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Kiwanis Hears Leslie Johnson

Aberdeen Naval Officer Talks to
Home Folks on Work of
the Navy.

At the dinner of the Kiwanis Club at the Community building in Pinehurst Wednesday Bob Page presented Lieutenant Leslie Johnson, of the United States Navy, who is visiting in his home town a few days prior to taking charge of a vessel on a government mission to Spain. Mr. Page told of appointing the boy to the naval academy, and because he had the character and merits that deserved the appointment, and said it was a satisfaction to see the advancement and recognition the young chap had won as he grew to manhood and at the present time had become a commanding officer in the service.

Lieutenant Johnson explained in simple manner what the United States Navy stands for. It is not war, but it was established as an economic measure, and has continued as such and today is maintained as such because the welfare and prosperity of the country require it. When this nation began to grow it commenced to establish an ocean commerce, and because we have a coast line that embraces thousands of miles our commerce is the foremost seagoing commerce in the world. That commerce had to be protected when our country was little, and the Navy made its history when the Mediterranean pirates attempted to interfere with American ships. England called out the defenses of the Navy when meddling with our merchant ships brought on the war of 1812, and from then until the present we have been obliged to have ships on the sea equipped to protect the ships that carry our commerce. So the Navy is an economic factor, and as such it must be big enough to function.

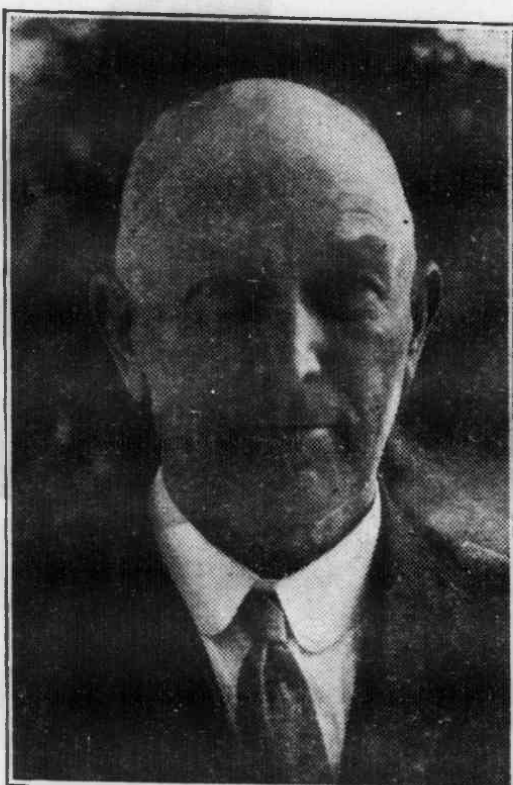
Without merchant ships our commerce would be at the mercy of foreign merchant ships, which is not to be tolerated. The enormous business we do requires that we have ships to carry our exports and imports and the experience with the Germans in the recent war shows that we must have the naval power to protect those ships. Had we possessed a suitable navy when the war broke out Germany would probably never have molested our merchant vessels. But we had neglected our navy and Germany expected to chase our merchant vessels from the sea, and so we got into the war.

The war extended our commerce and we are now the creditor nation of the world. Practically all nations owe us great sums, and they turn this way for supplies, and much that they pay is paid in trade. That trade must be protected against marauders. We require now a bigger navy than ever. We have arranged with Britain and Japan a basis whereby the size of the navies of the three nations may be defined, but this arrangement is not wholly satisfactory to either of the three, and it is possible that in time we will determine for ourselves the number and size of the ships we want to build for our navy, and others may build as many as they can. But as we are the only power wealthy enough to build a big navy it is optional with us as to what our limit will be if we should be forced to a show down. This step may be far away, but Lieutenant Johnson thinks that we need a navy big enough to care for our merchant fleet at sea, and that is the chief and practically the sole purpose of the navy. His reception by the club indicated that he told a story that was appreciated.

Charlie Mason announced the apparent success of the summer golf tournament at Pinehurst next week, and emphasized the fact that it is an open championship, and so wide open that no entrance fees are required. The prospects are for a big attendance.

Using 10 pounds per acre of three per cent nicotine dust will control plant lice on cotton.

Leads Commissioners' Ticket



M. C. McDONALD

The primary election held in Moore county last Saturday brought out one of the biggest votes ever cast in the county, and while some of the results are at this writing not positively decided the successful candidates for some of the offices are clearly shown. Spence gets a good majority for the legislature, Humber wins the nomination for judge of the recorder's court,



E. C. MATHESON

Harrington and Boyette go on the ticket without opposition. Hammer leads his opponent by a whirlwind. McDonald for sheriff leads Frye, and McDonald and Matheson have a majority for commissioner. McLaughlin leads Patterson for the same office.



D. A. McLAUCHLIN

As this is printed it is not announced whether Frye will ask for a second primary or concede the nomination to McDonald, or whether Patterson will ask for another run against McLaughlin. As one man from West End, McDonald, is already assured the nomination, it is argued that another man from the same town would have little chance.

PRIMARY RETURNS.

Sheriff	
R. G. Frye	1062
B. C. Morgan	408
C. J. McDonald	1116
County Commissioners	
M. C. McDonald	1319
D. A. McLaughlin	1233
E. C. Matheson	1434
D. A. Patterson	1084
W. E. Porter	1029
G. C. Shaw	1058
W. J. Wadsworth	432
Coroner	
D. Carl Fry	913
Dr. A. A. McDonald	1356
Dr. Poate	105
Judge Recorder's Court	
G. H. Humber	1386
J. Alton McIver	1171
House of Representative	
Spence	1665
Brewer	902
Congress	
Hammer	2045
Battley	452
Lieutenant Governor	
Jno. D. Lanston	339
W. H. S. Burgwyn	551
R. T. Fountain	1463
Commissioner Labor and Printing	
Frank D. Grist	1420
M. L. Shipman	575
O. J. Peterson	358

REV. J. K. ROBERTS.



As we go to press news reaches us of the death of Rev. J. K. Roberts, a man known to all in this county and many others. For 25 years he was pastor of the first Presbyterian church in Carthage, serving faithfully and wonderfully in that capacity. At the time of his death—Thursday morning—he was in Greenville, S. C., and had been there for sometime, teaching. His remains will be brought to Carthage and buried there Saturday afternoon, June 9th.

Much Activity On The Midland Road

Knollwood Tallies No. 86 in Lot
Sale to Frank Mc-
Graw.

Edward Barber was down this way during the past week, and he is much impressed with the outlook for the whole of the Sandhills. This is of tremendous importance, for Mr. Barber is one of the foremost of the Sandhills developers, and that he sees a promising future is encouraging to everybody. He is as optimistic on the situation as his father was, and that is saying a lot.

The contractors are tearing up things along the Midland road, not in a very disturbing way, for it looks as if the original surveys and construction of the double road will not be much disturbed. This is a right creditable testimonial to the skill of Francis Deaton who planned the road as it now exists, and whose work has always been regarded by the folks of this community as of a high order. While rain has made work on the road disagreeable it is moving along, and the contractors say they will make a showing in short order.

The dam on the Manley end of the road from McDeed's creek is taking definite shape, and when it is completed a fine bit of new possibilities will be available in that region. It

THE TREES OF

BY J. McN. JOHNSON.

MOORE COUNTY

Chapter X.

"Ah, bare must be the shadeless ways
And bleak the paths must be,
Of him who having open eyes,
Has never learned to see,
And who has never learned to love
The beauty of a tree."



Mulberries: Morus Rubra: Red Mulberries: The Mulberry Family is a large one, and its members vary greatly. They run the whole gamut from weeds to great trees. The family include more than 50 genera, and about a thousand species. Botanists claim that the common Hemp Weed is of the Mulberry Family, as is also the Hop Vine. Then on up the scale through the numerous fig bushes and fig trees until he reaches our great Mulberry Trees.

We have three kinds of Mulberry Trees in Moore County, to-wit: The Red Mulberry, Morus Rubra, the subject of this sketch: The White Mulberry, Morus Alba, and the Black Mulberry, Morus Nigra. But it is only the Red Mulberry that is native to our county.

The White Mulberry was brought to our country from China and Japan; and it has grown so well in our soil it is now almost naturalized as an American "Citizen"; but while it has far outstripped the native Red Mulberry in the matter of growth and size, it has proven a failure for the purpose for which it was imported. Our people thought to build up the silk industry, and imported the White Mulberry Tree—the leaves of which is the universal food for silk worms in the Orient; but either the leaves left their silky lining at home, or the worms forgot how to spin and weave it into silk, for the silk industry in America has never proved a success. But for the purpose of growing a noble looking tree, whose fruit is more valuable than silk, the White Mulberry has proved a phenomenal success. It is the largest tree in Moore County, with the possible exception of the White Oak and Swamp Pine, and its berries begin to ripen and fall to the ground in mid-May and shower down a copious supply till mid-September, and there is no better feed for poultry and pigs to grow into fryers and porkers.

Next Representative in the General
Assembly from Moore County.

County Builds Good Bridges

State Contractor Approves Mc-
Deed's Creek Structure
Torn Out.

The contractors who have torn out the concrete bridge built by the county at the McDeed's creek crossing of Midland road say it was one of the best bits of concrete work possible to build. This old bridge was taken out to make a place for the new bridge the State highway is putting on the new State road and in tearing it out the character of the old bridge was striking. It was not an old bridge, for it was built only a couple of years ago. But it was not big enough for the new sixty-foot wide highway, and its grade was not at the point to suit. So it had to go. But in tearing it out it proved to be of excellent construction, well located, well grounded on its foundations, durable in its resistance against the forces that were necessary to remove it, and it was highly commended by the men who removed it.

This bridge was built from designs by George Maurice, who is the engineer in charge of the county work, and under the immediate supervision of R. S. Boger, who came to the county from the State highway department. Charlie McDonald is the superintendent of the work on the county roads, and had the matter in hand. This tearing out of the bridge is looked on by road men as a good illustration of the advances that have

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