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SANDHILL MUSINGS

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

SANDERS FAMILY—We don't know whether it was just a series of coincidences, or whether the Leonard and Lucy Sanders family is just partial to the letter "L". Anyway, the given name of each member of the family starts with an "L." The children were born all in different states. Here are the children and the states in which they were born: Linda, Alabama; Lucille, Georgia; Leonard (Bud), Tenn.; Libby, S. C.; and Larry, N. C. Mr. and Mrs. Sanders were born in Georgia.

BENEFIT BRIDGE—There will be a benefit bridge party at the Aberdeen Community House on Monday night, March 1, starting at 8 o'clock, sponsored by the Jaycees. Admission \$1 per person.

BUYING EQUIPMENT—Richard Wine Cellers, Inc., of Petersburg, Va., have bought the equipment of the Garrett and Company winery in Aberdeen and are moving it to their plant in Virginia. M. E. Sands of the Richards Wine Cellers was in Aberdeen today and told The Citizen that his company expected to buy Sandhill grapes this fall, paying the market price. He said that they would be glad to have the farmers contact them now that they might get an idea how many grapes to expect from the Sandhills. They expect to have grape receiving stations throughout this area.

FIRES—It seems like the grim reaper often comes in waves. During the past week it has waved its red and yellow flames over the Henry A. Page homestead, snuffing out the lamp of memory of a beautiful old manor; plus an ancient if less stately Slab Cabin on the old Southern Pines road—the Slab Cabin had its heyday in the late 20s and 30s as a popular dance hall and night spot—and another one in West Southern Pines. Then a grass fire got out of control on U. S. No. 1 and left its mute evidence behind, near Hole-in-One Driving Range.

During the Page fire a number of squirrels escaped from homes in the Corinthian columns of the front porch, and at least one was found burned inside.

CAR THEFT—W. P. Whitlock who reported his car stolen from in front of Bryan Drug Co., last Wednesday, got it back again the next afternoon as the result of quick spotting by Cameron Police Chief Wood. It had been abandoned in Harnett County, on the Manchester road. No damage was found, although it was out of gas.

ELECTION OFFICIALS—Presided with preparations to begin his duties as Superior Court Judge, Leland McKeithen did not get around to calling a meeting of the Moore County Democratic Executive Committee to recommend County Election officials Monday. He contacted the officers of the com-

SALES CARDS

"It is important that all sales cards which have not Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation office be mailed immediately," Walter I. Fields of the ASC office at Carthage urged this week.

He said this was necessary in order that the records for Moore County farms might be completed. Failure to return the sales cards, which have already been sent to all farmers, will result in an allotment reduction. "It is required," said Fields, "that these farms which do not return the cards be restricted to a reduced acreage allotment for the year 1954."

A Beautiful Home . . . Even Beautiful In Destruction!



The home of the late Henry A. Page and Eva L. Page, one of the landmarks of Sandhill colonial-type architecture was completely destroyed by fire Saturday afternoon. The fire was discovered about 4 o'clock Saturday afternoon. Before the firemen could arrive the fire had such a head-start in the mansion-type 14-room structure that all the valiant efforts of the fire departments of Aberdeen, Southern Pines and Pinebluff could not bring it under control.

The home was first built by Mr. Page in 1887, a one-story structure. Sometime after the turn of the century the building

was remodeled and enlarged into an elegant home with the stately colonial columns. Miss Mary Page, sister of the late Henry A. Page thinks the remodeling must have been done about 1905.

Mr. Page represented Moore County in the State Legislature and served as Food Administrator for North Carolina during World War I. He died in July 1935. Mrs. Page died November 1, 1953.

Not only the house but its furnishings throughout were destroyed with nothing being saved. — Photo by Emerson

Bethesda Men Of Church Form Organization

At a meeting in the cabin of the Bethesda Presbyterian Church Tuesday night, a Men of the Church organization was formed and officers elected. With twenty-four in attendance at the meeting, Frank McNeill was elected president of the organization. Other officers elected were: Richard Self, first vice president; Gordon Keith, second vice president; Russell Coble, secretary; Curtis McInnis, treasurer.

John Sloan was asked to serve as program chairman for the next meeting and V. U. Grose, dinner chairman. The group voted to meet on the fourth Tuesday night of each

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Parade Features Boy Scout Week In Moore County

Observance of Boy Scout Week in Moore County was concluded Saturday with a 3-block-long parade in Southern Pines. This was Scouting's 44th birthday, and most of the Troops in the County were fully represented. Various officials from Moore District were included in several of the automobiles provided by dealers, and two bands brightly conducted the parade from the Southern Pines High School down to Broad Street, then to Connecticut Avenue and back again to Massachusetts, from which point they returned to the school—in three sections punctuated by two passing freight trains.

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Aberdeen Teams Favorites To Win In County Tourney

By GEORGE A. SHORT, JR. The curtain came down on the 1953-54 Moore County basketball season with Wednesday night's games although Wednesday's contests had no bearing on the pairings and seedings of the tournament which begins Friday at Carthage.

The athletic committee and coaches met Tuesday night at Carthage and pairings and seedings were made for the tournament which promises to be a hotly contested event in both girls and boys competition.

Carthage, Robbins And Pinebluff Pass Quotas In '54 March Of Dimes

Three additional Moore County communities this week reported their 1954 March of Dimes quotas raised—Carthage, Pinebluff and Robbins. In Carthage Miss Bess Mc-Caskill, chairman, reported \$1,046.76 raised. The Carthage quota was \$1,000. \$40.15 of the above amount was raised by the colored people in Carthage. In Robbins, Miss Sallie Green

Allison reported the \$1,000 quota raised.

In Pinebluff, Mrs. Phillip Ma-ther reported the community's \$175 quota over-subscribed with some \$225.00 in hand Monday. She said she hoped to reach the \$236.35 amount raised in 1953.

In Westmoore, H. L. Kennedy reported \$255.00 raised to more than double the community's \$100 quota.

Seven Moore Towns Enter 'Finer Carolina'

Moore County towns and villages entering the Carolina Power & Light Company's "Finer Carolina" contest for 1954 are: Southern Pines, Carthage, Robbins, Pinebluff, Cameron, Lakeview and Vass. Aberdeen did not enter the contest this year.

FFA To Observe National Week February 21-27

Members of the Aberdeen High School chapter of Future Farmers of America—as well as other chapters in Moore County at Vass, Lakeview, Cameron, Carthage, West End and Robbins—are preparing to observe National FFA Week, February 21-27.

An account of the varied activities will be published in a special issue of the Citizen.

Finance And Loan Company Opens Aberdeen Office

The Sandhill Finance and Loan Co. began operations Monday in Aberdeen, located in the building formerly occupied by the Aberdeen Jewelry and Gift Shop on Poplar Street, opposite Dr. McNeil's office. It is operated by Francis R. Harris, a former Aberdeen citizen.

Mr. Harris, who has for the past several years been employed by the Cornell-Dubilier Electric Corporation of Fuquay Springs, is manager, and associated with him in the business is Mrs. Mary Ellen Forsythe of Southern Pines. Prompt and confidential loan service is being offered by the company.

J. B. McIntyre Suffers Fatal Heart Attack Here

J. B. Black McIntyre, 53-year-old Raeford theatre operator died of a heart attack in the Moore County hospital Tuesday afternoon.

He was in Aberdeen at the Aberdeen theatre with J. B. Edwards, his brother-in-law when he suffered the attack Tuesday afternoon. He was rushed to the hospital but died immediately after arriving there.

Funeral services were held this (Thursday) morning in the Raeford Presbyterian Church with the Rev. W. B. Heyward, officiating. Burial followed in the Raeford cemetery.

He was the son of the late D. C. McIntyre and Lilly Faulk McIntyre of Rowland. He came to Raeford in 1935 and was owner and operator of Raeford Theatre.

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Traffic Hampers Firemen In Page Home Fire Here Saturday

Aberdeen, Pinebluff Lions Will Hear 'Eye Bank' Talk

There will be a joint meeting of the Aberdeen and Pinebluff Lions clubs this Friday night, February 18 at 7 o'clock at the Aberdeen Legion Hut. Guest speaker for the occasion will be Dr. L. Byerly Holt of Winston-Salem, medical advisor to the Eye Bank for Restoring Sight. He will speak and explain the Eye Bank program through which people

will their eyes to the Eye Bank upon their death. The Lions supper meeting will begin at 7 o'clock and Dr. Holt is expected to start speaking about 7:35. A cordial invitation is extended any and all interested people to come out and hear Dr. Holt's address on the subject. Richard Self will be in charge of the program.

Fire Chief Smith Calls On Public To Cooperate

In the Page home fire Saturday, Jack Smith, Chief of the Aberdeen Fire Department told The Citizen that the heavy traffic greatly hampered the firemen in their efforts to fight the fire.

In a prepared statement to The Citizen made following a meeting of the Fire Department Tuesday night to discuss the matter, Smith said:

"The heavy traffic that crowded in from every direction made it almost impossible to receive any help from our neighboring towns. Luckily there was no wind, which was very much in our favor. Due to the illegal parking there was only one fire hydrant available and if there had been an injury it would not have been possible for an ambulance to get anywhere near the scene. That makes it mandatory that something be done to eliminate this condition in the future. We appreciate your willingness to help and for the ones that offered their services we are deeply grateful. The Town has an ordinance covering this condition but we are asking your cooperation instead of enforcing it."

Smith said that firemen were on duty from 4 o'clock Saturday afternoon until 5 o'clock Sunday afternoon and that they returned to the scene on Monday and Tuesday in their efforts to finally get the fire out. The only compensation firemen receive is free city water.

Chief Smith estimated the value of the house and furnishings at \$50,000. He estimated

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Sandy McLeod Elected Master Pomona Grange

Officers Elected At Farm Life Meeting Last Friday Night

Sandy McLeod of Aberdeen was elected master of the newly organized Pomona Grange when about 60 members of the Furka, Narrow Ridge and Cameron Granges gathered at Farm Life School Friday night.

The Pomona Grange is a group drawing membership from the three Granges of the county. Normally, a Pomona Grange meets four times a year.

Other officers elected are: J. C. Stanley, Cameron, overseer; Mrs. Beulah Womble, Cameron, lecturer; Alfred Perry, steward; Ralph Thompson assistant steward; M. O. Ball, Jackson Springs, chaplain; Mrs. W. E. Brown, Jackson Springs, treasurer; Miss Louise Blue, Carthage, secretary; Marvin Hartsell, Jackson Springs, gate keeper; Mrs. J. B. McLeod, Cameron, Ceres; Miss Mary Wallace, Jackson Springs, Pomona for fruit; Mrs. Lee Smith, Jackson Springs, Pomona for flowers; Juanita Thompson, assistant lady steward.

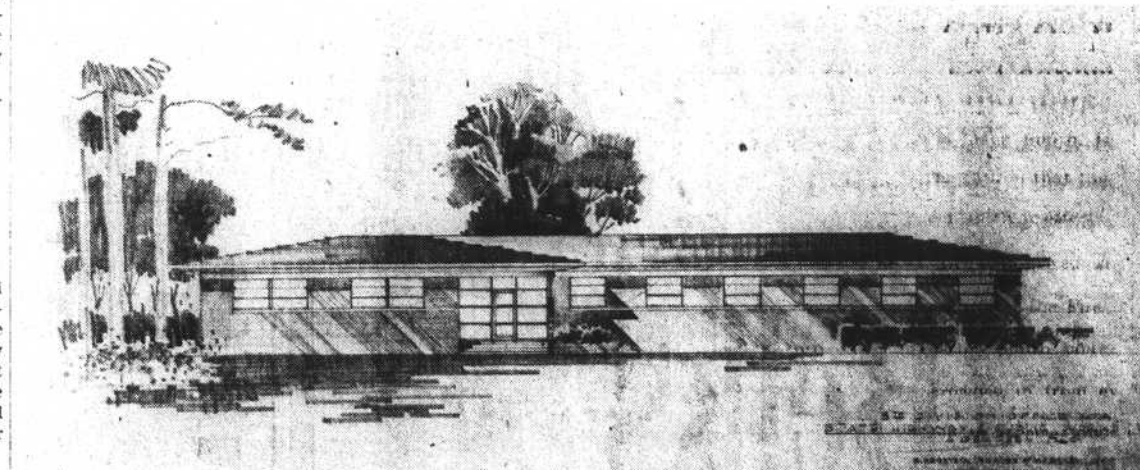
Executive committee members named are: H. C. Russell, Jackson Springs, three-year term; J. B. McLeod, Cameron, two-year term; and D. J. Blue, Carthage, one-year term.

Pomona members and all other members are invited to attend. Cont. last page, this section

Rev. John Miller To Preach Bethesda Sunday

Rev. John Miller of Charlotte but who is on temporary duty on the Peace College faculty in Raleigh will fill the pulpit at Bethesda Presbyterian Church this Sunday morning, Feb. 21 at 11 a. m.

Architect's Drawing Of New Eighth Division Highway Building



The above is a picture of the architect's drawing of the new Eighth Division Highway office headquarters to be erected in Aberdeen on Highway 1 just north of the Dairy Queen. The building will be 111 feet long, 37 feet on the south end and 42 feet on the north end where there will be an offset. There will be a total of 7,135 square feet floor space in the building with 4,285 square feet on the ground floor and 2,850 square feet in the basement. On the ground floor there will be 13 rooms plus two rest rooms and in the basement there will be five rooms with an outside entrance.

Highway Commissioner Forrest Lockey said that the building would be constructed by the State with a force of inmates prisoners at a considerable saving to the State. The building will be of brick veneer construction and work is expected to start around April 1. Division Engineer T. G. Fontaine said that the State will start placing building materials on the grounds as soon as the excavation work now in progress is completed. Commissioner Lockey said that plans called for the building to be completed by July 1, 1954. Architects for the building are Biberstein, Bowen and Macpherson of Charlotte.

Vass Delegation Calls On Lockey For Road Work

A delegation from Vass composed of M. M. Chappell, E. Hoyt Caddell, E. L. Hedrick, H. G. Jessup and J. F. Nicks called upon Highway Commissioner Forrest Lockey Tuesday afternoon and requested that the road leading from Lakeview via the Edward Griffin lake connecting with the Lobelia-Southern Pines road be black-topped. Commissioner Lockey told the delegation that he would check into the matter. He also reminded the delegation that funds for secondary road hard-surfacing were very low.