

C of C Winding Up Year 'On Less Than Shoestring'

The Chamber of Commerce is winding up its year of activity on something less than a shoestring, it was revealed in the report of Treasurer E. C. Small at the directors' meeting Tuesday night.

He reported assets of \$42.57 in the bank, (exclusive of the special fund for Christmas lights) and bills due and payable amounting to \$132.08. Salary commitments and other operating expenses during December will add an additional \$118.

The Chamber also owes \$150 on the electric mimeographing machine it purchased second-hand in September.

Extra Help

An expense over and above normal operating costs is having to be incurred this month in the employment of full-time, additional help for the auto license sales bureau. Miss Ruth Brown is helping Miss Alice Baxter, secretary, during the two-month rush season.

The license sales rush is earning money for the Chamber which will not be received until January. After some probing of possible ways and means, several of the directors said they would advance funds against these earnings, to be credited on their 1954 memberships. Mr. Small was authorized to call upon them for this help when necessary.

The action was regretfully taken as the Chamber had hoped to close the books December 31 even with the world and perhaps with a surplus. However, this was not to be.

New Election Plan

They felt, though, that for the new board of directors, to be installed in January, the situation would be somewhat easier than in the past. A backlog of old bills totaling almost \$700 has been wiped out during the year, also overhead has been reduced through a move which brought the rent down from \$75 to \$25 a month. Income has been increased through expansion of membership (from 63 to 118) and growing revenue from auto license sales.

New directors will be elected by the membership from a complete list of all members, sent them by mail, according to a plan presented by Earle B. Owen as one successfully employed in other towns. Sixteen names will be checked for a slate of nominees from which, again by mail, seven will be chosen. The secret-ballot vote is expected to be completed by the first of the year. Mr. Owen was named chairman of a special committee to supervise the election, assisted by J. Graves Vann, Jr.

The Tuesday night meeting was the last regular one for 1953, as it was decided not to hold one during the Christmas season unless a special meeting should be necessary.

Dinan Starts As Assistant Farm Agent For County

John Dinan began work Tuesday as assistant Moore County farm agent, succeeding the late W. G. Caldwell on the staff of the office headed by E. H. Garrison of Carthage.

A native of Warren County and a 1952 graduate of State College, Mr. Dinan was recently separated from the armed forces after service in Korea. He and his wife are moving to Carthage from Raleigh and have an apartment at the home of Miss Mary Currie.

Mr. Dinan will supervise 4-H Club activities as part of his Extension Service duties in Moore County. Mr. Garrison said this week, and will also help with the general work of the office. He is an animal husbandry graduate and his services in this line will be of value to the dairy and beef cattle raisers of the county, it was pointed out.

Appointment of Mr. Dinan by the county commissioners brings to its full quota of three the staff of the Moore County farm agent's office. Fleet Allen, a poultry specialist, is the other assistant agent, also helping with the general work of the office.

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Rampage Of Brothers Still A Mystery; Insurance Doesn't Cover Wrecked Cafe

Pure Chance Played Big Part In Attack On Burns Restaurant

The recent rampage of two brothers of near kookbins—Howard Kennedy, 23, and Franklin Kennedy, 20—remains a mystery, said Sheriff C. J. McDonald this week.

The young men were accepted at Dix Hill state mental hospital last week after they had wrecked the drive-in restaurant of A. C. Burns, between Robbins and Robbins Cross Roads the previous Friday night, attacking the proprietor, bystanders and officers who attempted to subdue them.

It was learned from the sheriff that Burns had "every kind of insurance except the kind he needed—that is, for malicious destruction." Damage to the restaurant building and its equipment was estimated at between \$2,000 and \$3,000.

Apparently suffering from a religious mania of some sort, the brothers had repeatedly shouted that the Lord told them to clean up the Burns establishment. Sheriff McDonald said this didn't make sense as the restaurant was, he said, a "very nice place" and he had never had a complaint against it.

From sources in Robbins it was learned that it was apparently pure chance that the Burns restaurant bore the brunt of the young men's violence. They had been at the home of a Robbins man earlier that day and evening, it was reported, engaging in some violence and destruction. The home owner finally persuaded them to get in his car and let him take them home. On the way, they asked to stop for something to eat at the Burns restaurant and almost immediately began their destructive rampage which lasted over an hour before they were subdued, with rope nooses around their necks, by Sheriff McDonald and Deputy A. W. Lambert.

The sheriff said he has been told that the young men "had been reading the Bible and talking religion for more than a week" before the outbreak that sent them to jail and then to Dix Hill.

A wide-spread report that the brothers were under the influence of narcotics was discounted by Sheriff McDonald who said this story got around after a physician said they acted in the manner of persons who had been using narcotics. He cited the fact that the outbreaks of violence and irrational talk continued off and on for almost a week after they were arrested, during which time the effects of narcotics would have worn off.

122 New License Tags Sold First Day of '54 Sale

A total of 122 license plates—108 for autos and 14 for trucks—were sold at the Chamber of Commerce office Tuesday, first day of the 1954 sale, reported Robert F. Cameron, auto license bureau chairman.

This was a gain of more than 25 per cent over last year's opening day, when 95 were sold—79 for autos, 13 for trucks and three for trailers.

In addition to the 1954 tags placed on sale for the first time, a considerable number of 1953 plates were sold. Available now for a nominal sum and good until January 31, these went mostly to out-of-state vehicle owners temporarily located here.

Sale of 1953 licenses has been good right up to the new sale season, said Miss Alice Baxter, Chamber secretary. Many of these have gone to new owners who did not wish to be without use of their new cars even for a few days.

The auto license bureau is open at 105 East Pennsylvania avenue (rear) from 9 a. m. to 5 p. m. daily except Wednesday and Saturday, when it closes at noon.

The all farm products index of prices received by North Carolina farmers at local markets dropped 3.5 percent during the month ending October 15.

Patch Featured As Speaker At GOP Gathering

Charles S. Patch, Jr., Southern Pines merchant and town council member, will use the subject, "Why I Changed My Party Affiliation to The Republican Party," when he appears tonight (Friday) as the featured speaker at a 10-county Republican meeting in the Durham County courthouse at Durham. The meeting is set for 7:30 p. m.

An Eisenhower Democrat who has decided to be a Republican, Mr. Patch is considering becoming a candidate for Congress from the Eighth District. He has been endorsed for the candidacy by a number of State GOP leaders.

At the Durham meeting, an effort will be launched to bring the 1954 Republican convention to that city.

BIRTHS

Births at Moore County Hospital:

November 6—Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Crane, Carthage, a girl; Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Curtis, Vass, a boy.

November 7 — Mr. and Mrs. Hoover Mabe, Jackson Springs, a girl.

November 8—Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Gardner, Robbins, a boy; Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Poole, Raeford, a girl.

November 9—Mr. and Mrs. J. W. McCaskill, Carthage, a boy.

November 10—Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Monroe, Aberdeen, a boy; Pvt. and Mrs. Bobby Ray Preslar, Carthage, a boy.

November 11 — Mr. and Mrs. Archie Ferguson, Aberdeen, a boy; Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Cobler, Rockingham, a girl.

November 12 — Mr. and Mrs. James Young, Hoffman, a girl.

November 13 — Mr. and Mrs. Earl Hendrix, Raeford, a boy.

November 14 — Mr. and Mrs. Roderick Innis, Pinehurst, a girl; Mr. and Mrs. Otis Richardson, Elberle, a boy.

November 15 — Mr. and Mrs. Charles Caddell, Aberdeen, a boy; Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Oldham, Carthage, a girl.

November 16.—Dr. and Mrs. D. W. Whitehead, Southern Pines, a boy; Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Cameron, Vass, a boy.

November 17 — Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Welch, Robbins, a girl.

November 23 — Mr. and Mrs. Carson Cockman, Robbins, a boy; Mr. and Mrs. Dallas Tate, West End, a girl; Mr. and Mrs. Alton V. Phillips, Raeford, a girl.

November 26 — Mr. and Mrs. John M. Davis, Carthage, a girl.

November 28—Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Boulton, West End, a boy.

November 29—Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Whitehead, Robbins, a girl; Mr. and Mrs. Willie Page, Robbins, a boy; Mr. and Mrs. Morris DeWitt, Candor, a boy.

November 30 — Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Kennedy, Robbins, a boy.

December 1—Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Foster, Aberdeen, a girl; Mr. and Mrs. H. P. Shaw, Rockingham, a boy.

Grandmother of Mrs. Vann Dies

Funeral services were held at Baltimore, Md., for Mrs. Lillie E. Diggs, 79, who died at Pinebluff Sanitarium November 18. Mrs. Diggs was the grandmother of Mrs. J. Graves Vann of Southern Pines.

Mrs. Diggs had lived in Raleigh before coming to the Sandhills. She was at the Pinehurst Convalescent Home for about a year before going to Pinebluff.

Survivors are a daughter, Mrs. J. Harold Lampe of Raleigh who is the mother of Mrs. Vann; three grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

WEST SOUTHERN PINES SCHOOL NEWS

The West Southern Pines Yellowjackets will open their basketball season against a strong quarter from Dudley High of Greensboro tonight (Friday) in the school gymnasium at 7:30 p. m.

A P. T. A. meeting will be conducted in the West Southern Pines School auditorium Monday night, December 7, at 8 p. m. All parents are urged to attend.

(More West Southern Pines School News on page 6)

The Great Dismal Swamp in North Carolina is 12 to 15 feet higher than surrounding settlements, which are saved from being flooded by a conic rim around part of the swamp and a system of drainage canals.

Fall is the best season to transplant shrubs and trees.

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