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SANDHILL MUSINGS

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

GREETINGS — Mrs. J. Wylie Babb, the town's official greeter has recently extended the greetings of the town to the Rev. Eugene Deese family, the Rev. Jack Ewart family and to Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Yarborough and their two children who live at 233 Keith street. Mr. Yarborough is an employee of the Montgomery Dairy and moved to Aberdeen from Troy last week.

TALENT SHOW — The JSGA of the local Grammar School will sponsor a talent show Tuesday, May 25 at 1:15 o'clock in the gym using talent from the fourth through the eighth grades. The public is invited to attend.

FIRE — The Southern Pines fire truck was called out late Tuesday afternoon to a fire in Manly. According to a report a smoke house belonging to J. B. Short was destroyed along with a large amount of meat.

FIREMEN SUPPER — The Aberdeen Volunteer Fire Department was given a barbecue chicken supper at the firemen's shed near the lake Tuesday evening with Mrs. Gertrude Page defraying the expenses. In appreciation for the splendid work of the local fire department when the late Henry A. Page home was destroyed by fire several weeks ago Mrs. Page gave the Aberdeen fire department a check for \$100.00 to be used for a supper. Some forty people were in attendance at the supper including a few guests. The barbecue chicken was some of the tastiest and best served in this section in a long time according to reports. Words of appreciation for the supper and the work of the volunteer fire department were expressed by Frank D. Shamburger, Forrest Lockey and others. Elbert Garner and Matt Matthews entertained with a few jokes.

CO-MANAGERS—The Lennon For Senator forces in Moore County have announced a couple of co-managers this week, they being J. Alton Shaw of the Cameron community and Howard Callahan of Vass.

LIONS MEETING—There will be a joint meeting of the Aberdeen and Carthage Lions clubs at the Legion Hut here on this Friday evening, May 21 at 7 o'clock after which a zone meeting will be held. E. P. Hinson of West End is zone chairman.

HIGHWAY 1—A 24-foot highway parallel to the present Highway 1 from Aberdeen to the Richmond County line is

Aberdeen Playground Comes To Life Again



With spring here and the approach of summer the Aberdeen playground has become a bee-hive of activity these days after the equipment was given necessary repairs and painted a few weeks ago. The above picture was taken Sunday afternoon as the above young parents attended their babies at play. Pictured left to right are S-Sgt. and Mrs. Wayne Hendrickson of Pope Field and their 6-month old son, Mark; Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Poole of Aberdeen and their 6-month old daughter Debra; Mr. and Mrs. Lee Buchan of Aberdeen and 1-year old Lee II. The Hendricksons are natives of Grinnell, Iowa. For the past year he has been stationed at Pope Field.—Citizen photo.

Aberdeen Commencement Program Starts Sunday

DEDICATION SERVICE

At the 11 o'clock worship service Sunday morning at the Pinebluff Methodist Church the organ will be dedicated with the Rev. G. W. Crutchfield of Carboro, former pastor of the church, delivering the sermon. Following the service a picnic lunch will be served on the church grounds. Every one is invited to attend.

Politics Quiet With Voting Time Only Week Away

Quietness features the Democratic primary campaign in Moore County which is only eight days away.

Moore County voters will decide four county races headed by the contest over the Sheriff's office.

Charles J. McDonald who has held the office for nearly 26 years is being opposed by R. G. Fry, Jr., son of the man McDonald defeated for the nomination in 1928 and Wendell Kelly, retired highway patrol sergeant. All are from the Carthage area.

The three have been active.

Roseland Methodist Church Set To Observe 'Rural Life Sunday' May 23

Roseland Road To Be Extended

Highway Commissioner Forrest Lockey this week told the Citizen that a 2-mile strip of road intersecting the West End-Hoffman road at Patterson's Store at the Taylor Memorial Church crossing Drowning Creek and connecting with the Hoffman-Derby road would be built sometime after July. This will be an extension of the Roseland road.

People in the area where the road is to be located have been requesting this road for several years. Lockey said that this was found to be a much needed road and that it would shorten the distance from the Ellerbe section to Aberdeen by about five miles.

The road will cross Drowning Creek about a mile from that it would be built with State labor and equipment. Patterson's store.

Picnic Dinner At Noon; Dr. Robbins, Others To Speak

Rural Life Sunday will be observed by the Roseland Methodist Church next Sunday, May 23. Rural Life Sunday, which has its roots in the Rogation Days is a day set apart for emphasizing the meaning of Christianity for Rural life; for the invocation of God's blessing upon the seeds, the soil and those who plant the seeds and cultivate the soil.

This special day was first observed in 1929, at the suggestion of the International Association of Agricultural Missions, and has since been adopted by the Federal Council of Churches of Christ in America, and is therefore observed by many religious bodies.

The program at Roseland will begin with a picnic dinner at 12:30. At 1:30 the worship service will begin. Some of the

Rev. and Mrs. Deese and Children



Pictured above is the Rev. and Mrs. Eugene Deese and their children, Jean Marie, 11, and Charles Eugene, 4. The above picture was taken Sunday afternoon at the Baptist parsonage at 403 Summit street in Aberdeen. The Deese family recently moved to Aberdeen from Ellerbe. Rev. Deese is pastor of the First Baptist Church here.—Citizen photo.

Moore Democrats At State Meeting Held In Raleigh

W. P. Saunders And Bessie McCaskill On State Committee

Some seventy-five men and women attended the State Democratic Convention and caucus held in Raleigh last night and today.

At the Moore County caucus held Wednesday night in the Sir Walter Hotel the following nominations from Moore County were approved:

State executive committee, W. P. Saunders of Aberdeen and Miss Bessie McCaskill of Carthage.

Congressional committee, J. Hubert McCaskill of Pinehurst and Mrs. Leslie G. Brown of Carthage.

Judicial committee, W. Lamont Brown of Southern Pines and U. L. Spence of Carthage.

Solicitorial committee, Bobby Page of Aberdeen and J. Douglas David of Pinebluff.

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H. T. Lane Elected American Legion Commander

The Aberdeen Post of the American Legion has elected the following officers to serve during the next twelve months:

H. T. Lane, commander; Vernon Davis, Jr., vice commander; Robert Veasey, adjutant; J. D. Arey, Jr., finance officer; Willie Calcutt, sergeant-at-arms.

These officers will be installed at a dinner meeting next Tuesday evening, at 7 o'clock at the Legion hut here by Robert Chriscow of Pinehurst, past district legion commander.

Reception For New Ministers Set For Tonight

There will be a public reception at the Aberdeen community house on this (Thursday) evening from 7 to 9 p. m., honoring Rev. and Mrs. F. Eugene Deese and Rev. and Mrs. Jack W. Ewart. Rev. Deese and Rev. Ewart are pastors of the First Baptist and Bethesda Presbyterian churches respectively.

The public is cordially invited to this reception which is being sponsored by the First Baptist and Bethesda churches jointly.

Dr. Cecil Robbins Will Preach Here Sunday Morning



DR. C. W. ROBBINS
Dr. Cecil Robbins of Greensboro and editor of the North Carolina Christian Advocate will preach at Page Memorial Methodist Church Sunday morning, May 23 at 11 a. m., according to an announcement by Rev. W. A. Tew, pastor who will preside at the service.

Supreme Court Jolts People In Aberdeen

Boykin Convicted Of Manslaughter; Gets Long Term

Many Jury Trials In Criminal Term Now Under Way

Robert Boykin, 60, of Addor, tried in Moore superior court for second-degree murder in the fatal shooting of his neighbor, Leroy (Toy) Clyburn, last April 4, was found by a jury to have been guilty of manslaughter. Judge Frank M. Armstrong sentenced him to not less than 15 nor more than 20 years in prison.

The trial started Tuesday morning and concluded about noon Wednesday, the third day of the criminal term. It was long, rambling and somewhat confused. However, the main facts stood out clearly—Clyburn had paid two early-morning visits to Boykin's log-cabin home, next to his own; had threatened and cursed him, gone home and then returned; and Boykin had opened the door as he approached and killed him with one blast of his shotgun when he was about 30 feet away.

Two surprise witnesses, who had not appeared at the former's inquest, were Sara McRae, who had been in Boykin's

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A. & R. President



HENRY MCCOY BLUE

Henry McCoy Blue who on May 11 was elected President of the Aberdeen and Rockfish Railroad Company, is the son of the late John Blue who founded the A. & R. in 1892. Henry Blue is the third president of the railroad. His father served as president until his death in 1922 at which time the late W. A. Blue was elected president and served until his death on April 26. Before his elevation to the presidency of the firm Henry Blue served as Vice President and General Manager of the company. He also carries on extensive farming in Moore and Hoke counties.

School Plans Must Await Leadership Of Governor, State Dept.—Thomas

"Any plans we might make toward integration of our White and Negro systems of education would, I believe, be premature," said H. Lee Thomas, superintendent of Moore County schools, this week. "We must wait on plans and instructions from our Governor, the Gen-

eral Assembly and the State Department of Education."

Mr. Thomas said "there are too many problems to be worked out on a higher level before any real planning can be done. I believe, though, that these will eventually be worked out in a

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Rev. and Mrs. Ewart and Children



Pictured above is Rev. and Mrs. Jack Ewart and their five children. The picture was taken last Sunday afternoon at the Presbyterian manse on Bethesda road. Rev. Ewart is holding David and Mrs. Ewart is holding William, twin sons born in December. In front are Steve, 4 1-2; McCrea, 5 1-2; and Laurie, 2 1-2. The Ewart family moved to Aberdeen a couple of weeks ago where Rev. Ewart has taken up his work as pastor of the Bethesda Church.—Citizen photo.

Local People Comment On Historic Decision Banning Segregation

The decision of the United States Supreme Court handed down in Washington Monday by Chief Justice Warren came as a shocking announcement to Aberdeen people as it must have been to the countless hundreds of communities and villages throughout the Southland.

When asked for his comment on the ruling Robert E. Lee, principal of the Aberdeen schools said: "It will present problems that we don't even think of at the present time."

Jerre McKeithen, member of the county board of education: "The Moore County Board of Education has devoted much of its thought, time and effort and has spent a majority of its money for the past several years toward providing equal facilities for our colored students. We have had the wholehearted support of the colored school patrons. They have expressed their approval at our plans and their appreciation at the progress we have made. I, personally feel that the Supreme Court decision will hinder rather than help our race relations which have improved so much in the last decade."

Earl Freeman, President of the Sandhill Telephone Company said: "The reversal of the former opinion of the Supreme Court has not solved any problem, it has created one. This decision could destroy the good race relations that have been built up over a period of years. It appears to me that an honest effort has been made here to give the colored people equal facilities."

Forrest Lockey, former mayor and highway commissioner: "I consider it purely a political decision which certainly invades every vestige of 'states rights'. In my opinion North Carolina has been working out its so-called racial problem in its own way with very satisfactory results for all concerned. The supreme court's decision, if put into effect in North Carolina is bound to interrupt that program."

Gordon Keith: "There is nothing to do but to accept it but I hope it will take a long time to put it into effect."

Al Cruce: "No comment."

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Hugh Hardee To Operate Aberdeen Warehouse 1954

Hugh T. Hardee, of Greenville, will have complete charge of the New Aberdeen Warehouse, this season, and is already spending the week days here.

Tom Faulkner, also of Greenville, will return as the Auctioneer, he said. In commenting on his plans, he said further, "I will be in and out of Aberdeen all summer, contacting the tobacco farmers, but will maintain residence in Aberdeen."

John Murray, who was associated with Hardee last year, will not return for the coming tobacco selling season.

CANDIDATES FORUM

Democratic candidates, opposed and unopposed, for district and county offices have been invited to attend the open forum of the Southern Pines League of Women Voters at a meeting to be held at the Southern Pines Country Club on this Friday evening, May 21 beginning at 8 p. m. It is understood that most of the candidates invited have accepted. The public is cordially invited to attend.