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SANDHILL MUSINGS

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

LANDMARK REMOVED—The old wooden water tank on the SAL near the Gulf Distributing depot here was torn down on Tuesday. With the diesels completely replacing the old iron horses the tank was no longer needed. In tearing down the tank a steel rope was tied around the posts and the other end hitched to a diesel engine and tumbling down came the old water tank. F. L. McNeill, local Railway Express agent says that quite a few fish were in the tank.

POTAMATOE—Last week The Citizen published a picture of J. O. Spears and several others showing Spears with an Irish potato bush which had tomato-looking balls on top of the vines. To this Buck McGill says its nothing new—"just seed," he said. And Rev. F. B. Bishop says he has grown them before. In The Charlotte Observer today there appeared a picture with Carl Willis of Belmont holding a similar bush which the article referred to as a genuine "potamatoe" plant.

BOB SAUNDERS—Robert R. (Bob) Saunders, prominent Rockingham citizen and brother of W. P. Saunders of Moore County suffered a severe cerebral hemorrhage on Wednesday morning of last week and remained in a coma until Monday morning. On yesterday (Wednesday) he was reported much improved though still seriously ill.

FALLS—James A. Thomas, one-legged Vass Negro who walks with the aid of a crutch, slipped in Lees store here Saturday and cut his wrist on the glass stands on the counter. He was carried to the Moore County Hospital where the wound was sewed up, and then released.

SHORT STORY—Then there was the farmer who was approached by an eager young salesman and asked to buy a set of books on "How To Farm Successfully." The farmer listened to the sales talk, then said, "Son, I don't need those books. I ain't farming half as well now as I know how."

JOHN E. FARRIOR—John E. Farrior, who taught in the Aberdeen High School about ten years ago was awarded his Ph.D. at the graduating exercises of the University at Chapel Hill, June 7. He is now teaching on the staff of Memphis State College, Memphis, Tenn., in the English department. He was married to Dr. Lillian Walker in 1948 of Asheville. She teaches as a member of the staff of the Medical School of the University of Tennessee. Dr. John Farrior is brother to M. L. Farrior, teacher of Agriculture in Aberdeen high school.

ROBBINS-STEVENS—When Karl Robbins sold 41 percent of the shares in Robbins Mills to J. P. Stevens Company a few weeks ago it was not the first time that Mr. Robbins and the Stevens firm had negotiated a deal of this nature.

In 1947 the Robbins Mills after having purchased the Hannah Pickett No. 2 Mill in Rockingham in 1945 sold it to the J. P. Stevens Co., who now operates it as a woolen mill.

GREETINGS—Mrs. J. Wylie Babb, the town's official greeter, this week reported the following families welcomed to Aberdeen in recent days:

Mr. and Mrs. W. V. Walters and three children, Wade III, R. V., and Dickie, from Durham. They are living at 303 Summit. Mr. Walters is with the American Supplies, Inc., tobacco company.

Sgt. and Mrs. K. B. Countess and daughter Evelyn Kyle from Denton, N. C. They are living at 711 North Chestnut. Sgt. Countess is attached to the U. S. Air Ground Operations School in

Lions Speaker . . . Incoming President



HERBERT F. SEAWELL, JR.
After-Dinner-Speaker



M. B. HUFFMAN
Incoming President

Herbert Seawell Will Speak At Lions Banquet On Friday

M. B. Huffman Will Succeed Graham As President For Year

Herbert F. Seawell, Jr., of Carthage, prominent after-dinner speaker and humorist as well as a leading North Carolina Republican will be the guest speaker at the Aberdeen Lions sixteenth anniversary ladies night banquet to be held in the Legion Hut here Friday evening beginning at 7:30 o'clock.

Edmond R. (Buck) Graham, retiring president will preside over the meeting and Henry Price, Jr., Deputy District Governor of Kannapolis will install the officers for the coming year as follows:

M. B. Huffman, president; Leo Arey, first vice president; Adam Garner, second vice president; M. D. Coward, third vice president; Frank M. Blue, secretary; T. S. Melvin, treasurer; Gordon Keith, Lion Tamer; C. G. Wimberley, tail twister; Troy Geer, F. A. Cummings, W. A. Tew and W. R. Batchelor, directors.

On the program committee for the occasion are Curtis Lawhon, Sidney Taylor and George Anderson.

Complaint Filed Against Juke Box

"Obnoxious noises" said to emanate from a jukebox, with outside loudspeaker, at J. C.'s Grill just east of Carthage on NC 27, are the main basis for a complaint and motion filed in Moore superior court this week by E. N. Scott and his wife Ida.

Seeking a temporary injunction now and permanent injunction later, also \$2,500 damages from the defendants Sadie H. Frye and Nancy Parrish, the plaintiffs declare the music and other alleged nuisances committed in operation of the Grill have deprived them of the "peace, comfort, happiness and enjoyment of their home" just 120 feet away.

Showcase hearing in the motion for a temporary restrainer has been set by Judge W. A. Leland McKeithen of Pinehurst at 10 a. m. June 19, at Carthage.

Besides the loss of sleep and other ill effects the plaintiffs claim to have suffered during the past four months, along with other nuisances allegedly committed since the defendants took over, the Scotts state that "by reason of being forced and compelled to listen from early morning until late at night to the music emanating from said jukebox and loudspeaker, the auditory senses of the plaintiffs have been assailed in such an outrageous and noxious manner as to cause a mental revulsion which is harmful to the physical well-being of the plaintiffs, and has made them allergic to all music, whether classical, sacred or secular." The music keeps up, they say, until 1 or 2 a. m.

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Officer Shoots Carthage Man To Subdue Him

Alfonso Cole, Negro, In Moore Hospital From Pistol Shot

E. Alfonso Cole, colored, of Carthage, is in Moore County Hospital following an injury in Carthage yesterday. Police Chief E. R. Kerns and Deputy Sheriff A. W. Lambert were called to a house in the colored section of town to arrest Cole for assaulting an elderly negro named Joe Bennett, with whom he had engaged in an argument. Both officers were target for more verbal abuse from Cole, and he flung a grass scythe at one of them. A warning shot was fired by both officers without effect, and a third bullet fired by Kerns, entered Cole's abdomen.

A first warrant was sworn out by Cole's brother, and later a second warrant was issued by Kerns for insulting an officer and resisting arrest. Cole was felled by the pistol shot, but continued to resist efforts of the officers to take him into custody. He was reported as resting comfortably in the colored ward of the hospital this afternoon.

The encounter occurred between 3 and 4 p. m. near where the arrest took place. The first information received was from a neighbor who said the pair had been terrorizing the whole neighborhood. Cole, who is 35, has had a long court record over the past 15 or 20 years.

Club Women To Visit Cancer Clinic In 1954

Beginning July 1, five Moore County Home Demonstration Club women will go each Thursday to the cancer clinic at Durham for examination, it was announced this week by Miss Flora McDonald, Moore County home agent.

Trips to the clinic will continue throughout the year 1954 and possibly into 1955. Miss McDonald said, until all members of Moore County clubs have been examined.

The mass project continues the health program of the clubs that include chest X-rays for club members last year. Trips to the Durham clinic, like the chest X-rays, are voluntary, but almost all of the several hundred club members in the county are expected to participate.

Miss Shirley Tyner Of Pinebluff Crowned Sandhill Firemen's Queen

H. P. Fowler Of Southern Pines Re-Elected President

Meeting in Hamlet Wednesday, the Sandhill Firemen's Association re-elected H. P. Fowler of Southern Pines president of the organization and crowned Miss Shirley Tyner of Pinebluff as their new "queen" and heard an address by Secretary of State Thad Eure in a one-day action-packed meeting.

Officers in addition to President Fowler are: Perry Covington, of Rockingham, vice president; and E. P. Leatherbury, of Hamlet, re-elected secretary-treasurer.

The Sandhill Firemen's new beauty queen is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Tyner of Pinebluff and formerly of Shelby. She was on June 5 presented to western North Carolina society at the Shelby Junior Charity League's ninth annual sub-debutante ball.

Miss Tyner was selected in Pinebluff Monday night to represent the Pinebluff department at Hamlet from a group of seven girls in addition to herself. Miss Carol Baker, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Baker was runner-up in the Pinebluff contest.

Judges for the Pinebluff contest Monday night were Miss Dorothy Swisher of Southern Pines, former VFW National Beauty Queen; Bob Jordan of Mount Gilead; and Mrs. Vesta Pugh of Burk, teacher in Aberdeen elementary school.

The only other entry from Moore County was Miss Joyce Lewis of Southern Pines. There was a total of seven entries at Hamlet with a girl from Rockingham being the runner-up.

Moore County fire departments represented at the 28th Annual Sandhill Firemen's Convention in Hamlet Wednesday were Aberdeen, Carthage, Pinebluff, Pinehurst, Southern Pines and Vass. Other nearby fire departments there included McCain and Sanford.

Following the crowning of the queen at 3 p. m. by Miss Mary Grace Ratliffe of Wadesboro, last year's queen, Mr. Eure brought "the firemen friendly greetings from your state government."

After his address, there were a number of boat races on the city lake for the entertainment of the several hundred firemen and their guests.

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MISS SHIRLEY TYNER

Aberdeen Wins Top Lions Award In District 31-D

"Zero" Wall Of Monroe Elected District Governor On Tuesday

The Aberdeen Lions club won the coveted Point Awards trophy at the State convention of North Carolina Lions clubs for District 1-D in Raleigh Tuesday. The contest beginning August 1, 1953 and continuing through May 30 covered twelve points of activity. The trophy was presented to Edmond R. Graham at the district meeting held at the Carolina Hotel in Raleigh Tuesday afternoon. Other Aberdeen delegates attending the convention were M. B. Huffman, Leo Arey, Aubrey Johnson and Cliff Blue.

Other Moore County Lions clubs represented at the meeting were Pinebluff, Pinehurst, West End, Southern Pines, Carthage and Robbins.

The district witnessed a hot fight for District Governor between Henry Price, Jr., of Kannapolis and "Zero" Wall of Monroe. Wall won 66 to 54. Following his election he announced that Ben Horne of Monroe would serve as his cabinet secretary for the year 1954-55.

More Rodeo Plans Given

Dan Edgar Hancock this week told the Citizen that the Moore Motor Company, Taylor Motors and the Aubrey Johnson Chevrolet, Inc., had all agreed to furnish a car each for the Moore County teen-age rodeo scheduled to be held in Aberdeen in early July. Hancock is heading up the committee for the Aberdeen Junior Chamber of Commerce which is sponsoring the rodeo in cooperation with the U. S. Air Ground School at Southern Pines.

The rodeo is for teen-age youngsters between the ages of 16 and 20. First place winner in the rodeo will be given a trophy by the Air Ground School. Hancock's Service Station here will give 20 gallons of gasoline to the first place winner; 15 gallons to the second place winner, and 10 gallons to third place winner.

Boys and girls desiring to enter the rodeo may secure application blanks from Lee Buchanan, Hugh Bowman, Edgar Hancock or at the post office in Aberdeen. They will have the privilege of driving a Ford, Chevrolet or Plymouth car furnished by the Moore Motor Company, Taylor Motors and Aubrey Johnson Chevrolet, Inc.

Moore Gains Five Teachers

Demonstration Council Leaders Election June 23

President, vice-president and county project leaders for 1955-'56 will be elected at a meeting of the Moore County Council of Home Demonstration Clubs to be held at the home agent's office in Carthage June 23 at 2:30 p. m.

Miss Flora McDonald, home agent, said that a cooking school for food preservation project leaders will be held during the meeting.

The county council is composed of officers and project leaders of the various Home Demonstration Clubs in the county.

Thieves Enter Aberdeen Firms Monday Night

Thieves entered three business establishments near Aberdeen Monday or early Tuesday morning, securing a few dollars in cash and about \$30 worth of merchandise.

Deputy Sheriff A. F. Dees said the concession stand at the Starview Drive-in was broken into and candy, cigarettes and gum were stolen, while cash in undertermined small amounts was taken at the Dairy Queen and at the Sandhill Builders Supply Corp.

The theft at the drive-in was discovered when the regular distributor leaving film found at 4 a. m., Tuesday that the door had been forced open. Deputy Dees was called at once and in the course of his investigation checked other business places of the area, discovering that a window had been broken and entry effected at the Dairy Queen. This was the same method of entry used at the Sandhill Builders Supply, discovered when business opened several hours later.

Footprints were found at all of the places but were confused and may not be of any help, the deputy said, admitting he has no leads so far. Bloodhounds brought over from the prison camp failed to pick up a trail.

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Aberdeen Loses Its First Pony Game To Raeford

(Contributed)
On Tuesday, June 8, Aberdeen lost its first Pony League game of the season to the strong Raeford team. However, on Thursday the Aberdeen team won a thriller from Raeford to even things up.

In the second game Dickie Henley, the Raeford pitcher, started off like he was going to pitch a no hit game. In the 4th inning the Aberdeen batters began to treat him like a red headed stepchild and before his successor could retire Aberdeen had pushed over six runs, thanks to a triple with the bases loaded by Wade (call me Babe) Lewis and a 2-run double by Fred Tyner.

This week marks the half way mark in the schedule. The next home game is on Thursday, June 24 with Robbins furnishing the opposition.

The standing of the teams is as follows:

	W	L	Pct.
Aberdeen	6	1	.857
Raeford	3	3	.500
Southern Pines	3	3	.500
Carthage	2	3	.400
Robbins	0	5	.000

County Allotted 218 Teachers; Aberdeen High School Gains 1

Moore County schools have been allotted 218 teachers for 1954-55, a gain of five over the school year just concluded, according to Supt. H. Lee Thomas.

The Aberdeen, Cameron, Farm Life and Robbins white high schools and the Pinckney elementary school (Negro) at Carthage will gain one teacher each, on the basis of increased average attendance. No school lost a teacher.

Little Farm Life High school, which was consolidated with Carthage during the year 1952-53 because of its small size, then later reinstated, is gaining a teacher through an increase of 2.1 pupils. A daily average attendance of 60 means a two-teacher allotment, with another teacher added if the number goes above 60. During 1951-52, the number was 59.9. In the year just past it rose to 62, Supt. Thomas reported.

School personnel next year will include, for the white schools, 123 elementary and 43 high school teachers, with two elementary supervisors; and in the Negro schools, 23 elementary teachers, 26 high school teachers and one supervisor.

Moore County schools did not lose a principal last year, and all are returning for 1954-55, as are also all three supervisors, the superintendent said. There have been some teacher resignations, and there will likely be more, but he said he is not expecting the turnover to exceed 15 per cent. "There is still a teacher shortage, particularly in the primary grades, but the situation appears to have grown considerably more stable," he commented.

David Gamble President SP Lions Club

Southern Pines Lions officers for the coming year were installed at their regular meeting held at the Southern Pines Country Club last Friday evening by Cliff Blue of Aberdeen, Lions deputy district governor.

Officers installed were, David Gamble, president; William Benson, first vice president; Donald F. Traylor, second vice president; Charles S. Patch, Jr., third vice president; Willis B. Rush, secretary and treasurer; Clifford Storey, lion tamer; Walter Harper, tail twister; Charles Cole and Henry Clayton, directors.

President Gamble announced the appointment of the following committee chairmen: Attendance, Clifford M. Storey; constitution and by-laws, Walter

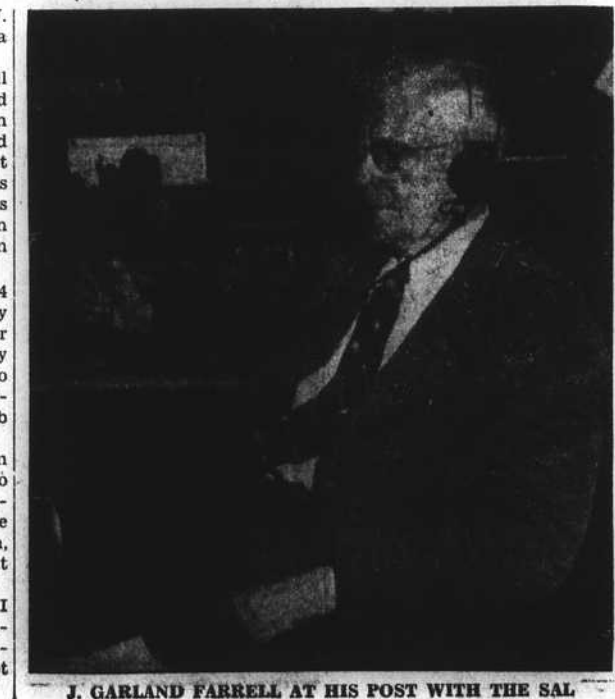
ROWDY WEEK END

Chief of Police Archie Phillips reports quite a bit of business for the Aberdeen police department over the past week end with 13 arrests being made.

All those arrested were colored with the exception of one out-of-town white man for having whiskey at the Aberdeen lake Saturday afternoon.

Drinking, cutting and shooting were involved in the week end rowdiness.

Frank Briggs, colored, was shot in his leg Saturday night at "Coney Island" by Bernice Smith, according to Chief Phillips. Briggs was carried to Moore County Hospital where it was found that the .38 bullet had broken his leg. Bernice Smith operates "Coney Island" and according to Chief Phillips had ordered Briggs out of the place of business and when he attempted to come back in she shot him.



J. GARLAND FARRELL AT HIS POST WITH THE SAL

Garland Farrell Early In Life Realized His Ambition To Be Telegraph Operator

From the time he was a kid J. Garland Farrell wanted to be a telegraph operator.

When 15 years of age and still wearing short pants he landed a job as telegraph operator with the Seaboard Air Line Railroad in Moncure. One requirement was that he wear long pants which back in those days was taken to mean that a person had reached manhood stage in life.

The pay was not large, \$44 per month, 12 hours per day and seven days or 84 hours per week. "But I saved some money at it," says Mr. Farrell who came to Aberdeen as agent-operator in 1906 when his job in Moncure was abolished.

There was an opening in Aberdeen so Mr. Farrell who had been married to Dixie Lawrence for about 18 months came here with their little baby, Dan, who was a few months old. That was on September 24, 1914.

"I didn't like it at all when I first came here," said Mr. Farrell. "Later I found that Aberdeen was really a garden spot

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