

## R. G. Frye, Jr., Is Fourth Candidate For Sheriff Job

### Carthage Board Member Announces He'll Make Race

Hats are piling up in the ring for Moore County sheriff, subject to the Democratic primary of May 28. The fourth topper for this high office went in this week, that of R. G. Frye, Jr., member of the Carthage town board and proprietor of R. G. Frye and Son, funeral directors, at Carthage.

Mr. Frye, whose father was formerly sheriff, has filed to defeat the man who beat his father at the polls in 1928.

In the race to date are Sheriff C. J. McDonald, who has served continuously since 1928; Wendell G. Kelly of Carthage RFD, a former State Highway Patrol sergeant, and W. H. "Bunch" Sheffield, an Eastwood store proprietor.

Mr. Frye is 37 years old. He graduated from Gupton-Jones Embalming College at Nashville, Tenn., in October 1937 and, after passing the N. C. State Board examination and receiving his license, entered the funeral business with his father. He ran for the office of coroner of Moore County at the age of 21, was elected and served eight years, then declining to seek reelection.

Besides being a Carthage town commissioner he is active in numerous other civic affairs, and has been a member of the Carthage volunteer fire department for 21 years.

He is a member of the Carthage Rotary Club, Southern Pines Elks Lodge and Carthage Baptist Church. He is married to the former Helen Rose Underwood, and they have three sons.

## NEW ART EXHIBIT

Mrs. W. J. Stratton will exhibit some of her portraits of horses and dogs, as well as other art, in the Library Gallery starting Monday.

Patricia Stratton, well-known animal painter, has executed portraits of a good many local horses and dogs, as well as some of the leading lights of turf and field in Saratoga, Millbrook, Virginia, and other hunting and racing circles. Reproductions of some of these have appeared on the cover of the Middleburg Chronicle, and other sporting sheets. She also paints portraits of people.

Mrs. Stratton's two most recently finished paintings, of young Tom Johnston, nephew of Mrs. Lee Page, and his two dogs, and the hunting portrait of Mrs. W. O. Moss on her famed black horse, Dark Victory, will be included in the coming show.

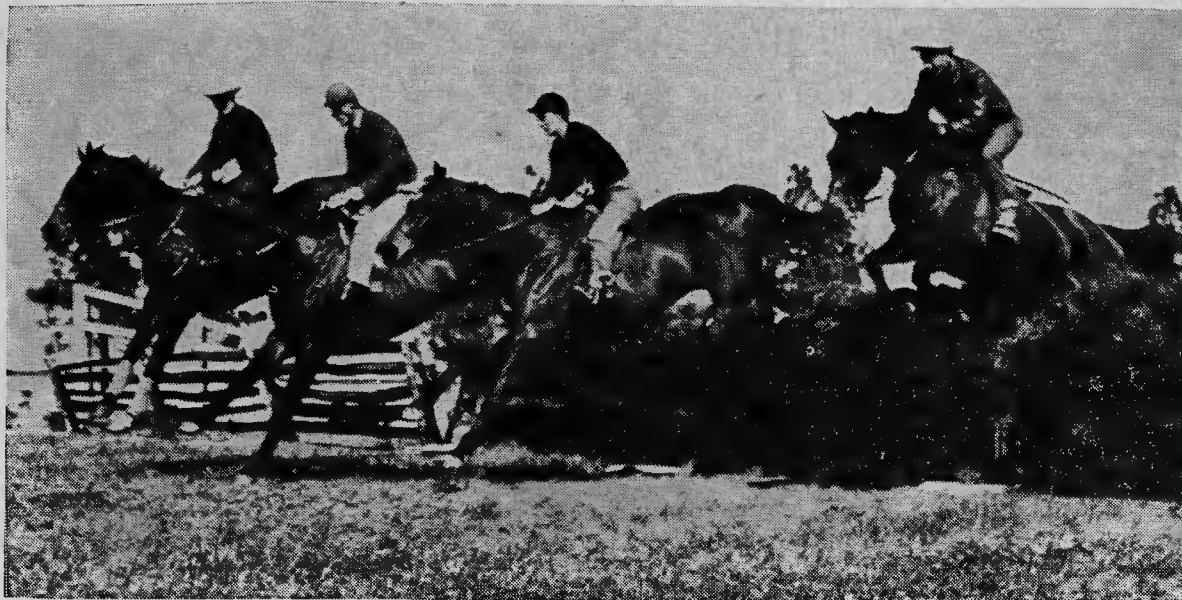
## Camp Mackall Once More Enters Defense Picture

The part Camp Mackall will play in the future plans of the defense forces has been a subject of conjecture hereabouts for many months. Receipt of word from Congressman C. C. Deane, representative for this Eighth District, sheds some light on this question of such importance to this section.

Mr. Deane states that he has received the following wire from the Commander, Tactical Air Command, Langley Air Force Base, Virginia:

"Unit which moved from Laurinburg-Maxton to Camp Mackall, N. C., is Detachment 1 of the

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**EIGHT WINNERS**—This spirited scene shows some of the top horses and riders of this section schooling over the obstacles on the Stoneybrook Racetrack, scene of the forthcoming race meet, scheduled for March 20.

From left: Dooley Adams, on Errolford, owned by Mrs. Clara E. Adams, Carlyle Cameron on King Commander, Joan Walsh on Sun Shower, a Vernon G. Cardy horse. Nearest the camera: Williamsburg ridden by L. P. Tate, Jr.

King Commander and Williamsburg are from the stable of Lawrence Troiano and Michael G.

Walsh and the last three horses are trained by Walsh, leading steeplechase trainer of 1953, both in races and money won. King Commander was leading hurdle racer of last year, with Williamsburg in second place; Sun Shower winner of three out of four steeplechases at Saratoga, Errolford won the Temple Gwathmey.

Of special interest is the fact that three of these riders are residents of the Sandhills, with one, Carlyle Cameron, son of Clifton Cameron, born and brought up within a quarter mile of the race course. (Photo by Humphrey)

## Council Gets Recommendation To Sell Community House, Build New Facilities

### HORSE SHOW

The next in the series of weekly schooling shows being put on by local and visiting horse owners will be held Sunday at 2 p. m. in the show ring at Lakelawn Farms, owned by Mr. and Mrs. D. W. Winkelman.

The public is invited. The series, taking the place of the one big show customarily held in the spring, has aroused much interest and many visitors. Classes are held for both children and adults, with trophies awarded in each class.

### Visitors Invited To Drag Hunt, Set Next Friday

The weekly drag hunt of the Moore County Hounds, usually held on Saturday, will take place on Friday instead next week, on account of the Stoneybrook Race Meeting scheduled for Saturday afternoon.

With hosts of visitors here for the spring season and many more expected to arrive daily next week for the races, special plans are being made for spectator enjoyment of the drag, according to W. O. Moss, joint master of the Hounds.

Spectators are invited to join the members of the field at Stoneybrook Stables at 10 a. m. Friday. The hunt will take off from there, and cars will follow in a caravan led by Joint Master W. J. Brewster and Morris Johnson.

The lead car will guide the caravan to selected spots along the trail where the liveried hunt may be seen to pass on the way to the kill.

The spectators will also be in on the kill, as the guides, with advance knowledge of where it will occur, will get the caravan there before the hounds and hunters arrive.

Master Moss will be in charge of the drag, with Mrs. Moss as first whip and Jack Goodwin as second whip.

### County Democrat Leaders Will Meet

The Moore County Democratic Executive Committee will elect a new chairman Saturday, at a meeting to be held at 11 a. m. in the courthouse at Carthage.

W. A. Leland McKeithen, chairman since September 1950, who has recently been appointed a special judge of superior court, said he will present his resignation at that time, and ask that a new chairman be elected.

The committee will also recommend a successor to T. L. Blue, member of the county board of education, who passed away Monday morning. The nominee must be from either McNeill's or Greenwood township, which compose the district represented by Mr. Blue.

Plans will also be made for welcoming Adlai Stevenson, Democratic party leader, when he visits Moore county the latter part of this month.

## Program And Officials Announced For Stoneybrook Races March 20

### Entries Coming From Top Stables In Many States

The colors will fly at the Stoneybrook track, one-half mile from Southern Pines, Saturday afternoon, March 20, for the seventh Annual Stoneybrook Steeplechase and Race Meeting, which is expected this year to be the best of the series.

Deadline for entries is Saturday, March 13.

### Miss Sears Here For Race Meeting; Goldilocks To Run

Miss Eleanora Randolph Sears of Brookline, Mass., one of the country's greatest women athletes of all time arrived Thursday morning in her private car via the Palmland to stay until the Stoneybrook Race Meeting Saturday, March 20.

Miss Sears, owner of a stable of champion show horses, and famed veteran of the race tracks, will watch her only race horse Goldilocks II make his debut as a hurdle racer at Stoneybrook. He has been in training for the past year under Michael G. Walsh at Stoneybrook Stables.

Her half dozen show horses with their private trainer, Gabor Faltani, are stabled on the P. S. F. Randolph place near the Knollwood Airport. They made the circuit of the northern shows last summer under Walsh's supervision, scoring numerous wins. One of them, Sidonia, ridden by Joan Walsh, was champion working hunter of the National Horse Show at Madison Square Garden.

Miss Sears, independent-minded daughter of a wealthy Bostonian, became America's greatest woman tennis player as a girl, in the early years of this century. Later she became a champion cross-country hiker, thinking nothing of a 40-mile walk in a day, and hanging up records with no sex restrictions. All this made big news in a day when well-born young ladies customarily led rather prim and sheltered lives.

She is still walking, and just last week took a brisk 17-mile stroll from Boston to Brighton. Though ladies today do about as they please, that still is news.

Race horses were a great interest with her for a good many years, and her stable colors of white and black were seen on winners at all the major tracks. This is an interest she is resuming with the eight-year-old gelding Goldilocks II. After the Stoneybrook meeting, which will open the racing season nationally, he will most likely go on the major circuit in care of Walsh.

Miss Sears is staying at The Southland.

Sanctioned in 1953 by the hunts committee of the National Steeplechase and Hunt Association, the meeting will be the official opener for the racing season nationally.

A seven-race card will be presented as usual, starting at 2 p. m. There will be some differences, however, from former years. Eliminated are the children's race, also the mule race, a comic feature which at previous race meetings wound up the event.

Four of the races will be under sanction, and will carry purses as well as trophies for their winners. These are the Sandhills Cup, two and a quarter miles over timber, for a \$500 purse; The Yaddin Purse, a one-and-a-half mile hurdle test for maidens, \$400; the Silver Run, six furlongs over turf, \$400; and a new race, the Stoneybrook Open, over hurdles, with \$500 stake.

Non-sanctioned races will be the colorful Pink Coat, for members of the Moore County Hounds on their hunters, in full livery, two miles over timber; the Ladies Race, six furlongs on the flat, and a trial race for two-year-olds.

Race officials were announced (Continued on Page 8)

### Mystery Wraps Wrecked Car On Bethesda Road

Two one-car accidents—one of which remained a mystery this week—took place in this area Saturday, according to information from the State Highway Patrol.

A 1947 Ford was found turned over and practically demolished near Powell's Pond on the Bethesda road, having apparently been wrecked when it went out of control on a curve some time Saturday afternoon.

The investigating patrolman said the car had Georgia license plates. There was no sign that anyone had been hurt. Checking by the patrol to determine the owner and driver of the car was continuing this week.

Sgt. Thomas J. Kennedy, temporarily stationed at Camp Mackall, ran off the left side of No. 1 highway in his 1951 Chevrolet south of Pinebluff about 3:30 a. m. Saturday, damaging his car to an extent of about \$475, but not injuring himself.

Kennedy walked away from the wreck which was later reported to a highway patrolman who located the sergeant. He was arrested and was convicted of operating an automobile on the left side of the highway, causing an accident. He said that he had been blinded by the lights of an oncoming truck.

### Thad L. Blue, County Leader, Passes Suddenly

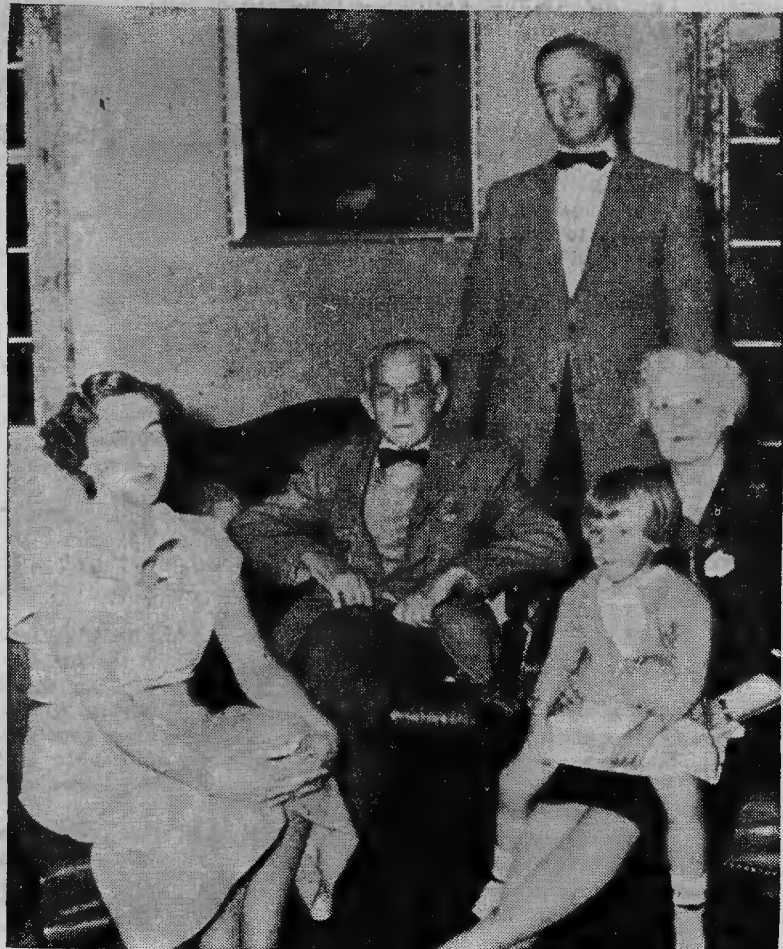
Thaddeus L. Blue, 62, prominent farmer of the Eureka community, member of the county board of education and a former Moore County commissioner, died suddenly at his home early Monday morning following a heart attack.

Funeral services were held at 3 p. m., Tuesday at Eureka Presbyterian church, conducted by Rev. Grover C. Currie, pastor. Members of Carthage Masonic Lodge No. 181 served as honorary and active pallbearers and conducted burial rites in the family plot in the church graveyard.

Mr. Blue was born February 19, 1892, in the same home in which he died, then the old McLean homeplace, where he spent all his life except for a period of Navy service in World War I. He was the son of John A. and Sarah Jane McLean Blue, members of Scottish pioneer families. He was a lifelong member and a deacon of the Eureka church and was teacher of the Men's Bible class when he died.

He served on the board of county commissioners from 1942 to 1950, and later was appointed to membership on the county board of education. He was a longtime member of the Masonic Lodge.

Surviving are his wife, the former Mary Kelly, one daughter, Carolyn, and three sons, Thaddeus L., Kenton and John Kelly Blue, all of the home; four sisters, Mrs. John W. Blue, Mrs. Martin McLeod and Mrs. D. Archie Blue, all of Carthage Rt. 3, and Mrs. Lemuel Thompson, of Norfolk, Va.; and two brothers, D. J. and John M. Blue of Carthage Rt. 3.



**CONVERSATION PIECE:** Two generations of Burts talk and a third listens. The Nathaniel Burts and daughter, Margery, join Mr. and Mrs. Struthers Burt at Weymouth, for a talk about Author-Composer Nathaniel's novel and orchestral composition, both produced since their last meeting. (Pilot Staff Photo)

## Nathaniel Burt, New Author, Visits His Author Parents Here

Spending a few days at Weymouth, the writing son of writing parents relaxed early this week from a strenuous musical and literary career and told how it felt to have a first novel praised by critics from coast to coast.

Nathaniel Burt, 41-year-old son of Struthers and Katharine Newlin Burt, was in Southern Pines with his wife, the former Margaret Clinton, of New York, and their little daughter, two-and-a-half-year-old Margery. They arrived late last week from a Florida vacation, leaving Wednesday for their home in Princeton, N. J.

At Weymouth, the home of Mrs. James Boyd, they joined Mr. Burt's parents who are spending several months here. The reunion was the first meeting since Christmas, and the first since the fine reviews the new novel has been receiving have started com-

ing in. So there was plenty to talk over. And note-comparing to be done as Author Son and Author Parents talked over what happens when your first attempt makes the grade.

All three of these authors have now had this experience. Struthers Burt's first novel "The Interpreter's House," was a best seller, and he had the unusual record of never having received a publisher's rejection slip. Mrs. Burt has had much the same experience, her first novel, "The Branding Iron," being a record-breaker for sales. A record that held up during a writing career that included 28 novels and many stories.

"Scotland's Burning" Nathaniel Burt's novel that is now drawing praise from reviewers, is in (Continued on Page 8)



**THE HOUSE IN THE HORSESHOE LADY,** Mrs. P. P. Pelton, is shown holding in her hand a coverlet woven by women living on the old Alston place, now taken over as a project for restoration by the state. The key is for the original front door lock. Mrs. Pelton was born in the famous old house and estimates the quilt, which she has always kept, was woven some 60 years ago. See story on page 6. (Photo by V. Nicholson)

### Cemetery Report, Knollwood Contract Up For Discussion

Recommendations for the financing and carrying forward of a full recreation program, with adequate swimming facilities and community centers on both sides of town, were contained in a report of the Municipal Recreation Commission presented before the town council in regular session Tuesday night.

A start was seen in the recommendation that the present Community Building on South May street be sold, as it was said to be unsuitably located and little used, and the proceeds used toward providing more adequate facilities for both white and Negro citizens.

A motion to this effect was placed before the council by Councilman Gilmore, for action at a second meeting to be held tonight (Friday). This was in accord with the council's new policy of discussion at one meeting, action at another.

The full motion is that the present building be sold, \$400 of the proceeds be applied to the improvement of the West Side lake, and the balance be invested at interest until such time as the rest of the recreation program can be carried out.

**Two Centers Proposed**  
Items in the Commission's report were: (1) that a clear title be secured as soon as possible to the West Side Lake property; (2) that the lake be improved by repairing the dam and other needed work; (3) that "practical and adequate" community centers be built for both East and West Southern Pines, the former to cost approximately \$20,000, the latter \$10,000, to be paid for by proceeds of the sale of the building, contributions from citizens, organizations and churches, and money given as memorials; (4) that the maximum tax authorized by vote of the taxpayers (set by statute at 10 cents per \$100, with a minimum of three cents) for recreation purposes be levied by the Town; and (5) that the swimming lakes and community centers be maintained by the town street department.

Sites were suggested for both buildings, with reminder that they had been selected without regard to an overall planning picture, and so should be considered as suggestions only.

**Cemetery Report**  
A report from the community advisory committee's subcommittee on the operation of Mt. Hope cemetery coming up for discussion, the council decided to invite the committee to attend the Friday evening meeting. Mayor Clark said several items might well be studied further, in the light of cemetery statistics. These, presented by City Manager Cunningham, indicated that, neither under the present plan nor that recommended by the subcommittee, would the cemetery be self-sustaining. He advised that, before any revisions are made, it should be determined whether the cemetery is to continue as a tax liability, or become a revenue producer.

**Opening of Street**  
A request made by W. E. Hughes, that South Saylor Street be opened across property belonging to Mrs. Maude Creeley to the Old Pinehurst Road, apparently had the full favor of the council. Besides opening up considerable property and making several homes more accessible, it will greatly shorten the distance traveled by town motorized equipment to and from the cemetery and the garbage disposal ground, Mayor Clark pointed out, providing a saving in time and money to the taxpayers.

Efforts to contact Mrs. Greeley have proved unavailing, and City Manager Cunningham said he would make a final "determined effort" before condemnation proceedings are considered.

**Service Station Ordinance**  
W. Lamont Brown, town attorney, reporting as requested on the constitutionality of the town ordinance covering the building of service stations, said he could give no opinion. In view of the scantiness of law covering the matter, the present ordinance should be considered valid until a court rules otherwise, was his advice. (Continued on page 8)