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SANDHILL MUSINGS

"A Critic's Amang Ye Takin' Notes, and Faith He'll Prent It."—BURNS.

PTA MEETING — The Aberdeen-Pinebluff PTA meeting will be held on Thursday evening, January 21, instead of the usual second Thursday in the month.

DIMES DISCREPANCY — On adding up the 20 individual quotas for Moore County communities in the March of Dimes drive, we have \$7,560 for the official county quota. This is \$20 more than the amount listed in the appeal on page 4 of the second section, which was printed before the proper figure was available.

McLEAN'S STYLE SHOP — The new addition to McLean's on South Street, dressed up in modernistic style both inside and out, is nearing completion. The opening date has not been set, but it should be in about two weeks. A removal sale starts tomorrow at their regular shop next door. They will utilize both adjoining sections of the building when the new part is opened.

GRILL — Interior decoration of the old Aberdeen Restaurant building, soon to be the new headquarters of the Mid South Grill, is going forward with opening date to be the latter part of this month. Mike Kalodes is looking to a much more spacious and beneficial arrangement in the new location at South and Poplar Streets.

OLDE CHRISTMAS—The Olde Christmas party for the hospital patients at Fort Bragg given on Wednesday night under auspices of Sandhills Post American Legion, made a very happy ending for the holiday season for these wounded and sick veterans, according to a report received from Shields Cameron, Chairman of the Cheer Committee.

A group of entertainers assembled by Mrs. John Ostrom, Millie Montesanti and Colonel Francis Dwight all of Southern Pines, danced and sang Christmas Carols and other popular songs for the boys as entertainment, and then distributed gifts among them, while Mr. Yarboro and Gurney Bowles entertained with some real old-time fiddler's music and ballad songs.

Others also joined the troupe, and a generous contribution from various sources made possible the bountiful gifts which the hospitalaees received.

WITH OUR SUBSCRIBERS—We all like to get mail—that is Continued on last page

Senior 4-H Club Organized Here

A senior 4-H Club has been organized in the Aberdeen High School with officers elected for the coming year as follows:

Gwyn Voss, president; Paul Bullard, vice president; Elizabeth Mathers, secretary-treasurer; Elaine Colnett, reporter, and Paul Connelly, song leader.

Helping The March Of Dimes



Miss Chaworth Ann Lawrence, left is shown handing her March of Dimes contribution to W. H. McNeill, Jr., Aberdeen fund raising chairman. Miss Lawrence, now secretary in the J. D. Arey and Company office had polio in 1941. She received treatment at the Warm Springs Hospital in Georgia in 1942 and again in 1946. In Aberdeen, Chairman McNeill is being assisted by Mrs. F. L. McNeill, Mrs. G. B. Kimball, Mrs. Sam Tarlton, Mrs. Albert Caddell and Curtis McInnis. Other co-workers will be announced next week.

March of Dimes Rolling In Moore

Quotas Set, Plans Made At Meeting Held In Carthage

Community leaders of Moore county's March of Dimes, meeting Friday night at Carthage, accepted quotas for the January campaign totaling \$7,460, the same as have been accepted and successfully passed in the county for each of the past several years.

The meeting was dominated by enthusiasm, and the conviction that the 1954 fund drive may be the most momentous in the long history of the fight against polio—that on its success may depend whether or not the dread child-crippler is at last put on the run.

The hope and belief were expressed that far more than the quota may actually be made, as County Campaign Chairman H. Clifton Blue of Aberdeen informed the group that this year one-third of the returns are to be earmarked for the great polio prevention project scheduled to begin in February. One-third will be retained by the local chapter, and one-third be sent to the National Infantile Paralysis Foundation for epidemic aid, patient care, education and research. In the past, the March of Dimes proceeds have been divided half and half between the

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SPEED WATCH ON

The speed watch, that accurate little mechanism, is on watch all over Moore county this week, being moved from place to place under supervision of State Highway Patrolmen, SHP Cpl. M. S. Parvin of Carthage reported Monday. A big haul of speeders is anticipated but "we'd a lot rather you just slowed down than to have to arrest you," the corporal advised.

Purpose of the use of the device is to make and keep the highways safer, not to get drivers in jail, and that was why he was issuing the warning, Corporal Parvin said.

The speed watch will be in use in Moore through next week end.

R. O. Taylor To Head Negro Polio Drive In Carthage

Miss Bessie McCaskill, chairman of the 1954 Carthage March of Dimes this week announced that Professor R. O. Taylor, principal of the Pinckney High School in Carthage would head-up the Negro solicitation in the Carthage community.

Moore county's delegation of 60 Scouters attending the annual Recognition Dinner of the Occoneechee Council Tuesday night at Chapel Hill had occasion to feel very proud.

First, they saw one of their number, W. D. Campbell, of Southern Pines, installed as president of the 12-county council—another chapter in a distinguished career of service to the Boy Scout program.

Second, they saw another of their group, W. Lamont Brown of Southern Pines, become one of six recipients of the Silver Beaver, highest award in volunteer scouting.

Third, the delegation carried away the coveted Attendance

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W. D. CAMPBELL



W. LAMONT BROWN

Vehicle Kills J. N. Daugherty In Southern Pines

Dr. L. M. Daniels Exonerated By Coroner's Jury

James Norbert Daugherty of Southern Pines was Moore County's first fatality of the year.

The 78-year-old man was instantly killed at 6:15 p. m. Monday when he stepped in front of a car while crossing Broad Street in Southern Pines three blocks from the heart of town, near the Southern Pines Florist.

The driver, Dr. L. M. Daniels, a Southern Pines dentist and business man, was exonerated of blame by a coroner's jury, which found no culpable negligence on his part in the death of Mr. Daugherty.

Policeman C. E. Newton testified at the inquest held Tuesday afternoon that he had recently warned him to be more careful about crossing the street. At the time of the accident, he was on his way home to supper after an afternoon downtown, and started across before reaching the intersection.

Services were held Tuesday afternoon, conducted by the Rev. C. K. Ligon, Presbyterian minister. The body was shipped to McKeesport, Pa. for graveside service and burial this (Thursday) morning.

He was born in Erie, Pa., son of Cornelius and Myra Hurd Daugherty. He came to Southern Pines several years ago to make his home with his daughter.

Surviving are two children, Mrs. Harold T. Dutton and C. H. Daugherty, both of Southern Pines; six grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

Wm. A. Wright Commits Suicide Friday Morning

Prominent Sandhills Citizen Shoots Self; Services Held

Memorial service was held at the Village Chapel in Pinehurst Sunday afternoon for William Alderman Wright, 42, prominent resident of the Sandhills, who died of a self-inflicted gunshot wound at his home, Ridgcrest Farm, between Pinehurst and Jackson Springs, early Friday morning.

The service was followed Monday afternoon by graveside service and burial in Greenwood Memorial Park, Greenville, N. C. Officiating at both services was the Rev. Adam Weir Craig, pastor of the Village Chapel.

Pallbearers were W. A. Leland McKeithen, Thomas C. Darst, Lord Carrick, Harold A. Collins, Gen. Ira T. Wyche, Col. Wallace Simpson, J. D. Parker, Carey Mayo, James Moye, James Fleming, Iverson Skinner, Edward Stevens, Henry Florey and Dr. Charles Williams.

Surviving are his wife, formerly Mrs. Ruth Eberhardt Haynesworth; one daughter, Mary Ann, and two stepsons, Harry and William Haynesworth; his mother, Mrs. Pearl Murphy Wright, of Hampton, Va.; one brother, Dr. Robert H. Wright, Hampton, Va., and one sister, Mrs. M. Donald Cadman, Chappaqua, N. Y.

The tragedy, which shocked the Sandhills, where Mr. Wright was well known and esteemed, occurred after the couple had returned about 3:30 a. m. to their home after attending New Year's Eve festivities in Pine-

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Aberdeen Troop Receives Memorial Award For 1953

Billy Sheppard Awarded Eagle Badge At Court Of Honor

The W. M. Storey Memorial Award for 1953 was presented to Aberdeen Troop No. 68 at the January court of honor held at Robbins Wednesday night. On the same program a member of the troop, Billy Sheppard, aged 13 years and three months, was awarded his Eagle Badge.

The Storey Award was presented by Voit Gilmore of Southern Pines, who at the same time presented to Frank McNeill, scoutmaster, a small replica of the handsome silver bowl to retain as a personal keepsake. James Whitl is assistant scoutmaster of the troop.

This was the second time the coveted award had been won by the Aberdeen troop, which received it two years ago for leadership in 1951. The award is based on progress and activity in a year-long competition among troops of the county, scored on a point system in the fields of advancement, enrollment, hiking, camping, civic service, budget, uniforms and exhibits at the county fair.

The award was established in 1950 by the late Mrs. Storey, Mr. Gilmore's mother, in memory of her husband. A similar award is made each year in Winston-Salem, where the Storeys lived. The cup's first winner was Pinebluff, Aberdeen was second, and Pinehurst the third.

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H. L. Bryant To Head Negro Polio Drive In Aberdeen

W. H. McNeill, Jr., Aberdeen chairman of the 1954 March of Dimes this week announced that Professor H. L. Bryant would head up the Negro solicitation in the Aberdeen community.

Mayor Medlin Talks On Town Accomplishments, Objectives

Billy McGuire Loses Life In Auto Wreck Thursday Night

Funeral Services Held Here Monday With Military Honors

A large crowd attended the funeral of Airman 3-C Billy O. McGuire, 18-year-old Aberdeen youth and a member of the United States Air Force, in the Page Memorial Methodist Church here Monday afternoon.

Home on Christmas leave the young airman was killed in an automobile accident near Rockfish, in Hoke County, when his car went out of control and overturned on a curve just about midnight last Thursday, New Year's Eve.

His companion, Miss Betty Thomas of Aberdeen, RFD (in Hoke County) was injured, but not seriously. She remained a patient for two or three days at Moore County Hospital.

Full Military honors were accorded Airman McGuire at the funeral service and burial was in the family plot in Old Bethesda cemetery. Officiating was the Rev. W. A. Tew, church pastor.

He was born at Draper in 1935 and the family moved to Aberdeen in 1948. He attended Aberdeen schools, and volunteered for service with the Air Force last April 28. He was stationed at Chanute AFB, Illinois.

Surviving are his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. O. McGuire, of Aberdeen, and two brothers, Airman 3-C John Holt McGuire of Sheppard AFB, Texas, and Charles Lee McGuire, of the home.

Billy was a popular young man in the Aberdeen community and his sudden death cast a pall over the entire community.

The many beautiful floral offerings along with the hundreds of friends who called at the home and attended the funeral bespoke the high esteem in which he was held.

Cars Collide On U. S. No. 1 Wed.

Two automobiles collided between Aberdeen and Pinebluff on Highway 1 about 9:45 Wednesday morning. No one was hurt in either of the cars.

The wreck occurred, according to Patrolman Johnnie Lowrimore, who investigated the accident, when John Harrison Thomas entered the highway from a private drive-way. The left front wheel of his 1933 Chevrolet panel truck collided with the right front wheel of a 1951 Pontiac 4-door sedan driven by John Robert Hughes of

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BILLY MCGUIRE

Mrs. E. McDonald Funeral Set For Friday Afternoon

Mrs. Elma McNeill McDonald, 69, died early this (Thursday) morning at Moore County Hospital after a lingering illness.

Funeral services will be held Friday at 3 o'clock at the Old Bethesda Presbyterian Church, conducted by the former pastor, Rev. Charles W. Worth, now of Whiteville.

Burial will be in the family plot at Old Bethesda Cemetery.

Mrs. McDonald was born on January 26, 1884 on the old Capt. Archie Ray place, located on Bethesda road, homestead of the Ray family, and she spent all of her life there. She was the daughter of John A. and Sarah Jane Ray, both of whom were members of old Scottish families of this section.

Surviving are her husband, Archie D. McDonald, of the home; and 3 sons, Ray and Woodrow of Southern Pines, and Alton, of the home. Several grandchildren also survive.

PERFECT ATTENDANCE PINS PRESENTED SUN.

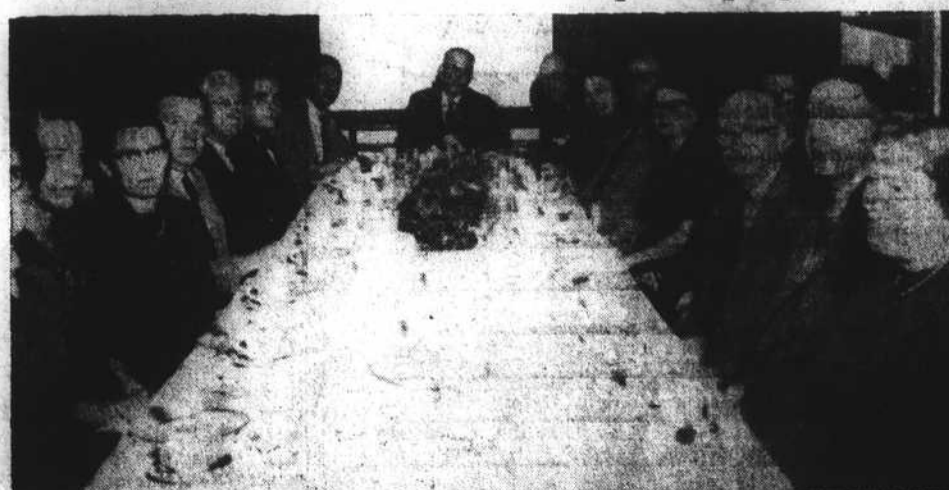
Sunday School perfect attendance pins were presented at Bethesda Presbyterian Church Sunday to the following:

Three months: Tommy Cruce, Carlton Cruce, Clifton Blue, Jr., Glenda Caviness, Allen Maurer, Martha Wicks and Barbara Caviness.

Six months: Mrs. R. M. Caldwell, Martha Ann Smith and Calvin Cruce.

One year: Susan Bridges and Judy Hall.

March Of Dimes Workers Map Campaign



Couldn't get them all in the picture but here's a portion of the crowd which attended the March of Dimes campaign kickoff dinner held Friday night at the Carthage Hotel. Clockwise from left are Mrs. Frank Wilson, Manly (barely visible); Mrs. June Harrington, Glendon; Mrs. Lolla Bell, Lakeview; Howard Kennedy, Westmore; J. F. Sinclair, West End; W. H. McNeill, Jr., Aberdeen; Bob Coulter, Raleigh, NFIP state representative for central North Carolina; H. Clifton Blue, campaign chairman; Paul C. Butler, Southern Pines community chairman and chapter chairman; Mrs. E. W. Bruton and Mr. Bruton, Jackson Springs; Mrs. Edna Adams, Carthage, secretary; Mrs. Adams; Dr. J. W. Wilcox, county health officer; C. H. Bowman, Southern Pines, treasurer; and Miss Bess McCaskill, Carthage, chairman.