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## POWER COMPANY TO SELL SOME STOCK

### Sandhills Power and Light Will Offer Preferred Shares to Community Investors

Some time ago *The Pilot* in discussing the matter of investment by the people in local concerns made the statement that it would not be a bad plan if Moore county industries would offer some of their securities to Moore county people, the argument being that more opportunity could be opened particularly to small investors, and that such investment in concerns here at home would be a stimulus to thrift. The *Pilot* further argued that getting people in touch with local securities as an instrument for saving would be wholesome and profitable, and that a local institution which has a considerable number of local people interested has a strong community sentiment working for its success.

Although the announcement last week that the Sandhill Power Company would take this step came as a surprise, the action was so logical that the surprise is not startling. Mr. McQueen was at once asked to give a little further information on the subject and the following is substantially what he said:

"Since the discovery of the many uses that could be made of electrical energy, there is no business in our country that has had a more solid and steady growth than the making and distribution of electrical energy, and where properly managed, no business has been more uniformly successful.

"The growth of the Sandhill Power Company has been no exception to this rule, as you will see from the gross sales of current for the first two months of the years 1922, 1923 and 1924—which is the only time for which we can make a comparison for three years by the company as now operated:

	1922	1923	1924
Jan.	\$9,449.11	\$12,031.99	\$15,620.29
Feb.	8,203.66	11,708.93	13,868.21

"The Sandhill Power Company serves a territory extending from Liberty in Randolph County on the north to Raeford in Hoke county on the south, and from Pinebluff west, to Cummock east.

"This entire section is progressive, and covers a variety of interests. The sales of current by the company are largely for domestic purposes, and therefore cannot be seriously affected by adverse manufacturing or business conditions. Its income is derived from twenty-five hundred different customers, only two or three of which are large enough to materially affect its income.

"The officers of the company are: J. R. McQueen, President and Treasurer; A. R. McQueen, Vice-President; S. J. Stutts, Superintendent; R. L. Chandler, Secretary; A. T. Lewis, Assistant Treasurer; William C. Whitner, Leonard Tufts, H. A. Page, Jr., and U. L. Spence, Directors.

"Every one of these men has been identified with the business interests of this section for a number of years,

the most of them for a life time, are all interested not alone in the company, but in the development in every way of the entire section.

"The stock to be sold is Preferred Stock, at the par value of \$100.00 per share. In every way this stock takes a precedence over the Common Stock. In other words, before the holder of any Preferred Stock could lose either principal or interest, the entire Common Stock surplus, amounting at present to more than \$175,000.00, would have to be lost. As the Common Stock is practically all owned by the management, any loss from any cause whatever would be the loss of the managers and not of the holders of the Preferred Stock.

"This Preferred Stock will pay 7 per cent dividends, payable semi-annually, and if any loss or disaster should happen to the company so that the interest was not paid when due, it is cumulative and will have to be paid before the Common Stock can get either dividends or any return on this investment. The company has never failed to make more than enough to pay the interest on all its indebtedness, and we believe these dividends will be paid promptly and in full."

### PLAY AT FARM LIFE

There will be a play (comedy) at Farm life School, Friday evening at eight o'clock. Admission 25 and 35 cents.

### NOT A PARALYZING LOSS

The Charlotte News, in its edition of March 24th, says:

"Railway Loses in Fire—The engine house of the Allegheny division, Pennsylvania Railroad, at North Oil City, was totally destroyed by fire Sunday, entailing a loss estimated by railroad officials at \$55,000."

A round-house, or "engine house" of that value ought not to cause the road officials to even "sit up and take notice."

## WAR OR IGNORANCE SETTLES NOTHING

### Homer H. Johnson Tells the Kiwanis Club Something Freedom Ring Business

At the dinner of the Kiwanis Club at the peach building in Aberdeen on Wednesday, Homer H. Johnson of Cleveland, was the speaker and he gave the meeting something to think about. A subject or his address might have been a comparison between the forms of government in this country and those of the old world but preferred to classify it under the head of letting Freedom ring as the club had just been singing.

Mr. Johnson with a few words swept away that notion that all men are created equal except that under the law they have the same equal rights as they should have. Then he pointed out that the equal rights un-

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## SEABOARD READY TO MOVE PEACHES

### Railroad Figuring on Handling 2750 Cars This Season From the Sandhills

Representatives of the Seaboard were in Aberdeen last week checking up on the requirements that will be necessary in moving the fruit crop four months from now. It seems to be the opinion of the shippers that about twenty-seven hundred and fifty cars will roll away from Aberdeen and vicinity. The Fruit Growers Express is arranging to provide sufficient cars to handle shipments to that extent. The Seaboard is arranging for locomotive power and train crews and fixing their schedules with this end in view. Increased facilities have been provided at Hamlet for icing cars. Raleigh is making preparations for a large icing plant up there, so that trains that need attention can be cared for on the edge of the city.

It is not certain yet whether the greater facilities will be ready for this summer's crop but some help may come from that direction.

The Seaboard is looking into the situation at Aberdeen with the expectation that the full number of cars now estimated will have to be handled. This is nearly double that of any previous year in the Sandhills fruit belt. And the freight men of the roads realize that it is going to be no small task. They are planning therefore to have everything so highly organized at Aberdeen that fruit coming from south of that section will be made up into full trains at Hamlet or this side and slip on through Aberdeen without stopping to delay traffic there. This will leave the Aberdeen yards for shipments coming down the Norfolk Southern and up from the Rockfish roads together with that loaded at Aberdeen. By a fast schedule and a quick succession of fruit trains out of Aberdeen the railroad feels confident that everything will be handled in good shape.

The peach men remember the experiences of two years ago when the biggest crop of the district up to that time was handled without the slightest difficulty, although a general railroad strike was on all over the country. That gave a confidence in the ability of the Seaboard to take care of any business that may be offered them and also in the enthusiasm of the railroad men to meet any emergency. The Seaboard employees are looked on by the peach men as an extremely dependable railroad force. And the general opinion in the fruit district is that the three railroads converging at Aberdeen are going to be good for anything they face. Two years ago the Norfolk Southern won a lot of credit for itself by the way in which it cleaned up stuff from the orchards up and down its lines and kept a supply of empty cars at the pack houses as they were called for. The packers were rarely ever delayed at any orchard by the want of cars to load or by having loaded cars in their way when those cars should be moving out. A big job will fall on the hands of the Norfolk Southern this year as a number of new orchards are in bearing on that line and shipments will be tremendous.

## KNOLLWOOD EXTENSION AT SOUTHERN PINES

Francis Deaton has produced in the Knollwood extension at Southern Pines one of the most attractive and valuable lot designs that have come from any of the premeditated new developments in this territory. He has hooked up with the streets of Southern Pines and then varied his roads through the Knollwood property in a manner that brings out all the topographic advantages as well as the road and street connections, and he has given to Southern Pines an addition that is not surpassed.

The street system in the new addition has merely turned off from Broad street and cut three or four cross streets with intersecting rec-

tangular streets, bringing this new contribution of Knollwood almost into the heart of Southern Pines village. The big tract of land that has laid just outside of Southern Pines has been overlooked until recently. Since Christmas a new activity has sprung up in that section and S. B. Richardson has sold over a hundred building lots, with a prospect that a big and early utilization of that part of the town is a certainty.

The whole area from Bennett street in Southern Pines to Mid-Pines Club grounds has been surveyed by Mr. Deaton, and roads are already opened through a big portion of the land, connecting both with the Midland Road and with the new road from Southern Pines to Knollwood Village out the Rhode Island Avenue extension. Traffic goes through this new route now to Knollwood Village and Pinehurst, and the possibilities seem that it will be one of the main traveled routes.

## Geo. Ross Heads Market Bureau

George R. Ross, of Jackson Springs, as indicated by the following letter, has been appointed head of the Bureau of Markets of North Carolina. The letter of appointment reads:

Raleigh, N. C.  
March 18, 1924.

Hon. George Ross,  
Jackson Springs, N. C.

My Dear Sir:

I have the honor to inform you that at a meeting of the Sub-Committee, consisting of the President of the State College, the Director of Extension Work and myself, appointed by the Joint Committee on Agriculture, held this afternoon, you were elected head of the Marketing Division of the

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## SOUTHERN PINES PLANS NEW HOTEL

### Needs of the Community Out- growing Present Accomoda- tions for Strangers

At a recent meeting of the Chamber of Commerce at Southern Pines a discussion of the need of another hotel led to the appointment of a committee to investigate the matter, and R. N. Page was made the chairman of the committee. Mr. Page is not the type of man that allows talk to pass for action, and he set about to inquire into what could be done. The first thing he discovered is that the whole proposition had been approached from the wrong direction, for, he said to *The Pilot*, "The idea that the first essential is money is a mistake. The first and the big thing about a hotel is a man who can carry on a big hotel and make it a success. If we can get that man it looks to me as if we can finance the movement without more than ordinary effort."

The crowds this winter are like other winters, too many for the facilities, and as Mr. Page says, the sole question of the future of the Sandhills is the matter of caring for the people who want to come here. When the big hotels are turning away a good patronage that is willing to pay ten or twelve dollars a day for accommodations, and when every hotel balance sheet shows the right kind of figures at the end of the season, he says money is not so difficult to enlist as might be supposed. Already there are indications that money will be forthcoming on the day when a capable hotel man is found who will take the house and carry it on.

Mr. Page says the job of looking for a suitable man is going forward, and he is of the opinion that the prospects are good that such a one will be found, and that when he is arrangements will be made for providing the building, because the community has arrived at the point where another hotel has become a necessity for the further expansion of the Sandhills. He seems to think the outlook is promising.

## LAKEVIEW PLANS UNFOLDING FAST

### Building Program for Summer Includes Several Structures and Will be Active

The plans for the development of Lakeview are unfolding rapidly, and indicate a big revolution over there this summer. Already the fine new bath house is under roof, and it is a pretty fair evidence of the character of the new Lakeview that is about to arise. The new bath house is of two stories, with a substantial brick story, and large rooms for various uses on the upper floor. It is big, roomy, modern in all its arrangements, and architecturally attractive and fitting in its harmony with the surroundings.

This is the beginning. On the hill immediately above the bath house men are at work on the foundation for what is to be called a rooming house. This is a big structure that will have about thirty or forty sleeping rooms, to accommodate the visitors for the summer, but it seems to be so planned that it will serve as a feature in a big hotel that is projected for another year. Work will go forward in the rooming house so that it may be ready for use in the approaching season. This house will be available for all the year round, as it is the intention to make Lakeview a bigger feature of the Sandhill life than it has been in the past.

Not much is being said yet about the big new hotel that is to be put up next year, but that is a part of the project that is entertained, and it is apparent that next year will see as much activity in the further development of Lakeview as this year is to witness.

Besides the buildings already under way much more is contemplated. Four new cottages will be started at once. These will be of four or five rooms, big enough to accommodate with comfort a family or group of visitors, and they will be attractive and in keeping with the new plans.

The old pavilion will be rebuilt, and the boat house will be moved, giving a longer and more extensive bathing beach and water front, which will be more fully equipped to care for the increasing number of people steadily coming to Lakeview. A larger parking space for cars will be created near the McQueen office building, and the old camp house will be rebuilt and remodeled, the whole effort being to increase both the accommodations along that line and the general attractiveness of that portion of the place. The rebuilt camphouse will be practically a larger and new structure.

A new and prominent feature will

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## Glenna Collett Is Winner



Glenna Collett, of Providence, R. I., former national woman's golf champion, came through her match in the North and South Women's Golf Championship with flying colors at Pinehurst, Tuesday. She defeated Mrs. Charles Daniels, of Buffalo, 5 up 4 to play before a large gallery.

Miss Dorothy Richards, of Cleveland and Pinehurst, put Miss Ruth Batchelder, Newton, Mass., out of the competition, 4 up and 3 to play. She was 3 up at the turn. Miss Batchelder played sterling golf for the last nine holes, but the best she could do was to halve all of them.

## The Horse Show Next Week

The interesting event at Pinehurst next week will be the Horse Show on April 3 and 4. A wide variety of animals will be shown, in harness, under saddle, jumping,

in polo exhibition, 45 classes being scheduled, with all the excitement and interest that goes with the performances in the contests. The show will be a culmination of all sorts of exhibitions of the skill of trained high-class horses, and will include all the accom-



plishments of the various types of animals. The polo ponies, children's ponies and the hunting and jumping horses will be of more than ordinary interest. With 45 classes it is easy to see that about everything that can be expected of horses will be shown, and all gaits and action on the part of saddle horses, racing horses, jumping and polo playing animals will be brought out to the limit. Premium list and program may be had from R. Pyron, at Pinehurst..