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SALES TAX ONLY ANSWER TO STATE REVENUE PROBLEM

Opponents Have No Substitute
to Offer, Says Senator
Paul Grady

ADDRESSES KIWANIS

State Senator Paul D. Grady of Smithfield, who has served four terms in the Senate and four in the lower house of the General Assembly, made a stirring speech to members of the Kiwanis Club on Wednesday in the Civic Club, Southern Pines, in support of the sales tax. After reviewing what the legislators found when they arrived in Raleigh for the session which enacted the sales tax, the deplorable conditions of the treasury, the impaired credit of the state and the needs of saving the educational system of North Carolina, he said:

"There was nothing else we could do."

And he told a story about the two men who were chased by a bull in a field. They couldn't make the fence before being overtaken, so one climbed the only tree, the other jumped into a hole. The bull tore madly across the hole and the man in it jumped out as soon as he had passed. The bull immediately turned and charged again. Down into the hole went the man, but out again as soon as the bull had gone by again.

"Don't keep jumping out," yelled the man in the tree. "It brings the bull back every time."

When rescued the treed member of the pair asked his brother why he hadn't stayed down in the hole.

"There was a bear in there," he said.

"We were in that position at Raleigh," said Senator Grady.

Interest in Government

The Senator expressed the belief that the sales tax, participated in by all, has made all governmentally conscious, the poor man who never thought before about his government because he contributed nothing toward it, as well as the rich man. "Government meant nothing to them before," he said, "but now they are helping pay for it and they want to know where their money is going. I think this has been one of the finest things about the enactment of the sales tax."

He said that undoubtedly there would be improvements made in the sales tax law at the coming session, that it would be made to produce more revenue by the patching up of loopholes. He freely predicted the continuance of the tax. "Where will we go if we abolish it?" he asked. "We will drive industry out of North Carolina if we tax it any further. We will drive our home owners out if we tax real estate any further. The weakness of the opponents of the sales tax is that they have nothing to offer in place of it. And we all know we must protect our homes and our schools."

Senator Grady was introduced by Willard Dunlop of Pinehurst, chairman of the Kiwanis Program committee.

Lexie Smith Dairy at Pinehurst Burns

One Bull Destroyed but Cows
and Mules Saved.—Loss
Placed at \$8,000

The large dairy barn of Lexie E. Smith on the outskirts of Pinehurst was destroyed by fire last Saturday afternoon. The fire was discovered too late for the Pinehurst department, which responded promptly when called, to save the barn, which was a total loss. The estimate of damage is placed at \$8,000, partially covered by insurance.

With the exception of a three and one-half year old bull the livestock was saved from the flames. Some 40 cows are kept by Mr. Smith which, with his mules, were all rescued. All grain and feed went up in smoke.

Mr. Smith plans to rebuild at once and expects to have his dairy again in operation in time for the next winter season.

1934 Graduating Class of Southern Pines High School



In the photograph, taken by Eddy are: Back row—John Notargiacomo, John Hewitt, Henson Maples, George Moore, Jr., Thomas Atkinson, Edmund Austin, Ralph L. Chandler, Jr., William Cox and J. H. Hassell; Second Row—Earl Powell, William Wilson, Theresa Montesanti, Frances Swearingen, Raymond Yorke, Susan Swett, Lois Cameron, Helena Kelly, Robert Gifford, Katie Ward and Alvin Bentley; Front Row—Mary Pethick, Charles Carlisle, Alice Abel, Edmund Austin, Madeline Chatfield, Paul Blue, Mary Weatherly and Edith Poate. Members of the Graduating Class who were not present when the photograph was taken are Katherine Buchan and Sarah Stewart.

SEAWELL BRANDS HEMP DEAL AS "DIRTY POLITICS"

Purpose Not to Create Sanitary
District but Jobs, He
Says in Statement

WOULD COST \$100,000

Herbert F. Seawell, Jr., in a statement to The Pilot this week, delves further into the controversy over the creation of a water district in Hemp in replying to the statement of D. D. McCrimmon of Hemp in last week's Pilot. Mr. Seawell says:

"Now that Mr. McCrimmon has made reply to my article in regard to the County Commissioners' acts creating or attempting to create a water district in Hemp, we can go further into the facts. I did not call any names in my article but I notice that somehow or other the hit dog has 'hollered.'"

"The entire matter was most drastically political from any standpoint. The Commissioners violated the law because the law says two-thirds petition of freeholders. (See Chapter 453 Acts of 1933.) The purpose was not to create a sanitary district but to create jobs at the expense of the taxpayers. Mr. McCrimmon proves this by naming the men appointed. E. R. Brown is the registrar at Hemp. J. C. Cummings, according to reports, is no longer a minister. Mr. McSwain is the political fixer at the Pinehurst Silk Mills. He, through aid of other officials, gives the command at the mill how the employees shall vote, (or lose their jobs.) Mr. Cummings' activities are purely political. Mr. Spence was employed by these parties not any more in a legal capacity than he was in a political capacity."

"Political Favor"

"Every move that has been made showed politics of the dirtiest brand, from the Attorney General's office on down. In fact the Attorney General did not pass upon the matter. On writing him for his authority he refused to give it. At the last hearing before the board the opposing property owners were not notified. A large percent of the real estate inside said proposed district is already advertised for sale for taxes. It will take over a hundred thousands dollars to put in the system and the total valuation, excepting the Pinehurst Silk Mill property, in the district is less than \$300,000.00. A private company investigated the proposed water system at Hemp and declared it could not possibly pay for itself. Why should the people have their taxes raised just to give a few politicians access to public funds, especially when numbers of homes in the proposed district are already for sale for non-payment of taxes. Anybody but a blind fool can see that the move

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29 Seniors to Be Given Their Diplomas at Exercises on Monday Night

Class Day exercises of the graduating class of Southern Pines High School opens tonight, Friday, at 8:30 o'clock in the school auditorium with a program put on by the Seniors and the High School Chorus, and will close on Monday night with the presentation of diplomas to the 29 young men and women who have successfully completed their scholastic work.

George Moore, Jr., will open the program tonight with his President's address, and others on the program will be Miss Susan Swett, Miss Edith Poate, Miss Alice Abel, Morell Bentley, Thomas Carlisle, Miss Helena Kelley, E. J. Austin and Superintendent Frank W. Webster.

The Rev. T. A. Cheatham of Pinehurst will deliver the baccalaureate sermon at the Church of Wide Fellowship on Sunday evening, the services opening at 8:15 o'clock with the invocation, the Rev. F. Craighill Brown reading the Scripture and Father W. J. Dillon offering prayer. The High School Chorus will sing during the services.

At the graduating exercises on Monday night the Rev. G. Ray Jordan of Winston-Salem will make the commencement address, Jean McIver Lane will present the D. A. R. Medal for excellence in American History to Morell Bentley, and Dr. George G. Herr, president of the School Board, will present the diplomas. Frederick Stanley Smith will lead the High School Chorus in the singing of Alma Mater to close the program.

Miss Dorothy Stutz Weds Garland Pierce

Popular Young Southern Pines
Couple Married Monday
in Richmond, Va.

Miss Dorothy Stutz, daughter of Mayor and Mrs. Dorsey G. Stutz of Southern Pines, was married Monday at noon to Arthur Garland Pierce of Leominster, Mass. The marriage took place in Richmond, Va., the ceremony being performed by the Rev. T. P. Thornton at Christ Episcopal Church. The bride wore an attractive beige ensemble with flowers and entered on the arm of her father, Mrs. Frederick Jackson of Jefferson, Maine, sister of the bride was matron of honor and was attired in a green ensemble with white accessories and wore a shoulder corsage of Columbia roses. John M. Howarth of Southern Pines was best man.

The bride is a popular member of the younger set of Southern Pines. Mr. Pierce is a native of Massachusetts and has been spending the winters here for the past few years. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Gilman H. Pierce of Leominster.

Mr. and Mrs. Pierce left immediately following the ceremony for a

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\$416,437.37 FOR PAGE DEPOSITORS NOW AVAILABLE

Supt. of Banks Hood and Liqui-
dating Agent Hinsdale Prom-
ise Prompt Payment

FUND ENOUGH FOR 20%

A loan of \$350,000 to the Page Trust Company has been approved by the Reconstruction Finance Corporation which, with funds realized in liquidating the bank's affairs by S. J. Hinsdale, the liquidating agent, will soon be available for a 20 percent payment to depositors, it was learned this week.

The following is a synopsis of the situation as it appears from a report made this week by a committee of depositors after a conference with State Banking Superintendent Gurney P. Hood at Raleigh:

Cash on hand May 8, 1934 \$296,437.47
Amount of loan 350,000.00
Less following items to be deducted:
Preferred claims filed 120,000.00
Amount collected on paper held by R. F. C. which must be paid to them 85,000.00
Amount necessary for payment of taxes (required by R. F. C.) 10,000.00
Approximate amount necessary for payment of taxes, repairs on property and other miscellaneous items (property of subsidiary of Page Trust Co.) 15,000.00

Leaving a balance of \$416,437.47

Amount necessary to pay 20% dividend \$406,307.50

Balance 9,029.27

The amount of cash on hand or collected on notes makes no difference as to the final result as this was collected on notes pledged to R. F. C. and will have to be accounted for as in cash of the \$85,000.00 mentioned above.

The report of the committee states that both Mr. Hinsdale and Mr. Hood promised that the dividend or payment to depositors would be made "just as soon as possible."

BIG FOURTH OF JULY PLANS FOR SOUTHERN PINES

The Sports Committee of the Southern Pines Chamber of Commerce headed by Dr. George G. Herr, is arranging a program for the Fourth of July here, to include a fireworks display followed by a dance. In cooperating the newly organized All States Association is to have a baked bean luncheon at noon, after which the crowd will see the baseball game scheduled for here that afternoon between teams of the Sandhills League. A full day of fun is promised for this year's Fourth in Southern Pines.

Many Close Battles Feature Primary Races of Democrats and Republicans Tomorrow

Primary Contests

Competing Candidates to be
Voted On in Tomorrow's
Election

DEMOCRATIC PRIMARY

(One to be voted for in each instance)

For Public Utilities Commissioner
Stanley Winborne
E. C. Macon

For Judge, Superior Court
13th Judicial Dist.
F. Don Phillips
A. M. Stack

For Solicitor
13th Judicial Dist.
J. C. Sedberry
R. Lane Brown
Rowland S. Pruett

For State Senator
S. H. Miller
U. L. Spence
S. R. Hoyle

For Member State House of
Representatives
Angus B. Cameron
W. R. Clegg
Jesse D. Frink
N. L. Gibbon

For Judge Recorder's Court
J. Vance Rowe
George H. Humber

For Register of Deeds
J. E. Muse
Wiley Purvis
W. J. Harrington

For Sheriff
T. L. Blue
K. G. Deaton
C. J. McDonald

For Coroner
Lloyd T. Clark
D. Carl Fry

For County Commissioner
1st District
L. Reid Flinchum
D. A. McDonald
Wilbur H. Currie

2d District
E. C. Matheson
D. D. McCrimmon

5th District
C. F. Leavitt
Gordon McG. Cameron

REPUBLICAN PARTY

For Member State House of
Representatives
H. F. Seawell, Jr.
O. D. Wallace

For Sheriff
A. G. McDuffie
Z. M. Burns

For County Commissioner
Third District
E. H. Willcox
J. W. Gaines

Mrs. Mary R. McNeill Dies at Home Here

Descendant of Leading Families
of Section Leaves Five
Children

A beloved descendant of one of the oldest and most respected families of this section passed away at 5 o'clock yesterday morning when Mrs. Mary Ray McNeill succumbed to a fight against the inevitable which lasted for several months. Death came at her home on South Page street ending a career of usefulness and distinction in the community.

Mrs. McNeill was born April 18th, 1871, the daughter of Archibald Ray and Harriet Bethune Ray. She married William A. McNeill on October 9th, 1895 and survived her husband some 15 years. To them were born the following surviving children: Howard, Harold and Miss Lessie McNeill of Southern Pines; Mrs. A. C. Fields of Avon Park, Fla., and Mrs. A. F. Swift of Winter Haven, Fla. Eight grandchildren survive, and one brother, A. A. Ray of Southern Pines.

Mrs. McNeill was a devoted mother, a woman of high character and those attributes which make for loving friendships through life. Many will mourn her going. She was a member of the Bethesda Presbyterian Church, and the funeral services will be held in Old Bethesda this Friday, afternoon at 3:30 o'clock.

Judgeship, Senate, Representative
Fights Lead in Inter-
est on Eve of Elections

MANY SEEK RE-ELECTION

Duly registered voters will go to the polls tomorrow to cast their ballots for Democratic or Republican candidates in the Primary elections. There are the usual number of contests in the Democratic ranks, and for the first time in some years the Republicans face contests in three cases, for member of the State House of Representatives, for Sheriff and for County Commissioner in the third district. Deep River and Sheffield townships.

Polling places throughout the county will be open all day tomorrow until sundown. Results should be known at headquarters in Carthage before midnight.

The interest this year centers around these Democratic battles: the efforts of Solicitor F. Don Phillips of Rockingham to replace Judge A. M. Stack on the Superior Court bench in the 13th Judicial district; the State Senatorship from this county, between S. H. Miller, U. L. Spence and S. R. Hoyle; the four-cornered fight for the nomination for member of the State House of Representatives, the contests being the present incumbent, A. B. Cameron of Carthage, W. R. Clegg of Carthage, Jesse D. Frink of Aberdeen and Nicholas L. Gibbon of Lakeview; the challenge of Mayor J. Vance Rowe of Aberdeen for Judge George H. Humber's seat in Recorder's Court, and the three-cornered contest in which L. Reid Flinchum and D. A. McDonald are seeking to oust Wilbur H. Currie, chairman of the Board of County Commissioners, from the commission.

Many Seek Re-Election

There are other squabbles, but the above are the warm ones, the ones the results of which appear to be somewhat in doubt. In the case of all except the State Senatorship fight, it is a battle between the present incumbent and a new aspirant for honors. This is also true in the other offices for which more than one candidate has filed. J. E. Muse and Wiley Purvis are out for Will J. Harrington's scalp as Register of Deeds; Sheriff Charles J. McDonald has T. L. Blue and K. G. Deaton seeking his gold badge; Lloyd T. Clark of Southern Pines would supplant Coroner D. Carl Fry, and for the County Commission, D. D. McCrimmon wants E. C. Matheson's place in the second district and Claude Leavitt would like to represent the fifth district in place of Gordon McG. Cameron of Pinehurst.

In the Republican ranks, Herbert F. Seawell, Jr. and O. D. Wallace, both of Carthage, are fighting for the nomination for the State House of Representatives. For Sheriff, A. G. McDuffie is pitted against Z. M. Burns, and in the Third District there is a contest between E. H. Willcox and J. W. Gaines for the County Commission.

Here are the offices for which
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Opening Clash

The Old Rivals, Aberdeen and
Southern Pines, to Start
League Season

The first game of the Sandhills Baseball League season brings together the 1933 champion Southern Pines team and the Aberdeen outfit, last year's runners-up. This will take place on the Southern Pines diamond on Wednesday afternoon at 4 o'clock. A last-minute change in the league personnel eliminates the Pinehurst team and brings Aberdeen into the circuit, instead of the combined Pinehurst-Aberdeen club as was previously announced. And, as usual, a Southern Pines-Aberdeen clash is a "natural."