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## Prominent Carthage Man Dies Suddenly Saturday

County and State Shocked by Sudden Death of Hon. Robert Lee Burns.

(By BION H. BUTLER.)

In the death of R. L. Burns this section of the State loses a man of uncommon character and strength. He was a native of the upper part of the county, and on the hills and lowlands of Cabin creek he lived in early days the life of the farm boy, amid the crude surroundings that give confidence and stimulus to a boy of mental parts, and his contact with the realities of existence developed a reliance and breadth of aggressive energy that made him a man of presence when he in his maturer days came into town.

The career of Mr. Burns is well known to every one in the county and the community. He came to Carthage to establish himself in the law after he had ventured out into the world, and seen some of the United States, and he grew in influence and public esteem as his touch with men became wider. It is doubtful if the county had a man of more helpfulness or of more actual influence in doing the things that should be done. He gained a leading place in the law, and one that held the confidence of the people. He was not always on the popular side, for he was often in advance of his people, but a look backwards shows that the things he stood for have proven themselves, and that the movements he sponsored, some of them apparently too far in advance to be regarded with entire favor at the time, have become a part of the sentiment and life of the community now, and accepted as the necessity rather than as the dream of a man ahead of his day.

Mr. Burns in the Senate was the advocate of local measures affecting roads in the county, the schools, county government, local advancement wherever possible, and the good road system of the State was one of his

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## POPULAR MOORE CO. BOY MARRIES

Bride Is the Attractive Daughter of Prominent Virginia Family.

Danville, Va., March 12.—Miss Alice Boatwright, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. Lee Boatwright, was married at six o'clock this evening to Walter Harold Williamson, of New York, at the home of the bride by Rev. James M. Shelburne. The event was quiet, though attended by many friends of the family from a distance, including Mrs. Carter Glass, of Lynchburg.

Miss Marion Boatwright was the maid of honor and Mesdames Robert Sanford, of Evanston, Illinois, and Henry Page, of Aberdeen, N. C., were the dames of honor. Claude Tyson, of Carthage, N. C., was the best man and Bobbie Mac Boatwright was the ring bearer.

A reception followed the wedding after which the bride and groom left for their bridal tour prior to making their home at Kew Gardens, Long Island.

Mr. Williamson formerly lived at Carthage, N. C., and is a graduate of the University of North Carolina, being now identified with the Chase National Bank in New York. His bride was educated in Danville, New York and Paris and is socially prominent. Guests from a distance include:

Miss Rosa Williamson, Mr. and Mrs. Currie, Claude Tyson, of Carthage; Mrs. Henry Page, of Aberdeen; Mr. and Mrs. Austin Carr, of Durham; Mr. and Mrs. E. V. Boatwright, Mr. and Mrs. Matt Long, of Roxboro; Mrs. Mar Reese and Miss Margaret

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HON. ROBERT LEE BURNS

## ANOTHER HOTEL FOR PINEHURST

Calvin Satterfield Will Build on Aberdeen Road Beyond Polo Field.

Another new hotel near Pinehurst is the last project. It will be built by Calvin Satterfield, of Richmond, on a site bought from A. S. Newcomb, Richard Tufts and Albert Tufts, on the road between Pinehurst and Aberdeen, about a mile from Pinehurst, near the lands owned by Miss Lehrer and J. R. Page. The site embraces a ten acre location on top of that magnificent hill not far beyond the road to the Littlecote Tea House, and commands a view of Pinehurst, Southern Pines, and nearly all of creation that is within eye range.

Mr. Satterfield will proceed in the early days of April to commence a 30-room house, colonial type, with sprinkler system, with his plans providing for enlargement later on, the first unit to be ready for opening in the fall. He owns and operates a 70-room hotel at Cape May, Virginia, and has an excellent summer patronage there. He has concluded that he can bring from Richmond and from his friends and patrons generally a good business for his winter hotel in the Sandhills, and thus add a new line of business to this section. Richmond folks already come this way in considerable numbers. With a popular hotel man from their own town to look out for them, Mr. Satterfield figures that the number will be largely increased, for Richmond is but a short run from Pinehurst, and with the excellent train service the new place will be attractive.

The location is such that it will be practically a Pinehurst house, for it is but a short distance from the Polo field, and from the golf courses at that end of Pinehurst village, while the paved highway runs past the site of the building. The Davis and Davis Construction Company, of Richmond, will build the hotel.

Under the stimulus of a new house in that vicinity the owners of the land surrounding it have planned a development that will probably bring building sites on the market during the summer, as that hill top will be a highly desirable neighborhood for a good type of homes. The coming of this Richmond interest is regarded as one of the important new leads of the winter, and those familiar with its details look on it as of great value.

**Little Lakeview Girl Receiving Pasteur Treatment in Raleigh.**  
Little Miss Edna Earl Richardson, attractive daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Richardson, of Lakeview, was the victim of a bite from her pet cat Saturday, March 12. On the following Tuesday information came that the cat had hydrophobia at the time he bit his mistress. Little Miss Richardson is now in Raleigh taking treatment, and it is the sincere wish of the entire community that the bite does not prove fatal.

## CARTHAGE

His friends were shocked to hear of the death of Mr. R. L. Burns, which occurred at his home here last Saturday at 4:30 p. m. He had been complaining since the Tuesday week before when he had the doctors with him, but no one dreamed the end was near. Born and reared in this county, the son of the late Frank Burns, educated at Wake Forest College, he returned to his home here but immediately afterward left for Texas where he taught school two years and then entered the University of North Carolina for the study of law and was admitted to the bar in the early part of 1890. Locating in Carthage he began the practice of his profession, forming for a time a partnership with H. F. Seawell, under the firm name and style of Seawell and Burns. He joined the Republican party when Sion H. Buchanan and others were the leaders of the party and served with great ardor with the Republican party, running for the legislature on the Republican ticket, but finally in 1912, after being a Roosevelt delegate to the Chicago convention he deserted the Republican party and supported the late Woodrow Wilson for President and since that time has been a Democrat, having been elected to the Senate of the State legislature for the term of 1923 where he served with distinction, both as a local representative and as a servant for the State. Since that time he has been an ardent Democrat and active worker both at the polls for the primary and at the general election.

He was elected mayor of Carthage where he lived and where he served with fidelity as tax collector and as mayor. He was a leading member of the Moore County bar but specialized as a collector. Mr. Burns was not a brilliant lawyer but was a plodder, who always worked for his client whether right or wrong. He never gave up hope of ultimate victory but continued steadfast to the end. He could not see a point readily but had to labor through to his conclusion but once arriving at a decision he stood there irrevocable until he was jarred loose by a higher court. By his methods he made friends but also incurred bitter enemies. A candidate for the Senate in the last primary, he found by his astute knowledge of politics that he could not be nominated and hence withdrew before the election. Mr. Burns had a forgiving disposition but was pugnacious of his views.

He married Miss Emma Lee Muse, daughter of the late Howard J. Muse, who with six children survive him. In his home life he was an indulgent and patient father and a loving and devoted husband. It is not too much to say for him that perhaps no family in our midst ever had a more loving and benignant head as father and husband than Mr. Burns. Here he will be sorely missed. As a neighbor

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## MORE INVESTMENT IN WEYMOUTH TERRITORY.

The accession of the Union Trust Company of Jersey City, to the financial horizon of Southern Pines, was speedily followed by the acquisition by B. A. Tompkins, vice president of the Bankers' Trust Company, of New York, of the Hamlin, the Maples and the Yeomans lots adjoining the Weymouth property. The sale was effected by Frank Buchan and involves about 150 acres out that way. It joins the tract the Boyds bought from Knollwood not long ago, and puts into their hands or in the possession of their friends about everything on the immediate east of Southern Pines out as far as the Kahler place. One of the significant features of the deal is that Mr. Tompkins is a man of broad acquaintance in New York, and that his liking for the Sandhills country will probably infect some of his friends and neighbors. This will be another step in making this neighborhood a pleasant place to live as Jack Boyd expressed it.

## CAMERON MAN ENDORSES CO-OPS

Says It Takes Hard Work To Have Anything Worthwhile.

Dear Mr. Editor:

Thinking that you are favorable of the welfare of the farmers of this section, I am asking you to publish a few lines in behalf of the cotton growers.

I have been a member of the Association for some years and after having the experience that time has brought to me, I desire, without any hesitation, to give it my indorsement. I have signed the new contract, which is much more liberal than either of the old ones. To make a plain statement, any man who desires or favors Co-operative Marketing has no good grounds to refuse to give his name and influence to what I consider to be the only hope for the farmers of the South. We have gone five years and have been fought by certain special interests all the while, during this time not one fraudulent or dishonest act can be shown by any man.

Today the Association stands fairer among the farmers and business men who are taking time to give it any thought than at any time in its former history.

It's a fact that we did not get as much for our cotton last year as we thought we should have had. This was due to conditions and circumstances over which no one had control, but this year the cotton of the 1926 crop has been, and is being, sold at satisfactory prices. And it now seems a certainty that the members of the Association will receive an average price above the outside average. There has never been any reform movement but what at some time it met with disappointment and temporary setbacks. It has been true of all moral and social efforts of improvement. It was so when our forefathers attempted to spread the Gospel of civilization over this country. It was even true in the Spiritual life of the world. And today we as a people rejoice in fact that we are free, in the fact that we have a civilized land, and in the fact that we are a Christian nation. Simply because those who preceded us in these hours of trial stood by and fought for the causes that they knew to be right.

To free the farmers from the depressed condition that he is under and to place him in a position so that he can receive a full reward for the labor performed, he must stand firmly by and give all his support to the organized efforts brought about by Co-operative Marketing. Many are doing this and by so doing they feel a conscientiousness of the fact that they are doing their duty, which brings to man that peculiar pleasure that nothing else can.

In my candid opinion a brighter future is just ahead and if we stand solidly by our organization the gray streak of the morning light will soon see the dawn of a brighter day.

JAMES R. TURNLEY.  
Cameron, March 15, 1927.

## SECOND PRESENTATION OF MAMMY'S LIL WILD ROSE.

The play given by the Vass Epworth League at the Vass-Lakeview school building on last Friday night, will be presented at the Farm Life School on Friday, March 18, at 8:00 o'clock, p. m.

Children, 15 cents, and adults, 25 cents.

## REVIVAL MEETING.

The revival meeting at Union church is being well attended. Rev. W. L. Foley is preaching strong Scriptural sermons. The evening service begins promptly at 7:30.

There will be an election of officers at Union immediately following the service Sunday morning.

D. MONROE.

## STOCK HOLDERS GET LOTS FREE

Pine Needles To Follow Roaring Gap Plan in Building Sites.

The attractive features of the new field that has been opened at Pine Needles with its picturesque surroundings and creations, its roads and building sites, and its proximity to everything that will appeal to people who will want to make homes in the Sandhills in the vicinity of the centers of winter activity, has suggested the plan of Roaring Gap in the disposal of building sites. When Roaring Gap hotel and development was projected a number of well to do men of Winston-Salem, Greensboro, Elkin and other places became interested in the hotel proposition, and also figured on obtaining building sites in the vicinity where they could build cottages for themselves. The idea was taken up and worked out to such good advantage that many of the finest cottages on the mountain are those that have been built by stockholders in the Roaring Gap corporation, the stock carrying with it a building site.

At Roaring Gap some of the cottages run up in cost as high as \$30,000 or \$40,000, and among them are decidedly attractive stone buildings, which could be followed as examples here in the Sandhills, for the same excellent types of stone are abundant in this neighborhood. On the Pine Needles property the roads and the building sites have been laid out in harmonious relations with the golf courses and the tennis courts and the hotel, which will permit the location of many handsome homes in the immediate vicinity of the various features, and impressed with the success of this method at Roaring Gap Pine Needles will offer six per cent, cumulative preferred stock in the Pine Needles concern with a building site selected from the plan of the

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## MONEY PUT UP FOR EGG GRADING

Ex-Governor Morrison, of Charlotte, Advances Money For Movement.

Several thousand dollars has been put up by Former Governor Cameron Morrison, of Charlotte, to set up machinery for grading North Carolina eggs, George Ross, chief of the Division of Markets of the Department of Agriculture, announced yesterday.

Under the present system of shipping eggs without grading, a lower price is received by North Carolina farmers, and indeed in the rush season of the spring months, the surplus cannot be disposed of without sacrifice. The division did not have the ready money to employ grading experts, and pay the farmers cash at the car door at a higher price than the local markets are bringing.

Mr. Ross made a trip to Charlotte Saturday when he conferred with the ex-Governor, explaining that the Four Hundred in New York wanted their eggs all white, while the only kind of aristocratic egg in Boston was a brown one. California and Kansas at present hold the reputation for high class eggs, but Mr. Ross declared that the eggs produced in North Carolina were second in quality to none, and with the proper grading and packing, would rank with the best.

Consequently, Mr. Morrison agreed to put up the money for setting the machinery in motion. Three centers will be selected, one in the West, one in the East, and one in the South, where the farmers will be asked to co-operate by turning in their eggs at the central market for grading.

There will be five grades, one for the extras of white eggs, brown eggs and cream eggs, and a lower grade of the white and brown.