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Where every minute presents something new in adventure, has recently been visited by our news editor. His accounts appears on page 12 in today's Pilot.

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EDUCATION

In the public schools is at the stage of crisis, thinks Dr. Henry Steele Comager of Harvard University. His comments are on the editorial page (page 2) today.

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McPherson Gives Up Chairmanship Local Red Cross

Cites Pressure Of Business As Principal Cause

Garland McPherson, chairman of the Moore County chapter, American Red Cross, for the past four years, yesterday announced his retirement from this position, which he said was necessitated by increasing pressure of business affairs.

McPherson has worked closely with the local Red Cross chapter since coming to the Sandhills following World War 2 service as an officer in the U. S. Marine Corps. He served several terms as chapter treasurer, and it was largely through his efforts the chapter became the owner of its present office building. He later served as vice-chairman, becoming chairman in 1953.

He expressed appreciation to the people of Moore County for their support of him and of the chapter during these years, and said he was grateful for the adoption of the Red Cross blood program approved by the chapter directors last Friday night.

"One of my fondest desires has been accomplished by the establishment of the Red Cross blood program in Moore," he said. "Free blood will soon be available to all residents of the county, through their hospitals. A strong blood program chairman has been named and the remainder of the job is now one of administration in his capable hands; therefore I feel that my retirement will in no way adversely affect this project. I will always stand ready to assist the local Red Cross chapter and its officials in every possible way," he added.

While participation in the regional program, with Bloodmobile service, will not begin until next fall, much of the planning has already been done and groundwork laid through McPherson's interest as chairman.

He is a certified public accountant and president of Seating, Inc., a manufacturing project located at Robbins. Since coming to the Sandhills he has been president of the Kiwanis Club, an active member of Emmanuel Episcopal Church, superintendent of the Sunday School and on many committees for civic work.

As a Kiwanian he headed a movement to establish driver education in all the county schools, which, while it could not be adopted at that time, led to much interest in this project and related activities for safety education. He is a past president of the North Carolina Association of Certified Public Accountants.

New Director Of Nursing Named

Mrs. Juanita Pickard of Elon College has been named director of nursing at Moore Memorial Hospital succeeding Mrs. Alice Stallings, it was announced this week by Thomas Howerton, hospital administrator.

Mrs. Stallings, he said, resigned to return to her home in Toledo, Ohio. She had filled the position for one year "with great distinction," Howerton said.

Mrs. Pickard, a native North Carolinian, is a graduate of the Raney School of Nursing in Burlington (now the Alamance County Hospital), and of Elon College where she received a degree in biology.

She later served several years on the staff of Alamance Hospital as operating room supervisor and afternoon and evening supervisor.

Following a period of graduate training at the University of North Carolina she enrolled in the University of Washington at Seattle where she just recently received her Master's degree in ward administration.

In her new position she will supervise activities of more than 100 trained and practical nurses and orderlies who compose the hospital's single largest department.

Howerton said Mrs. Pickard came to the hospital highly recommended and that he was extremely pleased that she was joining the staff.

WRAPPED IN 60-POUND CAST

Happy To Be Home, Polio Victim Says

Faye Ewing, who will be 12 years old Sunday, weighs 70 pounds and wears a man-size "D" pair of pajamas.

She feels good, eats well, sleeps soundly and hasn't complained a minute since she came home Sunday tucked away in a 60-pound cast that prevents her from doing anything but displaying the largest smile most people have ever seen.

Faye, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Ewing of Valley Road, has just been released from the Hospital for Special Surgery in New York where she underwent a series of treatments which will, if successful, straighten up a spine that was beginning to get distressingly crooked.

Successful? Almost certainly so.

Doctors at the world famous hospital have been performing operations similar to the one Faye had for quite some time now and report excellent results. She knows that the entire procedure will take 14 months but that isn't long, she insists, when a straight back can be the end result.

Faye was stricken with polio before her fifth birthday and her parents were warned then that she would probably develop a spinal problem, probably when she started the adolescent growth spurt. The "problem," known medically as scoliosis, began developing a year or so ago and plans were made to place Faye in the New York hospital.

X-rays made last summer indicated she had a bad curvature of the spine. More X-rays in September indicated the problem was getting worse and hospitaliza-



PEERING FROM BEHIND a cast that completely encircles her head, young Faye Ewing manages a happy smile as she contemplates another year of treatment before she is ready to walk once again. Victim of polio before she was five, Faye has just returned from a New York hospital where she spent three months. (Pilot photo)

tion was urged at the earliest possible moment.

She went in the hospital in November, one of 30 to 40 young people who were undergoing similar treatment. Doctor John C. Cobb, world famous for developing the treatment that straightens peoples' spines, first put a

turnbuckle cast on her, an excruciatingly painful experience. She remained in that until January 13 when she had the first of two operations for a spinal fusion. Her curvature at that time was 115 degrees, considerably more than the average patient at the hospital. The operation was supposed to take four hours so doc-

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CO-SPONSORED BY THE PILOT

C. L. Ragsdale, Clay Road Farmer, Named Winner Of Farmers Contest

C. L. Ragsdale of Route 3, Carthage, has been named Moore County winner of the annual Farm Income Contest co-sponsored by the Pilot and the Raleigh News and Observer.

An all-purpose farmer, Ragsdale won the award by showing the greatest improvements on his farm during 1957.

Other winners, in order, were J. C. Stanley of Route 2, Carthage; Henry Frye of Route 2, Carthage; R. E. Matthews, Route 3, Carthage; and H. N. Scott of Route 3, Carthage.

Winners of the first three places will share in a \$100 award

made available by the Pilot.

In announcing the winners, officials of the contest pointed out that Ragsdale was judged the winner because of notable improvements to his operation through better methods. During the contest he started a laying flock of some 2,000 hens, grew a part of his feed for chickens and hogs, painted his house, built a layer house and egg house and equipped it, and built a pond for irrigation purposes.

With 10 members in his family, Ragsdale considerably increased his earnings by doing most of the work himself. He owns 233 acres.

Stanley, an instructor for veterans' classes at Carthage High School, is mainly concerned with

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Latest Report Of Polio Drive Shows Goal Reached

Reports from Aberdeen and Pinehurst this week, both well past their quotas, gave the Moore County polio campaign a boost which pushed it beyond the goal.

Reports from several smaller communities also played their important part in making up the total of \$7,915.30 now in the keeping of Treasurer C. H. Bowman. County quota was \$7,660.

Aberdeen Chairman E. H. Poole turned in \$1,234.55, considerably more than his \$1,000 quota, while Pinehurst Chairman J. Frank McCaskill with a quota of \$1,050 turned in \$1,247.83. McCaskill is also the county campaign director.

Other new reports were those of Robbins, \$480 toward the \$1,000 quota; Roseland, \$26.57 toward the \$30 quota, and the small community of Narrow Ridge, \$10.80.

Southern Pines, with a quota of \$1,750, had this week reached \$1,530.50. Chairman Paul C. Butler is still rounding up collection boxes and is expected to more than make the quota, as usual.

Several communities have yet to be heard from. These are Westmore, Vass, Jackson Springs and Eagle Springs. These, with additional funds to come in from communities which have already made partial reports, are expected to push the total toward the \$9,000 mark.

Festival Chorus Of Six Schools To Sing Tuesday

First Joint Program Could Be Start Of County Choral Group

The first Moore County Choral Festival will take place in Aberdeen Tuesday night.

The time is 8 p. m., and the place is the newly opened auditorium of the Aberdeen School. On the large stage some 80 singers from six schools of the county will assemble to join in a program specifically rehearsed for the occasion.

Schools taking part are, besides the Aberdeen group, the Southern Pines Glee Club, and the glee clubs, or groups of individual singers, from Pinehurst, Vass, Robbins and Carthage.

Directing the large chorus will be Dr. Arnold Hoffman, of Raleigh, head of state school music supervisors. Dr. Hoffman has had much experience directing large groups of singers and has conducted many of the music festival choirs and contests held in the state. He will come to Aberdeen early Tuesday and rehearse with the joint glee clubs prior to the concert that night. Several rehearsals of the nearby clubs have been held already under the guidance of their own directors and of E. H. Poole, Aberdeen director and moving spirit behind this unique event.

Commenting on his hopes for the future, Mr. Poole called the performance to take place Tuesday evening "just a starter."

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Local Boys, Girls In Semi-Finals In Cage Tourney

The Southern Pines Blue Knights moved along in the annual Moore County basketball tournament this week and at this writing both boys and girls teams remained only two steps away from the championship.

The boys meet Robbins tonight at 6:30, with the winner slated to play in the championship game Saturday. The girls play Carthage at 7:30 and the winner of that game will also play in the championship finals Saturday.

Last night the boys defeated West End 62-54, with Everett Cushman getting 25 points for the Knights.

The girls' last outing was against West End Tuesday night when they won 55-47. Patti Britt was high scorer with 37 points, followed by Louise McDonald with 11.

FIRST OF A SERIES

Politics: Nothing Yet But Rumors And Plenty Of Them

Politics, like the weather, continued cold in Moore County this past weekend.

Would-be office seekers, along with almost everyone else, stayed indoors waiting only for warmer weather and maybe warmer receptions to their announcements which are sure to start coming like jonquils at the first sign of a break in the cold spell.

But rumors, those little things that seem to crop up no one seems to know where, were making the rounds, particularly where the better elective county jobs are concerned, and the potential field grew a little larger. Who starts the rumors is questionable. Candidates? Maybe yes, maybe no. Friends? Perhaps. Enemies? Sometimes.

Here, for what they're worth, are the current ones and, where possible, reactions from the subjects themselves.

Starting at the top and working down, which means starting with the State jobs open to county candidates, H. Clifton Blue of Aberdeen won't say yes or no concerning the possibility he will give up his long-held House of Representatives seat to run for the Senate. He's served six terms now, longer than any other man

Collection Of Pledges For Lace Plant Begins

Dedication Of New Armory Slated For Saturday At 2

(Other National Guard stories and photos, pages 9 and 13)

Formal dedication of the new National Guard armory on Morganton Road will take place at 2 p. m. Saturday.

The public is invited to the ceremony in which Lt. Gov. Luther H. Barnhardt will participate, and to inspect the armory building.

"Open house" for the public will be held from 10 a. m. to 1:30 p. m. After the dedication ceremony, there will be a reception, by invitation, for the lieutenant governor. This is expected to last until about 3 p. m. and from then again be open for public inspection. Weapons and other training equipment will be displayed.

The armory is the home of the Moore County National Guard unit: Company D of the 130th Tank Battalion. This is a part of the 30th Division.

Capt. William J. Wilson of Southern Pines, company commander, pointed out this week that Saturday — Washington's birthday—is also "Muster Day" which is being observed throughout the nation by National Guard units. The origin of this observance in Colonial times is told in another story in today's Pilot.

Captain Wilson especially urged young men aged 17 to 18½ who have not decided how to complete their military obligation to attend the ceremony and inspect the armory Saturday. A special training program is available for them if they choose National Guard membership, he said.

The armory was built at a cost of \$125,000. The county commissioners appropriated \$10,000 toward construction of the building and \$2,500 more for equipment. The rest of cost was borne by State and Federal funds.

Strength of the company—which draws its membership from throughout Moore County—stood at 80 this week, five officers and 75 enlisted men.

In addition to Captain Wilson, the officers are: 1st Lt. James L. Irvin of Southern Pines, executive officer; and three from Pinehurst

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State Senate's Minority Leader GOP Speaker Here

William E. Cobb of Morganton, Senate minority leader in the North Carolina General Assembly, will be the principal speaker at the Republican Lincoln Day dinner to be held at the National Guard Armory in Southern Pines next Tuesday night at 7 o'clock.

Cobb's appearance will afford Moore County Republicans an opportunity not only to meet and hear him, but to see a leading candidate for the State chairmanship of the party. Also present will be Mrs. Katharine McColl of Southern Pines, candidate for the State GOP vice-chairmanship.

Many party adherents from nearby counties—Hoke, Montgomery, Lee, Richmond and Scotland—are expected to attend the dinner and get-together. Tickets are now being sold, at \$3 per person or two for \$5.

Cobb, a prominent Morganton manufacturer as well as legislator, is a past chairman of the State Young Republican organization and is considered a brilliant speaker and seasoned campaigner.

Republican County Chairman Robert S. Ewing announced yesterday that the County convention will be held in the courthouse in Carthage at 8 o'clock on Tuesday, March 4.

The annual Pinehurst precinct meeting for Republicans will be held at 8 p. m. Friday, February 28, at the Pinehurst fire department headquarters. Precinct officers will be elected and delegates and alternates to the county convention on March 4 elected.

Construction Seen Beginning When \$180,000 On Hand

Construction of a modern lace manufacturing plant here moved one step closer to reality last night as members of the Southern Pines Development Corporation completed plans for collecting some \$180,000 in pledges made in a drive last December.

Robert Ewing, the corporation's president, said that as of now Charles J. Mozur, president of Southern Laces, Inc., the firm that will operate the plant, is accepting the North Carolina Business Development Corporation loan of \$175,000.

"It is imperative for everyone who made pledges in the drive to get their funds ready immediately," he said. "We are at the point where the corporation is fully satisfied that this is a completely worthwhile business risk. We are further assured it is a good business risk by action taken earlier this month by the Business Development Corporation."

Mr. Mozur, Ewing said, has notified the local group that he was binding the \$175,000 Business Development loan by forwarding a "good faith" check immediately.

The local committee has set 30 days as an absolute deadline to collect the pledges but pointed out that if the funds were forthcoming in two days, "then the work will begin that much quicker."

When the plant will be in actual operation has not been definitely determined but it is expected some time in late summer.

Ewing said that after sending a copy of the second money agreement to Mr. Mozur, which is already in the mail, and which he is expected to accept immediately, the local committee will then, after being notified of his action, send letters out to each person who pledged money during the drive. The letters will contain three enclosures:

1. A copy of the subscription agreement to be signed between the individuals making the pledges and the Citizens Bank and Trust Company, which is acting as trustee for the funds.

2. A copy of the letter of loan commitment between Citizens Bank and Trust Company and Southern Laces, Inc.

3. A copy of the proposed certificate of participation which will indicate how many shares each person has.

As has been pointed out before, Ewing said, shareholders will receive about 6% return on their money, payable in semi-annual installments over a 20-year period. Of particular interest, he noted, was the need for the bank, acting as trustee, to retain in escrow all funds collected until the building is completed and ready for occupancy due to the insistence of the various contractors interested in bidding on the job. The funds will be invested and interest will be refunded to investors "in toto."

It was also learned this morning that Mr. Mozur has employed an architect who has completed plans for the building, a set which is expected to be received here shortly. Ewing said some changes had been made from the original plans which will greatly improve the soundness of the construction. At least two contractors will bid on the job.

Outside figure for the cost of the plant has been put at \$355,000, of which \$180,000 is being raised locally and \$175,000 has been loaned by the North Carolina Business Development Corporation. The figure includes only the cost of the building and equipment necessary to operate it. Southern Laces, Inc., will put up the funds for equipment necessary to manufacturing lace.

BANK CLOSED

The Citizens Bank and Trust Company will be closed this Saturday, February 22, in observance of George Washington's birthday.