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SANDHILL MUSINGS

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

JUDGE McKEITHEN — The Duke University Law Alumni Association on last Friday night paid honor to its outgoing president, superior court Judge W. A. Leland McKeithen, of Pinehurst. Judge McKeithen, Duke alumnus of the class of 1936, who presided at the annual meeting of the Law Alumni Association, was made an honorary member of the order of COIF, national scholastic honorary society for lawyers.

DICK SELF—Dick Self is the editor-in-chief of the "Men of Bethesda" church publication published monthly. Mimeographed, the front sheet of the newsy letter carries a printed etching of Bethesda Church with the words: "Men of Bethesda." The June issue "off the presses" last week carried the folio numbers: "Vol. 1, No. 4."

NEW HOMES — Two new homes are going up at Aberdeen, one inside the town limits and the other outside. The new home of Curtis McInnis and his bride is nearing completion on South Street opposite the home of Stewart Weaver. On Dogwood Drive between Highway 1 and the old highway Ernest Clayton and Mrs. Clayton are building a new home. We congratulate these couples on this undertaking.

PATE — State Senator Edwin Pate of Laurinburg and one of North Carolina's wealthiest men who was recently elected president of the North Carolina Bankers Association said that when he became a candidate for the presidency of the Bankers Association that: "I owed so many banks that they were afraid to vote against me."

JOHNSON — On last Sunday evening J. Talbot Johnson of Aberdeen spoke to a large crowd at Cypress Presbyterian Church east of Vass on his recent visit to the Holy Land. On Tuesday night of this week he delivered a similar talk before the Bethesda Men of the Church.

LIONS CONVENTION — The North Carolina Lions convention will be held in Raleigh beginning Sunday evening, June 13 and continuing through Tuesday, June 15. There are nine Lions clubs in Moore County.

FISH FRY—The Guild of Page Memorial Methodist Church is sponsoring a fish fry, Friday beginning at 6 o'clock at the lake. Plates will be \$1.00 each. Proceeds will go to the building fund.

BARBECUE CHICKEN — The Bethesda Men of the Church feasted on some mighty tasty barbecue chicken on Tuesday night. Chief chefs were Elbert Garner and Jere McKeithen who left nothing undone to make the supper 100 per cent in every respect.

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State Auditor Asserts State Dollars Well Used

State Auditor Henry L. Bridges told the Sandhill Kiwanis club Wednesday that North Carolina is rendering a real service with its tax dollars, and with that kind of solid government the future is bright for greater development because of the confidence of the people in its governmental officials.

"More value is received from the tax dollar in North Carolina than any other dollar spent in this State," the official declared.

Reviewing the accounting system for the expansion state government, Bridges said the system is as good as can be devised, and through his office funds for 103 institutions, departments

Kenneth Garner, Jr., Drowns In Attempt To Rescue Nephew

Funeral Services Held For 28-Year Old Veteran Sunday

Kenneth M. Garner, Jr., 28-year old thrice-decorated World War II veteran of Aberdeen drowned at his home near here about 12:15 last Friday when the boat in which he and his two younger brothers, Leon 13 and Jimmy 7, and a nephew Allen Moon 3, capsized.

After the boat capsized little Allen Moon was missing. The World War II veteran, an excellent swimmer, dove into the water in search of him and never came up until he was rescued some 30 minutes later.

The others in the boat, Leon Garner, Jimmy Garner and Allen Moon all survived the tragedy. It is thought that Kenny Garner must have suffered cramp or an heart attack while in the water.

Of the four in the boat, only Kenneth and Leon could swim. When the boat capsized, Leon said that Jimmy, who could not swim managed to pull up and get on top of the capsized boat. He said that Kenneth when he got to the boat asked where Allen was, and then went under the water in search of Allen but did not come to the surface of the water again.

Miraculous part of the tragedy was the manner in which little Allen Moon survived. Leon said that when he first saw Allen Moon, the 3-year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Lynwood Moon, was several feet from the boat on his back kicking and floating toward the shore. Leon managed to get the boat ashore with Jimmy on it and picked up Allen who was then in shallow water and carried him ashore. Jimmy ran to the house to call for help while Leon went back in the water in search for Kenneth.

Dr. R. F. Mobbs of Aberdeen arrived at the scene about 20 minutes after the boys got ashore and after two or three dives discovered the body and brought it ashore. Every effort was made for about 2 1/2 hours

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Roseland Daily Vacation Church School To Open

The Roseland Daily Vacation Church School will be conducted at the Roseland Methodist Church June 14-18 from 9-11 o'clock. All of the boys and girls in the community are urged to attend. Rev. and Mrs. W. A. Tew will both teach in the school.



J. O. SPEARS, center above is shown holding a handful of small green tomatoes picked from the Irish potato bush before him. In his Irish potato patch back of his home at 515 Chapin road, tomatoes are growing on several of the bushes. The roots of the bushes are bearing potatoes. Others in the picture in addition to Mr. Spears are: Gloria Hulak, Margaret Ann Hulak, Eugenia Owens, Cecil Overby, Mrs. C. L. Wicker, Jr., Mrs. Walter Hulak, Mrs. J. O. Spears, Mrs. A. C. Owens, A. C. Owens and Mrs. Robert Overby.—Citizen photo.

Garland Pierce Named President N. C. Postmasters

Southern Pines Postmaster Garland Pierce was unanimously elected president of the North Carolina Postmasters Association at the annual convention held this week at Fentana Dam.

This is a distinct honor to come to Mr. Pierce in being selected to head this state association.

Teen-Age Rodeo To Be Held Here

A Moore County teen-age rodeo sponsored by the Aberdeen Junior Chamber of Commerce and the U. S. Air Ground School at Southern Pines for boys and girls between the ages of 16 and 20 will be held in Aberdeen sometime soon according to an announcement made today by Dan Edgar Hancock, chairman of the committee.

Others serving on the Aberdeen Jaycee rodeo committee are: Lee Buchan, E. H. Poole, Russell Batchelor, Roy Smith, Elbert Morrison and Graham Brasington.

The rodeo will probably be held at the Aberdeen lake and Edgar Hancock urges the boys and girls to practice up for the event. Complete details will be announced soon.

County Commissioners Oust Charlie Vest As Constable

A constable appointed by the county commissioners May 4 to serve Ritters township was unceremoniously denounced of authority by the same board, at the commissioners' monthly meeting held Monday at Carthage.

The appointment of Charlie Vest to the \$75-a-month part-time job was rescinded by unanimous action of the commissioners because, they said, he was "exceeding his authority, trying to take over the patrolman's job and trying to cover just about all of the highways."

"He was also, they decided, using some very questionable methods in so doing. They said they had complaints he had gone far afield into other townships in making arrests, and even into Chatham county.

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Court Ruling Discussed By Lions Speaker

Harold Gavins, GOP Candidate For Congress Discusses Segregation

Speaking before the Aberdeen Lions Club last Friday night, Harold Gavins, Republican candidate for Congress in the 11th district discussed the Supreme Court's ruling abolishing segregation in our public schools.

"I don't think either political party should claim the credit or be blamed for the ruling," said the Sanford attorney, who called attention to the fact that the opinion was unanimous, being backed by both the Democratic and Republican appointments.

"Education," said Mr. Gavins, "was and is the solution to our racial issues." Speaking of the Supreme Court judges he said: "I feel like they are not too familiar with the conditions in the South."

But he cautioned the group: "We must listen to the Supreme Court. . . . Lasting and permanent change for the better is not accomplished over-night." Going back to the Supreme Court decision he said: "Its the first step, gentlemen, its coming."

Gavins was introduced by Broadus Caudle, his cousin of Aberdeen.

Seawell To Speak
It was announced that Herbert F. Seawell, Jr., prominent Carthage attorney would be the speaker at the annual night banquet to be held on

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Year's Heaviest Rains Sweep The Sandhills

Very heavy rains drenched the countryside in this section early last night, providing welcome relief from the hot, dry spell, but causing considerable damage in many areas. Approximately 2 1/2 inches fell between 8:30 and 10 o'clock, with southern Moore County, Hoke and Cumberland Counties getting most of it.

In Aberdeen damage resulted in a number of places, with trees also blown down by the high winds. A wash-out occurred under about 30 feet of track of the Norfolk and Southern near the Aberdeen Lake dam. Lightning is reported to have struck the home of F. L. Me-

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TWO DAYS OF COURT

Two days of recorder's court will be held next week, according to a custom of increasing frequency.

Cases already in the pending file will be heard Monday, while all new cases of the week will be scheduled for Tuesday, Judge J. Vance Rowe announced at this week's court term.

Methodists' New Sunday School Building



The above picture of the new Sunday school building just completed by the Page Memorial Methodist Church and located between Highway 1 and Poplar street. This new addition was added on to the Sunday school building across from the Methodist Church and is 70 feet long and 41 feet wide. The addition, constructed with brick and slag blocks, has six class rooms, three toilets, a utility room and a hall. The old building to which the new addition was attached has beautiful and conveniently arranged and can be entered from a side back door as shown in the above picture or from the front facing Poplar street. Members of the building committee were: F. D. Shamburger, chairman, Mrs. Forrest Lockey, Mrs. R. S. Gwyn, Mrs. Mack Wallace, Morris Greer, Leo Arty, D. P. Troutman, Ralph Chapman and E. B. Satterwhite.—Citizen photo.

George H. White 29, Of Pinebluff Dies Of Leukemia

Funeral Services Held Wednesday For Young Husband And Father

A young husband and father, George H. White, living in Pinebluff, succumbed Monday night at Duke Hospital, Durham, to the dread disease leukemia. He had been in failing health for some time but diagnosis of leukemia was made only two weeks before his death.

Funeral services for George H. White, 29, were held Wednesday afternoon at Pinebluff Baptist church, conducted by the Rev. Ray Gosnell of Ashley Heights, former pastor of the church, assisted by the Rev. Jack Ewart

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Man, Woman Killed, Baby Injured In Auto Wreck Monday

Southern Pines Woman And Archdale Man Died In Wreck Here

A man and a woman were killed and a small child was injured when a late model Hudson, racing north from Hoke into Moore county on NC Highway 15 Monday afternoon, failed to make a curve and overturned.

Thrown from the car as it turned over and over in a wheat field to the left of the road were Mrs. Michael Valen, 33, of Southern Pines; William Parks, 49, of Archdale, and Michelle Lynn — "Mickey," Mrs. Valen's 11-month-old daughter. Mrs. Valen and Parks died within a few minutes without regaining consciousness, before they could be taken to a hospital. Mickey was taken to Moore County Hospital, where for a time her injuries could not be determined. Later in the week she was reported much improved and it was believed she would recover satisfactorily.

High speed was assigned by the investigating patrolmen, C. G. Wimberly and E. G. Shonemaker, as the cause of the wreck, the worst in Moore county in many months. It is believed that Parks was driving the car, which was practically demolished.

The accident, which took place about 4 p. m. some four miles south of Aberdeen, was the first fatal one on the Moore highways this year. One other fatality has been recorded, within Southern Pines city limits.

Mrs. Valen was the former Miss Evelyn ("Tillie") Frye, a native of Pinehurst. She was orphaned by a baby and her mother, by ironic coincidence,

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No School Changes This Year—State School Board

North Carolina will run its public schools for the term beginning this fall on the same basis as before.

The State Board of Education made that already apparent fact very clear at a meeting held in Raleigh last Thursday. There can be no turn to non-segregated schools, it said, until the U. S. Supreme Court adds to its historic statement of principle the answers to such vital questions as when and how.

The board's first meeting since the big decision in Washington also brought these developments:

W. P. Saunders Resigns From Robbins Mills

Alfred H. Grant Assumes Duties Of Retiring Official

At a special meeting of the Board of Directors of Robbins Mills, Inc., held in New York on Thursday, June 3, the resignations of Karl Robbins, chairman of the Board of Directors and W. P. Saunders, Murray Kramer and T. Edmund Beck, members of the board were accepted.

The vacancies on the board caused by these resignations are not to be filled at the present time.

The board as now constituted consists of Malcolm G. Jones, chairman of the board and president; Philip E. Doblin, executive vice president in charge of sales; Norman Tarnoff, vice president; Edward Schenker, treasurer and secretary; and Frederick H. Brandt, president of Dillon, Read and Co.

Mr. Saunders in addition to resigning from the Board of Directors also resigned from his duties as executive vice president in charge of manufacturing. His former duties will be assumed by Alfred H. Grant, general manager of the manufacturing division of Robbins Mills Inc. Mr. Kramer continues in his capacity as vice president and division sales manager of the "hat goods of Robbins Mills, Inc."

Mr. Saunders told The Citizen Wednesday that he had no immediate plans for the future, indicating that he had quite a bit of "fishing and hunting" that he hoped to try and catch up with.

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R. E. Lee Thanks Chief Phillips

In a letter to Chief of Police Archie Phillips of Aberdeen, R. E. Lee, principal of the Aberdeen Schools last week expressed his appreciation for the fine protection given the school children mornings and afternoons crossing the highway. Said Mr. Lee:

"I am writing this letter to express my sincere appreciation for the service that you have rendered our school. Many students and faculty members have expressed their appreciation for your work in making it safe for our children to cross the highway each morning and each afternoon.

"You have been courteous, dependable, and sincere and it has been a pleasure working with you. With all best wishes. Sincerely,

R. E. Lee."

Speech Improvement Classes Will Be Conducted For Moore Children

Miss Blanche Monroe of West End and Mrs. Shields Cameron of Southern Pines will teach in the Speech Improvement School which is sponsored by the North Carolina League for Crippled Children and supported by the Easter Seals Contributions. This year the class will be held in the West End School building for six weeks beginning June 21 through July 30.

Registration day will be Saturday, June 19 at the Health Center in Carthage, where children will be given hearing tests and physical examinations.

This school is for all Moore County children who need extra help in learning to speak clearly and understandably. Parents may notify Miss Monroe or Mrs. Cameron for transportation.