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## ALL RESPONSIBLE FOR HARD TIMES, SAYS R. B. HOUSE

### Give Up the Villain Hunt and Set To Work to Create New System

### MAKES ABLE TALK HERE

Captain R. B. House, executive secretary to the president of the University of North Carolina, made one of the most distinguished addresses heard by the Kiwanis Club of Aberdeen this year at the club's weekly meeting held in the Pinehurst Community Church on Wednesday.

Blaming no man or group of men, but all of us, for conditions of the present, Mr. House suggested that we might as well give up our villain hunt, for we can't find him. We have all participated in bringing about the present "period of collective lunacy," as he called it. Conversely, he said, no man or group of men is going to lead us out of the predicament; we must do it ourselves. And we need a fundamental change of heart to accomplish it.

Hard headed, live-at-home wisdom, the looking after of our own communities, our own people, ourselves instead of some great worldwide scheme, Captain House recommends. America was founded upon the ideal that the common man had a right to a better living. Through ancient history, Roman history, the Middle Ages the aristocratic principal was supreme, the plain man not considered. This changed around the 14th century when the plain, ordinary men of England destroyed the chivalry of France. Then plain man began to fight his way up. Thus was furnished the inspiration for the American Revolution, for the democratic system of government, for American business, for plain American citizenship.

No one here is jealous of the man who has built up a great business because each of us knows he has an opportunity to do likewise.

We must settle down now to a long term, long lasting plan of stable living. Develop economic stability. Stop moving from hither to yon. What we need in America is less utilitarian pressure, more spiritual joy. We need to have more fun, stop thinking that everything is tied up in the pursuit of the almighty dollar. Wealth as a system is bankrupt, he said. But with confidence, we have the ability, the courage, the inventiveness to win our way to a new system.

## Man Shot in Robbery Attempt in Pinebluff

### Jasper Little Admits Guilt and Involves Others in Series of Thefts

Awakened by a slight noise outside the rear window in the room in which they were sleeping, Mrs. E. G. Adams, wife of the proprietor of Highway Garage in Pinebluff, quietly awakened her husband, who discerned the dim outline of a man outside apparently about to enter the room.

A scream of pain and the sound of running feet followed the shots of Mr. Adams' automatic, indicating that the man was hit and running away. Early Wednesday morning Mr. Adams and officers followed the trail, which led to the home of Jasper Little, between Wagram and Laurinburg, where they found the man in bed suffering from a bullet wound in his side. Little at first denied all knowledge of the attempted robbery but later admitted his guilt, implicating three others.

He was taken to Sheriff C. J. McDonald, who later gathered in Buddy Seagroove and John Henry Fairley for investigation.

Attempts to enter the home of Miss Nannie McDonald and Harry Barrett, also of Pinebluff, had been made later in the night. Officers of Scotland county gave Little a bad reputation. He had served two terms on the chain gang and one term in the penitentiary.

Sandhills shops are full of attractive Christmas gifts.

## Murdoch Johnson Retires from Senate and Local Law Practice

### Prominent Citizen To Return to Camden, S. C., Jan. 1st, After Long Residence Here

Murdoch M. Johnson, State Senator from this district and a member of the law firm of Johnson & Johnson, Aberdeen, tendered his resignation from the legislative body and announced his withdrawal from the practice of law in Moore county this week. Senator Johnson is returning to his former home in Camden, S. C., on January first to resume legal practice there from which he retired to come to Aberdeen in July 1925.

Mr. Johnson has been a leader in all civic affairs in Aberdeen for the past six years. He has played a prominent part in the counsels of the Democratic party in county and state, and served with distinction in the last session of the State Legislature. At Raleigh he was a member of the Senate Committee on Appropriations and the Committee on Banking.

In the local field, Mr. Johnson was president of the Kiwanis Club during the year 1929. He organized and was first president of the Aberdeen Good Fellows Club, an organization devoted to charity and relief measures. He has been president of the Aberdeen Chamber of Commerce for a number of years, and for the past few years has served as chairman of the school board here. He has also been an active member of the directorate of the Aberdeen Building and Loan Association. In addition to sending in his Senate resignation this week, Mr. Johnson has tendered his resignation from the school board and as president of the Chamber of Commerce.

Senator Johnson came to Aberdeen in 1925 to aid his late distinguished uncle, J. McN. Johnson, and his cousin, J. Talbot Johnson, in their growing law practice. Before that time he practiced law in Camden, and returns to his former field the first of the year, opening an office in the Crocker Building.

Mr. Johnson has the unique distinction of having served in the legislative bodies of both North and South Carolina, having been a member of the South Carolina Assembly from 1918 to 1922.

In Mr. Johnson's removal from the community, Aberdeen, the Sandhills, Moore county and the state lose a valuable citizen, one who has contributed much to the growth and welfare of the section. He has been untiring in his efforts for community good of all kinds, and his loss in the local field will be distinctly felt.

And let it be added that in his going, The Pilot loses its able secretary and a most active member of its board of directors.

## Dixie Offers Theatre for Big Benefit Tuesday

### Net Proceeds of Two Performances To Go to Christmas Charity Fund in Aberdeen

The entire net proceeds of the two performances at the Dixie Theatre in Aberdeen next Tuesday night will be turned over by the management to the Good Fellows Club of Aberdeen for its Christmas charity work, it was announced yesterday, and immediately plans were set on foot by the club for a big turnout of the citizens that evening.

"Touchdown," one of the best football pictures ever filmed is the feature that night, with the usual comedies, news, etc., but also as a special added attraction, some real live vaudeville talent.

There is to be no hoast in prices, but those who can afford to do so will be expected to pay more for their seats than they need to. It all goes into the relief coffers, and there is going to be big need for a big fund this Christmas period.

The management is giving the theatre, lights, service of all employees, everything except the actual cost of procuring the film free. There will be two performances that evening, at 7 and 9-30, and full houses are looked for.

Do your Christmas shopping early. Don't wait till the last minute.



MURDOCH M. JOHNSON

## PORTER HOPKINS KILLED AS PLANE FALLS OUT WEST

### Former Resident of Pinehurst Dies From Injuries in Santa Barbara, Cal.

### LEARNED TO FLY HERE

Samuel Porter Hopkins, Jr., former winter resident of Pinehurst, was fatally injured in an airplane crash last Sunday in Santa Barbara, California, according to an Associated Press dispatch to the Sandhills Daily News. The report reads:

"While his bride of three weeks stood among the spectators, Samuel Hopkins, 25 years old, New York airplane pilot, crashed from 1000 feet near Goleta Airport, eight miles north of here, late Sunday afternoon and was injured, possibly fatally. The cause of the accident was not ascertained."

A later dispatch reads: "Santa Barbara, Cal., Dec. 8—(AP)—Lapsing into unconsciousness after a brief rally, Samuel Hopkins, 22-year old New York flier, died here late today of injuries received Sunday when his plane crashed from 1,000 feet in an airport stunt program."

Young Hopkins was a director of the Lake Champlain Aviation Country club of New York."

### Learned To Fly Here

Young Hopkins learned to fly while a resident of the Sandhills, being a pupil of Lloyd O. Yost of the Knollwood Airport here. He spent many winters in Pinehurst with his father, the late Dr. Samuel P. Hopkins, and mother, of Brooklyn, N. Y. He made many friends in this section.

The Daily News of November 19th reported Hopkins' marriage to Miss Marian Robertson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harold B. Robertson, of Vancouver, stating that after the ceremony the young couple left Vancouver for Seattle by motor, from which city they planned to fly in Mr. Hopkins' plane to Santa Barbara to spend the winter.

Surviving him, in addition to his wife, are his mother and a sister, Mrs. D. H. Edwards.

## MAKES GENEROUS GIFT TO CHRISTMAS SEAL SALE

Mrs. Francis T. Keating, ever ready and active in welfare work, has given the sum of \$365.00 to take care of one patient for one year in the Tuberculosis Sanatorium. Mrs. Keating is in close touch with the local situation and realizes the vital work that is being done for the public good.

When an incipient case is taken to the Sanatorium, it means not only that a life is saved but a danger spot to the community is removed.

At the present time five indigent cases are being cared for by the Seal Sale funds. One of these is a mother of seven children, another a mother of three.

Contributions may be sent to Mrs. T. A. Cheatham, County Chairman, or to Mrs. James Quale, chairman for Pinehurst.

## RICHARD BOGGS, 14, KILLED BY AUTO ON RD. TO PINEHURST

### Popular Youngster, Riding His Scooter, Dodged One Car To Run Into Another

### BOY SCOUTS PALLBEARERS

Returning home on his scooter from helping his scoutmaster, the Rev. E. L. Barber, build the platform for the Christmas exercises in the Bethesda Presbyterian Church, Richard Boggs, 14-year old son of Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Boggs, was struck by an automobile and killed Tuesday afternoon. The accident occurred near the Boggs home on the Aberdeen-Pinehurst highway about a mile from Aberdeen.

The inquest on Wednesday revealed the fact that young Boggs, was struck by a car driven by Bill McLaurin, colored of Pinehurst, bound toward Aberdeen while attempting to dodge a car traveling in the Pinehurst direction. McLaurin at the time did not think he had hit the boy with sufficient force to cause him injury, but returned to report the accident to the Boggs household as soon as he realized what had happened. He helped carry the child to the house. McLaurin was exonerated from blame by Coroner D. Carl Fry and Sheriff Charles McDonald after the inquest.

Richard was one of the most lovable youngsters in Aberdeen, popular with old and young, a leader among the Boy Scouts and among his classmates of the Eighth grade in the Aberdeen High School. He had left his friends but a few moments before the fatal accident, having played basketball and aided Mr. Barber with the work of Christmas preparations after school that day. A pall of gloom was cast over the entire village of Aberdeen when news of Richard's tragic death spread about town.

Funeral services were held yesterday morning at 11 o'clock at the Catholic Church in Southern Pines. Fellow members of his Boy Scout troop acted as bearers, and the Eighth Grade attended in a body.

Surviving besides the parents are two small brothers and one sister, to whom the sympathy of the entire countryside has gone forth.

## "Ben Hur" Here For Charity Show Sunday

### Epic Film at Carolina Theatre, Pinehurst, To Aid Fund For Christmas Needy

"Ben Hur," one of the greatest stage productions ever given to the American public, and now made into one of the greatest films of the modern era, comes Sunday night to the Carolina Theatre to aid the Kiwanis Club's Christmas Relief Fund. Reserved seat tickets are on sale in the Carolina Hotel and at the Carolina Pharmacy. Minimum admission charges have been made low, that all may have the opportunity of seeing the film and doing their bit toward helping the needy of the Sandhills. Those who can afford to do so will be expected to pay in proportion to their ability, and it is hoped that a large fund may be realized on Sunday night.

Orchestra and boxes are reserved, and it is recommended that tickets for these be purchased in advance if you would be sure of good seats. The rest of the house will be "first come, first served," so you'd better be on hand around 8 o'clock Sunday night if you want to see "Ben Hur" and do your part toward aiding the county charities in their Christmas relief work.

The benefit performance was made possible through the generosity of Manager Charles W. Picquet of the Carolina Theatres, who announced at the Kiwanis Club meeting this week that all proceeds over and above the actual cost of procuring the film would be turned over to the Kiwanis relief fund. All theatre employees have also donated their services for the evening.

Put Christmas Seals on your Christmas shopping list.

## Busy Life Ends



DANIEL A. McDONALD

## TAX BILLS REFLECT SHIFT OF BURDEN OFF LANDOWNERS

### Governor Gardner Tells Pilot People Are Just Beginning To Realize Extent of Relief

### PITIES NEXT GOVERNOR

By M. R. Dunnagan  
The Pilot Raleigh Correspondent

"Property owners of North Carolina are just now beginning to realize to what extent the 1931 General Assembly relieved them of their tax payments, although they have not yet discovered to what extent the tax burdens have been shifted to those most able to pay," Governor O. Max Gardner told The Pilot this week, referring to his recent statement on State tax collections.

Governor Gardner pointed out in that statement that while taxes have been cut \$12,000,000 on land and property, taxes on incomes and franchises of corporations and business were increased an average of 40 to 50 per cent, and represents the biggest increase and the highest rates ever levied in the state. Franchise rates were increased on power companies 43 per cent, on ordinary business corporations 25 per cent and income rates on corporations 22 per cent, by the 1931 General Assembly, he points out. The tax receipts of the land and property owners are reflecting the big cut on their holdings this year, he said.

"The most important function of the office of Governor in these times is that of serving as general manager."

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## 1932 Auto Licenses On Sale Here Tuesday

### Jack McN. Johnson To Handle County Distribution at Station in Aberdeen

Auto license tags for 1932 go on sale December 15th throughout the state. Jack Johnson of Aberdeen is the Moore county distributor and has opened an office in the Bobby Burns filling station at the junction of the Aberdeen to Pinehurst road with U. S. Highway No. 1 in Aberdeen for distribution of the plates.

Aberdeen is one of the 11 new "all year" offices.

This year for the first time licenses in North Carolina will be sold on the basis of the weight of the vehicle instead of the horsepower. Under the new law, licenses will be sold at the rate of 55 cents per hundred weight, manufacturer's shipping weight to determine proper weight, for passenger motor vehicles. The minimum fee will be \$12.50.

Passenger automobiles used for the transportation of passengers for hire will be licensed on a basis of 90 cents per hundredweight, with the minimum fee to be \$18.

Rates for trucks vary from 55 cents per hundredweight for vehicles having pneumatic tires to \$2.00 per hundred pounds for vehicles equipped with solid tires and rated from three to 10 tons.

This year the license are made with black numbers on a yellow background, just the reverse of the 1931 color scheme.

## D. A. McDONALD PASSES AWAY AT CARTHAGE HOME

### Former Member of State Assembly and Senate Was One of County's Foremost Citizens

### DEAN OF MASONRY HERE

Daniel A. McDonald, for years one of the foremost citizens of Moore county, passed away at his home in Carthage at 7 o'clock Tuesday morning. While not unexpected by those who knew of his condition, his death came as a distinct shock to the entire countryside.

Mr. McDonald has long been connected with the business and political life of Moore county. He was its first surveyor, Clerk of the Superior Court, representative in the General Assembly and member of the State Senate. He served as a member of the Board of Directors of the State Hospital for the Insane at Raleigh, as well as a member of the county and State Democratic Executive Committees and other political organizations. He was a Democrat who helped redeem the county and state from the Russell regime and at that time became affiliated with what afterwards became known as the Simmons machine, though he did not follow the late United States Senator into a bolt of the national Democratic ticket in 1928.

In all these public capacities Mr. McDonald served ably and well. His was a lovable disposition, happy with the gift of being able to hold his own counsel while getting the full benefit of those with whom he was associated in the enterprise then being undertaken. While a member of the State legislative body he passed the county-wide stock law which showed his foresight, though at the time it was a politically unpopular move. In other like matters he did what he thought was best for the public regardless of his own opinion or the effect it might tend to have on his own personal aggrandizement.

Mr. McDonald was a life-long member of the Presbyterian church in which he was for years a ruling elder, and gave to his church as to his party and state the best there was in him. His wife died several years ago and two children preceded him to the grave. He is survived by two daughters, Mrs. J. K. Roberts and Miss Anna Lee McDonald, one son, D. A. McDonald, Jr., and several grand children.

The funeral was held at the Presbyterian church Wednesday, with interment in the cemetery at Carthage.

Mr. McDonald was for more than fifty years a member of the Masonic fraternity and was at his death probably the oldest member in this county. As a husband he was loving and considerate; as a father kind and indulgent; as a friend true and tried, and as an antagonist open and fair. He served his family, his day and his generation well and in his passing the county and the state have lost a valuable asset.

## Davidson College Glee Club Here December 17

### College Songs, Comedy Skits, Jazz and Solos On Program at Carolina Theatre, Pinehurst

An extra attraction at the Pinehurst Theatre next week and one that will be of especial interest to all Sandhillers is the engagement of the Davidson College Glee Club and Orchestra for a concert Thursday, December 17th, at 8:20 p. m. A very interesting program of much variety, consisting of college songs, comedy skits and orchestra numbers by the Jazz Orchestra, as well as solos by the violinist, Horace Erwin of New York, and by George Pardington, baritone, who won the Atwater Kent Radio Audition for North Carolina last year, will be presented.

Very reasonable prices will prevail, with the entire orchestra section at \$1.00, parquet 75c and boxes \$1.50. A general admission of 50c will be charged for the balcony. Davidson College should receive a royal and enthusiastic welcome at Pinehurst, December 17th.