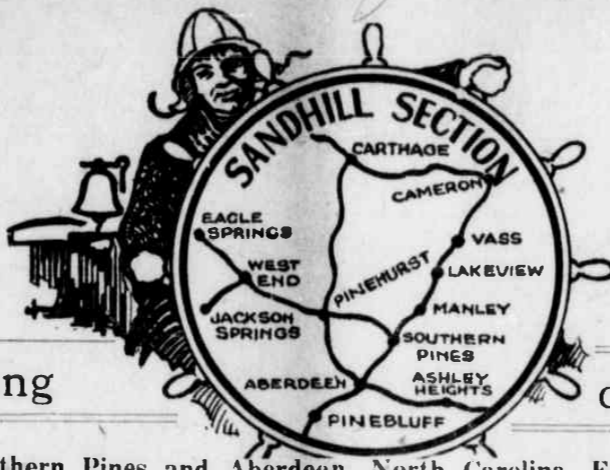


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## REVISION IN TAX SYSTEM IN COUNTY PROPOSED IN BILL

Clegg Introduces Measure to Non-Suit Foreclosures and Provide for Collections

### "FORGIVE AND ADJUST"

Representative W. R. Clegg, of Moore county has introduced a bill in the House of Representatives "to direct nonsuit of tax foreclosure suits in Moore county, to provide for the collection of the delinquent taxes of Moore county and to establish a way for the collection of all future taxes levied and assessed by Moore county."

This bill, House Bill No. 720, was referred to Judiciary No. 2 committee. It contains nine typewritten pages, and includes the following provisions:

That all suits instituted in the Superior Court of Moore County for the foreclosure of tax sale certificates and the collection of the taxes and costs due Moore County for certificates issued for the years 1928 through 1932 shall be, and the same are hereby nonsuited.

That the tax collector of Moore county be authorized and directed to make out a tax sale certificate judgment against the property of every delinquent taxpayer in Moore county for each of the years from 1928 to 1932 inclusive for which said land was sold.

#### First and Prior Lien

That the tax sale certificate judgment shall be a first and prior lien against the land described therein against all other liens by law provided against real estate except for taxes due the United States Government or for material man's and laborer's liens arising out of material placed and labor performed in the erection of any buildings on said lands which liens may have been filed, as by law provided, prior to the docketing of said judgment herein provided.

That in the settlement with the Board of County Commissioners of Moore county for the amount of taxes charged against him on the tax books delivered to him for collection of the taxes thereon levied and assessed, the tax collector of Moore county shall be entitled to credit as a cash voucher the face value of each tax sale certificate judgment so made out by him and delivered by him to the Clerk of the Superior Court of Moore county as hereinbefore directed.

That if and when said Moore County shall issue any execution on judgments for tax sale certificates or execution on judgments for delinquent tax certificates any city or town of said county holds a lien for taxes duly levied and assessed by said city or town against the same tract or parcel of land, then the proceeds derived from the sale of said tract or parcel of land as herein provided shall be apportioned by the sheriff according to their respective claims and the remainder, if any, disposed of as directed in the next preceding section of this act.

That all cities or towns in Moore county claiming any unpaid taxes (Please turn to page 4)

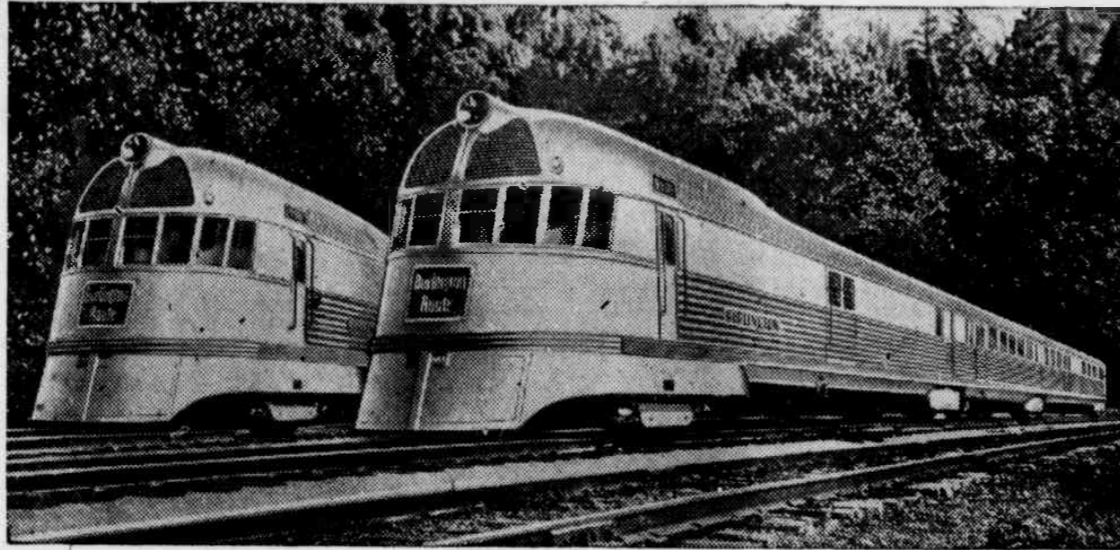
## George T. Dunlap, Sr., Married Wednesday

George T. Dunlap, president of Grosset & Dunlap, publishers of New York, and Miss Sarah Wilner Gaines, also of New York, were married Wednesday at the Village Chapel in Pinehurst at noon.

The bride was given in marriage by her brother, H. V. Gaines, New York, the others present being the bridegroom's daughters, Mrs. Theodore M. Riehle and Mrs. Ralph W. Fulton, both of Garden City; George T. Dunlap, Jr., and Mrs. Dunlap of Great Neck, L. I., Miss Helen Fulton of Garden City, Mrs. T. A. Cheatham and Miss Irene Harding of Pinehurst. Miss Harding officiated at the organ. The ceremony was performed by Dr. T. A. Cheatham.

A wedding breakfast at the Dunlap home followed the ceremony, after which Mr. and Mrs. Dunlap left for a brief trip south. They will be at home to their friends at Broadview, in Pinehurst, after March 28.

## Sandhills to See New Streamlined Zephyr Train Sunday



The Zephyr Twins, Newest Speed Trains, One of Which Will Pass Through Southern Pines Sunday Afternoon.

## AVERAGE PRICE OF TOBACCO \$28.44 FOR SEASON 1934

Figures for State Record 78 Percent Increase in Return to Farmers

### 320 PERCENT OVER 1931

The season's average price for North Carolina tobacco, estimated at 28.44 cents per pound by the Federal-State Crop Reporting Service, is 78 per cent higher than the average price paid for tobacco in 1933, about 225 per cent higher than the 1932 price, and 320 per cent higher than the 1931 figure, it was reported this week.

As a result, North Carolina producers sold 395,000,000 pounds of the golden weed, only 76.5 per cent of the amounts sold in 1933, for a price far in excess of the \$86,000,000 the 1933 crop was sold for. The 1934 crop was 40 per cent greater than the 1932 crop, which sold for a low figure of \$35,000,000.

With the 1934 crop out of the way, establishing a brilliant record for the principles of crop control as exemplified by the AAA, prospects for the 1935 crop are now seen as good, especially since plant beds have experienced favorable conditions and the early preparation of land has been permitted. The 1935 acreage will be controlled largely through definite allotments, but due to the high prices received during the season just ended, it is expected that many "outsiders" will be growing tobacco, even with the expectation of paying the tax.

The average price received for tobacco being about 7 cents above the parity level of 21 cents the crop reporting service expressed the opinion that the high price would attract over-allotment production this season.

Final 1934 season figures for Moore county markets show the following: Aberdeen, 2 warehouses; total sales, 1,910,192 lbs.; average price, \$26.58 per hundred as against \$14.62 the previous year.

Carthage, 2 warehouses; total sales, 1,375,340 lbs.; average price, \$28.02 as against \$15.34 the previous year.

## Blue Sole Nominee For Aberdeen Mayor

Present Incumbent Renamed for Post, and Seven Nominated for Commissioners

Henry McCoy Blue, present Mayor of Aberdeen, is the sole nominee to succeed himself as a result of the town caucus held in the City Hall in Aberdeen on Tuesday of this week. Mr. Blue has served several terms as Mayor and was prevailed upon to accept renomination despite his desire to retire.

Seven prominent residents were nominated for the five commissioners on the Board of Town Commissioners, to be voted on at the municipal election on Tuesday, May 7th. They are: J. D. McLean, Frank D. Shamburger, H. A. Guiter, C. L. Guion, J. K. Melvin and W. H. McNeill. Messrs. Gunter, McLean and Shamburger are present commissioners.

Residents of Southern Pines and vicinity will have an opportunity to see the newest light-weight, streamlined, stainless steel, diesel-powered train when the first of the Zephyr Twins of the Burlington Railroad passes through here Sunday, March 24, en route from Washington, D. C., to Miami, Fla. The train is scheduled to go through here at 3 p. m., but will not stop.

Although streamlined trains, weighing little more than a standard sleeping car, have made exhibition tours through the country and although they are in service on several railroads, this will be the first to be exhibited in the South.

Piloted by Jack Ford who drove the original Zephyr in a record-breaking non-stop run from Denver to Chicago last year—1,015 miles in 785 minutes—the train will leave Washington Saturday morning, March 23, at 10 o'clock over the tracks of the Richmond, Fredericksburg, and Potomac Railroad to Richmond, Va. From Richmond it will go over the Seaboard Air Line Railway to Miami where it will be on exhibition.

The Zephyr has proved so popular with the public that, while passenger traffic on the Burlington lines as a whole increased 26 percent, traffic on the Zephyr has shown an increase of 193 percent compared with its steam predecessors. Thirty-two percent of the passengers have indicated they would have traveled by automobile, bus, or airplane had it not been for the Zephyr.

## Launch Fight on Will of Elva Statler Davidson

Statler Family Lawyers File Caveat in Moore County Superior Court

The Statler family this week launched its fight on the purported will of Mrs. Elva Statler Davidson, which leaves virtually all her half-million dollar personal estate to her husband, H. Bradley Davidson, Jr., of Washington and Pinehurst.

Acting in behalf of Ellsworth Statler of England, and Joan Marie Statler, 3-year-old millionaire, Tuscon, Ariz., child, J. M. Broughton, Raleigh attorney on Monday filed a caveat to the will in Moore County Superior Court.

The usual general allegations are made that the instrument filed for probate last Saturday is not the valid last will and testament of Mrs. Davidson.

There are three grounds for caveat in North Carolina in general: the question of regularity of execution of the purported will; the question of mental ability of the testator, and, the question of exertion of undue influence on the testator.

Broughton said no specific grounds were noted in the protest filed, as its filing would raise the issue of validity of the entire document and hold off any further action until the validity of the will is determined by superior court.

It will probably be from four to six months before the issues are decided, Broughton said. The full list of attorneys for the caveaters includes J. M. Broughton, Raleigh; U. L. Spence, Carthage; Moot, Sprague, Marcy, Carr and Gulick, Buffalo, N. Y. and Ladd, Garono and Jaekle, Buffalo, N. Y.

## PARADE OF FLOATS TO OPEN BLOSSOM FESTIVAL APRIL 9

Features During Second Annual Fete Here Announced by Committee

### OPEN CONTEST FOR QUEEN

Plans for the second annual Spring Blossom Festival in Southern Pines are wending merrily along their way under the direction of S. B. Richardson, general chairman, and Mr. Richardson announced this week the various feature days for the fete which opens on Tuesday, April 9th.

This year a parade of floats, entered by various communities in the Sandhills and by leading merchants and manufacturers, will inaugurate the Festival. The parade starts at 3 o'clock Tuesday afternoon. That night at 8:00 o'clock the Festival Queen, to be chosen by popular votes at a penny a vote, the same as last year, will be crowned in due splendor, with a street dance to follow.

Wednesday is to be All-State Day, given over to the entertainment of visitors from other sections, and with a gymkhana in the afternoon. Old Slave Day, which featured last year's big week, will be on Thursday with an interesting program throughout the day. Thursday night the Spring Blossom Festival Chorus will give a concert, singing "The Holy City."

Military Day comes on Friday in connection with a district convention of the American Legion and a military parade with Fort Bragg playing a prominent part in the festivities. There will be a Festival Queen's Military Ball that night.

#### Duke vs. Davidson

Saturday is Collegiate Day, with golf and tennis matches in the morning between teams from various colleges in North Carolina. At 2:30 o'clock in the afternoon Duke meets Davidson on the baseball diamond, and that night preceding the Collegiate Ball at the Country Club there will be a huge fireworks display at the baseball park.

Voting for the Festival Queen will start next week, and the committee invites nominations any time now. The list of nominees will appear in next week's Pilot. Merchants are also invited to enter floats in the opening day parade, and it is hoped that all concerned throughout the Sandhills will be represented in this parade. Already a dozen floats have been entered, some from some of the leading manufacturing concerns in the state, some from nearby towns in the Sandhills. Private citizens are also planning to decorate their cars for the parade, as there will be prizes for passenger cars as well as for the big floats.

#### WALLACE WADE TO SPEAK AT SOUTHERN PINES SCHOOL

Wallace Wade, football coach of Duke University, will speak to the students of the Southern Pines High School at its next regular assembly period next Tuesday morning, March 26 at 11:15. All of the Senior classes of the Moore County schools have been invited to attend this program. The local glee club will sing. The public is cordially invited.

## Governor Heads Throng at Inaugural Race Meeting of New Steeplechase Ass'n.

Presents Trophy to Mrs. Jackson Boyd, Whose Charioteer Wins Feature Event of Day

### Hemp Incorporated

And Assembly Ratifies Bill Providing Calendar for Superior Court

The General Assembly last week ratified two Moore county bills. One was to require the solicitor of the 13th judicial district to make out the calendar for criminal terms of Superior Court in Moore county. The other was to incorporate the town of Hemp, Moore county.

## INQUEST FOLLOWS DEATH OF WOMAN IN FALL FROM CAR

Mrs. William Quilter of Newburgh, N. Y. Victim of Accident Near Southern Pines

### WINTER RESIDENT HERE

A drinking party which wound up at Charlie's Place on the main road between Aberdeen and Southern Pines at an early hour yesterday morning resulted in the death of Mrs. Charlotte M. Quilter of Newburgh, N. Y., who has been spending the winter on Bennett street, Southern Pines. Following her death L. Michael McDonald of Washington, D. C., her companion on the party, was held as a material witness.

Mrs. Quilter, McDonald and Mrs. Quilter's maid, Adeline Greiner, had gone into Charlie's place around midnight and ordered sandwiches. Prior to this, according to McDonald, he and Mrs. Quilter had consumed about half a gallon of whiskey. When they left the place, they entered an automobile and started toward Southern Pines. Mrs. Quilter fell out of the car without the knowledge of McDonald, despite the fact that he was allegedly sitting next to her on the front seat, and he continued on his way to the house on Bennett street. There he made the discovery that she was not in the car and when he returned to Charlie's Place was informed she had been taken to the hospital in an ambulance. He returned to Southern Pines and was placed under arrest when found asleep in the back of the car.

Mrs. Quilter died around 2 o'clock yesterday morning in the Moore County Hospital from head wounds "sufficient to cause death," according to the testimony of hospital physicians. A coroner's inquest was called yesterday by Acting Coroner H. F. Kelly, and witnesses were summoned to the hearing held out of doors in the Municipal Park beside the office of the City Clerk. No evidence was brought out to warrant any suspicion of foul play. The jury had not returned a verdict, however, when The Pilot went to press.

On the jury were N. W. Crain, Hiram Westbrook and J. E. Wilson of Southern Pines and E. C. Muse, J. M. McGraw and C. A. Yow of Carthage.

Mrs. Quilter is survived by her husband, William Quilter, of Newburgh, N. Y., and two daughters, aged 16 and 3, both of whom were residing with her here at the time of the accident. She is said to have suffered from nerves and severe head pains for some time and witnesses at the inquest testified that she had attempted on other occasions to leap from automobiles and from a window in her house here. McDonald, her companion of night before last, is a tailor employed by the Monteganti shop in Southern Pines.

Mr. Quilter, said to be a prominent official of the Erie Railroad with headquarters at Newburgh, is reported on his way here by airplane. Late yesterday afternoon the inquest was postponed until today pending his arrival.

## 53 Classes Listed in Pinehurst Horse Show

Entries to Close For Event April 2d and 3d Within Next Few Days

Fifty-three classes are listed in the Premium Book of the 18th annual Pinehurst Horse Show to be held on Tuesday and Wednesday, April 2d and 3d. Entries close within the next few days with Charles W. Picquet, the show manager.

There will be three classes for trotters and pacers, 19 for saddle horses, two for saddle ponies, 11 for hunters, seven for jumpers, a class for best girl rider, one for best boy rider and one for best pair of riders, boy and girl. Five classes are listed for polo ponies, and three for artillery mounts.

Fort Bragg will again be well represented this year, bringing over some of its trim 75mm. guns as well as numerous jumpers and a few mules for the mule battery contest which always furnishes so much merriment here. A military gymkhana is also scheduled.

Harry D. Kirkover of Camden, S. C., and Thomas W. Durant of New York have been asked to judge this year's show.