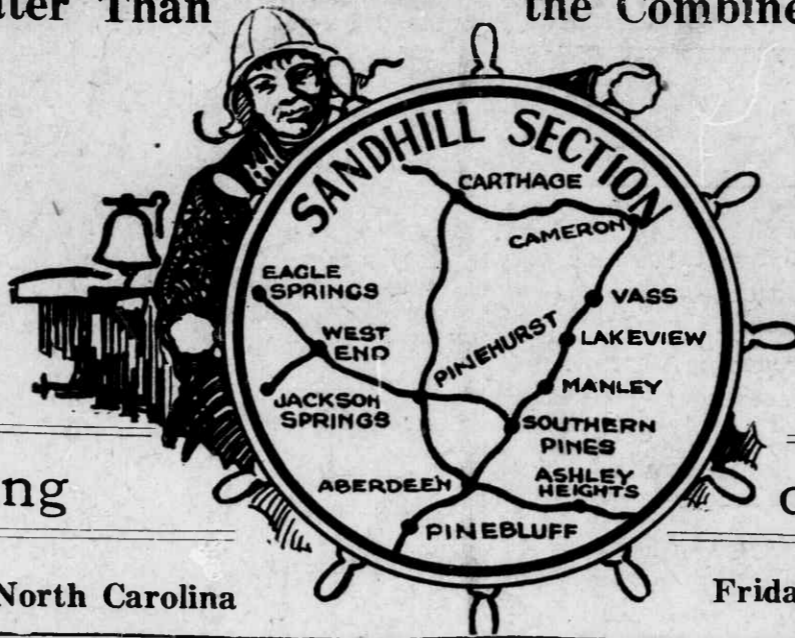


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INJUNCTION HALTS WEST SOUTHERN PINES TAX SALE

Legality of Abolition of Town and Annexation to Southern Pines Involved

TO BE AIRED IN COURT

Southern Pines has been halted in its tax sales in its new addition across the creek, which was a separate corporation until recent act of the legislature abolished West Southern Pines and added that suburb to the main town. When the effort to collect delinquent taxes was started it was met with protests from some of the people, culminating in a request for an injunction, which is returnable September 30.

This brings into court the abolition of West Southern Pines, and the annexation of the territory to Southern Pines, the complaint among other things, attacking the constitutionality of the move. More or less protest has been offered from the time the annexation was started. Some of the delinquents have been paying their back taxes, but others have held out, and while the sum that is back is not large, the protest that has been made is rather striking.

The complainants insist that they owe the town of Southern Pines nothing in the way of back taxes. Others who have been called on to pay produce receipts saying the taxes in dispute have been paid, and in this way the amount that at first appeared to be due has been lessened. But the sum left, which is not more than twelve or fifteen hundred dollars, is big enough for protesting purposes, and the matter now goes into court. The payment of taxes from the delinquent list will be held up until the court disposes of the injunction.

Royal R. Scott Dies, Long Prominent Here

Southern Pines Resident Passes Away at Age of 71 While On Visit North

The sad news of the passing of one of Southern Pines' best known citizens, Royal R. Scott, was received in the community last Saturday. Mr. Scott's death occurred at Ovid, New York, where he was spending the summer, last Friday, September 11. He was 71 years of age, a native of Cuba, N. Y.

Royal R. Scott was formerly secretary and legal adviser of the Willys-Overland Company, automobile manufacturers, at Toledo, Ohio. Since 1920 he has divided his time between Toledo and Southern Pines. He purchased the Heizman house on Broad street opposite the Southern Pines Hotel some years ago, and later purchased the Cyrus Cameron farm on James Creek, where he established the dairy now operated by the Olive brothers. He also had a farm beyond the dairy farm, a part of the old Young farm, where he made his home.

Mr. Scott was active in community affairs in Southern Pines until his health made it necessary for him to conserve his energies a few years ago. He was the first president of the Chamber of Commerce. His widow, Mrs. Clara H. Scott, and two daughters, Mrs. Carl G. Thompson, of Southern Pines, and Mrs. Byron Hueber of Syracuse, N. Y., survive.

IMPRESSIVE SERVICES FOR WAR VETERAN

Impressive funeral services were held Saturday at Eagle Springs for Ralph Hendren, who was drowned a week ago while fishing at Minnesott Beach on the Neuse River. Sandhill Post, American Legion, took part in the services, which were conducted by the Rev. Mr. McDuffie of Candor. The colors were carried to the Bensalem cemetery, where taps were sounded as the body of the late World War veteran was lowered into the grave. Hendren was the son of Mr. and Mrs. G. L. Hendren of Eagle Springs.

First Service Sunday in New Pinebluff Methodist Church

The first service in the handsome new Pinebluff Methodist Church at Pinebluff will be held this Sunday morning, September 20th, the Rev. A. W. Thompson, pastor, announced this week. Although services will be held regularly in the church from now on, the completion of the church edifice will not be officially celebrated until later in the fall when more of the members have returned from the north to join in the exercises.

The auditorium is complete, but the Sunday School rooms not yet ready. The building has been under construction for the past year, ground having been broken 14 months ago, though actual building did not start immediately after this. As a nucleus

for the building fund the church had \$1,400 from the sale of some property. The balance of the \$11,500 which the edifice as it stands today represents was raised by private donations of money and labor and through efforts of the Ladies' Aid society. Five hundred dollars of donated labor has gone into the structure.

There will be no exercises this Sunday to celebrate the completion of the building, Mr. Thompson said. But he announced that should there be any children to be baptised or persons desiring to unite with the church at this first service in the fine new edifice, he will welcome them there Sunday. The public of the Sandhills is also cordially invited to this first service.

SOUTHERN PINES TAX RATE \$2.15; BUDGET PASSED

Board of Commissioners Considers Tax on Business Houses for Their Protection

WOULD CURB TRANSIENTS

The Southern Pines Board of Commissioners approved the town's annual budget at its regular meeting held Wednesday night of this week, and established this year's tax rate at \$2.15, the same as last year.

Considerable sentiment has developed in Southern Pines for the licensing of business places, and strange to say, some of the leading merchants are favorable. The idea being that the regular merchants of the town are not at present protected against the incursions of fly-by-night fellows who bring merchandise into town, peddle it out cheaply under the noses of the taxpaying merchant, and leave for another town.

This matter was discussed at the meeting of commissioners Wednesday night, and it was tabled pending the obtaining of views pro and con from those who would be affected. There is said to be one thing in its favor in addition to curtailing the activities of the transient merchant, that is the fact that a tax or license on business places might net a sufficient amount to bring about a slight reduction in taxes in the town.

REV. MR. BROWN TELLS EXPERIENCES IN CHINA

The Rev. F. Craighill Brown, rector of the Emmanuel Episcopal Church at Southern Pines, told members of the Kiwanis Club of some of his experiences as head of a church in China, at their weekly meeting in the Pinehurst Community Church Wednesday noon. He fascinated his audience with tales of the queer practices of the Chinese, especially of the amount of red tape involved in the burial of the dead, and of their inability to lift a finger to aid a drowning man because once a Chinaman saves another, he is responsible for that man's welfare for the remainder of his life.

BRUMMITT TO ADDRESS KIWANIANS SEPT. 30TH.

Attorney General Dennis G. Brummitt, candidate for the Democratic nomination for Governor, will be the speaker at the meeting of the Kiwanis Club of Aberdeen on Wednesday, September 30th, according to announcement made this week by Hiram Westbrook, chairman of the Program committee.

VASS BANK SITUATION SAID TO BE CLARIFYING

Several meetings of directors, stockholders and other parties interested in the affairs of the closed Bank of Vass have been held during the past week, with indications pointing to an early clearing up of the situation and the re-opening of the institution which closed its doors temporarily a week ago.

TWO CAROLINAS GOVERNERS HERE ON OCTOBER 22D

Gardner and Blackwood Accept Invitations To Address Kiwanis Convention

BOXING BOUTS ARRANGED

With the Governor of North Carolina telling the Governor of South Carolina what he would like to say to him if it were legal and proper, and the Governor of South Carolina responding in kind to the Governor of North Carolina, the annual convention of the Carolinas district of Kiwanis International bids fair to attract most of the members of the many Kiwanis clubs in the two states to Pinehurst on October 21, 22 and 23.

Both Governor Gardner and Governor Blackwood have accepted invitations to speak at the annual banquet, to be held Thursday night, the 22d, in the Carolina Hotel. This is but one of the many features planned for the convention. Others include a grand ball at the Country Club, a golf tournament, prize fights staged by soldiers from Fort Bragg, and numerous entertainments for wives and sweethearts of members. J. Talbot Johnson, chairman of the Convention committee, announced the program to members of the Aberdeen club, hosts of this year's convention, at their weekly meeting held Wednesday at the Pinehurst Community Church.

Bouts for Charity

The big boxing bouts are to be staged at the Pinehurst race track, in front of the grandstand, Thursday afternoon at 4 o'clock and are to be open to the public, at a small entrance fee, as well as to the Kiwanians. The proceeds will go toward unemployment relief or some similar community need.

Six of the best boxers in their weight from Fort Bragg will be the participants in the program consisting of three events, two preliminaries and the main bout.

The ring will be constructed on the track directly in front of the grandstand which will provide excellent "ring-side" box seats as well as other ringside seats which will be erected on the other three sides.

EDWIN McKEITHEN NEW MANAGER OF COUNTY HOSPITAL

Aberdeen Man Appointed Business Head of Institution at Pinehurst SUCCEEDS T. H. ROWAN

Edwin T. McKeithen of Aberdeen has been appointed business manager of the Moore County Hospital at Pinehurst and will begin his duties on next Thursday, September 24th. He succeeds T. H. Rowan of Hamlet, who has been serving in this capacity for several months.

Mr. McKeithen is a lifelong resident of Moore county and is widely acquainted and highly esteemed throughout the Sandhill section. His extensive personal acquaintance and long intimate association with civic and business affairs of the community especially qualify him for this very important position.

Besides managing the fiscal affairs of the growing institution, Mr. McKeithen will, through the press, by correspondence and by personal interviews give out information and answer questions concerning the hospital, thereby establishing intimate contact with the public, so essential to the proper understanding between a public institution and the people it aims to serve.

The Moore County Hospital, though still in its infancy, has already a brilliant record of achievement. Founded by donations from public and private sources and with the aid of the Duke Endowment, it has proven its value to the citizens of Moore county and to the many winter residents of the Sandhills, and is an institution of which the community may well be proud.

"Aunt Flora" McLeod Has 83d Birthday

Family Which Settled Near Here 150 Years Before Aberdeen Holds Reunion

When the Scotch came from the old country and settled in the wilds of the Cape Fear section, some of them came out to Moore, Montgomery and even Anson counties, gradually moving west from the Cape Fear. However, the settlement of McLeods in Moore was soon after the clans first came over the Atlantic.

One family settled four miles west of the town of Aberdeen at least a 150 years before this town was born. At the old John McLeod place, was where her relatives and friends met Sunday and celebrated her 83rd birthday. Fifty or sixty relatives, and friends, neighbors, including the pastor of Aunt Flora, met, had an unusually fine dinner, served on a long table under an assortment of shade-trees in the yard.

John McLeod married Miss Flora Johnson a little more than a century ago, and settled on the Moore county side of Drowning Creek, where the land was good, the range fine and game plentiful.

One way the oldtime company had of entertaining themselves was singing and Aunt Flora kept the crowd busy singing Sunday afternoon. She conducted religious exercises nearly all day.

DIES SUDDENLY ON WAY TO HOME IN PINEBLUFF

William A. Eldredge of Canasraga, N. Y., and Pinebluff, died suddenly in Virginia on his way to his winter home here last Wednesday, September 9th, according to word received this week in Pinebluff. Mrs. Eldredge was with him when he was overcome by a heart attack, death following almost immediately. The body was taken back to Canasraga.

Stage All Set Here for Big Opening of Tobacco Market

Warehouses, Buyers, Growers Optimistic Over Prospects For Big Season GOOD LEAF PRICES UP

Mayor Blue Extends Greetings To Tobacco Men on Eve of Market Opening

On next Tuesday, September 22d, the Aberdeen tobacco market opens for what is expected to be its greatest year. From the reports which come to us from tobacco growers of this section, the crop is plentiful and of excellent quality, and there is every indication that several million tons will be marketed through Aberdeen warehouses.

As Mayor of Aberdeen, I want to extend to the tobacco men a warm welcome to the city during the period of the market. We welcome the grower, the warehouseman, the buyer, and hope that each will make himself at home here, make known his wants, give us an opportunity to get acquainted with him, tell us what he thinks of us. Come and bring the whole family, not once but often. Aberdeen bids you welcome. HENRY BLUE, Mayor.

AUGUST TOBACCO PRICE AVERAGE ABOVE YEAR AGO

Sales 7.6 Per Cent Ahead with Average at \$12.44 Against 1930's \$10.98

HUGE CROP OF BURLEY

Tobacco sales on the seven markets along the South Carolina line which were open in August amounted to 19,885,181 pounds, exclusive of resales, as compared with 18,486,642 pounds in August, 1930, and brought an average of \$12.44, a hundred pounds, as compared with \$10.98 in 1930, according to the Federal-State crop reporting service for August.

The prices averaged \$1.46 a hundred pounds more than last August, while sales amounted to 7.6 per cent more than sales to the same date last year.

The crop condition September 1 was 76 per cent of normal, as compared with 75 per cent a year ago and 78 over a 10-year period. A total production of 502,265,000 pounds is indicated, or 14 per cent less than last year's crop while the crop this year covers 722,000 acres, or 7 per cent less than last year. The dry start of the season, followed by heavy rains caused a second growth and resulted in inferior grades, along with the lighter per acre yield.

Government Report

The latest government crop report says: "The production of flue-cured tobacco is indicated to be about 141,000,000 pounds less than the 859,831,000 pounds produced a year ago, decreases being shown in both the old and new belts. The production of air-cured types both light and dark, is expected to be materially larger than last year. The condition of burley indicates a much larger crop than was harvested last year, it being forecast at 420,179,000 pounds compared with 349,263,000 pounds a year ago. The production of dark air-cured tobacco is forecast at 68,569,000 pounds compared with 60,990,000 pounds in 1930. In one-sucker, the production is expected to be about 10 per cent less than last year's production."

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ABERDEEN TO BORROW SUM OF \$8,000 NEXT WEEK

The Town of Aberdeen has been authorized by the Local Government Commission at Raleigh to sell an \$8,000 Revenue Anticipation note, and sealed bids for same will be received next Thursday, September 24th, at 10 a. m. The note is for six months.

TOBACCO PRICES

The average price of tobacco on North Carolina markets from 1920 to 1930 was as follows:

Year	Cents	Year	Cents
1920	25.3	1925	23.0
1921	26.0	1926	25.0
1922	27.6	1927	23.0
1923	21.0	1928	20.0
1924	25.8	1929	18.4
1930	12.9		