to the political concepts of Abraham Lincoln. To him, the rhapsodist turned debater is the epitome of things to be desired in a chief executive: intelligence, sympathy and patience, all turned with the spoon of Christianity.

"Seawell, as perhaps many North Carolinians don't know, is running for governor on the Republican ticket. He knows it'll be quite a trick to turn back Democrat William B. Umstead, but he's having a lot of fun in the attempt.

The basis of his campaign, aside from the usual cry of Democratic domination for 52 years, is what he calls the inertia of the state Democratic party, its desire to keep the skeleton hidden in securely-locked closets.

He is a great story-teller, one of the best to come down the political pikes in many a day in this state. Better yet is he a mimic, and there's no better forte of his than a take-off on Senators Clyde Hoey and Willis Smith. But underneath is a seriousness, mellowed with wit.

"Seawell's campaign won't be a vicious one. He figures his party can't progress that way, for, he says, the people are tired of antics like that. Besides, he holds Um-

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Masked Robber Stages Holdup, Lands In Jail

A bold masked robber who held up a Deep River storekeeper Saturday night, making off with an undetermined amount in cash and checks, was not so bold the next day when he was easily recognized in his home town, and landed in Carthage jail for lack of bond.

Homer Phillips, 24, young married ex-serviceman of Siler City, father of a young child, admitted the robbery, said Sheriff C. J. McDonald, but claimed that the \$90 cash and \$67 check officers found on him were all he had taken. Wiley Gaines, the robbed man, said he thought the amount was about \$240.

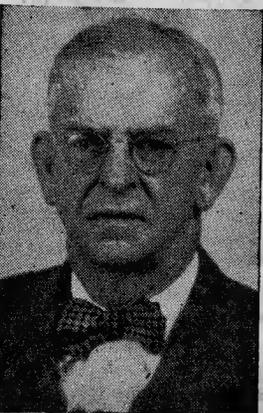
Gaines called Sheriff McDonald as soon as he could reach a telephone after the robbery. Going to the scene at once, the sheriff heard the following story:

Mr. and Mrs. Gaines, with Mr. and Mrs. Frank Gaines, and Mr. and Mrs. Spinks Phillips, were sitting around talking in Wiley Gaines' store near the tale mine when they saw a car stop across the road outside, and a man got out and came bursting into the store. He wore a blue bandanna kerchief tied across his face, with holes cut for eyes.

He pointed a pistol at Gaines and demanded to know where the

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RESIGNS



E. T. McKEITHEN

McKeithen Retires As Administrator Of Moore Hospital

The resignation of Edwin T. McKeithen as administrator of Moore County hospital was announced this week by Norris L. Hodgkins, chairman of the board of directors. The resignation will take effect October 1.

Mr. Hodgkins said the board has appointed Thomas R. Hoverton, assistant administrator during the past year, as successor to Mr. McKeithen.

Mr. McKeithen's resignation was accepted with regret and with the passing of a resolution of tribute to his able and devoted service during the past 21 years.

He assumed the position in 1931, when the hospital had only 33 beds. His period of service covers a time of great growth and expansion for the hospital, during which its capacity has been increased almost fourfold. It now has a capacity of 120 beds and is one of the largest and most progressive such institutions of the area.

His resignation was occasioned

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Aberdeen-Raeford Little Leaguers In Finals Today

The Aberdeen-Raeford All-Stars won their preliminary playoff Tuesday against the Norwood All-Stars at Raeford, and will meet at Aberdeen today.

The game will take place on the Colonial Heights field starting at 5 o'clock, following a consolation game at 3:15. Teams playing in the consolation will be the Norwood All-Stars and a second team from Durham, which has had three in the League this summer.

If the Tuesday game was any indication, today's event will see a record crowd in attendance. About 1,500 were at the Raeford playoff, which was accompanied by considerable civic pomp and ceremony in honor of the two all-star teams.

Aberdeen-Raeford won by a narrow 7-6 score. Jimmy Davis was the winning pitcher, while Wilson Teal scored the winning run, with a four-bagger in the eighth inning. The crowd went wild.

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