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ASSEMBLY BILL WOULD ABOLISH 3 HIGH SCHOOLS

Cameron, Eureka and Vass Affected if Average Attendance Minimum is Increased

MOORE FIGHTS PROPOSAL

House Bill No. 1189, introduced in the House of Representatives last week by Representative Harris and in the Senate by Senator Lloyd Griffin and referred to the Committee of Education, proposes a change in the required minimum average daily attendance for high schools in the state from the present 60 to 50 pupils.

If this bill should become a law, it would automatically abolish three of Moore county's best high schools, according to a statement by County Superintendent H. Lee Thomas. The schools are Cameron, Vass and Eureka. A total of 152 accredited three-teacher high schools and 44 non-standard high schools in the state would be affected.

The bill states that "provision shall not be made for a high school with an average daily attendance of less than 80 pupils unless geographic conditions make it impracticable to provide for them otherwise." This would mean in Moore county that further consolidation where crowded conditions now exist would be made practically mandatory upon the County Board of Education.

The Moore County Board of Education, in session on Friday, authorized the county superintendent to fight to keep the high school law from being changed by taking the matter up with Moore's representatives and representatives and school people in the other 79 counties in the state that would be affected. He has already conferred with Senator Spence and Representative Clegg, and they have promised to use their influence in an effort to keep the required minimum at 60 as it is at present.

Hearing Refused

Mr. Thomas talked with Representative Harris of Roxboro, chairman of the House Committee on Education, by telephone and asked if the committee would give the opponents of the bill a hearing with a view to getting the bill changed from 80 to 60 before it is reported out of committee again, and he definitely refused to grant the hearing. He stated that the bill positively would not be changed in committee.

In consequence of this, Mr. Thomas decided to take the matter up with the principals of the 196 high schools affected and ask them to lend their support in getting the average attendance requirement held at the present figure, and he has mailed letters to them, asking that they act at once before the School Machinery Bill comes up for consideration.

Style Show Feature at Pinehurst Saturday

Leading Shops To Show Many Exclusive Models at Country Club

The Fashion Show, which is to be held tomorrow afternoon at the Pinehurst Country Club for the entertainment of Carolina Day visitors, promises to be an affair of great interest to everyone. The show is being planned and put on by Mrs. Nat S. Hurd. It will begin at 4:30.

Three gown shops in Pinehurst will show exclusive models, they being Madame et La Jeune Fille, Purcello's and Razook's. About forty different costumes will be modeled by a dozen or more young society women. Among those who will model are Mrs. Larry Seeman of Cambridge, Mass., Mrs. L. L. Biddle, II and Miss Polly Lovering of Pinehurst, Miss Margaret Fuller, Briarcliff Manor, N. Y., Miss Elizabeth Fenno, New York City, Miss Katherine Wiley, Southern Pines, Miss Betty Hogg, Englewood, N. J., Miss McGregor Frame, Philadelphia and Miss Helen Louise Heim, New York City. One of the finest displays of women's costumes ever shown in Pinehurst is promised and many summer models are being imported especially for the occasion.

'Orchard Hill' to be the Scene of Leland-Wilder Nuptials

Rev. Mr. Barber Will Perform Ceremony at Home of Mr. and Mrs. E. T. McKeithen

"Orchard Hill," the home of Mr. and Mrs. Edwin T. McKeithen near Aberdeen, will be the scene tomorrow, Saturday night, of the wedding of Miss Effie Leland, daughter of Mrs. Warren Allston Leland of Johnson City, Tenn., and Allison Francis Page Wilder, son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas B. Wilder of Aberdeen. Only relatives and a few intimate friends will witness the ceremony, to be performed by the Rev. E. L. Barber, pastor of Bethesda Presbyterian Church in Aberdeen. Mrs. McKeithen, the bride's sister, will play the wedding march.

Miss Leland will be given in marriage by her brother, Warren Allston Leland of Baltimore, Md. Robeteau Wilder, brother of the groom, will serve as best man. An informal reception will follow the ceremony, with Miss Alice Wilder of Aberdeen and Mrs. Robert Johnston of Pittsburgh, Pa., sisters of the groom, Mrs. Dan Carter and Mrs. Charles Nicoll of Carthage and Miss Emilie Richardson of Southern Pines assisting in serving.

After a short honeymoon Mr. and Mrs. Leland will make their home in Charleston, S. C., where the groom is engaged in business.

Miss Leland is the youngest daughter of the late Warren Allston Leland and Mrs. Leland. She attended Memorial School in Charleston and was graduated with distinction from Converse College, Spartanburg, S. C., in 1930. For some time she has been employed as a secretary at the North American Rayon Corporation near Johnson City, Tenn.

Mr. Wilder was educated at Bell Buckle, Tennessee, Severn Academy in Maryland and at the United States Naval Academy at Annapolis. He is the oldest son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas B. Wilder of Aberdeen and a nephew of the late Walter Hines Page, ambassador to Great Britain during the World War.

A number of pre-nuptial events in honor of the young couple have been given during the past week.

Mrs. J. B. Fagan Dies in Hospital in Raleigh

Aberdeen Resident Was Former Matron of Farm Life School at Eureka

Mrs. J. B. Fagan, prominent resident of Aberdeen for the greater part of her lifetime, died early this week in a Raleigh hospital. She had been ill for some time.

Mrs. Fagan, who was a sister of the late James McNeill Johnson of Aberdeen, spent a busy and useful life. She was for many years matron of the Farm Life School at Eureka. Later she had charge of The Teacherage in Aberdeen for several years. Her husband died many years ago.

Surviving are a son, James W. Fagan of Ponca City, Oklahoma; four sisters, Dr. Alice E. Johnson of Philadelphia, Mrs. G. M. Ward of Willard, Mrs. Ella Heckart and Miss Mary Johnson of Aberdeen; and one brother, Edgar Johnson of Defuniak Springs, Florida.

Funeral services were conducted yesterday afternoon by the Rev. E. I. Barber at Old Bethesda Church, with interment following in Bethesda cemetery. The active pallbearers were J. D. McLean, Linwood Pleasants, William Maurer, Max Foiley, Jr., Gordon Keith and Francis Pleasants. Honorary bearers were Dr. Alex H. McLeod, J. R. Page, G. C. Seymour, J. A. Bryant, Leroy Harrington, W. T. Worsham, Robert Stewart, W. A. Blue, J. W. Graham and T. D. McLean.

PRESBYTERIAL TRAINING SCHOOL TO MEET MAY 2D

The Auxiliary Officers Training School for Fayetteville Presbyterial will meet in Bethesda Church at Aberdeen on May 2nd at 10 o'clock. All officers, secretaries of causes and auxiliary members are urged to attend and are requested to bring a light lunch.

Here on Sunday



REV. DR. C. K. PROCTOR

The speaker at the Community Hour at the Church of wide Fellowship at 7:30 this Sunday night, April 28, will be the Rev. Dr. C. K. Proctor. Dr. Proctor has been superintendent of the Masonic Orphanage at Oxford for seven years and has spent 15 years as a Methodist pastor. He has just been elected a trustee of Duke University.

Seats will be reserved for members of the Masonic orders from Southern Pines, Fayetteville and other nearby points. Everybody is invited. The entire offering will be devoted to the orphanage. Although under Masonic auspices, the orphanage is not restricted to children of Masons. The present value of the plant, which was established in 1872, is \$1,000,000.

SEABOARD'S NEW SCHEDULE GOES IN EFFECT SUNDAY

New Air-Conditioned "Robert E. Lee" Train Arrives Here at 6:48 A. M.

CARRIES PINEHURST CARS

Important schedules were announced this week by the Seaboard Air Line Railroad, to take effect this Sunday, April 28th. The Pinehurst and Southern Pines cars from New York will now arrive at 6:48 o'clock each morning instead of at 8:47 a. m. as they have been doing all winter. The night train from Southern Pines to New York will leave at 7:04 p. m., one-quarter of an hour later than at present, but will arrive at Pennsylvania Station at the same time, 9:00 a. m.

It will also be possible after Sunday to leave Southern Pines at 10:21 p. m. and arrive in New York at 11:59 a. m. This train will stop here on signal only, and only for passengers for Richmond or beyond. It will be a popular train for those going to Washington, arriving there at 6:45 a. m.

Here is the new schedule as it affects Southern Pines:

Train No. 5, Atlanta, Birmingham train Leaves New York at 5:30 p. m., arrives Southern Pines 6:45 a. m. This train will be known as "The Robert E. Lee" and will carry Pine- (Please turn to page 5)

Capacity Crowd Out For Festival Benefit

A band of musicians entertained a capacity audience at the benefit performance in the Carolina Theatre here Wednesday night. The benefit was to make up the deficit in the Spring Blossom Festival, and was successful in this purpose, according to Dr. G. G. Herr, chairman of the committee.

Dr. Herr acted as master of ceremonies and introduced the boys in a variety of snappy numbers, including a fan dance which brought down the house.

The committee in charge of the benefit show comprised Dr. G. G. Herr, Frank Buchan, Harry Buckley and Charles Picquet.

PLANS COMPLETE FOR BUSY SPORTS DAY IN PINEHURST

Full Program for Week-End, With Golf, Races, Fashion Show and Dance

MANY NOTABLES COMING

Final arrangements have been completed for North Carolina Day at Pinehurst. A full program of sports and entertainment is in store for the North Carolina visitors this week-end.

On Saturday golf will start the day off. North Carolina team matches will be completed on that day. Donald J. Ross has urged an early registration of players for these tournaments. There will also be prizes given for the lowest individual scores and net gross scores for thirty-six holes, to be completed on either one or both of the days. The field will be divided into three classes according to individual handicaps. A small entry fee will be charged.

John F. Kenfield, coach of the North Carolina University tennis team, has promised some of the finest tennis in the south. Several of the finest players at U. N. C. will compete in an informal tournament. The finals of the trap and skeet shooting tournament will start at 9:00 a. m. at the Gun Club and will continue throughout the afternoon.

Joe Ezar, famous trick golf artist will give an exhibition at the Country Club at 5:30 p. m.

Many entertainments are being planned for Saturday night for the entertainment of the visitors. Carolina Theatre will show a first run movie, Richard Barthelmess in "Four Hours to Kill." The Club Chalfonte, a famous night club in the Sandhills, will be open for dinner and dancing. Karl Andrews, the manager, promises a special orchestra and floor show for the occasion. There will be dancing in the ball room of the Carolina Hotel for guests and their friends. The Pinehurst Bowling Casino will also be open for anyone interested in this sport.

On Sunday at 3:00 in the afternoon there will be horse racing at the Pinehurst Race Track. H. Stacy Smith, owner of some of the fastest trotting horses in the country will stage a matinee race for the entertainment of the visitors. Following the race there will be several gymkhana events. There will be no charge for this entertainment. Besides racing on Sunday there will also be golf, tennis and trapshooting.

On Sunday afternoon from 4:30 to 5:30 tea will be served in the lobby of the Carolina Hotel and all the guests of the hotel and their friends are welcome.

Many notables in North Carolina (Please turn to page 4)

Noel Laing Riding in Maryland Hunt Race

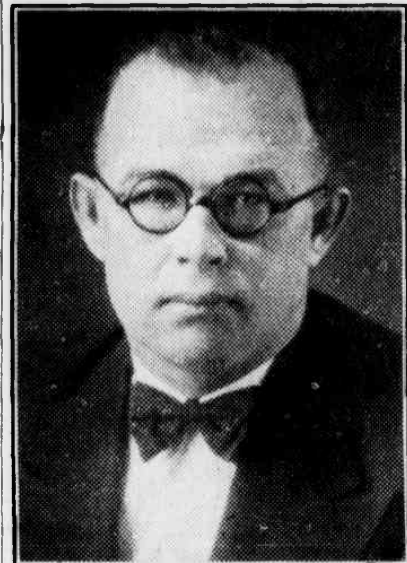
Famous "Trouble Maker," Trained Here All Winter, To Run Saturday

Noel Laing of Southern Pines will ride the famous "Trouble Maker," Mrs. T. H. Somerville's steeplechaser in the annual running of the classic Maryland Hunt Cup race near Baltimore tomorrow, Saturday afternoon. "Trouble Maker" was in training here all winter.

This will be "Trouble's" third trip around the historic course, looked upon as the most difficult steeplechase in America. He won the coveted trophy three years ago, with Laing in the saddle. Two years ago he was in England for the Grand National, in which he ran a fine race, and last year he was third, finishing with a deep gash in his chest as the result of hitting a post of one of the jumps. The course is four miles over timber. Among other entries is "Drumrod," winner of the recent Carolina Cup race at Camden, to be ridden by Jimmy Ryan, who won one of the events in the Sandhills meeting here this spring.

A number from Southern Pines are attending the race, among them Mr. and Mrs. Jackson H. Boyd, Mr. and Mrs. Almet Jenks and Miss Julia Scott Butterfield.

Announces



DR. L. M. DANIELS

DANIELS TOSSES HAT IN RING FOR S. P. TOWN BOARD

Platform Calls For Full Publicity For Acts of Commissioners and City's Finances

FOR ROTATION IN OFFICE

The Pilot is in receipt of the following: "Open Letter to the Voters and Tax-payers of Southern Pines."

It is with much reluctance that I announce my candidacy for the nomination as commissioner of the Town of Southern Pines. I am aware this is not the usual proceeding. But I believe the voters and taxpayers are entitled to some previous knowledge of new candidates before a meeting of the caucus. For, in the short length of time between the nomination and voting, the voter has no time for due consideration of the candidate's fitness and faithfulness to the interests of Southern Pines.

Many of my friends informed me that while they were aware of my policies and what I stood for, I should state them, so one of the reasons for this letter.

I stand for Southern Pines first, last, and all the time, believing that anything that will benefit Southern Pines will benefit not only me, but all of us. I believe in equal opportunity for all and special privileges for none.

I believe that the minutes of the meetings of the Board of Commissioners should be published in our local paper immediately following each meeting.

I believe that the taxpayers are entitled to a published statement of the financial condition of our town every six months, and that all agreements and contracts entered into by the board should be published in full. In fact the voters and taxpayers are entitled to full information upon every transaction that may affect them. The salaries of all town employees should have fullest publicity. The fact that most of the above (Please turn to page 5)

STEEPLECHASE COURSE TO BE IMPROVED THIS SUMMER

At a meeting of the Sandhills Steeplechase & Racing Association held last week it was voted to proceed at once with necessary improvements to the present course on the Midland Road, and a committee was named to have charge of the work. James W. Tufts is chairman, with L. Biddle, II and C. W. Picquet as his assistants. Frank Maples is to supervise the work, which involves reurfing the course.

President Almet Jenks also appointed a Finance committee to raise the necessary funds to defray the cost of the improvements, as follows: Sprigg D. Camden, chairman; Verner Z. Reed, Jr. and Nelson C. Hyde.

BANKERS MEET HERE MAY 9-10

Invitations are out for the 39th annual convention of the North Carolina Bankers Association, to be held at the Carolina Hotel, Pinehurst on May 9th and 10th.

TOWNS OF COUNTY ELECT OFFICIALS TUESDAY, MAY 7

No Mayoralty Fight in Southern Pines But Several Aspire to Town Board

VASS ELECTION HELD UP

With the town caucus for the nomination of candidates for Mayor and commissioners of Southern Pines but one week off interest which has seemed in a lethargic state for some time developed somewhat during the past week. Reports of a number of prospective candidates for the town board were current on the streets, though no contestant for Mayor D. G. Stutz' job has put in an appearance.

The Pilot has received but one public announcement of a candidate for the board, that of Dr. L. M. Daniels, who states his platform in another column of this issue. It is generally believed that all present members of the board will be renominated next Friday night. L. V. O'Callaghan, Charles S. Patch, Alfred B. Yeomans, George W. Case and Frank Welch. Mr. Yeomans has been threatening to retire for some time but is believed to have been prevailed upon to stand for re-election on May 7th.

Eugene C. Stevens, a former commissioner, will in all probability be nominated next Friday, and there is talk of one or two others, among whom is Harry A. Lewis.

Those entitled to vote in Southern Pines and not already on the registration books should register their names with Mrs. J. H. Tilghman, registrar, at the City Clerk's office today or tomorrow. Only those registered can vote at the election on May 7th.

Like Southern Pines, Aberdeen has but one candidate for mayor, its present incumbent, Henry McCoy Blue. For the five commissioners there seven candidates were named at the recent caucus, F. D. Shamburger, J. D. McLean, H. A. Gunter, J. M. Taylor, C. L. Guion, J. K. Melvin and W. H. McNeill. Aberdeen's election will be on May 7th also.

One Mayoralty Contest

Carthage has two mayoralty candidates, Mayor J. E. Muse and J. L. McGraw. There are six candidates for the town board, Clyde Shaw, C. F. Barnes, D. H. Parks, J. M. Morgan, H. G. Poole and E. H. Morton. The first five named are present commissioners.

Vass is in a muddle about its election, and indications are that there will not be any. No copy of the town's charter seems to be in existence there and Ben H. Wood, the town clerk, has written Raleigh for one. Until that is received the powers that be do not know how to proceed with an election, and as the law requires the registration books to be open for four weeks before an election and the Vass books have not been open at all, there would appear to be no possibility of a vote for officials on May 7th.

Hemp, newly incorporated, will elect a mayor and town board for the first time in its history, and residents have been busy registering for the forthcoming election during the past few weeks. Candidates include W. P. Saunders for mayor, E. C. McSwain, J. C. Cummings, E. R. Brown, E. M. Ritter and Bronson Williams for commissioners.

Baby Party

Hospital Invites All Those Born in Institution to Lawn Fete on May 12

If your baby was born in the Moore County Hospital, he or she, is invited to a party.

The hospital will observe National Hospital Day on Sunday, May 12th, by holding on its lawn at Pinehurst a reunion of all babies born in the institution. Invitations have been sent out to the parents. From three to four in the afternoon is the time, and there'll be ice cream and such for the little tots.

If any baby over seven years old goes to the party he won't be able to get away with it. The institution isn't that old until November.